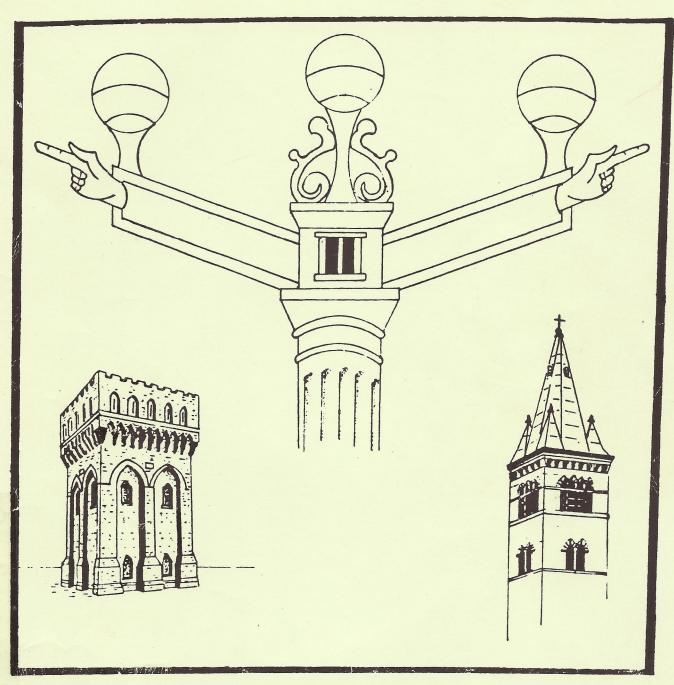
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We are pleased to welcome all members and readers to the Autumn session of our monthly meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Upper Schoolroom of Knowle Methodist Church, Redcatch Road entrance, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The programme until December 1993 is as follows:-

Friday Special Evening arranged at Redcatch
24 September Community Centre, Redcatch Road (just below Knowle Library)

Talk, illustrated with slides, and an exhibition of photographs of Knowle and Totterdown - Past and Present - presented by Mike Hooper, Society's Archivist

Wednesday First Half Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers and Committee

We were all very sad to learn of the death of John Hamilton at the end of April. He was one of our keenest and oldest members. Memories of his younger days when he lived at Totterdown are included in this edition. Everyone was very shocked to hear that Philip Jones, a well-known Knowle resident and City Guide, had passed away on 11th May at the early age of 55. Philip was one of our first speakers on the formation of the Society, and was always happy to "step into the breach" to assist us on any occasion. Both will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank all the ladies, including some of their husbands, who volunteered to make the tea for our meetings. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated by me. It is a great help to the tea ladies for the untiring assistance given by Fred Searle and Cliff Wilmot, who regularly carry the heavy trays of cups and saucers from the downstairs kitchen to the Upper Schoolroom each month. You both deserve a big 'thank you'.

TOTTERDOWN 1918-1930

John Hamilton recalls his impressions of Totterdown during the period 1918 - 1930

My story starts off in 1918 at No. 68 Wells Road, where my father ran a newsagent's and tobacconist's shop. He sold the shop in 1928 but that's another story for later on. I mention it now because it makes clear that I lived in the part of Totterdown that I am about to describe and which, of course, no longer exists. This story of Totterdown is within the period 1918 to 1930 and commences at the "Three Lamps" on the lefthand side of the road and up as far as the Holy Nativity Church.

The first shop was Reinge Bros., Tobacconists, adjacent to the well-known signpost, the 'Three Lamps', that has become part of our heritage from back in the coaching days. Next was Baxters showrooms and workshops. Next door again was Millers, the florists. Then came Cannocks Seed and Corn shop, and Scotts, a wet fish shop, followed by Garlicks, the newsagents, a small boot repair shop and a watch repair shop. This was the end of that line of shops that were built up to the pavement.

Then standing back with a small forecourt was a small printing business called Charlton Press. Then the houses came out to the line of the pavement. After this small row of houses we come to another shop which had a small forecourt - Lanfears the butchers - followed by possibly four or five houses and yet more shops. My recollection is that the first was a second-hand shop called O'Connors. Next was the well-known Totterdown greengrocers, Scotts, who were related to Scotts at the fish shop that I have already mentioned back towards the "Three Lamps".



Above, Totterdown. 1907.

Harris the butcher came next, with next door the ladies' fashion shop, Madame Rawnsley. There was a lady at one of our previous meetings who told me she remembered Madame Rawnsley. She said "I used to buy my hats there." I would like to see this lady again and talk to her about this and other shops. I should mention that these shops all the way up to Fansons had large forecourts. Scotts were able to display their greengrocery right out to the pavement.

