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The Great Western Railway's Loco Department team pose for a picture as the First World War draws to a close in 1918. The team members, written in perfect copperplate on the back of the card reads: A Russell, Kenneth Blake, Langford, Ricketts, E. Russell, Wathen, Dyke, Hillier, Dorkin, Howell. Thanks to Mrs J Rolfe for the photograph

Sporting Recollection's

First of all, a rather belated Happy New Year to all our readers. We hope you will all have an enjoyable last lap towards the Millennium.

This issue is made up of some sporting recollections. We hope they will stir memories of your own sporting achievements, or those of your local sporting heroes when, perhaps, sport was not so dominated by greed for financial reward.

Bill Morris

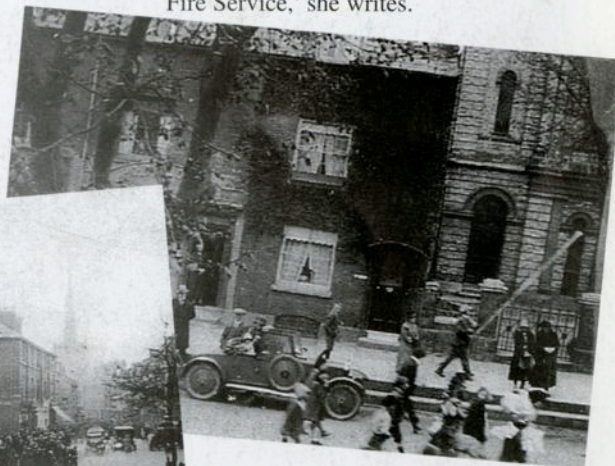
Dig Out Your Smalls

Do you have any old domestic items cooking and cleaning equipment, toys, medicines, sewing equipment you would like to give to Hereford Museum? Claudia Hart, the Museum's Community Heritage Assistant, is preparing to visit groups of older people to share their memories of past domestic days and she needs more items to take along and talk about. If you can lay your hands on something that might interest Claudia, she would be delighted to receive it at the city Museum in Broad Street, Hereford.



Snaps From My Box Brownie

Two photographs taken on a Kodak Box Brownie around 1927 show the beginnings of a traffic jam in Commercial Road, looking towards St Peter's Church and, below, the Hospital Sunday Parade passing the Commercial Road Baptist Church. The gentleman with the long pole is collecting money from the upstairs windows. We know this because Frances Coleman (some may remember her as young Molly Jones) sent us the pictures from her home in Brisbane, Australia. 'They were taken from the bedroom window of 13 Commercial Road when I was about six. I remember putting a penny into the collector's box and hearing it go clunk as it reached the pocket at the bottom. The money went towards the upkeep of the General Hospital.' Frances remembers some of the local shops including Phelps, the butchers, Lewis Smith, on the corner of Bath Street and Piggotts, the herbalist. Frances also featured in a 1996 issue of Age To Age showing the Auxiliary Fire Service. 'After the photograph I went to Bevere Manor in 1942 as a full time member of the National Fire Service,' she writes.



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Up for The Cup!



The Thistle Football Club posed for this photograph, loaned by Tim Rowberry, in the stabling yard of the White Lion. Albert Rowberry is third from the left on the second row from the back while our own Roy Kennett's father, Harry, is in the second row from the front, seated second from the right.

Thynne's Athletic Football Club's successes are inscribed on this team photograph, taken around 1937, and include winning the Hereford League Division 1, Herefordshire Hospital Cup and the Coronation Six-A-Side. The team listed on the back of the picture are: H. Wood, W. Williams, W. Parker, J. Smart, D. Parsons, W. Hope, F. Davies, J. Lewis, G. Perkins, Reg Philips and J. Parsons.



Normally the camera is turned towards the action at a football match. But here at Edgar Street in 1949, the photographer focused on the crowd capturing by chance two future Hereford mayors - Kit Gundy, standing with Betty Griffiths in the front row, and, at their feet to the left, George Hyde with his brother Gordon.

