

A Whitchurch Diary

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INTRODUCTION

“The village of Whitchurch abounds with historic associations”. These are the words with which Mr. G. W. Wilson introduced his “Chronicles of Whitchurch” in 1909.

Since 1985 I have continued my attempt to record this history of our village by extracting from the Whitchurch News reports in the old editions of the "Bucks Herald". I am extremely grateful to the Editor and staff of this paper who have allowed me to use their archives to compile this Diary and I wish to thank them publicly for their help and allowing me to produce this second volume.

With kind permission of Mr. Harry Durley I have been able to use some photographs from the historic collection of the late Mrs. Joyce Durley whose reputation as the village historian will, to a degree, live on in these photographs.

My thanks go to relations and friends who have read through the script and put up with the rattle of my "two finger" typing; to Mr. Leonard Richardson, Miss Jean Clark and Mr. Peter Clark who have provided selected photographs for this Diary; to Mrs. Helen Orr for typing and processing the finished script.

In offering these reports to the public I am indebted to the Whitchurch and Creslow Community Association who agreed to get it produced and I trust will benefit from the sales.

This 1920-1929 volume is the second of what I hope will be further reports that are still on tape, and I hope that if after reading this you are reminded of events that took place during these years you will let me have details in writing for adding to future editions.

Maurice S. Foulger

September, 1986

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JANUARY. Aylesbury Motor Bus Company will run a service between Whitchurch and Aylesbury on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Bus will depart Aylesbury 11am and arrive Whitchurch 11.30, returning at 11.30 to arrive in Aylesbury at 12 noon. Bus will leave Aylesbury again at 5.30pm to arrive at Whitchurch at 6pm, returning to arrive back at Aylesbury at 6.30pm. This is a revised service to commence in January; the proprietor is Mr W Young.

Town Hall Kinema: Showing Mary Picford in "Daddy Longlegs" on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

JANUARY 24th. Aylesbury Rural District Council: Whitchurch Sewage Scheme: An account has been received from Messrs Elliott and Brown for £280.8.8 in respect of the work done in preparation for the scheme. As the scheme has not yet been approved, the account will be charged on the general rates.

A Social was held by the Whitchurch and District Union Association in the School. This was arranged by Mr J Todd and Mr H Rickard. Mr W Merrick presided over a large audience, the entertainment was arranged by Mrs E Blowfield.

FEBRUARY 1st. The Headmaster of the village school Mr J T Titchener aged 66 years died today; he had been headmaster for the school for 38 years at the Wesleyan Day School. At the age of 22 he became the Headmaster of a National Children's Home School and four years later accepted the appointment at Whitchurch. During the 41 years at Whitchurch he was an active member of the Wesleyan Church and was a Sunday School Teacher for many years and a Local Preacher for 31 years when he was in great demand throughout the Aylesbury Circuit.

MARCH 20th. Aylesbury Rural District: Whitchurch Sewage Scheme: Members of the RDC objected to the District bearing the costs of the scheme. The Whitchurch Representative Mr Cannon said the Parish Council would consider it.

Letter in the Bucks Herald from an Old Age Pensioner: "old aged pensioners received 10/- each week, but if they cultivated an allotment the pension was reduced by 3/- or 2/- per week ... during the war we were encouraged to cultivate our allotments, but now the U boats have gone this is the treatment we could receive". This particular couple were in receipt of an extra 2/- per week because they lost their son in the war.

JUNE 19th. Thunderstorms during the night, it was at its worst at 1am. Many trees were struck by lightning, and a horse was killed in its stable.

AUGUST Summer Sale: At Longleys Men's Raincoats £4.5.0. Easy Chair £7.15.6.
Walnut Sideboard 15 guineas. Walnut Bedroom Suite 55 guineas. Newspaper Postal Rate: 22 Newspapers 2/-.

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Winter Sale: MacIlroys have for sale Hare Furs 3/11~. Mufflers to match 6/11~.

Friendly Football Match: Bierton 12, Whitchurch 0.

County Council Election meeting at Hardwick: Candidates Mr G Moore of Weedon, Mr J Evans of Whitchurch. Voting Mr Moore 13 votes, Mr Evans 9.

FEBRUARY 12th. The Oddfellows Lodge Roll of Honour was unveiled.

FEBRUARY 19th. Oddfellows Meeting. Brother W Batson was in the chair and 50 members were present. Of the 104 who joined the Forces 13 had died and many more had been severely wounded.

Mandeville Poultry Farm are advertising Hatching Eggs 15/- per dozen. Day old Chicks 30/- per dozen.

APRIL At the Easter services at the Parish Church the choir of 17 voices sang Choral Communion to the setting of John Merbecke. There were 46 communicants. At the Easter vestry the retiring wardens Mr G Beasley and Miss C Gregory and the organist Mr David Rickard were thanked.

APRIL 9th. At an entertainment by the Boy Scouts organised by Mrs E Blowfield the first part of the programme was by the Nigger Troup with L Pitken, S Cullen and T Young singing funny Coon Choruses; ASM H Young sang a more serious item "Yo Lah" and J Bates also sang. The second part started with a Duologue by Mrs White and Miss F Rickard. Mrs Hillman sang two songs. Mr T Biggs entertained with his usual patter. Mr Capp sang a solo and there was an unaccompanied quartette Messrs Capp, L Thorne, F George and S Foulger. Items by violinists Messrs Moxom, Thorne and Evans followed and the programme closed with a Farce called "Laughing Gas" acted by 6 scouts. Miss Gregory provided the piano and Mr Cannon erected the platform.

APRIL 23rd. The Memorial Tablet commemorating the 15 gallant men of the village who gave their lives in the Great War was unveiled. A large congregation met to see the unveiling of this tablet of Portland Stone set in the North Wall of the Parish Church. The service was conducted by the vicar Rev Hugh Wood, assisted by Rev James of North Marston and the Bishop of Buckingham, Rev P H Elliott. The Whitchurch Company of Girl Guides with Captain M Titchener in charge and the Whitchurch Boy Scouts under Patrol Leader Evans were present. The organ was played by Mr David Rickard.

JULY Thanksgiving services for the Centenary of the Wesleyan Sunday School. Messrs H Rickard of Manchester presented Centenary Badges to all the Scholars. Rev A B Cannon, an old scholar was present. Sunday Schools of the Circuit met on the Thursday at the Chapel and processed with banners to "Bolbec", the home of Mr and Mrs J T Cannon, where they had tea. A meeting in the grounds afterwards was presided over by Mrs Hawkins and addresses were given by Rev B Hawkins and Rev A B Cannon. A brief history of the Sunday School was given and special mention made of the late Richard Durlay who had founded the Sunday School and was so highly spoken of. The following were also mentioned: Mr T Alderman, Mr J Blowfield, Mr J Rickard and Mr Titchener. One interesting piece of information given was that in 1828 a lending library was formed and at the present date there were over 300 volumes available. At the close of the day refreshments were given and the scholars indulged in games.

AUGUST 6th. The first Whitchurch Flower Show was held in "Kempsons". This was organised as a result of a public meeting held in February and attended by a large number of residents. Sir John Duthie was the President; Vice Presidents were Messrs Anstruther, Bond, Cannon, Biggs, Heath, Loader, Dr MacFarlane, F Parrott, Rew, Rowland, Wheeler, and Rev H Wood. The success of the Show was greatly due to the work of the Secretary Mr H G Beasley and the committee which included Messrs Ned Batson Ashley Blowfield, George Brown, S Capp, C Foster, J Impey, S H Rickard, Humphrey Wood, George Young, Misses C and C S Gregory, Nelis, Wilson, Mrs H Rickard, Mrs Wheeler; Dr MacFarlane was the Treasurer. 64 classes were arranged. Non competitive exhibits included a fine collection of vegetables from Miss Gregory's garden. Flowers by Mrs Hedley Rickard, vegetable marrows sent by Mr J Impey. Judging was carried out by Mr Lowe of Grendon, Poultry by Miss Baylis, and farm produce by Mrs Harvey. Allotments were judged and placed in the following order: J Evans 65 pts, W Hogston 54, A Hogston 42, W Tapping 39, J Hogston 32, D Atkins 23, F Cheshire 13. Sports arranged by Mr G Brown took place during the evening. Tea was provided by a team of ladies, and the day concluded with a Dance in the Church Hall.

