

Coalville Times – November 1913

Friday November 7th 1913 (Issue 1133)

Local News

Public Notices

Samuel W. Billings, of 65 Leicester Road, Whitwick, do hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Bertha Billings, in Whitwick, or surrounding villages after this date:

November 4th 1913 (signed) Samuel W. Billings.

Stack Fire near Coalville

Shortly after ten o'clock on Wednesday night, the Coalville Fire Brigade received a call to a stack fire off Pickering Wood Lane, in the parish of Whitwick. Captain Elsworth and his men promptly responded and it was found that a large stack, containing 14 or 15 tons of hay belonging to Mr S. Topliss, was well alight. Some difficulty was experienced in getting a water supply, the hose having to be taken across fields, but the efforts of the brigade were successful in saving a good part of the stack. The brigade were engaged until about half past nine yesterday morning.

Boy's Death

The death occurred somewhat suddenly on Tuesday morning about 7.30 of George Arthur Parker, aged 4 years and six months, the son of Chas. Hy. Parker, a carter, of Leicester Road, Whitwick. He had not been well for a day or two, but his death was quite unexpected. The facts were reported to the Mr H. J. Deane, Coroner, who did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

Whitwick Protection Association

The annual dinner of the Whitwick and District Association for the Protection of Persons and Property, one of the oldest institutions in the district, having been formed nearly 70 years ago, was held on Monday at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, Whitwick. A company of 75 gentlemen partook of the excellent fare provided by Mr J. A. Waterfield. After dinner, the chair was occupied by the president, Dr. J. S. Hamilton, of Coalville, who submitted the usual loyal toast, which was well received.

Mr J. W. Peters of Thringstone, the secretary presented the balance sheet, showing that after meeting all liabilities, the Association had a balance in hand of a little over £12. Several new members were enrolled. Dr. Hamilton was unanimously re-elected president, as was the vice-president, Mr T. Carter, of Thringstone, and the secretary Mr J. W. Peters, and treasurer, Mr W. T. Williams, of the Coalville branch of the London City and Midland Bars, were also re-elected. The re-election of Mr J. J. Sharp as solicitor to the Association, was also unanimous.

A committee of twelve gentlemen representative of the area covered by the Association was elected as follows: Messrs J. Gutteridge, E. Parramore, G. Bramwell, Coalville; C. Spencer, Thornborough; A. J. Gough, Swannington; H. G. W. Howe, E. Hull, P. W. Griffin, Whitwick; J. Billings, Osgathorpe; W. Walker, Ibstock; G. H. Hallam, Thringstone; and F. Griffin, Hugglescote. Other toasts included "Success to the Association", and "The Chairman". Songs were given by various members of the company, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Whitwick Widows Accident

Fall downstairs with lighted lamp

Residents in Talbot Street, Whitwick, were alarmed on Saturday night, shortly before 9 o'clock, by shrieks proceeding from a house occupied by a widow named Mrs Slattery. On a neighbour entering the house, she was then found in her kitchen in flames, having fallen down the stairs whilst carrying a

lighted lamp, and this had set the poor woman's clothing alight. The neighbour's prompt action in beating out the flames with his cap undoubtedly saved the woman's life. P.C.'s Grewcock and Jelley rendered first aid, and Dr. Vaughan subsequently attended the injured woman, who is 64 years of age. Her left arm from fingers to shoulder was badly burned, as was the right forearm and left side of the body.

Do you know

That Mr T. W. Bourne of Whitwick, has been elected vice-president of the Loughborough and District Baptist Union?

That the Whitwick Protection Association propose to hold their annual dinner next year at the Fox and Goose Hotel, at 4 o'clock instead of 1.30 pm as hitherto?

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr William Sheffield, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban District Council held at Coalville, on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood, (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, F. Griffin, S. Armson, S. P. Matterson, B. J. Hale, J.P., with the clerk Mr T. E. Jesson; surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst; and gas works manager, Mr J. W. Eagles; and three or four ratepayers.

