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1897 01 23

Chesterton reject amalgamation by 985 votes to 349 p2

1897 02 01

Chesterton amalgamation dropped

1897 03 04

Chesterton sewage, p2

1897 03 05

Betting raid, p2

Free Library for Chesterton, p2

1897 03 05

The clerk (of Chesterton Urban District Council) read a letter from the chairman of the Milton Parish Council stating that he had been asked to draw the attention of the Council to the large heap of rubbish on Mr Few's land near the railway crossing which was causing a nuisance throughout the neighbourhood. It seemed the contractor who gathered their house refuse had deposited a large heap within 10 yards of the public highway. There were 200 or 300 yards of house refuse in a large heap, and it generated an amount of gas and bad sent. The smell was infinitely worse than the smell from the sewage farm

1897 04 03

Chesterton jubilee & pic

1897 05 05

Chesterton & jubilee, p2

1897 06 21 c

At the fortnightly meeting of the Chesterton Board of Guardians Mr Rutter said that the matron once complained of the waste of bread in the Workhouse. The inmates had too much bread, and it was thrown away. Mr Cock said he knew there was waste in some workhouses and vagrant paupers were fed with the waste food of the ordinary inmates. Mr Foster said that he had been round the house a great many times and had never discovered there was any great waste. Every pauper was allowed so much bread and they did not always eat it. Each one had a sort of little cupboard of their own, and so they had a little piece of lunch if they required it.

1897 06 21

Such has been the general progress during the Victorian era that it is difficult from the point of view of today to recall the Cambridge of 1837. In the year of her Majesty's accession but few houses stood on the marshy spot which we now know as the populous district of New Town. There were a few residents in Newnham and some scattered dwellings in the neighbourhood of New-square while beyond on the Newmarket-road lay Barnwell of historic note. Chesterton, as a part of Cambridge, was confined to the outgrowth of the town in the neighbourhood of Castle Hill and a plan of the town stops short at the Mill-road corner of Parker's Piece. In 1837 the population would be about 21,000. Recently it has been estimated at over 50,000.

1897 06 25

In commemoration of the Great Jubilee of her Majesty, a meat tea was provided for poor married couples residing in the East Ward of Chesterton. A field belonging to Mr R.H. Lord on Scotland-road was secured for the occasion. Some 500 adults sat down to the meat tea which consisted of rounds of beef, legs of mutton and hams. The meat had been admirably cooked in the kitchens of Clare College. After tea the men were supplied with tobacco, tobacco boxes and pipes and snuff and snuff boxes while strawberries were provided for the women

1897 06 28

St Andrews Chesterton new East window & reredos, p2

1897 07 02

Jubilee Old Chesterton, Newnham, p3

1897 07 08

The Cambridge Sewage Farm at Milton threatens to become a fruitful source of friction between the Chesterton Rural Authority and the Cambridge Corporation. From time to time complaints of a very serious nature are made concerning the odours which arise from that establishment, coupled with further complaints of polluted water in the public drains. It is clear that if something is not done to remedy the nuisance we shall have a recurrence of litigation

1897 08 09

Sir - Now that the Jubilee accounts have been reckoned up it seems fitting we should start afresh the matter of the new bridge. The question of a new bridge to connect Chesterton with Cambridge at the Abbey Estate is of supreme importance. The ferryman knows no rest. All the people at Old Chesterton have to be crossed over long before the omnibuses are astir. The wheels of progress anywhere in the vicinity have moved round in the past with about the same velocity as a farmer's cart! Is this to drag on for ever? The advantage of another bridge over the now-sweetened Cam would be a great gain to both Chesterton and Cambridge in equal proportion - letter signed "Chestertonian"

1897 08 28

Henry Kimpton, grocer, residing on the De Freville Estate, Chesterton, made application for licence to sell beer. There were 111 houses upon the Estate, occupied by the class of persons who would have a

great objection to sending their servants to the Old Spring or the bowling green public houses for the purpose of obtaining beer. They were well aware that although there were bottle and jug entrances, these were often used by persons frequenting the houses.

1897 10 07

The Chairman of Chesterton Urban District Council stated that with reference to Crawley's gut-scraping and fat-rendering factory at the Junction, people complained severely of the offensive and sickening smell and he had asked Dr Anningson to inspect the place. The Inspector said that in addition to the business of gut-scraping, that of fat-rendering was carried on. An open vat was treated by fire from below which allowed all the vapour to escape into the open air. A quantity of disinfecting material had been used, quite inadequate for the purpose in view. Poor people who lived in the vicinity could not even partake of their food by reason of the smell

1897 10 16

Chesterton factory nuisance, p2

1897 11 27

New Chesterton Institute, p2 *

1897 12 15

Sir - The fearful state of the Chesterton roads at the present time calls for comment: they are worse than ever. Trees have lately been inserted on either side of this avenue of mud & slime. Omnibuses are running to and fro daily that are a credit to any town, especially are the horses in splendid form ready to take you from Chesterton church to the Cambridge station for twopence! The wear and tear on such roads must be very great. How very surprised people seem to be now-a-days that Victoria Bridge should have been opposed by some people. But the hour has struck when the necessity for another bridge is of equal importance. The folk at Old Chesterton, all employed in Cambridge, have to cross the classic stream either by grind or punt. The sooner both councils wake up to their duty in the matter of this great necessity, the better for people on both sides of the river - "Chestertonian"

1898 01 24

Old Chesterton playground, p3

1898 02 0-

The wind howled round the exterior of the Urban District Council offices at Chesterton last night in wild and fitful fury, shaking the windows, and making a big noise generally. In justice to the elements, it is only fair to say that a similar state of things prevailed within, and for a time the "wind" of the interior quite drowned the tumult of the exterior

1888 02 0-

Chesterton UDC discussed an ancient right of way known as Little Lane, leading from Chesterton Road to the back of Mr Foster's boathouse. It had been in existence as long as the oldest man in Chesterton could remember and there had been no obstruction of any kind. Now it had been blocked by the erection of a fence by a member of the Council

1898 03 24

Chesterton telegraph poles, p3

1898 04 02

Sir - the new bridge at Abbey Road Cambridge has become a supreme necessity. Everyone admits it now. Boats and plants have had their day, and should be done away with. Omnibuses of first class order are unable to carry people to most convenient places, and at low prices, for the want of another bridge to bring them into Cambridge. What enormous advantages to both Chesterton and Cambridge another bridge at this spot holds out. The great increase in traffic calls loudly for another bridge. The people near the Abbey again insisted upon another bridge but the Cambridge Rip Van Winkles sleep

on, oblivious of anything. Procrastination is the great curse of Cambridge, and Chesterton should take warning by keeping abreast with the requirements of this important suburb – Chestertonian

1898 04 15

Chesterton Guardians, p3

1898 04 16

Chesterton school was crowded to hear the details of the vicar's offer respecting the Old Town Close. Seldom have we seen such a unanimous gathering or a more enthusiastic one. The meeting had been called concerning the bit of land on the other side of the school. The chairman declared that it had been a public piece of ground all his life, his youthful play having been enjoyed there over half a century ago. For the land to be taken away like it had been he could not understand. Now it was to be turned into a Nursery garden, and cries of "Shame" shook the cobwebs in the corner of the roofs. The Vicar said he should like to leave something in the parish as a remembrance of him, and had come to the conclusion that nothing could be better than handing over this ground to the managers of the school for the benefit of the children. He was quite sure the land would be a blessing to them for many years to come. (Cheers)

1898 06 01

The red tape has all but unrolled, and the Chesterton playground is to be redeemed. In November the school children, who number some 500, and other children, will once more be allowed to sport on the "Old Town Close". A meeting to acquaint the people of Chesterton with the present condition of affairs in the matter was held last night. The chairman who was received with tumultuous stamping, said they had done their best to bring the matter to a crisis as quickly as possible and had made up their minds that they would make a forcible entry into the ground, would make a gap in the fence at each end, and open the field for cricket or football. But a benefactor had stepped in and offered to buy the land and give it back to the villagers.

1898 06 02

Chesterton manholes, p2

1898 06 24 c

Chesterton bells, p2

1898 08 04

At Chesterton Council a letter was read claiming £3 3s for damage done to a gentleman's laundry by the hose being directed by the Fire Brigade through his window during a drill. The Captain explained it was a pure accident and the damage was trivial - 4 blouses were wetted at a cost of 6d each for rewashing. While the drill was proceeding a boy for his own amusement lifted the jet, and the water was immediately turned off by the man in charge. Mr Bester said that when they had a body of men giving their services gratuitously to the public the inhabitants should exert some leniency in regard to accidents

1898 10 14

The eccentricity of a horse at Chesterton last night caused its driver and a fare some alarm. It bolted along Chesterton lane at a furious rate, resisting all the efforts of the driver to get it under control. The animal made a tour of Old Chesterton in record time and returned by the Milton road. At this point the driver came to the conclusion it was quite useless trying to hold the horse in any longer and advised the gentleman inside the cab to "quit". He took a flying leap into the darkness and grazed his face somewhat severely. The driver fell off the box and the off wheel passed over his legs. Continuing his career the horse came into collision with a gatepost at Northampton Street which knocked it on its hindquarters

1898 10 17

The "burgling" fraternity are already on the warpath. In pursuing his unworthy calling at Chesterton some impudent member of the fraternity paid a visit to a house in Victoria Road but got little, if anything, for his trouble. The family left home having previously secured the doors and windows. On their return they were alarmed at finding the front door bolted on the inside. This aroused suspicion and gave rise to the surmise that the house had been invaded by burglars. This belief was confirmed by the movements of the depredator in his haste to beat a retreat by the back part of the premises. By means of wax matches, the debris of which was strewn about the room, Mr Burglar had found his way upstairs and examined the contents of several drawers. It can hardly be imagined that the intentions of the housebreaker were strictly honest and honourable. Probably had he not been disturbed he might have got clear with a considerable amount of booty

1898 11 23

Chesterton lady's conduct, p3 *

1898 12 28

Life in the workhouse is not so eventful that Yuletide festivities are looked forward to with anything but eager anticipation. It is the one important event of the year, bringing with it liberal fare, relaxation of the necessarily somewhat stringent rules, visits and gifts from kindly disposed persons, enjoyable entertainments, and a general air of geniality and heartiness which even those whose lot has been beset with many misfortunes can enter into. It may safely be said that in no union are more strenuous efforts made in this direction than at Chesterton where the capable Master gives the inmates a genuinely happy time

1898 12 29

Horrible discovery, Chesterton, p3

1899 03 23

Chesterton fire, p3 & 25th p2

1899 03 28

Chesterton horse club, p2

1899 05 04

Filthy almshouses, Chesterton, p2 *

1899 06 09

Chesterton board of guardians considered an offer from the Tramps' Mission to provide a library at the union for the tramps to happen to be sojourning there, also to furnish wall cards bearing matter profitable for Weary Willie's reading. The master of the workhouse viewed with very little favour these concessions to the literary tastes of those who make the Chesterton Union their hotel. In his opinion there is no matter more suitable for the tramps than the regulations which have been drawn to guide the conduct of those who resort to the workhouse for shelter. Give him text on the wall and he will have an excuse for taking his ease while he reads, or pretends to read them

1899 07 11

Sir – The population of Chesterton is mainly composed of people who have been turned out of Cambridge to make way for college and other improvements, and nearly all are employed in that ancient town. Every day brings evidence of the great need of another crossing of the Cam & that Abbey Road is the place goes without saying. The De Freville Estate, are absolutely dependent upon the old punts and other obsolete marine structures for crossing over to Cambridge. . It must be conceded that a bridge over this part of the Cam is of the highest importance – "Chestertonian"

1899 08 03

Chesterton urban district council asked how to proceed in regard to eleven owners who had not complied with an order to hang gates or doors upon their premises so that they should open on to the

inside. The chairman said that in some cases it was quite impossible to open the doors inside without practically pulling down the whole of the premises. Mr Cross remarked that it inflicted greatest hardship upon owners who had had their plans passed by the surveyor and now found they had built sheds that would be rendered practically useless. Presently they would be asked to take the roof off their houses and put in on another way if this sort of thing went on

1899 08 24

Chesterton aquatics, p2

1899 09 07

At the Chesterton urban council it was agreed to levy a rate of 1s 8d in the £, about 2d higher than that of Cambridge. This has a very important bearing on the objection which they have made to becoming part of the borough. When rates are as high as they are in Cambridge there remains no single reason why Chesterton should remain outside the borough. This is a civil marriage that promises many benefits for both sides.

1899 09 18

During August agricultural workers have been fully employed at harvest work. The corn crops have ripened rapidly, and as they have not been laid by storms, it has been possible to employ self-binding machines. Thus with a steady run of fine weather the harvest has been gathered rapidly with much less manual labour than usual. Reports from the Chesterton Union show that sufficient labour has been secured for fruit picking, except for a short time when the raspberries were ripe.

1899 11 02

Tram to Chesterton, p4

1899 11 16

Communications Chesterton, p2

1899 12 08

New Hotel, "Fleur-de-Lis", Humberstone road, Chesterton. This first-class hotel is now open and replete with every comfort. Billiards room in course of erection. Gentlemen visiting the hotel will find the Smoke Room fitted with every comfort – advert.

1900

1900 03 16

A well-attended meeting of ratepayers in New Cherryhinton complained of the disgraceful state of the streets and roads, some of which are now in bad weather quite impassable. They now had 240 houses in the district and the congestion of so many cesspools and make shift drains was a source of danger, not only to the health of the resident community, but also to that of the people of Cambridge. There is some friction between the Chesterton District Council and the Corporation of Cambridge preventing the progress of negotiations for inclusion in the sewerage scheme.

1900 03 29

A debate at New Chesterton Institute was told that while at the beginning of the century. Cambridge could only boast one weekly paper, they now had something like half-a-dozen weeklies and two dailies. During the past few years the Press generally had lost its influence for good upon the public. He did not think in recent years that editors had improved (Laughter). One sometimes heard that editors were "got at" and that sometimes big prices fetched extravagant leaders. There was too much reporting of police-court cases and inquests and they could do with a little less of the tragedy. The minds of the young were being poisoned by these things. # c.04

1900 06 07

Chesterton General Purposes, p2

1900 07 12

Chesterton junction, p3

1900 09 06

Chesterton UDC lovers wall, p4

1900 10 25

An epidemic of disease has broken out in Cambridge which is of such serious importance as regards the public health that we should not be discharging a duty we owe to our readers if we did not draw attention to it, notwithstanding the reticence of the medical authority, which to say the least is inexplicable. The Medical Officer of Health has absolutely declined to take the press into his confidence. That diphtheria is prevalent is beyond dispute, nor is it confined to Cambridge for rumour is that deaths have occurred at Chesterton. The death of certain children attending Park Street mixed infants school first brought the matter under the attention of the local medical authorities. Several deaths have taken place which are directly attributed to the disease.

1901 01 29

Few spots in and around Cambridge have become more notorious for the number of fatalities which they yield than the vicinity of Barnwell Junction and the stretch of line between that point and the level crossing on the Chesterton side of the railway bridge which spans the Cam. And probably nothing has ever surpassed in ghastliness the gruesome discovery made there during the early hours of Tuesday morning. The unfortunate victim was a telegraph linesman.

1901 03 01

Chesterton Urban District Council met with the owner of the land hitherto used as allotment ground and others concerned in the development of the estate for building purposes and the making of the necessary roads. They had achieved one of the greatest possible improvements that had been effected in Chesterton in their time. The public must trust their representatives, with their fuller knowledge, to do what was right. The council approved the making of a path from Aylestone Road to Ferry Path, and the continuation and widening of Montague Road from Kimberley Road to Pretoria Road. One row of houses would have their back gardens towards Ferry Path. It was impossible to consider a 36-ft roadway because there would never be a carriage bridge as it was near Victoria Bridge, but it was suggested that a row of trees be planted to mitigate the unsightliness to the occupiers.

1901 06 22

Thomas R. of Cave's Yard, Old Chesterton was charged with having stolen a drake. Detective Marsh said he saw the prisoner with a sack on his back. He opened it and found a large brown and white drake which Thomas said he had bought yesterday from a man named Pope of Upware for 2s.6d. (12p). The bird was quite warm – prisoner replied it had been in his house by a blazing fire all day. Then he said: "I knocked it over down the fen against the sewage farm. It came out of a ditch and I gave it a crump. I ain't going to starve as long as there is anything about. You can do what you like: hang me if you like". He was remanded for a week.

1901 07 04

Chesterton allotment, p3

1901 08 07

A proposal to erect a new footbridge over the Cam between the De Freville Estate and Cambridge was advanced at a meeting of occupiers. It would put them in more direct communication with Fitzroy Street. A member of Chesterton Urban District Council thought it should be erected at the Fort St George ferry to benefit the owners of the new Central Estate; but this was a thing of the future. If they waited for this development they might wait five or ten years. They wanted a bridge for De Freville inhabitants immediately and would circulate residents for donations.

1901 09 12

Mr I. Cock told Chesterton Union they should make an attempt to get a trained officer for the post of sanitary inspector. The Local Government Board had refused to sanction the appointment of an inspector at £120 a year on the plea that the salary was insufficient and they would be wasting their time to advertise for an officer at £60 a year. In appointing an officer 15 years ago the idea was simply to fill the office generally and not have it done well. The more they improved sanitation the less illness they would have, and a smaller number of paupers.

1901 09 13

Old Chesterton Baptist chapel, p3

1901 09 26

Council merge with Chesterton, p3 *

1901 10 09 c

A special meeting of Chesterton Urban District Council was held to consider a suggestion from Cambridge that they should amalgamate with a view of forming a County Borough. The Chairman said they were bound to give proper consideration to any suggestion they had to make but that from the result of the last poll upon the subject he did not think there was the slightest chance.

1901 11

Members of the Old Chesterton Cricket Club assembled at the Bowling Green and presented Mr R.H. Lord, president of the club with a handsome inkstand. Mr Lord, who is leaving the village, promised to present to the club an average bat and also two gold centre medals, one for the highest individual score during the season and one for the best average in bowling.

1901 11 26

A Chesterton lady, Miss A. Masterson of Humberstone Road, was among a number of passengers who underwent an alarming experience while travelling by the Central London Railway, which is better known as the "Twopenny Tube". A train was suddenly stopped as it was about to enter Marble Arch Station. The tunnel became filled with dense and suffocating smoke. Several ladies fainted and others became hysterical. People were rushing pell-mell from the front of the train, scrambling over seats to get out of danger. Then the lights went out. It was twenty minutes before the train moved back slowly. There was a terrible smell of burning flesh and it was learned that a gentleman had fallen in front of the train and been crushed to death.

1902 02 12

Cambridge Electric Supply Company reported that they would probably outgrow the present site, in Thompson's Lane. They had secured a site at Chesterton, situated at the side of the railway line so they would be able to bring coals into the yard and they had also arranged for the use of the river and the road. The site would not be required yet but as no other spot on the river was so placed they were justified in buying the land.

1902 03 22

Sir – A beautiful permanent memorial of the Coronation year would be the building of a bridge at De Freville Avenue. The Avenue is planted with elm trees on each side, the houses are all substantially, and some very tastefully, built; they are all set back and have flower gardens in front, making a very attractive approach to the proposed new bridge. It would provide a safe road for children attending the best Cambridge schools and provide the nearest way to Newmarket Road and the Railway Station, thus benefiting labourers, working men, college servants etc. The more bridges there are built over the river the more surely you bind communities together to the advantage of both Cambridge and Chesterton – F.R. Leach

1902 04 03

Chesterton U.D.C. had asked the Prison Commissioners to provide accommodation for small-pox patients at Cambridge Gaol but they did not see their way to do that and urged the local authorities to provide room for the patients in their own accommodation. Chesterton would be prepared to place the small-pox hospital at the disposal of the gaol authorities but felt the prison should guarantee expenses and pointed out the difficulty of the safe custody of the prisoners.

1902 05 31

New Chesterton bike, p1

1902 05

Won on Whit Monday at Dersingham by A. Brown of Milton, 1st prize, pair of solid silver candlesticks, value £7. This prize was won on a New Chesterton Bicycle, made to order. Racing machines a speciality. I invite customers to see their machines being constructed. Riding tuition free if a new machine is purchased. Tyres re-rubbered and repaired from 8/6 each. Repairs and machines overhauled at moderate charges by experienced workmen – W.J. Ison, Chesterton Cycle Works, Chesterton Road, Cambridge – advert.

1902 06 05

Chesterton medical officer reported on the provision made for smallpox patients in the district. The hospital was now clear of patients and was closed. There was still a possibility of cases occurring, as the disease was still present in London. The buildings would be at once available for use & the staff of the Cambridge Corporation was also at their service.

1902 06 19

Cambridge & Chesterton amalgamation, p3

1907 07 08

Cambridge & Chesterton, p3

1902 07 16

Sir – if Cambridge and Chesterton are excluded from the County Council it will become a superfluous organisation whose few remaining functions could well be carried out by the Rural Councils. The loss of revenue would impose upon the rural districts a burden which would be simply crushing. What would Cambridge gain – nothing unless it is made a County Borough. But with the population of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham Croft added Cambridge would still be short of the 50,000 requisite to form a County Borough – John Bester

1902 09 16 c

Sir – Many people have felt genuine concern at the announcement that the Cambridge Omnibus Company is to be “wound up”. Huntingdon Road, Old and New Chesterton, Mill Road and the rapidly growing suburb of New Cherryhinton have all benefited by its service. It is regretted that in spite of the hundred the Company has conveyed daily, the venture does not pay. Their difficulty is the Tram Company’s opportunity and they should arrange for a good suburban service of ‘buses to run in conjunction with their cars – New Cherryhinton

1902 10 07

Sir – Canterbury Road, Chesterton was made by ourselves, as owners, at a cost of £90, in the anticipation at the Council would take it over, which they promised to do. We have asked them several times to do so and the only excuse they make is that it must be steam rolled. We have had it rolled. We have worked in every way to conform to their orders and the only reason we have placed posts across the road is to protect and preserve the road from being cut up by vehicular traffic – J. Piddock, H. Riseley, E. Wonfor

1902 12 06

Messrs Scruby and Wright sold by auction four brick-built and tiled cottages, nos. 195-199 High Street, Old Chesterton, with outbuildings and gardens, price £310. Two adjoining houses, 64 & 76 Sturton Street, Cambridge, made £330. The family residence, Primrose Croft near Victoria Road with over an acre of land, and the windmill and cottage on the Milton Road were not sold.

1903 04 17

Brewers Lacon and Co appealed against the refusal to renew the licence of the White Horse, Chesterton. The house was of good repute and considerable size and did a good trade. It was the best of the firm's houses in the district. There were some cottages situated at the back of the property, and though there was no suggestion of secret drinking, the cottages gave facilities for it. Magistrates wanted an undertaking either to have the cottages fenced off or not used for human habitation. They could be turned into stables or something of the sort. Gates had already been put across the entrances so that anyone could not get to the public house from the cottages. The appeal was allowed.

1903 04 18

All the arguments in favour of converting Cambridge into a County Borough having failed some councillors have threatened to petition for an extension to the town's boundaries so as to include not only Chesterton but Newnham Croft and St John's, Cherry Hinton as well. To silence opposition they have threatened that all children from these districts attending schools in Cambridge will have to be turned out to seek education under their own authority. This has confirmed the opponents in their opposition and alienated the sympathies of supporters. Fortunately nobody is likely to be frightened by such pusillanimous threats.

1903 05 13

Cambridge & Chesterton, p2

1903 06 16

Numerous complaints have been received from residents of Chesterton Road about nightly depredations upon their flowerbeds and window boxes. Some of the prettiest gardens facing the road have been completely wrecked by mischievous persons. One garden was stripped of every flower. Many residents take a great deal of pride in their gardens and spend no inconsiderable amount of their incomes in keeping them smart and well stocked. It is to be hoped the police will keep a sharp eye for offenders and they will be dealt with in a manner which will prove a salutary warning to similarly-inclined persons.

1903 07 02

Chesterton chaplain, p3

1903 08 06

Chesterton sanitary precautions p4

1903 08 13

Chesterton small pox, p3

1903 10 07

Old Chesterton club, p3

1903 10 12

There was another heavy downpour of rain; the Cam has but in a few places overflowed its banks and the ferries between Cambridge and Chesterton are still working. The Granta has not behaved so well and the water is already over the banks; there is a vast expanse of water with the tops of the hedges and the trees only showing. At Grantchester mill the road is knee deep. The basement of houses in Newmarket High Street are flooded as are some of the low-lying streets at Saffron Walden and the railway line at Chesterford is threatened with being submerged.

1903 11 13

A lady from Chesterton says that since she took up her abode her house has been invaded by battalions of tradesmen's representatives, most of whom went away empty-handed, as they were all anxious to sell the same goods. One individual of righteous appearance bearing a bundle of what appeared to be the latest thing in tracts asked if the household was a teetotal one and hoped she would accept one of his pamphlets. When she came to look at the pledge form it was an advertisement for bottled beer. It is curious that all the others have been bottled beer men too.