AUGUST 13th. A presentation was made to Police Constable Gale who had been stationed at Whitchurch for the last eight years and had been responsible for Whitchurch, Hardwick and Weedon. He was presented with a Typewriter in gratitude for his work in the villages. Mr J Evans made the presentation and thanked PC Gale for all the extra work that he had done with the Boy Scouts, Special Constables and Volunteers. Police Constable Miles has been appointed to the District.

AUGUST Sports results in connection with the Flower Show. Mile: James Evans, Horace Young, Cecil Blowfield. Half Mile: Horace Young, Cecil Blowfield. Hurdles: Leonard Pitkin. High Jump: James Hogston. Sack Race: James Hogston. Slow Bicycle Race: Leonard Pitkin. The Show was held in a field loaned by Mr C Foster and not "Kempsons". Mr Rowland presented the prizes.

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DECEMBER 3rd. Sir John Duthie presided at a Unionist meeting at Whitchurch called to meet the prospective member of Parliament, Lionel de Rothschild. Mr W Woods asked Mr Rothschild if he was in favour of repealing the Daylight Saving Act. He said that he could not vote against it because he considered it created more good than harm; he agreed it was a hinderance to farmers, but said it brought benefit to millions of people in towns and villages.

DECEMBER 24th. Mr J T Cannon has been made Chairman of the Aylesbury Rural District Council; he is the Whitchurch representative.

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JANUARY. The roof of the Parish Church is in urgent need of repair; a working party had raised £77 at a Sale of Work.

JANUARY 14th. A large congregation attended a service at the Primitive Methodist Church at the unveiling of a memorial to those members of the Sunday School and Church who had made the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives in the Great War. Rev Spray performed the ceremony of the unveiling; the lesson was read by Mr J T Cannon.

Advertisement: Chevrolet Family Car 5 seater for sale at £260 complete, electric light, speedometer and starter, very light on petrol. Boykers Garage, Aylesbury.

MARCH 11th. Meeting of the Parish Council: Mr J T Cannon was the Chairman. J Evans, F Elmore, L Thorne, S H Rickard the Parish Clerk. Mr Elmore had reported that a complaint had been made of cattle being driven along the footpath in Little London, also a horseman riding on the footpath in the Oving Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the Surveyor about these complaints. Mr H Gates is the County Council representative for Whitchurch.

March 18th. Meeting of the Parish Council, members as previously reported with the addition of Mr F Bond. Following the Council Meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting was held. Dr MacFarlane was elected Chairman and a fair number of Parishioners were present. Nine candidates had been nominated for the Parish Council, but Mr F Bond and Mr L Thorne withdrew their nominations, and the representatives to form the new Parish Council were F Atkins, N Batson, T Cannon, J Reeves, F Elmore, J Evans and Miss Gregory.

APRIL 20th. Parish Council meeting at which Mr T Cannon was elected chairman, Mr J Evans, Vice Chairman, with Mr F Bond and Mr C Foster overseers, and Mr F Parrott to represent the Council as a School Manager.

MAY 22nd. Aylesbury Rural District Council had received a letter from the Ministry of Health requesting comments on a letter they had received from a parishioner of Whitchurch who had drawn their attention to the need of a sewage scheme in the parish. The writer had stated that the present conditions in the village were very bad and the sanitary officers were aware of this fact, but the cost had caused the delay. Mr Cannon, the village representative, said the village did need a sewage scheme very badly, but couldn't afford the cost. It was reported that the County Engineer had visited the site and couldn't recommend any remedial measure because of pressure from the Thames Conservancy because it would be too costly.

Local Bus Services: On Wednesdays and Saturdays leaving Aylesbury at 10am, arriving Whitchurch 10.30am and going on to Granborough and returning to Whitchurch at 11.30am to get to Aylesbury by 12 noon. A bus would leave Aylesbury at 5.30pm to get to Whitchurch at 6pm returning at 6.30 from Granborough to arrive at Aylesbury at 7.25pm.

JULY 15th. Whitchurch v Hardwick at Cricket. Hardwick won by 29 runs. Hardwick 48, Whitchurch 32. Second innings Hardwick 81, Whitchurch 70. Whitchurch Team: A White, H Young, J Hogston, J Ridgeway, L Pipkin, H Ridgeway, W Batson, A Hogston, J Titchener, F Andrews, J Hogston. L Pipkin took 6 wickets, J Hogston 4 wickets and scored 32 runs.

JULY 29th. Womens Union meeting held at the "Firs" by kind permission of Mrs Abrahams. 70 women were present. Mrs Abrahams was elected President, Mrs Pratt the Chairman, Miss Wood the Secretary; there were representatives from Weedon, Hardwick, Whitchurch and Oving, who listened to an address given by Miss Mabel Smith of the National Womens Union Association.

Advertisement: Timothy East selling Best Derbyshire Coal at £2.15 shillings a ton. Best Yorkshire Coal at £2.10 shillings a ton.

AUGUST 12th. Flower Show and Sports, this is the second time this has been held. President Mr Rowland, Committee members were: Ned Batson, Ashley Blowfield, George Brown, Stephen Capp, Charles Foster, Miss C S Gregory, Miss Nelis, Mrs H Rickard, Mrs Wheeler, Miss Wilson, George Young, J Impey, S H Rickard. Treasurer Dr MacFarlane; Secretaries: H Beasley, H S Wood. The Best Garden was cultivated by Mr G Gower. Wild Flower Competition won by Marjorie Young, Sports were arranged by Mr H Beasley, Major Kenny, Messre H Young,

W Wood, A Pipken, D Tichener, C Blowfield, A Brown, R Rowland. Official starter Mr Wood, Judges Major Kenny, Major Pratt, Clerk of the Course Mr A Brown. Open Mile event won by Mr L Fincher and received the Challenge Cup given by Mr Heath. 100 yards won by F Andrews, 100 yards for girls M Young, Slow Bicycle Race Miss A Foster, Long Jump J Hogston, Quarter Mile H Young, 120 yards hurdles L Pipken, Half Mile C Blowfield, High Jump L Pipken, 220 yards A Brown.

SEPTEMBER. Ivatts Kingsbury Square, Aylesbury has arranged a "Boot Club" allowing a penny in the shilling on all Club Cards.

Harvest Festival Services at Parish Church when the preacher was Rev H Hudson who is chaplain at the Boarstal at Aylesbury. Miss Gregory presided at the organ. The collection was for the Royal Bucks Hospital. This year the usual Parish Tea could not be arranged.

Harvest Festival Services at the Primitive Methodist Church with a Sale on the Monday realised £8. Sisterhood meeting held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church under the Presidency of Mrs A Rose. An address was given by Miss Clarke of Bishopstone. Soloist was Miss Ivy Miller.

A Whitchurch Football Team played a friendly game against Castle Street Mission and won 5:1. Goals were scored by J Hogston 2, Ridgeway 2, and Pipken 1.

NOVEMBER 11th. The local Liberal Candidate Mr Keens spoke at a meeting in the village presided over by Mr J Evans who introduced the candidate.

DECEMBER 16th. Missionary meeting at the Wesleyan Church. Mr Biggs of Aylesbury was the Chairman, Mrs Cannon, gave a report on local contributions which amounted to £37.

