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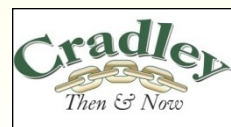


HARVEST FESTIVAL 2016



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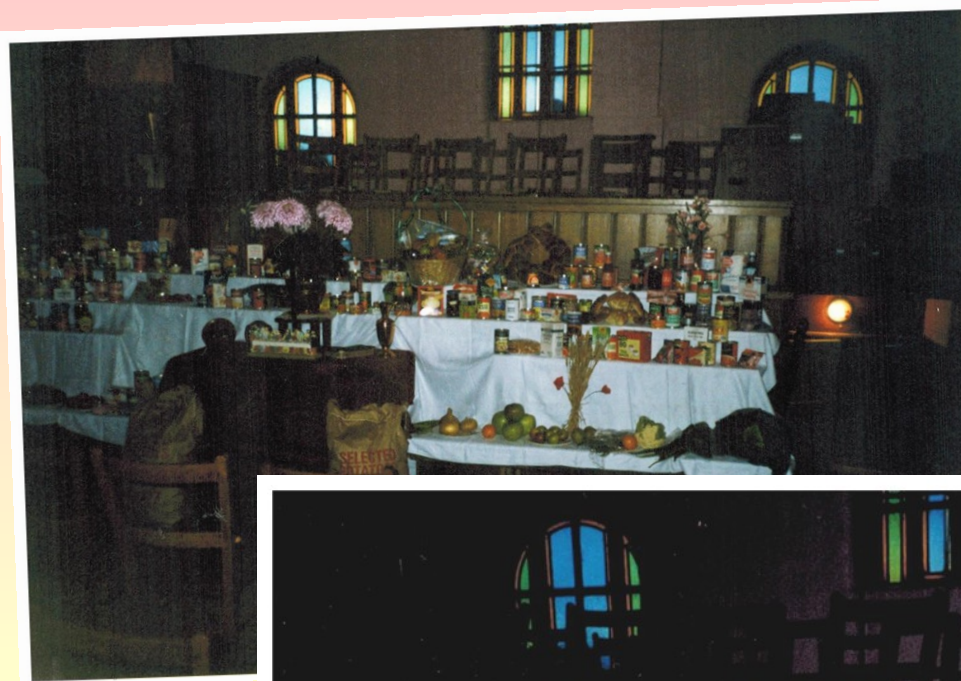
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Harvest Festival 1997









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SCHOOL







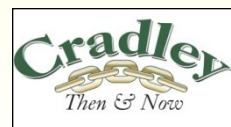






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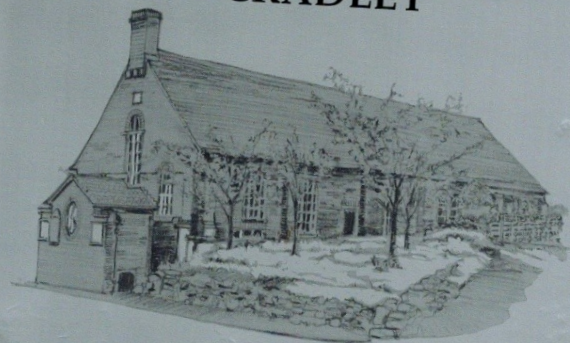
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Official Programme and Souvenir

