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1st Nailsea Scouts c1936

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Society News: Projects etc.

Both the "Farms" project and "The Land Yeo" project are moving but only very slowly.

Where are our members who wish to demonstrate something more than a passive interest in Local History? If you want to do something please contact the Editor or Trevor Bowen. Fine weather will soon appear! Just the time for field work?

See later regarding "War Memorials" and "Indexing items in the local bibliography"

Interviews and Tape Recording

We have a number of people to interview and again it seems that there is little interest by members in this aspect of Local History.

Even when the conversation has taken place the tape has to be transcribed. Many of the jobs to be done can be done in your home. Is anyone out there who is willing to help?

Dr and Mrs Gornall

On a visit to Nailsea in 1995 Mrs Mary Gornall was generous in giving me a couple of hours of the limited time she had here. She has let me have some photos of Dr Gornall and the family and their home "Ulvik" which stood somewhere near Keith Flowers shop not far from "Iceland". I hope to publish an article in a later edition of PENNANT.

One of our members who remembers Dr Gornall told me the following story which I hope demonstrates that his memory is still held with affection in Nailsea.

"Dr Gornall was an honorary member of the local Oddfellows Society. At the annual dinner he often told the following story of one time that he visited Farleigh Hospital.

One of the inmates was sitting on an upturned bucket dangling a piece of string on a stick over a flowerbed. I assumed he thought he was fishing and asked him how many he had caught that day.

"You are the third" he replied."

CORRECTIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

From the Archives a Receipt of 1643

I am indebted to Jonathan Harlow for his letter relating to the article headed as above in Pennant 13 in which he not only provides more information but also points out to your editor the error of his ways!

He asks "Who was the contributor?" The heading was meant to give the clue, the item was found by the editor in the N&DLHS archives in Nailsea Library.

Jonathan goes on to mention quite correctly that the last line on the first column of page 10 does not make sense. I have rechecked the copy and agree his suggestion that it should read:-

"8 Apr. Item Received more then of him £08-11s-d."

For further information Underwood's "Somerset in the Civil War and Interregnum" mentions Locke and Popham on p46.

Lastly to my undying shame he mentions "ignoramus" is Latin for " We do not know". My old Latin Master will turn in his grave. Why did I not think of Latin rather than the English dictionary?

Nailsea United Under 12 Football team

Tony Wright has provided me with the names of most of the team. Unfortunately it is not practical to list them clearly but I will place a list with the archive copy.

The Elephant House

Ray Llewellyn telephoned after publication of Pennant No 14 to say that his father had helped to demolish the building. More news later when I have had chance to talk to him.

FAMILY HISTORY - REQUESTS FOR HELP!

Bid Wheeler has written seeking help and I would be obliged if anyone who has any suggestions or can provide information would contact her either via the Editor or direct at The Vicarage, Christ Church Close, Nailsea, Bristol, BS19 2DL. She writes:-

The "Manfield family"

"..... I don't know if you would be interested in a plea resulting from research which has been going on now for three years into the Manfield family who lived in Nailsea in the last century. I've been looking into them since a New Zealand lass put a letter in the Mercury asking for help. Over time more and more details have come to light but there was one problem that I did not know how to overcome, and that was how to find out about ships carrying emigrants to the colonies.

Does any reader know where such information can be obtained if the date and destination are unknown? With all the emigration that went on following the closure of the Glassworks, does anyone know much about the ships that were used, which port/ports they tended to sail from. I recall a press cutting about a service that had been held in Nailsea immediately prior to the

departure of a large group of emigrants, but nothing about their point of departure or ultimate destination.

The original enquiry asked for information about Samuel Manfield who married Elizabeth Blackmore. They had a daughter Emily Elizabeth baptised at Christ Church, Nailsea on 16th July 1854. It was she who emigrated to New Zealand voyaging on the "Queen of the North" 21 October 1873 travelling to Hawke's Bay in New Zealand on an assisted passage costing £14-10-0d. But this information was discovered in New Zealand, not here in England. I have the name and address of a lady who has information on parish assisted emigrants from 1834 - 1860, but nothing for later dates.

As we receive at the Vicarage various calls for family history from overseas, any information would be appreciated."