Various playlets were given by the children.

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JANUARY. Aylesbury Steam Laundry collect and deliver in the district every Wednesday.

Sir John Duthie who died in 1922 left property to the value of £117,000, left £1000 to the Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children in memory of his daughter.

FEBRUARY 12th. Mr Thomas E Biggs of Holborn Hill died, he came to Holborn Hill in 1899. He served the Parish as a Guardian, representative on the District Council and a School Manager.

MARCH 31st. Crabsgrove Farm with 98 acres is up for sale, it belonged to Mr John Holt; it raised £4550.

APRIL 14th. Women's Conservative and Unionist Association held a meeting at the "Firs". Miss Telfer of the Association spoke, this was arranged by Mrs Woods of "Beechmoor".

Mr T J N Cannon has been elected Chairman of the Aylesbury Rural District Council.

A Wireless Concert was held in Aylesbury Town Hall, before the event it was pointed out that no wires were attached to the set except from a small indoor aerial. The two valve set that was demonstrated could be used in any home.

The Whaddon Chase Hunt organised a Hedge cutting competition, but there was no representative from Whitchurch this year.

AUGUST 11th. The Third Annual Flower Show was held in "Parson's Close" by kind permission of Mr Charles Foster; the Judge was Mr Thrower, gardener of Colonel Dennis. Best cultivated and neatest Kitchen Garden was won by Mr W Halsey, best flower garden was won by Miss Amy Impey, Nosegay of Garden Flowers won by H Young. Nosegay of Wild Flowers, Kath White.

AUGUST 11th. Sports were held on the same day, Miss Gregory gave the prizes for the following winners: 100 yards F Andrews; 75 yards girls M Durley; Ladies egg and spoon A Hogston; 100 yards L Pipken; Slow Bicycle race A Foster; 800 yards H Young; 200 yards L Pipken; Veterans Race W Wood. Mile Challenge Cup Race won by L Fincher, F Brazier, C Blowfield.

Whitchurch have a football team in the Aylesbury and District League.

SEPTEMBER 23rd. Whitchurch 0, Halton 5.

OCTOBER 6th. Aston Abbots 1, Whitchurch 8. Scorers L Bates 3, L Pipken 2, H Young, R Clark, and J Hogston scored one each.

OCTOBER 13th. Mr H T Anstruther in a letter to the Bucks Herald requests public support for a 30 mph speed limit in Whitchurch, this letter was written because of an accident that occurred in the village during the summer.

OCTOBER 20th. Oving Village Cup match. Whitchurch 0, Oving 0 (after extra time).

The Chairman of the County Council replies to the letter from Mr Anstruther stating that the Council are aware of the dangers on the road at the North end of the village.

DECEMBER. There is a coal shortage because of the very cold weather.

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Wolseley 10 Deluxe Motor Car price £375 new.

JANUARY. Whitchurch is bottom of the Aylesbury and District Football League.
Whitchurch 0, Wendover Reserves 9.

Census figures: Population of Whitchurch 1911 was 625, in 1921 it was 635.
Creslow population in 1911 was 8. 1921 it was 6.

FEBRUARY 8th. Entertainment arranged by Miss Heath, for the funds of the Whitchurch company of Girl Guides, sketches were given by the Guides and by the Wolf Cubs; Mrs E Blowfield helped organise the programme. Miss Dawes and Miss Alderman with Wolf Pack leader Mr L Pipken assisted.

Aylesbury and District Football League: Whitchurch had written asking for permission to withdraw from the league as they could not field a team. The team had played 6 matches, 5 of which had taken place at Whitchurch, and these 5 teams would have claims against them for as much as £5.

Project for young men to go to Australia: 200 needed for New South Wales costing £500 each, similar for Victoria, but if they had agricultural experience it would cost £300.

Conservative meeting President Mr Rowlands, Chairman Major Abrahams, Vice Chairman Mr G R Wheeler, Hon Sec Mr S Rickard.

Hardwick School: Miss Cheyne appointed Headmistress.

MARCH 15th. Whitchurch Football Club have been advised that if they withdrew from the league, claims could amount to over £5.

MARCH 22nd. Conservative meeting with the first part being a musical entertainment. Rev Pierre Edwards gave a political address and was thanked by Mr T Loader and seconded by Mr S Rickard.

MARCH. Aylesbury Fire Brigade annual dinner..... predominant note in the after dinner speeches was that the Brigade needed a motor Fire Engine, the Brigade operates over a wide rural area.

EASTER MONDAY. The Market Theatre at Aylesbury was gutted by a fire.

MAY 10th. A motor Fire Engine is to be purchased for the Aylesbury Fire Brigade. Its estimated cost being £1750.

MAY 17th. Report in the Bucks Herald, "Twenty years ago Whitchurch possessed a moderately good cricket ground and wicket and in those days there were some skilled players, and some retain memories of great feats with bat and ball, the present generation have been brought up with few opportunities for the game. To remedy these misfortunes a most praiseworthy effort has been made, the moving spirit being Mr G R Wheeler who has given a piece of land in a large field near to his home. The roller has been very busy and visiting teams may now expect a perfectly good wicket. The opening match was played between two teams from the club; Mr Sidney Rickard, the captain, led one team and Mr J Parrott, the vice captain, led the other. Despite continuous drizzle, the game took place with a fine spirit; Mr Rickard's team made 42 runs when tea was taken at the home of Mr and Mrs G R Wheeler. The rain continued and the two teams with fellow villagers entertained themselves with singing at a social gathering. For the newly formed Cricket Club this had been an auspicious start and there are great hopes for the future".

MAY 24th. Housing committee of the Aylesbury Rural District Council considered the request for workmans houses at Whitchurch; in reply the Council said that they had done everything to encourage private enterprise building and with the present circumstances were unable to do anything further.

JUNE 1st. Cricket: Wingrave 45 runs, Whitchurch 32. Whitchurch Team: Andrews, Carter, Hawkins, White, Foulger, Rickard, Young, Parrott, Hogston, Wood, Hogston.

Quainton 19 runs, Whitchurch 56. Whitchurch Team: Andrews, Rickard, Mason, Carter, Rickard, Foulger, Rev Wood, Philips, Young, Hogston, Hogston. Whitchurch 14 runs, Hardwick and Weedon 41. Wingrave Second Eleven 87, Whitchurch 59 runs.

JULY 12th. Aylesbury Rural District Council: Because Smallpox was making headway it was decided to make Chickpox notifiable for the next 6 months. Six cases of Scarlet Fever in Whitchurch and seven cases of Chickenpox.

Whitchurch played Oving at cricket and won by 72 runs. Individual scores: F Andrews 10

M Carter 0, A White 2, W Foulger 11, J Hogston 13, H Young 10, Rev H Wood 7, C Batson 43, N Batson 4, C Foster 14, S Hogston 4. The batting of the boy Batson was very encouraging for the village team. Whitchurch 12 runs, Quainton 30. Bowling for Whitchurch W Foulger 4 for 13, S Rickard 5 for 17 runs.

AUGUST 2nd. Annual Flower Show and Sports in Parsons Close. Music by the Waddesdon Band. Officials for the Show .. President Mr Rowland, Treasurer Dr MacFarlane, Secretary Mr John Marsh, gardener for Major Abrahams.

AUGUST 2nd. Annual Flower Show: Best cultivated Kitchen Garden, Mr Frank George. Best Flower Garden Miss Amy Impey. Best Allotment Mr W Young. Teas were available in the Day School Room. Athletic events took place in the afternoon and evening, the officials being: S Rickard, T Loader, A White, A Heath, Rowland, G Wheeler, with Walter Wood as the referee. The feature of the sports was the winning for the third time by L Fincher of the Challenge Cup presented by Mr Heath. Fincher started from scratch gave the other competitors, Blowfield and M Cheshire 80 and 90 yards start. Other events, 100 yards girls M Durlley, 100 yards boys C Batson, 220 yards handicap F Brown, Ladies slow bicycle race A Foster, Wheelbarrow race J Hogston, 100 yards open race H Rolls. Miss L Heath distributed the prizes; there was a Dance in the Church Hall in the evening.