OF TWO GATES AND DISTRICT CORONATION
CELEBRATIONS — SATURDAY, 6th JUNE, 1953

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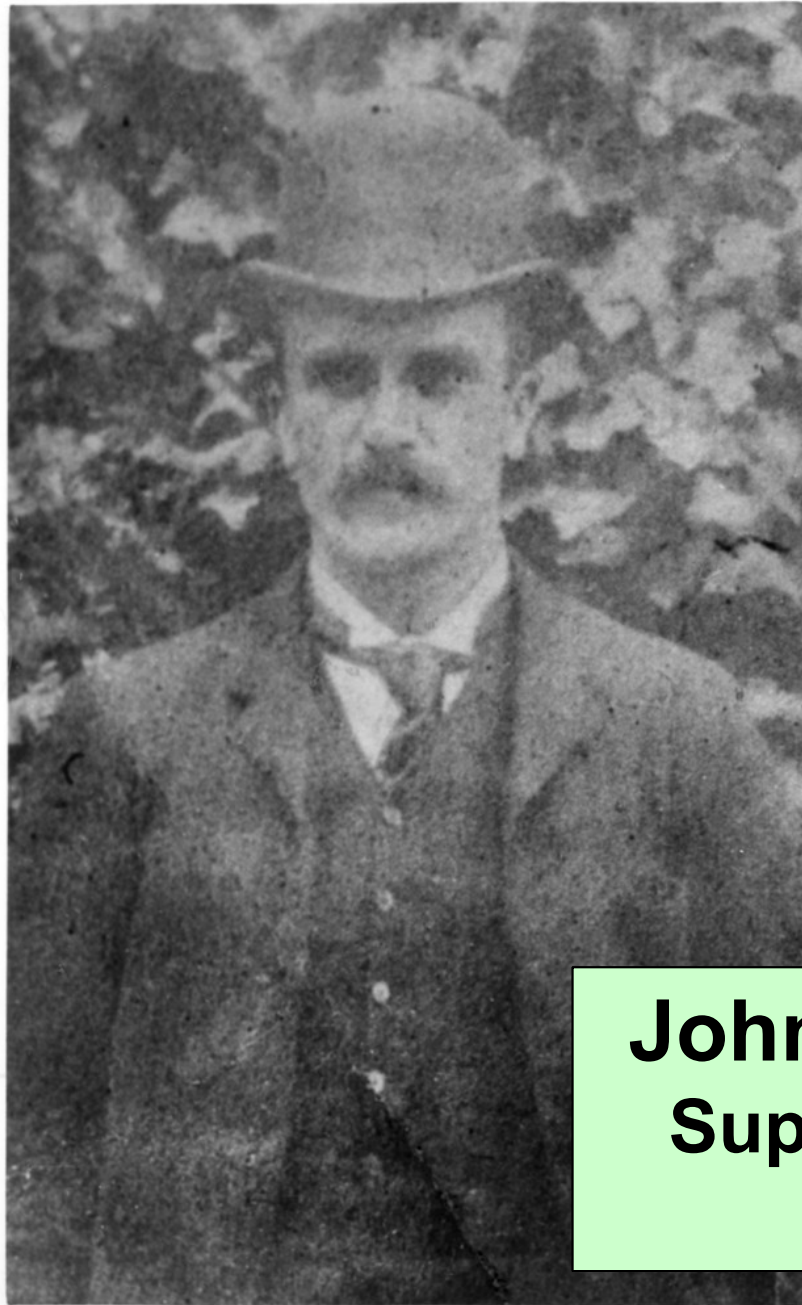
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CHRISTMAS
FAIRE









John Charles Forrest
Superintendent TGRS
(1884 – 1927)









Two Gates Ragged School



NEWSLETTER

No 1

Welcome to our first newsletter.

We will be issuing it half yearly in the future to keep all members and friends abreast of events in the Chapel and Sunday School.



In August there was a major gas leak discovered in the kitchen area of the Sunday School. With recognition of all the dangers involved we were advised to refurbish by switching to electric so making the area safe.

This work was carried out at a total cost of £1,100. We would hope that part of this will be offset by your support during the festive season.



THIS TREE WAS PLANTED
ON THE 28th MARCH 1974
BY COUNCILLOR C. WILLETTS
(Chairman of the Council)
TO MARK THE END OF
THE BOROUGH OF MALESHWEN

AND IS ONE OF THE TREES PLANTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MALESHWEN
THE LEAF SHALL NOT BEAT AND THE BARK SHALL NOT BE
SCRATCHED



On Wednesday 5th June the Chapel hosted a "Bring a gift--Buy a gift" sale, followed by musical entertainment by the Crescent Singers who sang a selection of "Golden Oldies". Refreshments were served and the evening was much appreciated by members and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Lilian Billingham, one of our older members who is now unable to join us on a regular basis.

Best wishes to Mrs Clara Cartwright who has been discharged from hospital and to Tracy Pennels who, in February underwent an operation on her arm, may they both be restored to good health.

We would like to thank all members and friends who have attended and assisted in events since our first newsletter and hope to see you all again in the coming months.

Facts and Figures to 1st June

12 Baptisms
5 Weddings
4 Funerals.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday Evening Fellowship
Each Sunday at 6.00p.m.

13th June Visit to Halesowen Fire Station.

23rd June Anniversary Day.
Services at 10.45a.m.
2.30p.m.
6.00p.m

30th June Repetition Service
6.00p.m

24th June Sponsored Walk.

30th June Repetition Service at
6.00p.m

17th August Visit to Drayton Manor Park.

13th October Harvest Festival:-
Choir- Singing for Pleasure
6.00p.m.

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(Cradley)