1903 12 12

Chesterton grumble, p3 *

1904 01 01

For a span of seventy-odd years Cambridge has had a rallying point from which to speed the Old and welcome the New Year. The venerable Alderman Deck has sent two coloured rockets skyward and attracted a portion of the population to King's Parade. For the first time a similar event took place at Old Chesterton when his son ignited the fireworks close to the Horse Grind ferry. But it was not known that a new ceremony would take place and not a single resident left his abode to witness the rockets' flight

1904 04 07

A few years ago such a group such as the Cambridge and Chesterton Horse Club would have been out of the question but over the last six years it had grown beyond all expectations and now has a membership of 185. All who possess horses should join: during the past year they paid £235 to 16 members who lost horses by death. The condition of horses in Cambridge and the treatment meted out to them is much better than previously for if an owner neglected his animal he is prohibited from receiving the benefits of the club

1904 04 29

The stone laying was held of a new Wesleyan chapel being built at Old Chesterton to supersede one which has been in use for 60 years and is dilapidated and unsightly. It was first intended to erect it on Chesterton Road facing De Freville Avenue but a site in Church Street was chosen and the builders, Messrs Kerridge and Shaw have commenced operations of a simple structure capable of accommodating 150 persons together with 120 Sunday School scholars. The building was within sight of two other Christian churches but they came in the old Methodist spirit, as friends of all and the enemy of none and would not injuriously rival or detract from their work

1904 06 02

Chesterton Wesleyan chapel sale, p3 *

1904 06 10

An important property sale was conducted at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. Several lots were offered including the Wesleyan Chapel at Old Chesterton which, however, was not sold. The brick-built building with a class room at the rear was withdrawn at £165. A plot of building land opposite De Freville Avenue fetched £285; the residence 'Sepha Villa', Lyndewode Road was withdrawn at £640 and a modern family residence known as 'Lucerne' on Hills Road with gardens of a quarter of an acre was withdrawn at £725. Winthingham House, 199 Chesterton Road with gardens and a coach house was withdrawn at £1,850 but a University lodging house at no.9 Malcolm Street, licensed to let three sets (two at £11 and one at £7) sold for £355

1904 06 13

The Rev N.W. Shelton, vicar of Old Chesterton and his party, half-a-dozen in all, met with an unpleasant experience at the 'Mays'. The party, in an ordinary rowing boat, had left the scene of the action and arrive, after the usual difficulty, at the Pike and Eel ferry where their progress was barred for a time. During the period of waiting a big houseboat, towed by a horse, 'crashed' into the boat which it sunk and precipitated the occupants into the water. After a short period of excitement the party, which included several ladies, were landed safely on the houseboat, which proceeded on its

course. It is an abominable shame that these large houseboats are allowed to travel on the river when it is crowded with smaller craft. It was going at from six to seven miles an hour and was in charge of a small boy on a horse

1904 08 06

Attendance at public bodies bear the mark of the exodus. Chesterton Urban District Council was reduced to three members and a chairman. The clerk was away on holiday. With him went the keys which keep the Council's documents away from prying eyes so when the minutes came up for confirmation there were no minutes to confirm. Then the seal could not be had because it too was under lock and key. However the business of the Council was not impeded

1904 09 02

Cambridge has had more than its fair share of tragedies. Foremost is the terrible tragedy enacted at Shrapnel Barracks, Woolwich, when a Cambridge girl was destroyed by her soldier lover who subsequently shot himself. Then there was the inquest into the wife of a Chesterton hairdresser who committed suicide, a pitiful tale of conjugal unhappiness, poverty and religious mania. Equally shocking was the terrible death of a Bassingbourn girl in a London shop fire. Emerging safely from the burning building she rushed back into the flames in a foolish attempt to rescue her engagement ring.

1904 10 04

A disastrous fire occurred at Histon when the Green Hill public house was totally destroyed. It was a quaint old house with a thatched roof and was occupied by Albert Gawthrop who also carries on the business of a grocer and baker. One room of the house had been converted into a grocer's shop, while a bakehouse was in the rear. The fire was caused by a spark from a neighbouring chimney being blown on to the roof. A number of employees of Messrs Chivers were sent to assist together with a vanload of buckets. They did excellent work until the arrival of the Chesterton Fire Brigade. All that remains is a heap of ruins with the chimney rising from the centre

1904 10 14

The Wesleyans have added another to their places of worship by opening a new chapel in Church Street, Chesterton. It is the successor of a building in the High Street which during the latter period of its existence has been difficult to reconcile with conventional ideas of what a place of worship should be. Though doubtless hallowed in the memory of many its defects were numerous. Mr B.C. Jolley provided a piece of land upon which building operations began a few months ago. The architect adopted a Queen Anne style and the result is a pleasing-looking building with an appearance more domestic than ecclesiastical

1904 10 18

Chesterton resister's sale, p3

1904 11 19

No reasonable person expects to find a ferryman on duty after ten at night and is reconciled to the necessity of grinding himself across the few yards of water. About midnight a husband and his wife returning from Chesterton determined to make a short cut across the river as rain was pouring down in pitiless fashion. The husband seized the handle of the grind to get to the other side as quickly as possible. But when they got to the middle the ferry stuck fast, nor would it go back no matter how hard he strained and pushed. For ten minutes they wrestled with that ferry in the pouring rain and were just about to shout for help when the unwieldy affair began to work and they got back to the bank they had left. As they walked around the road home they decided that ferries were contrivances of the Evil One

1904 12 08

Chesterton council considered a petition for the construction of a footbridge across the Cam between Victoria Bridge and Dant's Ferry, subject to £200 being raised by private subscription towards the

cost. But by asking for a subscription they would be setting a precedent and they would never be able to carry out public improvements without asking local occupiers to put their hands in their pockets to help them. It would be an advantage to those on the De Freville, but they all paid rates. The bridge would be an advantage, but not a pecuniary one. If it was placed at the Fort St George it would benefit a very large number of people and no ratepayer would object to a farthing rate for the project

1904 12 17

Cambridge & Chesterton, p2

1904 12 20

Chesterton amalgamation, p3

1905 01 26

Cambridge councillors were told of a fatal accident at Dant's Ferry a few days prior to Christmas when the breadwinner of a family was drowned. It was only one of many; during the present winter at least five persons had tumbled into the water at that spot. There should be a bridge in the neighbourhood of Abbey Road. But Victoria Bridge was not a long way from Dant's Ferry and before any bridges were built Chesterton would have to join Cambridge.

1905 02 23

A meeting of Chestertonians was held in furtherance of the scheme for constructing a bridge across the Cam at the Fort St George. The Council has accepted the necessity of a bridge and will spend £500 provided another £200 is raised by private subscription. It was not a large sum for such a district. Inhabitants should remember that once it was built they would save further expense on ferries. Several promises were made on the spot and various college boat clubs will be approached. 05 02 23a

1905 03 10

A company is being formed to provide a service of motor 'buses for Cambridge. Eight 'buses will be put down at first by which it is hoped to run a 15 minutes' service from Chesterton, another from the Huntingdon road district to the centre of town and a seven minutes' service to the railway station. Should the venture prove successful the more outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton will be catered for 05 03 10

1905 03 24

The begging fraternity appear to regard Chesterton as a Happy Hunting Ground. On the new estates, the De Freville and the Central the evil is particularly rampant and when the male members of the households are mostly away at business the weaker sex are particularly intimidated into relieving the able-bodied tramps who frequently threaten violence unless they receive assistance. One actually walked right into the kitchen and demanded money or food. The police have made an attempt to suppress this nuisance but when the principal penalty inflicted by magistrates is to discharge the beggar on his promising to leave town the evil quickly becomes as bad as ever. 05 03 24a

1905 03 28

Considerable indignation is being felt by Chesterton ratepayers at measures adopted by the parish to ensure the payment of the rates. Some people are being summoned while others are not. In view of the allegations made against the overseers the law should be stated: summonses can be issued seven days after a rate has been made and the fact published on the church doors. But the usual practice is to send a second notice to the ratepayers who have not complied 05 03 28a-b

1905 04 08

The Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company has been formed. It is nowadays essential for the business of the town to have a convenient and quick means of transit and the omnibuses will be appreciated by the public and become a source of income to the shareholders. With eight vehicles it will be quite easy to maintain a 15-minute service from Chesterton and the Huntingdon Road to the centre of town and a seven-minute service to the railway station. Should these prove successful it will be extended to

outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton. There is little doubt that horse traction for omnibuses and tramcars will shortly be superseded by petrol and electricity. 05 04 08a

1905 05 26

Chesterton residents will be glad to see the inauguration of a new motor 'bus service by the 'Light Blue' company. Special arrangements have been made for the convenience of residents intending to travel to London by the early morning train. The 'bus will leave Old Chesterton Green at 8.25 and run through to the station in time for the 8.53 train. It will also run as frequently as possible between one and two-thirty for the convenience of residents employed in Cambridge who go to the suburbs for their midday meal 05 05 26

1905 06 27

Sir – may I protest against the needless pandemonium Chesterton residents are forced to endure during the Midsummer Fair by the hideous orchestrations attached to shows and merry-go-rounds, grinding out harsh and discordant sounds which make day and night a time of torture. No sane people can find pleasure in the ear-splitting metallic sounds emanating from these machines. Such a noise, coupled with the hooting of horns and the screeching of steam whistles render rest an impossibility – Nerves 05 06 27e

1905 09 21

The will of the late Mr Stephen Mansfield of Trumpington includes a bequest of £250 to Chesterton Baptist chapel where he once a teacher in the Sunday School. This is not his only benefaction to the village; there are five almshouses erected by him and their upkeep and stipends for the inmates are provided out of other property. He also subscribed to the Royal Albert and Victoria Friendly Societies' asylum and left £100 to the poor of Trumpington 05 09 21

1905 09 30

Chesterton club, p4

1905 10 05

Cambridge Town Council wrote to Chesterton R.D.C. saying they wish to extend their boundaries to incorporate parts of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Grantchester. Chesterton are to reply saying they will give such project its most strenuous opposition. 05 10 05-b

1905 11 03

Old Baptist chapel, Old Chesterton new infant's classroom – 05 11 03a

1905 12 02

Chesterton football, p4

1906 03 01

New Chesterton Institute, p3

11906 08 24

Chesterton fire, p3 *

1907 01 05

There is a popular delusion among residents that Chesterton is neglected by the police. But last Friday in the small hours I noticed the glare of a fire from a burning shed in Springfield Road and saw a policeman sprinting round the corner of Ferry Path. He was followed within three minutes by four others, including a sergeant. This should convince residents that the police are alert for the safety of their lives and property. But superstitions die hard. 07 01 05

1907 04 05

During a football match on Midsummer Common one of the backs, being hard pressed, kicked the ball out of play. It crashed with great force against the pipe of a spectator, knocking two teeth out and driving the stem into the roof of his mouth. Blood gushed in great quantity and an operation may be necessary. The injured man has a wife and two children dependent on him and has been out of employment for a considerable period. The Chesterton Thursday League is to appeal for money to defray his medical charges. 07 04 05

1907 06 22

Charles Lawrence's kennels at Chesterton have bred many famous animals in the dog world, winning prizes in Antwerp, Brussels and Rotterdam. Purchasers come from all over the country; Alderman Pratt of Bradford recently bought two pups for £100 while one sold for £300. During term time a familiar sight on Market Hill is a man surrounded by dogs which he sells to undergraduates at fancy prices. Mr Lawrence bought one for £2 cash, then exhibited it at a show and sold it for £150. To see a collection of valuable clumber, field and cocker spaniels gambolling in the paddock is a sight which must appeal even to those who have but the barest acquaintance with a good dog. 07 06 22b

1907 10 17

Cottages in Cave's Yard, Union Road, Chesterton are as about as bad as any in the district, an inquest into an infant was told. Vermin found on the child's body were not the fault of the mother: it would be impossible to keep such a house in that district free from vermin; the district ought to be burnt down. The slums in Old Chesterton are as bad as any you will find in London, a doctor testified. But people had to live somewhere. 07 10 17

1907 11 07

Chesterton 'slums' – 07 11 07 & a

1907 12 27

Those unfortunate persons who are forced to accept the Workhouse as their home have little in the course of a year to look forward to, at any rate with pleasure. But at Chesterton Workhouse work is suspended on Christmas Day and they are allowed to spend as happy a time as possible. Gifts of tobacco, oranges and toys were distributed which helped to while away what would otherwise have been somewhat monotonous hours. - 07 12 27

1908 03 09

The Long Reach public house stands on the river bank a quarter of a mile from Old Chesterton. The landlord paid no rent and was allowed five shillings a week to keep the house open. The trade was about 21 barrels of beer and 12 gallons of spirit a year. It should be closed together with the Jolly Waterman in Waterbeach Fen. It had no road leading to it and the nearby Jolly Anglers was more convenient and had a ferry attached. 08 03 09

1908 04 02

Chesterton MOH report – 08 04 02

1908 05 07

Chesterton Council is to write to the Motor Bus Company complaining of the vibration caused by the buses to houses on the route as they speed past at 12 mph. We feel that such vibration is the fault of Chesterton Road which is in a shocking condition. It is the constant bumping of the bus over the volcanic-like ruts that shakes the buildings so. The buses are a boon and blessing and we should be sorry to see anything which interferes with the swiftness and regularity of the admirable service. 08 05 07 & 07a & 09a

1908 07 31

Twenty-six licensed houses are to close, magistrates decided. They include, Chesterton Long Reach, CWN 08 07 31

1908 09 04

Sir – now the widening of Northampton Street is fast nearing completion the improvement of one of our many narrow and dangerous streets will be accomplished. But one effect will be that the traffic is greatly accelerated to the danger of those approaching the corner from other directions. The high wall around St Giles' church should be reduced: this would enable motorists to see more clearly, make the church more conspicuous and dry the road which in winter is often in a muddy condition, being hemmed in on both sides by high walls – Chestertonian. CWN 08 09 04 p7

1909 02 19

Considerable excitement was occasioned in Chesterton on Sunday by an outbreak of fire at 74 Montagu Road, occupied by Thomas Carter. Crowds congregated in the road and at the rear of the house, but happily did not witness the extensive conflagration expected. At noon Mrs Carter placed a bed to air before the fire in a back bedroom and soon found it on fire. The burning bed was pitched out of the window and buckets of water poured upon other burning material in the room by neighbours. For fire insurance on profit-sharing principles contact Rayment and Dickson, 104 Regent Street. 09 02 19

1909 06 11

Abel Coole, Chesterton grocer – 09 06 11

1909 07 02

A number of village public houses are no longer economic and should close, magistrates were told. They included the British Queen Chesterton CWN 09 07 02

1909 11 12

It was time the river Cam was dredged, Mr Whibley told the Cam Sailing Club Dinner. He did not mind telling them a secret: the Conservators always had their annual river outing and last year got stuck on the mud at the Horse Grind, Chesterton. He could not help thinking what a lovely postcard that would have made! As soon as the Mayor, Ald Spalding, had been appointed he had looked into the matter. Of course they could not please everybody: a gentleman he knew who lived not far from Clayhithe had been complaining that there was a draught in his garden because the dredger had been taken away. (Laughter and applause). CWN 09 11 12

1909 12 03

Lacon's brewery should receive £143 in compensation for the closure of the Red Lion public house at Orwell, the tenant, George Everitt, £16 and the Lord of the Manor £5, councillors decided. They awarded £200 compensation for the Fox and Duck in South Street Cambridge and £325 for the White Horse in Coronation Street. Agreement was also reached on The Bell at Meldreth, The Old Elm Tree Melbourn and the British Queen and Prince of Wales in Chesterton. CWN 09 12 03

1910

1910 01 07

The Hon E.S. Montagu, Liberal MP for the Chesterton division, must be added to the few living persons who have read a report of their own death. The 'Buenos Ayres Standard' reports that he died during the King's birthday celebration at Sandringham. Such a tragedy did happen but the gentleman who died was Mr Montagu Guest. Cablegrams are very expensive luxuries and are sent in abbreviated form to be expanded for publication by the sub-editor. On consulting his reference books he evidently came to the conclusion that this was the member for West Cambs. CWN 10 01 07c

1910 03 11

A stable in Water Street, Old Chesterton, was the scene of a shocking tragedy. A 50-year-old labourer had been living with a 58 year-old woman who earned her living by travelling about the county with a caravan in the summer, visiting fairs, and in the winter time she hawked coal and coke about local villages. When he appeared in court his complexion stamped him at once as a man used to working in

the open air. His face and neck were alike brick red in colour and seamed with thousands of wrinkles, the black hair was cut fairly short, but the grizzled moustache was rather ragged. He was dressed in corduroys and heavy boots. He had no collar or neck wrap and his vivid red shirt showed at the top of the sleeved waistcoat he was wearing. 10 03 11a & b

1910 03 18

Licensing meeting – Over Sow & Pig, Willingham Black Horse, Chesterton White Horse, Comberton Red Lion, Cottenham Boot, Longstanton Red Cow, Milton Three Tuns, Shelford Three Tuns 10 03 18b

1910 04 29

A professional singer from Old Chesterton told magistrates he was married at 18 but suffered a serious accident when working as a butcher's carman. His right arm was paralysed and he could do no manual labour. He earned a precarious living by singing at cinematograph shows and entertainments and was often 'one week in and two weeks out'. His wife said they had last lived together four years ago. She had gone out to service while he was trying to earn his living roaming about seeking engagements. He had contributed nothing to her support except in November when he gave her five shillings. But her application for a separation order on grounds of desertion was rejected. 10 04 29b

1910 05 13

William Hockey was the founder of the well-known auctioneering firm based in Bene't Street. As the agent for the De Freville Estate he had much to do with the development and planning of that part of New Chesterton which has rapidly become of so much importance. He also held an important and confidential position at Trinity College, where he was highly regarded, and was Secretary of the Excelsior Building Society. For the past 20 years he was a very well-known and popular figure in the business life of Cambridge. 10 05 13k

1910 05 20

Vagrants at Chesterton workhouse were kept for two nights, being given work according to their ability during the day and liberated at seven o'clock on the second morning. They had eight ounces of bread and water for breakfast and supper and eight ounces of bread and 1½ ounces of cheese for dinner. But is it fair to starve their poor wretches to this extent; not everyone is a rogue: many are just the failures of life and cannot help themselves, one Guardian said. 10 05 20

1910 06 03

The courtroom was packed for the trial of a man accused of murder at a stable in Water Street, Chesterton. A nearby house was lived in by a 58-year-old woman who earned her living by travelling about the country with a caravan in summer, visiting fairs, and in winter time she hawked coal and coke about local villages. A squabble with a 50-year-old labourer with whom she was living resulted in him cutting her brother's throat with a carving knife. He was sentenced to hang. 10 06 03 b & c

1910 06 17

At the last stroke of eight o'clock in the morning James Henry Hancock paid the extreme penalty of the law for the murder of Alfred Doggett at Chesterton. The execution took place at the County Gaol, Castle Hill. Pierpoint was the executioner, assisted by his brother, and they accomplished their deadly work with marvellous celerity, death having been absolutely instantaneous. Only the Deputy Sheriff, the Governor of the Prison, the Prison Chaplain and Doctor were present but a crowd of several hundred assembled on the pavement opposite the Shire Hall. They kept their gaze fixed on the flag-staff, unaware that the practice of hoisting the black flag has been discontinued. Nor was the bell tolled. 10 06 17b

1910 07 01

Licences for: Bassingbourn Beerhouse in the fen, Meldreth Green Man, Fulbourn Coach & Horses, Chesterton White Horse, Cottenham Boot, Fen Drayton Horse & Gate, Longstanton Red Cow, Milton Three Tuns, Shelford King William IV, Shudy Camps Chequers, Linton George & Dragon.

Cambridge Star & Garter Petty Cury, Cardinal's Cap, Crown & Anchor, Borough Boys, Ship, Merry Boys, Prince Albert, Oxford – all refused. Melbourn White Lion & Swavesey Little Rose renewed 10 07 01 & a

1910 08 12

A new road between Rock Estate and Romsey Town would greatly improve communication between these largely populated and widely-separated districts, Mr W.P. Fison suggests. Rustat Road, which is a private road belonging to Jesus College could be continued until it cuts into Marmora Road. It would have to cross some allotments and a farm with a bridge over the railway line. There should also be a new road from East Road through Beche Road over a bridge into Old Chesterton. Both would provide work for the numbers of unemployed men in Cambridge 10 08 12e

1910 08 19

George Fawcett Winter, the well-known boatbuilder, became the proprietor of the boatyard near Victoria Bridge in 1876, succeeding the late Edward Searle. Ten years later he was connected with the boat-building industry at Eton: he used to spend the summer there and the winter at Cambridge. In 1900 he decided to relinquish his Cambridge business which came into the hands of Mr F. Pocock who is now carrying it on. He was well-known amongst University and Town rowing men and took an interest in the affairs of Old Chesterton. 10 08 19h

1910 10 07

The scheme for extending the Borough boundaries so as to include Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and the urban portions of Grantchester, Trumpington and Fen Ditton was formally launched. The boundary with Chesterton is an imaginary line running down the centre of the river which presents legal difficulties over dredging. The river is used by member of the University for rowing but most of the boathouses are on the Chesterton side. The Corporation own a cemetery the parish of Fen Ditton. They have constructed a sewer and laid water mains along Newmarket Road and the land will no doubt be used for building. 10 10 07e & i & j

1910 02 09

Through the enterprise of Mr W.J. Ison, the Cambridge public is able to see the latest developments in bicycles as exhibited at the great cycle exhibition at Olympia, London. In the windows of his depots in Chesterton Road and St John's Street are to be seen samples of the all-steel Raleigh cycles which attained such wide fame. Doubtless many local cyclists will take the opportunity of inspecting these latest models of all that is best and most modern in the bicycle – 10 02 09c

1910 12 16

Messrs A.M. Robinson held their Christmas sale as usual at the Cattle Market. Amongst the prize-winners was Mr C. Butler of Swaffham Bulbeck whose five pigs were purchased by J. Prior, butcher of Burleigh Street. There was a fine show of hogs over ten stone which was won by W.A. Payne of Fulbourn with a special prize awarded to E. Gautrey of Cottenham. Mr Backler of Linton won in the sow class while Miss Camps of Chesterton was best in the cottagers' section, her hog being sold to Eastmans 10 12 16a

1910 12 30

William Warren of Victoria Road, Chesterton, who was an old Volunteer, got into an argument in the Carpenter's Arms after a man spoke disrespectfully of the King. He was knocked down and fell on a glass which penetrated his thigh, severing the artery. Now he has received a letter from Sandringham which reads: 'The King regrets to hear that owing to your pluckily taking exception to disloyal language being used, you sustained deep cuts in the leg. His Majesty desires to be informed of your condition and hopes the injuries are not of a serious nature'. 10 12 30a

1911 01 06

Legislative changes have removed the pauper disqualification in connection with the Old Age Pensions Act. At Cambridge workhouse 22 men and 16 women were eligible for the pension but only

three have declared their intention of leaving the House. All three are men between 70 and 75 years of age who are going to live with relatives. At Chesterton Workhouse 48 inmates are entitled to the pension but again only three are leaving, one being over 80. Another old man has not yet made up his mind. Perhaps the coming of more genial weather will bring him to a decision to accept his pension and forsake the shelter of the House. 11 01 06f

1911 01 20

Chesterton poll on amalgamation with Cambridge 11 01 20d

1911 02 03

The Inquiry into the extension of Cambridge borough boundaries heard that Cherry Hinton was part of Chesterton Rural District and divided into two wards. St John's was obviously an outgrowth of the town while the old village was in St Andrew's ward. The parish had the expenses of sewerage as a result of which their rates were very considerably in excess of the Borough rates. But the old village had no sewerage at all, the drainage being by means of cesspools. 11 02 03c

1911 02 17

The great scientist Alfred Russell Watson once accepted a challenge to prove that the earth was round and, after consultation with Prof Newton, selected six miles of the Old Bedford Canal as the scene of his experiment. But he did not satisfy all the parties concerned in the challenge. So H. Yule Oldham carried out a similar experiment by placing a mark 15 foot above the water between two bridges between Denver and Welney. A long-distance photograph showed it to be considerably above the line of sight. But an elderly lock-keeper who appeared in the photograph shown at New Chesterton Institute was still firmly convinced that the earth was flat 11 02 17c

1911 04 07

The Local Government Board is in favour of the extension of Cambridge to include parts of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton, Grantchester and Trumpington. 11 04 07f

1911 05 19

Greater Cambridge editorial: Chesterton UDC will cease to exist, parishes of Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Grantchester will be divided and urban portions come into Cambridge 11 05 19c

1911 06 30

Chesterton Horticultural and Sports Society held their first annual show in the pretty grounds of Meadow Croft. The extreme dryness of the weather accounted for the emptiness of some of the classes but still 500 entries were received. At Burwell the long, cold spring and droughty summer almost prevented the showing of some vegetables but at Stapleford flower show the cottagers' section was especially good in regard to potatoes and beans 11 06 30f

1911 10 13

Mr Moorhouse paid a second 'flying visit' to Cambridge. The footballers playing on Midsummer Common abandoned their game at once when the machine came into view over Castle Hill. The aeroplane looked as if it must come down among the crowd, but the airman managed the descent very cleverly, and, travelling a short distance only a few feet from the ground, eventually alighted very smoothly rather less than a hundred yards from the railings on the Maid's Causeway side. On his ascent the machine rose gracefully and easily over the trees and the river. It quickly attained a height of nearly 1,000 feet before he made a circle over Chesterton and then sped off towards Huntingdon, He is an intrepid young man of whom more will doubtless be heard in the future 11 10 13b

