# **Coalville Times - July 1913**

# Friday July 4th 1913 (Issue 1115)

#### **Local News**

The New Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev T. W. Walters, writes a letter of greeting in the current 'Parish Magazine' and expresses the hope that with the active co-operation and sympathy and prayers of the congregation the work of the church will flourish. The church wardens also express thanks to the congregation for their loyalty during the trying time through which the church has passed during the last six months.

# Stableford's Trip

About 700 people went by Messrs Stableford's workmen's trip to Blackpool on Saturday. The train left from Coalville at 3:30 am and the return journey was accomplished about four o'clock on Sunday morning. The weather, though somewhat dull, kept fine and the trippers had a good day. About 300 had extension tickets.

**The Wake** - The annual wake has been observed this week, various shows being congregated on land off Church Lane. There was a large number of visitors on Monday night.

**Band Concert** – The Whitwick Holy Cross Band on Sunday night, under the direction of Bandmaster Egan, gave a sacred concert in the White Horse yard, and it was listened to by a large and appreciative crowd.

**Foot Race** – Considerable interest was taken in a foot race on the recreation ground at the back of the Kings Arms Inn on Monday, between Samuel Williamson and Jack Bonser. Williamson received seven yards start in 120 and was the winner.

**Women's Club** – The women's five shilling club at the Three Crowns Hotel had their annual tea on Monday. Mr W. G. Musson being the caterer. There were 37 present and Mrs Ann Hull, the secretary, paid out a dividend of 11s 1d per member.

**Pound Club** – The female members of the £1 club held their annual tea at the Three Horseshoes Inn on Tuesday, when Mr Joseph Burton provided a good spread. The members pay contributions and have a draw when the fund reach £1. The male members are having their annual dinner next Saturday.

**King's Arms Clubs** – The members of the Old Coalfield Lodge of Oddfellows held at the King's Arms had their annual dinner on Saturday, about 60 being admirably catered for by Mr A. J. Smith. Mr Albert Limb presided and a toast list was gone through after dinner, while songs were given by Messrs F. Hall, H. Garratt, J. Middleton and others. Mr T. Moore is secretary of the lodge.

The members of the 5s club held at the King's Arms did not have a dinner as usual this year, but on Monday, the secretary, Mr Wm Benistone, paid out the dividend of 4s 3d per member.

At the King's Arms on Tuesday, the members of the women's 5s club had their annual tea. The dividend amounting to 11s 10d per member was paid out by the secretary, Mrs Smith.

**Five Shilling Club** – The club held at the Castle Inn, held their annual dinner on Saturday evening last, when about 40 sat down to a capital repast, well served by Host and Hostess Griffin. On the removal of the cloths the Rev M. J. O'Reilly presided. The balance sheet was read by the chairman, and showed that there were 57 members, and total receipts £138 18s 6d. The expenditure amounted to £21 7s 2d, and a dividend of 6s 9d was declared. The secretarial duties of the year had been satisfactorily performed by Mr G. H. Stanyard, and the auditors of the accounts were Messrs F. Parker and E. Rewhorne. The dividend having been paid out, it was announced that 44 members had enrolled for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed: President, Mr Thos. Kenny,

secretary, Mr G. H. Stanyard; treasurer, Mr P. Griffin; and committee, Messrs Geo. Thirlby, Samuel Burton, B. O'Mara, T. Lander, J. Lakin, E. Rewhorne, and T. W. Harris. Mr J. J. Sharp wrote regretting his inability to be present, and enclosed a donation. The chairman gave "The King and Queen and Royal Family", which was received with musical honours. "The Army and Navy" was also well received, after which Mr J. Kelly proposed, "Success to the Castle Five Shilling Club." "The Host and Hostess" was put from the chair, Mr P. Griffin responding.

The reverend chairman having to leave, Mr T. W. Harris was unanimously voted to the chair for the rest of the evening. The musical part of the programme was provided by Mr Wardle, (Hugglescote, violinist), Mr Stanyard, Mr T. Wilson, and Mr Pat Allen, the latter giving a clever step dance. The chairman read a telegram from Messrs Wells, Kegworth, announcing a subscription to the funds. Mr P. Griffin proposed "The Chairman" to which Mr Harris responded, and in doing so referred to the celebration of the coming jubilee of Father O'Reilly next Saturday. "The Press" was given from the chair and suitably acknowledged.