AUGUST. Cricket: Hardwick and Weedon 59 runs, Whitchurch 69. S Foulger 16, J Hogston 19. Hartwell and Stone 59 runs, Whitchuroh 85

runs. S Foulger 22, A Hogston 19, G R Wheeler 7.

Aylesbury Rural District Council: Attention was drawn to the condition of the lanes whose surfaces had been washed away by the rains in the Spring. County Surveyor said they would repair the worst parts.

SEPTEMBER. There are two new ministers appointed to the Aylesbury Wesleyan Circuit which includes the Wesleyan Church at Whitchurch. Rev E De Ville and Rev G H Rigall.

Mr Timothy East will be delivering coal at Whitchurch.

SEPTEMBER. Mr Horace Young of High Street rescued a dog belonging to Miss Metcalf; it had fallen 30 feet down a well that supplied water to the "Old House", Headland Lane. He found the dog on a ledge above the level of the water, he was lowered into the well on a length of rope held by Mr H White.

The Circuit Meeting of the Wesleyan Churches was held at Whitchurch and a hearty welcome was given to the two new ministers.

OCTOBER. Aylesbury Town Council sent a letter to the Aylesbury District Council suggesting that Electricity supply be extended into the villages around Aylesbury.

NOVEMBER 1st. Whitchurch and the surrounding villages had an opportunity to hear four distinguished artists in the Bucks Touring Company; the children in the afternoon joined in singing folk songs with the artists.

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Market Theatre prices of admission: 5d, 8d, 1 shilling, 1/3, 1/6 which included a Government Tax. (The Market Theatre stood on the left hand side of Market Square in Aylesbury above Barclays Bank). Performances were from 6pm to 10.30pm.

JANUARY 1st. Longleys (Aylesbury) Sale: Flannel shirts 7/6; Prams 50/-; 5 Dining room chairs £7.5.0.

JANUARY 10th. First train to Rickmansworth station, electrification of the line up to Rickmansworth has been completed. Trains will now run nonstop from Baker Street to Rickmansworth in 25 minutes.

JANUARY 17th. A large audience met in the Church Hall (now Legion Hall) to listen to Major Birch who had come from Stoke Mandeville to speak on the Boy Scout movement. The talk was illustrated with lantern Slides; after the talk badges were presented to the following Scouts: B Blowfield, F Andrews, S Aldridge, L Stanger, Bates and Barnes. The evening finished up with a concert organised by Mrs Blowfield consisting of a Campfire Sing Song.

Aylesbury Rural District Council. Housing subsidy of £75 to be given as a lump sum to encourage private enterprise to build houses.

JANUARY 21st. Whist Drive and Dance held for the Cricket Club Funds, 70 people attended and the club benefited by £11.

FEBRUARY 7th. Presentation made to Dr MacFarlane for his service to the village and twelve other parishes for over 30 years. The presentation consisted of a cheque for £300 and an illuminated album with over 1000 signatures and was made in the Church Hall on February 7th.

APRIL 11th. A Sacred Cantata entitled "Elisha the Shunamite" was presented by the Stewkley Primitive Methodist Choir in the Whitchurch Primitive Methodist Church. The vicar of Whitchurch, Rev Hugh Wood presided. A silver collection of £2.11.0 was given to the choir for the assistance they had given to churches at Oving and North Marston as well as Whitchurch.

MAY 9th. 50th Anniversary of McIlroys Shop in Aylesbury ... 10% discount on all goods.

JUNE 27th. Cricket Match: Whitchurch 71 runs, Oving 124 runs. Top scorer for Whitchurch: S Rickard (capt) 23 runs.

AUGUST 8th. Annual Flower Show: "Due to the dry summer it wasn't expected that the crops would be of a high standard, but standards of past years had been well maintained". Mr Victor Todd allowed his field to be used for the Show. The Secretaries were Messrs H Beasley and J Marsh; Sports arranged by Messrs O Alderman and A Brown. Dr Ainscow acted as Treasurer. The Royal Air Force Band played during the day. Winners of best gardens: Best Kitchen Garden Mr F George, Flower Garden Mrs Green, Allotment Mr Herbert White. Sports: 75 yards K Capp, 100 yards veterans S Rickard, 100 yards open A Brown, 100 yards Ladies Mrs Ward.

SEPTEMBER 5th. Concert organised by the Bucks Education Committee held in the Day School included a Pianist, Violinist and Soprano.

OCTOBER 26th. Women's Institute organised a Loan Exhibition when articles of interest were loaned by most of the homes in the village. These included a piece of silk brocade woven in 1840 in the Silk Factory in the village, a sample of lace made in 1718, a patchwork quilt made in the village 100 years ago, a Cannon Ball that had been dug out of Moat Hill 80 years ago and supposedly fired at Bolbec Castle in Cromwell's time, the village pike, a leather bottle made and used in the village 200 years ago, a halberd of William III time, a Bible Box found when the London Docks were being constructed. Small plays were performed in the evening.

NOVEMBER 2nd. Rat week in Bucks.

House to house collection for the Royal Bucks Hospital in Weedon, Hardwick and Whitchurch raised £3.11.3. Aylesbury Town collection was £24.

November meeting of the Women's Institute when Mrs Clare Gosling spoke on "Common Ailments" "fresh air and plenty of cold water to drink can do nothing by good".

Folk dancing classes will be held during the winter months.

DECEMBER 12th. A Mens Club was opened by Major Abrahams supported by Dr Ainscow, Mr G Wheeler and Mr J Evans; the evening included billiards and other games. Mr J Marsh undertook the job of secretary. County Garages Aylesbury have a splendid selection of cars for sale: Wolseley 4 seater £270. Lagonda 4/5 seater £295. Ford Tourer £125, Ford Saloon £190.

Royal Bucks Hospital have installed a Wireless Set capable of serving 50 headphones.

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JANUARY 2nd. "The Road to Bethlehem", a series of Tableaux by the Brownies and Cubs depicted the Christmas Story with carols, was arranged by Miss Gregory. In the last tableau all knelt to worship the baby Jesus and the audience stood to sing "O Come all ye faithful". The children were trained by Nurse Tanner who also made the costumes. A collection was taken for the Whitchurch and District Nursing Association.

JANUARY 5th. New Pension Act. From this date all persons over 70 years receive an Old Age Pension.

JANUARY 9th. Meeting of the Parish Council to discuss how many Council Houses were needed in the village; the Aylesbury Rural District Council had considered building 100 in the District and requested the Parish Council's opinion of the need in Whitchurch, Council agreed to ask for six. Council members were Mr Cannon, Miss Gregory, Mr J Evans, Mr J Reeves, Mr N Batson, Mr F Elmore, Mr F Atkins.

JANUARY 16th. Fancy Dress Carnival held in aid of the Whitchurch Men's Institute. Over seventy turned out in Fancy Dress, and Mrs Abrahams acted as judge and selected the Best Ladies Fancy Dress, Harlequin by Miss F Miller, Everybody's Uncle by Miss G Bibbins. Mr T Bates as a Scarecrow was judged to be the most original. North Marston Band played for the evening and the MC were Mr A Philips and J Marsh. £12 was raised for the Institute Fund.

JANUARY 23rd. Women's Institute held a Whist Drive to which gentlemen were invited, almost seventy attended. Prizes given by Lady Duthie, Miss Heath, Miss Nelis, and Mrs J Biggs were won by Miss M Moxom, Mrs Gower, Miss K White, Mr W Batson, Mr A Clarke, and Mr S Rickard.