1911 11 03

Cambridge Town Council wanted Victoria Bridge and its approaches to be declared a main road and maintained by the County Council. But they did not agree: the Bridge had been built under an Act of Parliament at the expense of Chesterton UDC and Cambridge Town Council. After the bridge was

built Victoria Avenue had been declared and made a main road. But there was already a main road from Chesterton to Cambridge via Magdalene Street and over the Great Bridge 11 11 03i & j

1912 01 26

The long-sustained wet weather and recent snowfall have brought serious floods. Rising waters have caused the stoppage of the chain ferries to Chesterton, the towing path under Victoria Bridge was submerged and meadows between Grantchester and Newnham are under water. A ride on the Great Eastern Railway from Huntingdon to Cambridge presents a view of an immense lake studded with trees and the large Portholme Meadow is under water to a considerable depth. At St Ives basements in Bridge Terrace and kitchens at Filbert's Walk are flooded. 12 01 26b

1912 03 08

The last meeting of the Chesterton Urban District Council recalled the changes during the last 40 years. Before 1880 there were no street lamps, no sewage system, no street watering and an imperfect water supply. The paths were unkerbed, there was no collection of house refuse, no medical officer, no sanitary inspector, no recreation ground and very few allotments. The population had risen from 5,000 to 12,000. Now councillors would help improve the Borough of Cambridge at large 12 03 08f

1912 03 08

University lodging-house keepers have been venting their grievances. One woman has three sets of rooms; if she lets them all the year she gets £84. For rent, rates, taxes and wages of servant she pays £53; that leaves her £31 for whitewashing, papering, staircloth, carpet etc and for food and clothes for herself. But this term all the rooms are empty. However in Chesterton there are many householders who let rooms to undergraduates; when they come part of Cambridge will the rateable values of their houses be increased? Lodging housekeepers should form themselves into a trades union. 12 03 08f

1912 03 22

Polling opened in the three contested wards of the districts to be added to the Borough – Cambridge Without, North and West Chesterton - under the most depressing conditions. Rain fell heavily which had an adverse effect on turnout. A sharp thunderstorm came on about midday, a very unfortunate time for those who wished to record their votes during the dinner hour. Some of the flashes of lightning were so vivid and the peals of thunder so heavy that doors and windows rattled while the rainfall was almost tropical in its intensity. In Chesterton East John Bester, who has done more than any other for the amalgamation with Cambridge, was returned unopposed. 12 03 22d

1912 03 29

Today the population of the Borough of Cambridge is 40,560. On Monday it will be 57,073. The extension of the boundary now brings in Chesterton and the urban portions of Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Grantchester. These suburbs were inhabited almost entirely by people whose living lay in Cambridge but were separated from it by the River Cam or purely artificial borders. It means that the residents will now be under the care of the Cambridge Town Council. 12 03 29c

1912 04 12

Complaints have been made that since the enlargement of the borough boundaries the dust and refuse from houses in Cambridge and Chesterton had been collected less punctually. Also different street light times 12 04 12d

1912 04 12

Borough health statistics improve with addition of Chesterton – 12 04 12f

1912 04 19

Sir – Cambridge Corporation have instructed all persons in the out-lying parts to telephone the Central Fire Station in case of fire. We in Chesterton are in a very awkward position. We have no telephones for public use. The nearest fire alarm post is at Quayside and one would have to walk, run or cycle there, and then fumble about in a very poor light trying to find out how to work the apparatus. We

need a telephone call office instead. A doctor might be sent for, goods ordered from various tradesmen or one might even ring up his best girl – Philip Clare 12 04 19f

1912 05 31

The landlord of the Dog and Pheasant Inn, Old Chesterton told police that four bagatelle balls had been stolen from the taproom of the pub. Inquiries showed that a Fen Ditton man who'd been drinking there had offered some balls for sale next morning. He claimed to have bought them three weeks earlier from a man named 'Capp' against the Corn Exchange, saying he'd paid tenpence and a pint for them. A dealer in Regent Street said he'd bought them for eight shillings and sixpence – though the accused said he'd only got one-and-six. The landlady identified them as the ones stolen. 12 05 31f

1912 06 28

William Thomas Kirkup was the pioneer of the modern scientific system of chimney-sweeping and his business extended to nearly all of the colleges, notably Trinity and St John's. He formerly resided at King Street, then at Bottisham before returning to Chesterton Road where he passed away at the age of 67. He was an active member of the old Volunteer force and served 22 years as a bandsman. 12 06 28b

1912 07 12

Chesterton workhouse has been criticised by a lady inspector. The nursing staff was totally inadequate at the time of her visit with a solitary nurse on duty in the sick wards doing the work of three. Another complaint was that the young children were relegated to the care of incapables or undesirables. The lady visitor may be somewhat faddy but there must be some foundation for her strictures. 12 07 12d

1912 09 27

Chesterton Road was the scene of a very remarkable fire. A motor lorry belonging to Messrs Sturton of Fitzroy Street, laden with cans of petrol was totally destroyed. The highly-inflammable spirit became ignited and a fire of extraordinary fierceness blocked the road with a sheet of flame. Can after can exploded flinging its contents in a blazing shower in all directions. The flames leapt to an astonishing height, reaching above the tops of houses and were accompanied by volumes of black, oily smoke. The paint on the door of a house on the river side began to blister and trees in the garden began to shrivel and smoke. It was impossible for the fire brigade to get near and it had to be left to burn itself out 12 09 27

1912 11 29

Mr Michael Rowell was the oldest victualler in either town or county. He had been at the Scales Hotel (the Portland Arms) for over 26 years having previously kept the Bleeding Heart in Old Chesterton. He also farmed and carried on a milk and contractors business. He was an elder brother of the once-famous Charles Rowell, the champion long-distance runner of the world who smashed all records on the path in a famous six days and nights 'go-as-you-please' race. 12 11 29e

1912 12 12

Miss M.B. Thomas, M.A. of Huntingdon Road has the distinction of being the first lady in Cambridge to resist paying her taxes on the ground that taxation and representation should go together. At the Spring Inn, Chesterton Road an antique pendant and two gold bracelets will be sold by auction by the Collector of Taxes. This is very unusual: R.B. Catling, the well-known auctioneer was approached but was unwilling to conduct the sale under such circumstances. A few years ago a farmer in Burnt Fen objected to paying the education portion of the poor rate and bought a new wagon to hand over for the purpose of distraint. It was painted red and he intended to have a record of each distraint recorded on a panel in black lettering, buying it back himself. He was convinced that by the time all the panels were filled in, he would be no longer called upon to pay the rate 12 12 12c

1912 12 20

Robert Farren, the well-known Cambridge artist, died at Highgate. Farren, who was born in Cambridge about 80 years ago, lived in Cambridge all his life with the exception of a few years'

residence at Scarborough until August last when he went to live in Highgate. He was a very clever water colour artist but best known for his work in oils and his etchings. His fen pictures were well-known and his series of etchings of cathedral cities amongst his most famous work. He also produced fine etchings of the Cambridge Greek plays. His 'Degree Day' was published as a photo by Wm Farren when he lived in Rose Crescent. Farren loved to paint Cambridge & Cambridgeshire scenery and there is scarcely a picturesque 'bit' in the town or county that has not been reproduced by him. At one time he had his studios at the top of which are now the University offices but were formerly a Liberal Club. A good many years ago he resided at Mayfield, Hills Road but during the last three years lived at no.1 Station Road. In his younger days he was a very handsome figure, tall and well-built. He was a skilful fencer and attained some note as a geologist. He married Miss Mason, a Cambridge lady and had a family of 14 children, none of whom are now living in Cambridge, his only relatives being his nephew William Farren, the naturalist, of Regent Street and his brother. Two of his daughters have inherited their father's artistic skill in no small degree. The funeral will take place at Old Chesterton churchyard where his wife is buried. – 12 12 20bb Three children of his eldest son, the late Ernest Farren live with their mother in Herbert Street 12 12 27b

1913 01 10

Old Chesterton coal club annual meeting

1913 02 14

It was with a thrill of horror that Cambridge received the news of the death of Captain Scott and the four comrades who had accompanied him on his final dash to the South Pole. Amongst them was Dr Edward Wilson, a former student of Caius College, whose talent as a water-colour artist was well-known in his Cambridge days. Another Caius man, C.W. Wright, was not among the party that met with disaster. Scott had received an honorary degree in June 1905 when the Public Orator spoke of his achievements. Mrs Keating of Chesterton Road is a sister of Mrs Scott who was on her way to New Zealand to meet her husband and was unaware of his death as the ship was out of the wireless zone. 13 02 14 p6 & 7 CIP

1913 03 28

Chesterton workhouse new master

1913 04 18

Conscription opposed at New Chesterton Institute debate

1913 05 09

Chesterton vicar's daughter missing

1913 06 20

Chesterton Guardians way ticket system

Chesterton baker bankruptcy

1913 07 18

Flower shows, Chesterton, Sawston, Duxford, Swaffhams, Melbourn & Meldreth, West Wrating,

1913 07 25

William Macintosh, a director of Messrs A. Macintosh & Sons told the court the landlord of the Spring public house, Chesterton Road had selected a bath and other things to be fixed at the pub, saying he would get the brewers, Lacons to pay it. But no payment was forthcoming. The defendant's solicitor said it was a most expensive piece of luxury. The judge: 'Do you call a bath a luxury'. 'It is here in Cambridge. We have no public baths here'. Judgement was given for the plaintiffs. 13 07 25 p9

1913 08 01

Chesterton road baker fire

1913 09 05

Guildhall extension ratepayer's opposition – any money spent on libraries should provide reading rooms for Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham: when a man got home from business he doesn't feel inclined to walk down to the town again – if you look into the Mill Road reading room at night you will see how much it is appreciated. 13 09 05 p5 CIP

1913 09 26

Lacon's brewery had 132 pubs in Cambridge; one of the best was the Spring Hotel Chesterton but a bath was essential if it was to do a good trade. Running and boating men were constantly complaining that saucer baths were inconvenient. So Lacon's Manager ordered a new one from Messrs Macintosh and they also replaced the lavatory which gave off a most offensive smell. But the brewery disputed payment and said it was up to the tenant to meet the cost. 13 09 26 p10

1913 10 10

New Chesterton Institute report

1913 10 17

Chesterton Good Templars first anniversary

1913 11 07

Hangings at Cambridge County Gaol & elsewhere

1801 03	William Grimshaw, house breaking
1802 04	William Wright & John Bullock, arson
1812 03 28	William Nightingale, alias Bird, forgery
1812 08 08	Daniel Dawson, poisoning horse at Newmarket
1816 06 28	John Dennis, Isaac Harley, Thomas Smith, William Beamiss & George Crow, Littleport riots, at Ely
1817	John Scare, burglary Whittlesford
1819 08 06	Thomas Weems, murdered wife Arrington
1824 04 03	John Lane, rape
1827 09 31	Joshua Slade, murder rector Stukely, at Huntingdon
1829	James Bishop, sheep stealing, at Huntingdon
1829 04	William Osborn, of Boxworth for highway robbery
1830 04 03	William Reader, William Turner & David Howard, arson Linton
1833 03 29	William Westnot & Charles Carter, attempted murder of gamekeeper
1833 12	John Stallan, arson, Sawston
1850 04 30	Elias Lucas & Mary Reeder, poisoning wife at Castle Camps
1861 08 10	Augustus Hilton, murder wife at Parson Drove
1864 03 11	John Green, murder of girl at Whittlesey, last public execution
1876 12 14	Robert Browning, private execution
1878 11 25	Henry Gilbert, murder of child at Hail Weston, at Huntingdon
1898 06	Walter Horsford, St Neots poisoner
1910 06 14	James Henry Hancock, murdered Alfred Doggett at Chesterton
1913 11 02	Frederick Seekings, murdered wife at Brampton

1913 11 28

Chesterton baker bankruptcy

1913 12 19

Plans for alterations at the rear of the Guildhall were shelved after the Ratepayers Association raised a petition. They had to face a loss on the trams, the Borough Bill, Chesterton footbridge and other improvements and as the Colleges were building rapidly the town landladies found it hard to pay their rates. Now the County Council had decided to build their new offices in Hobson Street. They had been debating since 1907 and all the expense and time had been worthless. But the Free Library was

over-crowded and disease was spread in libraries where people were constantly sitting together 13
12 19

1914 01 16

Chesterton's Oldest inhabitant. — The death occurred at Chesterton on Friday of Mrs. Elizabeth Beaumont, who was in her 99th year. She had the distinction of being the oldest inhabitant of Chesterton.

1914 01 30

High January rainfall adds pressure on pumping station; adoption of gas stoves has led to smaller proportion of ashes in the refuse during summer months, Newnham Walk may be made up, possible Chesterton carriage bridge – 14 01 30c

1914 02 06

Four Generations at a Baptism. —The following appears in the parish magazine of St. Andrew's (Chesterton): "An interesting event occurred in Chesterton Church on a recent Sunday afternoon. A little child was christened and there were standing round the font, the father, the grandfather and the great-grandfather — four generations present. This is such an unusual occurrence that it is worthy of record." 14 02 06

1914 02 27

Abbey Road only suitable site for a bridge for Chesterton – 14 02 27f

1914 04 10

Chesterton need for new traffic bridge, footbridge Ferry Path or Pretoria Road – 14 04 10c, e

1914 04 10

Opposition; to Guildhall Enlargement.—In response to a petition by 80 ratepayers of Cambridge, the Mayor called a town's meeting at the Guildhall on Tuesday evening, when the following resolution was passed by a large majority. "That this meeting condemns the resolution passed by the Council at the March meeting with reference to the; Guildhall extension, and if the Corporation find they require further accommodation for their officials, they should hire offices outside for the Education Department." With reference to a proposed carriage bridge at Chesterton the meeting carried, with less than a dozen opposing: "That this meeting, having considered the question of the postponement of the building of the bridge directed by the Cambridge Order 1911 to be built by April 1 1917, sees at this juncture no reason for such action." - 1914 04 10 CIPof

1914 05 29

Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company welcomed visitors to their workshops, test room, drawing office and stores. They were also shown the manufacture and operation of the various instruments made. Many are of great commercial value. The extension is the fourth addition since the works were moved from Panton Street to Chesterton Road. It is the chief of the few manufacturing concerns in Cambridge and now employs 180 hands 14 05 29d & e

1914 06 12

Chesterton carriage bridge poll, 1914 06 12 p4

1914 06 26

Chesterton carriage bridge opposed 1914 06 26

1914 08 14

Tom Jolley acted as ferryman at Caron's Ferry at the Pike & Eel, Old Chesterton for 39 years. The ferry is a small punt boat near the larger ferry and is used by members of the University boat clubs who pay the ferryman a termly allowance. It was worked by his father and grandfather before him. Mr

Jolley was universally known as 'Caron' and his cheery good nature made him a great favourite. 14
08 14 p4

1914 08 28

A novel concert was given for men encamped on Midsummer Common: the motor launch Viscountess Bury was moored beside the bank at Stourbridge Common and its top deck used by the Magpies Concert Party was a platform. The launch was a pretty sight, decorated with vari-coloured lights and hundreds of men, including officers, sat on the sloping bank. Each song was enthusiastically enjoyed. The vicar of Chesterton gave an address during the interval and invited the men to attend Holy Communion on Sunday morning

1914 08 28

A respectable Chesterton chimney sweep was charged with buying two pairs of woollen pants from soldiers camped on Midsummer Common. A constable on duty in plain clothes saw a soldier put something in a white pillowslip he was carrying; when challenged accused said it was food for his children. He found banana, meat and some mackerel, but there were also two pairs of pants with a regimental number – 6178, also W.D. and the broad arrow. The soldier said he was short of money and did not want them; they were hot, woollen things and not necessary at this time of year. Other men stole pants soldiers had washed and put on railings to dry

1914 09 25

A Novel Application. – The Chesterton Guardians had a novel application before them at their meeting held yesterday (Thursday), when the Master (Mr. A. Wild) informed the Board that there was a man waiting downstairs who wanted to know if the Board could supply him with a young lady as a wife. During the past month the man had twice been to see him on the same question. He had told the man that he could not help him in the matter, but he wished to see the Board. Mr. Cross: Does he come from Histon? The Master: Yes. He is downstairs. I have not sent him away, but I told him I did not think you could, assist him. Mr. Hawkins: There is no one in the House who would like to, take this post? The Master: I think not, sir.

1914 10 02

P.H. Taylor, Chesterton kia

1914 10 16

Chesterton soldier's leave
New Chesterton institute

1914 10 23

Under the 1912 boundary extension proposals Cambridge had to erect a bridge over the Cam to Chesterton within five years. Walnut Tree Avenue was the best site but whether this was the best time was a matter of debate. An Inspector from London had told them what they had to do and it was now the Law of the Land. Chesterton people had voted against it - in fact nobody wanted it. The only way to overturn the order was by going through all the expense of obtaining another Act of Parliament. Chesterton RDC Military roads

1914 11 13

Cyril Wright of Chesterton Road, a motor cyclist attached to the 1st Cavalry Division writes to his mother: Christmas is getting nearer and the war has not ended yet. I don't think it will last very much longer because of the terrible slaughter going on. I was in a village when the Germans opened a heavy artillery barrage, blowing the houses up as if they were made of putty. I was completely cut off so ran into a trench and had to stop there ten hours. After dark I crawled out under heavy rifle fire to my motor cycle only to find it smothered with broken glass and bricks. I was glad to get out of it.

1914 11 27

The first VC of the war has been won by a Cambridge man, Sergt Papworth of 15th Hussars. His parents formerly lived at Chesterton and now live at Hayward's Heath. He was with a small troop of 10 men that suddenly came across a large force of 6-700 Germans. Undaunted by the fearful odds the Hussars retired in good order, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. The Hon. E.C. Hardinge was injured and Serg Parish remained behind and kept the Germans at bay while his officer reached a point of safety. Cambridge will be proud to learn that the gallantry of a local man has won the first VC of the war

1915 08 06

Photos of fallen soldiers: F.J. Gipp, Chesterton - 15 08 06b

15 08 13

Photos of wounded soldiers - A.E. Taylor, Chesterton; H.W. Whitmore, Chesterton; J. Clark 15 08 13b

1915 12 15

Joseph Fenton, Chesterton, killed by bursting of a fuse of a German shell he was keeping as war relic in his workshop - 15 12 15e; photo - 15 12 22d

1916 02 02

Farewell. — The Rev. N. W. Shelton, who has accepted the living of the parish of Littleport, preached his farewell sermon to the parishioners of St. Andrew's, Chesterton, on Sunday. Mr. Shelton has been at Chesterton for 13 years, and there were large congregations at both morning and evening services. Chesterton local tribunal first sitting - 16 02 23c

1916 05 03

Military Wedding, — Great interest centred in the wedding at the Wesley Church, Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, on Saturday between Miss Lucy Irene Lavender; eldest daughter of Councillor and Mrs. G. H. Lavender, of 84 Chesterton Road. Cambridge, and Mr. Charles Arthur Shrubbs, 2nd Lieut., A.S.C.. son of Mr. A. Shrubbs, of Hinxton. The church was filled by friends of the bride and the bride's parents, who are well-known and highly respected in the town. The bridegroom is a Downing man, and was at one time in the University O.T.C. The officiating clergy were the Rev. R. Winboulton Harding and the Rev-Dr. T. A. Barber, Headmaster of The Leys School. The service was choral. Afterwards a reception was held in the library of Wesley Church. The honeymoon is being spent on the South Coast.

1916 11 22

Former Mayoress of Cambridge.— There passed away at her residence, Manor House, Chesterton, on Monday, Mrs. Louisa Bell, a former Mayoress of Cambridge, and the oldest resident of Chesterton. Her death will be regretted by many. Mrs. Bell was the widow of Mr. Edward Bell, corn and seed merchant, who was twice elected Mayor of the Borough. He was first elected Mayor in November, 1887, and was re-elected the following year. He died, however, in March, 1889, during his second year of office. Of a kind and charitable disposition, the late Mrs. Bell was beloved by all who knew her. During her husband's lifetime she interested herself in parochial work in St. Edward's parish. She afterwards moved to Chesterton, and here she has been an active church worker in St. Andrew's parish for many years past.

1917 07 04

Double Funeral. - A double funeral took place at Chesterton on Thursday afternoon when the remains of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Simpson were laid to rest in Old Chesterton Churchyard. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson celebrated their golden wedding four years ago. They had lived most of their married- life in Peekskill, U.S.A., 14 years being spent in Cambridge, On June 23rd. Mr. Simpson died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, and two days later, Mrs. Simpson, who had been in weak health, died also. Deceased were buried in the same grave.

1917 07 18

Jolly Butchers in Newmarket Road, 'Magpie & Stump' Chesterton and 'Sotted Cow' Northampton Street to close – 17 07 18a

1918 04 24

A great flood.—The Cambridge district was visited last week by a flood which reached a higher level than has been recorded since the historical inundation which followed the great storm of August 3, 1879 (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). Miles of country were under water on Wednesday; roads and paths were rendered impassable to foot passengers, the ferries at Cambridge were stopped, low-lying houses and premises near the river were flooded and the water was up to the permanent way of the railway between Chesterton and Waterbeach. Fortunately the flood water was got away quickly down stream, but its rise showed what a considerable quantity of water must have fallen in the first three days of last week, and also how important it is that there should be no obstruction at Denver. The river has shown more frequent tendencies to flood of late years than, formerly - one cause is said to be the clearing-out of ditches and water courses by War Agricultural Committees.

1918 08 14

Objected to stone-breaking in war-time. — At the Cambridge Borough Court, a 59-year-old London tailor was charged with refusing to perform his allotted task as an inmate of Chesterton Workhouse and, further, with damaging the bolts of his door and a lock on a cupboard to the amount of 7s. 6d. Defendant told the Bench that he objected to stone-breaking in time of war, and had applied for other work, which was refused. He pleaded guilty to both charges, and was sentenced to seven days' hard labour on the first charge and 14 days' hard labour on the second.

1919 01 01

Busy Day for the Mayor, — The Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. Ralph Starr) had a busy day on Christmas Day, when, in company with the Mayoress and their son and daughter, they paid visits to most if the institutions in the town, including the Borough Sanatorium, the Children's Home in Ross St. the Workhouse, Mill Road, the 1st Eastern General Hospital, York House, Newmarket Road, which is the Children's Home of the Chesterton Union and (in the afternoon) Addenbrooke's Hospital. At the hospital, the Mayor visited every ward, speaking kindly words of greeting and comfort to the patients, finishing up at the soldiers' (Bowtell) ward. This visit concluded the Mayor's programme and he returned home for a well-earned rest after what he described as a happy and pleasing experience. Chesterton war orphans – 70 children entertained by Women's Liberal Association – photo – 20 01 14c

1920

1920 02 06

Chesterton Allotments – the Hall Farm to be taken on lease

1920 03 03

Board of Guardians—The vacancy in the South Chesterton representation on the Chesterton Board of Guardians, created by the retirement of Mrs. Marsh, has been filled by the election of Mrs. Benjamin Jolley, who was nominated by the Cambridge and District Women Citizens' Association. There were two nominations, Mr. Edwin James Arcott, the other nominee, subsequently withdrawing and thus avoiding a contest. Mr. I. Cock, of Fen Ditton has been returned unopposed to fill the vacancy on the Chesterton Rural District Council, caused by the retirement of Mr. L. G. P. Hiring.

1920 03 06

Licensing renewals: Turnstile, Newmarket Rd; George IV East Rd; Queen's Arms, St Andrew's Street; Smith and Wheelwrights Arms, East Rd; Boot, King St; Dewdrop, Gwydir St; Tally Ho; Indian Chief, Chesterton

1920 03 10

Licensing sessions: refer East Road : Turnstile. George IV, Smith & Wheelwright Arms, King St: Boot; Gwydir St: Dewdrop; Newnham: Tally Ho; Chesterton: Indian Chief; Cherry Hinton Hopbine; Renew St Andrew's St: Queen's Arms – 20 03 10b

1920 03 30

Housing scheme land on Chesterton & Milton Roads, Mrs Gurney will sell her land

1920 04 09

Chesterton councillors want new bridges across the Cam

1920 04 14

John F. Symonds clerk Chesterton Guardians for 40 years – 20 04 14a

1920 05 20

Plans for tea and concert garden at Chesterton Road considered

1920 07 10

Public houses considered for closure –Chesterton High Street Indian Chief,

1920 07 17

Y.W.C.A. Hostel moves from Barton Road to Chesterton Road overlooking the river

1920 09 08

Mayor, — Once again the "Cambridge Chronicle" is able to be the first to announce the acceptance of the Mayoralty by the gentleman to whom it has been offered Coun. B, C. Jolley, of "Meadowcroft", old Chesterton, has accepted the position subject to the formal consent of the Conservative Party, to whom his name will be submitted as a matter of courtesy and according to custom. But it is practically decided that Councillor Jolley will succeed Councillor G. P. Hawkins in the Mayoral Chair. The choice of Mr. Hawkins' successor devolves upon the Liberal members of the Cambridge Town Council, the local arrangement of the parties providing for alternate nomination by Liberals and Conservatives of the occupant of the Chair. This understanding has proved highly satisfactory to all concerned, and has ensured the unanimous appointment of succeeding Mayors of Cambridge. Meetings of the Liberal member have been held this week, and the invitation was according to Councillor Jolley. Mr. Jolley was elected a member of the Town Council in April, 1912, following the elevation of Councillor John Bester to the Aldermanic Bench. He has done a considerable amount of work on various committees of the council, but he seldom figures in the debates at meetings of the Corporation. Closely associated with the Nonconformist movement in Cambridge, Mr. Jolley is a prominent Wesleyan and holds office at the Old Chesterton Chapel. He has not taken a strong line in local party politics.

