# **Coalville Times - August 1914**

## Friday August 7th 1914 (Issue 1170)

# Local News A Coalville Wedding

On Monday last at St. Saviour's Catholic Church, Highfields, Coalville, the marriage was celebrated of Mr J. A. Revell, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Revell, of Brook Side Cottage, Whitwick, and Miss Annie E. Harrison, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, of Whitwick, and Nuptial Mass was said by Father Degan, of Coalville. The bride, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in white duchesse mouseline silk, and wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. She also wore a wreath of orange blossom and tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies and carnations, also the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Bernard Revell, was best man and there were eight bridesmaids: Misses Beatrice Harrison, Louise Revell, Nellie Massey, and Kate McHugh, who wore pretty dresses of lime duchesse mouseline silk and black picture hats with pink roses, and carried Prayer Books, the gift of the bridegroom; and the little girls: Gertie Toon, Agnes Revell, Hettie Revell, and Sissie Spedding, wore white needlework dresses, and hats with pale blue streamers, and carried bouquets of white marguerites. A reception was afterwards held at the bride's home, and the happy couple were the recipients of a lovely lot of presents. There were about 70 guests present.

#### **Another Window Smashed**

A youth named Tugby, riding a bicycle on Wednesday evening ran into the shop window of Mr Commons at the bottom of the Church Lane hill. The window was smashed and the cyclist injured.

## Sport

"Coalville Times" Cricket Cup

Semi Finals

Whitwick Holy Cross V Markfield Town

On the Fox and Goose ground, Coalville, on Saturday, before a good attendance, the gate yielding £6/17/3. Interest in the game was enhanced by reason of the fact that neither team had yet been beaten in the second division of the Coalville and District League. Markfield had the advantage of batting first and ran up the huge score of 168. This was mainly due to a fine partnership between F. Bott (43) and R. Swain (37) who carried the total from 28 to 117 for the fifth wicket. Markfield's last wicket put on 25 runs. For having to face such a big score, Whitwick, to a great extent, had themselves to blame, for at least a half-a-dozen chances – some of them ridiculously easy ones – were missed, while the bowling seemed to lack sting. Dan Egan did the best with 5 for 33. Massey took 3 for 36 and Twigg one for 23. The Holy Cross players, however, were not dismayed by the magnitude of their task and made an excellent start, scoring 74 for the loss of one wicket. Unfortunately rain then stopped play. Twigg (8) was the player dismissed and the batsmen in possession were S. Briers (26) and P.C. Jelley (29). Under the rules of the competition, the match had to be continued from where it was left off.

The match was resumed on Wednesday before a good attendance which at a reduced charge yielded a "gate" of £2 14s 6d. The policeman continued to bat splendidly and when Whitwick had 127 for three, the odds were on them winning. The other batsmen collapsed, however, and Markfield won by 28 runs. Seal took six wickets for 32 runs and Bailey 4 for 33.

#### Markfield

Dr. Haynes b Egan 19 R. Anderson b Egan 7 J. Sparrow c Twigg b Massey 9 T. Bott run out 2 F. Bott c Stanyard b Twigg 43 R. Swain b Massey 37 I. Anderson c Briers b Egan 1 H. Mee b Egan 18 J. Bailey not out 5

F. Seal b Massey 0 J. Hargreaves c Middleton b Egan 15

Extras 12 Total 168

Whitwick Holy Cross

S. Briers s Anderson b Seal 32 A. Twigg b Seal 8 PC. Jelley b Bailey 61 D. Egan Ibw b Bailey 10 B. Stanyard b Bailey 0 M. Noon c Haywood b Seal 2 F. Middleton c & b Seal 0 F. E. Needham b Seal 1 J. Massey c Anderson b Seal 2 J. Newell b Bailey 0 J. W. Stanyard not out 2

Extras 23 Total 141

## Friday August 14th 1914 (Issue 1171)

#### **Local News**

The Boy Scouts of the district have had a busy time in Coalville, Hugglescote, Whitwick, and Ellistown this week in collecting articles which have been given for equipping of a county hospital in connection with the war. Ladies first went round taking promises and the boys collected the articles with drays and other conveyances which were kindly lent for the occasion by various tradesmen. There was an extremely generous response all over the district, the articles contributed varying from fully equipped beds down to a few pieces of linen, while money was also freely given in subscriptions ranging from £3 3s to one penny. In addition to the many articles about £17 was subscribed in Whitwick and a similar amount at Coalville, while Hugglescote and Ellistown also did well, nearly £20 being obtained at the latter place. Mrs J. J. Sharp had charge of the arrangements at Whitwick, Mrs H. R. Brown at Coalville, Mrs Meredith and Mrs Fellows at Hugglescote and Mrs R. Blower at Ellistown.