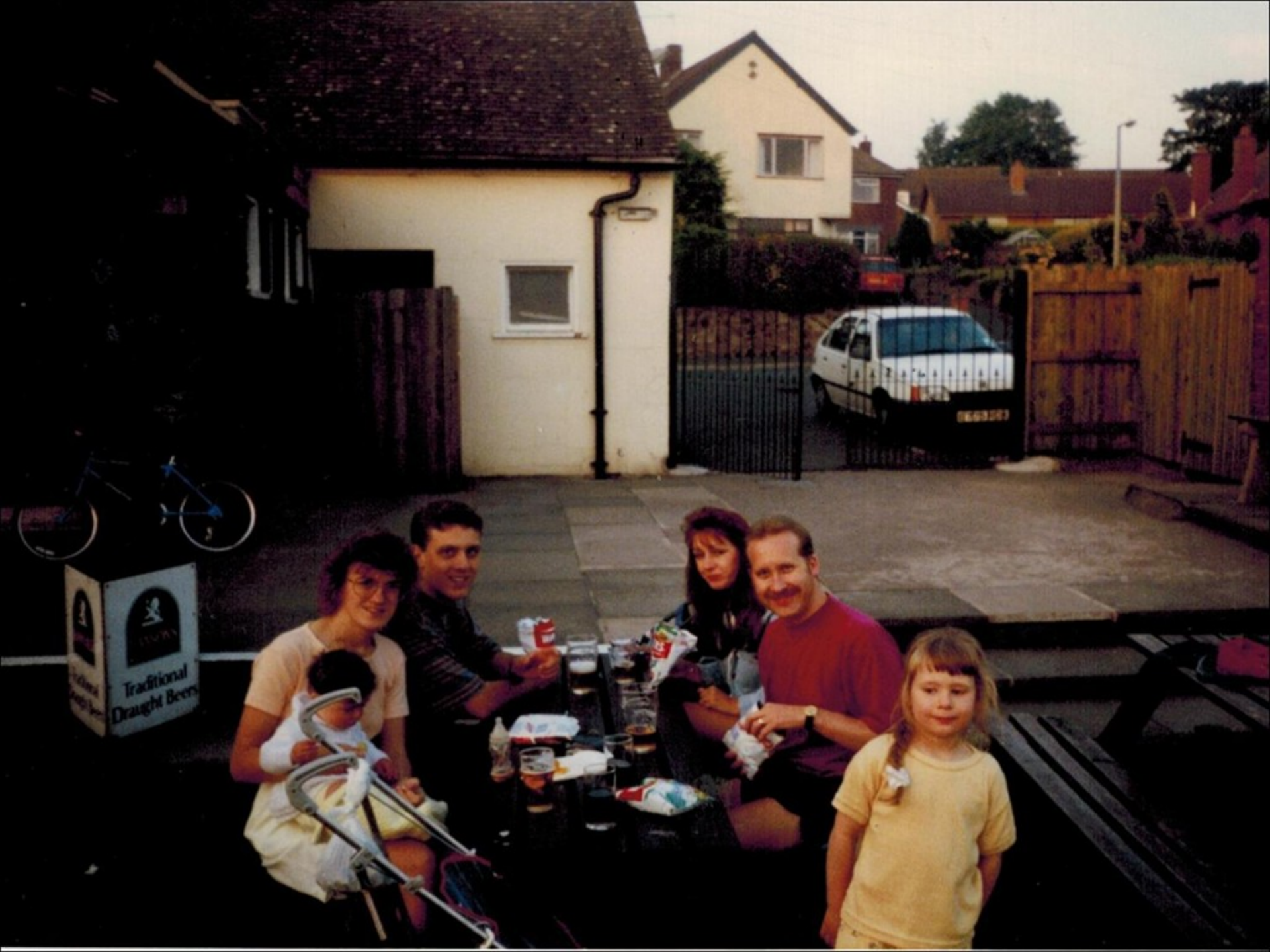


NEWSLETTER

No 2

June 1996









■ AWARD WINNER: Young entertainer Michelle Worton with her trophy. Picture: PAUL PESTER

Michelle's on song

TEENAGE entertainer Michelle Worton is dancing for joy over a special trophy.

Michelle, aged 16, of Alexandra Road, Halesowen, was the proud recipient of the Eric Male memorial trophy at the town's Windsor High School. Michelle, who is now study-

ing for a GNVQ in performing arts and entertainment at Halesowen College, left the school in the summer.

Staff nominated her for the trophy because of her work with the Startime Variety theatrical group and the Two Gates Ragged School chapel

in Cradley, Halesowen, awarded annually to the who shows most endeavour and willingness to help the community.

Michelle said she was shocked to receive the trophy. "When I leave college, I want to work in the theatre."

HALESOWEN NEWS

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REACH FOR THE STARS

A Halesowen student is reaching for the stars after winning an award for her love of amateur dramatics.

Michelle Worton, aged 16, was given the Eric Male award by Windsor High School, where she was a pupil until July.

The award is presented every year to a school-leaver for his or her contribution to the community.

Michelle, of Alexandra Road, won this year for her work with the Startime Variety group and participation in productions at Short Cross Methodist Church. She has also just won her gold medal in ballroom dancing at Cradley Heath Liberal Club, and has elderly friends in the community.

She is now on a GNVQ performing arts and entertainment course at Halesowen College.

Michelle said: "Amateur dramatics is my main hobby and I would like to be involved in the theatre when I leave college."

"I was very surprised to win the award, and would like to thank all my family and friends for their support."

Jack Deeley, chairman of Halesowen Township

Council, presented her with the award. It has been given since 1989, in honour of the late Eric Male, a founder member of the township council and former governor of the school.



Two Gates Ragged School

Harvest
Festival



Sunday 1st September 6.00 p.m.
Musical Entertainment by

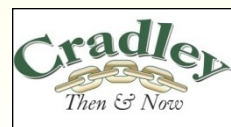
‘Hurst Green TWG Choir’

Sale of Goods

Monday 2nd September
At 7.00 p.m.

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CHOIR VISIT: A

Cradley church will be celebrating its harvest festival with entertainment by Hurst Green Townswomen's Guild choir.

The event is at Two Gates Ragged School, on Two Gates, Sunday September 1 at 6pm and harvest goods will be sold on Monday September 2 at 7pm.