1920 09 29

Chesterton war memorial unveiling – photos – 20 09 29

1920 09 27

Old Chesterton war memorial unveiled

1920 10 16

New Chesterton Institute war memorial unveiled

1921 07 27

A serious position has arisen in connection with the scheme for the erecting of houses by Cambridge Borough Council at Chesterton Road & Milton Road. The site was purchased some time ago and prepared for erection of 60 houses by direct labour. Construction of roads and sewers put in place. But Minister refuses to sanction other work unless whole of expense is borne by local rates. Work to stop

and town will have a building site which cost over £14,000. It is impossible to proceed with building scheme without Government assistance – 21 07 27c

1922 01 11

Chesterton road bridge and position of footbridges to be left to electors to decide – 22 01 11 & a

1922 09 27

The provision of billiard tables in the New Chesterton Institute has undoubtedly been a paying concern. Four tables having proved inadequate, the billiards room has had to be extended and another table added to cope with the requirements of the experienced and budding cueists

1922 11 24

The first dairy in this part of the country to obtain a Ministry of Health licence is the Stetchworth Dairies Certified Grade A Dairy Farm, Union Lane, Chesterton, which claims to be the largest private retailer in the Eastern Counties. The herd consists of 12 cows, six of them being pedigree Guernseys. The cows are accommodated in large, airy sheds, without stalls or partitions of any kind. Our representative was shown several bottles of milk which had been bottled for eight days. One of these was opened and the contents found to be only just beginning to "turn"; certified milk will keep perfectly fresh for four or five days

1922 12 08

The urgent need for carrying out schemes of public importance in order to relieve the unemployment situation in the Borough were admitted on all hands at the meeting of the Cambridge Town Council. During the past two years they had been endeavouring as far as possible each winter to find work for those men who unfortunately were out of employ. Last year they were able to place 200 men on the Sewage Farm. That work had nearly come to a close. It was stated that there were 800 men out of work in the Borough which was an increase of nearly 100 over last year. Suggestions for further work included underground lavatories at the junction of Victoria Road, Chesterton Road and Milton Road, a bridge across the Cam at the bottom of Walnut Tree Avenue and a recreation ground on the Rock Estate

1923 01 12

After a long discussion the Cambridge Town Council today decided to embark on a scheme for the erection of 239 houses on the Chesterton Road and Milton Road site, viz 30 houses of the parlour-type, 165 houses of the non-parlour type with three bedrooms and 44 houses of the non-parlour type with two bedrooms

1923 02 01

The need for more land for the allotment holder was demonstrated at the first annual meeting of the Chesterton Allotment Association. Three hundred applications for land have already been received and it was reported that the Town Clerk is in communication with Clare College with respect to the purchase of a field in Milton and Scotland roads. There were some 24 acres contained therein. Mrs Stevenson said she was exceedingly interested in this East Chesterton's move towards getting satisfactory allotments. She thought it wise for this part of the town to see about getting their allotments before they got built over.

1923 03 02

Wheatsheaf, Chesterton – 23 03 02 p5

1923 04 13

A Cambridge boy, P S Milner-Barry, son of the late Professor Milner-Barry of De Freville Avenue, Chesterton, won the title of the first British boy chess champion. The title, which has been authorised by the British Chess Federation, was open to boys up to 18 years of age. Milner-Barry who is only 16 1/2 years of age, represented Cheltenham College in the competition, but his success also reflects

credit on his old school, St Faith's preparatory, and the Cambridge town chess club, of which he is the youngest member

1923 10 30

Sir, - many Cambridge people can remember the "Dismal Jimmies" protesting at the suggested new road from the Four Lamps over Midsummer common and the bridge to Chesterton. The council stood firm, what is the result? Victoria Avenue and the bridge has proved a complete success, the trees have grown and have become a real avenue. And not only is it a boon and a blessing to Chesterton men; it is a credit to Cambridge. I trust the council will again stand firm and this time let the boon be for Newnham, with a roadway over Coe Fen that will prove a credit to the district and then we can cycle to business without expecting to be caught in the death trap of crowded Silver Street. – "Safety First"

1923 11 20

A ceremony unique in Cambridge and of a very impressive nature took place at the Carmelite convent on Chesterton Road when his eminence Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster gave an address. The ceremony was that of enclosing nuns. The house consists of two former dwelling houses joined together and possesses a small public chapel in which there will be public mass every day. With the exception of the nuns' choir chapel, no part of the building is actually new

1923 11 23

Mr Taylor told the house possession hearing that he was the owner of numbers 11 and 12 Church Street, Old Chesterton. He wanted to knock a hole through the wall of the adjacent house and join one bedroom on to his house. He was willing to allow one shilling off his tenant's rent. The plaintive said his wife suffered from nerves and required perfect quiet at night. The slightest noise broke her rest. Defendant and his wife annoyed him by "singing that molly-coddle hymn, 'Who shall enter the pearly gates?' for two hours at a time". The judge made an order for possession of the required bedroom and fixed the rent at 4s. a week for the rest of the house

1923 11 24

Sir with reference to the continuation bus service from Chesterton to Old Chesterton, I would like to point out that we ran the service in 1919 but it was an absolute failure and we were compelled to drop it. However as there seems to be a fresh demand I am giving it a trial. The terminus of the cars will be at Chapel Street, Old Chesterton, instead of De Freville Avenue as heretofore. The fare from Market Street to Chapel Street will be twopence. You will realise that it is quite impossible to revert to the penny fare over the whole of the services. It is true that the price of petrol has dropped, but the price of wages and labour generally has not decreased - John Walford, Ortona Motor Company

1923 12 06

The question of providing additional accommodation at Cambridge workhouse was considered. The committee had inspected the sanatorium of the Leys school in Hooper Street which was for sale. It appeared to be suitable for a nurses' home. Mr Hall said they ought to leave some of the patients at Chesterton. Some of them had been in the institution for 10 or 12 years and it would be better to leave them there to spend the evening of their life, where they knew almost everyone

1924 01 05

Chesterton houses – plot

1924 02 09

As a motor lorry, owned by Mr Parnell of Stretham and laden with 500 cans of petrol was approaching the Milton railway level crossing at a very slow speed the driver found the gates were closed to allow trains to pass. He applied his brakes, but they would not act and the lorry, which carried a very heavy load, smashed through the nearest gate, and stopped with the back part blocking the line. A coal train was approaching from Histon and a light engine from Chesterton Junction and quick action was necessary to avoid a serious accident. Gatekeeper Ernest Carter seized some fog signals and was able to stop the coal train and similar action taken by Patrol-Leader F.B. Pearson. The

line was blocked for over an hour by which time the lorry was, after a small repair, able to proceed on the journey.

1924 03 20

The village of Cherry Hinton has been agog with excitement with rumours regarding the wealth of a sexagenarian spinster, who was removed to Chesterton workhouse infirmary. The woman has been living in a little two-roomed whitewashed thatched cottage in the Chequers yard under conditions of poverty. The amount of her wealth has been subject to considerable exaggeration and the latest rumours place the figure at about £1,000. A search revealed £140 in coin of the realm, including £15 in gold, a large number of half-crowns and many smaller coins, secreted in several places in each of the rooms of the cottage, a fact that points to her having hoarded small sums for many years.

1924 10 04

The 1924-5 edition of Spalding's Directory for Cambridge shows progress has been made with the development of various building estates and we find for the first time the names of Hawthorn Way, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, Haig Road joining Chesterton and Cam Road, and Coleridge Road which is the name given by Jesus college to the new road between Cherry Hinton road and Romsey Town.

1924 12 04

Progress is being made in connection with the erection of a bridge over the river at Chesterton but the Surveyor is overwhelmed with work. It is two or three years ago when the owner of the land necessary for the proposed bridge at Pretoria road said he was willing to sell the land at a reasonable price. Over 800 people had paid for season tickets to go over the ferry and the council got something like 25s a week in odd halfpennies for casual passengers.

1925 03 16

The "Tivoli", Cambridge's new cinema on Chesterton Road will be opened on Thursday and many people have been speculating as to what it looks like inside. A representative of the CDN who had a look around came away very much impressed with the general air of comfort and the attractiveness of the interior. Over 600 people can be seated in the body of the hall and gallery. It has comfort, excellent lighting and excellent decoration. If you want a private box for six people you may have one for the sum of 15s.

1925 03 20

Described as "Chesterton's super cinema", the Tivoli made its debut before the Cambridge public when there were two opening performances. Elaborate, cosy, artistically lighted and efficiently ventilated, Cambridge's sixth cinema has every justification for expressing itself in superlatives. It has a courteous staff of brown-uniformed attendants, an excellent orchestra and a screen sufficiently large to do justice to the most elaborate film productions. The projection last night was not perfect, but this was merely a matter of adjustment.

1925 05 20

Cambridge Poor Law Guardians considered installing wireless apparatus at the Institution. Mrs Keynes said some members were not entirely satisfied that it would be a very great boon to the inmates, partly because of the nature of the entertainment and partly because the best part of the performance usually came on after their inmates had gone to bed. The chairman handed round copies of the "Radio Times" to enable members to see the types of programmes given. Messrs Allin's estimate for a six-valve set with five loud speakers was £65. Chesterton Institution had installed three loud speakers and they were appreciated.

1925 05 28

"I promised the little girl at work that I would bring her some flowers" was the excuse which a 14-year-old errand boy offered to magistrates for wilfully damaging a laburnum tree at Victoria Great Jubilee Memorial Pleasure ground, Chesterton Road. The magistrates took a lenient view of the offence and fined him 3s.

1925 06 05

Cambridge council was told that the Brunswick school did not exist at the present time because the Borough surveyor drew attention to the giving way of the building, and they first of all had to pull down the Boys' School because it was dragging the other part down, and eventually they pulled down the Girls' School. The girls were in temporary premises at Paradise Street School and the boys in Fitzroy Street. They had to bear in mind that a new bridge was going to be built at Walnut Tree Avenue some time – (laughter) – and when that was done they would have to accommodate some children from old Chesterton.

1925 08 07

Sir – the proposed garage on Christ's Pieces has called forth a crop of protesting letters; let them be directed against the ugly, barrack-like Councils houses at Chesterton and Cavendish Avenue. The majority of the houses are literally a blot on the landscape, badly designed, dreary and poverty-stricken, they are eyesores to every passer-by. Yet they are being built without a word of protest, while the cutting down of a couple of trees evokes a regular storm of indignation – Kappal

1925 09 24

Coun Porter said councillors might not realise what an old crock the ferry over the Cam at Chesterton was. When one went over in rough weather the water had to be baled out and the sides of the ferry shook. At the time of the fair the ferryman would not risk taking over a crowd of people because it was so dangerous. Children were taking a very great risk in using the ferry and the council taking the greatest risk of all in not taking steps to prevent somebody being drowned. The ferry was obsolete, it should be condemned at once and done away with.

1926 02 26

Householders in Chesterton Road have petitioned Cambridge Borough Council to lodge protest against the speed at which vehicles of the Ortona Motor Omnibus Company are driven down the road. "The effect of the excessive speed at which these jolting juggernauts are driven is to produce an intermittent earthquake which is doing great damage to our houses". They should not be allowed to exceed 10 mph, increasing to 15 mph when pneumatic tyres are fitted. The present indulgence, which allows solid-tyred vehicles to bump along at 20 to 25 mph, is altogether unreasonable, they claim

1926 04 23

Lady Newton, wife of the Cambridge MP, opened the new hall of the East Chesterton Ward Conservative Association, situate in Union Lane. It is completely equipped with cloakrooms, kitchen, stage etc with electric light and ventilating fans and other modern appliances, and an excellent floor has been laid for dancing. They are going to cater during the summer for flannel dancing and during the winter will run the hall for dances, whist drives and a smoking concert. A gentleman had promised a full-sized billiard table and another given them a cheque for a piano.

1926 04 26

An inquiry was held into the provision of two underground public conveniences at the junction of Milton and Chesterton and Newmarket and East Roads where there would be an island in the middle of the road. The Inspector asked whether they had designed the roof to carry the weight of a heavy motor lorry; it would be a very simple matter for a lorry to jump a kerb on a foggy night as had happened at Southend when people had been injured. He also raised the question of a convenience for women and the Mayor said the matter had been very carefully considered by the committee who were anxious to get on with the work as quickly as possible.

1926 08 28

Chesterton Guardians' Coal Emergency Officer said the emergency would be on for another month and they should buy another 200 tons for the needs of the district. The villages were still suffering from shortage and farmers had no coal to thrash with. That morning he had three smallholders from Milton begging for coal. He had managed, through the kindness of Mr Warren, to let them have three

tons. In future as soon as there was any indication of the likelihood of a strike they should take precautions.

1927 01 06

Cambridge council agreed to spend £7,653 on the reconstruction and widening of Victoria Avenue. The scheme was criticised on the grounds that it would tempt motorists to increase their speed along the avenue. The Surveyor said that the railings should go back an extra 11 feet as far as the trees, making the road 55 feet. Chesterton wanted a vehicular bridge at Walnut Tree Avenue which would carry much of the traffic, but this had been coming for the last 35 years and it had not come yet (laughter).

1927 03 04

Cambridge Library Committee recommended that steps be taken to provide reading rooms in Chesterton and Cherry Hinton. At the time of amalgamation in 1911 it was one of the conditions that Chesterton should be given a public library. At Cherry Hinton they had in 1924 prevailed upon the council to provide a public reading room. It was hoped to set up a small reference library at each. Suburban Cambridge was growing rapidly and they were a necessity.

1927 03 21

The Charleston shows no signs of waning in popularity at the Premier Dance Hall, Chesterton, and still reigns supreme among the habitués there. In fact this dancing habit has become so much of the place that one sees more uniformity in the style than at any other hall in Cambridge. On Saturday evening Manning's Band were in their usual good form and played extremely well. Miss Robinson must be one of the last jazz pianists in the town at present.

1927 04 08

The Cam Conservators reported they had got the Fort St George ferry up, but it sank again. It was impossible to do anything with the boat and impossible to get another one. They had agreed to employ a man to do the work but could not undertake the risk. At lunchtime too many people crowded on to the boat and a man could not order them off. The Conservators had carried on the ferry at a loss for years. They had a contract to take the people across the water and had to do something. Chesterton people felt they had been badly treated.

1927 05 13

The foundation stone of the Brunswick School in Walnut Tree Avenue, Cambridge was laid. It will provide accommodation for nearly 1,100 children. The Mayor said it was unfortunate, perhaps, that the other Brunswick School fell down but this was a better building. When they compelled children to go to school there was an obligation to see the building provided as much fresh air and sunlight as possible. They hoped that with the extra communication which some day would make traffic over the river easier for schoolchildren (laughter) Chesterton people would send their children to that school

1927 07 02

Sir – the work has been started to widen Victoria Avenue, Cambridge, from the Four Lamps to Victoria Bridge. The roadway when finished will be wide enough for vehicle traffic to proceed four abreast. The Bridge will not be so wide as the road and heavy traffic may mean serious congestion. Some suggest the road over the bridge may be made wider by making the footpaths overlap the river. If this were done the narrow road on the north side would be an obstacle and as this roadway cannot be made right through to Chesterton Road this scheme should never go forward – E. Clayden

1927 07 23

There was a good deal of grouching before the inhabitants of Chesterton had a footbridge over the Cam at Dant's Ferry. Now they have got one they have found something else to grouse about. At five minutes to eight every morning the instrument workers at Pye's are hurrying to work from the other side of the river. They curse and groan, trip and stagger under the burden of carrying their bicycles up and down a steep double flight of steps. Sooner or later some panting person carrying a bicycle will

fall backwards or pitch into the river. The bridge was not made for cyclists who should get up earlier and ride up Victoria Avenue. [CDN 23rd July 1927].

1927 09 03

Chesterton folk looked very happy at the opening of the Pretoria Road footbridge and there was a fairly large crowd on both sides of the river. The bridge has been a very long time coming. There is an old proverb: "Bridges were made for wise men to walk over, and fools to ride over". Cyclists should remember this and the warning of the penalties awaiting those who do not dismount when crossing the bridge.

1927 12 15

A conference is to discuss the problem of the accommodation of tramps at Cambridge workhouse. In 1926 there was an alarming increase of over 5,000 which they hoped was due to the general strike but this year the number had been exceeded. They could deal with 60 male tramps but on one night had 118. They had to sleep on the floor, between the beds and in the corridor and the arrangement for bathing, searching, disinfecting and washing clothes became hopelessly inadequate. The solution may be found in an agreement between the Cambridge and Chesterton Union to pool resources

1928 01 10 c

A meeting was held to consider collaboration between the Cambridge and Chesterton Unions in the alleviation of the tramp problem. For some reason very few tramps go to Chesterton but very many go to Cambridge which is very seriously overcrowded. The indoor poor of the two unions should be managed by one committee who would gather together all the sick, all the babies, all the children and all the tramps and distribute them between the two existing union houses as seemed most convenient.

1928 01 27

Cambridge council discussed recommendations to build a bridge over the river at or near Abbey Road. An inner ring road would circle the town on the outskirts which was necessary in view of the ever-increasing traffic and congestion in the centre of Cambridge. They suggested that a direct by-pass road be constructed by linking Chesterton Road with Milton Road

1928 01 28

Cambridge borough council considered plans from the Cambridge Estates Ltd for the construction of roads and sewers on the Hurst Park Estate which has an acreage of 30 acres, nine being in Cambridge and 21 in the parish of Impington. It is proposed to erect approximately 190 houses. Ald Raynes thought the public who were considering purchasing plots should be fully aware of what they were doing. Only a small portion of the estate was within Cambridge and the rest was in the Chesterton Rural District Council's area who did not have a single bylaw affecting buildings or the construction of roads

1928 01 30

The story of the Chesterton ghost has attracted crowds of people to the pathway skirting the Willows and there were quite 200 spook-hunters waiting for something to turn up. Of course nobody takes the story seriously and even children have braved the darkness and the barbed wire fences to join in the hunt. All sorts of practical jokes have been played and one enthusiast sallied forth with a sheet until people started throwing things! Someone said that the ghost was defunct, having been shot by a policeman. But if the spirit doesn't materialise on the Willows it most certainly will in a licensed establishment in the adjoining Cam Road

1928 02 21

Henry Percy Bowler, undergraduate of Pembroke College, was summoned for driving a motor car at a dangerous speed in Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Sergt Nelson, who admitted he had never driven a car, stated that defendant drove at 35 miles an hour round a corner on the off-side of the road. Defendant said he drove behind a small saloon car until he saw the road was clear and then passed it,

his speed was about 27 miles an hour. The make of car was an H.P.B. and he assembled it himself. He bought the engine, which was 20 h.p. in 1912 for £6. A fine of 10s was imposed.

1928 03 27

On Saturday was laid to rest in Chesterton churchyard the last surviving child of the Rev Michael Gibbs, once Treasurer of St Paul's cathedral. He was appointed to Barrington in 1835 and found the church in decay, rain pouring through the roof and the north door gone. All this he repaired but when the villagers saw the door replaced they remonstrated, saying "But where are our cattle from the green to go in winter?" He also got a thatched school built

1928 04 07

A jobbing gardener was given half a stone of potatoes to plant on Chesterton allotments, but the owner was disgusted to find that only two rows had been planted and accused his workman of planting someone else's acres with his spuds. The jobbing man came to the conclusion there was only one thing to be done to prove his innocence and proceeded to dig up the potatoes. All but three were found. An inquest is now being held to decide whose is the responsibility of replanting what will be a very valuable crop of early spuds.

1928 07 09

Close to the windmill on the north side of Milton Road, opposite Chesterton Hall Crescent, occupying one of the highest and healthiest sites in the locality and surrounded by spacious lawns and trim walks stands the new open-air school for defective and sub-normal children. It is an ideal school, admirably adapted to its purpose and planned and equipped on a generous scale, a veritable children's paradise. The opening ceremony was an open-air function. Open air schools for delicate children have come to stay and in the future all schools will probably become open-air

1928 09 05

Ald Conder said the country was buzzing with town planners; the Cambridge East town planning scheme was drawn up by Cambridge Borough Council and covered part of Chesterton RDC area. It reserved certain land for allotments so the owner sent in a claim for compensation to the Town Council; as the land was in Chesterton they forwarded it to the RDC who decided to release it from allotments. So if one authority town planned an area outside its own boundaries it was possible that what had been done at great expense could be undone immediately it became inconvenient to another. That was the general trend throughout the country.

1928 09 11

The Cambridge works of Messrs W.G. Pye, the well-known scientific instrument and wireless apparatus makers were entered and the workshops and office ransacked. The works consist of several blocks of buildings extending from Cam Road to St Andrew's church at Old Chesterton. The visitor got into the transformer shop and then into a corridor by means of a hole which had been made in the wall for the fixing of a checking clock. Practically no damage was done and only a small sum of money is missing. It appears he was not a wireless enthusiast because none of the wireless parts were taken

1928 12 15

St Catharine's Farm, Coton, has been taken over by the Stetchworth Dairies. Built in 1922 it contains the finest buildings of any farm in the Eastern Counties and it is because of the spacious byres for cows that the Dairies have secured it. It is another asset to their fine chain of model milk producing farms, which includes Ditton Hall Farm, Rectory Farm Milton and Aldham House Farm, Chesterton. At Merton Hall Farm, Madingley Road the cows are milked by electricity.

1929 02 05

The latest form of political propaganda, the Conservative's touring 'Talkifilm' is visiting Cambridge. The programme includes a speech by the Prime Minister which gives an uncanny effect of realism

and a silent film showing the opening up of Canada. The van will visit Pound Hill, the Premier Hall Chesterton and Occupation Road, winding up at Cherry Hinton Road corner

1929 02 21

Cambridge Guardians debated purchasing number 137 Gwydir Street for the few children in the Workhouse. Mr Francis said they should not build on that side; there were complaints of the smoke and grime and he could not imagine a much worse place. The right place was at Chesterton where they would at least get the air and the sun. Mr Lofts said they could not afford to expend that amount of money, while they could board children an extension was unnecessary. There was no rule against boarding out children under three but they tried to keep babies with their mothers

1929 03 09

Sir – I have watched the progress of H.M.S. Dredger at present operating off the footbridge, Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Some months ago they dredged one half of the lower river in the vicinity of Jesus Locks and deposited the sludge on the Chesterton side in the river; later the dredged the river above the locks and deposited the sludge in the actual place previously dredged - ‘One of the financing party’

1929 03 15

A case of considerable interest to people buying or selling goods on the hire-purchase system was heard at Cambridge court. Messrs Miller & Son sued the former musical director of the Tivoli Cinema, Chesterton Road over an H.M.V. gramophone and records. The agreement said that the machine was to be kept at a house in Chesterton Road but he had moved it to the nearby Spring Hotel without being granted permission. When he moved to the West Kensington Super-Cinema, London, the firm had seized the machine.

1929 11 11

The Cambridge Rifle Club’s new range at Chapel Street, Old Chesterton was opened and Mr H. Ward Trinder, the originator of the club, fired the first shot. It is an indoor range of 25 yards and there is room for six people to shoot at once. It will be open from 2pm to 4.30 and 6 pm to 10 on weekdays. In the past there had been some very good clubs but owing to the war all except for one or two in the county and the Gas Company had fallen out. It was owing to Mr Trinder’s efforts that this club was started and it would soon be out of debt.

