

# Herefordshire Lore

# Age to Age

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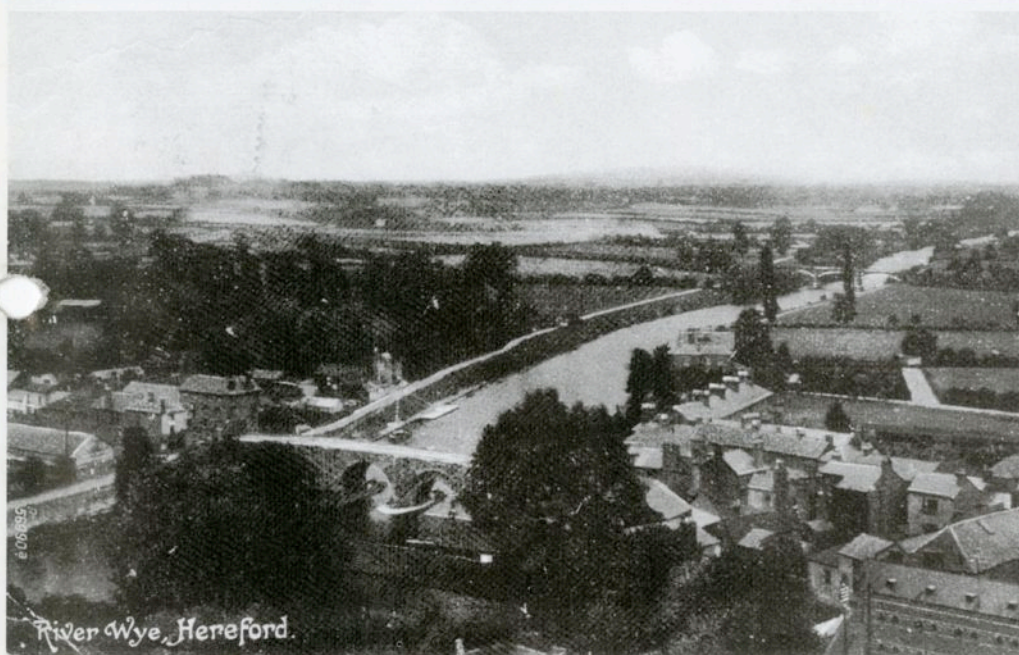
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*It may be old and faded, but it's still your city. This hand-tinted picture postcard of the River Wye shows Hereford long before the new bridge was built and when boats were still moored on what was to become Jordan's Boatyard.*

## We Need Your Help

**W**ELCOME to the September issue of Age to Age. Summer seems to pass all too quickly and here we are at the start of autumn. All of us at Herefordshire Lore are pleased with the continued support of our readers. Thank you for sending in all your photographs and memories. Please keep them coming.

Behind the scenes, work continues at a hectic pace. Not only are we working hard on the content of Age to Age, but we are working on a membership database, which will enable us to

manage membership details and finances more effectively. We also want to find an office so that we will have a base of our own. If you know of any suitable offices please let us know. We also could do with additional support distributing Age to Age. Contact us if you can help - even if only occasionally.

We are also keen to continue with talks to local groups. If you would like a member of Herefordshire Lore to give a talk, please write to us.

*Chairman, John Turner*

## School Help

**T**eacher **Clare Buck** works at St. Mary's school, Fownhope and is looking for information about the Coronation, the Jubilee — and anything of interest about Fownhope. Her school is doing a local history topic: "it would really interest the children," says Clare. If you can help Clare, send us your memories or pictures. Meanwhile **Janis Lewer** from Tupsley has sent us her

Souvenir Programme for Coronation Day. The celebrations included 'Dancing In High Town' and a Grand Pageant on the Bishop's Meadow with the Mayor and Mayoress attending 'in the State Coach.'



## Inside this Issue



*Farming Fraternity: He worked on a Ledbury farm, but who was he?*

**"Keep up the excellent work with Age To Age. It provides poignant memories of Hereford and the County"**

**John Wright**



*Spot the Shop Competition: Detail of mystery Hereford shop in the 1950's. Full picture on inside page.*

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# Herefordshire Hop Yards

It's that time of year again and here to celebrate are some of the hopping photographs sent in to Age To Age.