The "Coombs family"

Bid ends her letter with a comment on the assistance both she and the Editor are providing to descendants of the Coombs family now resident in New Zealand. She has found in the Church Rates and Churchwardens accounts 1714 - 1795 for the Parish of Nailsea, Somerset records of various payments made by Lady "Nonill" or "Norvill" for late Coombs in 1714/1715 and around that period. The writing is indistinct and she goes on to say "Can anyone enlighten me as to who this lady was please?".

I have also been involved in further correspondence about the COOMBS family. Lyn Bettridge mentioned in Family Tree magazine that she had a memorial card for an Eva Ann Coombs who died in NZ. I dropped her a line and she sent me details which I sent to Mrs Tyree to see if she can make a connection. The card reads

In Loving Memory of / Eva Anne Coombs / The beloved wife of / A. Percival Coombs / of Ashurst N.Z., / who fell asleep Dec 18th 1895 at 5 Brougham Street / Wellington, N.Z., only 15 hours after her return / from England. / Aged 27 years.

She is willing to pass this on for the cost of postage and mentions that she has a couple of photos that have Yass Junction written on them.

I contacted New Zealand House and was told that while they have no trace of Yass Junction Ashurst is in the lower part of the North Island and is a community on the West Bank of the Pohangina River north of its junction with the Manawata River 15km north east of Palmerston North.

The "Burch family"

Richard Pickens from Marietta Georgia visited Nailsea in November and contacted your editor. Mr Pickens was seeking information on Elwyn Robert Burch who had lived with his wife Jennifer at "Tiffin" on plot 92 Rock Avenue and while there had had a son Gavin Ross Timothy Burch. It did not take long for me to find that the son had been baptised at Holy Trinity on 11 August 1963.

Richard Pickens was the step-father of Gavin Ross Timothy Burch and Simon Robert Elwyn Burch and wondered if the boys' father was still alive.

In February Robert contacted me from North London where he had been living for 4 years. He had been born in Ndola (now in Zambia) and we discussed various ways in which he might find the information he was seeking e.g. Salvation Army, Firm (unknown) which his father worked for, St Catherine's House etc.

On 5th February I decided to have a look at Rock Avenue. There to my surprise I found Tiffin and more to my surprise discovered that the present inhabitant had bought it from the Burch family and that the persons next door were still in touch with Robert's mother in USA. They believed that his father had returned to the Torquay area. The information has been passed to Robert.

The "Hiatt family"

I have been in correspondence with Sue Bowes-Taylor in Natal regarding the HIATT family and have put her in touch with Roberta Harlow who had advertised in Family Tree Magazine that she had some details available. Sue is still looking for a William Hyatt who was a watchmaker in Worcester and a contact is seeking information about HYATT with Boer War connections.

1st NAILSEA SCOUTS

The illustration which appears on the front cover was chosen some 6 months ago (covers are printed two at a time). I had been promised a sight of some of the papers relating to the history of the Scouts in Nailsea and thought the photograph to be appropriate.

Unfortunately I had overlooked the history already written by Tom Greenwood and published some 15 years ago. Having had this brought to my attention I attempted to find a way to obtain a write up of the last 15 years but discovered that the Group already had the matter in hand. That being so I offered them some space to make an appeal for documents etc. covering the last 15 years together with a brief write up. Unfortunately this contribution has not yet been received and has missed the deadline. I hope to publish it later but if you have any items that may be of interest to 1st Nailsea Scouts in compiling their history please contact them or let the editor know.

For my own part I hope soon to have the opportunity to have a chat with Colin Warry about his father who had so much to do with the Group. Jack Warry was mentioned in an earlier edition of Pennant helping at an accident, the following illustration is of him in his Automobile Association uniform.

RADFORD-juxta-LEIGH **A 'Lost' 12th CENTURY SETTLEMENT**

by K. S. Gardner

Current research into the sequence of drainage in the North Somerset levels requires the dating of the artificial cut known as the Land Yeo, which passes from Watercress Farm Wraxall, via Tickenham to the sea at Clevedon.

Several mills are powered by this Yeo and one at Middleton, (Tickenham) has been referred to as the 'monastic mill'. (Forrest 1975 et seq.)