FEBRUARY 13th. Men's Club held a Whist Drive in the Church Schoolroom; the winners were Ladies Mrs O Alderman, Miss W Giddings, "Booby Prize" Mrs S Hogston. Gentlemen: Mr H Rickard, Mr W Batson, "Booby Prize" Mr J Watts.

Nursing Association: Nurse Tanner has sent in her resignation as District Nurse. She has made 4225 visits which included 75 sick cases and over 1000 health visits to babies and children. The Association have 16 new subscribers.

FEBRUARY 20th. Cricket Club organised a Whist Drive and Dance. Winners included Mr F Miller, Mr Bates, Mr W Ward, Rev H Wood, Mr J Ellis, Mr Tansley. Dancing followed to the music of the Whitchurch Orchestra, Mr A White was the MC.

Parish Council: The following were elected as village constables for the year: Messrs N Batson, W Young, and T Cooper.

MARCH 6th. As a result of a petition widely signed by members of the local Nursing Association Nurse Tanner has withdrawn her resignation and will continue as District Nurse.

APRIL 10th. Confirmation Services at the Parish Church, 11 candidates.

Easter Day Services: the collection was £7.13.0.

APRIL 17th. Parish Council Meeting: Chairman Mr J Evans, Mr F Parrott and Mr E Blowfield were nominated overseers for the year. Mention was made of the concern about the dangerous corner near the Church School and the junction with Back Lane, with the increase in motor traffic this was becoming very dangerous. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor to inform him of this problem.

Berkhamsted Musical Festival: A number of Bucks Choirs competed including the Whitchurch Choral Union who came 2nd in the Choral SATB Class, 2nd in the ladies Soprano and Alto Class, 1st in the Sight Reading and 2nd in the TTBB Class.

MAY 8th. General Strike to be called by the Mineworkers Conference, a State of emergency has been declared. The Prime Minister has told the public "The laws are in your keeping".

MAY 15th. The General Strike had come to an end.

MAY 22nd. Flag Day in Whitchurch for the St Johns and British Red Cross Society. Miss Nelis organised the collection with the following helpers Misses A Impey, A Foster, M Young, B Evans, D Hooper, K Todd, G Grant, K White, and raised £4.9.0.

Cricket Match: Wingrave 51, Whitchurch 36. Top scorers for Whitchurch were S Foulger 7 and F Capp 6 runs.

MAY 29th. Cricket Match: Whitchurch 38, J Hogston 11 runs, Wing 70.

JUNE 5th. Cricket Match: Whitchurch 34, A Philips 12 runs, F Capp 10 runs, Wingrave 24.

JUNE 19th. Folk Class Festival; Whitchurch Group were awarded First Class Certificates with 80 marks. It is hoped that the Folk Dance Team will give a performance at the forthcoming Flower Show.

Parish Council: J Evans in the chair. Reported that the sewage disposal from the village was causing some pollution in the streams. There have been complaints regarding the conditions of some of the stiles across the village footpaths. The Council decided to purchase 3 iron seats for the convenience of the parishioners.

JULY 4th. Organ Recital by Mr H Roscoe Eady a former assistant organist at Winchester Cathedral, there was a good attendance at the Parish Church.

Cricket Match: Wingrave 80, Whitchurch 65. W Foulger 25 runs, J Ellis 12 runs.

JULY 30th. Grand Fete held at the "Firs" by kind permission of Major and Mrs Abrahams. The fete was organised by the Parochial Parish Council to clear the debt on the purchase of 1/2 acre of land to extend the Church burial ground. There was a Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament with 38 couples taking part, and a Baby Show with 27 babies entered. Waddesdon Prize Band played during the afternoon; there were many sideshows and the day ended with a Carnival Dance in the Church Hall.

AUGUST 14th. Flower Show held in Mr Victor Todd's field. There were over 300 exhibits. A challenge plate was donated by Mr A H Reeve for the amateur exhibitor with the most points in the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Sections, this was won by Mr G Young with 74 points. During the afternoon the Women's Institute Folk Dancers performed accompanied by Messrs S Capp, F Capp, L Pipken and G Young. There were the usual Sideshows arranged by Mr Gower. Best Kitchen Garden won by J Aldridge, Best Flower Garden by Miss Tanner, Best Allotment by G Young. Waddesdon Prize Band played during the Show. There was a Dance in the Church Hall in the evening. At the Annual General Meeting of the Flower Show Committee, Mr R Rowland was elected Chairman, Treasurer Dr Ainscow, Joint Secretaries J Marsh and H Beasley. R Evans and F Capp were elected on to the executive committee. Next year's Flower Show will be held on the third Saturday in July. £25.18.0 were the profits of this year's Show. Grand Fete held on July 20th raised £287.6.10 for Church funds.

AUGUST 21st. Report from the Aylesbury Rural District Council: The exact position of the new wall to be erected by Major Abrahams as the boundary to his property in Little London had been agreed by representatives who visited the site on August 9th.

Cricket Match: Whitchurch 46, W Foulger run out 27, Bierton and Hulcot 43.

OCTOBER 9th. Parish Council, Mr J Evans in the Chair. Letter had been received from the Rural District Council requesting the Parish Council to recommend a suitable site for six workmans cottages. A number of sites were suggested and one was decided upon, and it was agreed that the owner should be interviewed before reporting to the R.D.C.

OCTOBER 23rd. Harvest Thanksgiving at the Primitive Methodist Church. In the afternoon at a meeting presided over by Dr Ainscow, music was provided by the Whitchurch Mens Meeting Orchestra and Rev J W Broomhead gave an address. Harvest Sale on Monday, and the Stewkley Choir gave a Concert in the evening. Collection was £13.0.0.

NOVEMBER 20th. Joseph Holloway sent to the Bucks Herald extracts of the Diary of Seph Stone who was Church Warden in 1819 at Whitchurch; it gave some details of the Stone family. Joseph Holloway was then living in "Creslow", New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

In connection with the Mens Club, a Social was held in the Church Hall arranged by Dr Ainscow. There was a fancy dress Carnival judged by Sir Maurice and Lady Haywood and Miss Gregory. Music was by the Arcadian Dance Band from Aylesbury.

Aylesbury Rural District Council: Mr T J N Cannon elected to represent Whitchurch, he was received as an "old member" fit again to renew his public work.

DECEMBER 18th. Rural District election at Whitchurch with two candidates, Miss Gregory 118 votes, Mr T J N Cannon 126 votes.

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Winter Sale at Longleys Aylesbury: Mens Overcoats 37 shillings and 6 pence Pullovers 6 shillings and 11 pence

Advertisement: 1925 model pram £3.19.6. Parish Clerk wanted at Wendover, Salary £25 per year.

JANUARY 15th. Special Services held at the Primitive Methodist Church at 6pm for Children, 7pm for Adults; these were conducted by Rev Broomhead.

Women's Institute invited 65 village children to a Christmas Party. At their Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected: President Mrs Walls, Vice Presidents Miss Nelis and Miss Gregory. Treasurer Miss Wilson. Librarian Mrs H Wood, Joint Secretaries Mrs Alderman, Mrs Elmore. Committee: Mrs Ainscow, Alderman, E Blowfield, Bond, Coates, Miss Wood, Miss Hater.

JANUARY 18th. Demonstration at the Women's Institute of mattress making was poorly attended because of much illness in the village.

FEBRUARY 12th. Dance held in the Schoolroom in aid of the Football Club. It was arranged by Mr J Graham the secretary of the club, and Mr H Batson was MC. Music by Mr Percival's Band from Wendover.