## Whitwick and the Hospital

Letter of Thanks from the Major

Mrs J. J. Sharp this morning informs us that she has received the following letter from Major Harrison:

5th Northern General Hospital, Victoria Road, Leicester. Aug 13th.

Dear Mrs Sharp.

I should like to thank you, and through you, the inhabitants of Whitwick and the district, for the most prompt and generous response that you and they have made to my appeal on behalf of the Base Hospital. The assistance received from you and indeed from all quarters has greatly facilitated the equipment of the hospital, and will render it available for the reception of the wounded at an earlier date than would have been otherwise possible. Believe me.

Yours Sincerely

Louis K. Harrison, O.C. 5th Northern General Hospital

Mrs Sharp adds that she wishes to thank most heartily all who have worked so magnificently and so promptly in getting these goods together. The number of articles sent was upwards of 5,000 from Belton, Bagworth, Ellistown, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Osgathorpe, and Whitwick, and there will be another large consignment from Coalville, including contributions from Coleorton, Ravenstone and Swannington.

#### **Sick and Dividend Club**

The members of the 5/- sick and dividend club held at the Duke of York Inn recently held their annual supper, after paying for which, each received a dividend of 6/-. The club is again being started.

#### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### **Whitwick Poacher Fined**

Andrew Smith, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Albert E. Pratt, game keeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on July 25th and further for doing malicious damage to stone wall to the amount of 1/8.

Defendant did not appear by P.C. Betts said that when served with the summons, Smith admitted the offence. Pratt said defendant was with two others, who were convicted at the last court. They partly pulled a stone wall down to get a rabbit out. Defendant gave a wrong name. Fined 10/6 and 10/6 costs in each case (£2 2s in all) and the damage, 1/8 or 14 days.

# **Bad Language**

Lucy Springthorpe, widow, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 1st. P.C. Grewcock proved the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 2/6 and 12/6 costs, or 7 days.

Minnie Aston, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 27th. Supt. Lockton said the constable who would prove the case was a reservist in the Coldstream Guards and had had to rejoin his regiment. The case was withdrawn.

## **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J Ward, Mr J German, Mr J Hassall, Mr G D Orchard, Mr George Brown and Mr T Varman.

#### **Transfers**

The following transfers were made: Old George Inn, Ashby, to Mrs Emily Wileman, from her late husband; Compass Inn, Whitwick, to John William Henry Warbington from Zachariah Parker; and the Cricketers' Inn, Albert Village, to Henry Handley from Joseph Topliss.

## **Prosecutions by the Guardians**

William Cooke (56), colliery banksman, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to maintain his wife in the County Asylum and chargeable to the funds of the Union. He did not appear. John William Bowley, relieving officer, said the woman was costing the Guardians 10/9 per week. The man worked at the Whitwick Colliery

and his wages from January 7th to July 22nd averaged 19/0 1/2 per week. He had no children dependant. The woman was sent to the asylum on October 28th 1910, and as defendant then had dependants no order was made. In October 1912, the Guardians made an order for the payment of 2/- per week and arrears under this order were written off and the amount reduced to 1/- per week. He had not paid that until the last four weeks when he knew that these proceedings were pending. The Chairman ascertained from Mr Bowley that the Guardians left it to the Bench as to the amount of the order.

The Bench made an order for the payment of 1/- per week and 12/- costs.

John Bakewell (57), bricklayer, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to pay 21 1/2 weeks' arrears in respect of the maintenance of his wife in the asylum. He did not appear. Mr Bowley said the amount of the arrears was £2 3s under an order to pay 2s per week. He asked for an order payment. It was the second time witness had had to apply for such an order.

The Chairman: Did he pay last time? Mr Bowley: Yes

An order was made for payment of the amount due and costs 12s.

## **Loughborough Police Court**

Collier Fined

Ernest Brooks, collier, Whitwick, was summoned at Loughborough on Wednesday, for cruelty to a horse at Nanpantan, on August 3rd. Inspector Parry, of the R.S.P.C.A., stated that the horse was very lame on all four feet and could only hobble along. Defendant whipped the horse up, and drove towards Loughborough, thrashing the animal unmercifully. J. R. Green, veterinary surgeon, Nottingham, said the horse's feet were badly diseased, and it was not fit to do any work on the road. Defendant was fined 30s and costs or 14 days.

