



Julian Papjoy one time mistress of Beau Nash

## *Bishopstrow*

We find the following curious account of the mistress of Beau Nash, in the notices of deaths in Dodsley's Annual Register for 1777 – "Died at Bishopstrow, her native place, near Warminster in Wilts, Juliana Papjoy, in the sixty-seventh year of her age. In her youth she had been the mistress of the famous Nash of Bath, and after her separation from him, she took to a very uncommon way of life; her principal residence she took up in a large hollow tree, now standing, within a mile of Warminster, on a lock of straw, resolving never more to lie in a bed; and she was as good as her word, for she made that tree her habitation for between thirty and forty years, unless when she made short peregrinations to Bath, Bristol, and the gentlemen's houses adjacent; she then lay in some barn or out house.

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OPC Note: Beau Nash, (18/10/1674-3/2/1761), born Richard Nash, was a celebrated dandy and leader of fashion in 18<sup>th</sup> century Britain. His is best remembered as the Master of Ceremonies at the spa town of Bath. (Wikipedia)