Following the ladies' fashion shop was a small sweet shop, after which was Brooks the drycleaners. Next was Fansons, the china shop, and Fansons the ironmongers, this being on the corner of New Walls Road (I might add that a member of this well-known Totterdown family is usually present at our meetings and, of course, a member of our society).

Here New Walls Road turned off left and connected with Bath Road lower down the slopes. There were private houses on the left going down the road. But on the right, next to my father's shop, we had Messrs Broad, the builders, who are still in existence at Montpelier. Next door was our local blacksmith, and many times I have seen horses being shod in the blacksmith's shop.

But back to the Wells Road. Opposite Fansons was my father's newsagents and tobacconists shop. We were in business there for nineteen years until my father was told by his doctor, the well-known Dr Joe Lucas, that because of his strenuous life as a footballer and the long early hours with the newspapers, he would have to retire. (Father had been born in Ayr, Scotland, and had become a professional footballer, working his way from Scotland playing for different Clubs - Halifax, etc. - down to Bristol City.)

Eventually Father sold the shop and made plans to move to Saltford where a new house was to be built. Unfortunately there was to be a twelve month period before the house would be ready for occupation. In view of the long delay before the house would be ready my uncle, a Mr Sidney Pope, who had built a row of three shops at the bottom of Red Lion Hill, asked my father if he would open up one shop as a sweet and tobacconists shop so that he could dispose of it as a going concern when Father moved to his new home at Saltford. We were there until 1933 when Father passed away.

To continue my story of Totterdown, next door to my father's shop was a radio repair shop (in those days radio - or as was then wireless - repairs were quite an innovation.) I well remember seeing my first radio when Mr Harris, whom I mentioned being in the butcher's shop, had one whole wall in his lounge devoted to this 'new fangled wireless'. Next door to the radio repair shop was Dancy's, the sweet shop (later it became Flooks, a cooked meat shop). This was followed by Butts, a very old-established grocers, then Boots the Chemists - they were there for quite a number of years. The intersection by Angers Road on the corner of which was the Home & Colonial provision stores came next.

Angers Road, of course, ran parallel with New Walls Road down to the Bath Road. A little way down Angers Road on the left-hand side was a small boat repair shop, and a short distance further was the Totterdown Adult School. There was a games room with two or three billiard tables; a Sunday meeting was also held there. On the other side from the Wells Road was the Prince public house, then a yard owned by Reinge Bros., which was also the rear entrance to Horlicks, the baker, whose shop was on the Wells Road. At the bottom of Angers Road was a private house on the righthand side where sewing machine repairs were done by a man called Hoyle. Just beyond Mr Hoyle's was Slaters slaughter house. Next door again was the Angers Road Methodist Chapel, and right at the bottom of the junction with Bath Road was a dairy called Fearnley's.

Returning again to the Wells Road, next to The Prince was a small sweet shop called Maynards Ltd. (The company is still in existence today.) Back in those days their 'wine gums' were well known. Then came James, watch repairers, followed by the old-fashioned shop of Horlicks, the bakers. Everything was baked on the premises. I remember at Easter time I used to go around Totterdown getting orders for hot cross buns and bread rolls, then borrow some baskets and get my mother to give me some clean cloths to line the baskets. I would be up quite early Good Friday morning. I had previously been to Horlicks and told them I wanted so many hot cross buns and so many rolls and I would collect my order hot from the ovens. This would be about 5.00 a.m., and I would start on my round of Totterdown delivering the really hot, hot cross buns, and rolls.

Next door to this bakery was a cooked meat shop called Burrows. Then we come to Totterdown Post Office, that was part of the same building as Shepherds, who sold fancy goods of all kinds, and greetings cards; followed by Hodders the chemists, and a barbers shop called Wisswassers (I think they may have originally been German). Later the shop was to become Slaters,

a relative of Slaters the butcher, of Bush Street opposite. Next door to Wisswasser's was Goodall's, an old established shoe shop. Mr Goodall had a daughter, Ruth, was was later to work for the BBC in London, and one son, Hedley, who I think is still alive today, teaching elocution, somewhere on the other side of the town - at Clifton, perhaps. He had been broadcasting quite a lot with

the BBC, and was also in amateur dramatics such as Dickens' "Oliver Twist", "A Christmas Carol", and the like, usually in the YMCA opposite. Then came Keen's, the bakers, another old-established firm, and on the corner of County Street a public house called Totterdown Hotel.