# Whitwick licenses to go. Compensation Authority's Decision

The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority of Leicestershire took place at the Castle, Leicester, on Monday afternoon. Members of the authority present were Ald. T. Cope (in the chair), Mr R. Dalgliesh, Rev C. T. Moore, Mr S. F. Stone, Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Major Hopton, Major Hatchett, Mr B. Hurst, Rev J. P. Seabrooke. The Recorder of Leicester, (Mr Marston Buszard K.C.) was also accommodated with a seat on the Bench.

#### **Ashby Division**

In reference to the beer-on license of the Royal George, Whitwick, Bindley and Co. of Burton, being the owners, and Harry Ward, the licensee. – Supt Lockton said it was an old tumble-down place, and the license was unnecessary. The renewal was refused, and the license sent for compensation.

The Beaumont Arms, Whitwick, a full license: owners Hanson and Co. Kimberley, licensee Thomas Allen. – Supt Lockton said the license was not necessary, and that the premises were not entirely suitable. The renewal was refused and the license sent for compensation.

# Do you Know

That at the Whitwick Colliery Co.'s land sale at the Masonic Hall on Monday night, three plots near Hermitage Hotel, were privately sold to Mr Vesty, fruiterer of Whitwick, and another plot on the Bardon Road to Mr A. B. Moss?

That the new Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev T. W. Walters is announced to preach at Whitwick for the first time on Sunday next?

That Mr Stephen Latham, for some years the manager of the Whitwick branch shop of the Coalville Co-operative Society has been promoted to the position of manager of the Central Stores in Coalville?

That £30 has now been received towards the £35 required for the erection of a children's window in Whitwick Church?

#### **Coalville Police Court**

To-day Friday – Before Rev C. T. Moore (in the chair) Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr J. W. West, and Mr W. Sheffield.

## **Bad Language**

Frederick Williams, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on June 21st. Defendant did not appear. P.S. Betts gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

#### Two months for Whitwick Collier

Frederick Bryan, collier, Whitwick, was charged with stealing a bicycle, value 30s, the property of Messrs Holland Brothers, show proprietors, at Whitwick, on June 30th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock stated that at 11:45 pm he was on duty on the foot road leading from Brooks Lane to Church Lane, when he saw the prisoner trying to put a bicycle over some iron rails. Witness asked him who the bicycle belonged to, and he said "It is mine." Witness arrested him on suspicion of stealing it and cautioned him. He replied, "I had it from the feast ground. I shall have something better than this yet. I have done, and shall again. It is so easy to steal a bicycle." The bicycle was the property of Holland Bros. and was worth 30s. Witness conveyed defendant to the Coalville Police Station, where he was detained by Inspector Pegg. Prisoner was sentenced to two months hard labour.

# Sports News Skittles

#### Whitwick Liberal Club V Hathern Liberal Club

At Whitwick on Saturday, the visitors gaining an easy victory. 194 to 225

#### **Whitwick Liberal Club**

A.Beers, T. Kelly, A. Cooper, C. Meakin, T. Cooper, W. Burton, F. Richards, P. Costeloe, J. Ottey, S. Billings, H. Stretton, G. Jessop.

#### **Hathern Liberal Club**

W. Mitchell, S. Watts, H. Berrington, H. W. Kelham, W. Spencer, J. Moody, E. Ward, H. Bowley, E. Barker, H. Gamble, F. Moody, J. H. Spencer.

# Births, Marriages and Deaths Wedding at Whitwick

A pretty wedding took place with nuptial mass at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Monday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Agnes McKenna, of the Stud Farm, Bardon Hill, and Mr Harry Birtles, of Manchester. Father O'Reilly officiated, in the presence of a good number of friends. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Charles McKenna, was charmingly attired in a dress of ivory satin with a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a pretty shower bouquet of carnations. Miss Rose McKenna, (sister), was bridesmaid and she wore a pretty pale blue dress and hat to match and carried a bouquet of lilies, which, with a gold bangle, was the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr James Clarke, of Manchester, officiated as best man. Miss Harris presided at the organ and played suitable selections, including Mendelsshon's Wedding March. The choir were present and the hymns included, "Come Holy Ghost" and "Jesus my only thought of thee."