Plans

The report of a meeting of the Plans Committee stated that the following plans were recommended for approval; Motor Garage, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Messrs Coleman and Sons; alteration to cottage, Holly Hayes, for Whitwick Granite Co. Ltd, workshop and stores, Ellistown, for Mr H. Blythe; and store room, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Mr G. Rogers. Mr George Henson of Belvoir Road, Coalville, was reported to have erected a wooden building and failed to present plans after repeated application therefore, and the committee recommend he be given seven days in which to show cause why legal proceedings should not be taken against him. At a subsequent meeting of the committee the following plans were recommended for approval, Bank Buildings, Belvoir Road, Coalville, for the Nottingham and Notts Bank Ltd., and houses, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr J. H. Adkin. (Mr Perry moved the adoption of the report which was carried).

Highway Committee Report

The Surveyor produced the plans of the proposed improvement at Pares Hill, Whitwick, and after consideration thereof, the Committee recommend the Whitwick members report thereon at the next meeting of the committee. – The clerk read correspondence with the owners of property at the corner of Silver Street and Market Place, Whitwick, with reference to the acquiring by the Council of a strip of land for improvement purposes, and the Committee recommended the Clerk write and ascertain what terms they would allow the Council to construct a dwarf wall and place thereon palisades. The Committee considered the question of the erection of a convenience at the Dumps, Whitwick, and recommended the clerk write Mr J. Clarke of Leicester Road, and enquire on what terms and for what period he would lease the Council a site therefore.

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair), Mr J. W. West and Mr B. G. Hale.

Colliery Official Assaulted

Edward Walker, 36, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Edward Wallam, a colliery deputy, at Whitwick, on November 1st. Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) appeared to prosecute and Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) was for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Mr H. J. Deane (Loughborough) held a watching brief for the Leicestershire Miners Association. Mr Crane said the defendant worked in the same district in the Whitwick pit over which complainant had charge, and the assault arose out of the complainant having to report the defendant to the manager for a breach of the colliery rules.

Complainant, who had a black eye, said he lived at Whitwick and was employed as deputy at No. 6 Whitwick pit on night duty. On the night of October 24th, he had occasion to speak to the defendant as to not properly doing his duty and defendant was to have appeared before the manager on the following day, but he did not attend. He was before the manager with complainant, however on November 1st. When he had left the office and was near the colliery gate, defendant called him and said, "You are a ---- little rogue" and complainant replied, "I expect I am." Defendant then said, "I have a ---- good mind to give you a punch in the mouth," and thereupon struck him a blow in the eye. They closed and there was a struggle. No one else was present till two coal-drawers came out of the pit yard a few minutes later. Proceeding, complainant said he told the defendant he should make him pay for it. He had to be attended by Dr. Vaughan. He had previously had trouble with the defendant who on former

occasions had threatened him. Mr Jesson objected to this evidence. Mr Crane submitted that evidence as to threats preceding an assault was permissible. Mr Jesson said there should be a separate summons for threats. The Bench ruled that the evidence could be given as it led up to the assault.

Complainant said that some weeks ago he had occasion to send a man back and the defendant said that if he had him on the top he would make a good lad of him. He had threatened him on other occasions. By Mr Jesson : He went once to Dr. Vaughan. He was not off work at all through the assault. He got a few blows in after he was struck. He had no bad feeling against the defendant whatsoever. He was not excitable. On no occasion had he called the defendant an 'idle d---'. Orders were sometimes written down and complainant could not read, but they were read out to him by his mates. The defendant had not helped him in that way. Furthering answering Mr Jesson, complainant said he told the manager defendant had no catch prop set and defendant replied that he had to set a bar. Complainant told the manager that defendant came to his work each night drunk and could not get on with his mates. It was his duty to report the defendant if he knew he was drunk. He did not know that defendant had worked at the Whitwick pit for seven years. He was not aware that defendant gave in his notice because he could not work under a man like him (complainant). He was not waiting for the defendant when the assault took place. Defendant said something to him about the Bible and speaking the truth, but complainant did not strike him first. He was not aware that defendant had been a teetotaler for five months.