1930

1930 01 20

Demolition work has begun on the Chesterton Sub-Police station, Mitcham’s Corner. At one time the office of the old Chesterton Urban District Council it became a police station on the amalgamation of Chesterton with the borough. Corner improvements have made its removal desirable. Workmen are hurrying in and out and already it is windowless and completely barren internally. It will be replaced by a police-box. The familiar fire standards are also doomed to disappear; five wall boxes have been erected which will be in operation as soon as the telephones are installed. The change has been made because the public dislikes the breaking of glass in the older standards and prefer to use a telephone case of emergency 30 01 20

1930 02 14

Large crowds gathered for the stone-laying of the new Arbury Road Baptist Church Hall and School. The new church will have the support of the Old Chesterton Baptists who will vacate their present chapel when the new building is complete. It will serve the needs of inhabitants of Green End Road, Milton Road and the Hurst Park & Chesterton Hall Estates and will be able to welcome members of other denominations. The ceremony was one of the most unique ever performed, there being six foundation stones laid. 30 02 14

1930 03 22

There never was a time surely when there were so many works of destruction going on as at present. Little bits of old Cambridge are going one by one and elaborate new buildings are rising up in their place. Following demolition in Petty Cury and Sidney Street now we see old houses and shops in Sussex Street being knocked down. No wonder that those who come back to the town after a few years' absence express amazement at the changes they see. When we think of the bridges built at Newnham and Chesterton, of the streets that have been widened, the new recreation ground opened and the great business changes effected in the heart of the town we may well gasp. 30 03 22 a & b

1930 03 28

Interesting reminiscences were given as Chesterton Guardians passed out of existence after 94 years. The first meeting in 1836 appeared to have been in a public house; amongst those attending were the names of Taylor, Linton and Foster and they still had members of these names on the Board. The final report showed the number in the institution was 39 men, 40 women and one child. 30 03 28f-g

1930 04 28

Chesterton railway bridge: replacement - 30 04 28

1930 07 22

Cambridge councillors rejected plans for the erection of a bungalow on Robinson Crusoe Island & decided the existing old cottage and shed should be demolished and that the Surveyor should report on the erection of suitable sheds for boating purposes. They also considered land at Town Close, Old Chesterton which is occupied by numerous caravans; their appearance is most objectionable and they should be moved. 30 07 22c

1930 09 09

An Ortona omnibus collided with a stationary Ford van at Old Chesterton and the impact was so great that the van was hurled twenty yards along the road. William Holmes was delivering meat when the bus crashed into the rear of his butcher's vehicle. He was taken completely by surprise and flung across the footpath but managed to save a 70-year-old lady, Mrs Mansfield, by pulling her away. The van's steering gear was smashed, the body splintered and meat to the value of £10 scattered on the road. 30 09 09

1930 10 16

Five miniature golf courses are now in operation in Cambridge. There are Messrs Grays in Sidney Street and the octagon course in King Street. The Premier Hall, Old Chesterton, has added midget golf to its other attractions and the Newmarket Road has the course in the club-room at 'The Bell'. Its holes represent hazards encountered during a trip from 'Trafalgar Square' to 'The Oval'. The latest 18-hole course at the Belle Vue Gardens is all-weather and open-air. It features a howitzer gun and a water jump and has been laid down by Capt Mullett who has constructed others in Vancouver and San Francisco. 30 10 16c

1930 12 09

Branch library site, Chesterton & Cherry Hinton – 30 12 09

1930 12 12

The 'skeleton' of the Chesterton vehicular bridge came out of the municipal cupboard. It had been suggested when Victoria Bridge had been erected but the council subsequently rejected the proposals. In the meantime a temporary bridge had been erected at Dant's Ferry with the intention of moving it towards the Pike and Eel. Now it will be kept in the present position and lowered to make it easier to cross with perambulators. But it was a shame to spend £1,600 on a structure which had not been right when it was put up. 30 12 12c

1931 04 03

William James Ison started as a cycle dealer in Chesterton Road in 1897; his business prospered and at one time he had four shops selling and repairing cycles. He also put one of his own machines on the

market. The 'New Chesterton' has become deservedly popular and a special racing model won over 100 prizes in 1908. His late wife was sister of Fred Lawrence of the Belmont Cycle Works in King Street. 31 04 03f

1931 06 05

In all proposals affecting change to local government, the sewerage problem looms large. Cambridge is provided with a sewage scheme which appears to be adequate and the sewage farm produces a satisfactory effluent. They could cope with Chesterton and Cherry Hinton but if the town boundaries were expanded to take in Histon and Impington it would cause problems. 31 06 05 h i

1931 06 12

The new road under construction between Milton and Histon Roads provides some exceptionally attractive sites for those wishing to erect a private house. It has much to recommend it as Chesterton is a very popular district but most of the available land within a reasonable distance of town has already been taken up. The plots are for the erection of private dwellings only and no bungalows or inadequate houses can be erected. 31 06 12k

1931 06 12

The complete reconstruction of the Cambridge Town Football Club is underway and when supporters pay their money at the gate next season they will be confronted with an entirely new sight. The old stand has been demolished and the network of frames for the new one seating 800 people erected together with a new pavilion. There will also be a full-sized Cumberland turf green for the Chesterton Bowling Club. 31 06 12l

1931 09 11

Many will mourn the loss of Miss Katharine Wilson, creator of the Chesterton Preparatory School. She had an amazing power of understanding children so that the most difficult little people became happy and tractable. Boys and girls of whatever nationality, whether Italian, Russian, American, Estonian or English, from toddlers to twelve years old, all found themselves equally at home and grew into resourceful little citizens. 31 09 11b

1932 03 05

Magistrates refused to relicence the Bowling Green public house, High Street, Chesterton. The landlord said a billiard room had been re-decorated, he had regular customers and it had become more or less an institution. But there had been a decrease in trade, despite the growing estate nearby. The Maypole in Portugal Place was the headquarters of the Whippet Club; the tenant was 70 years of age and his only means of support would be the old-age pension. This together with the Alhambra in East Road, the Eagle Tavern beerhouse in Victoria Road and the Clarendon Arms was relicenced. 32 03 05 & a

1932 05 03

Cambridge Metal Stamping Company's plans for the erection of a factory on land off St Andrew's Road, Chesterton would endanger the beautiful prospect from the river. Alderman Starr said he had viewed the site and been surprised to see a very large building for Pye's Radio Works had already been erected on the opposite side of the road. Factories were being built without consent of the council but this one could be blocked under the town planning scheme. There were other places it could go. 32 05 03 & a

1932 05 23

Cambridgeshire Insurance Committee considered moving to the new County Hall, Castle Hill. It was a very fine situation but what sane business man having a base in the centre would go a mile out of town to a place scarcely anybody knew - even though there was a free motor park. But future development would be on the north of Cambridge as the County had offered a very large acreage of land between Histon railway station and the old Chesterton village. 32 05 23 & a

1932 10 14

The new church of St George, Chesterton, was packed for the dedication by the Bishop of Ely. He welcomed those from the local district: it was for them that the church had been built. It was only a hall at present but he wanted them to see to it that an actual church was built in due course. 32 10 14a

1934 01 30

The greenhouses at Cambridge borough cemetery were beyond repair and would have to be scrapped. But more glasshouse accommodation was now required for the propagation of plants used on the recreation grounds. Two new 120 ft glasshouses could be constructed on the West Chesterton recreation ground where a house could be built for the man in charge, councillors agreed. 34 01 30

1934 02 16

Many dancers in Cambridge will learn with regret that Ron Wickes has been compelled to give up his position as official drummer to Percy Cowell's Band. He started drumming with them at the old Rendezvous before joining the band run by Mr Hensher, and later played with Manning's Band when the Premier Hall at Old Chesterton was opened up. From there he went to Skegness for two seasons, returning to the Rendezvous in the interval. He came back to Cambridge three years ago when Mr Cowell started his band at the Dorothy Café and has played with them ever since. 34 02 16

1934 04 07

Cambridge boundary extension, Chesterton reaction cartoon – 34 04 07

1934 05 05

Cambridge Mothercraft Clinic aimed to promote breast-feeding. It held clinics three days a week in Chesterton Road; over 2,000 mothers had attended and nearly 80 per-cent breast-fed their children. The class that attends the public clinics are not the best for an educational movement. They wanted to get people who are further up in educational interest, and perhaps intellectual development. The main aim was to keep well babies well. 34 05 05

1934 10 13

Sir – I do not think it is right for sheep to be grazing in the old Chesterton churchyard. They are prowling all over the mounds, damaging and eating shrubs that were planted to be living monuments to loved ones. If the church council cannot afford to have the churchyard groomed, only by sheep grazing, I say to the Vicar and his flock 'Band yourselves together with sickles in your hands to make the hallowed ground look trim and neat' - Harry Pitt. 34 10 13

1935 01 12

We felt customers would like to know something about our dairy. Our cows graze on our fields at Chesterton, Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Shelford Bottom, the finest pasture in the county. They are thoroughly groomed and their udders washed before being milked using electrical apparatus at our Abbey Street premises. The milk is cooled and bottled without being touched by hand, then kept in a cold storage chamber before delivery. The cream is separated daily. We guarantee early delivery twice daily to all parts of town. Arnold Brothers (established over 75 years), Abbey Street, Cambridge –advertisement. 35 01 12a & b # c.27

1935 01 19

On one of the finest main roads of Cambridge has arisen a new garage that has been named 'Riley House'. No hastily conceived building this with its rows of pumps and oil cans bedecked in signs and colours. Here is a garage of dignity and restraint, logical in planning and design, fitted to be the new local headquarters of 'the Finest Light Car in the World'. Here one can fill up with petrol completely under cover while the workshop is equipped with the latest pressure greasing plant. Tom Cox Motor Co., Chesterton Road, Cambridge – Advert 35 01 19

1935 04 17

In a little cottage in Union Lane, Chesterton, men on the way to the Institution can now, for a few hours daily, experience something of the comfort of home life. The once rather dilapidated house has been transformed into a cosy Wayfarers' rest. Brightly-distempered walls and a roaring fire make it a comfortable place. On arrival they are given tea and a cigarette. Upstairs is a tiny chapel where prayers are said with a bible reading for any who care to attend. 35 04 17

1935 05 11

The new West Chesterton children's playground off Histon Road was opened by the Mayor and hundreds of youngsters thronged the ground for the occasion. Since it was bought as an orchard three years ago an immense amount of work had been necessary. It was not complete and they were hoping for swings and perhaps a roundabout later. It is primarily intended for younger children and not for the playing of hard-ball games such as cricket but old and middle-aged people could also enjoy the ground for sitting about. 35 05 11b

1935 05 18

Here is a wonderful opportunity to inspect the miracle-ride Studebaker that is sweeping the country. Not even a £1,500 car can give you such a ride: its swiftness, silence, smoothness and cutter security must be experienced to be believed. Features include independent front wheel suspension, compound hydraulic brakes and full five seats. Prices: Dictator regular saloon £298, de-luxe saloon, fixed-head coupe or roadster £348. See the models in our showrooms. Tom Cox Motor Co. Ltd, Riley House, Chesterton Road – advert. 35 05 18a

1935 07 04

A motor engineer told the bankruptcy proceedings that he'd started at a small lock-up garage at Chesterton in 1933, then moved to St Tibbs Row where he sold used cars. Next year he moved to Bridge Street. He advertised for a salesman, and three or four paid £50 and received a car. An investor put £500 into the business which was for the purchase of cars 35 07 04

1935 05 27

Workmen engaged in digging operations between Scotland Road and the new Eastfields housing estate at Chesterton came across a number of human bones. George Firman and Bert Jacobs found almost a complete face, several hundred years old but with the teeth in almost perfect condition. Experts say they could have come from the burial ground of one of the nunneries or that they may have been left behind by a research student 'going down' whose landlady buried them, not knowing what else to do 35 07 27a

1935 10 25

The new Senior School off Gilbert Road, Chesterton contains separate departments for senior boys and girls, each with its own assembly hall fitted with a stage and cinema projection room. The boys department has science laboratory and woodwork and metalwork rooms while the girls' includes provision for cookery, laundry and dressmaking. A changing room, fitted with shower baths, has been included in connection with organised games. 35 10 25a

1936 01 31

There was a need for providing a community welfare centre for the housing estates on the outskirts of Cambridge where a large proportion of the houses were occupied by youngish married couples with growing children. Chesterton is like a new town, the people are isolated, lonely, vague and have no centre. Youngsters wandered aimlessly about with nothing to do and nowhere to go. They need a building for public meetings, concerts, dances, films and medical inspections. But it would not be suitable as a library and a site in Ascham Road would offer quietness and room for any necessary growth, councillors were told. 36 01 31 & a

1936 02 05

Premier Travel Ltd has been formed to take over the services of Royal Blue Coaches of Chesterton Road and the Harston and District Motor Services. Managing director, E.A. Lainson, says there is a

definite need for a good independent transport company. They will offer special excursions to Hunstanton, Southend and Yarmouth, run motor tours to Europe all year round and also conduct a travel agency for steamship, motor coach and aeroplane services. 36 02 05

1936 02 13

Wells and Winch Ltd, brewers of Biggleswade, announce the opening of the new 'Yorkshire Grey' Chesterton. This house has been designed to ensure the comfort of its patrons, both new and old, and is the latest endeavour of Messrs Wells and Winch to make licensed premises clean, healthy and attractive. A spacious clubroom is available for parties – this room having a private entrance and conveniences. Tenant Thomas Evans. Architect E.H.C. Inskip & Son, Bedford 36 02 13

1936 03 06

The Star Brewery want a new pub, The Golden Hind, on Milton Road, an area of 1,010 houses of which the majority had been built since 1927. It was not ribbon development but housing estates on each side and practically built up to the railway gates. King's Hedges Road would form part of the new Ring Road so further development might be expected there. If granted the brewery would surrender the licence of the 'Racehorse' on Newmarket Road and the 'Plume of Feathers'. The Women's Total Abstinence Union opposed the application. Licence applications Elm Tree, Hare and Hounds & Dog & Pheasant. Licence of Bowling Green Chesterton transfer to new Golden Hind. 36 03 06

1936 03 21

Harry Pitt of Manor Cottage, Church Road has written recalling 'The Walking Lady of Chesterton'. "She walked for a wager 'a thousand miles in a thousand hours' in a private garden in Church Street, Chesterton 60 years ago. I have been told that she walked in tights with high-topped boots, a jockey's cap and whip in hand. The story goes that she kept up her one mile per hour, walking day and night until she completed her task and won the wager." Other readers may enlighten us still further 36 03 21c

1936 04 25

The Wayfarers' Rest at 3 Union Lane, Chesterton has been open for a year. It provides an opportunity for those on their way to the Casual Ward to spend an hour or two in homely surroundings during which they are given tea, scones and a cigarette or tobacco. They can write letters, read magazines and join in the small chapel for prayers and a short Bible reading. More than 4,700 men and 120 woman have used it so far 36 04 25a

1936 12 24

Chesterton Gravel Pits have been transformed into a flourishing business working from dawn to dusk. A Priestman dragline gets the gravel out of the ground, grabbing a third of a ton in its great steel jaws and depositing it in a truck which a patient horse drags to a narrow-gauge railway. It needs no driver but stands still while the load is emptied, then lumbers slowly back to fetch more. An ever-moving belt feeds a constant stream of raw gavel into the washing and grading machine from which it pours into appropriate heaps where a fleet of lorries cart it to its destination. 36 12 24a # c.27

1937 01 02

Gang activity at Chesterton – 37 01 02

1937 03 01

A horse attached to a milk float belonging to Messrs W.H. Onyett, dairymen of Chesterton, bolted while standing outside a house in Ramsden Square. After a run of about three hundred yards during which it rounded two sharp corners, distributing pieces of harness, milk crates and bottles, it came to a halt in King's Hedges Road when the near-side wheel was wrenched off the cart 37 03 01b

1937 04 19

The death occurred with tragic suddenness at the Gog Magog Golf Club of Percy William Gray, 65, who collapsed while practicing for a round. The club was immediately closed for the day. He was a member of the well-known auctioneer and estate agent firm, Gray, Son and Cook and was director of the Cambridge Waterworks and Gas Light Companies. In his younger days he played cricket, hockey, golf, rugby and 'soccer' and continued to hold various offices including President of the Cricket Association. He married Miss Strange, daughter of the Chesterton boat builder. 37 04 19

1937 04 23

Opening Ascham Road library, the Mayor said it was a great day for Chesterton. In that beautiful building, with good light and accommodation they could look at the books and select them for themselves. The children's library would encourage youngsters to read. At present physical education was the fashion. We were in danger of producing a nation finely developed from the waist down. The library would help to counteract it. Ten months ago they opened a branch library in Rock Road and so far 87,799 books had been issued, very close to the number at Mill Road branch which had been in existence 40 years. (Applause). 37 04 23c & d

1937 04 24

Hundreds of Cambridge people had to walk to work and home again, or to find lunch in the town, because the bus stoppage at the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company's depot was complete. Not a single bus left and two which arrived from March and Peterborough were met by pickets and not allowed to leave. There was no violence, but men surrounded one bus which attempted to leave on the Chesterton-Station service. No other efforts to take out buses were made. Premier Travel services are not affected. Meanwhile Herbert Robinson have taken delivery of 500 Raleigh bicycles 37 04 24 & a. & c

1937 05 15

Chesterton church bells silent on Coronation Day – 37 05 15

1937 09 21

New Chesterton Institute opened a new hall over the billiards room; it would be used for debates, lectures, whist drives, dramatic society work and other functions. 37 09 21

1938 03 03

King's Hedges Road was shown as a private carriageway under the Inclosure Award of 1840, so why was it now repairable by Cambridge ratepayers, Councillor Edwards asked. The Town Clerk said that in 1912, when the Borough was extended, part of King's Hedges Road was handed over by Chesterton Urban District Council as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large and in 1934 the County passed over the remaining portion on the same terms. It seemed Chesterton UDC had simply begun repairing the road thus making it a public highway. It was a mistake made in good faith and it would be a waste of time to consider it further. 38 02 03b

1938 04 23

Old Chesterton bells poem composed by Richard Robinson 63 years ago – 38 04 23c

1938 09 05

Mr M.C. (Jack Scudamore) served his apprenticeship with Mr J. Stranger, boat builder of Chesterton and, after serving in the Boer War, started business as a boat and launch builder in Mill Lane about 1903. He had considerable success in building motor boats and his craft won prizes for motor boat racing. When the Thames punt became the vogue he turned his attention to the building of this type of boat and was the pioneer of their use on the Backs and Granta. Since the popularity of the punt in Cambridge he has supplied them to users all over the country. 38 09 05c

1938 09 30

Pye dig trenches Old Chesterton Recreation ground – pic – 38 09 30b

1938 11 07

George Buck was head St Andrew's School, Chesterton, parish clerk and captain Boys Brigade 38 11 07

1938 12 14

Councillor Dorothy Thirza Stephenson worked for women's causes; elected Board of Guardians 1912, councillor 1919. Original member of Cambridge Housing Society, founder Hundred Housing Society, organised soldiers' canteen during war, Chesterton National Kitchen Committee, Belgian refugee and communal pig keeping committee 38 12 14 38 12 15

1939 02 08

The Grove Nursing Home was opened in 1920 with three beds. Nine years ago it was moved to Chesterton Road where there were nine beds. The most recent expansion is to 159 Hills Road where a newly completed extension gives accommodation for 20 patients as well as an up-to-date operating theatre with anaesthetising room and all the modern apparatus. The home is, of course, centrally heated 39 02 08b

1939 03 25

Chesterton Community Centre needed – 39 03 25a

1939 04 06

St Regis luxury flats, Chesterton Road. The main staircase has Rexine-finished walls with soft lights dispensing an atmosphere of well-being. The stairs are covered with cork to silence the noise. All flats are expensively fitted out and a resident caretaker will remove refuse and arrange for domestic cleaning. A unique feature is the provision of a large air raid shelter build under the garages. It has a concrete roof and will be perfectly safe against all but a direct hit by a heavy bomb. Provision has been made for gas-proofing it in case of emergency. 39 04 06a

1939 08 11

If the A.R.P. exercises which took place during the black-out had been the 'real thing', you, dear reader would not have a copy of this paper. For one of the buildings supposed to have been fired by an incendiary bomb was the Cambridge Daily News office. A patrolling warden summoned the A.F.S. unit which dealt with the 'blaze' effectively. But whether any vital damage was done by the fire was a matter left to the imagination. Thankfully only one pub was 'hit', the Jolly Waterman in Chesterton Road. 39 08 11a & b

1939 10 09

The small new Roman Catholic chapel on the corner of High Street, Old Chesterton is a corrugated iron structure but its lines are good and the interior fittings and decoration are in excellent taste. After the Reformation there was no Catholic church in Cambridge. Then Mass began to be said in the room of a house and in 1841 a small church opened in Union Lane. This was supplanted in 1890 by the fine building in Hills Road. Now there are large congregations at four Masses every Sunday and two other chapels of ease beside the one now opened. 39 10 09

1939 12 29

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of 79, High Street, Chesterton, celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Day. Christmas was Different. — Christmas, 1939, has meant more solemn thoughts than usual for many. In countless homes, the traditional joy and gaiety has been tempered by absence of one or more members of the family. And yet, in spite of gaps at the dinner table, and because the advice to carry on as usual is so obviously sound, there has been little outward change in the character of the Christmas festival. In Cambridge, as elsewhere, people remembered their absent ones, but through the inspiring co-operation of the radio, were able to satisfy themselves that the men in the Services were not forgotten. At home, it was the usual day of gifts—the children's day—and for many the delight lay in entertaining little evacuees whose parents were unable to do the job themselves. The change in the times was reflected, perhaps, in the opening of some cinemas on

Christmas day, but found themselves comparatively few patrons; it was still a home festival for most. The Town club had their usual football fixture in the morning, but this had to be scratched. On Boxing Day their fixture with Rushden resulted in a decisive win for Cambridge. Another regular feature was the appearance of the Christmas Day bathers, who found not thick ice, but a deep fog to greet them

1940

1940 01 30

Isolation hospital provision needed at Old Chesterton owing large number evacuee children – 40 01 30d

1940 02 21

Old Chesterton Allotment Society compares position allotments today with that of 1916; hope would remain allotment holders after war – 40 02 21d

1940 04 04

Chesterton Senior School football team photo – 40 04 04

1940 04 22

Chesterton St Andrew's Church chapel and organ restored – 40 04 22

1940 05 10

King Charles II at Newmarket. - Mr. Donald Dale, of Chesterton Road, Cambridge, in a letter to Watchman, refers to King Charles II's association with Newmarket, stating: The racecourse at Newmarket was one of Charles II's favourite resorts. Horse racing, indeed, was the most popular pastime of the Court, or nearly so ... In one of his poems, my Lord of Rochester refers to "Dragon," "Darcy" and "Gee," and these names would appear to refer to racehorses, the training of which was a pastime of many noblemen and the King himself. In October, 1680, Samuel Pepys, Prince of Naval Administrators and Diarist, was with the Court at Newmarket, taking down in shorthand (Shelton's tachgraphy) from the King's own lips the story of his escape after the battle of Worcester. The manuscript in longhand, is now in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College. "I cannot tell whether the Rowley Mile is named after the Merry Monarch's nickname (Old Rowley) . . ." he says.

1940 06 19

Last night's raid casualties listed – Vicarage Terrace; learning to tackle fires – Chesterton ladies with stirrup pump photo – 40 06 19e, f, g, h, i

1940 07 24

Motor cyclists appealed to sell motor bikes for war purposes; photo of civilian machines in front of Hallens, Chesterton Road – 40 07 24a

1940 11 14

Recreation centre opened St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton, for men & women – 40 11 14a

1940 11 29

Wicken Native's Appointment -Mr. Stanley J. Granfield, a native of Wicken, has recently been appointed acting headmaster of Chesterton Senior School, Cambridge, while the Headmaster (Mr. G. W. Mansfield) is away on military service. Mr. Granfield will be remembered in the village for his activities in connection with the Tit-Bits Concert Party, the East Cambs. Motor Club and Fordham Rodeo. Gaining a scholarship at the local Council school, he was later at Soham Grammar School and the University of London Goldsmiths' College. He has been teaching in Cambridge since 1924.

1940 12 06

River Rescue. — Writing from 66, Hills Avenue, (Cambridge), Mr Thomas C. Catlin states: "Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to express my sincere thanks and gratefulness to the

gentleman who on Monday night dived into the river Cam in the fog and darkness, near Chesterton, and rescued my son from drowning? It was a very gallant and heroic action on such a night. I would also like to thank the girls, who, returning home from work, went back to fetch help, and therefore helped to save the boy's life. Although still suffering from shock, he is recovering again."

1941 10 10

Hostel for evacuated boys at Meadowcroft, Church Street, Chesterton – photo – 41 10 10

1941 10 24

Wedding guard of honour, Chesterton – photo – 41 10 24b

1942 02 13

Bell-ringer's Death. Many friends in Cambridge and throughout the Eastern Counties will learn with regret of the death, at his home in Union Lane, Chesterton, early on Wednesday morning of Mr. Walter Eusden, known for over three score years as one of the foremost bellringers in East Anglia. Eighty-two years of age, he had earned for himself by his unique knowledge of bells a reputation that was second to none. For 61 year of his life, he was bellringer at St. Andrew's Church, Old Chesterton, where perhaps his loss will be most felt. It was his hands that helped to toll the bells of Great St. Mary's, where for over 30 years he rang for countless famous occasions and events. Naturally, the curtailment of bellringing at the outbreak of war robbed him of his greatest interest in life. It was his ardent wish that he might ring for his diamond wedding, which he celebrated about 18 months ago. On one occasion, that of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, he rang no fewer than 5,042 changes on the bells of St Andrew's, Old Chesterton, and a tablet in the left aisle can be seen commemorating this. One of his greatest performances was to ring the first peals on the bells of the Roman Catholic Church, where also a tablet, this time in the bell tower, can be seen recalling the event. One of the most remarkable things about Mr. Eusden was that although he suffered from extreme deafness, he could tell exactly when any one bell was not striking correctly by the pull of the rope alone. He was also a great handbill ringer – 42 02 12b

1942 06 05

Jack Hobbs to the Rescue. — There is a strong likelihood that in the near future the boys of Chesterton Senior School will have a matting cricket pitch in place of the existing turf one. This step was provisionally decided upon at a meeting of the Cambridge Borough Education Committee in the Guildhall on Tuesday. The alteration was suggested by Coun. E. H. Church, who explained that: he had recently accompanied Jack Hobbs to the present pitch in the school grounds. There, he added, Mr. Hobbs had expressed the opinion that, it was impossible for the boys to play cricket, and for them even to get the pitch into a playing condition: The turf was full of weeds, and to get a good pitch would mean a complete re-turfing. The only solution was that some matting be laid down at the cost of about £10. Coun. G. Wilding expressed his agreement with the suggestion. It was agreed that the matter be left to the Education Officer for him to have the work carried out if he found it advisable.