A reception was held at the Bardon Stud farm and during the afternoon the happy pair left for Glasgow, en route for Dunoon, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a saxe blue costume and hat to match. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

## **Burial**

Berridge - At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Walter Berridge, aged 29 years of Meadow Lane.

# **Friday July 11th 1913 (Issue 1116)**

#### **Local News**

The New Vicar – The new Vicar, the Rev T. W. Walters, M.A., commenced his duties in the parish on Sunday, conducting three services during the day. There was a crowded congregation in the evening.

We understand that several alterations and repairs are to be carried out at the Vicarage before the rev. gentleman takes up his residence there and meanwhile he is staying with Mr H. T. Bastard.

# Sports News Cricket Whitwick Holy Cross V Shepshed Town

This match on the Hermitage Road ground resulted in an easy win for the cup-holders, though it was a low scoring match. Shepshed, who batted first, made a poor show at the start, losing six wickets for 42 runs but J. T. Cooke played a fine innings, carrying his bat for 30, and a total of 87 was reached. S. Briers took five wickets for 26 runs, P. Massey 3 for 15 and J. W. Orton 2 for 11. Whitwick had a good opportunity even then, but gave a feeble batting display. They were seven wickets down for 14 runs and 9 for 25, the last wicket carrying the score to 39. J. T. Pauley bowled six maidens in 15 overs and took four wickets for 12 runs. E. Needham had 3 for 16 and Wright one for none. J. Bottrill batted right through the Whitwick innings for 8 runs.

#### Births, Marriages and Deaths Death of Mrs O. Burton

The death occurred on Monday night, of Mrs Burton, the wife of Mr Oliver Burton, of Leicester Road. The deceased was a well-known church worker, always taking an active part at teas and other social events connected with the church. She had made herself most useful in this respect and will be much missed. Much sympathy is felt for Mr Burton in his bereavement. Deceased was 65 years of age.

# **Friday July 18th 1913 (Issue 1117)**

## Local News Visit of Women Unionists

The annual outing of the Barrow-on-Soar Women's Unionist and Conservative Association took place on Saturday afternoon, when about sixty members journeyed by brakes to St. Joseph's, near Whitwick, the residence of Mrs Cramp. Visits were paid to the Monastery and other places of interest.

# Camp Meeting.

The annual camp meeting services in connection with the P.M. Church were held in Sunday last. Morning service was held in a field in the Hall Lane, conducted by Messrs Stanley, Swannington, Foster, Ibstock, Anderson, Markfield, and Perkins, Coalville. In the afternoon, a mission was held, also a service in the field, and in the evening service was held in the chapel. The services were all fairly well attended, collections being taken on behalf of the trust funds.

# **Unionists Outing**

The members of the recently re-organised Whitwick Unionist Association, of which Mr E. M. P. de Lisle is president, had an enjoyable outing to Beaumanor and Woodhouse on Saturday. A good number were conveyed by brakes and the party had an excellent tea at the Manor House Hotel, Quorn. A visit was paid to Loughborough, where they were met by the agent, Mr A. E. Seymour, and on the return journey a call was made at Shepshed. At the Conservative club there the steward, committee and secretary made them most welcome, and games of skittles, etc were indulged in. Mr H. G. W. Howe, chairman of the association, accompanied the party and the arrangements were excellently carried out by the new and energetic hon. secretary, Mr W. D. McCarthy. The event was so successful that it is intended to arrange another on a large scale, in conjunction with the women Unionists shortly.

# **Parish Church**

At the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday evening, the new Vicar in the course of his sermon made appropriate reference to the deaths of Mrs O Burton and Mr Robert Clarke. The organist, Mr R. West, played the Death March in Saul. There was a large congregation.

## The Boy Scouts

A social and dance were held at High Tor (Mr Hallam's) on Saturday evening in aid of the camp fund of the Whitwick Boy Scouts. About 100 were present, and a capital programme was given by the Coalville Pansy Pierrot Troupe. Mr Ratcliffe played for dancing, and Scoutmaster Perry and Mr H. Haywood were the M.C.'s . Fourteen of the senior scouts including Scoutmaster Perry are going to Holland with the Leicester Scouts for the August holiday week, and the junior scouts will go into camp at Finney Hill near Shepshed.