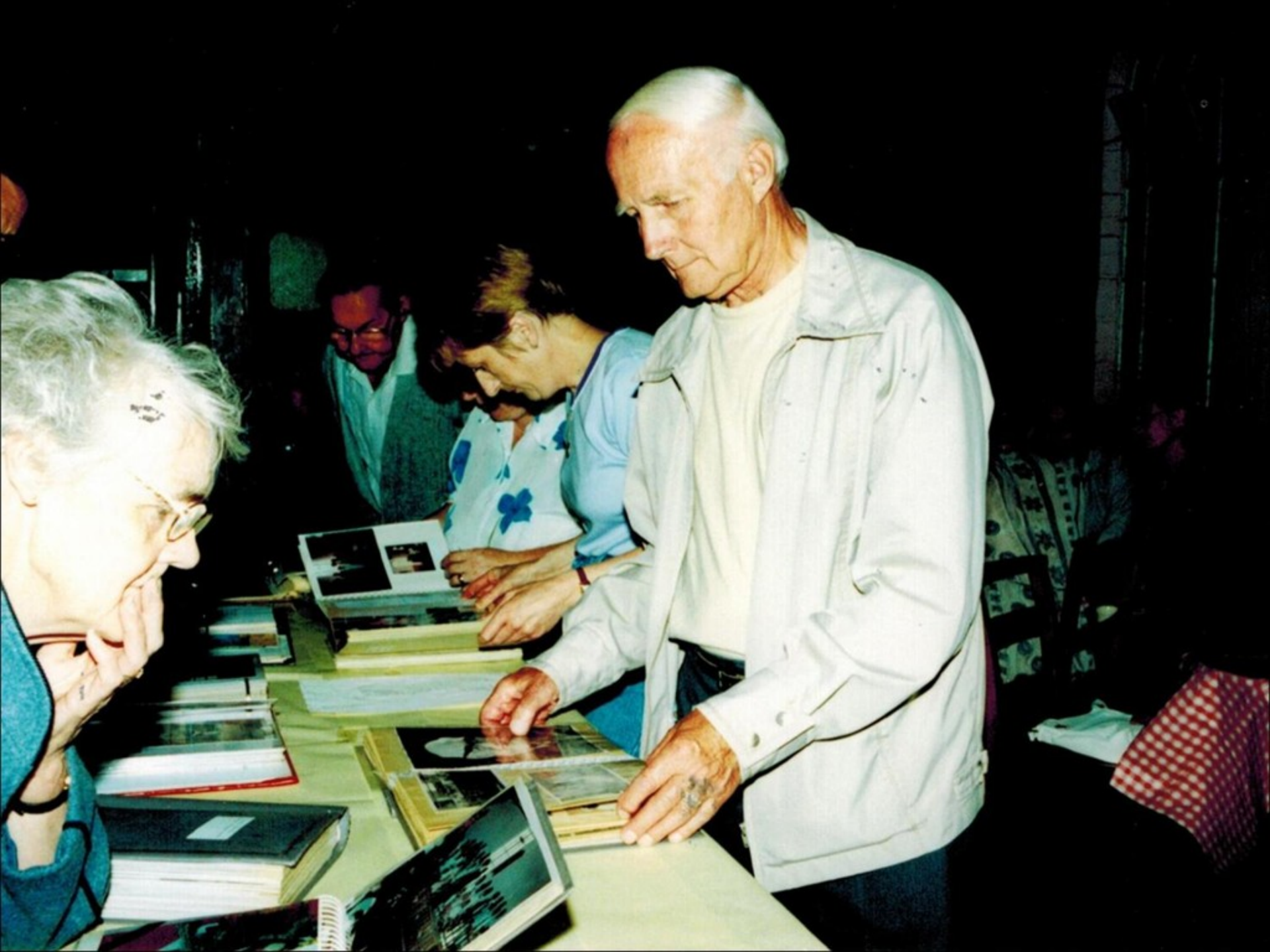














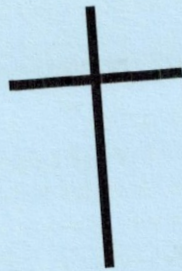


Two Gates Ragged School

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
AND REMEMBRANCE
FOR THE LIFE OF

DERICK GILLIAM

25.05.1930—08.04.2003



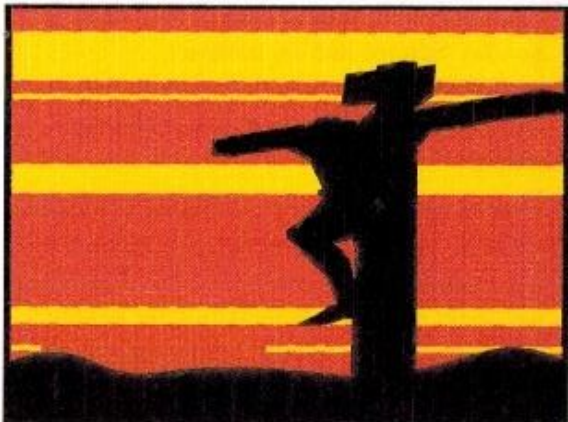
Wednesday 16th April
at 9.45 a.m.