1942 08 07

Sharp attack on East Anglian town, few casualties; fire guards prove their worth; the most intensive raid, only four people slightly hurt. A few HE landed on open ground where they did not damage except to one cow that had to be destroyed. Many houses sustained direct hits from incendiaries but fire parties had the flames under control and NFS pumps were soon in action. Mr Story said he had just taken his young child from its cot when an incendiary crashed through the rafters and on to the empty cot. In another outlying part a 'bread-basket' of incendiaries fell in the road and damage by blast was caused to shop premises. Incendiaries were also scattered over other streets and little piles of sand testify to the efforts of the fireguards. Here and there a hole could be seen in the rafters of houses where bombs had scored direct hits. Charred window frames and little piles of scorched furniture outside were further evidence. One air raid warden returned home to find the house adjacent to his had been almost completely destroyed by fire. The new phosphorous bombs were also dropped. [700 incendiaries dropped Chesterton, Unicam factory, Stourbridge Common Newmarket Road, Ditton Fields] – 42 08 07

1943 01 09

New Archdeacon, — The Rev. W. L. Mackennal, Vicar of Hitchin, has been appointed Archdeacon of Ely, in succession to Bishop H. McC. E. Price, who died last November. Mr. Mackennal is well known in Cambridgeshire, for he was formerly Vicar of St Andrew's, Chesterton and chaplain at Westcott-House

1943 02 05

Sole survivor of Air Crash. — Mr. John Howard, the young British diplomat, who was the sole survivor of an air liner crash in Peru last week, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard, of 257, Chesterton Road, Cambridge. His parents on Friday received a cablegram from the hospital where he was taken, saying that there is no need to worry. Mr Howard, who is 28 years of age, was educated at the Perse School, and later at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, of which he is an M.A. He went out to South America about six months ago, and at the time of the crash was flying from Buenos Aires to Miami. News from Lima (Peru) described how Mr. Howard was catapulted from the back seat of the plane when the Liner crashed into a mountainside. The purser was sitting, with him, and was also thrown out but he died later from his injuries. For three days, it was stated, Mr. Howard lay injured beside the bodies of the victims before rescue services could reach him. The bodies of the 15 dead, who included three women and two other British diplomats, were taken to the Anglo-American Hospital at Lima.

1945 02 09

Road accident. The Cambridge Borough Police have issued an appeal for witnesses of an accident which occurred in Victoria Avenue near the junction of Chesterton Road, about 10.20 on Wednesday, when a pedestrian, received serious injuries after being struck by an Eastern Counties bus. The injured man was taken to hospital in the Borough Ambulance. The accident may have been seen by passengers on the bus and any witnesses are asked to communicate with the Borough Police as soon as possible.

1945 04 09

Cambridge princess rescued from Japs – Mabel Phillips of Chesterton married undergraduate who now Swaba of Mongmit, of Burma; liberated by British troops – 45 04 09a

1945 05 11

VE celebrations – 45 05 11a; New St, Chesterton High St – 45 05 28a, Eastfield – 45 06 04; Catherine St, Ditton Walk, Union Lane – 45 06 05; Gwydir St, Abbey (East) – 45 06 06; Meadowlands Estate, Argyle St, Hope St, De Freville Estate – 45 06 07; Ross St, Hemingford Rd, Green End Rd, Staffordshire St, Selwyn Rd, Coldham's Grove, Coldham's Lane, Akeman St – 45 06 11; Brooks Rd, Sedgwick St, Langham Rd, Oxford Rd, Haig Road, Chesterton – 45 06 13a; Windsor Rd, Stretton Ave, Kimberley Rd, Abbey Road, Walnut Tree Ave, Brookfields – 45 06 18; Trumpington, Mansfield Hall – 45 06 19; Cavendish Ave, Hinton Ave, Hope Hall for Deaf – 45 06 21a; Histon Rd children – 45 06 30; St Peter's St, Greens Rd – 45 07 10

1945 09 28

Savings in Cambs. "Chesterton Week" in November.—Last week a meeting of the above named committee was attended by the Deputy Commissioner for National Savings, Mr. H. B. Goodman. After an interesting address on policy, he presented the Savings League challenge trophy to Mrs. Currington, who received it on behalf of Graveley, which has again resumed its former place as the winning village. The committee subsequently decided to hold Thanksgiving Week from November 10th to 17th inclusive, and fixed the target at £200,000

1946 03 15

Chesterton Men's Club building presented to club by the owner, Mrs Clark in memory son – 46 03 15a

1946 05 13

Plans for new hospital at Chesterton on site of present one approved by county council and will go to Ministry. There were beds at Chesterton which could have been used for a long time and enable them to close down the disreputable, disgraceful, uncomfortable and insanitary beds which patients now occupying. But this 50-bed ward was away from the main building and the Medical Officer would not take responsibility of opening it when they did not have enough trained people to look after it – 46 05 13

1947 06 27

It is the opinion of the Headmaster of Chesterton Modern School that every boy there is two years retarded in certain subjects. When presenting his report at yesterday's Speech Day and prize-giving he said "My estimate is that every boy in this school is two years retarded in many subjects - such as mental work, where there was no teacher during the war, science, where there was no teacher for a long period, and art, where there was a great variation of teacher and method". He knew a number of parents realised that, because many of them were only too anxious to have their boys return to school after the school-leaving age had been reached. Last year 29 returned voluntarily, and 22 of these were coming back again in September

1947 11 13

There is a need for part-time nurses in Cambridgeshire and a campaign to recruit them is to be launched. Fulbourn was described as being "in a dangerous position" and one of the main difficulties mentioned by the Matrons of hospitals in the area was getting people for night and weekend work. Asked for their views Mrs Ditchburn said: "We at the County Hospital are very fortunate. We are well staffed and have our full complement". Mrs Mace explaining the position at Chesterton said approximately a third of the present staff was part time, which meant the night, weekend and early morning duties fell to the permanent staff. Mrs Bradley said that Linton was only one short of the full complement. At Fulbourn they had 32 permanent and 27 part time nurses to look after 528 patients

1947 11 25

At the concert of St Andrew's church school, Chesterton the Vicar said that the school needed modernising. "We want new class rooms, an assembly hall, better accommodation for the staff and cloak rooms etc. Under the new development plan which has been passed the school would be entirely pulled down and rebuilt on the same site for £60 or £70,000. The manager do not agree", he declared, "they think it is a financial extravagance and believe everything that is necessary could be done for a third of that cost". The speaker concluded that modernisation could be carried out in 50 or 100 years' time, the school would still be there growing and developing and would show "a little of the history of England"

1947 11 26

Cambridge is well used to welcoming Very Important Persons but none is so sure of a vociferous reception from the youngsters as Father Christmas. He was received with traditional acclaim on Saturday when, in the presence of hundreds of youngsters, he arrived at Mitcham's Corner, Chesterton Road. On arrival he proceeded to deliver the goods in the traditional way, leaving his "reindeer coach", climbing up a ladder outside the shop and disappearing down a big chimney. A crowd of children saw him in Nurseryland, surrounded by his friends, the Three Little Pigs, Big Bad Wolf, Pluto, Micky and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and others. He will remain in residence until Christmas Eve

1948 07 02

What might be termed the swan-Song of the Cambridge County Council Public assistance Committee took place at Shire Hall. In common with many other similar committees its duties will be taken over by the Ministry of Health on 5th July. The chairman, Mrs Mellish Clark, said that at the County Hospital Mill Road they decided to develop the maternity work, to close the causal wards and move the nursery children out to Linton. At Chesterton Hospital they had built a new casual ward, but when the war came these wards were converted by the additional of hospital beds and were being so used at

the present time. At Linton they had built a Nurses Home but as there was no proper sanitation t
Caxton they had decided to pull it down

1948 07 29

D.E. Knapman, telephone manager of the Cambridge area told Rotarians that there were 4,000 people in the area waiting for telephones. He said there are two separate wires running from the exchange right back to your house which are yours and only yours. It would be impossible to run out a separate pair of wires every time somebody asked for a telephone. They try and forecast 30 years ahead the number of subscribers they will get and then lay cable under the ground. In Sidney Street are seven or eight thousand wires serving Chesterton and the Milton Road districts

1948 08 25

The need for utilising Chesterton hospital for the elderly and infirm people of Cambridgeshire and of housing casuals in some other part of the county was discussed at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the United Cambridge Hospitals. Dr R. Ellis said "There is a tremendous need, with the closing of infirmaries, to know what to do with the people who were housed in such places. A great hardship is being imposed on people who are old - they are literally living in houses in some villages in semi-starvation and dirt. There is no hope for them living in the way they are". Mr Dennard thought that as far as casuals are concerned they should get a hut at Bourn and house them there

1948 11 22

A very important visitor who every child in Cambridge welcomes with joy, arrived on Saturday. He was none other than Santa Claus. He arrived from Toytown with a well-filled sack to deal with the seasonal requirements of the boys and girls. He was given a royal welcome. There were several hundred children of all ages ranging from tiny tots carried by their mothers, waiting in a state of great expectancy, at his destination, Mitcham's, Chesterton Road. Cheers from waiting children heralded the arrival of the smiling, rosy cheeked Santa and a knot gathered round and followed, Pied-piper fashion, to the foot of the ladder he had to climb up to the chimney before he disappeared down the chimney into Santa's Nurseryland where he will be in residence till Christmas

1949 03 14

Sir – the trouble with the Four Lamps roundabout is its bad design. It was put down many years ago and allows traffic to approach at too fast a rate. The new roundabouts on Chesterton road with its beautiful flower gardens and the one where Lensfield joins Trumpington road are of better design because they slow all traffic down to walking pace. A much greater terror is that most insane junction, Pembroke Street and Mill Lane with Trumpington Street. How people avoid being killed daily is always a marvel to me. It would be so easy to control these with traffic operated signal lights – D. McClure Campbell

1949 04 29

Cambridge council were told that some 20 years ago Messrs Pye asked for the Church meadow, Chesterton, to build a factory. There was strong opposition in letters to the press. It was one of the beauty spots of "a drab place called Old Chesterton". It was pointed out then that the firm would spread out and that was what had happened. The land concerned was 2½ acres of valuable front land which the council purchased before the war and which the people of Chesterton were told was going to be a park. If the council did not sell the land Pyes might move their factory. The decision to sell was confirmed.

1949 06 10

Picketing by Jews and Communists outside the Chesterton secondary modern boys' school resulted in the abandonment of a meeting which was to have been held there by the British People's Party. Inside the hall, which had posters, "Britain awake", on the walls, there were eight people by the time the meeting was due to start. The meeting had been well advertised however, 2,000 handbills having been circulated. The Party believe that bad as the Conservatives certainly are, they would not do so much damage to the country as an extension of Labour rule.

1949 06 18

Winners in the Chesterton shopping week competition were presented with their prizes at the Tivoli cinema. The object was to show the public that all the goods they need can be obtained in their own area, without wasting time and energy in buses and in queues; at competitive prices and with good service and personal attention. Shopkeepers had many difficulties to contend with during the past 10 years including coupons, form filling and shortage of material, and at the present time, shortage of ready money. There was laughter when men's names were given as the winners of a home perm and two pairs of nylons

1949 09 02

Celebrating his 102nd birthday Mr Joseph Kester, formerly of Hardwick, and now living at Chesterton Hospital said he felt nothing like his age. This grand old man, who doctors say is the healthiest man in the hospital and certainly has the strongest heart, is usually the most active of the patients. He is ever cheerful, always enjoys a good joke and laugh, and was most amused by some of the comic postcards he received. He was fully employed as an agricultural labourer till he was 86. He did not give up working entirely then but continued to do odd jobs till he was 97. He lived at Hardwick till he was 100

1950

1950 09 01

Joe Kester, the Grand Old Man of Chesterton Hospital, is 103 today, and in his own words "fighting fit". He is even thinking of applying for a pair of National Health glasses so he can read the small type in the newspaper. Joe was getting ready for his daily pre-lunch half-pint of beer. "That's the best medicine I ever had, it puts more life in me than anything else. It won't hurt anybody if they use it right", he said.

1951 03 16

The roadway at High Street, Chesterton, will be improved at an estimated cost of £1,300. Coun G. Edwards said that having lived there for nearly 71 years he realised the gravity of the position. "This bottleneck in the High Street coming from Chesterton Road constitutes one of the gravest dangers in the borough. The setting back of the wall and making the corner into Union Lane a little wider would be a godsend to the residents", he said

1951 04 26

To be Water Lane, Chesterton, or to be Malting Lane, Chesterton was the question which faced Cambridge magistrates when two housewives came to court to object to the proposal to rename it. They said correspondence for Malting Lane, Newnham was never received if the word Chesterton was on the envelope. The Town Clerk said Water Lane would be associated with the adjoining Water Street. The magistrates felt it for the best and would make an order confirming the change.

1951 09 01

"I'm going to have another half dozen birthdays at least". This is the declared intention of Mr Joseph Kester, Chesterton Hospital's Grand Old Man, who today celebrated his 104th birthday. At a party he cut his own birthday cake, drank a glass of port and said: "It tastes good, but it's not as good as beer". Sitting bolt upright in his chair and dressed in a navy suit and slippers, Joe gave the impression of a film star holding court. He was surrounded by friends and submitted happily to being photographed. Three bottles of port were included in his presents and his son, bringing in a medicine bottle with brandy in it, was told with a chuckle: "Slip it into my pocket boy".

1951 09 08

When the pioneer of the moving film first sprang his new invention upon the world, Joseph Kester was a comparatively young man of 42. But Joe did not take any particular notice of those new-fangled moving pictures then, and even as they were developed through the next 62 years he never visited a

cinema. As Joe reached his 104th birthday he saw his first film through the enterprise of the Central Cinema who organised a show especially for him at the Chesterton Hospital. He seemed quite enthusiastic about it, although because of his failing eyesight he could not quite see everything on the screen. The first thing he wanted to know after seeing the film was whether he had missed his tea.

1951 09 11

Mr Joseph Henry Priest of Waterbeach, who died suddenly aged 73, was well-known in sporting circles. Fifty years ago he was an amateur champion cyclist and for over 40 years he has been closely identified with the Cam Sailing Club. Setting up for himself as a stationer and printseller in Bridge Street, Cambridge, he continued until the First World War when he opened up the premises as a ladies' outfitter in conjunction with Mr C.N. Mitcham. Later he took the corner premises now occupied by Messrs Peak in Fitzroy Street and carried on as 'The Quality Shop' and subsequently joined the firm of C.N. Mitcham's of Chesterton. In the heyday of amateur theatricals he was a member of the Bijou Amateurs.

1952 01 18

After years of planning, working and hoping, members of Chesterton Methodist Church have at last a building of their own, a new church on the corner of Green End Road and Scotland Road, which was officially opened by Mrs Elliot Ridgeon. Now they have a light and bright building and the friendliness of the many members at the ceremony reflected joy and thankfulness at the completion of the new church. But their struggles are not yet over for they plan to build a school hall and hope one day to build a bigger church.

1952 02 13

The first man to drive a bus from Cambridge station to Chesterton has died at Peterborough. He was Mr T. Aldham who had been employed by the old Ortona Company where he rose from the ranks to be a senior driver and subsequently traffic foreman. Shortly after the Eastern Counties Company took over in 1932 he transferred to Peterborough. At the funeral Mr A. Darby represented Mr J.B. Walford, the original owner of Ortona and there were several of his old colleagues including Messrs R. Peat, A. January, W. Harding and H. Bullock

1952 03 21

Joe Kester has died at Chesterton Hospital at the age of 104. On his last birthday he was surrounded by five generations of his family. He was born at Kingston in 1847 but moved to Hardwick as a baby and lived there for 98 years. He remembered when his mother could take a shopping bag the size of a pillowcase to the shops and get it filled for 3s. (15p). He was six when he started work, tending the geese, chickens and turkeys and earned 6d a week. He had only candles for lighting and a tinderbox to light them with. Joe enjoyed a half-pint of beer a day & used to say: "I lived well, worked hard and had plenty of ale and fresh air. Hard work never hurt anybody"

1952 06 03 c

Ever since he was a young lad "Shorty" Hallen has been fascinated by motor cycles. Some 20 years ago he started a business of his own in a small shed in Chesterton. Then in 1936 he opened his showrooms at Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Now he has opened another shop at the Bridge Garage, St Ives. Who could have visualised that the rather tumbled-down buildings could have been turned into the magnificent premises they now are? Instead of a musty-looking building it is a brightly painted, well set out and amply stocked showroom with everything for the motor cyclist. It will add to the usefulness, drawing capacity and charm of the town.

1952 07 29

Sir – I write to protest against the proposed new public conveniences on the corner of Chapel Street & High Street, Chesterton. There are plenty of old men who like to congregate on the iron seat around the ash tree, for even with the existing police box it is undeniably a pleasant corner such as it will never be with a lavatory right in the middle. But there are numerous condemned cottages in the High

Street and extensive rubbish dumps behind crumbling walls, not only unsightly but filthy, which would be improved for having public lavatories built on them – Mrs M. Sugden

1952 07 30

In the big tree-girt grass playing field of Chesterton Preparatory School the young folk entertained their elders to tea and dancing, giving a whole profusion of English Maypole Dances. I asked Miss Dorothy Hodder, the Headmistress, how they were able to train youngsters to such a pitch of excellence that they never pause or falter, and all without commands or words of instruction. She said the children (and there were no less than 64 of them) very largely teach themselves. It made a charming picture to see the tiny tots skipping so gaily round the Maypole in orderly rhythm with their brightly coloured ribands. They were obviously enjoying every second of it.

1952 12 02 c

Cambridge Council will start negotiations for the purchase of sites in Northampton Street to build cottages for old people. The Cambridge Preservation Society has offered £100 towards the cost of each dwelling on condition that the cottages in Kettle' Yard are kept in being and modernised. Because of the urgent need in Chesterton for more cottages for old people's use the Housing Committee are to consider buying land on the Scotland Farm Site.

1953 02 10

People of Cambridge are responding well to the Queen Mother's message broadcast by the BBC appealing for clothing for the East Coast flood victims. At the W.V.S. Regional Headquarters in Chesterton Road clothing is piling up on the floor. All morning people have been arriving from Cambridge and the outlying villages with armfuls of clothes and children's toys. The British Red Cross Society are busy and a long line of people have offered bedding and bedsteads of all descriptions. The Harvey Goodwin Nursery has made an offer of babies' cots

1953 06 08

The Shirley School was the scene of festivities on two days when 900 children of Old Chesterton gathered for their Coronation party. There was a fancy dress and vehicle parade and a film show, but the highlight was tea in the tastefully-decorated dining room. The tables were laden with sandwiches, sausage rolls, trifles, fruit-jellies and fancy cakes. Both soft drinks and tea were available. Need it be said that all these goodies disappeared rapidly.

1953 06 24

Over 100 cadets of the Cambridge District of the Order of the Sons of Temperance took part in a Coronation demonstration parade along Mill Road, headed by the Boy's Brigade Band. They were from the Hope of Cambridge, King's Own, Chesterton United and Beacon Societies. Several entered for the fancy dress competition which was judged by Mr & Mrs David Moore. The winners were, girls – Marjorie Mason (Spanish Lady), boys – Norman Knight (Guardsman). Decorated vehicle – Catherine Newman, doll's pram (golden coach).

1953 07 08

Chesterton and Coleridge schools may adopt a two-shift system operating from 8.30-1.30 and 1.30-6.30 pm as means of relieving difficulties arising from the large number on the school rolls with 553 boys and 450 girls at Chesterton and 562 boys and 540 girls at Coleridge. It would not adversely affect the character of the schools, as all pupils would have normal facilities for the use of laboratories and practical rooms. But there were social consequences which would create difficulties. The schools should make full use of hall and dining rooms for teaching purposes and hire additional accommodation.

1954 02 08

A large new railway depot is to be established at Chesterton sidings. One area equipped with two Goliath cranes will store new and second-hand rails and emergency stock; another will refettle serviceable switches and crossing units while a third will be equipped for the mechanised pre-

assembly, loading and despatch of complete lengths of plain line for permanent way renewals. There will also be dismantling and sleeper areas together with a chair and smalls area and a flash butt welding plant. New access roads will be built together with a canteen.

1954 02 24

Chesterton's has been a beautiful village but during the past 20 years it has been spoiled by neglect and the erection of ugly buildings. Now its ancient village green site, the only remaining 'pleasant corner' would be spoiled by the erection of a public convenience, say residents. But the city council plan to improve the island with a cycloramic wall and flowers round the convenience. Only five houses overlook the site and the existing police box would be removed. It was in a development area where 200 houses and an old people's home were to be erected.

1954 03 09

Mr L.W. Hallen started his motor cycle trading 21 years ago in a low-roomed malting shed opposite Union Lane corner and shortly afterwards acquired premises in Hawthorn Way. During the war Government contracts for repair work on RAF vehicles helped the firm to expand and premises which were a dance hall were converted to the use of the business. They have now opened a spacious new showroom on the site of former almshouses that jutted on to Union Lane. Their empire now occupies an extensive stretch of Chesterton High Street.

1954 04 10

The Headmaster of Chesterton Secondary Modern School, Mr G.W. Manfield, has left to take up a teachers' training post in Malaya. He had been appointed in 1935 when the school was just being built and gradually its reputation had grown. Chesterton was known as a school of scholars and boys can obtain a very good situation. It is doubtful whether any other school is sending as many boys to training colleges to become teachers themselves.

1954 05 01

Government Inspectors have turned down an application from Cambridge city council to build a public convenience on the island at the junction of High Street and Chapel Street, Chesterton. It is the site of the old village green and in its centre stands a fine old ash tree encircled at its base by a seat much used in summer evenings. The Council contended that only five houses overlooked the site and they would improve the island with a cycloramic wall and flowers. But the Preservation Society said it would destroy the pleasantest survival of Old Chesterton and there were three alternative sites.

1954 07 19

The Minister's decision on the County Development Plan has been announced. The only major Cambridge items not approved are the site of the bus station between Christ's college & Emmanuel and the proposed development for residential purposes of the smallholding land north of Arbury Road. All the central area road proposals including the 'spine relief road', the new Guildhall Street and a cross-town route joining Emmanuel Street with Downing Street have been approved together with the new Chesterton Bridge over the Cam near Walnut Tree Avenue, a multi-storey car park in Corn Exchange Street and a subway at the railway station.

1954 07 21

The attention of county planners has been drawn to a press report setting out proposals by the British Transport Commission to establish a new railway depot at Chesterton. At no time have they given any indication of these intentions; indeed the council has pressed for the reduction of railway activities on this site. It is clear that the arrangements are so far advanced that there is no likelihood of them being held up or abandoned at this late stage. When completed the depot will require a large additional labour force, which is clearly in contradiction to the agreed industrial policy for Cambridge. Future schemes should be discussed well in advance with the planners and the matter will be placed in the hands of local Members of Parliament.

1954 11 18

Councillors discussed the problems of building a new school on Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge. It was known that the site was water-logged and deep piles would have to be provided for the foundations. Chesterton Library which had been built on deep piles was already cracking up and for the same thing to happen to this expensive school would be disastrous. These difficulties had been pointed out to the Planning Officer but they supported the 'green field' site that was now developing into a 'green G-string'

1954 12 01

Cambridge councillors suggest that 20 cottages fronting to East Road, 18 of which are empty, should be developed as soon as possible by the erection of flats. Under the new Development Plan East Road would become a trunk road and with the construction of the Chesterton Bridge the amount of traffic would greatly increase. This would cause a considerable widening and the possible construction of dual carriageways which would leave very little of the site of the cottages available for development.

