

## Timeline of articles in local press (including many from from M Petty's Cambs Stories)

1816 24/5

Wilson, Blackheath pedestrian, having undertaken to walk 100 miles in 24 hours, started yesterday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, on the Hills Road, near this town, walking one mile out, and returning. He expects to finish this extraordinary engagement this afternoon, at the same hour.

1818 5/6

Whereas I confess to have been guilty of Riding in the Waggon under my care, upon the Hills Road, on May the 2d, and did then obstruct and refuse to tell my name to the Rev. H. Blake - but who has consented to withhold further proceedings upon my making this public acknowledgement and expressing my contrition for the same, and which I hereby do. The mark X of ROBT. LUCAS Shudy Camps.

1818 14/8

On Friday afternoon last, as a lad about 14 years of age, named Charles Gunn, or Barnwell, was driving a cart of wheat near the Hills Road, the heel of his shoe was caught by one of the wheels, in consequence of which he was thrown down, and the wheel passing over him he was killed on the spot.

1827 16/11

There was also exhibited to the Society a piece of Hertfordshire Breccia, which appears to have ben part of an ancient quern or hand-mill. This fragment on the Hills Road which is upon the line of the Roman Road from Colchester to Godmanchester.

1854 19/4

(From Romilly's Cambridge Diaries) Worked in the office till half past two and then walked to the Red-Cross Turnpike and so round thro Cherryhinton; the country looked beautiful from the highground.

1859 22/4 Good Friday

(From Romilly's Cambridge Diaries) I took a long crawling walk and was out nearly three hours: i went to Cherry Hinton by the cross-road running from tne Via Lambertina and retund by the fields: - I met hundreds of children with their hands full of Pagles (cowslips)...

1891 4/7

The Delivery of Letters on Cherryhinton Road [To the Editor of the Independent Press]

Sir,- Might I ask through your columns why no letters are delivered by the Cambridge Post Office to the thirty or moire inhabited houses on Cherryhinton road (Hills road) after about 5pm when the last delivery soon after 98pm extends to the eight houses in Cavendish Avenue, quite as far from the borough boundary.

We pay the same rate of postage and our letters are of as much importance and consider the same facilities should be given to us. Does the size of the houses influence our Post Office authorities. Yours etc ONE OF THE INHABITANTS. June 30th

1892 13/5

We wonder whether our town authorities who have done so much of late to beautify the town, and have thoughtfully placed seats here and there for the weak and weary pedestrians, have a little more money, just a little, for one more seat in the neighbourhood of the Station road corner, to accommodate the many residents over the Bridge, while they wait for the tram car. It is a long way to toil in the heat and dust of the summer, which will be upon us soon, from Cavendish Avenue or Cherryhinton road, and when has had the mortification of seeing the tram car swing hopelessly

round the corner, it would be some alleviation to be able to take the a seat until the next car arrived.

1892 27/5

#### The Feeling of Cherryhinton

A public meeting with a view to testing the feeling of the inhabitants of Cherryhinton as to going with Cambridge in the sewage scheme was held last night (Thursday) night at the Schoolroom, Cherryhinton, and was well attended.... Mr Joseph Sturton ...explained that the drainage of the village proper would come out of the village rates, but the entire cost of draining the Cavendish and Rock Estates would fall on the owners of the property. If they rejected the proposal now, they would not be impressed upon them have the opportunity at any later time.... a long and at times warm discussion ensued...

1892 3/6 Cambridge Independent Press

#### Amalgamation with Cambridge: The sewage scheme discussed and rejected

A large and thoroughly representative meeting of the residents of Cheryhinton declared with emphatic voice on Tuesday night that Cherryhinton desired to have no share or connection with Cambridge in the sewage scheme....that the scheme was going to put the Rock Estate and the Cavendish Estate out of danger from typhoid fever but at the same time leave the other part of the village without any sewerage whatever. Nevertheless that part of the village would have to pay for the sewerage and yet receive no benefit for it. The working classes in the village were to be left to suffer from typhoid fever....[long account of arguments for and against]

1892 2/12 The New Church in Cavendish Avenue - A Public Meeting. A public meeting of the residents of Cavendish Avenue and the Rock Estate relative to the commencement of services in that district was held in the lecture hall of Cavendish College on Friday evening. Rev. Canon Beck, vicar of Cherryhinton presided and there was a fair attendance....