Committal at Homer Hill Cemetery

Service conducted by Mrs. H. M. Clifton J.P.

1
I vow to thee, my country, All earthly
things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service
of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love
that stands the test.
That lays upon the altar the dearest and
the best;
The love that never falters, the love that
pays the price.
The love that makes undaunted the final
sacrifice.

2
And there's another country, I've heard
of long ago.
Most dear to them that love her, most
great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see
her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is
suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining
bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all
her paths are peace.



The Good Friday Service was held on 10th of April, where the centre piece was a lay out of the crucifixion scene overlooked by a 10.ft high rugged cross. Tracy and Michelle contributing with verse and song. Afterwards everyone enjoyed hot cross bun's provided by Rhoda Willetts.

Anniversary practice began on the 14th of April, so far things are looking good. On the evening of the 5th of May, with all of the children in attendance, a small presentation was made to Michelle as she celebrated her 18th birthday.

Congratulations from us all.

The Children's Annual Prize Distribution took place on Sunday 2nd of May, some 30 children received their books from Mr. Albert Slater who over the years together with his wife Pearl have given stalwart assistance to the Chapel.

The increase in our Sunday evening congregation has been most encouraging to us all. Why not come along and join with us for an hour of convivial fellowship.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 20th June

Annual outing to 'Drayton Manor Park'

Wednesday 24th June

'A VICTORIAN EVENING'

Musical items by the Greenfield Singers.



Sunday 13th September

Harvest Festival Service 6.00 p.m.

Musical entertainment by Wombourne Music Makers

Monday 14th September

Harvest Sale 7.00 p.m.

CHAPEL FACTS AND FIGURES

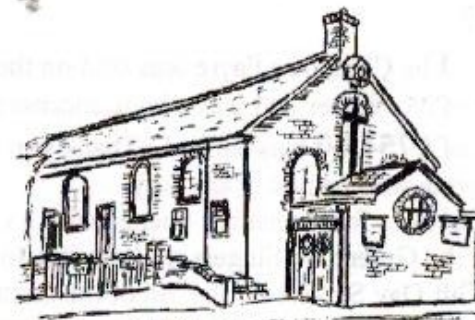
To June 1st 1998

Baptisms	4
Weddings	3
Funerals	6

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NEWSLETTER

No 7

June 1998







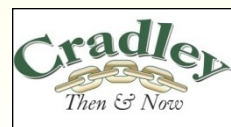






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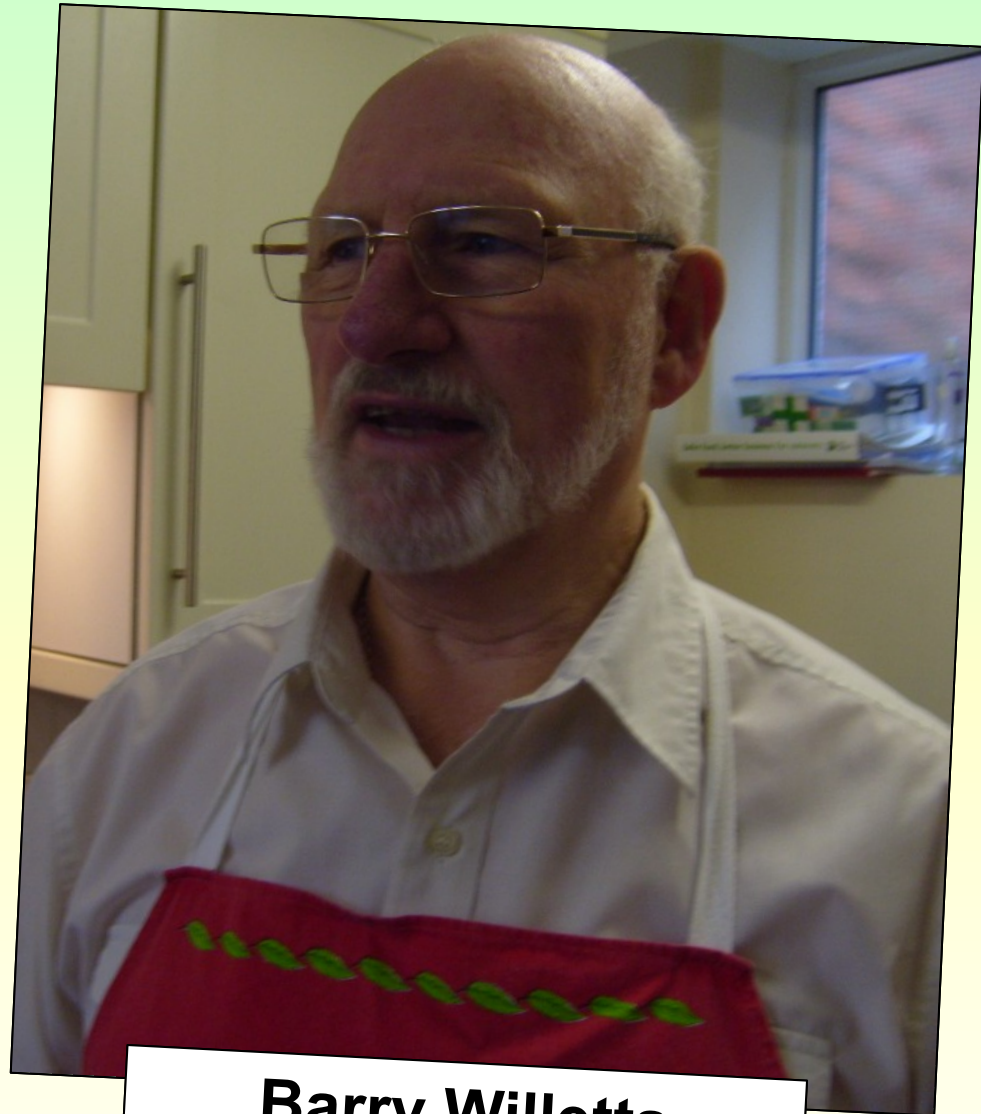
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Tommy Mundon
A good friend to the chapel