# Do you Know

That about a dozen Whitwick Boy Scouts are going to camp in Holland during August Bank Holiday week. That they will be entertained, with other Leicestershire Scouts, by the Scouts of Holland who, in return, are to pay a visit to England?

That the Whitwick Church bellringers propose attempting a full peal of grandsire triples tomorrow?

# **Coalville Police Court**

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale, and Mr W. Lindley.

#### **Damage by Juveniles**

Samuel Wardle, Samuel Clarke, Jos. Roberts, and Thomas Roberts, schoolboys, Whitwick, were summoned by Charles Peach, farmer, of Whitwick, for wilful and malicious damage to a wall to the amount of 5s, the property of Charlotte Jesson, at Whitwick, on July 11th. Clarke did not appear and the other boys pleaded not guilty. Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, who appeared to prosecute, said that last year £40 was spent on repairing the wall at Holly Hayes, which was constantly being pushed down. The case was brought as a warning. P.C. Grewcock said he caught the defendants in the act of pushing the stones off the wall, for a distance of about four yards. Charles Peach, Holly Hayes Wood, deposed as to the damage.

The chairman said the magistrates did not wish to record a conviction against the boys, though they had told an untruth in saying they did not do it. If they or anyone else offended again they would be severely dealt with. The parents were ordered to pay the costs and damage 9s each.

# **Bad Language**

Sophia Bradley, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 12th. Sergt. Betts gave the facts, and the defendant who did not appear, was fined 2s 6d, and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Fanny Hall, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on July 12th. P.C. Grewcock stated the case. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

# Sports News Cricket

# Whitwick Holy Cross V Markfield Town

At Whitwick on Saturday, Markfield won after scoring 39 all out and then dismissing Whitwick for 30, no one in the Whitwick team making double figures. The Whitwick team were :

B. Stanyard, A. Scholfield, A. Richardson, J. Massey, J. Botterill, S. Briers, J. Newell, P. Massey, M. Noon, J. W. Orton and W. Stanyard.

# Births, Marriages and Deaths Burials

Clarke – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Robert Clarke, aged 56 years, of Castle Street.

# Friday July 25th 1913 (Issue 1118)

## Local News Parish Church

The preachers on Sunday, were, the Rev O. Strickland, of Hugglescote, in the morning, and the Rev R. P. Farrow of Bardon, in the evening. It is understood that the new vicar is taking up his residence at the Vicarage this week.

# **Sunday School Treat**

The children of the Whitwick P.M. Sunday School were conveyed in brakes to Woodhouse Eaves, on Saturday, having tea on arrival. The outing proved very enjoyable.

#### B.W.T.A.

The members of this association had a garden party yesterday at Hervey Woods, the residence of Mr J. H. Stinson. About 50 had tea on the lawn and at a meeting at which Mrs Hartshorne presided, an address was given by Mrs Coltman of Loughborough, and there were two solos by Miss L. Evans and a recitation by Mrs Stinson.

# Women Unionists Gathering at Whitwick Open Air Social.

The Coalville and Whitwick Women's Unionist Association (Loughborough) division held an open air social in the grounds adjourning the Whitwick Conservative Club on Wednesday, when there was a good attendance.

The proceedings opened with a meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon at which Mr J. H. Robinson presided and he was supported by Mrs Booth of Gracedieu Manor, (president of the Association), Mrs J. J. Sharp (chairman of the Association), Mrs Burkitt, Mrs Wiggins, (hon. secretary), and Miss Katherine Shaw, of Westminster.

The chairman explained the object of the gathering and said it was to place before the ladies the views of the Unionist party, by a lady speaker, Miss Shaw. With regard to the aims of the Association, it was to uphold their country and their religion. With reference to the latter he urged that the women had more to lose than the men, and they should see to it that the religion of the country was maintained. He referred to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill whereby the Government proposed to rob the church of its endowments. The country was awakening, as the bye-elections showed, and he hoped that it would enable them to arrest such ill-considered legislation.