1892 8/7

#### Cherryhinton and Fulbourn

Mr Newnes' candidature continues with uninterrupted success..... [sanitary reform main issue]

1893 17/2

St John's Church, Cavendish Estate. A concert was given by the members of the choir and friends, on Tuesday evening, in the Lecture Hall of Cavendish College for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of a harmonium. A first class programme....

1893 5/5

Frederick Newman aged 12 of Cambridge Place was charged with throwing stones on Sunday last. Prisoner pleaded guilty. Mr J E L Whitehead said on the day in question he was walking on Hills Road and saw the prisoner in company with eight or nine others. As they were a noisy lot he watched them and saw the boys throwing stones over the G.E.R. goods yard. He caught prisoner and took his name and address. Dr Cooper said the boy was not old enough to be punished by law, and he was let off with the promise of a flogging by his father.

1893 5/5

#### Rural Sanitary Authority: The Sewerage Scheme

A special meeting.....[long account of meeting]

1893 28/7

Cricket match. Cherryhinton v. Cavendish Estate. Moderate score with the exception of Benwick's 41 was the order of the day on the village ground n this match.

1893 29/12

St John's Church Cavendish Avenue. The opening services at the temporary church erected on the Cavendish Park estate took place on Christmas morning, when the Rev J George M.A. preached an appropriate sermon. The building will hold about 150 persons, and at the opening service there were a large number present. The choir sang the anthem "Sing, O Heavens." [by Berthold Tours]

1894 12/1

Daring Burglary in Petty Cury

That the important arrest made by the Borough Police last week has not rid Cambridge of the

1894 19/10

The New Church on the Cavendish Estate

The inhabitants of the growing suburbs of Cambridge, lying being Cavendish College and Cherryhinton, on the Cavendish and Rock Estates, have been busily engaged for some time in raising funds for the erection of a church, to which the name St John's has been given. Three years ago the public were asked to contribute and since then £1,123 has been raised. A site for the proposed church, with a parsonage and schools, has been secured in Cavendish Avenue and it is in the centre of the new and developing district, and £717 spent upon it and upon providing and fitting up the temporary building, which is already crowded. The present effort is to realise £2,000 so that the first portion of the permanent building may be commenced, and with this in view a bazaar was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Corn Exchange. The design was Shakesperian .....

1895 4/10

The Lighting of Cherryhinton

A meeting of the Cherryhinton Parish Council was held at the Mission Room, Rock Road, on Tuesday evening. There were present Messrs H Archer (chairman), H J Lindsay, W Lindsay, H Piper, I G Elworthy, Parcell and Bowyer.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the lighting of St John's Ward reported that they had entered into an agreement with the Cambridge Gas Company to provide ten lamps for the district. These had been fixed and were now being used. The charge to be made for each lamp for eight months - September 1-May 31 - was £4, The report was adopted.... it was agreed that the three lamps should be placed opposite Hartington-grove, Cavendish-avenue and Hills-avenue....

1897 29/5

The foundation stone of the new building of St John's church, Hills Road, Cambridge, was successfully laid on the 4th May last year. The first section was completed and consecrated December 15th, 1896. The result of opening the new building has amply justified the decision to hasten the commencement of the work. The congregations have been most encouraging and the average of the weekly collections doubled # c.83

1898 11/3

Albert Institute Harriers

The second handicap race of the season took place on Friday evening. Out of 30 entries, 29 started - a record in the club's history. The course (two miles) was from Parker's Piece, along Hills-road Avenue, Trumpington-road and Lensfield-road. There was a capital race and the men were pretty close together at the finish.

1899 8/7

Homerton College and the Late Mr Samuel Morley - A New School in Cambridge

The memory of the late Mr Samuel Morley MP was honoured at two ceremonies in Cambridge on

Friday afternoon - the laying of the Morley memorial stone of the model practising school in Blinco Grove, Hills-road, in connection with Homerton College, and the unveiling of a portrait of Mr Morley in the hall of Homerton College. The late Mr Morley was endowed with great worldly wealth, of which he gave freely to many philanthropic objects ....