Barry Willetts
Superintendent





Percy Bate (50 yrs presentation as Organist) with Cliff Willetts – May 2002

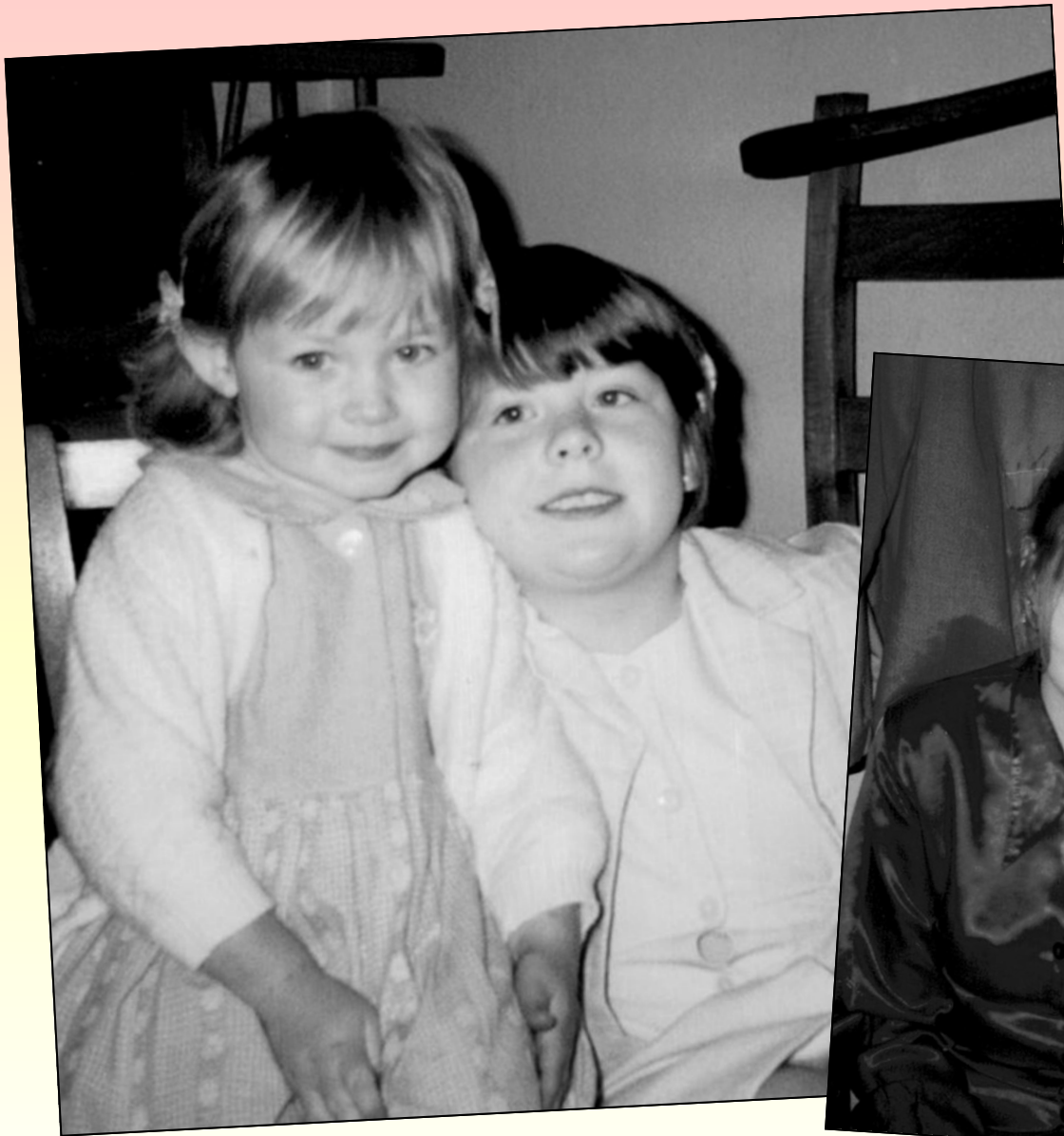
Mr. Percy Bate. The story goes that in 1910 during morning Sunday school a young man walked into the chapel and without introduction or instruction sat at the organ and played for the service. He came in the afternoon and remained in post for the next 60 years.