**Man Power:** Fourteen men and seven small boys pose in the hop yard in this picture sent in by **Mr and Mrs Gilbert** of Southdale Estate, Hereford.



**Bait Break:** Dormington hop yard in the 1950s. It's lunchtime and Bill and Win Griffiths settle down for a bite to eat with Dorothy Griffiths (now Dorothy Marchant) and Ivy, Jack and Michael Goodman.



**Filling The Crib:** Carwardine hop yard, Preston-on-Wye around 1943. **Mrs E. Turner** of Preston sent in this picture of pickers standing around the hop pickers' crib. "We had to pick four bushels of hops for one shilling."



**Under The Spreading Chestnut Tree:** Not a hop yard, but Hereford Market as it once was. After the Foot and Mouth crisis, will it ever be the same again?

## King Anthony

**ANTHONY** Hall, Hereford's own pretender to the throne, spent much of his time between the two world wars campaigning for his right to be king. He claimed to be a descendent of Henry VIII and 11th in line to the King. He even issued his own currency.

**Charles Bubb** from Macclesfield has discovered a reference to King Anthony in a book review of *Rebels, Pretenders and Impostors*, published by the British Museum. "The reviewer points out that King Anthony was far ahead of his time in proposing to put the monarch's head on the notes. This only happened with the real ones about thirty years later. He was also ahead of his time if, as **Mr R. J South** says in your June issue, he produced a one dollar bill. Did he foresee a change from the £-s-d to a decimal currency?"



A one pound note, signed by the 'Master of the Mint, Anthony Hall' It was sent to Age To Age by Nancie Millar from Ross-on-Wye who remembered Anthony Hall when he lived in Little Dewchurch. "Most of the villagers considered that he was mad and treated it as a huge joke," writes Nancie, "but at least it made Little Dewchurch, which in those days was an isolated and almost unknown place, quite famous for a few years."



**Pre-plastic generation:** Photographed in the late 1930s, this farm worker carried his leather buckets on the traditional yoke. He worked for hop grower Fred Cowell of Priors Court Farm, Aylton, Ledbury.





**Can I Help You?** So many readers responded to our *Spot The Pub competition* (August issue) that we are setting you another teaser. Our picture shows a Hereford shop in the early 1950s with Mrs Nell Perks (landlady at the Golden Fleece for a while) and

Percy Hughes behind the counter. Norman Owen worked here in 1957 after the shop was modernised.

If you can spot the shop, drop us a line at *Age To Age*, PO Box 2, Hereford HR2 8YE.

## Snippets

### Foxley Camp - Any News?

"I picked up *Age To Age* in the doctor's surgery in Staunton-on-Wye and noticed the mention of Foxley Camp. I have friends who lived there, but have never seen a photo of how it was in its hey day," writes **Ginny Carrington**. Well, neither have we. If you have any pictures of the old camp, send them to us at *Age To Age*. (We promise to return them safely after publishing them in a future issue).

### Wrong Cinema, Right Organ

THE Odeon cinema did not have a theatre organ as quoted in our last issue, writes **Vera Handley**. The only organ was at the Ritz, built on the site of the old goal in Commercial Road. For many years the resident organist was Frank Slater. And by the way, she adds, I think you should retain your original remit and confine your interest to the City of Hereford — to try and cover the whole county would be impossible in a small publication.

### Aunt Gert And Toosie

LUGWARDINE Football Club, pictured on the back cover of your last issue prompted **Betty Reinold** of Shaftesbury to write in. "The lady in the front row is my aunt, Mrs Gertrude Southall, known to everyone as Aunt Gert. She was the licensee - or Mummy! of the Crown and Anchor. The little lady behind her is her daughter, known as Toosie. She took over when Aunt Gert died after being landlady for over 50 years.

### Looking For Links

PHILIP Turner of Lower Cwmtwrch near Swansea is researching his family name, Gwilliam. "They lived in the Tyberton area around the 1880s and my great grandmother attended Stockley Hill school."