1899 26/11

The London Scottish Rifle Volunteers arrived in Cambridge for the purpose of engaging with the University Volunteer Corps in certain field operations. The idea was for the Scots to gain an entrance to Cambridge. The University Volunteers marched in the direction of Shelford, where they expected to meet the attacking force. The opposing forces formed up at Caius College Farm and then proceeded via Hills Road to Cambridge.

1901 28/8

The Star Brewery renewed its application for a proposed new hotel on the Hills Road, adjacent to Cambridge Cattle Market. There were farmers, dealers in cattle coming from Norwich and Essex who regularly attended the market, coming by train. It was desirable that they should sleep on the spot and take care of the cattle. Mr Grain said there was opposition from Homerton college, a ladies college. What on earth they opposed for he did not know. None of those young ladies, he was sure, would go near a public house.

1902 26/4

William Edwards of the Rock Estate, Cherry Hinton, applied for an exemption certificate from vaccination for his child, William. He had an exemption before and was more firmly convinced that vaccination was not required. His first child died through it and, if small pox broke out at Cherry Hinton, he would not, unless forced by law, consent to his child being vaccinated. If there were a loophole of escape from it he would not have the child done, if it cost him every stick of furniture he had got. The exemption was granted.

1903 30/1

Hinton Roads - Ratepayers' Protest

A crowded indignation meeting of owners and occupiers of property in St John's Ward Cherryhinton, was held in the Morley Memorial School, Blinco Grove, last Friday, for the purpose of urging upon the Local Government Board the necessity for immediate action in regard to the making up of the roads and pathways in the district.

1903 19/9

A crisis in education has arisen at Cherry Hinton. St John's Infants School, Blinco Grove, is to be closed due to the abominable condition of the road which makes it next to impossible for the infants to attend in wet weather. On June 30<sup>th</sup> the average attendance was 49, compared to a high of 74 and the amount received by the school has dwindled proportionally. The school was condemned three years ago but the managers were asked to carry on until the new Education Act came into force. Now the County Council has decided not to take over the school and the closing is a drastic step taken to avoid a larger deficit.

1903 25/9

The Cambridge & County School for Boys, which during the past four years has been very insufficiently accommodated at St Columba's Hall, reached an important stage in its career. The builders were displaced by the boys at the new school house that has been erected upon Hills Road and henceforth the scholars will participate in the manifold advantages that the most approved educational equipment, utilised amidst ideal surroundings, can supply. Few buildings can possess such a curious means of access. The boys are to make their entrances by means of a slope leading into the basement where they can leave their bicycles, hats and coats before climbing a broad

staircase to the ground floor.

1904 21/6

It is not often that a school attracts the attention of the burgling fraternity but the Cambridge and County Boys' school on Hills Road has done so. The intruders obtained entrance by forcing open the door of a bicycle shed and got into the school kitchen where they forced a drawer which contained money. The headmaster's bicycle, which was also in the kitchen, the intruders punctured by sticking a fork into each tyre. They then made their way upstairs to the masters' room and each locker was plundered. In all their haul consisted of £1 16s in coppers, a corduroy tobacco pouch with the initial 'C' worked upon it, a light waterproof overcoat and a cap. Several burnt wax matches and the stump of a cigarette were left behind by the burglars. No arrest has yet been made.

1905 16/3

Cambridge magistrates were told there were about 440 houses on the Rock Estate with one full-licensed house, the Rock Hotel and one off-licence. Either of these sent out beer to houses as ordered. There are also at least four brewers' vans to deliver beer in gallon jars and bottles, and grocers from Cambridge send up pint bottles. If they granted a new licence to William Conder of Marshall Road, which was a new and fairly populous district, it would lead to secret drinking, more especially by women at their homes. The licence was refused.