By Mr Crane : This was not the only occasion that he had sent the defendant before the manager. Mr Crane asked that in view of what had been suggested took place at interview with the manager, the Bench would adjourn the case for an hour to allow him to send for Mr Hay. The Bench did not consider this necessary.

James Smith, carter, Swannington, said he saw Wallam and Walker hugging one another in the hedge bottom. He heard Wallam say, "Loose me." Witness watched the fight to the finish. Walker was the biggest and had the longest reach and he got the best of it. Wallam said he should make him pay for it and Walker replied, "You ought to have had it before."

By Mr Jesson : They went at it hard and fast for a few minutes. George Thomas Smythe, of Club Row, an on setter at the Whitwick Colliery, said that some six or eight weeks ago he remembered trouble between the parties. He was at the pit bottom and heard Walker threaten Wallam because he had sent him back. Walker said if he had Wallam at the top he would make a good lad of him. Witness had worked at the pit for five years.

By Mr Jesson : Wallam approached him on Wednesday night, as to giving evidence and witness had had no occasion to recall the incident apart from that. This was the case for the prosecution.

Mr Jesson said that from the way that Mr Crane had opened the case they might have imagined it was a charge of murder, but he submitted that it was only a miserable squabble between two workmen. Defendant had worked at the pit for seven years and had an excellent character. Defendant alleged that he was struck first and it was a case of oath and oath, and he (Mr Jesson) thought he was justified in asking the Bench for a dismissal. The defendant Walker said he had been engaged in pit work for 16 years and at Whitwick seven years. He had never been summoned before. About three months ago when he went to work one night he was given certain instructions by Wallam which he found were wrong. He went on with other work, and when Wallam came he started on him. Wallam

produced his paper of instructions and defendant read it and told him he was doing what was right. Wallam said he could not read and witness told him he ought not to hold that job then. Complainant had had it in for him ever since. Wallam told the manager he (defendant) went to his work every night drunk, which was untrue, it was also untrue he could not get on with his mates. The manager gave him the option of resuming work, but he said he could not work under Wallam. He alleged that complainant struck him first because he told him to go home and read the Bible and then tell Mr Hay the truth on Monday morning. He (defendant) retaliated when he was struck.

By Mr Crane : He had not had trouble with the day deputy. The under-manager, Smith, told him he could have his liberty at once or 14 days notice. It was his duty to obey the deputy, if possible. Mr Crane : Is it for you to question his orders?

Defendant : Yes, if I think it can't be done to be safe.

Mr Crane : Then if you don't agree with the orders, you don't carry them out?

The chairman said that had nothing to do with the assault. By Mr Jesson : A stallman was responsible for the safety of his stall.

The Bench considered the evidence so conflicting that they gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismissed the case.

(The article originally appeared in two parts, with the second half being printed the following week – it appears here in its entirety for clarity)

Summons

Thomas Price, 35, collier, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 24th.

John Baker, 51, rag and bone gatherer, of Whitwick, was charged with stealing an iron trough, value 2s 6d at Thringstone on October 14th.

Charles Cooper, 27, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 21st.

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 31st.

Thomas Cooper, 34, John Cooper, 32 and Thomas Edwards, 38, colliers, Whitwick, were charged with stealing six half-pint bottles containing ale, value one shilling, the property of Henry Ward, at Whitwick, on October 29th.

John Brotherhood, 49, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 25th.

Sports News Football

Coalville League

Whitwick Imperial, though at home, were quite unequal to the task of meeting Ellistown St. Christopher's, who scored nine goals to none and thus registering the biggest win of the day.