Vernon Broughton HARRIS

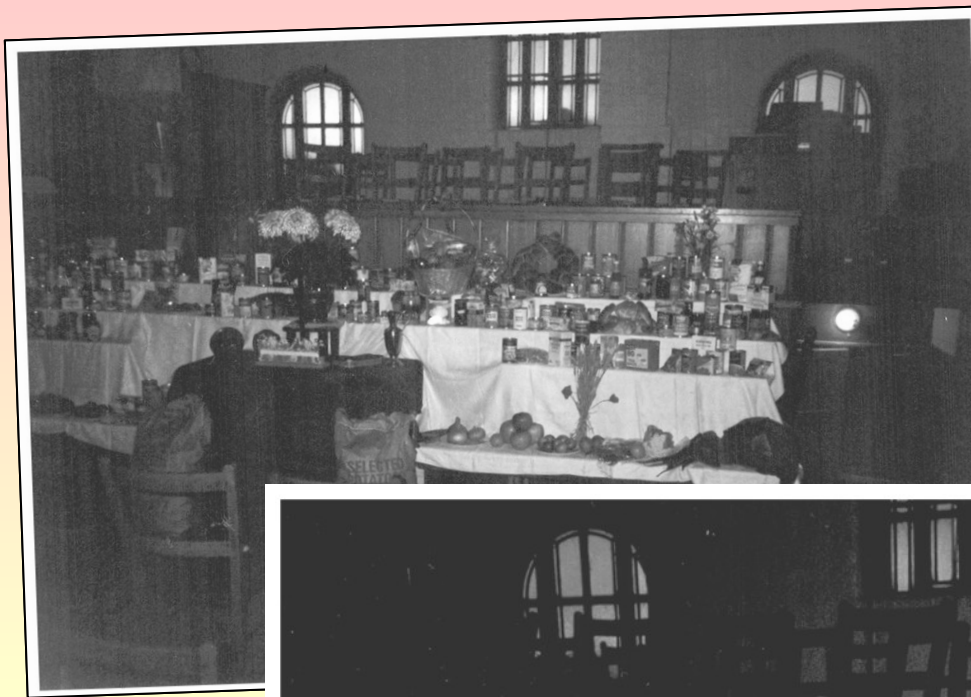
Air Mechanic Royal Air Force (WW1). Service No 264387



Vernon died on July 23rd 1923 at the General Hosp, Birmingham



Harvest Festival 1997















Mr Adams
Sunday School Teacher

5 GREEN HILL COURT
MELCOMBE AVENUE
WEYMOUTH
DORSET
DT4 7TE.

To

MR B. WILLETT.

Dear Sir

I SEE IN THE BUGLE THAT YOUR
"FATHER CLIFFORD" HAS WRITTEN A BOOK
"CRADLEYS A HISTORY" AS I WAS
BORN IN COLLY GATE, AND LIVED MOST
OF TIME AT OVEREND I WOULD LIKE
ONE OF YOUR BOOKS.

Please send me to
the above address and I will send
the cost back by return.

Yours Sincerely,
H. Fellows.

HARTLEY FELLOWS.



Two Gates Ragged School

HARVEST SERVICE

Musical Items by

**Pedmore & Wychbury
W. I. Choir**

**Sunday 12th October at
6. 00p.m.**

**Sale of Goods
Monday 13th October at 7. 00 p.m.**



ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 4th 1995

Special services

Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley is celebrating its Sunday School's 128th anniversary on Sunday June 4 with a series of special services.

At the 10.45am and 6pm services, the preacher will be Mr John Hackett of Bourne Heath. At 2.30pm, there will be a musical and recitation service presided over by Mr Robert Hickman of Dudley.

On Sunday June 11 there will be a repetition service at 6pm when the preacher will be Mr Robert Hughes and the organist Mr Greg Lee.

2 - JUNE 29, 1995, EDIT

Thanks for support

Organisers of Cradley Two Gates Ragged School anniversary celebrations have thanked everyone who supported the event.

The 30 youngsters who took part in the services won much praise from the congregation.

Collections also exceeded all expectations. The total of £1,904.44 beat the previous best by £875.

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Gift day service

A Christmas gift day service is being held at Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley, on Sunday December 4 at 6pm.

The service will be conducted by Mrs Hazel Clifton, JP, and the music will be provided by the Crescent Singers.

Nativity service

Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley, is holding its Nativity Service, on Sunday December 11 at 6pm.

Children from the Sunday School will be presenting the Nativity and singing carols around the Christmas tree.

The service will be conducted by primary department leader Mrs Linda Worton.

Candlelight service

Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley, is staging a Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday December 18 at 6pm.

Everyone is invited along to sing carols in the chapel, which will be completely illuminated by candles.