1911 18/4

Training he received in the Cherry Hinton Boy Scouts allowed Herbert Stone of the Wood Pigeon Patrol to save his two little brothers and his little sister from being burnt to death at Rydal Villa, Hartington Grove. The window curtains caught alight in their bedroom and spread to a chair containing the youngsters' clothes, then to a chest of drawers. Herbert stamped and beat the flames out just in time: the iron work of the large double bed in which the three little ones lay asleep was scorched, as was the counterpane. His hands and feet were scorched and large holes were burnt in the feet of his stockings

1912 4/6

Mr Strangeways was the heart and soul of the Cambridge Research Hospital which was opened on Hills Road. There has been a remarkable progress of science. It is now possible to examine bones and joints as if the flesh was transparent and to take photographs of them. The position of bullets and needles can be ascertained and diseases of internal organs elucidated by the X-rays.. 1

1912 7/6

Mr I.G. Elworthy told a meeting at Morley School that he had been one of the first members of Cherry Hinton parish council in 1894. When he first came there were only 50 houses but the district had developed enormously and the need for a recreation ground was very urgent. With the enormous increase of motor traffic it became more and more dangerous for children to play in the streets. The Council should purchase a site between Cherry Hinton Road and Mill Road and in the meantime the Cattle Market field should be laid out as a temporary playground. It could be planted with trees like Christ's Pieces and would preserve the beauty of the district.

1914 2/10

Trumpington Drift to be widened and strengthened for military purposes and will be known as Queen Edith's Way

1914 30/10

More Wounded Arrive.—A Great Western Red Cross train arrived at Cambridge on Monday evening with a number of wounded soldiers from the front, including many men of the 6th Division, who were recently at Cambridge. There were 174 patients, including 33 cot cases, and

156 of the men were taken to the 1st Eastern General Hospital in Burrell's Walk, and the remainder to the Research Hospital, Hills Road. # c.45.5

1915 30/4

Royal Visit.—On Wednesday, HRH Princess Henry of Battenberg and HRH Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig Holstein visited the Research Hospital, Hills Road, and the 1st Eastern General Hospital. Cambridge. Mr. Victor Cochran accompanied their royal Highnesses, who arrived during the morning by motor car from London. They were guests of the Master of Christ's College (Dr. A. E. Shipley), with whom they lunched and had tea later. # c.02

1915 2/7

Youthful Recipient of D.C.M. — Lance corporal Laurence A. Austin of "A" Company 1st Cambs Regiment has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallant conduct in the field. Lance-Corporal Austin was with many others of the Cambridgeshire Regiment attached to the Leinster Regiment when a certain position was heavily attacked by the Germans. Full details are lacking, all that is known is that he was recommended for the medal by the Colonel of the Leinster Regiment himself. Lance Corporal Austin, who is not yet 18 years of age, is probably the youngest recipient in the British Army of the coveted medal. His parents reside at 8 Rathmore Road, Cambridge.

1917 18/4

Explosive Found on Gogs - On Thursday evening an accident occurred at Cherry Hinton in which a boy named Edwin Jennings, of 55 Hartington Grove, had three of his fingers on one hand blown off and the other hand injured. It appears that a brother had been to the "sham fight" (cadet manoeuvres) on the Gog Magog Hills in the afternoon and had brought home a bag. Edwin opened it and inside was a small metal tube embedded in sand. Whilst examining it, it exploded. The boy's mother, who was standing near, was knocked down by the force of the explosion but escaped injury. Dr. Coombes was called in and he dressed the wounds and ordered the boy's removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he is still lying. On inquiry, we were told he was fairly comfortable. As a result of what the injured boy's brother said that other boys had similar bags. Inquiries were at once set afoot by the police. It was found that boys had picked up various articles and cartridge cases. One boy, Onyett by name, had taken another of the (canvas) bags home, and with other boys, had actually been using it as a ball. On hearing of the accident, Mr. Archer, chemist, of Cherry Hinton Road, went to Mr. Onyett's house, and advised that the bag should be put into water, and this was done. The accident will probably serve as a warning to others. # c.45.5

1920 2/6

Memorial Unveiled—The parochial war memorial in connection with St. John Hills Road, Cambridge was unveiled last (Tuesday) evening by Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely. The memorial, which was designed by Mr. A. P. Macalister takes the form of a tablet in the south wall of the chancel. Underneath the representation of a dove hovering over a field of battle, is a polished brass plate bearing the names of 45 men of the parish who fell in the war. The memorial is in Hopton Wood stone in early English style, and was executed by Messrs. Leyton and Leach. # c.62