Whitwick's Goodbye to the English Cup

Whitwick Imperial had made good progress in the English Cup Competition, winning their matches with Leicester Imperial and Boston Town, but even the most sanguine of their supporters hardly expected them to succeed at Grantham on Saturday where they had to turn out against a team which is figuring well in the Central Alliance.

The Avenue won by four goals to none and though it was a fairly substantial margin the Whitwick club was by no means disgraced. From all accounts, the score was hardly a correct representation of the game, the Imperial making their opponents go all the way. The match was played in beautiful weather before a thousand spectators and for some time play was confined to mid-field, neither side displaying any particularly good form. The Whitwick forwards, possibly trying to make amends for their shortcomings of the previous week, were very energetic, but one or two good movements were spoiled by offside, Grantham also being penalised in a similar way. The first goal came through a miskick by one of the Whitwick backs, letting in Sharp, but almost directly afterwards, the Imperial should have got even again, Murdy having a lovely chance, which however, he failed to utilise. Both sides had exciting corners and just on the interval Caunt put through again for the Avenue.

After about ten minutes in the second half had elapsed, Caunt centred for Wadsley to head Grantham's third goal and two minutes later Sharp again did the trick. Whitwick made some good efforts, but were up against a strong defence which they failed to penetrate.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs Bonser

The death has occurred of Mrs Bonser, late licensee of the Forester's Arms Inn, Leicester Road, who was staying with her son at Burton-on-Trent. The deceased lady is the sister of Councillor S. Perry.

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Local News **Whist Drive**

A successful whist drive and dance were held at the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening. Mr W. McCarthy was the M.C. for the dance, and Mr Geo. Greasley, assisted by Father O'Reilly, for the whist drive. The winners respectively were:

Ladies: Miss Needham, Mrs G. Greasley and Miss Farrell (mystery).

Gents: Messrs Tebbett, Hardy and W. J. Cracknell (mystery).

Colliery Accident

An accident happened on Saturday to Mr C. W. Watts, of Thringstone, while engaged at his work on the bank at Whitwick new pit. He was engaged with the wagons under the screen when he was caught by a moving wagon, and appears to have had a miraculous escape. As it was he was rather badly hurt about the head and shoulders.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair), J. W. West and B. G. Hale.

Bad Language

John Brotherhood, 49, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 25th. P.C. Grewcock stated the case in the defendant's absence. Fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Charles Cooper, 27, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 1st. Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. P.C. Grewcock said he saw the defendant urging two dogs to fight and he was using very bad language. By Mr Jesson : A football match between Whitwick and Ellistown was proceeding in the next field, and Ellistown were winning. He always supported Whitwick and got a bit excited. He did not use the bad language attributed to him, and was not watching a dog fight in the next field. The chairman said the

defendant had been fined three times this year. He was now fined 10s 6d and 12s costs or 14 days. Mr Jesson asked for time to pay. Defendant: I am a good customer. (Laughter). A week was allowed.

Drunk and Disorderly

Thomas Price, 35, collier, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 24th. He did not appear and the case was proved by P.C. Jelley, who said the man fell down several times as he was taking him home. Fined 7s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 31st. No appearance. On the evidence of P.C. Jones a fine of 5s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days was imposed.

Whitwick Collier's Foolish Conduct

Thomas Cooper, 34, John Cooper, 32, and Thomas Edwards, 38, colliers, Whitwick, were charged with stealing six half-pint bottles containing ale, value one shilling, the property of Henry Ward, at Whitwick, on October 29th. Mr T. H. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant's pleaded not guilty.

Rose Kate Ward, widow, of the Royal George Inn, Whitwick, stated that she went out about 1 o'clock to do some shopping. She locked the front door and left the back door on the drop latch. She returned between three and four o'clock, and found the back door open. Things were all upset in the bar and six small ale bottles were empty and two half empty. She reported the matter to Hy. Ward, the landlord.