How To Make Full Fruit Star

After she had seen the film "The Land Girls" recently, Prinia Prior from Sutton Saint Nicholas consulted her diary for 1946. "I was on demob leave and along with another ex Wren and my brother we came to Red Hill Farming Camp in the hope of earning a bit of much needed cash. I wrote then that, 'It was more like a classy Butlins' (although I had never been to one) 'The camp is composed of dozens of long, sleeping quarters with

two bunks to a room; each section with its own Boot Room (sitting room) and drying room. There is a splendid dance hall which doubles as a cinema and theatre, a lounge, writing and reading room, and huge dining halls where we get very good food.

Land girl

'We worked mostly at the CWS at Marden, picking Worcester Pearmain apples, and plums. There was a very

nice young man, John, in charge and he would obligingly move the unwieldy ladders from tree to tree for the girls. As I had been a land girl earlier in the war I perhaps ungraciously turned down his kind offers as I had been in the habit of shifting ladders then. Also any delay slowed down the ability to make more delicious money. My maximum day's earning was £1.2s.6d (£1 12p). It could have been more, but we ran out of trees.

'We also worked on a particularly nasty job of the blackcurrant pruning either cycled, or had on occasion, I had been caught a Nell Gwynn fence and split a leg from top to bottom. unbearable cycling the camp on a sizzlingly wearing my Macintosh decent.



Can anyone shed a little light on this picture? We think the football team came from south of the river Wye, but who are they? And when and where was the picture, loaned by Ann White, taken?

Allensmore Football team were photographed in 1934 but there is no record of why they were posing for their pictures. There is, however, a list of names on the photograph. The Rev. Littlehales must be the man in the dog collar, while Aubrey Lawrence, Cooper, Len Mussell, Oakley, H. Mussell are listed for the front row and on the top row, Ernie Hales, Cyril Cook, C. Coleman, Paske and Ivor Hiles. The boy on the far right is not named - but he does bear a striking resemblance to the smiling Mr Hyde, seated on the ground in the crowd scene.



Standard Damson Jam

at Tillington. A was clearing up ning debris. We official transport or the bus. On one climbing a wire of my dungarees I found it pretty 7 miles back to y hot afternoon, in order to look

'On a couple of wet days we worked at the local canning and jam making factory. The noise of empty tins coming down the conveyor belts plus Music While You Work was awful. We were canning damsons, and all the bad fruit, dead wasps, leaves and our spat-out stones were collected in a container beside us. They were later decanted into the jam making vats and turned into Damson Jam Full Fruit Standard! Earnings were not very impressive I

recorded in my diary 7/2d (36p) for one day.

'On our days off we walked most of the way to Ross. The Wye was in full flood and it all looked beautiful. We had a wonderful tea at the Pied Piper for 1/5d (7p) each; it was then I decided I could happily live permanently in Herefordshire. Many years later I did, but this time I brought a husband and two children.

Snippets

Major Appeal

I am interested to know if anyone knew the former editor of the Hereford Citizen & Bulletin, asks Richard Shaw from Dunstable. "I believe he was a Major Williams and lived with his wife in Burghill in about 1945 47"

Arresting Situation

Playing children's games for Phyllis Warzynski's mother Nell, were often played out, not in the playground, but in a police cell. Phyllis' grandfather, Sid Smith, was an inspector with Hereford Police during the early 1900s and when Nell was sent on errands to her father at the Station, she and her friends would run around in the cells playing games like 'Touch' provided they were empty, Phyllis recalled when Hereford Lore went to talk to her and fellow members of the Royal Air Force Association recently. (If you would like to book a talk from Hereford Lore, write to us at 26 Quarry Road, Hereford HR1 1SS)

Musical Memories

The Hereford Amateur Operatic Society have pledged to give one night's takings to Hereford Lore when they perform their Old Time Music Hall Night at Whitecross in June. Tickets for Monday June 21 are available from Age To Age at £4. But you'd better book early as we sold out last time. Phone us at 01432 354934. Hereford Lore much appreciates the Society's generous support.