The Abbey of St. Augustine was founded in the mid 12th century by FitzHarding and was endowed with the living of Tickenham. If the mill does indeed relate to a monastic tenure then one may assume the Land Yeo was cut at some time previous to the Dissolution of St. Augustines c.1540

Obedientary and Manorial accounts have been published (BRS vols. IX & XXII) and reference is made to a mill in the Lordship of Wraxall. A footnote speculates that this mill is "*probably on the YEO near Wraxall*" and it is suggested, in the current absence of any stronger evidence that the assumption has been made that this reference applies to Tickenham.

A later accounting entry for this mill however refers to it as being located at RADFORD juxta LEIGH, apparently in Wraxall as the Lord of Wraxall receives quite literally a peppercorn rent of 1lb. Of spice per year.

Leigh must be that monastic estate now known as Abbots Leigh, and Failand, a part of Wraxall parish, still shares a common boundary with it along a small stream significantly called the Markham Brook. (OE *Mearc Ham Broc = the boundary farm brook*)

On this boundary stream are a number of silted up pools whose origins may well have been as mill ponds. (ST/ 525 735)

The hill to the south of the brook between West Tanpit Wood and Failand Farm was known in 1798 as Redford Hill, at one time an isolated tithing of Portbury. (Enclosure Award : Portbury). Bundles of strip-fields appear to be encapsulated in the present field boundaries near Lower Failand farm and the focus of the settlement would appear to be in the area presently named Mulberry Farm.

The original land-grants in the Red Book of St. Augustine indicate that independent benefactors from Portbury and Wraxall gave land to the Abbey, including half a virgate which Richard of Radford held together with a "*molendinum quod feci super aquam de Radford que currit inter Feilande et Legam*" (a mill which he built on the Radford Stream which runs between Failand and Leigh). This charter is confirmed by King John when Count of Mortain, i.e. Between 1189 and 1199 AD.

The mill was still extant at the time of the Dissolution as John Tentera was paying 17/- for a house, a virgate of land and a water-mill. (BRS XXII p17.)

FOOTNOTE

I am deeply indebted to Canon David Walker who is currently preparing the Charters in the Red Book for publication, for allowing me sight of his transcriptions.

REFERENCES

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BRS Vol. XI (Two Compotus Rolls of St. Augustines Abbey Bristol)
1938
pp94/5 1491/2 AD,
pp254/5 1511/12AD.

BRS Vol. XXII (Manorial Accounts...)
p.4 Manor of Abbots Leigh
p.17 re assets on dissolution

Red Book of St. Augustines, folios 108 & 109 *The Berkeley Muniments* (Canon D. Walker forthcoming)

See also: Pennant No 11 page 8, Who cut the Land Yeo? By Keith Gardner; Mills on the Land Yeo By Martin Bodman; Mills on the Land Yeo - Further Discoveries By Ruth Poole et al

Road Transport between Bristol and Nailsea.

by Peter Wright from information supplied by Mike Tozer

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I asked Mike Tozer if he could comment on the photo which has been reproduced on the back cover of this edition. The amount

of information provided is such that it deserves a place as an article in its own right. It must be noted that we have so far not been able to inspect the original. If anyone has a copy of the original postcard please contact the Editor.

Back Cover Illustration

The bus heading towards the photographer is one of a type first put on the road in 1912 and finally withdrawn in November 1923. Known as a "composite" because the front part of the body was open sided like the earlier charabanc design and the rear part was a fully enclosed saloon with pairs of seats each side of a central gangway (just like today's buses). This was a new idea at the time designed by Mr. Charles Challenger the Traffic Manager of Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd. (B.T.&C.C.)

The first example was put into service at Weston-super-Mare from Ashcombe to Uphill Park in August 1912.

The bus on the left heading away from the photographer having just passed the Royal Oak has been identified from its number plate as being AE 4973. This was the prototype of a new design of bus. The prototype was completed in March 1915 but production of further models of this type had to wait until 1920 as the Company workshops were diverted to war work. This was mainly aircraft production and about 1500 aircraft were produced. These were mainly the "Bristol Fighter" (*commonly known as the "Brisfit"*).