By Mr Jesson : The bottles were not hidden at all. She was at the house by herself and had to go out shopping sometimes. On this occasion she was away three hours. The defendant Cooper had not helped as waiter. Rebecca Griffin, widow, residing next door to the Royal George, stated that about 3pm she saw the defendant's go into the house. P.C. Grewcock said he saw the men the following day and cautioned them. Thomas Cooper made a statement to the effect that having gone to the back of the premises to the convenience, and noticing the back door open, they went in. Nobody was there and they took six bottles of ale from the back of the counter and drank them. When he saw John Cooper, he told witness he had been expecting him. Thomas Cooper and Edwards were in the George when he saw them and they said they had come to pay.

Mr Jesson said the facts were admitted, but the defence was that there was no felonious intent. Defendants were regular customers at the house and were there for half an hour. There was no secrecy. They may have acted foolishly, but not feloniously. Mrs Ward, recalled, said that when the defendants came to the house next morning, they had not then been seen by the police. They seemed to treat it as a joke.

The chairman said the Bench did not think there was felonious intent, though defendants acted foolishly and impudently. No conviction was recorded, and defendants were ordered to pay 10s costs, the case being dismissed.

Three weeks for Theft

John Baker, 51, rag and bone gatherer, of Whitwick, was charged with stealing an iron trough, value 2s 6d at Thringstone on October 14th. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Chas. Henson, butcher, deposed to missing an iron pig trough from his premises. He reported it to Sergeant Betts, and later saw the trough at Briers' marine stores.

By Defendant : Witness had known him for many years, and had often sold him things.

By Supt. Lockton : He had not sold him that pig trough.

Alec White, collier, Thringstone, living next door, said the defendant called and bought some rags from him. He went up the garden when he left, and asked witness whose that piece of iron was. Witness told him he knew nothing about it. Defendant put it on his cart and took it away. Defendant said he gave the last witness a shilling which included the purchase of the iron.

Albert John Briers, marine store dealer, of Whitwick, said he gave defendant half-a-crown for the trough and some scrap. P.C. Betts deposed to seeing the prisoner and cautioning him, and he replied that he bought the trough from a man named White at Thringstone, giving him 1s for it. Defendant said he had been in Whitwick for nine years and had never stolen a thing.

He called Mr Briers to give him a character. Mr Briers said he could not say whether the man stole the trough or not. He did things when in beer. Witness did not employ him, but had bought things off him for the last seven or eight years. Defendant was sentenced to 21 days hard labour.

Sports News

Football

A report was received from C. H. Insley (referee) that Whitwick Imperial played a man short against Ibstock Albion on October 18th and Ibstock were 40 minutes late. Whitwick were fined 1s and Ibstock 2s.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

On Saturday, November 8th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, William Twigg, aged 40 years, of Green Lane, Whitwick.

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Local News

Tailor Summoned

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, Samuel Haywood, tailor, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart at Shepshed on November 11th. P.C. Wardle, who proved the case, said the defendant drove along Charnwood Road at a furious pace. Three children had narrow escapes. When he pulled up he fell out of the cart, and was unable to stand. Fined 20s or seven days.

Whist Drive

A whist drive took place in the National School on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts. There was a good attendance. Scoutmaster S. Perry was M.C., and the prize-winners were:

Ladies : 1st Mrs Haywood, New Swannington; 2nd Miss D. Foster, Whitwick; 3rd Miss Woodward, Packington.

Gents : 1st Mr Harper, Whitwick; 2nd Sergeant Stone, Whitwick; 3rd Mr Ward, Thringstone. Refreshments were provided.

Memorial Tablet unveiled at Whitwick

On Tuesday evening, at a special service in the Whitwick P.M. Church, the unveiling took place of a tablet erected in the church to the memory of the late Mr and Mrs James Whittaker. Mrs Whittaker having left a small legacy to the church conditionally upon this being done. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Whiting, who gave an address and a tribute was also paid by Mr J. Newbury, who had known both the deceased for many years. Mrs Whittaker had been a member of the class with Mr Newbury for 48 years, 30 years of which Mr Newbury has acted as leader.