1922 25/7

The principal new roads proposed as part of the Cambridge town planning scheme include a main road starting from Red Cross, on Hills Road, going approximately north to Newmarket Road at the corner of Fen Ditton-lane, divided into sections. Number 3 runs in a straight line as far as the old Newmarket railway line and then slightly curves into Mill-Road. There are two branches which both lead towards the station. It will be necessary to form a subway under the railway or bridge the line, unless this line, which at present is only used for storage of railway carriages, is done away with altogether # c.49.62

1922 12/12

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

1925 7/8

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

1926 12/6

Sir – the aeroplanes which make daily trips from a field off the Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, are becoming something of a nuisance. They have been here nearly a month and show no signs of going away. They fly low over the houses and are even more of a nuisance on Sundays. A quiet residential district like the Rock Estate is not an appropriate district for amusements of this kind which should be carried on over open country, far from places where people live and work – John Bousfield, Cavendish Avenue.

1927 27/5

A new private road – Sedley Taylor Road – will be opened shortly leading from the Hills Road via Luard Road to Long Road. It has been constructed under the supervision of Messrs Bidwell & Sons, acting on behalf of Trinity College on whose building estate the road is situated. It opens up a large number of building sites in this popular residential district. The late Mr Sedley Taylor was a distinguished Fellow of Trinity and well known for his foresight in promoting the establishment of school dental clinics in Cambridge, the first in the country.

1927 14/8

There was a large attendance at the stone-laying ceremony of the new Parochial Hall for St John's Church, Cambridge. The object is to supply a building for Sunday School work, social and other parochial gatherings. The building would have been of a different type but for the fact that part of the site has been acquired by the Corporation for making a roadway from Blinco Grove to Cavendish Avenue. # c.83

1927 25/11

It was a memorable day in the history of St John's Church, Hills Road, Cambridge with the opening of the new Parish Hall and Sunday School. The hall, which is dedicated chiefly to the use of young people, is a fine building of red brick and is situated on the site of the old Mission Church in Blinco Grove. The Women's Union have made themselves responsible for the porch and entrance, raising £130 & money for the electric light has been raised by Miss Gwatken and her Bible Class.

1932 13/2

An 'automatic laundry' has been opened in Hartington Grove Cambridge. Dignitaries inspected the Forum Cleaning and Dyeing Company machines where several garments were cleaned and dried before their eyes in less than ten minutes. After cleaning clothes pass to a dusting wheel where they

are tumbled and dried in a current of cold air before passing the eagle eye of a 'spotter' to the pressing room so that obstinate stains can be removed

1932 28/5 Meads End, corner of Hills Avenue and Hinton Avenue. House was owned by Herbert Tebbutt who lived there with his family: Helen known by their staff as his wife, her daughter Betty aged 12, and their two boys Michael, 2, and Dickie, 1. Tebbutt was former captain of county cricket team. He had sold his family business to Green King and at the age of 46 was relatively wealthy. had been on the committee of the Cherry Hinton Constitutional Club. Tebbutt had met Helen circa 1928 after she had moved to Cambridge and he bought her a house called Little St Bernard's in Trumpington. He divorced his first wife, Alice, in 1931 and he was ordered to pay her maintenance of £300 per year out of his income of £900. Money problems came to a head with Tebbutt in 1932; he was threatened with legal action over money owed to his ex-wife. In a sequence of events that the coroner found difficult to explain afterwards, just as the family were about to go on holiday, Tebbutt shot his not only Helen, but all three of the children and then himself. (A full account is given in Alison Bruce's book 'Cambridgeshire Murders' 2005 The History Press from which the information given here is taken.)

1933 13/2

The Mayor, (Ald Mrs Keynes) expressed her appreciation for the support her fund for providing work for the unemployed is receiving. There are 1,600 unemployed men in Cambridge but 120 who have done no work for a year are now making the path on Long Road and levelling Coldham's Common. Another 80 will level the building ground in Brook's Road and the site of the new school and playground in Gilbert Road.