(The first prototype of the Bristol Fighter first flew in September 1916. This was designated the F.2A with a later production models were designated F.2B, which model remained in service until 1932 when No 6 Squadron in Iraq re-equipped with Fairy Gordons. "Aircraft of the RAF ... 1918 - 1978 ed. Paul Ellis pub Macdonald & Janes 1978 ISBN 0 354 01184 7. The last Bristol Fighters in service anywhere in the World were those with the

Royal New Zealand Air Force which were not scrapped until 1938 -Bristol Aircraft since 1910 - C.H. Barnes pub Putnam & Co First Edn 1964 reference provided by M.J. Tozer)

Because of the delay in putting the design into production the prototype was given a thorough testing over 6 years. The bus ceased its passenger carrying duties in August 1920 when the body was removed from the chassis and transferred to one of the new production type chassis. In November 1923 after giving B.T.&C.C. a further three years service the old body was replaced by a newer one and the old one sold for use as a static "live in caravan" located at Belmont Farm Saltford.

The chassis gave its owners even better value for money. From October 1920 until 1932 it was used as the basis of a breakdown wagon and soon after that was used internally within the Company's works at Lawrence Hill until finally being scrapped during the latter half of WWII when parts were no longer easily available and the need for scrap outweighed the desirability for prolonging its life further.

The photo on the back cover must therefore have been taken between March 1915 and August 1920. Examination of the original photo might enable us to distinguish the number of the bus coming towards the photographer. With this information we might be able to ascertain when that was scrapped and narrow the time frame further. It may be that the card is postally dated which could help even more.

The B.T.&C.C. introduced electric tramway traction to Bristol in October 1895 and completed the electrification of all the city's tram routes by December 1900. Having previously used horse trams they found they had a surplus of horses and decided to use them to power horse buses to link the nearby villages with Bristol and thereby gain another source of customers. Initially

some of the routes started from Temple Meads and one of these was one to Ashton Gate and Long Ashton.

In 1906 motor buses referred to as "The New Motor Charabancs" were introduced first within Bristol followed by their use on the village routes. The opening of the Ashton Swing Bridge on 4th October 1906 caused changes to some routes with that to Long Ashton changed from June 1907 to start from Hotwells and then to proceed over the new bridge and along Ashton Avenue to pick up the former route again at Ashton Gate.

The route had been extended to Cambridge Batch by August 1912 and from 24th October 1913 the route was further extended to Nailsea and at the Bristol end was altered to run from the Tramway Centre via Hotwells to Ashton Gate and onwards via Long Ashton as it does today. From 19th May 1920 the route was extended to Clevedon Six Ways.

Just as an interesting aside in 1917 the Nailsea bus service was reduced between February and early June to run only in the middle part of the day and during the evenings. This was because the buses were needed early mornings and late afternoons to transport construction workers to and from the new munitions factory being built by the Government at Hallen. Construction was suddenly abandoned in late May 1917 after about £3,500,000 had been spent because the USA entered the war and promised to supply the GB requirements for nitro-cellulose more economically than we could produce it ourselves in this country.

The time table which applied when the Bristol - Nailsea Bus Service first started can be seen on the centre pages.

Articles relating to Public Transport previously published in Pennant are

Pennant No 2 page 15 "Death on the Line"
Pennant No 3 page 17 "Changing Trains at Nailsea and Backwell" by Derek Chaplin
Pennant No 6 page 1 "One of the first buses at Kings Hill"
Pennant No 6 page 5 "Say Goodbye to Old Nailsea" by Basil Greenhill
Pennant No 6 page 9 "Bus Accident* near Tyntesfield"
A photograph of Jack Warry the AA man who rendered first aid at the accident is included in this volume .*
The Wraxall Tree was referred to in
Pennant No 9 page 1 "Wraxall Cross Tree" by Horman & Rew

A LOCAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

PART 1.

A summary of the works of Basil J Greenhill.

Section A

Taken from a bound volume of photocopies of his articles first published in the Clevedon Mercury. Rendered into book form for the Nailsea Parish Council Chairman E W Makepeace esq. Clerk John I Stock. Produced by F. G. Warne Ltd 13 Small Street Bristol 1 1965 Title and contents page written by Barbara McCheyne.

Entitled "Nailsea and Beyond" the contents of the volume are shown as follows on the contents page (the actual title of the article is shown below).

