



■ Sue Worth, centre, with illustrator Naomi Price (right) and Lis Poulain

Performer's new book

DORCHESTER writer and performer Sue Worth has published a collection of poetry, stories and art in "The Cows who played Bingo."

It draws its inspiration mainly on stories from rural Dorset, including traditional hand-me-down warnings, such as that of 'The Drowners' in the water meadows and includes poems published in *The Countryman*, broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Radio Solent.

Illustrations in the book come from Sue's daughter, Naomi Price and friend Liz Poulain.

"We have been working on it, one and off, for about three years and each time we reviewed it, it got better," said Sue, a regular performer with the New Hardy Players who will be known to many schools for her story telling sessions.

Many of the stories and poetry illustrate Dorset life, as it was. Sue draws on her upbringing in and around Stratton for many of them, some written with a Dorset 'voice,' including one example, 'Great Grandmother' which mulls over the prospect of 'managing.'

Oah yes, life's much easier now.

I'd ate to have to go back t' them days.

People ave got more now than we ever dreamt possible.

Mind you, zometimes the more they ave, The more they want an' the less they're 'appy with.
The book is expected to be on sale in Waterstone's, Dorchester, and will also be available on Amazon at £7.95.