## Sport Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross were due at Nailstone to play the All Saints' but did not go through the bad weather, which also affected other second division matches.

# Friday August 21st 1914 (Issue 1172)

## **Local News**

The directors of Whitwick Colliery Co., at a meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to make allowances of 10/- per week to the wives of all their workmen who had been called to serve their country and 2/- a week for each child under 14 years of age, with coals free.

# Whitwick Man Returns from Australia An Eventful Voyage Chased by German Warships

Mr H. Allgood, son of Mr H. Allgood, painter and decorator, of Whitwick, arrived home on Monday night from Australia, and has since been seen by a representative of the paper to whom he related some interesting and exciting incidents of the voyage.

Mr Allgood sailed from Sydney on July 6th, on the R.M.S. Osterley, of the Oriental Line. The first they heard of the war was when they reached the Red Sea, a message to that effect

then being received by wireless and posted on the notice board in the mess room, subsequent messages being conveyed to the passengers in a similar manner. But the first actual sign of war was observed when the ship reached Port Said, where some 30 or 40 German and Austrian ships were being detained. All these ships had been compelled to take down their wireless apparatus. Two days after leaving Port Said, said Mr Allgood, their vessel received a call by wireless which the skipper suspected as coming from a German ship and he refused to answer. The call was repeated, being in the nature of an inquiry as to who they were and where they were. No answer was given, but it was subsequently ascertained that the enquiry was from a German warship which was now giving chase to the liner. "It was a most exciting time," said Mr Allgood.

"They followed and got to within 20 miles of us, when we ran into Malta, instead of going to Taranto or Naples, having gone 60 miles out of our course."

The vessel reached Gibraltar safely, though Mr Allgood said that for three nights they steamed without lights, passengers not being allowed even to strike a match, and for the rest of the journey home they only carried mast head lights and lights in the cabin, no deck light being allowed.

Continuing his narrative, Mr Allgood said that after the liner left Malta, the Germans again took up the chase, and there was great cheering, and dipping of flags when they met ships of the French fleet which drove off their pursuers, who got away to the Dardenelles. At Gibraltar they observed some 60 or 70 German and Austrian liners which were being held up as prizes. One of the naval officers told him that one of the German merchant ships, the night before, had tried to get through the straits, but were discovered by the search-lights, it then being found that the vessel was flying a white flag and had its funnels painted a different colour. The captain was ordered to heave to but kept going, and a torpedo boat gave chase. The latter was fired on, but secured its prize and when brought back to Gibraltar, the body of the ship was found to be loaded with shells. The "Osterley" stayed at Gibraltar about 14 hours during which time she had to take down her wireless apparatus, for what reason, Mr Allgood did not know, but it was installed again before leaving for England. After leaving Gibraltar they frequently saw French and English warships, which several times bore down upon the liner making close scrutiny, and after being satisfied that it was a British ship the men of war saluted and passed on – an indication that Britain has her watch-dogs on the seas. The same thing happened as they proceeded along the channel, search-lights being frequently thrown upon them. Along the south coast numerous military camps were noticed and there was one at the mouth of the Thames.

The liner berthed at Tilbury docks on Monday and Mr Allgood at once proceeded to his home at Whitwick. He is a married man, and with his wife, a niece of Mr Oliver Burton, of Leicester Road, he left Whitwick for Australia three years last Easter. All the time he has worked in Sydney as a painter and decorator.

Asked whether he liked Colonial life and whether he intended to return, Mr Allgood said he liked it very much, but as to returning he was at present undecided.

## **Ashby Board of Guardians**

Dr. Burkitt with the Yeomanry

Dr. Burkitt (Whitwick), wrote asking the Board to accept Dr. Vaughan as his deputy while he was away with the Yeomanry. He might be away for some time. This was agreed to and the Chairman said he hoped the doctor would not be away long.

## Sport Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross though having lost the "Coalville Times" cup, look like winning the second division league cup. They secured 2 more points on Saturday with an easy win over Stanton at Whitwick. The visitors were all out for 39 and the Holy Cross got 44 for 6 wickets. A. Twigg took four wickets for as many runs.

Whitwick Holy Cross v Stanton

At Whitwick, on Saturday, August 15th, Holy Cross won.