Who remembers this lady urging them on to swim at the Baths in Edgar Street - now the site of the Courtyard Arts Centre? Miss Young is pictured around 1916 in a photograph loaned by one of our long-time readers, Kathleen Lawrence. Did Miss Young teach you to swim?



Foxley Camp

Yes, writes Dilys Price, I remember Foxley and the G.I. Camp since I met my American husband there in 1945. He was in the hospital after being wounded.

Although Dilys went to live in America, sadly things did not work out and she returned in the end to 'dear old Hereford' But I have lots of happy memories of the camp, riding my bicycle there all the way from Westhild, 15 miles away and back!

Len Griffiths

Older readers will have been sad to read of the death recently of Len Griffiths, writes Bill Morris. Len was one of the giants of local league cricket before the last war and later a tremendous hitter, he destroyed the aspirations of many local bowlers! Perhaps less well remembered is that fact that he was a very good footballer. He played for Hereford United and one of England's leading football clubs tried to persuade him to join them. But Len did not wish to leave Hereford. A modest, friendly man, he was very well liked.

Hereford Amateur
Operatic Society
Memory Lane IX

Old Time Music Hall
June 21 - 26 1999
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Very Formal

Sports wear has come a long way since the men of the Hop Pole Air Rifle Club posed among the aspidistras after winning the League Challenge Cup in 1907 - 08. Note the breeches, boots, elegant cravat and the fine array of hat-wear. John Newton Moore, the Conservative agent for Hereford's Member of Parliament, J.P.L. Thomas, in the 1930s, sits to the left of this trophy. His daughter, Betty Moore of Putson, who loaned us the picture, has traced John's roots back to Blanche Parry, Lady In Waiting to Queen Elizabeth I.



Less Formal

Allensmore Cricket Team roll up their sleeves to pose in their 'whites' in 1950's, but, as Kathleen Lawrence who loaned the picture points out, Aubrey Lawrence and his friend Frank Davies in the back row wore dark trousers because they were extras. In the back row, from left, are, Llew Rees, Alan Morgan, Wat Hall, Aubrey and Frank and, front row, Derek Graham, 'fire officer', Ernie Preece, Con Edwards, Keith Edwards and Ivor Jones.



Informal

Skittles was always a come-as-you-are kind of a game as Gurney's 'Skittle Team, pictured in the 1950's, demonstrates. Harold Slack, Reg Hodges, Tom Baker, W. J. Williams and Mr England have been identified. Can you tell us anything more about the team? And if you have any particular memories about the clothes we used to wear, drop a line to Age To Age, 26 Quarry Road, Hereford HR1 1SS.



Rocket Attack

Richard Shaw from Dunstable sent us this evocative description of a memorable morning many years ago. 'One evening, I placed an empty bottle and a box of matches in the saddlebag of my bicycle, secreted a rocket in the shed and went to bed. Next morning there was a hard frost and, using the clothes line, I roped carefully down the slippery slates outside my window, collected my bike and rocket and pedalled up Ross Road and along Bullingham Lane. The scrubland was thickly coated with white rime and glistened in the moonlight as I crept along an old cart track towards the back gardens. Wedging the bottle firmly, I placed the rocket stick in it, lit the blue touch paper and wriggled back to watch.

The result was spectacular. A very good rocket could be obtained for 4d and

this one soared high over the houses before exploding with a resounding BANG into showers of brilliant red and green stars. Within seconds, upstairs windows were thrown up and tousled heads leaned out, as their owners searched for the cause of their rude awakening. Meanwhile I lay flat and invisible, enjoying the moment to the full.

Eventually the outraged inhabitants returned to their beds. I collected my bottle and one spent match and retreated to the lane. When I arrived home ten minutes later, the sky was already lightening. I was back in bed just as my father looked in to see if I wanted a cup of tea.

Helping Hand Over Debt

A small pension and the promise of easy loans makes it all too easy to get into debt these days. If you, or a friend, has a debt problem, make an appointment with a debt counsellor at the Citizens Advice Bureau. They will help you manage your money and can negotiate with the gas, water board, MEB and private debt companies for you.

The great thing is to get help early.

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