Miss Shaw said it was always a pleasure for her to assist Associations in the Loughborough Division, for their organisation was in the van. She found that many members were anxious to do all they could for the cause but they did not know what to do and were timid of launching out in the effort of gaining converts. But they should do that if they cared anything. If a member did not gain one convert a year then she was not doing her duty. In fact, each member should seek to gain two converts a year and then they would soon make substantial progress. She proceeded to explain methods whereby they could tackle their own friends and gain them over as converts. A good many women did not know what was meant by politics. They required to be shown that politics was the science of Government and that Government rightly administered was the greatest good for the greatest number. The more authority they had, the less was their liberty, the more liberty they had, the less authority they had. Germany went in for authority, authority everywhere, whilst in France they went to the other extreme. In England, they tried to strike the happy medium. Proceeding, she said that if they looked at Home Rule for Ireland, and Welsh disestablishment from the standard of the greatest good for the greatest number, these measures would have to go overboard. All other questions palled before the Poverty Problem. They were regarded as a rich country and the dwellings of the workers were much more comfortable than those in some other European countries, yet there were many who lived in poverty.

The Insurance Act was supposed to be an attempt to solve the Poverty Problem, but did it. She found wherever she went that there was a feeling it did more harm in one way than good in others. In the

Insurance Act they had an example of authority going too far. Miss Shaw proceeded to combat the Socialist idea of State control of industries, as a solution of the Poverty Problem. The liberty of the subject under such a scheme would be so interfered with that life would be intolerable. If they read history thoughtfully and carefully they could not help coming to the conclusion that England was what she was because of her self-reliance, and anything that interfered with that was to the detriment of the country and the race. Mrs Sharp, in moving a vote of thanks said it was not the first time she had had the pleasure of hearing Miss Shaw. She agreed that they should all do their part in the work, if only a little. Their first duty was to their home, but they could all do something. Mrs Pickering seconded and it was heartily carried. Mrs Burkitt moved and Mrs Wiggins seconded a vote of thanks to Mr Robinson for presiding and this was heartily received. Miss Shaw responding, said that since her last visit she had been greatly interested the Association which had such excellent success.

Mr Robinson also responded, and said he was always ready to do what he could because he realised the importance of the women's mission. She might not have the vote and probably did not want it. She had a more important work in the home. Miss Shaw expressed the appreciation of the company at the presence among them of Mrs Booth.

The chairman announced that tea would be provided in the gymnasium by kind permission of the Rt. Hon Charles Booth. Over 100 sat down. After tea the Whitwick Holy Cross Band played on the lawn for dancing, and a whist drive took place in the gymnasium, the idea of holding it in the open being abandoned as the weather was rather cold. Mr J. H. Robinson acted as M.C. and the prize winners were, **Ladies**: 1st a cruet, Miss W. North, 2nd a jam spoon and sugar sifter, Miss L. Henson, consolation, Mrs Jelley. **Gents**: 1st pipe in case, Mrs Robinson (playing as a gentlemen), 2nd walking stick, Mr F. Glynn, consolation Mr Popple.

The prizes were presented by Mrs Burkitt, to whom a vote of thanks was passed on the proposition of Mr Robinson, and a similar vote to the latter, for his help, proposed by Mrs Wiggins, was also carried.

Mrs Wiggins (secretary) and a committee ably carried out the arrangements.

## **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, Mr H. J. Ford, and Mr B. G. Hale.

#### **Drink List**

Thomas Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 12th. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 7s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Herbet Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 6th.

P.C. Grewcock proved the case. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

John Fewkes, carter, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 3rd. He pleaded guilty and evidence was given by P.C. Jones. Fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 7 days.

James Newell, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 5th. P.C. Jelley proved the case in the absence of the defendant who was fined 5s 6d and 11s 6d costs or 7 days.

Thomas Fisher, labourer, of no fixed abode, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 17th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant told him he should not go away for all the police in the county, adding, "I have killed better policemen than you and eaten them before breakfast. I wish we had you in Whitechapel." Supt. Lockton said the defendant was a stranger to the district. Defendant said he came from Birmingham. Fined 5s 6d and costs 9s 6d or 7 days.