ARTICLES by B. J. Greenhill

- 1 Holy Trinity Church
The story of Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea.
- 2 The Fryth extracted from "Old Nailsea" by BJG.
Ye Fryth
- 3 The Civil War
North Somerset and the Civil War
- 4 John Whiting
The history of a famous son of Somerset. John Whiting a Quaker born at Nailsea
- 5 The Yatton Turnpike
The Yatton turnpike
- 6 Nailsea Court
The History of Nailsea Court
- 7 John Simmons
The Story of John Simmons a Painter
- 8 Hannah More
Hannah More's work in N.W. Somerset
- 9 Methodist Chapel
When Nailsea was found "Abounding in Sin and Wickedness"
A History of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.
- 10 Sunday Schools
The First Sunday Schools
- 11 Education
The Story of Education in North-West Somerset
- 12 Nailsea Glassworks
The Story of Nailsea Glassworks
- 13 Nailsea Glass
Nailsea Glass
- 14 Coal Pits
The Story of Coal at Backwell Nailsea, Wraxall and Clapton.
- 15 Enclosures
Looking back on the Village of Nailsea
- 16 Congregational chapel
Story of Nailsea Congregational Church

- 17 Christ Church
The Building of Christ Church, Nailsea
- 18 Flower Show
Nailsea, When the First Flower Show Was Held
- 19 Social Activities
Early Social Activities in Nailsea
- 20 Nailsea in 1855
Life in Nailsea 100 years ago
- 21 Bristol in 1861
Bristol in 1861
- 22 Coalpit Drowning
Nailsea Coalpit drowning
- 23 Local Quiz
Local Quiz/Quiz Answers

Section B

BOOKLETS published by B.J. Greenhill

- Old Nailsea, Somerset** (published 1959)
- Holy Trinity Nailsea** (foreword dated September 1959)
- Nailsea Church** (undated)
- All Saints' Church Wraxall Somerset** (published 1963)
- Windows, Bells and Charities** (published 1965)
- The Story of Christ Church, Nailsea and The History of Nailsea Wall** (undated c1967)

Both accounts in one volume acknowledging North Somerset Mercury 22 October 1966 and 19 November 1966

Section C

Publications of Nailsea and District Local History Society by B. J. Greenhill

John Robert Lucas (published 1979)

Hannah More (published 1979)

The "Greenhill Papers" (published 1980)

comprising four papers previously published individually as "The Greenhill Papers Nos. 1 to 4" and two items reprinted from Nailsea Pennant published in March and April 1979 (Nos. 5 & 6 below)

1 Say Goodbye to Old Nailsea

2 Bits about Backwell

3 The Religious Census 1851

4 The People called Methodists

5 The Demise of Wraxall Fair

6 Nailsea Fords

PART 2

Section A.

Pamphlets, Newsletters and collections of articles published by Nailsea and District Local History Society

Nailsea's Industrial Past (and a walk around the Glassworks) T. Bowen (published 1977)

The Surveyor of Highways Account Book P. Wright (published 1977)

Some of the Old Houses in Nailsea and the people who lived in them B. Nickalls (pub 1977)

History of Nailsea Rectory Mrs B Nickalls (pub 1978)

Air Raids - North Somerset extracted from official sources (published 1978)

John Whiting (1656 - 1722) H Dommett & B.J. Greenhill
(published 1978)

*Tombstones in Churchyard surrounding Holy Trinity Church
Nailsea* (N&DLHS) (pub 1979)

Nailsea Heritage published 1980
a collection of the seven papers listed above duplicated and slide
bound.

Nailsea Pennant Vol. 1 (Newsletter published February, May,
Sept 1981)

Nailsea Pennant Vol. 2 (Newsletter published Dec 1981,
March, May, Sept. 1982)

Nailsea Pennant Vol. 3 (Newsletter published Dec 1982,
March, Aug, Sept. 1983)

Nailsea Pennant Vol. 4 (Newsletter published 1984)
*Nailsea Pennant Nos. 1 - 4 were duplicated and issued with 1
cover per volume & slide bound.*

Nailsea Pennant Vol. 5 (Newsletter monthly Oct 90 - Jul 91,
Oct, Dec 91.)

Volume 5 was photocopied and issued at each meeting of the
Society.