To be continued

WHAT WE WERE READING IN THE LOCAL PRESS ...

100 YEARS AGO

1893

BRISTOL EVENING NEWS
Wednesday 13 September

Cost ½d

Wedding at Totterdown Baptist Chapel

Some interest was manifested at Totterdown this morning in the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Eugene JARMAN and the Revd. Benjamin ORIEL of Twerton, which took place in the Baptist Chapel.

On the arrival of the bride, who was accompanied by her father, The Revd. George Jarman, Minister of the Chapel, attended by two bridesmaids, a band of 20 performers played the March of Scipio. The choir also sang 'The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden'. The Revd. Dr. Culross officiated.

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On the happy pair leaving the Chapel which was densely crowded, Miss Shipway sang very effectively, 'O Rest in the Lord'.

75 YEARS AGO

1918

SOUTH BRISTOL FREE PRESS BEDMINSTER & KNOWLE & BRISLINGTON
RECORD

7th September

The death in action is reported of Private John M Barrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrow of 27 Balmain Street, Knowle.

21st September

The King of Italy has conferred the Bronze Medal for Military Valour on Bombadier John Gorton Holt (RGA), husband of Mrs. J. G. Holt, Jnr. of 57 Balmain Street, Knowle.

9th November

The deaths from Influenza in Bristol last week numbered 197 as compared with 67 the week before.

'FLU - FIRST AID' is a disinfectant soap of guaranteed power. It is made in a unique way, and its value in combatting micro-borne disease can hardly be over estimated......Triple tablets $7\frac{1}{2}d$. 'Flu has been conspicuous in its absence in homes where it has been used.

21st December

Lt. H. Wookey, R.A.F. of Brecknock Road, Knowle, arrived home from captivity in Germany.

BRISTOL EVENING POST

Wednesday, 22 September

ONLY 8 COUPONS - Cole & Pottow Ltd.

Boys flannel suits. Partially unlined and sold without vests to reduce the number of coupons required. boys tweed suits, similarly made -11 coupons. Hard wearing materials in pleasant patterns.

PAY AS YOU EARN starts next April

Announcing the news to-day, the new Pay as you Go Income Tax Scheme for weekly wage earners, Mr. Assheton, Financial Secretary, Treasury, said it was proposed to bring into force for the Income Tax year 1944-45, commencing April 6th, 1944.

23rd September

GAS MASKS: 20,000 needing repair in Bristol

Judging by the return already made, Bristolians are still as careless as ever with their gas masks.

So far, 16,000 people have called at the Local Respiratory Office for exchanges or repairs, following the recent census, and it is anticipated that the figure will reach quite 20,000.

24th September

Thrilling Greyhound Racing, Knowle Stadium, Saturday, at 3 p.m. Admission 3s. 9d. and 2s. 3d.

25 YEARS AGO

BRISTOL **EVENING** WORLD

9th September



MR LOVELL (second from the left) says goodbye to his driver, Mr Synnuck.

BRISTOL EVENING POST

8th September

Two members of Bristol Constabulary were married at Holy Nativity Church. Policewoman Miss Margaret Sealey, of 22 Monmouth Street, Victoria Park, was married to Policeman Mr. Barry The Service was conducted by Canon. G.W.L. Wynne.

Goodbye to Bristolian

4 65-year-old Harry Lovell wore in his button-hole seemed to be fresher than usual.

And at 5.27 p.m. Harry And at 5.27 p.m. Harry stood on platform 9 of Temple Meads station, pulled out his watch and looked up and down at the Bristolian — Europe's fastest train — as it prepared for another flying trip to London,

Three minutes later British Railways guard Harry blew his whistle, waved his green flas, and homes aboard the

flag, and hopped aboard the flyer — for the last time.

Harry Lovell, of Breckrock-road, Knowle, the complete guard, retires from the railway

THE white carnation that in November and was boarding the Bristolian for the last time. He has made about 2,500 trips to and from London on the famous train.

And as Sid Synnuck, . the And as sid Symbol, the Bristolian's driver last night and one of Harry's old Sunday School chums, said as he mounted the footplate: "We certainly shall miss him; he's areal personality."

The railway and the Lovell family go together. Harry's father worked for 50 years as a passenger guard on the old Bristol and Exeter Railway.

