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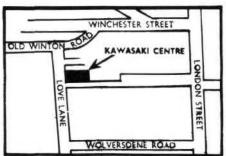
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THE WAR MEMORIAL

Before the Memorial was constructed in 1919/20, the small triangular green between High Street and Church Street was a favourite playground for the village children. It was agreed, however, that this was the best site for the monument. Mr. Ward, the architect from London, said that the greater part of the green would still remain free for children's play.

The original design was rather ornate. It was also to have a narrow paved path, with steps where necessary, leading up to the monument from each of the three roads. If funds permitted, a seat might be placed round the tree for the inhabitants and passers by to rest in view of the memorial.

The estimate of £270 including architect's fees, exceeded the money available and Mr. Ward was asked to redesign on the same general lines but "less lofty and slightly less ornate". The paths and the seat were eliminated, thus bringing the cost within the required limit.

It was decided to use Chilmark stone and Messrs. Gething of Chilmark, Salisbury, were given the contract.

The project commenced in July 1919 but there were many delays. Labour shortage, coal shortage and the flooding of the quarries being mentioned in the voluminous correspondence. At last it was complete: the names of 73 men, headed by Colonel Jenkins, who served their King and Country and 26 men who gave their lives, were incised on the monument. It seems an incredibly large number from one small village.

The unveiling, which had been planned for Easter 1920 finally took place on September 19th of that year. At the ceremony, the Reverend Bertram C. Taylor conducted the dedication service and General Sir Robert Dundas Whigham, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. unveiled the Memorial.

Many of the local people attended, as can be seen in the photograph. General Whigham is close to the monument on the left; the ex-servicemen are beyond the Reverend Taylor to the right. Mr. Fred Pyke and Miss Mabel Spratt are among those near the Pound tree. Behind, in the garden of Ivy Cottage, stands Mr. Blackall and some distance away from him, his daughter Mrs. Sidney Trodd, holding her little girl, Vera. Many others, no doubt, will be recognised.

I am grateful to Mr. Fred Goddard for lending me drawings and correspondence and to Mr. Percy Trodd for the photograph. Without these I could not have written this article.

Jeanne Nolder.

RELUCTANT SPRING





The chill east wind yet stirs the lifeless boughs, Spring slumbers on in her endless drowse. In the early mornings, twigs are looped with intricate lace, Only the snowdrop dares to show her delicate face. Tho' even now, there is the slightest stirring beneath my feet, Far under the frosted surface there is the faintest beat, A secret message is being transmitted from below, Like a beacon, it sends forth its pulsing glow. A message that knows no bounds, travels mighty oceans and distant lands, Who could guess, the extent of natures secret plans. Sweeping African skies so vast and blue without a care, The tiny feathered creature, the swallow, dwells there. A sudden flash goes through it's tiny, vibrant heart. It knows not why, but flies a restless pounding start -Drawn by a giant magnet to the north, One more circuit, perhaps two, then sets forth. Come tempest, rain or hail, the little bird struggles on, In fear that the reason for the journey will be gone. Oh! what happiness it gives, joy and delight, To hear the first chatter and have the first sight. The swallow has returned again, tho' a little late, To greet a friend, reluctant spring is at last awake.



Jeffrey Rowles.





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WHERWELL PLAYING FIELD SIX EVENT SUPER-STAR

At our Sports and Fete on Monday 28th August, 1978 we are running a six event super sports star competition. We are inviting the six Andover Sunday League Champions plus premier league runners up, (as Wherwell won this league and are already competing) to send one player to compete in this competition — the winner will receive £15, Second £10, Third £5 — All others who compete £2.

Last year's Super Star Winner was T. Ponting, Longparish.

Points for all events will be: 1st --8 points 4 points 2nd -7 points 6th -3 points 7th ---3rd --6 points 2 points 4th — 5 points 8th --1 point

2.30 p.m. EVENT (1) 100 METRES

Note: Event on Running Track

3.00 p.m. EVENT (2) PENALTY KICKS

Note: Event at Goal Posts nearest swings

Each player will take four penalty's, in event of player's finishing level there will be sudden death play off.

3.30 p.m. EVENT (3) RUNNING BALL CONTROL

Note: Event on Running Track

Each player to start at 80 metres will then dribble round 7 obstacles and will then from spot marked, chip the ball over a net from there, from another spot marked, chip the ball into a persons hands who will be stood on the finishing line.

