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Picture of Manor House School, taken around 1925 soon after its founding by William Mason, the benevolent looking gentleman in the centre. The school was demolished in 1953 and the doctor's surgery took its place.

We have devoted this issue to photographs of people in Hereford in the past and in some cases the very distant past. We hope they will stir memories and that some of

Photo Call

you will recognise yourselves, your friends and your relations or even great grandfathers. Do write to us about your recollections and lend us your photographs of people, places and events in Herefordshire. We are always grateful to hear from you.

Bill Morris



Miriam Penson's picture albums are filled with visual delights. Here is another of the Midland Red drivers and ticket collectors including Bert Maddy, Gwen Jones, D. Jones, Joyce Sparks and Esther Morris.

Mystery solved

In our last issue, we asked you what the ladies in the picture were celebrating (Guess Who? Issue 5, September 1995). They were all attending the Midlands Bus clippies reunion in 1981. Among those in the picture were Babs Nicholls, Audrey Hart, Betty O'Connell, Betty Cotterell, Dorothy Jones and Connie Williams.

Our next issue of Age to Age will be out in January. Copies are available from City and Belmont Libraries, Hereford Tourist Information Centre, The City Environment Directorate at Garrick House, Age Concern Offices, Berrows House, Bath Street and Hereford Town Hall, Good Old Days' Shop, St Owens Street.

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Some stern countenances at the Westfields Adults School and Working Men's Institute, photographed around 1890 and loaned to Hereford Lore by Miss Colley.



Mrs Eileen Heald writes from the Wirral. She and her sister in law, Sheila (then Clifford) lived in Breinton Road and are pictured at the Empire Day celebrations in 1936 or '37 on St Nicholas Church vicarage lawn. In the picture are: Dora Wigley, Kate and Alice Speight, Joy and Barbara Lewis, Ruby and Dorothea Jones, Monica Lloyd, Betty Unit, Margaret Cotterell, Vera Trehern, Eileen (ninth from the right on the back row) Peggy Watson, Blanche Tongue, Margaret Brown, Sheila (next to the queen, second row from the front) and Billy Bishop.



Pat Wright, first on the right in the second row, loaned us this picture of Eignbrook Sunday School performing a concert to raise money for the war effort in 1939. But where was it taken? And who do you recognise?



Hereford Girls High School in 1937 We don't know them all, but here are the ones we do! Back row, left to right, Dorothy Mawsom, Grace, Daisy Bird, Margaret Davies, Stella Marchant (of Marchant's coffee shop in High Street) and Jean Chapman. Second row from the back: Natalie Jones, Geraldine Bezzant (of Bezzant shop, Rag and Bone, St Owens Street), Kathie Kilgour. Seated, Lorna Lilley, Olwyn Robinson, Chris de Lonra and Betty Booton. Audrey Lambert and Clara Hoddell.



A photograph taken in 1957 of Grove House School, Grove Road. Pictured centre is Glenis Morgan, Headmistress and Phyllis Gardner, but who are the rest? Names please to Hereford Lore, 26 Quarry Road, Hereford HR1 1SS.



Lily Cole and Bill Godwin of Belmont Road were married in about 1932. And if anyone remembers our March issue, this was the wedding the young children on the front page were watching! Lily was the sister of Edith Gammage, one of our editors. Their daughter Rachel Wiggins now lives in Devon and their son David Godwin at the Vern, Marden.

SNIPPETS

Horsing Around ...

What a surprise, writes Mrs Lilian Kearne, (nee Speller of Red Lion Court, Eign Street, Hereford), "to pick up a copy of Age To Age in the library and there, staring at me on the front page was the gypsy family who worked with us when we worked on the timber during the war I was a member of the Women's Timber Corps.

"I wonder where they are now? They were indeed a fine and proud family hard working, spotlessly clean, the inside of their caravan an absolute picture of tidiness. Lovely! I recall working in the wood one day I thought would sit on one of their horses. What a width to straddle! One of the men nearby hit the animal across the rear end and the horse bolted with me hanging on for dear life. It eventually stopped and Ann (I believe that was the bride's name caught us up and helped me down, very shocked, she and I!"

Horsing about...

Following on from our picture of the Burton's Bakery delivery vans in our last issue David Ayres recalls being employed by the bakery soon after leaving school. In his earlier days he was an assistant to the driver of a horse drawn van, delivering bread.

Later he became a driver's mate on the electric vans at 12/6d (about 62p a week. He recognised Walter Yemm and Mr Styles from the picture.

And our picture reminded Fred Jones (we hope we have read your name correctly) of how much horse transport there was in Hereford in 1936. "There was Fred Lewis and his horse van emblazoned India & China. Coal was all horse delivered. The brewery drays Arnold Perretts of the Cheltenham Original Brewery for example delivered to the pubs. Grooms Timber Yard used horses on their waggons with Bill Grundy in charge. The horses, Boxer and Trumper among them used to run free from their yard to the field at the bottom of College Hill which made the children scamper for cover

"There were two milk floats, Mr Jones' and Mr Newman's. Two vegetable carts, Mr Payne and Mr Young. There was the incredible occasion when Mr Young's horse bolted and yet managed to clear the small railway tunnel in Burcott Road without damaging the cart. Mr Blackwell still had his horse, Tommy and his trap in which privileged relatives on visits were usually given a trip via Holmer and Lyde but they walked up Holmer Pitch."

Sad Loss

Our thoughts are with one of the founding members of Hereford Lore Alf Evans following the death of his wife Dorothy in October. Apart from all her other good works, Dorothy always made us welcome at her home during the early meetings for Age To Age.



Weren't the sixties wonderful? Beehive hairdos, winkle picker shoes and even budding Beatles haircuts can be spotted on this picture of the Christmas Party for Geo Masons around 1965. Anyone you recognise? Let us know at Hereford Lore, 26 Quarry Road, Hereford HR1 1SS.

The Brickyard Scoop

The picture of the Boys of the Brickyard published in our March issue brought back two memories, one from distant Australia Visitors to Hereford from Australia took their copy of Age To Age home and showed it to relatives Barry and Lisa Thomas who instantly recognised the young boy sitting in the front. He was Barry's father Bill Thomas, now 75 and living in Melbourne. The Good Old Days reproduced the original photograph which we have forwarded to them.

And when Hereford Lore editors Vi Thomas and Roy Kennett spoke to the Silver Threads Club at St

Martins, they met May Symonds who identified her husband in the same photograph

May came to Hereford in 1939 and met Percy Symonds. They married in 1942 Percy died in 1982. May recognised Percy pictured long before she met him for his stance and "the jaunty angle of his cap" May says that although Percy was a market gardener when they were married he had told her that he worked at the brickyard in his youth. Also in the picture was Percy's father Fred Symonds. Percy is in the back row fifth from right; Fred is in the row in front of Percy, first on the right.

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