Harry has been a popular railway employee for 16 years — particularly on Platform 9

YMCA TENNIS CLUB



This photo shows how Tennis Road came into existence. This is the old YMCA Tennis Club at the end of the Flower Show Field. Wells Road houses may be discerned in the far distance. I was not then a member, being a schoolgirl of thirteen, but next to me is my eldest sister, wearing rather a large hat. Lily Edmonds, whose brother Billy ran the shop which was destroyed in the November 24th air raid and who married Charles Hallett -the one who mended our bikes and umbrellas - is next to her. The gentleman on the end of the rather primitive bench is a Mr Edbrook.

There was only one court, so players had to patiently await their turn for a set. I believe the shabby looking shed on the right of the picture was the pavilion; rather crude, but necessary in wet weather. The

large rackets are very different from the ones used nowadays, and quite heavy, but the ladies did not serve overhand, unless one was a skilled player.

I recall my brother Alf's first attempt at hitting the ball over the net. I doubt if he remembers as he is now ninety years of age, and being a boarder at QEH school in the dim ages, would probably never have had the opportunity to wield a tennis racket. With great determination, he raised his racket and gave a mighty swipe. We all watched in pure fascination as the ball soared right over the high surrounding wall of the Nunnery grounds, probably causing quite a stir amongst the nuns and the orphans who resided there.

Gladys L Plaster

HAVE YOU VISITED KNOWLE LIBRARY RECENTLY?

If you have, you have surely noticed a framed print of local churches. This was presented to the library by Mrs Marguerite Ricketts, née Mountain, and is entitled "The Churches of Bristol and its Neighbourhood". It is taken from a unique watercolour depicting eighty churches, painted by the late William Hutin Mountain. Mr Mountain was a deaf mute, who lived with his wife (also deaf), daughter Marguerite and son Herbert (who as a pilot officer observer with the RAF was killed in action in 1941) at 30 Selworthy Road, Knowle. He graduated from the Bristol College of Art to work for many years with ES & A Robinson, Bristol Bridge. He was a popular and well-known local figure, often seen in the area in summer in his linen jacket, bow tie and panama hat. He was a regular spectator at Knowle Cricket Club, and in his younger days a keen sportsman - both organising and participating in sports for the deaf. He represented Great Britain in International Games for the Deaf during the late 1920's and 1930's.

The picture itself is a masterpiece, with fine detail, and surrounded by a border showing architectural stonework and carvings found in the local churches depicted. The original painting, measuring 36" x 26" was included in the exhibition of artists for the Festival of Britain in 1951. The library print is one of a limited edition of 500 measuring 18" x 10". Copies are available from:- Mrs Marguerite Ricketts

"Selworthy"
9 Queen Crescent
Bodmin
Cornwall, PL31 1QP

Tel: 0208 73749

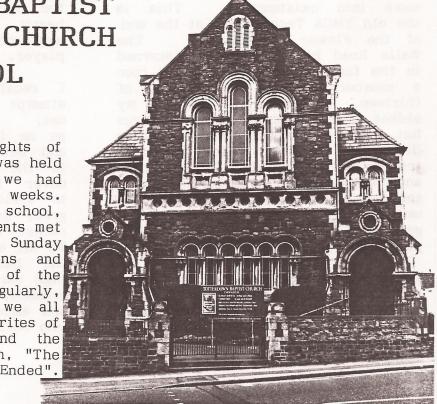
Price: - £25.00 (including postage and posting). Proceeds are being split between Cancer Research and The Bristol Centre for the Deaf, in memory of Mr Mountain. Mr Mountain was for much of his life involved with the local Church for the Deaf and its activities.

The Library was very pleased to accept this kind gift, and to enable local people to view the work of a very talented local resident.

TOTTERDOWN BAPTIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

This was one of the highlights of the year. Our Anniversary was held in the middle of June, but we had all been practising hard for weeks. Instead of the usual Sunday school, the Junior and Senior Departments met together in the Church each Sunday afternoon to learn the hymns and the Choral March. Some of the hymns were favourites used regularly, others were new, but how we all enjoyed singing them. Favourites of mine were "Jesus Saves" and the hymn we usually finished with, "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended".



The Choral March was performed at both morning and evening services and everyone sang with great gusto. The Junior Department sang the easier bits and the Senior Department the harder descants and we all joined in at the beginning and the end. It always amused us that the words were by Ernest Nichol and the tune by Colin H Sterne (or was it the other way round?) which we worked out was the same man as one name is an anagram of the other.

The highlight of the afternoon was the 'demonstration' performed by the Beginners and Primary Departments. It was usually written by the leader of these departments, Mrs C Ashman, and she involved as many children as possible. This performance was always a joy to watch and everyone looked forward to it.