Winner fastest time. 2 seconds for each obstacle you hit.

4.00 p.m. EVENT (4) LONGEST THROW IN

Note: Event at Goal Nearest Swings.

Each player will have three throws. Longest one to count a throw must be taken with both feet on or or behind the line and must be thrown with both hands from behind and over the head.

4.30 p.m. EVENT (5) TARGET SHOOTING

Note: Event on Running Track

8 boxes will be placed on 8 bales of straw, each player will have one shot at each box. 8 balls to be placed on a line 12 yards from boxes. Winner most boxes hit in fastest time.

5.20 p.m. EVENT (6) 1 MILE

Note: Event on Running Track

Will you please report at pavilion by 2.15 p.m. to Mr. S. Rowles, and bring one Football.

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The White Lion Hotel, 1920

THE WHITE LION HOTEL

In October this year a family connection of over 70 years will be broken when our local landlord and his wife retire from the White Lion Hotel. It seems, therefore, an appropriate time to include some of the history of our village "pub". in this issue of the Anthology.

It was originally a coaching inn and appears to have been built in three distinct periods, the central portion being the oldest. Some of it dates from 1611 A.D. and several of the bedrooms have powder closets.

The old coach house behind has a roof supported by ships' timbers which are also found quite frequently in other buildings in the village. The section adjoining Fullerton Road was once a Court room presumably for trying local cases. At a much later date the other part was used as a Club room where the game of Quoits was played and some of the boys, about 50 years ago, established a model railway club, using their Hornby trains.

At one time the inn used to display two cannon balls reputed to date from the time of Oliver Cromwell (about 1643), but an American soldier collected one as a "souvenir" during the last war and the remaining one is kept discreetly out of sight.

There is a charity dating from 1691, when the inn was owned by the Priory estate. This states that "Philadelphia Whitehead purchased from John de la Warr 12s. a year for ever out of the yearly rent of the White Lion Inn to be paid to twelve old men and women at Christmas".

In 1913, when the Wherwell estate was sold by the Iremonger family, Strong & Co., the Brewery, bought the White Lion and as the new owners of the inn, they had to pay the annuity. It is still being paid, now by Whitbread, but as it is of so

little value to-day, it is no longer given to the twelve old people directly, but put into a fund together with another charity.

The pub has been run by the Pyke family since Fred took over the licence in 1907. Before that there had been six landlords in seven years! Fred was determined to make it successful so he rented some fishing rights on the river Test which he aimed to sub-let.

He went up to London to see Mr. Hardy, a well known fishing tackle merchant and persuaded him to come and stay at his hotel for a fishing week-end. Fred said that if he was not satisfied with the service he would not be charged. Mr. Hardy was evidently impressed a he readily recommended Fred's venture to his customers. Members of the aristocracy were among those who frequently came to stay at the White Lion for a fishing holiday and soon the Hotel became renowned for the excellent service offered by Mr. and Mrs. Pyke.

In the days before the hairpin bend was constructed, carts were dragged by horses up the very steep Old Hill and trace horses were kept at the inn to assist. Farmers would buy tokens, whish were small brass discs with "White Lion, Wherwell" stamped on them and they used these to pay for the service of the trace horse. Even after the new road was made the trace horse was still used and Fred Pyke kept one until the motor car took over. All the tokens that were kept at the inn have disappeared.

In 1947 at the age of 78, Fred Pyke retired and his younger son, Victor, became the landlord. For the last 31 years he and his wife, Mary, have continued the family tradition of serving their customers well, though the pattern of life has changed. We shall miss them when they leave the White Lion as they are always so friendly and cheerful, but they will still be living in Wherwell, so we hope to see them enjoying a long and happy retirement.

The White Lion Hotel, 1950



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WHERWELL PENALTY KING COMPETITION for the MARJORIE, COUNTESS OF BRECKNOCK CHALLENGE CUP

The competition will take place at the Wherwell Playing Fields on Monday, 28th August, at 2.00 p.m. and will be open to all ages.

All entrants will be divided into sections (amount of sections depending on entries).

Each competitor will take six penalty kicks, top competitor in each section to qualify for final later the same day. In cases of ties sudden death play off will decide both heats and finals. Block or individual entries will be accepted, but must be on official entry forms, with competition entrance fee of 10p per person and named below.