**John Wright** of Bradford on Avon, meanwhile is putting together a piece about his maternal grandfather, James Lawford who traded as a hairdresser/barber in Widemarsh St. His paternal grandfather, Sid Wright, was recently featured in *Age To Age*.

### Home Early

IRENE Welch who lives in Ludlow thinks the picture of the Greenlands

staff party (August issue) was taken around 1958. "I was thrilled to see my then boyfriend and myself in the front on the right. I joined the staff at 15 in the dress making department. I was lucky to be able to go as my father was a very strict man — I had to be home by eleven thirty prompt."

### The YMCA

A haven for young people arriving in the big city, the Young Women's Christian Association lodgings stood in St Owens Street next door to the Perceval Hall. *Age To Age* member **Margaret Beare** recalls arriving there from Bromyard. You had to have a character reference to stay there — it was very old fashioned. You could not have any boy friends and you had to be back by 10.00 p.m. unless you were over 18 when you were allowed a key!"

### Missing Age To Age?

ALTHOUGH we printed extra copies, some organisations missed theirs. If you missed out, drop us a line. And sorry — there was no tape this time round. Hopefully we will have two issues on the next tape recording.



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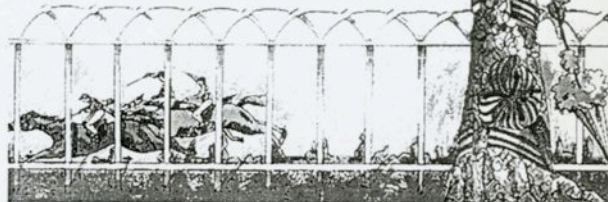
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## That Lost Pub

MANY readers recalled the Anglers Inn in Union Street including **Vera Handley** of Whitecross, **Gron Williams** from Venns Lane, **Jane Woodward** of Kings Acre, **Maud Owens** and **Marian** and **Reg Prosser**, both of Westfaling Street, **Alan Wayman** from Holmer Manor Close and **Mrs Harman** from Queensway. "It was in Union Street where the Marches restaurant is now," wrote **Ann Morgan** from Ferrers Street.

**Daphne Tillam** from Burnham, former landlady at the Royal George in Widemarsh Street, couldn't recall the location of the Anglers, but well remembered the drayman. "Ben Witherstone was our drayman at the George and I'm sure the white horse was Duke and the gray he used to have was Prince. Jane Woodward, who was born at the Orange Tree in Hereford also remembered Duke and Prince and Gron Williams confirmed that the horses worked the streets of Hereford until 1960 or 1961 and were eventually sold to a local farm. "Ben Witherstone's pet call used to be: 'Fill 'em Tillam'," says Daphne. "That was the cue for me to go and move the furniture in the kitchen for him to get in with the beer — the cellar head was in the middle of the kitchen."

Ann Morgan remembered the landlord at the Anglers in 1960 as Doug Prosser.

She also recalled the County Theatre. "When I was at school, my friends and I called at The Theatre and asked if the actors would autograph the programmes for us. I didn't realise until years later how they would become famous — Arthur Lower, his wife Joanne Cooper, Richard Leech, Christopher Bond and Ian Cunningham."

**Maud Andrews** (formerly Owens) remembered when the Gordon family ran the Anglers Inn. "My mother worked there. As far as I can remember her wedding was there. My mum's maiden name was Agness May Phillips and dad was William Charles Owens. He was wounded in the Battle of the Somme in France. I was six months old. My dad was brought back to Hereford and nursed by Mrs Diamond at her home, Hampton Grange (at the time Mr Diamond owed the Hereford Times and it was printed in Maylord Street). "My dad passed away when I was two. Mother had six children to look after. I never heard her grumble. But she did love us but it always makes me feel sad when I think of what she had to go through."

**A.J. Meek** from Bolstone guessed, wrongly, that the Anglers Inn was once known as Bulmers Vaults at 3, Widemarsh Street. Now where was that one?

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