# Whitwick Will Case Ashby Judge reserves decision

A dispute in connection with a Whitwick will came before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood at the Ashby County Court on Thursday last week. The plaintiffs were Frederick John Selby, joiner 18, Conway Street, Nottingham, John Wm Underwood, commercial traveller, 7 St. Saviours Road, Nottingham, Ellizabeth Underwood, wife of the latter, Fanny Selby, wife of F. J. Selby. Sarah Marriott, wife of John Marriott, 29 Warsop Vale, Mansfield, and Clara Ann Williamson, wife of George Williamson, Brooks Lane, Whitwick.

The defendants to the action were Mary Ann Adams, widow, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, Gertrude Fanny Farmer, wife of Arthur Farmer, Moira Road, Woodville, Amelia Topley, wife of Reuben Topley, of the Turks Head Inn Ashby, Maud Adams, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, and Florence Adams, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, spinsters.

The case had reference to a document purporting to be a will made by Thomas Adams of Whitwick, who died on July 13th 1886, disposing of eight cottages for the benefit of his wife during her widowhood, and children.

Dr T. Lindley, of Nottingham, instructed by Messrs Simpson and Lee, solicitors, Nottingham, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr H. J. Taylor, of Fisher Jesson and Co. Ashby appeared for the defendants. The application of Dr Lindley was to insert in the conveyance words creating the life estate into a free simple. Mr Taylor opposed the application on the ground that the Court had no power to make the alteration and, after considerable legal argument His Honour said he would reserve judgement.

#### **Market Bosworth Police Court**

Wednesday – Before Mr F. E. A. Woolaston (in the chair), Mr H. Harrington-Hulton, Mr R. Hanmer and Mr W. Eggington.

#### **Rate Case**

George Whyles, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to pay poor rates at Bagworth, Thomas Smith, assistant overseer, being the complainant, and the usual order was made.

# Sports News Miniature Rifle Shooting Coalville Beaumont V Whitwick

Members of these clubs met in a North Leicestershire League match on Saturday, when Beaumont proved themselves superior at all points and in the aggregate won by 96. The conditions were seven shots each at 50 yards deliberate, 50 yards attack, and 25 yards disappearing man.

The Whitwick team were: F. Wilson, C. A. Pegg, F. Smith, J. Parker, S. Perry and B. Williams. The Coaville team were: T. Lashmore, C. W. H. Gutteridge, G. H. Irons, R. W. Roberts, F. W. Watts and G. Clay.

## Skittles Hathern V Whitwick

Played at Hathern on Saturday, the home team winning by 32 pins.

Hathern Liberal Club team: W. Mitchell, H. Berrington, E. Barker, W. Melbourne, W. Moody, J. Moody, H. W. Kelham, E. Ward, W. Spencer, H. Gamble, A. Moody, J. H. Spencer.

Whitwick Liberal Club team: J. Frearson, F. Sear, P. Costelow, W. Burton, A. Cooper, J. Beeson, S. Boot, F. Richardson, J. Ottey, J. Stretton, G. Jessop, H. Stretton.

# Accompanying Notes to the July Articles July 4th

There is mention of groups / lodges of 'Oddfellows' and 'Friendly Socities' who are holding meetings and paying out money to members throughout the year. These organisations were set up for the protection and care of their members and communities before there was a National Health Service, welfare state, trade unions and the lack of personal or public insurance. These were non-profit organisations owned by their members and with the income being passed back to the members in the form of services and benefits. In many cases this was the only way families could protect themselves against illness, injury or death. The Oddfellows also were fundraisers for local charities and local causes.

## July 25th Women Unionists

The Conservative Party comes from a faction of the 18th century Whig Party. From about 1812 the name 'Tory' was also commonly used. In 1886 the party formed an alliance with the new Liberal Unionist Party and held power for nearly twenty years before suffering a heavy defeat in 1906 with a split over the issue of free trade. In 1912, the Liberal Unionists finally merged with the Conservative party. It aggressively sought women, often relying on patriotic themes.

#### Welsh Disestablishment Bill

The aim of the bill was to both disestablish and disendow the 'Church in Wales', the term that was used to define the part of the Church of England which was to be separated. Disestablishment meant the end of the Church's special legal status and this would mean the end to Welsh bishops no longer being entitled to sit in the House of Lords, and that tithes paid to the Church would no longer be available, leaving it without a major source of income. Disendowment would mean that the endowments of the Church in Wales were partially confiscated and given to local authorities.