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1.	Men, 14 and over; 100 metres	2.00
2.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, 60 metres	2.06
3.	Toddlers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 25 metres	2.12
4.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, 60 metres Sack Race	2.18
5.	Ladies 15 and over, 25 metres Egg and Spoon	2.24
6.	Super Sports Star 100 metres (on running track)	2.30
7.	Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, 60 metres Sack Race	2.36
8.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, 60 metres Sack Race	2.42
9.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, 60 metres 3 Legged	2.48
10.	Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, 200 metres	2.54
11.	Super Sports Star Penalty Competition (at goal near end)	3.00
12.	Men, 15 and over, Sack Race, 100 metres	3.00
13.	Ladies, 15 and over, Flower Pot Race, 25 metres	3.06
14.	Boys and Girls up to 15, Pick-a-back, 60 metres	3.12
15.	Toddlers Boys and Girls, 1, 2, 3, 4, 25 metres	3.18
16.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, 3 legged, 60 metres	3.24
17.	Super Sports Star, Running Ball (on Running Track)	3.30
18.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, 100 metres	3.40

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19.	Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, 3 legged, 100 metres	3.46
20.	Super Sports Star, Longest Throw (at goal near end)	4.00
21.	Men 15 and over, 200 metres	4.00
22.	Ladies 15 and over, Sack Race, 60 metres	4.06
23.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.12
24.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.18
25.	Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.24
26.	Super Sports Star, Target Shooting (on running track)	4.30
27.	Men, 15 and over, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.50
28.	Ladies, 15 and over, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.56
29.	Men over 40, 100 metres	5.02
30.	Ladies over 40, 60 metres	5.08
31.	Boys and Girls up to 15 (Handicap) 100 metres	5.14
32.	Super Sports Star, 1 mile, (on running track)	5.20
33.	Penalty King Finals	5.30
	HOT AIR BALLOON	
34.	Tug of War, Chilbolton v Wherwell	
35.	Presentation of Prizes	
36.	Grand Draw	

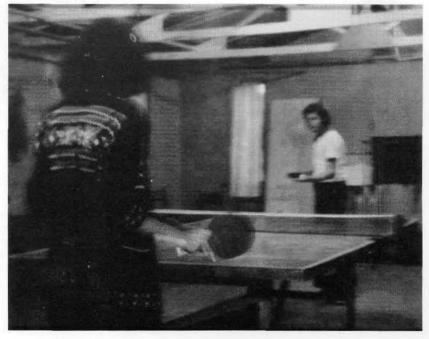
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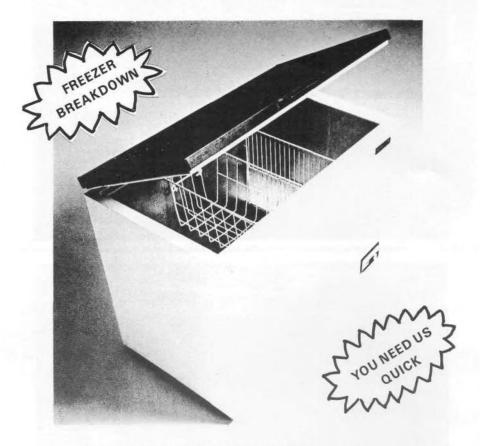






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WHERWELL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Below are a few examples of work from children who attend Wherwell County Primary School. My apologies to the pupils whose work, due to space, I was unable to include.

T.Y.R. Hutton.

Wherwell School -by Class 3



Our school's in Wherwell near the Test, It is a lovely place, With cottages and leafy trees, We think it is the best.

Of all the villages we know, In England's pleasant land, This is the place we come to learn, And think its simply grand.

Some cottages are very old, And made of brick and flint, Some hide old stories from the past, A ghost or two I'm told.

We see wild creatures every day, While we are at our work, Old rabbits dig our football field, And little rabbits play.

The river here is very nice, It has some great big fish, And when the fishers come about, They catch a lot of trout.

One day when we are grown up, And leave for the world outside, We'll still remember Wherwell, Along the river side.

The River Test -by Sarah Moore

The river flows merrily along,
Whispering and gurgling its wondrous song,
Flowing, flowing very fast,
Fishermen their lines they cast,
For trout and other kinds of fish,
That will make a tasty dish.