On the day, the platform was enlarged and made higher, and children from the Junior Department met here all dressed in their best clothes. The choir sat in their stalls behind the pulpit and anyone not able to find a seat sat on the left in the gallery above the choir stalls. Our choirmaster for these occasions was Mr Arthur Winter and he made us all work very hard getting the sound that he wanted, but it was fun.

- Snippets-

| Extract from Holy Nativity | Church Magazine – January 1899

I "Does it ever occur to the majority of those who attend the Parish Church, that the mats provided there, are not for standing upon. I am forced to make this rather obvious comment because of the sadly muddy state in which the aforesaid mats are frequently found on Monday morning. It somestimes drives our poor verger and caretaker into despair"...

Extra preparations for the day started the day before on the Saturday, when everyone who had flowers in their garden took them to Church. Grace and Emmie arranged the large vases but the children arranged all the smaller vases which were put on the windowsills all round the Church. Everyone tried to find a flower which they could wear as a buttonhole on 'the day', always to be stood in water at dinner time and tea time to keep it fresh.

I loved singing and making music, but I imagine there were those who found these rehearsals not so much fun. Our Superintendent, Mr Arthur Wright, used to produce texts which we could put in our Bibles and if you were lucky you got one with a red tassel at the end.

Sunday School Anniversary was a day we always looked forward to because everyone seemed to enjoy themselves so much.

Mrs M Scott

-Snippets-

"Angelus"

There are some 13,000 people in this Parish, but at the Holy Nativity comparatively speaking a handful only; shall we say we have 700 people there every Sunday - what is that - no, they don't care about or value the religion of Christ -- Don't you think there would be such leager and intense pressing into this presence, that the Church of the Holy Nativity would be wholely inadequate to accommodate them.....

FIRFIELD STREET, TOTTERDOWN



Firfield Street is typical of the new 1870 residential development of Totterdown, when houses were being built in a short space of time in roads flanking both sides of the Wells Road, where formerly there had been rural countryside.

The builder was Mark Pady, who lived in Number 1. This was the first house on the left-hand side (later renumbered 2). He and his family lived there for 23 years. In 1888, Wright's Street Directory records:-No. 1 Firfield Street - Mark Pady & Son, Builders.

The buildings were completed by 1882. The street was still in the County of Somerset.

In 1889 the numbering changed from consecutive numbering to the Roman system, i.e. even on the left-hand side and odd on the right.

The Wellesley Arms was the first property on the right-hand side, and it remained a public house until the late 1920's. No. 14 on the left-hand side at the junction with Stanley Hill (later No. 28) was always a shop trading in groceries and beer.

There was a constant change of tenants, although some lived in the same house for 40, 50 and even 60 or more years.

All properties were initially rented for about 7s.6d. a week - strict control being kept on new applicants, their background and financial circumstances being carefully vetted. The tenants were, in the main, skilled craftsmen or clerks, these covering the trades of Monumental Mason, Blacksmith, Stone Turner, Wheelwright, Chimney Sweep, Builder, Cab Proprietor, Insurance Agent and a Nurse.

In Wright's Directory of 1883 Totterdown Police Station is recorded -Somerset County Police. In 1885 Sergeant Windmill resided there (not numbered). In 1897 the Bristol boundary was extended and Totterdown Police Station was taken over by the Bristol Police Force. This was not a popular Station, probably due to the severe gradient of the street. In 1899 horse-drawn dog carts were purchased by the Watch Committee for the use of the Divisional Superintendent (stationed at East Street, Bedminster) - Firfield Street must have been very difficult to descend at all times, but especially dangerous in icy conditions. The Station was closed in 1911 when it reverted to private residential use. The new Station for the area was at Calcott Road, Knowle, and this was always a well-liked Station by the members of 'B' Division.

The street had quite a smart appearance until the end of the 1950's when it started to deteriorate. The new rebuilding plan for the district is of modern architecture and out of character with the buildings of 1870.

J Roberts

YOU FEEDBACK



In the last edition of KNOWLEdge we featured an excerpt from The Bristol Observer 1942 about Rev R H S Gobbitt. One of our members, Mrs Guy, has supplied a photograph of Rev Gobbitt, and tells us he left Knowle for WALLINGFORD, Oxfordshire.

ST AGNES CONVENT



Earlier this year most members of the Society enjoyed a visit to St Agnes Convent. The convent was due to be closed after many years as a local landmark. Due to delays in building work at Plympton, the sisters are still at St Agnes. The guided tours of the building by the remaining sisters were much enjoyed, each person taking back memories of the two magnificent chapels, the fine vestments and the living history in the kitchens, and the anecdotes of past memories both of the sisters and the local members. It is always sad to see a local institution disappear. One hopes the building will continue to be well preserved and we wish the sisters well in their new surroundings. An article will appear in a later edition.