Fatal Diphtheria at Whitwick

Sad Death of two Schoolmates

Diphtheria of a severe type has broken out at Whitwick within the last few days and has had a sad sequel in the deaths of two schoolboys, who were constant mates and attended the same school – the National School – at Whitwick.

They were George Hy. Lovell, aged nine years, and Walter Waterfield, aged 10 years, both residing in Leicester Road. The funeral of Lovell took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Saturday, and the boy Waterfield was buried there on Wednesday. Other cases in the same locality have been notified to the medical officer to the Coalville Urban District Council, Dr. R. W. Jamie, and the officers of the Council are trying to ascertain the cause of the outbreak and to arrest its spread.

Various rumours as to the cause of the disease are being circulated in the district, one being that the two unfortunate little boys caught the infection through playing with the decomposed body of a dog which they had found in a brook at Whitwick.

Do you know

That the Children's window in Whitwick Parish Church is to be dedicated on Sunday afternoon?

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair) Mr H. J. Ford, Mr W. Lindley and Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt.

Unlicensed Dog

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. P.C. Jelley proved the case. Fined 7s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

No Light

Albert Muggleston, collier, Belton, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Whitwick, on November 1st. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 1s and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Bad Language

Joseph Wesley and Edward Wesley, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 8th. Joseph Wesley pleaded not guilty, and the other defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said Joseph Wesley threatened to dash his brains out with a bottle when he spoke to him about his language. Defendant, giving evidence on oath, denied using the language. By Supt. Lockton : He and his brother were sober. There was no bother and no bottle smashing. He had never been summoned before and did not know the way to the court that morning (laughter). Previous convictions were proved. Defendants were each fined 2s 6d and costs 9s 3d or seven days with a good will.

Levi Robinson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 8th. He did not appear and P.C. Grewcock stated the case. Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Sports News **Football**

Whitwick's fine win

Whitwick Imperial had a red in pickle, for Loughborough Corinthians and used it to advantage on their visit to the neighbouring town on "fair" day. Though playing a Loughborough Cup match also, the

Imperial Committee pitted the strongest side against the Corinthians, and it is interesting to note that the new men included Sturman, late of Hugglescote United; Norton, a former Coalville Town player; and O. Lovett, of Quorn Havelock. Aubrey Sharp was called in at the last minute and also had a good hand in the victory.

Whitwick made the pace from the start but at the interval the score was one each. It looked as though the score was to remain at this, but in the last five minutes, Percy Wright – who played splendidly all through – dashed away and the cheers were deafening as he registered the winning goal with a terrific shot, for the big crowd included many Whitwick supporters to whom the fair, as well as the football match was an attraction. It was a great match and Whitwick are to be congratulated on their fine win.

Whitwick Beaten at Shepshed

The other Whitwick eleven was at Shepshed and were beaten by the Albion in a Loughborough Cup match, though it was only by the odd goal of five. The Albion opened the score through Simpkin and W. Moore equalised, while good play on the part of the Imperialists enabled them to cross over with a lead, having placed another goal to their credit.

In the second half, Simpkin did the trick again and Matts kicked the winner. Shepshed's second goal came from a penalty.

Births, Marriages and Deaths **Death of former Whitwick V.C.'s Widow**

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs Ashford, of Skinner's Lane, Whitwick, which occurred yesterday (Thursday) morning at her home. Mrs Ashford was the widow of the late Mr Thomas Ashford, the only postman V.C. in the country who was buried with military honours at Whitwick about a year ago. Mrs Ashford leaves two grown-up daughters. At the time of Mr Ashford's death there were rumours circulated that the widow had been offered fabulous sums for the Victoria Cross, but these reports were untrue.

Burials

Lovell – At Whitwick, on Saturday, George Hy. Lovell, aged 9 years, of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Waterfield – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Walter Waterfield, aged 10 years, of Leicester Road.