Women's Institute: Miss E Hill spoke to the meeting on Russian Folk Lore, she was dressed in peasant costume and the 30 women found it most interesting. Miss Hill had spent some years in Russia. Whitchurch Choral Union held a Whist Drive and Dance in the Church Schoolroom, there were 62 people present.

FEBRUARY 26th. Parish Council Meeting: Present Chairman Mr J Evans, Messrs Elmore, Reeves, Batson, Cannon, Atkins, Miss Gregory. The clerk Mr S Rickard was asked to write to the County Council to see if alterations could be made at the corner near the Church Hall which

was getting very dangerous for Motor Traffic. The Council hoped that some improvement to the road could be made.

Parish Council Meeting: the following were elected Parish Constables for the year, Messrs T Cooper, W Young, N Batson, and F Atkins.

MARCH. The New Cattle Market at Aylesbury is opened, it had cost £10,000.

MARCH 26th. Concert of Community Hymn Singing was held in the Primitive Methodist Church, the Chairman was Mr Bliss of Stewkley. Mr S Capp arranged the evening.

APRIL. Meeting of the Women's Institute on Patchwork and Embroidery, many of the 28 members present brought along some of their own work.

Parish Council meeting called to discuss the proposed site for Council cottages, the clerk was asked to write to the Rural District Council to know why the site that the Parish had suggested had not been accepted. The pavement in Market Hill was in a bad state, it was agreed to request the Rural District Council to do some repair work there.

APRIL 23rd. Easter Monday. Stone laying ceremony for the new School building of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. This event was attended by people from the Circuit as well as the local members. The Church is also to be renovated and the new rooms will include a Sunday School to accommodate 60 children, a Guild Room, a Kitchen, and central heating will be installed. Mr T J N Cannon had given a piece of land in order to make a more level approach to the new rooms. Rev E De Ville, the superintendant minister, presided over the stone laying and 60 people who had donated a guinea or more laid stones, local children who had given 5 shillings or more also laid stones. Mr J Coates was the secretary for the scheme and Mr Leonard Thorne the treasurer. The scheme including the renovation of the Church would cost £2000. At the public meeting that followed Mr A P Rickard of Manchester, who had made a substantial donation to the scheme, was the chairman and Rev W H Rolls the principal speaker. It was announced that £1300 had already been raised.

APRIL 30th. Parish Council. Mr S Rickard appointed Parish Clerk. Letter from the Rural District Council to say that the pavement in the Market Hill will be repaired. A report on the Westcar Charity was given. Bucks Herald reports on the new Alvis Sports Car distributed by the Aylesbury Motor Company and sold at £595. On the trial run it was reported that you hardly hear the engine it was so quiet, it rounded corners easily at 5 to 6 mph and once clear of the town quickly attained the speed of 16 mph. Tax for the year was £112.

Whitchurch Folk Dance group came 3rd in the Folk Dance Festival held at High Wycombe.

MAY 14th. Whist Drive held by the Whitchurch and District Nursing Association and raised £55.

The District Nurse had made 3714 visits to the sick in Oving, Pitchcott and Whitchurch during the past year.

MAY 21st. Cricket Buckingham 105, Whitchurch 90. Methodist Church. A resolution on Methodist Union was carried in favour of union by 31 votes to 13 at the Synod of the Bedford and Northampton District held at Luton. Mr Tom Buckingham spoke strongly against union, he being one of 6 representatives from the Aylesbury Circuit.

MAY 28th. Geranium Day on behalf of the National Institute of the Blind was organised by Miss Nelis and raised £7.6.3.

Whitchurch Wesleyan Day School had purchased land from Mr Ridgeway in order to build lavatories for the School, arrangements were in hand to purchase further land for extra lavatories and building work was about to commence. With these proposed new lavatories the managers of the School did not consider that it was very satisfactory. Regular monthly reports requested.

JUNE 4th. Cricket. Whitchurch 60, Wing 101.

Aylesbury and District Sports. Whitchurch representatives; Andrews 4th in his event. Higgins 3rd in the 800 yards.

Parish Council: J Evans elected Chairman, F Elmore vice chairman; the following members were present: Miss Gregory, Messrs Cannon, Atkins, Reeves, and the clerk Mr S Rickard. It was agreed to request the County Council to erect 2 signs at the Winslow Road and Oving Road junction to indicate a Dangerous Bend.

June 18th. Aylesbury Rural District Council accepted a site owned by Mr Cannon of 3/4 of an acre to be purchased for workers dwellings, they had inspected another site of the same area owned by Mr Todd.

JULY 9th. Cricket: Weston Turville 41 runs, Whitchurch 31 runs.

July 3rd. The second anniversary of the Mens Club. Dr. Ainscow was in the chair and the Rev B Hawkins gave a timely talk on "Mind your own Business". Violin solos were given by Mr Richardson. On the Saturday following the Mens Club went on an outing by Charabanc to Bedford where they had a trip on the river, visited the memorial of John Bunyan and John Howard and then visited the home of John Bunyan at Elstow.

July 23rd. The 7th Annual Flower Show; President Mr Rowland, Secretaries Messrs Durley and Beasley, Treasurer Dr Ainscow. There were almost 400 entries and the Show was held in Mr Todd's field. It has been an early season with a drought in late June and early July but it hadn't greatly affected the crops. The judges were greatly impressed with the Jam exhibits, the best flower garden prize went to Miss A Impey; best allotment to Mr G Young who also won the Challenge Plate presented by Mr Heath. The RAF Band played during the Show.

JULY 23rd. Sports results: 75 yds boys William Ward. Girls 5 to 8 years Mary Hogston. Girls 9 to 15 Grace Capp. Boys 9 to 15 Ken Thorne. 200 yards A Adams. High Jump G Miles, Hurdles G Miles. Egg & Spoon A Foster. Slow Bicycle Race A Foster. 880 yards A Young. Sack Race L Stanger. 100 yards veterans A Warner. 100 yds ladies Mrs Coombs. 100 yds open A Brown. Wheelbarrow A Brown & Hogston.

Open Mile Herring.

AUGUST. Property Sale: "Stevens Piece" Oving Road, 17 acres sold for £950.

SEPTEMBER. First meeting held of the newly formed Womens Missionary Federation at the Primitive Methodist Church.

OCTOBER 29th. Dedication of the new Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools. President: Rev Graham Payn of Kettering, Rev A T Udy, Rev B Hawkins, and A J G Seaton (Sec of Young People Department). At the evening meeting Rev Graham Payn (Chairman of the District) appealed for "steadfast loyalty to the Sunday School". Tea was provided in the old Chapel by the ladies of the Sewing Meeting. £45.5.5 was raised during the day to help pay off the cost of these new premises.

DECEMBER 10th. Women's Institute Whist Drive was well attended considering the bad weather. Prize winners were Ladies Mrs Philips,

December 25th. Snow began to fall on Christmas Day bringing a white Christmas to the village; there were many deep drifts in Buckinghamshire.

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Market Theatre at Aylesbury presents "Ben Hur". Admission 8d, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-.

Aylesbury Building Society: invest 10/- a month and in 14 years it will be £112.14.5. Interest rate is 14% per annum.

Tender accepted for the New County Offices is £46,690.

JANUARY. The final part of the Pensions Bill becomes Law for those 65 to 70 years of age who have made contributions.

January 6th. Because of the sudden thaw causing the snow that had given us a white Christmas many parts of Buckinghamshire were having to contend with floods.

January 10th. Women's Institute Annual General Meeting followed by a New Years Party when songs, recitations and Gramophone selections provided the entertainment. Mrs Wall, the President, gave a two tier Birthday Cake.