Snippets

FELIX FARLEY'S BRISTOL JOURNAL

No. 3453 Price 6½p

Saturday May 27th 1815

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FOR SALE - To be sold by auction 'ARNO'S VALE' near Bristol

An excellent Free-hold residence with offices, pleasure grounds, and 44 acres of excellent meadow land.

To be sold on Tuesday, 13th. June next, at Twelve O'Clock, at Garraway's Coffee-House, Change-Alley, Cornhill, London. by Messrs Skinner, Tuchin and Forrest, in three lots.

"A valuable and most desirable Free-hold estate, pleasantly situated about one mile from the City of Bristol, in the road to Bath, comprising an excellent residence, called 'Arno's Vale', with Offices, Coachhouse, stabling, Hothouse, Greenhouse, Pleasure grounds, Garden, and meadow land in a ring fence.

Beautifully wooded, Commanding picturesque views of the surrounding country.

The house contains a spacious dining-room, Drawing room, Library, and breakfast parlour, fitted and finished in the modern taste by an eminent artist from London. Sufficient number of bed-chambers suitable for a large and respectable family, together with domestic offices of every kind.

Part of the land is free of Tythes and Land tax, and part might most advantageously be appropriated to building; the premises having direct communication with the two great Turn-Pike roads leading from Bristol to Bath and Wells, and forms a very desirable property in a healthy and delightful situation."

View by applying to William Ford on the Premises, or Mr. Jarman, Solicitor, Bristol. Also Messrs Skinner, Tuchin and Forrest. Aldergate St. London.

WORKING IN 1930

When I see the difficulty that some young people are experiencing in finding employment these days it reminds me of what it was like for me in 1930.

Having left school with excellent references I just could not get a job, having no-one to speak for me in various situations, so I went back to school to stop myself getting 'rusty'.

My dad's work was poorly paid and having to work in not too good conditions he was loth for me to work there. The economic position at home was poor so after being unemployed for some months something had to be done and so with pressure from Mum he approached his employer about me starting there. His employer was not very interested; then Dad made the suggestion for me to have a month's trial with no pay and if I did not prove myself during that time I was to be kicked out.

I was allocated to a blacksmith to be his "striker". He told me to go to the storekeeper and get an old sack and two pieces of string and then he made me an apron, making the holes in the sack for the string with his hammer and the beak of the anvil.

So with my sack apron tied around me I started my working career.

After swinging the seven pound sledge for some time my striking began to deteriorate, so I was introduced to the blacksmith's vocabulary! The only defence I had was to show him my hands. The blisters had broken, the skin had gone leaving them raw. He just said "piddle" on them, wrap them up in your hand-kerchief and then pick up the sledge and let's get on with it.

Your handkerchief in those days was any piece of material, sometimes a bit of worn out bed sheet. Incidentally there was no duvet or eiderdown on the bed: it was an old overcoat.

One of the old workmen came up to me and said here is some advice, take it if you like. Look around the works and see if there is someone you can give a good hiding to and that will frighten off the rest. It was good advice because it saved me the embarrassment of the initiation ceremony from the other boys which involved painting with red oxide paint a part of your anatomy!

Having survived the month's trial I became part of the workforce, and on leaving work at the end of the day barefooted youngsters would be at the works gates with cries of "Please mister have you any food left?" These youngsters would follow the horse-drawn carts with their loads of coke from the gas works because the cobbled road would cause some of the coke to fall off which they gathered to take home.

My starting pay for a 47½ hour week was 7 shillings (35p) after stoppages. No paid Bank Holidays or annual holidays then and your pay stopped any time you stopped working through sickness or accident - all these had to be fought for down the years. I can remember one Easter holiday I took home one shilling and ninepence (about 9p) for Mum to keep me for the week.

Times were hard and although the workmen were rough and ready they were <u>real</u> mates. You see, when work was short you were "STOOD OFF" not sacked and then started again when you were needed.

I remember one occasion when one workman who had been "STOOD OFF" for six months, on hearing that my father was still "stood off" after the same period of time, on receiving his first wage packet of about £1.18s.0d. (£1.90p) gave my dad two shillings and sixpence (12½p) out of it.

I have now long since retired but my thoughts often drift back to those days with their lasting memories of

those men who were rough diamonds. Of the man who readily took off his own shirt and gave it to a boy whose clothes had been torn off when they caught in a machine, leaving him naked.