The river passes house and tree,
Feeling very happy and free,
The spiny, hairy, coloured weed,
On which little animals feed,
Minnow, crayfish and many more
Show their colours on the river's floor.



Marjorie Countess of Brecknock D.B.E., President of Wherwell Football Club presents manager Mr.E.Rowles with a tankard given by his grateful team, Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. Browning looks on approvingly.

SPORT IN WHERWELL

In 1955 my mother gave Wherwell Village its new sports ground, a gift which has not only been very much appreciated but also proved very worthwhile. The winners of the Silver Cup for cricket in 1892, 1893 and 1894 would, if they were here, have reason to be proud of their successors in all forms of sport.

I have the honour to be President of the Cricket Club and the Football Club and I am very proud of both. The Football Club has had a particularly successful season — in fact three particularly successful seasons — in each of which it has gained promotion, with the result that next season the 1st team will have the challenge of competing in the Senior League.

Their main achievements in the 1977/78 season have been: Winners of the Andover Sunday League Premier Division Winners of the Five-a-Side League Runners-up in the Five-a-Side Cup.

It should perhaps be mentioned that the Five-a-Side League has been running for two seasons only and Wherwell has yet to be beaten in it.

The Reserves have also done well and owing to a re-organisation of the League now find themselves in Division I.

A very pleasing recent innovation is the "Lads" under 14 side, which with a little more experience and the excellent coaching they are receiving will, I am sure, produce some first class players. Their enthusiasm is most heartening and the next season they will be playing in the Winchester Lions League instead of Andover.

The Cricket Club is fortunate in having some long standing and faithful members, as can be seen in the photograph which shows Sid Rowles (Chairman) who has played cricket for Wherwell since the age of 13, Alan Rowles (Hon. Secretary) and Bill Pickett (Captain) who have both been in the Wherwell XI for some 27 years, and Jeff Baulsom (Vice Captain), looked upon as a "newcomer", because he has only a mere five years to his credit!

The Cricket Club may not have quite such spectacular successes in recent years as the Football Club, but they are a very good, sound eleven who have been well placed in the end of season scores and I am quite sure will soon head the list. I regret to say that they have won more often than my son's eleven in the annual match which has been played over the last twenty years! They too must now work hard on their "Lads" so as to "put it across" my grandson's eleven!

The Table Tennis Club is a new departure and has made a very creditable start. It is another indication of the very healthy "Sports spirit" which prevails in Wherwell. Four of our players were selected to play for Andover under 17's side against other Hampshire sides.

I cannot conclude without mentioning what a really sincere debt of gratitude we owe to the excellent Committee who manage the affairs of the Playing Field, to the tireless and devoted workers whose efforts keep the ground in such superb order as to make it the envy of other clubs, to all the ladies who feed the hungry players so well and to all the other people whose interest and enthusiasm is such an inspiration to players and spectators alike.

Wherwell Station -by Andrew Rowles

I live in the Station House at Wherwell. It was built a few years after the railway line was built. Our vegetable garden is where the line used to run. Also there are six bungalows built across the line.

The line came up from Fullerton Station through Wherwell, Longparish and up to Hurstbourne. At Hurstbourne it joined the London line which had the nickname of the Sprat and Winkle line. It was very important during the war transporting bombs and ammunition.

It 1909 it was possible to travel from Waterloo to Wherwell in two hours nine minutes. My Father had a job on the railway. He started at Fullerton and went on to work at Longparish, Wherwell, Clatford and Stockbridge. He was a Signalman. The bungalows adjoining our house used to be the booking office and waiting room.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Wherwell Playing Field Committee wish to thank all who have contributed to 'Anthology V'.

Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock, D.B.E.

Mrs. Jeanne Nolder

Mr. Jeffrey Rowles

Mr. D. Jenkins, B.Ed., Headmaster, and the pupils and staff of Wherwell Primary School.

Mr. E. Rowles

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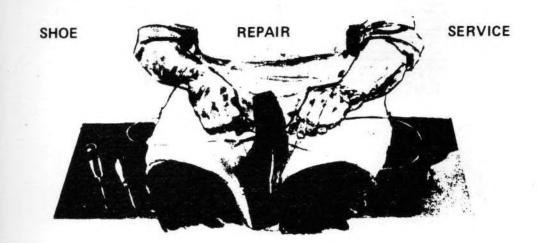
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