The articles listed below were duplicated and slide bound and
published by the Society as its last book in slide bound duplicated
A4 format:

Articles

The Glassmakers	by Gwyneth Parker
Nailsea Toc H Hall	by Evelyn Phillips
Lead Mining in Backwell	by J.M. Pullan
The Symes and Lock Charities	by Cynthia Nash
The Canal that Never Was	by J.M. Pullan
Nowhere	by Mrs Emery

Wraxall - I knew it well; I was born there by Phyllis Horman
Some of the Old Houses in Nailsea and the people who lived in them by Betty Nickalls
Mizzymead Farm by Margaret Thomas
Nailsea Industrialists by Trevor Bowen

Around and About Backwell Nailsea and Wraxall published 1984 edited by Peter Wright and Ian Thom.

In addition to the articles listed above the Contents included the following

Note about Contributors, with foreword by Mrs A. J. Codrington
Illustrations

Nailsea Glassworks circa 1873 (a reconstruction)

The Canal that never was based on 1819 enclosure map

Wraxall and the Land Yeo

Miseymead Farme map drawn from an original in SRO

Bill head for G.H. Yendole (see illustration below)

Nailsea and District Local History Research Papers

Parish of Nailsea - Accounts of the Churchwardens 1714 -1795 and Vestry Minutes 1762 - 1836 a Study H.S. & E.M. Copestake (1988)

Houses of Wraxall Phyllis Horman (1988)

Backwell in the early 17th Century - the evidence of the Glebe
Terriers M.Glasson (1988)

The Fairfield Inn Peggy Harris (1988)

Wraxall in Wartime Phyllis Horman (1988)

Nowhere- between Nailsea and Wraxall Phyllis Horman (1989)

A Walk Around Wraxall Church Wilf Rew (1990)

The Stolen Man - A Nailsea Mystery Peter Wright (1991)

Directories of 1861, 1872, 1883, 1894. Peter Wright (1991)

A LOCAL BIBLIOGRAPHY PART 2 will appear in the next edition of Pennant.

NEW PROJECT - The provision of an index to the items listed in "A Local Bibliography" - Help Wanted

It is hoped that from this bibliography it will be possible to produce an index of local matters etc. referred to in print. Has anyone experience of producing an extensive index? The Editor would appreciate advice and welcomes suggestions. Is there any software that might assist? It would need to run in Windows 95 but at a pinch an MSDOS programme might help. I have Microsoft Word, Access and Works. I suspect that Access will be the vehicle to use but so far I have had no experience of it.

CHRIST CHURCH NAILSEA MONTHLY MAGAZINE 1908

January 1908

The balance sheet of the Church Restoration fund was submitted.

Receipts	£352:7:10d
expenditure	£348:13:11d.

School Concert - "Mr Jones, the teachers and the children are to be heartily complimented on the success of their concert on December 27th. The little people quite surpassed themselves."

An intriguing entry

"By the energy of one of the C.M.S. "Busy Bees"- Miss Dorothy Dew who was assisted by Miss Kathleen Watts -a successful little Sale of Work was arranged at an evening party at the Elms, which resulted in £1:9:0d being added to "Sambo's" account, for which he is duly grateful"

February 1908

Sunday School- "The large room at the Gymnasium was quite crowded with parents and children for the presentation of prizes on Monday evening Jan 27th after being postponed for one week on account of the sad death of one of the scholars, Violet Smallman. I would take this opportunity of tendering our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family in the successive sorrows which have fallen upon them of late - the loss of father, mother, and sister in so short a time".

Mothers Union - Our branch was inaugurated at a service on Wednesday 29th January where 26 were enrolled which with the 2 already enrolled gives us 28 and there are others who wish to join.

Parish Magazine Account 1907

Publisher's Account	£11:6:10d
From Sales	£9: 1:5d
Carriage	£ 0:6: 0d
Balance	£2:11:5d

Those who feel able to do so are asked to pay 1.1/2d a month and if the number of those who pay 2s6d could be increased the account could be kept clear of debt.

Mrs Curry who was the Secretary and Treasurer of the magazine "is endeavouring to arrange an entertainment to clear off the deficit.

March 1908

The Missionary Working Party will meet weekly during Lent.

The Bishop had visited the Parish on Wednesday February 12th. The large congregation was the best evidence of the heartiness of our welcome.

April 1908

Sale of Work and Entertainment. During the winter the members and candidates on the G.F.S. have been working most energetically to provide a rail for the pulpit-a real need. The fruits of their labours-comprising plain and fancy articles will be on sale at the school on April 22nd the Wednesday in Easter Week. The Sale will open at 3 o'clock and will be followed by an entertainment at 8pm. Admission to the Entertainment 6d and 3d.