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Local News

Mr Alma Hall, formerly of Alma Villas, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, who went to Canada about two years ago, returned to Whitwick on Friday last owing to the severity of the Canadian winter. He has been working in Toronto in the building trade, with his son-in-law, Mr John McCarthy, son of Mr M. McCarthy, of New Swannington.

Property

Whitwick – to let. Lady Day, 4 acres land, or thereabouts, Talbot Street. Apply Mrs Norman, 25 Humberstone Gate, Leicester.

Rummage Sale

A rummage sale was held in the Wesleyan School on Saturday, organised by Mrs John Stinson. Over £2 was realised for the Wesleyan Foreign Missions.

Holy Cross Band

In connection with this band, a tea was held in the Holy Cross School on Saturday afternoon, over 150 being present. This number was doubled at a dance in the evening. The band was assisted by Sheshped friends and played for dancing. The proceeds were for the new instrument fund.

Social

On Wednesday evening a social was held in the Whitwick National School organised by the members of the Church Girl's Guild. Mr R. G. West played for dancing which was much enjoyed. The proceeds were for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial window proposed to be erected in the parish church.

At the church of St. John Baptist, Whitwick on Saturday last, November 22nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) 5040 changes was rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes. The bells were rung by Messrs. J. Harold Pegg, J. Cadle, E. Rands, P. Hadfield, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, G. Griffin and W. Fern. Conducted by Mr E. Rands. This peal was rung at fast pace, and the striking was excellent.

Chapel Anniversary

In connection with the Baptist chapel anniversary, special services were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. T. Adamson, of Castle Donington, and there good congregations. A baptismal service was held in the evening. Miss Maud Wheeldon nicely sang the solo, "Rock of Ages". A tea was held on Monday and in the evening a public meeting presided over by Mr A. West and addresses were given by the Revs. J. W. Campbell, of Ibstock, who spoke on "Communion with God", and the Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, on "They that know their God shall be strong and do exploits." Votes of thanks were passed on the motion of Mr O. Geary, seconded by Mr A. Aris. The proceeds were for the trust funds.

The Children's Window

Dedication at Whitwick Parish Church

Interest in the anniversary services in aid of the Sunday School at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday last was enhanced by the fact that the children's window, recently erected in the North aisle was unveiled and dedicated.

The ceremony was performed in the afternoon in the presence of a crowded congregation by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon H. E. Broughton, M.A., vicar of Hugglescote, who also conducted the service and gave an impressive address to the children. The lessons were read by the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, and suitable music was rendered. The choir, under the direction of Mr John Clark, capably sang the 23rd Psalm ("The Lord is my Shepherd"), and the hymns were, "O God, our help in ages past," and "There's a friend for little children," Mr R. G. West officiating at the organ. The Vicar preached at the morning and evening services and the collections realised nearly £6.

It is a handsome stained-glass window, depicting "The Nativity," and it is hoped that the memorial window to the miners and quarrymen in the same aisle will be completed shortly, leaving only one window in the aisle without a stained-glass subject. The window dedicated on Sunday has been entirely paid for by the contributions of the children, and the proceeds of various efforts they have made for the object.

Accident at Whitwick Colliery

Youth seriously injured

A serious accident happened on Friday to a youth named Wm. Smith, aged about 16 years while at work in the Whitwick Colliery. He had one of his legs broken and severe injuries to his head and back and was conveyed in a critical condition to the Leicester Royal Infirmary. Recent enquiries elicited the fact that the lad, fortunately, is going on as well as can be expected. He had only just started work after recovering from a former accident. Smith is the son of John Smith, a collier, of Silver Street,

Whitwick, who is employed at the South Leicester Colliery, but has been off work for nine months owing to illness.

Do you know

That four young men were baptised at the Baptist Church, Whitwick, last Sunday night?