Christmas carols

Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley, will be holding a short friendly service of prayers and carols on Christmas morning starting at 9am. The service, will be conducted by Barry Willetts JP.

GOOD FRIDAY 1995

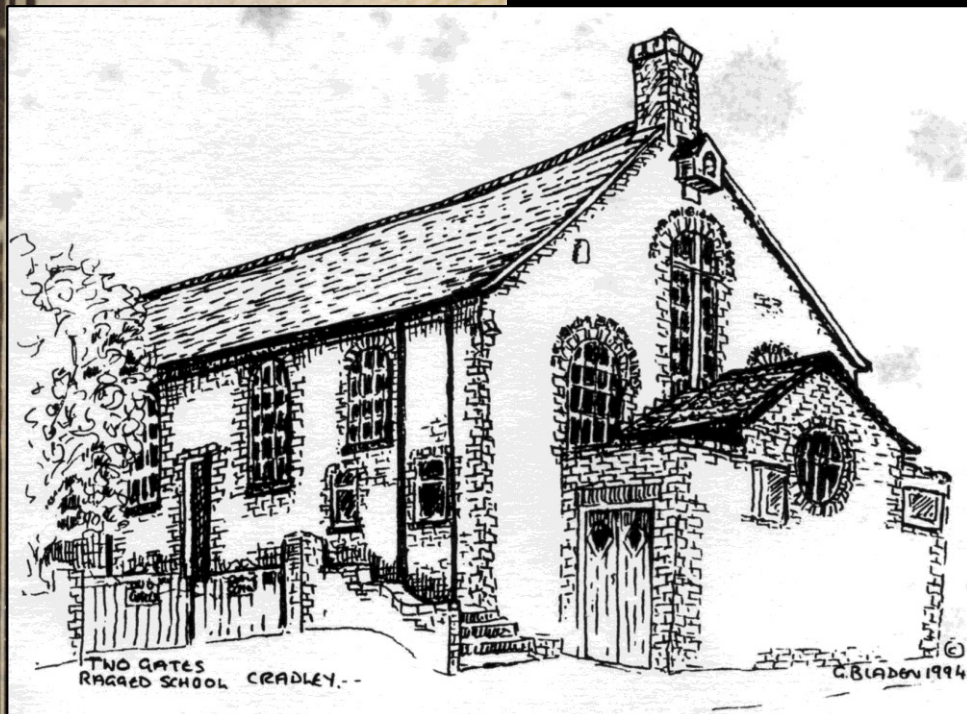
School service

Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley, is holding a service on Good Friday at 7pm, which will be followed by refreshments and hot cross buns.

The Easter Sunday service will be held at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Church services

● Two Gates Ragged School, Cradley, will be marking the 50th anniversary at its 6pm service on Sunday May 7, when special prayers will be said.



Cradley artist Gill Bladen is hoping to draw enough local attention to help raise funds for a Halesowen group devoted to setting up a heritage centre in the town.

Gill has produced a series of line drawings depicting well-known landmarks such as Hayley Green Hospital,

Two Gates Ragged School and Belle Vale Methodist Church.

And she is selling her cards in aid of the Halesowen Heritage group, which is currently seeking charitable status and aims to fund a centre which will help restore civic pride in the

town.

Gill's cards are on sale at Dick Willetts greengrocers, Tiptoes and the Zion Christian Centre coffee shop in Halesowen, The Thornhill Post Office in Hasbury and the Halesowen News reception office in Queensway.

They cost £1 each.

**Gill hopes
to draw
attention**

Getting ready for the anniversary 1950's





Recently found on Facebook
by Jill Guest
this 1950's? image of Two Gates FC



Sandra Neale recently discovered this glass plate family negative. The church's youth army carried real rifles.

1909 Two Gates Mens Own



Mr. Horace Smith, of 36, Drews Holloway South, Cradley, recently unearthed some old plate negatives which had been exposed by his father, John William Smith, of Colley Lane, before the First World War.

Among the photographs was this one of Two Gates Men's Own — an undenominational fellowship — in 1909. The men on the photograph have been identified by Ald. Clifford Willetts, of Cradley (with the assistance of his wife and a few friends).

Front row: Tom Davis, Albert Hough, Harry Auden, Edwin Bird (the secretary, behind whose house in Colley Lane the photograph was taken), Arthur Smith, Bert Hough. Second row: Sydney Pardoe, Bert Newey, Henry Bate, William White, Caleb Bennett, Jack Bevan, Richard Blount, William Stokes. Third row: Arthur Growcott, Egbert Rudge, William Kirton, Hiram Bevan, George Pearson, Joe Newey, Fred Beasley (now in the old people's home at Oldswinford Old Hall, and believed to be the only man on the photograph who is still alive), Frank Pearson. Fourth row: Albert Auden, Ernie Erettell, Arthur Bevan, Jim Winall, Bert Hopkins, William Hough, Fred Turner, Frank Hough, William Newey. Back row: Riba Boxley, Harry Willetts, Jack White, Josiah Bate, Harry Boxley, Fred Auden, Edward Roper, Jack Griffiths, Alfred Bate.