Holy Cross

S. Briers c and b Smith 6 W. Stanyard b Smith 0 P.C. Jelley not out 7 A. Twigg c Thompson b Smith 0 J. Boam b Smith 0 B. Stanyard c Richardson b Smith 12 F. Middleton c and b Gregory 1 M. Noon not out 14

J. Massey, J. Newell, J. Redly did not bat Extras 4 Total 44

Stanton

J. Thompson b Briers 1 W. Hill b Jelley 2 J. Gregory b Briers 3 G. Hill b Twigg 5 T. Richardson run out 13 F. Gregory c Twigg b Jelley 0 S. Smith b Twigg 3 W. Brown b Twigg 1 F. Siddons run out 4 J. Loyde b Twigg 1 J. Darker not out 2

Extras 2 Total 39

# Births, Marriages and Deaths Burials

Orton – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Elizabeth Ann Orton, aged 38 years, of Brook's Lane

## Friday August 28th 1914 (Issue 1173)

## Do you Know?

That 44 men have joined the army from Whitwick and Thringstone?

That the four recruiting sergeants in Coalville and District have obtained nearly one hundred men for Lord Kitchener's new army?

## **Coalville Police Court**

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Messrs W. Lindley, and J. W. West.

Thringstone Wake

All the licensed victuallers of Thringstone applied for an extension of one hour, 10 to 11, on three nights in connection with the annual wake.

Supt. Lockton said there was one house really in Thringstone, but in Whitwick parish, and would keep open until 11.

The Chairman asked whether there would be a likelihood of more drink being consumed by the application being granted. Supt. Lockton said he thought not. They would get drink at other houses open until 11, and it would be better for all to close together. The chairman said they would grant the application under the circumstances, but the Bench felt that at this time, when there was the necessity for saving all the money they could, no public houses should be open after ten o'clock.

## Bad Language

Samuel Smith, blacksmith, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 22nd. P.C. Jelley proved the case, and defendant was fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

The Drink

Thomas Price, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 15th. In his absence, P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 7/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

# Sport Cricket

The championship of the second division still lies between Whitwick Holy Cross and Markfield Town, neither of whom have been beaten and they won again on Saturday, Whitwick's task against the Town 2nd at Coalville was a very easy one. Briers and Jelley were in such good form with the ball that the Town juniors were all out for 33 and Whitwick made 70 without losing a batsman, F. Middleton (37) and S. Briers (27) getting the runs. Markfield entertained Nailstone All Saint's, whom they dismissed for 55 and responded with 103 for 5 wickets. T. Bott made 32, L. Anderson 26 and H. Mee 23 not out.

Coalville Town 2nd v Whitwick Holy Cross

At Coalville on Saturday, Whitwick winning easily.

Coalville 2nd

C. Bradshaw b Briers 8 H. M. Harris b Briers 0 W. Deakin b Briers 3 C. T. Walton c and b Briers 0 F. Middleton b Jelley 6 J. A. Walton not out 8 F. Scott b Jelley 0 E. Taberner b Jelley 1 C. Bradshaw b Jelley 7 W. Gimson b Jelley 0 T. Stacey b Massey 0

Total 33

Whitwick Holy Cross

S. Briers not out 26 F. Middleton not out 37

P.C. Jelley, M. Noon, B. Stanyard, J. Newell, J. Beeson, W. Stanyard, H. Beeson, T. H. Hull and J. Massey did not bat. Extras 7 Total (for no wickets) 70

#### **Football**

Whitwick Imperial played a practice match on Saturday on the Duke of Newcastle ground and will be similarly employed to-morrow. Their opening match will be with Coalville Swifts at Whitwick, a good game is anticipated. The Whitwick players and officials are looking forward to a successful season.

W. Moore and A. Moore of Whitwick Imperial, were given a trial with Notts. County Football Club on Saturday.

Mr A. Brady, late of Whitwick Imperial has made an excellent impression in the Chelsea trial matches.

Mr A. Roadley, who kept goal for Whitwick Imperial last season and P. Wright, who was the Imperial captain are both to play for Loughborough Corinthians next season.

## Referee Changes

There are a few changes in Coalville and District referees this season. Messrs. A. Kinsey (Coleorton), S. Brown (Ashby), T. Cheney and D. Hart (Coalville) and D. Ottey (Whitwick) fall out of the list and the additions are F. Stacey (Griffydam) transferred from Lincolnshire and G. Robey (Ashby) and H. Marson (Coalville) who passed an examination at Coalville on Tuesday night. G. Robey is the hon. secretary of the Ashby Hastings F.C. and H. Marson is the hon. secretary of the Coalville S.S. League.