Then there was the occasion when one lad had turned up for work wearing his father's old boots, which were several sizes too big for him so the toe caps were nailed back

period of time, on receiving

across to make the boot shorter. The next day one man brought him in a pair his size. Many such memories come flooding back.

So I not only learnt a trade there but had the opportunity to be a student of the University of Life, which was good training for the rest of my life.

Still a Student

A LOCAL SCOUT TROOP



Does anyone have any information about this Scout Group? Could it be Totterdown Baptist Church? If you have any information, please feedback.

Photograph supplied by Mr Moody, one of our members

CLYDE ROAD VJ DAY, AUGUST 1945



This photograph has been supplied by Mrs Little of Warmington Road (formerly of Clyde Road) who is able to identify most of the group photograph:

Mr & Mrs Bees Nadine Roberts Mrs Lake Yvonne Mitchell Pam Mitchell Mrs Harbour Joyce Wiltshire Mrs Roberts Mrs Heiron - Aunt Em Esmie Wilkins Mr Harbour Mr Little Mrs Peggy Little (nee Mitchell)

David Stephens Mrs Pollard Mrs Hayes Graham Russell Mrs Wilkins Pauline Clar Pauline Clarke

Mrs Taylor Dulcie Tilly Mr Russell Rosemary Jones Rita Lovel Mrs Jones
Mr Lovel Mrs Rogers & two daughters
Kenny Hieron June Clarke
Dougie Heiron Chilcott

CENSUS RETURNS

1881 - Wells Road and roads off

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| | 21 farmer | Eliza 14 | | | | |
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| Jane Partridge | 22 servant | Agnes 10 | | | | |
| | | William 80 | uncle married | | | |
| | | Alice 40 | cousin unmarried ladys maid | | | |

Talbot lane

Ivy Villa Serjeant retired farmer
Ivy House Harris master ironmonger
Ivy Cottage Hawkins labourer wife was a dressmaker
Knowle House Mrs C Phillips widow son was a soapmaker 1 Knowle Cottage Shearn Ironmongers assistant
2 Knowle Cottage Thomas Saw mill labourer
Ricketts Lodge Horrigan Saw mill labourer
1 Kingshill Villa Hodder Wheelwright
2 Kingshill Villa Rathbone Inspector telephones

Wells Road

Talbot Cotton

Sarah E Hamblett 47

Nalder

Talbot Cotton lic. vict. Talbot Inn

Talbot House

1 Talbot Cottage

2 Talbot Cottage

3 Talbot Cottage

4 Talbot Cottage

Newport

Tavistock Villa

Knowle Lane Knowle Lane
Rose Cottage Webber
Tewksbury Villa Gough
Shrewsbury Villa Hassell
Red Lion Inn John J O'Reilly
Walton Villa Iles
Lansdown Villa unocc.
Hengrove Villa Bird
Metz Villa Hall

Park House Kingshill House Stroud
Queensdale farm Harris farmer employed 7 men 2 boys
1 Shrewsbury Terrace Griffiths Lime merchant
2 Shrewsbury Terrace Wilkins
3 Shrewsbury Terrace Williams
4 Shrewsbury Terrace Rale 4 Shrewsbury Terrace
5 Shrewsbury Terrace
6 Shrewsbury Terrace
7 Shrewsbury Terrace
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lime burner
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plumber Clevedon View 1 2 3 4 5 6

Churbury Place 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 Edward Nash 26 Corn Porter Race Course

Harriet Nash 25 Edward 1

Knowle Villa W Hopkins 28

Sarah 29

Elsie 3 Mabel 1 Rose Cottage

Charles Blackmore 55 Plate layer

Ellen daughter 16 Alice grandchild 4

Mark Bush 30 plate layer wife ?

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| 11 Oak Place | | Sheppard | 29 engine driv | ver | |
| | Eliza | | | | |
| 10 Oak Place | | Edwin Colley | | | |
| | Grace | | 28 | | |
| | Henrietta | | 4 | | |
| | Louisa | | 3 | | |
| | Edwin | | 2 | | |
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| 8 Oak Place | Patrick Hill 25 | Cook | Eliza | 42 | |
| | Harriett 24 | re Litte B | William | 15 | |
| 7 Oak Place | Mary Porter | n bowell | Emily | 10 | |
| | widow 71 | soons. | John | 7 | |
| 6 Oak Place | Mary Sheppard | | Sidney | 5 | |
| | widow 60 | | James | 2 | |
| 2 Oak Villas | unocc. | 2 Oak Place | John Stephens | 44 | |
| 1 Oak Villas | Henry French 39 | douge | Sarah | 44 | |
| | grocers assistant | t | Mary | 20 | |
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| | Henry 12 | RelI | John | 14 | |
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| | Charles 5 | IIsH | Narssia | 1 | |
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| | William 1 | | Hanora | 70 | |
| 5 Oak Place | Sarah Stephens 73 | 3 | William unm. | 32 | |
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| Firfield Cotta | | Burton | | | |
| Brunswick Cott | | Marks | | | |
| Firfield Lodge Hassel farmer of 18 acres | | | | | |
| Firfield House Thomas Harding paint and varnish man. | | | | | |