January 27th. Court Case at Winslow: Motorist runs into a cyclist on the Winslow road during the snowy conditions in December. Mr and Mrs Rowland who were walking towards Whitchurch at about 5.30 pm on December 16th were passed by a car and soon after heard a bang and saw the cyclist on the road, they thought the car had skidded. The cyclist Harry Ayres, a Groom, was taken to the Doctors and then taken home. P C Miles had taken a statement from the motorist, no one appeared to be to blame for this accident.

Letter to the Editor of the Bucks Herald by Miss Gregory stating "there was quite a singular absence of Denominational prejudice when canvassers for donations towards the cost of repairs and maintenance for the Whitchurch Wesleyan Day, School was recently made in the district ..." objections to the continuation of the present system (two Day Schools in the village)... "was based solely on the merits of the management".

FEBRUARY 17th. Report on the future of Whitchurch Wesleyan Day School. As the result of representatives of the Bucks Education Committee meeting with representatives of the managers of the School at Whitchurch the following was reported:

1. The buildings should be valued by the District Valuer.
2. Subject to the purchase value not being more than £600 approval should be sought from the Board of Education.
3. It would be necessary to purchase some adjacent land for Boys offices and for Infants offices.
4. The County Architect pointed out that the building was over 80 years old but considering its age was in good condition, was in a good position for an elementary school and would save £3000 required for a new school.

MARCH 9th. Musical Festival at Buckingham. Mixed Choirs, out of 8 entries, Test pieces "He that hath a pleasant face" and "And can ye sew cushions". Whitchurch 1st with 163 points. Mens Choirs sang "Rolling down to Rio" and out of 4 entries Whitchurch came 1st with 89 points. Miss Gregory who trained the choirs was indisposed and Mrs Hedley Cleaver conducted.

APRIL 27th. Sacred Cantata at the Primitive Methodist Church by the Aylesbury Primitive Methodist Choir entitled 'King of Glory'.

Whitchurch Choral Union had successes at the West Midland Musical Festival held at Berkhamsted. Ladies Choir gained the highest aggregate of 602 points in their class and won the Decorated Carved Stave, 8 choirs took part. The full choir won the Challenge Shield, on the their pieces being "Jesu joy of man's desiring", they had previously held this shield in 1925. Miss Gregory was the conductor and the pianist Mrs A White.

MAY 11th. Cricket: Whitchurch 42 runs, Oving 24 runs. Tom Bates scored 13 for Whitchurch. Members of the team were: M Wheeler, P Wheeler, F Capp, A Philips, W Foulger, P Smith, J Hogston, J Parrott, T Bates, A Gatland, J Evans.

Conservative Association formed in Whitchurch. Meeting held at the "Firs" elected Mrs Abrahams as President, Mr Rowland as Chairman, Lady Duthie as Treasurer. Secretaries: Miss Nelis and Miss Heath. Many Bucks villages have formed their own Associations.

Country Fair held in the Wesleyan Day School to raise money for the Wesleyan Chapel Renovation Fund. £800 is still needed to clear the cost of the work. Miss Rickard of Manchester conducted the opening ceremony, she is the daughter of Joseph Rickard, a stalwart of Whitchurch Methodism who left for Manchester 50 years ago (1878). Miss Rickard had motored down to Whitchurch with her 3 brothers for this Country Fair.

Mr A T Thorne of Weedon, a Circuit Steward, presided at the opening with the Circuit Ministers Rev Williams and Rev A T Udy. Mr L Thorne, the treasurer, gave a financial statement which included a donation of £250 from the Circuit Chapel Committee. During the following week Concerts and entertainments were arranged and £300 was raised.

JUNE 1st. Five cases of smallpox were reported in the Aylesbury Poor Law Institution.

June 5th. Conservative Concert given at the "Firs" Sir Alan Burgoyne MP and his wife were present. The Junior Imperial Concert Party entertained.

Cricket: Whitchurch 69, Quainton 47. Whitchurch Team: F Capp, A Philips, T Bates, J Hogston, J Parrott, B Smith, L Pipken, S Hogston, W Foulger, J Ellis, G Rolls.

June 15th. Primitive Methodist Circuit Rally at Whitchurch. At the evening meeting Mr A T Thorne of Weedon presided and Mr S Capp led the singing of old Methodist Hymns.

JUNE 22nd. Photograph in the Bucks Herald of Capt. A V Stanley, a Senior of the National Greyhound Club holding the greyhound "Bill Elkin", a prize winning dog of the Lovetts Kennels Whitchurch.

JUNE 29th. Keith Garages announce that next Sunday a Coach will leave Kingsbury Square at 6 am for Clacton on Sea. Return fare 11 shillings.

Cricket: Whitchurch 48, Waddesdon 82. B Smith 8 wickets for 28 runs.

JULY 6th. Duke of York visited Aylesbury.

JULY 15th. Scout Tracking Competition Whitchurch entered a team of three Scouts in this competition held at Cuddington.

JULY 20th. Book published by Mabel Rudkin, the daughter of Rev Tate Mead, a former Vicar of Whitchurch, on the experiences at the Vicarage, a humorous account of the villagers' attitude towards the Vicar and his wife.

JULY 31st. A Garden Fete was organised by the Women's Institute at the "Old Rectory". Mr Stephen Capp and his string band played during the afternoon. The Brownies under Miss W Dwight gave a display on the lawn.

AUGUST 10th. The 8th Annual Flower Show was held in Mr V Todd's field. There was an increase in the number of entries. The Aylesbury British Legion Band played during the afternoon. Folk Dancing by the Women's Institute entertained the villagers. A Dance held in the Church Hall in the evening used local musicians to provide the music, these included Mrs White, Miss Impey, Miss Foster, Mr Capp and Mr Pipken. Miss A Impey won the Best Kept Flower Garden Class, Mr J Aldridge had the Best Kept Allotment and the silver medal for the Best Cake in the Show was won by Mrs E Shuffill.

Whitchurch has a new Nurse. Nurse Tanner has been obliged to resign and will be replaced by Nurse Hiney in September.

SEPTEMBER 14th. The foundation stones of the new County Offices were laid. The Mayor elect of Aylesbury is Mr George Cannon who was born in Whitchurch, the son of Mr & Mrs William Cannon. He was a member of the Wesleyan Church and a teacher in the Sunday School.

SEPTEMBER 28th. Bucks Education Committee received a letter from the Chairman of the Governors of the Whitchurch Wesleyan Day School stating that the Board of Education had requested the Trustees to repay the grant that had been made by the Board in 1850 as a Parliamentary Grant of £170 towards the erection of the Wesleyan Day School. The trustees requested the Education Committee to support their request that the repayment should be waived. The Education Authority agreed to support this request.

Presentation made to Nurse Tanner of the Gold Watch and bracelet in grateful remembrance from patients in Oving and Whitchurch. Nurse Tanner, who was confined to her room, received the gift with great pleasure.

Reopening of the Wesleyan Church after renovation. The key was turned by Mrs Biggs of Holborn Hill. The old School room had been renovated and an extension added, and the Church built in 1844 had been completely renovated and a stone porch added. The pulpit, rostrum and furniture and pews are all of Oak, oxydized oil lamps have been installed for the artificial lighting, and provision made for the future installation of electric light; the old schoolroom had been converted into a Tea room, and a vestry and various offices had been added, and about £2000 is in hand. The Builder was Mr Tom Cannon of Whitchurch; all the men he had employed were members of the Parish and former members of the Wesleyan Sunday School. Mr F Taylor the architect presented Mrs Biggs with a silver key suitably inscribed. Ministers present were Rev F J Williams, Rev A T Udy and Rev B Hawkins.

NOVEMBER. Poppy Appeal - £10.16.10 raised in Whitchurch.

DECEMBER 7th. Whitchurch British Legion Public Meeting to consider the formation of a Branch of the British Legion. The following officers were elected: President Capt G Wheeler, Chairman Major Abrahams, Treasurer Dr Ainscow, Secretary Mr A Philips, Committee: A T Reed of Cublington; A Brown, G Gower, A White, A Adams, J Watts all of Whitchurch.