1954 12 23

One cold December night just before Christmas 1933 a dozen motor cycling enthusiasts gathered in a room over a public house in Chesterton and decided to form the Centaur Motor Cycle Club. Pre-war it was mainly a social club catering for the weekend rider. With war came petrol rationing and shortage of oil but the club somehow kept going. In 1945 it began to get back on its feet, organising the first scramble at Caxton. They then pioneered events such as trials, grass track racing and sidecar events. Now, 21 years later, over 160 members crowded into the Dorothy Restaurant to celebrate the club's coming-of-age

1955 08 04

Men of the 629 Airborne Light Regiment R.A.T.A., formerly known as the "Cambridgeshires", have completed their first parachute training course. In just two weeks the men who come from all walks of life have been transformed into fully-fledged parachutists and 140 of the volunteers will receive their wings. They include Captain L.S. Brown who as headmaster of the Chesterton School had decided to set the boys an example. But he landed awkwardly and became a visitor to the therapy centre for treatment. 55 08 04a

1956 01 03

The Mayor of Cambridge met people aged from two hours to 100 years during his New Year's Day tour. The baby was Nicola Mansfield and the centenarian Mrs Eleanor Clarke at Chesterton Hospital where the official party went round the wards handing out cigarettes and chocolate to the patients. 56 01 03a-b

1956 03 19

Chesterton Men's Club celebrated its 25th birthday. In 1931 Mrs R. Clark decided to purchase the then Mission Hall to provide men with a means to meet socially. It started off with one billiards table and facilities for darts and cards. 72 members joined on the first night and it soon had football and cricket teams. Ladies were admitted as honorary members in 1952 and the cycle accommodation was improved, a much-needed feature. 56 03 19a

1956 07 26

As part of the 21st anniversary celebrations of Chesterton Boy's School 320 boys and staff travelled by special train to London for a pleasant day's outing. They visited London Airport, Kew Gardens and Westminster Hall where they were guided by local MP, Mr Hamilton Kerr. Others went to the Zoo and on a river trip to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich. 56 07 26a

1957 04 02

Television sets are to be installed at Chesterton Secondary Modern School in an experiment to assess the value of this type of visual aid. In the years to come they may be as common as radios. However Coun Gardner-Smith claimed children spent a lot of time watching television: "Is it any wonder they are illiterate. This is simply another way of wasting time". 57 04 02a

1957 08 01

More refuse collection in Chesterton villages? – 57 08 01

1958 04 05

Old Chesterton Methodist Church was established in 1951 and has not been big enough: dances and Sunday School sessions have had to be carefully timed so as not to clash. Now their Boy's Brigade have erected a large hut to be used for drills, meetings and physical training as well as the Teenagers Club where 50 youngsters enjoy in a "rock'n'roll" session. All look forward to the day when there will be a permanent Church to cater for the new housing development in Scotland Road. 58 04 05a

1958 04 23

Boys Brigade hut, Chesterton Methodist church – 58 04 23b

1958 07 25

Cambridge milk bottling works washes 65,000 bottles every day. Out of the empties come notes, thimbles, teaspoons, dead flowers and even bicycle brake blocks and dead mice. People use them as containers for paraffin, paint brushes, home perm solutions and creosote. Another tiresome business is the punching in of foil tops, squashing them down into the bottle. Some people hoard them: 672 were found in a house in Chesterton High Street and dozens are found down wells. 58 07 25

1958 08 22

The new Roman Catholic Church of St Laurence at Milton Road is one of the most modern Catholic buildings in the diocese and replaces the existing church in Chesterton High Street. Heating is of the 'underfloor' electrical type and the lighting is also by electricity. The pews are of polished mahogany and the altar is made of stone. Much of the money has still to be raised and a local football pool is being run between the parishioners. 58 08 22a

1958 11 05

Cambridge Instrument Company proposed new laboratories, Chesterton Lane – 58 11 05 & a

1958 11 12

A Chesterton Bridge was proposed over 50 years ago but no work had been started. A Ministerial ruling had decided in favour of the route from Milton Road to Trumpington Road via Haig Road, Cam Road and Walnut Tree Avenue and this would be designated a Trunk Road in due course. However funds were limited and other works had priority. 58 11 12

1959 02 28

Edward Fitzgerald and Chesterton – 59 02 28a

1959 03 07

Fitzgerald's house at Chesterton – 59 03 07b

1959 03 16

Frederick Archibald Mace arrived as Master of Chesterton Hospital in 1946 and implemented the changes which have turned it into the bright, happy National Health Service establishment it is today. But to several old people, some of whom have been in the hospital from their childhood and until ten years ago knew it only as an institution, he was still 'the Master', but a Master who contradicted all the old Dickensian ideas of institutional life. 59 03 16

1959 03 21

Sir - The fine old ash tree opposite Hill House, Old Chesterton was planted in 1867. In my boyhood days it was surrounded with a green grass mound where the village children spent many happy hours – especially when Punch and Judy used to be performed under its shade. Chesterton village flower show was held in the garden with side-shows and plenty of amusements. Opposite Hill House stood

an old inn called 'The Bleeding Heart'. From here Charles Rowell, the great runner, used to do his morning training - Harry Pitt, Manor Cottage, Church Street. 59 03 21

1959 05 08

Chesterton Hospital held an open day so people could see for themselves what life is really like in a modern old people's home. The exterior resembles structures of the Dickensian era but give no hint of the warmth, gaiety and colour prevailing inside. Every department bore testimony to how even formidable mansions can be transformed into gay fairy-like palaces. None of the old folks had the slightest complaint and had nothing but praise for the staff. 59 05 08b

1959 10 15

Cambridge Instrument Company opened its new research headquarters in Chesterton Road. Its four floors comprise laboratories for the development of instruments for mechanical engineering, electronics and physical chemistry together with a spacious drawing office. It was a tribute to the unswerving devotion of the men who had worked there over the last 80 years, said Lord Adrian, University Vice-Chancellor. He had declined the use of a car and arrived on bicycle for the opening ceremony where he was presented with a compass. 59 10 15c

1959 10 16

More traffic went along Newmarket Road than any other and congestion often occurred at Four Lamps Corner. Any small incident – circuses on the Common or even May Balls - holds up traffic. Victoria Bridge vibrated when heavy vehicles had to stand on it with their engines running. We need a new bridge over the river at Walnut Tree Avenue. But a temporary bridge could be thrown over the Cam in six months by using the site of the old horse ferry next to the Chesterton footbridge. There would be a natural route for traffic up Garlic Row, Ald Symonds said. 59 10 16a & b

1958 12 16

Miss W.M. Farnsworth, headmistress of Chesterton Girls' School is retiring. She has been in charge since the school opened in 1935. It was the first of its kind to be opened in Cambridge as a result of the Hadow report of 1926 which recommended special provision for all children over 11 years. Previously it was thought that children not at grammar schools must be taught to be practical and develop handicraft skills rather than developing academic intelligence. She says schoolgirls are now taller, healthier, more graceful and beautiful than they used to be, as a result of anti-natal care and welfare services or increased facilities for physical education. 58 12 16 & a

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960

1960 02 23

The News has provided a vital lead in a search for some 350-year-old manuscripts which may hold the key to the history of the Carmelite religious order. An American researcher appealed for help to find the documents which were last heard of in the Philips Collection of historical papers. The News ordered its correspondents to make inquiries and they were discovered in the library of a former Ramsey schoolteacher. Now the researcher is heading to Ramsey straight away. The Carmelites settled in Chesterton in 1237 but then moved to a site near the new Queens' College buildings. 60 02 23a

1960 03 11

The City Council is to pressure the Ministry of Transport about the proposed new bridge over the river at Chesterton. The route was approved four years ago and both Messrs Pye and Marshalls – the two large employers of labour in the area – consider it to be a matter of urgency. But the Mitcham's Corner improvement scheme would be relatively inexpensive and was being forced on them by the Government. This would further delay the proposals to provide a complete bypass on the Chesterton route. 60 03 11

1960 04 12

The parish of St Andrew the Great has had no Vicar for two years because it has had no vicarage to offer. Now it has bought a house at 142 Chesterton Road. The peoples' warden, J.W.W. Filby says it should remove the main drawback to the appointment of an incumbent to take over the place of Canon A.L. Woodard who officially retired two years ago but has been carrying on. The gift of the living is with the Lord Chancellor whose department is actively considering a successor 60 04 12b

1960 06 08

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opened Angel Court, the new extension to Trinity College built to ease the student accommodation problem. She travelled by normal passenger train and was fifteen minutes early arriving at the college where she showed interest in some of the ancient pottery discovered during excavation work. Later a crowd of several thousand people gave her a rousing send-off as her special launch left the forecourt of the Pike and Eel at Chesterton to take her to watch the May Races on the River Cam 60 06 08 & a # c.02 # c.44.5

1960 06 17

Members of Chesterton Youth Club have made week-end canoe camping trips down the Granta, Rhee and Brandon Rivers using boats of their own making. No fewer than six two-seater canoes have been built in the Chesterton Evening Centre wood-work room and the finishing touches of paint and varnish are now being applied. The hobby is so popular they will shortly be starting canoe building classes 60 06 17

1960 10 21

Since the opening of the New Chesterton Institute in 1885 members have not been able to obtain any alcoholic drinks in the club. But now it has opened a bar in an effort to increase the dwindling membership. One of the first to patronise it was 89-year-old Sam Gawthrop, who has been a member of the club for 72 years. His drink was a non-alcoholic ginger-ale. "I don't touch much of the stuff now, I am too old for that lark", he said. 60 10 21b

1960 11 02

Many roads were flooded following a torrential downpour. Policemen with red warning lights patrolled parts of Queen's Road which was covered to a depth of 18-inches in parts and the roadway at Chesterton Hall Crescent was also under water. Wilberforce Road was the most seriously affected where water poured off a nearby playing field and fences were pulled up to divert the flow away from houses. The Wheatsheaf Inn at Harlton and a cottage at Barton Road Haslingfield were also inundated. This has been one of the wettest years recorded in Cambridge. 60 11 02b

1961 01 03

The 'Grand Old Man' of Cambridge cycling, Mr C.M. Woods, was secretary of the New Chesterton Cycling Club for 35 years. He arranged ten motor and cycle race meetings on the Amalgamation Ground in Queen's Road and was sports secretary for the Mammoth Show on Jesus Green which included the famous rodeo which attracted a record 'gate' of 35,000 people. During his career he came into contact with many famous cyclists including Albert White, Jack Sibbit, Ernie Payne and Reg Player. 61 01 03

1961 01 18

People cycling into Cambridge from Chesterton may one day have a special bridge all to themselves. It would permit cycles to get from the end of Pretoria Road directly across Midsummer Common to Four Lamps Corner and relieve traffic congestion over Victoria Avenue Bridge. The scheme would cost around £25,000. Councillors would also like the one-way traffic in the centre of Cambridge to flow the other way – if only for a trial period of six months – 61 01 18

1961 02 17

The Old People's Welfare Council believes the best thing for the elderly is for them to live independently as long as possible. But many cannot and there are an increasing number of people wanting care in their old age. The main problem is finding suitable premises to make into old people's homes. In 1948 the County Council had to do with Linton Hospital and a few beds at Chesterton Hospital. Since then they have been modernised and improved. After the war buildings were very difficult to get because of competition from firms wanting office accommodation and the rising cost of land. The first new home was The Grove, Fordham in 1951, followed by Willingham House and in 1956 Primrose Croft was adapted to take 35 elderly residents. The future plans are to erect purpose-designed buildings 61 02 17b

1961 02 24

Houses in Chesterton High Street and Green End Road have been subject to a demolition order since January 1960. Their occupants have gradually been re-accommodated and their homes abandoned. Now only two families remain. It is an eerie feeling to have empty houses on either side, especially when they are broken into, the wallpaper ripped and the boarded-up windows damaged. Once they have been rehoused the rickety four-roomed homes with their primitive sanitation will be pulled down for re-development. 61 02 24

1961 03 22

The strong room at Barclay's Bank in Chesterton Road was blown open and £75,000 in notes stolen in the City's biggest bank robbery. The raiders piled stacks of office furniture and cushions to muffle the noise of the explosion which blew a hole three feet across in the strong room wall, then crawled through to help themselves to the money. Arrangements have been made to transfer the silver and copper coinage the thieves left behind. 61 03 22

1961 05 27

'The Willows', a six and a half acre piece of land at Cam Road, was one of the few building sites left in Cambridge. It was just a mile from the city centre with outline planning permission for the building of 200 flats in six blocks ranging from two to 15 storeys. The proposed new trunk road and bridge linking Chesterton and Newmarket road will pass the site. But it failed to reach the reserve price and was withdrawn from auction at £50,000 61 05 27

1961 07 01

Permission to build a temporary Bailey Bridge over the River Cam at Chesterton has been refused. The Minister appreciates the council's desire to reduce the amount of cross river traffic using the Victoria Avenue – Victoria Bridge route but it would attract additional vehicles through narrow and tortuous roads. Proposals to restrict the bridge to local traffic and impose weight restrictions to prevent its use by heavy lorries would not work, he says. Now the Council will proceed with plans for a new permanent bridge 61 07 01

1961 08 12

Chesterton Hospital has 166 beds for the elderly sick and 74 custodial beds for able-bodied elderly people with no homes of their own. After decades of neglect geriatric medicine has come into its own. The number of elderly people is the highest it has ever been while a declining birth-rate has diminished the number of children available to care for their parents. Now 25 per cent of Britain's elderly are left without children to look after them in their old age. But of these 95 per cent are living independent lives and a quarter make some contribution to society until the age of 75 61 08 12

1961 11 15

A giant pall of smoke hung over Cambridge as ten thousand old rubber tyres and about a dozen derelict cars were destroyed by fire in a vehicle breakers yard on the Blue Gates site, Chesterton Fen Road. It started when one of the assistants decided to burn some old rubbish. The wind fanned the sparks into a giant blaze. It was fortunate that the smoke and smuts drifted more or less into the open countryside and there was no danger to property or life. 61 11 15

1962 01 05

Barnwell and Wadloes Roads, sections of the Whitehill housing estate, were intended to be part of a ring road on the eastern side of Cambridge. That project was abandoned years ago but now they could form part of a proposed eastern by-pass. This should take priority over the 'Spine Relief Road' which was planned to run from Huntingdon Road, across Chesterton Road, over the river and up to Jesus Lane, councillors agreed. 62 01 05a

1962 03 02

Six barges, each 60 feet long, were towed down the River Cam from Ely to the Pike and Eel landing stage at Chesterton, where lorries were waiting to collect them. The 10-ton barges had been hired from a Hampshire firm and were used during the Ely sugar beet campaign. But the cranes needed to hoist them out of the river were too large to go on the Ely landing stage so the barges were brought to the nearest suitable spot. A police escort was provided through Cambridge streets for the lorries with their lengthy loads. 62 03 02c

1962 04 01

Police are searching for a silver-grey American car which smashed down level crossing gates in Milton Road. Crossing keeper, Edward Dyson, had just closed the gates ready for the train when a large American car coming from the Milton direction rammed them. It reversed and headed back the way it had come. Members of the Cambridge City Reserves football team returning from their evening match at King's Lynn left their coach and helped drag parts of the broken gates from the rails. Mr Dyson telephoned Chesterton Junction and had a goods train diverted through Ely. 62 04 01a

1962 04 16

The parish of St George, Chesterton, has practically doubled in the past five years. Twenty four members of the congregation were engaged in welcoming new families on the new King's Hedges Estate. But the need for the appointment of a curate to assist the Vicar, the Rev J. Degwel Thomas, was urgent. Amongst those elected to the Parochial Church Council were Donald & Derrick Flory. 62 04 16a

1962 05 01

An experiment at Mitcham's Corner designed to speed up rush hour traffic brought protests from road users and residents. Cars and lorries were brought to a complete standstill for up to ten minutes in Chesterton Hall Crescent which was used to siphon off traffic from Milton and Gilbert Roads. Residents protested saying it was a fiasco and the scheme should be abandoned. There were 16 children under ten years of age living in the Crescent and they felt strongly for their safety 62 05 01a

1962 05 12

Renovations being carried out at the Green Dragon Public House in Chesterton have led to the discovery of coins and business cards over 100 years old. They were found by the licensee, John Harrison, after a mantle shelf was taken down over the fireplace in the public bar. The coins include a Rochdale halfpenny from the 1790s showing a spinner at a weaving loom while one of the cards relate to a General Election of 1835. The pub itself is of considerable age, having been granted an inn licence in 1630 when it afforded 'sufficient entertainment for 20 men and horses in bedding and stable rooms' 62 05 12

1962 09 14

Maurice Stevenson started as a cinema projectionist in 1927 as a lad of 16 at the old Tivoli Cinema in Chesterton Road. They were the silent days. Then he went to the Regal and later the Central. In the old 'disc' days you had to be careful even closing the door in case you shook the needle out of its groove in the record. If you lost the synchronisation between the record and film it was the devil's own job getting it back again, he remembers. The machinery is much more simple to operate now. 62 09 14

1962 10 25

New garage and flats on corner Chesterton Road nearing completion – photo - 62 10 25b

1963 03 04

Houses in Walnut Tree Avenue have been bought by the Ministry of Transport for demolition when the dual-carriageway for the proposed Chesterton bridge route is constructed. One side of Cam Road will also have to be demolished. It is expected that negotiations for the 30 properties involved will take a year to complete. The first part of the scheme will link Newmarket Road with Chesterton and Milton Roads. Later the existing roads of Lensfield Road, Gonville Place and East Road will feed into a roundabout at the junction of Sun Street and Newmarket Road 63 03 04b

1963 05 24

McManus for value in Cambridge. The Chesterton Estate, Histon Road, offers spacious three-bedroom terrace houses with attractive tile-hung elevations and in-built fuel stores with a garage nearby if required, for £2,895. Detached two-bedroom bungalows, £3,395; semi-detached £2,695. A decorated show house is available for inspection fitted with central heating in the form of Sager Tangential Flow fan heaters. Maximum Mortgages available – Advert. 63 05 24a

1963 09 13

New barriers have been erected on the Green Dragon Bridge, Chesterton in a bid to stop cattle and motor cyclists using it to cross the river. But it is now difficult to get coach-built prams through – they certainly won't get under with the hoods up. If the posts were further apart, cattle would get through, the council says. Motor cycles and scooters are official prohibited from the bridge but there is no objection to pedal and motor-assisted cycles provided they are pushed across. 63 09 13d

1963 10 16

Lloyds Bank Chesterton Road opened June 1930; adds extra storey – 63 10 16

1963 11 12

Cambridgeshire has a higher ratio of road vehicles per head of population than the national average – about one to every six. Peak hour travel is increasing as more people use their cars to journey to work. If this continues the demand for all-day parking space will increase at a greater rate than the demand for shorter parking. Increased parking and traffic loads have given rise to severe congestion and journey times have steadily increased. But one third of the traffic in the central area has no business there. The proposed Chesterton bridge scheme is thus of the highest priority, a report says. 63 11 12 & a

1963 12 31

Prince Chula-Chakta-Bongse, King of Thailand's cousin, dies. He installed the dog drinking trough Chesterton Road – 63 12 31

1964 01 17

Chesterton Youth Club being given a face lift – photos – 64 01 17 p7

1964 01 31

Chesterton bridge could be started in 1967 – 64 01 31

1964 02 21

Chesterton Bridge Route, Elizabeth Way, published – 64 02 21c

1964 03 06

Residents of Walnut Tree Avenue, which is poised on the brink of destruction for the new Chesterton, are resigned to its fate. A large proportion are retired people who have invested much in their homes. Apart from those who are widowed or retired, most work all day and have taken great care of their properties. Only a few look unkempt and these are the ones bought by the Ministry of Transport from people who are leaving anyway. 64 03 06c

1964 03 05

Traffic problems in Chesterton High Street – 64 03 05aa

1964 03 11

Cam Road & Haig Road householders fear they will lose homes with Chesterton Bridge route – 64 03 11

1964 07 22

Nearly 500 people attended a greyhound race meeting at Chesterton Fen Road, one of eight to be held during the next few weeks. Now organisers are planning a campaign for a permanent track equipped with floodlights and facilities 64 07 22b

1964 07 22

Chesterton towers to be renovated and opened to public. It would be fenced off from flats to be constructed alongside 64 07 22c

1964 09 15

The first stage of Cambridge's Inner Relief Road would comprise twin-carriageways starting with a roundabout at Murkett's Corner, on the junction of Huntingdon and Histon Roads. The planned road goes southward through the Rex Cinema site, leaving space for the proposed law courts near Shire Hall. As it approaches Chesterton Road there will be a flyover to take the main traffic flow over a roundabout. Then there would be a new bridge over the Cam before it crosses Jesus Green parallel to Park Parade. A subway will give access under the road to Jesus Green. 64 09 15

1964 11 09

H.C. Banham, the old-established boat building firm, might be forced to close if the Chesterton Road Bridge is built along its present line. It would involve destruction of major buildings, plant installation and machinery and cut their land in two 64 11 09

1964 11 11

Chesterton Bridge route would bring very heavy traffic within feet of residents – 64 11 10a

1964 11 14

During the summer a series of greyhound racing meetings were held on an improvised track near a car breaker's yard at Fen Road Chesterton. But plans for a permanent stadium may prove impractical because of drainage difficulties. If buildings containing lavatories are to be erected the problems of foul sewage disposal might prove insurmountable. There are also problems about access to the site over the Fen Road level crossing. The road is inadequate for the kind of traffic that would be attracted to race meetings. Before the war a proposal to build one at Teversham was turned down 64 11 14

1964 11 27

Wallis Autogyros Ltd, formed by Wing Commander Kenneth Wallis and his cousin, produce some of the world's smallest aircraft. Military versions of his autogyro have been tested by the Army and reached more than 10,000 feet. Now the design is being simplified for amateur flyers. Twelve are being completed at a factory at 121 Chesterton Road. His father built the 'Wallbro' monoplane in St Barnabas Road in 1909, but it was destroyed by a storm 64 11 27b

1965 01 12

Chesterton Hospital staff shortages are nothing new. Since the invention of antibiotics people do not die of disease at early ages, but live on. Geriatric nursing is not something you would be glad to see your daughter doing. Particularly when there is such a wide choice of less demanding and better-paid jobs. It is hard work: patients have to be fed, washed and helped to a degree unimaginable in other forms of illness. Sometimes their very helplessness makes the patients feel resentful at their dependence on the goodwill of others, so that they are critical rather than grateful for the help that is

offered. If Chesterton is one of the most up to date in the country, one shudders to think what the rest must be like— 65 01 12

1965 02 04

Chesterton Tower – modern flats being built alongside – photo – 65 02 04

1965 02 18

East Anglian Regional Hospital Board new offices next Chesterton Hospital – feature – 65 02 18a

1965 03 16

Chesterton Road house, Mitchams, being demolished for extension Barclays Bank – photo- 65 03 16b

1965 04 22

Wallis Autogyros set up in Chesterton Road with support from people at Coton – 65 04 22a

1965 12 04

Malls Stores, derelict shop Chesterton High Street to be rebuilt – 65 12 04a

1967 03 03

Mitcham's Corner, second huge island created between Chesterton Rd & Victoria Rd – 67 03 03b

1967 03 29

Chesterton Study published – could become one of most pleasant suburbs – 67 03 29

1967 11 07

Chesterton Bowls Club was founded in 1931 with HQ in Milton Road. The lease expires next year; now found new site on St Andrew's Road – 67 11 07a; 67 12 30

1967 12 07

St Andrew's Church Chesterton spire needs repair – 67 12 07a

1967 12 30

Chesterton Bowls Club new home – 67 12 30

1968 01 04

J. Ward & sons cycle shop in Castle Street closes after 22 years, staff transfer to Chesterton Road branch – 68 01 04a

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1970 04 30

Gustava Vasa memorial, Chesterton restored – 70 04 30 # c.62

1970 09 15

Several charities to merge in bid to build new almshouses on Old Manor House site at Church Street, Chesterton to replace old Wray's Court Houses; Henry Wray trustees apply city council – 70 09 15

1971 06 09

Three 17th-century cottages in Water Street, Chesterton being converted into one house – photo – 71 06 09

1971 07 17

Runciman's veterinary surgeons: profile of Cambridge business; has just moved from Downing Street to Chesterton Road – 71 07 17

1972 03 01

The Cambridge M.P., Mr David Lane yesterday waived aside professional traffic statistics and asked those at the by-pass inquiry to use their eyes and their common sense. In a statement to the three-week old inquiry Mr Lane gave his whole-hearted support to both the proposed western and northern bypasses and claimed to have the backing of most people in Cambridge. A woman living in Elizabeth Way wrote "On this bend to which the big lorries cruise and then rev up hard out of it it is one frightful nightmare and the fumes are really killing". A man living in Chesterton Road wrote : "Life is now intolerable and the only acceptable answer is an alternative route by-passing the city altogether" In supporting the northern bypass Mr Lane said disturbance to Girton village must be minimised.

1972 11 30

A new hotel opens in Cambridge this week - and with 33 bedrooms it becomes the fourth largest in the city. The new Arundel House Hotel is a complex of red brick houses on Chesterton Road overlooking the River and Jesus Green. The development follows the purchase of number 61 Chesterton Road last year and its conversion into a 12-bedroomed hotel. Now John Norfolk has converted two other adjacent properties he owns - from flats and bedsitters to an integrated hotel complex. "With house prices as they are now it is virtually impossible to charge a proper rent related to these new values," he said. "The transition of Chesterton Road into a hotel was the obvious answer to get a proper return"

1973 01 26

Cambridge Moslems will soon have their own mosque if a scheme to convert a property goes through. The City's Moslem Association have bought 175 Chesterton Road and hope to use it for their Friday prayer meetings as well as religious festivals and other meetings. A Trustee of the foundation said "We have about 70 members and we hope that it will be a meeting place for all Moslems who are living or staying in Cambridge. If we get permission for it we shall be sending back to our home countries for donations and help from there"

1973 04 13

Nurses at Chesterton Hospital have dreaded what might happen if flames gripped the most vulnerable of their wards. Sister Pat Hough, of Harston ward, said, "Our ward has 19 continuous care patients. It has a wooden floor and it is above the kitchen". But yesterday she was a lot happier after a mock fire exercise at the old people's home in which a new invention came through its first test. The invention - a harness that lies under the mattress and clicks like a car safety belt into an emergency hammock for the patient - is the brain child of the Hospital's fire officer. She said: "The first patient was down the fire escape 35 seconds after the alarm went off. That is about four times quicker than we could have expected if we had used the conventional method"

1974 03 27

Chesterton rural council (1894-1974) began its final journey into the history books of local government when chairman, Coun. Frederick Rhead, removed his chain of office to mark the end of the council. It disappears next Monday when the area will be taken over by the larger South Cambridgeshire District Council. It was created in 1894 when the poor law guardians of the Chesterton union of parishes were reorganised. The new council met in the Poor Law Institution, now Chesterton hospital in Union Lane, Cambridge.