May 1908

Total receipts of the sale of work and the entertainment were £7:2:5d with expenditure 17s 6d. plus 10s contributed by candidates for the pulpit rail. This will be more than sufficient, it is anticipated, and a little will probably be left for some other purpose.

Easter Vestry

The accounts presented by Mr Winstone showed a balance in hand of £9:8:10d which is most satisfactory considering that such heavy items as the painting of the Church and the regravelling of the paths had to be met. Of the balance £5 has been handed over to the Organ fund and £1:10s to the verger in consideration of the extra work entailed during the painting of the Church etc.

All Church Wardens and sidesmen were re-elected with the addition of Mr F.G. King.

A welcome was extended to new members of the choir Messrs Bowden, Maggs, Newman, Neate and Lippiatt, with sincere thanks to Mr Thatcher for the trouble he has taken in training the new members during the winter.

Preliminary Notice:- A sale of work in aid of the Church Missionary Society will be held at "The Lawn" on June 17th.

June 1908

Mr F.G. King has been added to the names on the cover of the magazine.

The sale of work is to be opened by Miss Evans of Nailsea Court at 3pm. Admission 6d after 5 o'clock 3d. Tea and Refreshments. Music at intervals.

The Church Council decided to hold a Congregational meeting on the Vicarage Lawn on June 10th.

The Organ Fund was also discussed and Mr Armstrong proposed and Mr Winstone seconded that Messrs Walker be asked to give and estimate for repairing and improving the organ according to Mr Thatcher's wishes. This was carried unanimously.

July 1908

The sale of work to raise money to support a bed in the hospital at Mosul near Baghdad held at "The Lawn" by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Armstrong had been successful and all who had helped were to be congratulated. "Quite £30 will be in hand when all expenses are paid."

The Bible Class drove to Stanton Drew for their annual outing where they were hospitably entertained by Mrs Duncan Armstrong.

The congregational gathering was held at the Vicarage ... the weather was perfect and we were able to carry out the whole of our open - air programme without any hitch.

August 1908

No news other than 2 baptisms and 1 burial and the Offertory for the 5 weeks preceding publication.

September 1908

The Sunday School Treat took place on Tuesday August 18th. A considerable party of teachers and scholars left Nailsea Station in a reserved carriage at 11.03 to go to Weston. Having enjoyed time on the sands the children were gathered together at 4pm for a meal at Glass's Restaurant. At 7pm we left for home and thanks to the kindness of several members of the congregation we were saved the walk from the station the whole party being conveyed in drays etc. to the village in what had something of the appearance and, at least, the sound of a triumphal procession.

Under the heading "Village Club" there is the announcement that "As you are doubtless aware the premises so long occupied by the Village Club have been sold and are no longer available for the use of the club." (see *Footnote 1908*)

October 1908

Pulpit Rail - I am sure that everyone is delighted with the new pulpit rail. It is of handsome design and adds greatly to the appearance of the pulpit. The total cost is £6:10:8d.

Men's Guild gathering on Sept 12th was somewhat of an innovation but favoured with fine weather the general verdict was "a most enjoyable time".

November 1908

Meetings in connection with the work of Foreign Missions are to be held.

The editor of the church magazine says that she is sure that the Mother's Union is one of the most useful there is. There had

been a good attendance at the Men's Guild meeting and among the items discussed were a concert in aid of the Guild Fund, a resolution thanking Mr Armstrong for securing the use of the Guild Room in the past. A further resolution was passed leaving the matter of the sick box to the whole Guild.

December 1908

Canon Barff, Miss McMillan, Mr Burt and Mr Lilly were elected to the Church Council.

The Council also discussed at length the need for a Church Room. (see Footnote 1908)

In support of the need for a room there is included in this report "a list of parochial organisations and their place of meeting":-

VICARAGE ... Young men's Bible class; G.F.S.; Sunday School Teacher's Meeting; District Visitors; Devotional Meeting; Coal Club; Church Council and Occasional Committees.

GYMNASIUM ... Women's Bible Class; Men's Guild; Y.W.C.A.; Mother's Union.