OLD KNOWLE HOUSE

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The "Old Knoll House"

Can any of our readers recall "the Old Knoll House" - where it is (or was)? "I had a letter two or three days ago" writes a correspondent, "from Dr J H Rushbrooke, who is at present visiting America.

"He sent me a letter he had received from Dr C H Phillips, the minister of the First Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In that letter Dr Phillips writes:

"'My father was born and spent his youth in Bristol, England, up at the 'Old Knoll House', which still

stands (at least it did the last time when I was in England). He died when I was only seven.'

"Dr Rushbrooke has asked me if I can find out anything about the 'Old Knoll House' to which Dr Phillips refers, and if so, to write him concerning it.

"The only house of this name I recall is 'Bishop's Knoll', Stoke Bishop where Mr R E Bush used to live."

It is not likely that Bishop's Knoll is the house referred to. As far as the writer can ascertain it has always been known by its present title, and is certainly not entitled to the description "Old".

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Knowle House

The query in yesterday's issue with regard to "The Old Knoll House" has been very quickly answered by Alderman Frank Moore, for it is his residence at Knowle, where he has been living for the past 48 years. The title, as stated by Dr J H Rushbrooke in his letter from America, however, is inaccurate; instead of "Knoll" it should have been "Knowle". Some portions of Knowle House

have had a life of over 300 years. Half a century or more ago the owner, or tenant, was a Mr Phillips, one of whose sons was Dr C H Phillips, the minister of the First

Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, to whom Dr Rushbrooke referred as mentioned in Wednesday's Note, and another, Sidney Phillips, the Knowle player, whom the writer and doubtless many other old cricketers remember.



OLD KNOWLE HOUSE, Bristol, the residence at Knowle of Alderman Frank Moore, which has been the subject of an inquiry from America. — (See NOTES OF THE DAY).

Knowle House was remodelled about the middle of the 18th century by the famous Mr John Wood, who was the creator of modern Bath and the architect of our Bristol Corn Exchange.

A photograph of Knowle House is reproduced elsewhere.

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Old Knowle House

Following the references to an inquiry from America with regard to Old Knowle House, comes this interesting letter from Mr Frank Shell, of St George:-"The Old Knoll House is Knowle House, Talbot Road, Upper Knowle, now occupied by Alderman Moore. In my early days (I am now nearly 84) it was called 'Old', and it was occupied by Mr W R Phillips, of the firm of Lawson,

Phillips, and Billings, Marsh Soap Works, St Phillip's, and his family of fine sons.

"Mr Phillips, with his boys around him, walked down to Lewin's Mead meeting every Sunday morning and filled a pew just under the clock, with Mr P J Worsley and family at the right hand back, and Christopher and Herbert Thomas in front pews.

"I once heard an old newspaper man (probably John Latimer, the historian, who attended this chapel) call it the 'Soap and Soda Corner.'"



Knowle House, Priory Road - 29 April 1948 Demolished 1949

Malcolm Weeks is now based at Stockwood Library as group librarian responsible for Stockwood, Knowle, Filwood and Wick Road. Articles can still reach Malcolm at Knowle Library. The new librarian at Knowle is Miss Janet Lloyd.

This advertisement dated 1836 shows KNOWLE HOUSE with a large building to one side, which was possibly the actual factory in which the stays for the corsets were made. The house was at the top of Talbot Hill facing what is now Priory Road.

The building appears to date from the early 18th. century. The central part of the facade seems to be stone blocks but is actually stucco a sort of external plastering on thin wooden laths. These can be seen in the 1948 photograph when the house was deteriorating very quickly.

The demolition of this property was a great loss to Bristol and especially Knowle, it being one of our few large buildings.

The firm of LANGRIDGE later moved to AVONCLIFFE HOUSE a large place on the tump at the THREE LAMPS junction overlooking the railway-line, and from there to KINGSWOOD which later became famous for its corsetry industry.