DECEMBER 28th. Conservative Fancy Dress Ball held in the School Hall was arranged by Miss Nelis; M.C. Mr Andrews of the "Lilies"; Basil Purcell Band was in attendance. Fancy Dress was judged by Dr and Mrs West, Lady Duthie and Mr & Mrs Finney; Most original costume won by Miss D Foster, Mr Smith; Prettiest Miss Seamons; Most Comic Mrs Alderman.

Some New Year Bargains: Seville Oranges for Marmalade 1/3 pence for a dozen.
Crackers for your New Year's Party 10 pence for a box.

Estimated number of men over 70 years in England and Wales 622,095; estimated women over 70 years in England and Wales 879,013; this is a great increase over the 1921 census.

JANUARY. The newly formed British Legion Branch held a Whist Drive with 24 tables, a record for Whitchurch; winners were Mrs M Parrott, Miss C Shuffill, Miss A Impey, Mr H White, Mr W Price. £6.10.41/2 was raised for the funds.

A report made to the Winslow Board of Guardians that there is a dilatory method of reporting cases of Consumption, a more severe disease than Small Pox which can be cured. The Sanitary Inspector stated that all houses in which people had died of Consumption should be fumigated and treated with disinfectant. There have been cases where it has been 7 or 8 weeks before cases have been reported.

JANUARY 18th. A Concert was given at the Primitive Methodist Church when the artists were Mr A Faulkner, Miss G Capp, Mr W G Capp and Mr S J Capp; they were accompanied on the piano by Miss C Capp.

The Annual General Meeting of the Women's Institute, the President and Secretary were re-elected and at the party that followed the Fancy Dress winners were Mrs Edwards and Mrs Alderman as two Gollywogs; Mrs Lewis as Gypsy Rose Lee. The competition winners for the past year were Mrs A Philips, Mrs S Rickard and Mrs Aldridge.

Cricket Club held a Whist Drive and Dance for Club Funds. About 70 attended and Mr L Pitken was M.C. at the Whist Drive and Mr J Parrott (Junior) at the Dance. £5.8.0 was raised for Club Funds.

FEBRUARY. Parish Council Meeting: Present Mr J Evans (Chairman), Miss Gregory, Messrs W Gatland, T Cannon, F Elmore, J Reeves, F Atkins and the clerk Mr S H Rickard. A letter requesting a donation for the Miners Distress Fund had been received and it was proposed by Mr F Elmore, seconded by Miss Gregory that an envelope be left at each house in the village. The precept for the year for £25 was agreed and signed.

The 'Savanna Concert Party and Dance Band' gave a Concert in aid of the British Legion. Chairman, Mr A Brown.

FEBRUARY 15th. Mens Club held a Whist Drive with Mr W Batson as M.C. Miss Rossiter presented the prizes to Ladies winner Mrs Kay; Mens winner Mr W Loader.

Parish Council Meeting: It was announced that £11.7.0 had been collected for Miners Distress Fund, and the Chairman thanked all for their gifts, and Mr F Elmore and Mr S Rickard for delivering and collecting the envelopes. The Parish Constables for the year were nominated as Messrs W Young, T Cooper, F Atkins and J Reeves.

Aylesbury Borough Council propose to provide overhead cable supply of electricity to some of the Rural areas including Whitchurch; the cost will be £13,973.

A period of very cold weather, frozen lakes and ponds including Wilstone reservoir has attracted large crowds. Some households have been without water for up to four days. Soup kitchens have been opened at least once a week to supply the needs of the poor.

MARCH 1st. Candles were used to illuminate Wingrave village pond for night skating.

MARCH 8th. At the Buckingham Musical Festival the Whitchurch Choral Society under Miss Gregory gained one first and four second class certificates.

MARCH 15th. "Ice and Snow, brilliant sunshine, yellow butterflies, leafless hedges, dusty roads were nature's contrasts last weekend".

Advert: Seed potatoes 7 lbs for 1/6.

APRIL. Prospective Conservative Candidate for Bucks, Mr Michael Beaumont.

APRIL 12th. Smoking Concert in the Church Hall; amongst the visiting artists there was the Savanna Dance Band; Quartettes by Messrs Foulger, Hogston, Blowfield and Thorne; Songs were also sung by Miss Robins, Mrs Gurr, Mrs Wilson and Mr Richardson. During the interval refreshments and cigarettes were served.

APRIL 19th. Whitchurch Choral Society took part in the Berkhamsted Musical Festival and won the Silver Cup; eight choirs were competing.

Cricket Club Whist Drive and Dance: 62 people attended; Ladies prize won by Mrs J Parrott, Mens prize by Mr F Adams. Music at the Dance being provided by the "Himasas Dance Band". The Club benefited by £4.17.6.

Aylesbury Electric Corporation were charging 10 pence per unit for their electricity, one of the most expensive in the country.

APRIL 26th. "Travels in Africa", a talk with slides of photographs taken by the lecturer Mr Mark Wheeler was given for Church Funds, £5.5.3 was raised, the projector was loaned by Rev Pugh of Aston Abbotts.

MAY. Cricket Matches: Grendon Ramblers 40 runs, Whitchurch 21.

Quainton 28 runs, Whitchurch 49. Tom Bates 17 runs.

Aston Abbots 28 runs, Whitchurch 105. Tom Bates 40 runs.

Parliamentary Election: Michael Beaumont elected with a majority of 2000 for the Mid Bucks Constituency.

JUNE 14th. Four men were arrested at the Aylesbury Poor Law Institution for suspicious activities in Whitchurch on the previous day.

JUNE 21st. Three full time Dentists and three assistants are to be appointed for work in the Bucks Schools.

Scarlet Fever is rife in the district, 10 cases have been reported.

JUNE 21st. Cricket: Whitchurch 68 runs, Hoggston 37. Smith 6 wickets for 9 runs.

June 28th. A good company spent a pleasant evening dancing on the lawn at 'Highfields' by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Rickard, music was provided by the Whitchurch Dance Band and Mr C B Durley erected and provided a wireless for more music.

JULY 5th. Sunday School Anniversary Services at Primitive Methodist Church. Special Preacher Mr F Faulkner, singing directed by Mr S Capp, Miss E Cox of North Marston played the organ.

JULY 6th. Sunday School Treat was a visit to London Zoo. Mr W Hogston, the Sunday School Superintendent, thanked all who had taken part over the weekend.

JULY 12th. Presentation to Dr and Mrs Ainscow who after 41/2 years in the practice at Whitchurch was leaving to go to a practice in Cheltenham. He was presented with a cheque for £60. Dr Ryder Richardson was to be the new doctor.

Cricket: Whitchurch 11 runs, Wooton 57 for 6 wickets.

Whitchurch 58 runs, W Foulger 15; St Mary's Old Boys 39.

AUGUST 2nd. Whitchurch 26 and 28 runs, Westcott 53.

AUGUST 16th. Grendon 68, Whitchurch 59. W Foulger 22, B Smith 21 runs.

AUGUST 23rd. Oving 27, B Smith 7 wickets for 7 runs, Whitchurch 68, B Smith 27.

SEPTEMBER 6th. Whitchurch and District British Legion Flower Show, Athletics and Gymkana: Event was held in the Cricket Field (now Ashgrove Gardens) by kind permission of Mr Clarke of Oving. The Halton RAF Band played during the afternoon. Vegetable Judge was Mr Thrower of Horwood House, Needlework judged by Mrs Hillman. Mr Page judged the Cakes. Mr Watts won the prize for best vegetable collection, Betty Hogston the children's classes. The joint secretaries for the event were Mr and Mrs F George.