Sports News

Football

Coalville Cup Match at Hugglescote

Having drawn in the second round for the Coalville Cup some weeks ago at Whitwick, Hugglescote St. John's and Whitwick Imperial again met on Saturday and after a hard game the issue still remained undecided, the result being another draw of two goals each. Whitwick have considerably strengthened their team since the previous match, but players not qualified for the original match could not take part in the re-play on Saturday and the Imperial, therefore, were not at full strength.

The game opened at a smart pace and had not been long in progress before Tom Lees, who played a good game at inside right, scored for Hugglescote, this being due to a mis-kick by Cooke. The Imperial improved and W. Moore made matters level after a fine run and shot, but after this period up to the interval, the Hugglescote forwards were prominent and the Whitwick defenders had an anxious time. Waterfield kicking finely.

The visitors started in the second half in a determined manner and after a quarter of an hour, it fell to W. Moore again to do the needful, the Imperial thus taking the lead. An unfortunate incident occurred shortly afterwards, the same player, W. Moore, who had been doing so well, being ordered off the field by Referee Tivey for a bad charge on Adams, the Hugglescote goalkeeper, when clearing. The decision was resented by many of the Whitwick spectators, the crowd rushed on the field, and it looked for a time as though the match would have to be abandoned, but Mr Tivey was able to restore order, and play was resumed. The Imperial were handicapped somewhat with only ten men and the Saints made most of their opportunities, Brown eventually levelling up the scores again. Just before the close, the St. John's netted again, but the whistle had just gone for a foul and the point was not allowed. There was not much to choose between the teams on the day's play and a draw, perhaps, was a fair representation of the merits of the players. In view of the great struggle between the clubs to get into the next round, their third meeting will be anticipated with not a little interest.

Coalville Charity Cup

A meeting of the Management Committee of this Competition was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Tuesday night. Mr C. E. Marston presided, and there were present Messrs H. R. Brown, J. Tivey, J. Kirby, D. Marston, H. Clamp, G. Swain, S. Goacher, R. T. Bradshaw and A. E. Clay, with the hon. secretary, Mr J. W. Farmer.

The secretary reported that the match Hugglescote St. John v Whitwick Imperial on Saturday again resulted in a draw. It was decided that according to rule the match would have to be played again at Whitwick, on or before December 13th. As Mr Tivey, the referee, had another appointment, Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, was appointed referee, and it was decided to send neutral linesmen – Messrs J. Edwards (Snibston), and C. E. Marston (Coalville) being appointed, the fee to be 2s 6d each and travelling expenses. It was decided that the kick-off be at 2.30 prompt, extra time to be played if necessary.

It was decided that the draw on Saturday between Earl Shilton Town and Earl Shilton Victor be played again on December 13th. Mr T. Price of Coalville was appointed referee.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

The Misses Ashford, of Whitwick wish to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy shown in their recent sad bereavement.

Burials

Ashford – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Betsy Ann Ashford, aged 51 years, of Skinner's Lane.
Accompanying Notes to the November Articles

Friday November 7th

In the Coalville Court, George Thomas Smythe is the onsetter at the pit. The onsetter was a person who worked at the shaft bottom and put men and coal tubs on and off the cage that went between the pit bottom and pit head. The man at the top of the shaft was known as the Banksman.

Edward Wallam was a Colliery Deputy. This is a workman, who deputises for the manager with regard to the health and safety in a particular part of the mine or district. He would be responsible for checking the levels of dangerous gasses by using his Davy lamp, and several times during his shift, he would have to check the workings to ensure props and beams are set at the correct distances to prevent roof falls. In confined spaces, the timbers used to support the roof would make working restrictive and some miners may be tempted to take risks by leaving greater space between props than allowed. In later times, Deputies also were responsible for the firing of explosive 'shots'.

Friday November 28th

The Children's Window in the church is in two panes showing the nativity scene with Mary and the baby in the left panel and Joseph in the right panel. The wording below says "This window was given by the Church children of Whitwick 1913. Suffer the little children to come unto me."