1974 07 12

Time and cost, two major problems when you are having your own house build, have been drastically cut in a revolutionary new house in Cambridge. It took only three months to put up the tall, airy three-bedroomed house at 214 Chesterton Rd, and the cost (without land) was £7,200 – less than half the normal figure to build a house of this quality. This remarkable feat was achieved by a Cambridge University lecturer in architecture who designed it for his own family. His method was to use unconventional building material. A timber frame, flat asbestos sheets form the walls and a feature of the design is the huge expanse of glass. It is an exciting, attractive home which could set a new style in house building.

1974 07 23

The people of Cambridge would never accept the building of the proposed Western Relief Road project, linking Huntingdon road with Trumpington road and going through Newnham or near Grantchester, it was claimed by city councillors. In addition the county a road linking Huntingdon road with Madingley road. But Counc. Overhill supported the road. "If this was proposed through the middle of Chesterton, nobody would complain. It is only because it is going through Newnham that people are against it", he said

1974 09 21

The opening of Cambridge's new indoor bowls centre at Chesterton brings to a climax many months of work by a group of bowlers who can now boast the only six-rink indoor green in the country. Sited next to their outdoor green in Logan's Way, the impressive new building is the next best thing to bowling on a warm summer's day. Already there are 400 bowlers on the membership lists and secretary N. Harper-Scott says there is still room for more

1974 11 02

The owner of Tebbit's bakery, probably the last in the Cambridge area with a coal-fired oven, retires after nearly 50 years of producing crusty loaves and rolls for Chesterton and East Cambridge. The bakery, off Gold St, run by Mr William Tebbit with his wife Bunny, is to be closed. Each weekday he has got up at about 5 am to start baking his daily batch of about 500 loaves, He forms the dough for cottage loaves, Coburgs and bloomers by hand

1974 11 19

Operation Mop-Up got into full swing as flood waters subsided after nearly two hours of rain in 24 hours. In Cambridge the river burst its banks from Lamas Land in Newnham to Pye's in Chesterton where the playing fields resembled a lake. At St Neots a disabled elderly man and his wife were evacuated as flood water burst into their homes during the worst flooding in that town since 1947. Office workers at the Anglian Water Authority headquarters at Huntingdon spend an anxious afternoon – waiting to see if they would be flooded. Children at Dullingham primary school had to be ferried across floods by a local farmer's trailer when water blocked the road.

1975 01 02

A petition calling for the replacement of the hundred-year-old St Andrew's school, Chesterton, is to be presented to a Minister at the Department of Education. Efforts to get the school replaced have been going on for at least ten years. They were lent greater urgency when, last October, a young teacher was injured by a lump of plaster falling from the ceiling of one of the classrooms. Children at the school make a ten-minute walk along a dangerous road to go to lunch each day at the Shirley School in Green End Road

1975 09 26

The fire risk wards at Chesterton Hospital have been drawn directly to the attention of the Health Minister, Dr David Owen, by the city MP, Mr David Lane. He expressed concern over the Hospital's Harston and Hardwick wards where 36 elderly patients are housed in cramped conditions. Both wards are 130 years old and were condemned more than two years ago as fire risks, but because of lack of cash nothing has been done to replace them

1976 02 10

Chips are one of those rare commodities that do not have to be sold by weight, quality or recommended retail price. So what do you get in 1976 for your six pen'orth. Well an old 6d won't even buy you a squirt of tomato ketchup in some shops. There is a growing tendency to sell ketchup and tartare sauce in sachets at 3p each. Nowhere in Cambridge could I find chips selling for less than 12p a bag. Four shops had a 15p. minimum price. The most extreme difference in value were between the Quality Fish Shop in Mill Road at 7oz for 12p compared to only 5 ozs for the same price at Mike and Julie's, Wulfstan Way and D.G. Munns, Old Chesterton

1976 03 18

In the past the Green Dragon at Chesterton has not lived up to the expectations of its distinctive sign. All this has been changed by extensive alterations which have transformed this Greene King pub from a cosy but unremarkable establishment into a comfortable open-plan rendezvous which has all the modern comforts without destroying the atmosphere of a very old business. A new extension provides new toilets to replace the old outside toilets "across the yard"

1976 04 13

The Rev John Carre – latest victim in a spate of lead thefts from churches around Cambridge – has put fertiliser bags on the roof of St Andrew's. Chesterton, to keep out the weather. Thieves who stripped five sheets from the roof a few weeks ago, came back a second time and removed lead from the organ chamber. The parochial church council is to discuss possibilities such as slippery paint, and a dye which cannot be removed from the hands, in order to discourage further thefts. Christ church, Cambridge and churches at Fen Ditton, Quy and Haslingfield are amongst those which have recently been hit by the lead thieves.

1976 12 30

The Cambridge Polish community has a simple though to reflect upon. Fascism drove them out of their country and brought them to Britain & the advent of communism back home kept them here when the war ended. Poles like Henio Muszynski and Czeslaw Rataj, young infantrymen in 1945 recall the camaraderie of a post-war further education camp at Fowlmere where many were taught English and eased into British life. Cultural and social activities thrived; there was dancing and drama, "but we would just hire a place so that people would meet every week to talk Polish and just play cards", said Mr Muszynski. Four years ago the community raised the money needed to buy a three-story club house in Chesterton Road. It has 300 members and is a comfortably furnished piece of Poland in Cambridge.

1977 03 09

The experimental mini-roundabout at the junction of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane, Cambridge was working well on the first morning of its operation. Even at the height of the rush hour traffic was flowing smoothly. It has been put in temporarily while the traffic lights at the junction are being taken down; they will eventually be replaced with more up-to date lights as part of the Newmarket Road improvement scheme. Police Chief Inspector Maurice Murden said: "To think our problems have been solved by an old tractor tyre! It is something we have advocated for years, and now we just hope that it will become permanent". One driver said his driving time to his home in Chesterton had been cut from 20 minutes to five.

1977 05 20

A Conservative, Coun Maurice Garner, was elected Mayor of Cambridge for the coming year, succeeding Coun Bob Wright. A legal executive with a city firm of solicitors he is closely connected with many local organisations and has served on the council for 11 years. Yesterday he recalled how he first won his West Chesterton seat. It was all a family affair, he said – there are so many of his relatives living in West Chesterton that it was a simple matter to get elected. All the family voted for him and gave him a big majority!

1977 08 16

We have become so used to inflation that price rises are readily accepted as being a necessary evil. But what about the price of chips? In February 1976 the News did a survey and we have repeated the exercise now the raw material – the potato – is costing only a fraction of its previous price. None of the shops had passed on a reduction to customers. But cod is twice the price of 18 months ago and the fryer is having to subsidise his fish price from chip sales. The best value is at D.G. Munns in Old Chesterton. At 12p a portion the price is unchanged and for an extra 3p our reporter was given an extra half portion – three ounces of chips.

1978 01 05

A plan by a Cambridge businessman to build a skateboard track on a field in Chesterton Fen Road has been turned down by planners. Mr Gordon Cave asked for permission to use one acre of the field but the plan was rejected on the grounds that the site had bad access and is two-thirds of a mile from the nearest bus stop. The majority of users would be schoolchildren, many of them young and unaccompanied, and the road had no footpath. But Coun. Peter King said: "It would be disastrous to be over-protective where young people are concerned. They are not bothered about a bit of mud or a walk from the bus stop. It would be better to offer a skateboard park here than nowhere".

1979 03 29

The heads of two Cambridge schools are picking up the pieces after a week of violence in which pupils were assaulted and rival gangs tore through playgrounds. Mr Oliver Gagg's head of the Manor and Mr Tony Newall head of Chesterton School feel that schools are being asked to assume a day-and-night responsibility of their pupils which they cannot achieve. Mr Newall said; "Raids between schools have always taken place. In a way it's nice to know that they identify with the school and there is an honour which they want to protect. It's a pity that the methods are so misguided."

1980

1980 02 02

Caxton magistrates sat for the last time before moving to the new court building at Lion Yard, Cambridge. Some looked back through their old records going back to 1863 when courts were sometimes held in a magistrate's house or the local pub. Sentences were severe, particularly for theft. One man was jailed for 14 days with hard labour in 1864 for stealing potatoes and next year a 13-year old from Chesterton was sent to a reformatory for three years for stealing a concertina worth five shillings. Cambridge City Magistrates Court in the Guildhall also closed; it had been the starting point for many trials but working conditions were now very difficult. 80 02 02

1980 06 28

Two hundred children from St Andrew's Junior School, Chesterton watched the Bishop of Ely laid the foundation stone for their new school in Nuffield Road. What they did not see was that after the ceremony workmen knocked-down the specially-built wall and carried off the foundation stone for use another day. It will stay in store until somebody decides where in the school walls it should go. 80 06 28

1981 02 02

Cambridgeshire is the centre for illegal bare-knuckle fist-fights; they are straight knockabouts until one of the fighters drops and as much as £3,000 can change hands with single bets of around £50. A fight at Fen Road Chesterton involving two teenage boys from the gypsy fraternity and watched by a noisy crowd of more than 500 was abandoned when police moved in to break up the crowd, some of whom had travelled from all over the country. 81 02 02

1981 04 01

Gypsies want to build two permanent caravan sites themselves because they believe the county council is acting too slowly. Members of the Romany Guild, the organisation that represents traditional travelling folk, have submitted plans for sites at Grassy Corner, Chesterton Fen Road at Milton and Royston Road Duxford. This follows Government recommendations that gypsies should try and build their own sites to overcome delays facing local authority plans. But the council says both sites have already been the subject of enforcement action. 81 04 01b

1981 05 15

Cambridge ecologists say a bus which can run on railway lines is the solution to transport problems in local villages. They plan to borrow a prototype and run it from the city centre to Huntingdon, using British Rail's tracks. It would stop at Mill Road, Chesterton and North Arbury as well as the former

stations en route to Swavesey. From this point the tracks have been removed but it would run along the trackbed to St Ives and the Hemingfords. 81 05 15a

1981 06 24

Scudamore's has decided to close its motor boat marina at Logan's Way, Chesterton – just four years after its controversial plans were given the go-ahead by the city council. The marina was only open for a month last summer and was no longer considered to be profitable. They ran the marina on council-owned land and negotiations are now taking place to work out what to do with the site. 81 06 24c

1982 03 12

Maurice Stevenson is Cambridge's longest-serving projectionist; he recently retired from the Victoria Cinema after showing films for 54 years. He started aged 14 at the old Tivoli Cinema in Chesterton Road, moved to the Central, then the Playhouse where he was chief projectionist at the age of 18. Later he was at the Regal. He has seen it all from the 'silent' days to the coming of 'talkies', then colour; from the advent of 3D and wide screen to stereophonic sound, from traditional projection methods to highly-developed technology. 82 03 12d

1982 06 12

When the Duchess of Gloucester officially opened St Andrew's Community Junior School at Chesterton she picked eight-year-old Wendy Braybrook to help her pull the cord to unveil a plaque. Then she was presented with a posy from Lorraine Clark and a book of pupils' work by Brian Hall before being escorted round the building by headmaster Derek Nightingale. Pye provided video equipment to record the visit that was watched by people on close circuit television. 82 06 12

1983 01 24

'Cinderella services' – the old, mentally handicapped and mentally ill - are to be boosted following a major change in health care priorities. Wards and clinics at Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals are to be given a face-lift and the new Hinchingsbrooke Hospital reorganised to cope with increased numbers of elderly mentally-ill patients. Chesterton, Brookfields and Ely Tower Hospital will also benefit and Newmarket will get new sanitary facilities. 83 01 25

1983 04 25

Hallens of Cambridge is celebrating its golden jubilee. It was founded in 1933 as a used motor-cycle dealership soon moved to premises in Chapel Street, Chesterton which it shared with a haulage business, fish and chip shop and furniture removal firm. Today these premises still house the motorcycle service and parts centre. It then moved into a former dance hall in Union Lane which became the first car workshop and stores. During the war it was requisitioned with a new workshop and an air raid shelter underneath. 83 04 25 supp p10

1983 07 06

Gordon Cave is not averse to striking a hard bargain at his premises on the Fen Road, Chesterton. But he was not at all keen when a funeral service sent him a hearse for disposal. And when he heard voices just after midnight he made up his mind he would let the hearse and 7-seater Austin Princess limousine go for the proverbial song. Charlie Holliday, one of Cambridge's few genuine gypsies, agrees and neither will go near it. So if anyone wants a bargain car with an engine which purrs like a kitten, he will be happy to see you. There's always room for one more in the back. 83 07 06 p12

1983 12 29

Britain has about 75,000 pubs but experts say the number will have dropped by 10,000 by the end of the century. Six Cambridge pubs have closed in the last ten years and most were knocked down and redeveloped. The Rose in Rose Crescent is the only one still standing with its basement now housing Flambards wine bar. The Bun Shop went after years spent in splendid isolation as the Lion Yard was built, The King William IV in Newmarket was flattened as was the Prince Albert in Chesterton. The

Ancient Druids and Old English Gentleman were demolished as part of the Kite clearance. 83 12 29 p12

1984 08 28

Furious shopkeepers in Chesterton Road are banding together to fight plans to turn a derelict house into a hostel for the homeless. They claim it will be a home for drunks who will make life unbearable for people living in the area. The sub-postmaster says drug addicts and drunks are already a problem – on Thursday afternoons half the customers are drunk when they come in for their Giro. But the King Street Housing Association says it will be a refuge for the homeless with full supervision and not a place for alcoholics. 84 08 28 p5

1984 10 19

Kimberley Road, a quiet residential side street in the Chesterton area, may soon be renamed Nelson Mandela Avenue to commemorate the South African anti-apartheid freedom fighter. Residents are to be asked their views and if there is a hostile reaction councillors may turn their attention to Natal Road instead. It had been suggested that Mr Mandela be granted the Freedom of Cambridge but this is not possible under the council's laws. 84 10 17 p1

1984 11 14

Sir - This is the 50th anniversary of a great act of kindness to the dogs of Cambridgeshire by a distinguished foreign visitor. In 1934 HRH Prince Chula of Siam erected a memorial to his dog Tony in the form of a fountain at the correct height so that dogs could slake their thirst in hot weather. It still stands outside the Chesterton branch of Lloyd's Bank but is in a sorry condition. Can it not be cleaned up and maintained? - Paul Garside, Science Park. 84 11 14 p16

1984 11 23

Bowls, once the pensioners' preserve, is now attracting teenagers. Seventeen-year-old Roger Evans from Royston is their senior three-wood singles champion as well as Chesterton indoor club's under-18 champion. Greg Harlow, 16, from Ely who is a keen rugby, squash and soccer player also rates bowls as his top sport. "There are getting to be as many youngsters as old men in the game now", he observes. David Cornwell, who was barred from Ely's bowls greens and had to play at Littleport when he was 12, is now recognised as one of the country's brightest bowls innovators and has been asked to prepare a scheme for a national under-21 championship. 84 11 23

1985 01 23

Pye has been in consumer electrical goods since 1922 when W.G. Pye and Co began selling wireless kits. Now from its headquarters in St Andrew's Road, Chesterton it sells a wide range of televisions and radios under the Pye brand name though they are not made in Cambridge and have Philips internals. People have a very strong loyalty to the name 'Pye', so now they are moving back into areas which have been abandoned to the Japanese. Video cassette recorders have been selling since July and hi-fi music-centres will be launched this year. 85 01 23a

1985 04 17

Frank Bacon has lived at 100f Eastfields since 1934. It was the first house to be built on the Chesterton estate by the Hundred Houses Society for letting at reasonable rents to young married couples who could not get a council house. Frank and his wife only had one child and chose it because it was a semi-detached. All the other five people who moved in at that time are still there and a great community spirit has developed over the years. 85 04 17

1985 08 07

The New Chesterton Institute was founded 100 years ago to promote the moral, mental and physical well-being of its members. Today with 1,100 members the NCI Sports and Social Club is still going strong. Meetings were originally held in the Coffee House, Searle Street until the present building was erected in 1891. In the early days it was famous as a debating society. Now it is known more for its sporting achievements and even has a crib team. 85 08 07a

1985 10 10

Chesterton Community College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee with a book of anecdotes. Old boy Chris Morton remembers headmaster R.C. Brown. "We used to call him 'The Major'. He used to have this habit of picking you up by the ear. He was a real gentleman. He would give you the cane and you used to feel he was being military about it". Rex Freeman was one of the favourite teachers and could bring the best out of anyone. He taught English and history, later music and remedial classes 85 10 10 & a

1985 11 15

Cambridge's experimental Neighbourhood Watch scheme involves some 500 houses in Chesterton and is aimed at giving the police back-up in their fight against crime. If residents spot something suspicious they get in touch with the street co-ordinator who notifies the Home Beat Officer. The area is going up market and the major problems are the annual influx of fair people and visitors to the 'Bumps' whose inconsiderate parking causes anger. 85 11 15b

1985 12 10

More than 200 young people entered the Rob Roy pub in Chesterton Road to hold a late-night disco. Sixty-five police prevented any more entering as toilet rolls, a chair and other pieces of furniture rained down. As there were no lights on, except for the disco light and with a crowd in excess of 200 police decided it would be unsafe to enter and clear the building. The pub had not been derelict but undergoing refurbishment and considerable damage was done to the upstairs room. It followed confrontation with several hundred youths outside the former Thakes cycle shop in East Road 85 12 10b

1986 01 23

Major structural faults have been discovered in St George's Church, Chesterton – less than 40 years after it was built. The front wall is leaning away from the roof and cracks have been found on the arches inside the building. An architect's inspection has advised that the problem areas are roped off, but services are still continuing as normal. Built in 1938, St George's was the last Cambridge church to go up before the war. It was designed by Henry Lyon, the man responsible for the chapel at Sidney Sussex College. 86 01 23

1986 04 24

A plan to turn the old Tivoli Cinema in Chesterton Road into an arts and entertainment centre has been turned down as it would cause noise and traffic problems in the area.. It hoped to have featured films, fashion shows, music and exhibitions and would sometimes have remained open for music and dancing until the early hours. But residents opposed the idea. The Tivoli was for a long time used as a storage warehouse and some months ago was granted permission to be turned into a public house and restaurant 86 04 24

1986 06 11

Chesterton Mill, in French's Road was built in 1847 but has stood derelict for the last 30 years. The eight-sided smock mill was only partially successful when driven by wind so the sails were removed in the 1890s and it was subsequently driven by steam, suction gas and diesel. It has now been renovated and starts a new lease of life as the home of Cambridge public relations firm Beveridge Kartupelis. 86 06 11a

1986 06 27

A new minibus shuttle service has been launched using 16-seater converted Transits running from the Railway Station to Chesterton. It stops at normal bus stops but can be hailed like a taxi between the Fen Estate, the Golden Hind and the Yorkshire Grey pub. The accent is on a fast, frequent, comfortable service and smoking in the nine new vehicles is banned. By increasing frequency the service becomes more convenient and more likely to attract customers, Cambus claim. A second minishuttle from Coldham's Lane to Teversham Drift may start later 86 06 27

1986 07 28

St George's Church, Chesterton is crumbling so badly that it may have to be pulled down – even though it is only 48 years old. Already the front door has been closed because the gable ends are being pushed outwards, tiles need replacing and two flat roofs need resurfacing. Arches inside are cracked and the brickwork needs re-pointing. Rev Peter Tamplin says the congregation would have to raise the money for rebuilding and residents are being asked what they would like to see in a new church 86 07 28

1986 08 28

French's Mill was built on a high point in Chesterton in 1847 by William Beart. It was a wooden-walled smock mill but didn't catch enough wind, so it was jacked up and an eight-sided brick base added. But it was still not satisfactory so in 1868 William French converted it to run on steam power. Later the sails were removed and gas engines installed, to be replaced by diesel 14 years later. At its peak small bakers used it regularly but when the adjoining land was taken as playing fields for St Peter's School it looked as if the mill was doomed. Now it has begun a new life as an office suite and the surrounding buildings house ten other small companies playing their part in the technology boom 86 08 28

1986 11 22

Although the Fen Ditton National School was considered important enough for children to be ferried across the river from Chesterton, it was never a particularly attractive place. Now the run-down building, previously used as a warehouse, has been converted to include a family home. It has an open staircase and a landing featuring an iron balustrade from a chapel in the Fens. It has been decorated cheaply and simply, using the increasingly-popular 'rag-rolling' technique. 86 11 22a

1986 12 24

The Talking Newspaper has been compiled for the past 12 years by a team of committed people to give visually-handicapped people information to enable them to participate in the normal day-to-day chat that we all indulge in. Without it the blind can feel isolated. The three team editors incorporate many of their own interests in the arts and animal life in an hour-long tape containing a mixture of news culled from local sources, features and information such as death notices and forthcoming events. The newspaper has its own recording studio at Chesterton Hospital and is distributed through the free mailing service offered by the Post Office 86 12 24

1987 03 19

European Scouts, distinguished on parade by a traditional uniform of wide-brimmed hats and shorts, are making their mark in the Cambridge area. Locally they were born amid controversy three years ago when a Girton group, then belonging to the mainstream Scout Association, switched to the Federation of European Scouting. Together with groups in Waterbeach and Chesterton, bringing numbers to 140, they now account for 10% of European Scouts in England. They stick closer to the original Baden Powell principles – concentration on skills that can't be classroom learned. 87 03 19 #

1987 09 17

Graffiti in Chesterton – 87 09 17

1987 10 02

The City Council are negotiating to buy a £300,000 16-bedroom hotel in Chesterton Road with a large dining room, lounge, extensive kitchens and parking for 15 cars. All carpets, furniture, bedding and crockery are included in the price. It will be used to provide bed-and-breakfast for homeless families waiting for permanent accommodation and will work out cheaper in the long run. Property values are increasing rapidly and it could be sold at a profit if the number of homeless families falls substantially. But one outraged neighbour described it as an upmarket dosshouse not appropriate for the area. 87 10 02

1987 12 03

Cambridge has never offered a better selection of eating establishments according to three food guides. Midsummer House, opened last year, features in all of them but Twenty-Two on Chesterton Road provides probably the best food in Cambridge. The Free Press serves some of the best pub food in East Anglia while the Shao Tao is smarter than the average provincial Chinese restaurant. Outside Cambridge there is praise for the Old Fire Engine House at Ely, Fenland Lodge at Stuntney and the St Ives Motel. 87 12 03a

1988 02 04

The Dog and Pheasant in High Street Chesterton is a true community pub with darts, crib, football and fishing teams. Originally it had three separate bars but these were combined into one in a modernisation plan completed in 1986. New kitchens have been installed with customers from nearby offices telephoning their lunch-time menu choices. The friendly 'family' pub has regulars aged from 18 to 80 who get on well together and a garden with play equipment for children. 88 02 04b

1988 04 21

When Margaret Badcock set up the new Cambridge tourist desk at the back of the library in 1971 there were three people who ran private guiding services. Now there are 150 official blue badge guides who have passed difficult examinations and are fluent in a second language. Then the University Arms was asking less than £6 for a double room with breakfast – it is now £57 - while the Sorrento Hotel in Cherry Hinton Road charges about £40 and the Belle Vue Guest House in Chesterton Road between £19 and £22, the average for a double room in a private house. 88 04 21b

1988 10 13

St George's church celebrates its 50th birthday. The population of the parish almost doubled with the building of the North Arbury Estate bringing people in from different areas. To foster a community spirit parishioners launched a parish newsletter 'Chesterton Challenge' which is still going strong. It was one of the first free newspapers in the country. They also launched a 'Fish' scheme providing emergency help for anyone who needs it. The first couple to be married in the church, Frank Shaw and Dorothy Whitworth, are returning for the occasion. 88 10 13a

1988 11 23

Cambridge's large Polish community celebrated 40 years in the city at the Polonia Club in Chesterton Road. They have built up an impressive network of activities ranging from a drama society and folk song ensemble called Klosy to a school founded in 1952 to teach Polish language and culture. When Josef Mazur came in 1947 the only employment open to Poles was labouring, work in the mines or domestic positions. The older members of the community are suspicious that youngsters will not uphold the traditions, but they want them to survive. 88 11 23c

1988 12 15

The former Tivoli cinema building which opened on Chesterton Road in 1925 has been converted into 'The Exchange' with two large cocktail bars and a 120-seater restaurant. Later will come a basement gym, a punt landing stage and a roof garden restaurant with panoramic views over Jesus Green. Entertainment facilities include a huge electronic roll-down screen, the latest audio equipment and closed circuit television relaying film of the dance hall, But great care has been taken to preserve the distinctive atmosphere with plaster ceiling mouldings and a combination of rich dark and red wood 88 12 15a

1989 06 07

Angry residents are banding together to block plans to sell the former Roger Ascham School and part of the nearby Chesterton playing fields for a potential housing development. Founded as a school for children with physical disabilities, it closed in 1987 and is now used as a teachers' resource centre. Residents are worried about the increase in traffic and noise which would result. The amenity value and its potential for the community have been ignored, they claim 89 06 07

1989 07 06

Townsend's take over Ison's cycles which was started by W.J. Ison in 1893 and made the New Chesterton cycle. Albert Townsend started in 1890s making Cambridge Light Blue Cycles in Norfolk Street, moving to Burleigh Street in early 1960s 89 06 30 Townsend's history – profile – 89 07 06

1990 08 29

Hundred Houses Society opens Liley Close, Chesterton – 90 08 29a

1990 09 11

Cambridge football clubs could have new home at Chesterton sidings – plan – 90 09 11

1990 10 25

Andre Marsh Goldsmith company, Chesterton Road raided – 90 10 25a

1990 12 21

Chesterton Community College hall renamed Rex Freeman Hall – 90 12 21b