OLD VILLAGE CLUB ... Mothers' Meeting.

"THE LAWN" Young Women's Bible Class; Missionary Working Party.

The list ends with the following note

With a suitable room, too, something might be done for the children in the way of a Children's Guild, or Band of Hope.

Footnote 1996

The Village Club etc. - Further details are recounted by Christine M Milton in "The Nailsea Village Institute and Church House" published in 1995 by Nailsea and District Local History Society.

Publications

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The next volume in this series will be "**Brockley and Chelvey**" a revised version of Jim Pullan's book published in 1980. This will include the original drawings to which will be added some items from the M. J. Tozer Collection.

In the series "**People and Places**" we will be publishing Gwyneth Parker's "**Noah's Ark**"

Both of the latter have been typed for us by Dave Robbins so that we have them on computer disk. He is busily working on other books while Jonathan Harlow has offered to try to scan in some of our earlier duplicated books. This is not as simple as we would like because of the relatively poor quality of the "original" which is of course only duplicated. It seems likely that the experiment will fail.

For the ALHA symposium "Annals of the Poor" which was attended on behalf of the Society by Trevor and Margaret Bowen and Peter Wright. For this event we produced a special edition of "**Care of the Poor in Nailsea**" by Jim Pullan.

The War Memorials book will be delayed. I seem to spend so much time preparing PENNANT and discussing publications at Adroit that I have little time to follow up my own interests. Richard Cornish has offered me help and advice and I will be taking him up on this offer but regret the delay. Anthony Price from Yatton has also offered help. See help required. He has been carrying out research into the regiments associated with those named on the Wraxall War Memorial.

Further information about memorials to those who gave their lives in the service of their country

**WRAXALL CHURCH
CHURCHYARD / TWO HEADSTONES (East of Church)**

PLY/10259 SERJEANT
G.J.VOWLES
ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY
6TH APRIL 1916 AGE35
+
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

T4/262954 DRIVER
A. V. PARTRIDGE
ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
24TH MAY 1918 AGE 32

INSIDE CHURCH

IN PROUD AND LOVING
MEMORY OF
CYRIL JOSEPH FIRTH
COMMANDER ROYAL NAVY
WHO DIED AT WEI-HAI-WEI 8 AUGUST 1938

AGED 37 YEARS
THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVER MORE

IN MEMORY OF
HENRY THOMAS CAINE
TROOPER IN THE NORTH SOMERSET
IMPERIAL YEOMANRY
WHO DIED OF ENTERIC FEVER
CONTRACTED IN
SOUTH AFRICA AUGUST 25 1900

This Brass was Erected by George Abraham Gibbs Lieut. North Somerset
Imperial Yeomanry

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROBERT BRUCE MELVILLE WILLS
CAPT IN THE 2ND WESSEX ROYAL ENGINEERS (TF)
AND OF BIRDCOMBE COURT IN THIS PARISH
WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION AT ST ELOI
WHILE HELPING TO SAVE A WOUNDED OFFICER
15 FEBRUARY 1915
AGED 24 YEARS

IN PROUD AND LOVING MEMORY OF
HAROLD VAUGHAN
INSPECTOR BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
LIEUT. AND ADJUTANT
74TH BRIGADE RFA
SECOND SON OF LIEUT COL E H
VAUGHAN.
BORN 4 JUNE 1877
KILLED IN ACTION NEAR YPRES
31 JULY 1917
BURIED AT CANADA FARM
BRITISH CEMETERY ELVERDINGHE
NW OF YPRES

PEACE PERFECT PEACE

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL LEONARD TWEEDIE
AGED 21
LIEUTENANT IN THE GUIDES
CAVALRY KILLED WHILE ON DUTY
30 MARCH 1934
NEAR BANNU N.W.FRONTIER
SECOND SON OF
SIR HUGH AND LADY TWEEDIE
OF WRAXALL HOUSE
DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY.
R.I.P.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THOMAS KERRISON DAVEY
2ND LIEUTENANT THE RIFLE BRIGADE.
BORN OCTOBER 8 1898
DIED EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31 1918
OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION
NEAR ARRAS ON GOOD FRIDAY.
AT REST IN THE BRITISH MILITARY
CEMETERY ETABLES FRANCE.

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN
THAN THIS THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR HIS FRIENDS "