1933 14/4

While those living on the outskirts of Cambridge had many advantages in the way of fresh air and beautiful surroundings they did suffer certain disadvantages such as facilities for book-borrowing. Now two branch libraries have been opened in Morley Memorial Schools on the the Rock Estate and Shirley Schools in the Green End Road districts. Each contains four hundred modern novels (mostly entirely new) and 100 popular non-fiction works and are open one evening a week from 6-8. This pioneering service could spread, if successful

1933 20/10

Unemployment in Cambridge is serious: 965 men and 84 women were out of work. The University Library was nearly finished and the great building projects in the town completed. But work continued on Queen Edith's Way, Long Road and the Hundred Houses Estate as well as the paddling pool on Coldham's Common. The Minister of Transport was keen to do away with level crossings and replace them with bridges; this could mean serious expenditure but provide employment for a great number of men.

1935 16/8

Houses were threatened when a line of flame swept three-quarters of a mile of land from Trumpington to Hills Road. In Long Road helpers beat desperately at the flames to prevent them spreading along the hedges to the gardens of near-by houses whose residents used garden hoses to dampen them down Dozens of rabbits raced wildly over the charred ground and a leveret was turned into a living mass of flame. The verge caught alight, clouds of white smoke making it impossible for passing traffic to pass at more than a crawl. Vehicles were diverted via Cherry Hinton and all available police were mobilised to control the traffic and help fight the fire

1936 3/1

An amazing tame jackdaw has made its home with Mt T.L. Naylor of Blinco Grove. It came as an



uninvited guest in January last year when it flew into his garden with a cheery 'Hullo!' and was promptly adopted, At first the bird's food was placed on the scullery window-sill but as other birds used to join in the feast its tray of tit-bits was placed inside the scullery. Now when it feels hungry the bird taps on the window to gain admission to its snack-bar. It is put to bed each night in a tomato-box which is placed in the garage and surrounded with boxes to keep the cats out. 36 01 05a & b

1936 21/5

At the opening of the new Rock Road library the Mayor said that in these difficult times it was important that there should be in every district a building which would help to circulate the best ideas and information for the guidance of residents. In the days to come the building will become more and more the intellectual home of the people who live around it. All would agree it was the right policy to encourage children to use it. He regretted the absence of a representative of the Carnegie Trust, which had helped with the money for the library 36 05 21a # c.77.4

1936 30/5

Mr W.A. Fenton, the Borough Librarian, has seen a tremendous growth in the reading public since he took office. The new Rock Road Library has had an excellent start-off this week. When I looked in last night I found a continuous flow of adults and juveniles. The children's reading room was practically full and some boys to whom I spoke assured me that everything was quite all right. Work on a new branch library at the corner of Milton Road and Ascham Road will begin almost immediately. The site appears to be an ideal one and new building should be complete before 1937 is very far advanced 36 05 23c # c.77.4

1937 5/3

The death occurred of Mrs Ann Smith, wife of Gypsy Smith, at their home, Romany Tan in Hinton Avenue. She was associated with Hills Road Methodist Church but led a very quiet life and although she once or twice went on tours abroad, she generally remained at home. The funeral service will be held at the house. The famous preacher is absent in America on an evangelical tour; he is at present in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is not expected that he will be able to return home until April. 37 03 05k # c.83

1937 3/8

Brilliant summer weather attracted a big crowd to the annual Conservative Fete held at Sir Harold Gray's home on the Gogs. There was a steady stream of buses, cars, cycles and invalid carriages the whole of the length of Hills Road while thousands made the journey on foot. There were numerous games and competitions concluding with dancing and a grand firework display. It was opened by the Home Secretary (Sir Samuel Hoare) who said that there would soon be sufficient gas masks for the whole of the population and production of guns, tanks and warships was coming along. 37 08 03 & a

1938 11/2

Many unscrupulous Cambridge landlords are charging more than they are entitled under the Rent Restriction Act. There should be a crusade against them. One railwayman about to retire on a pension had been paying three shillings and ninepence rent for over 20 years (about £10.04 today). Now this had been raised by three shillings (£8). Tenants in Cavendish Avenue had been told they would have to pay sixpence a week more because the landlady was supplying sanitary dustbins. Those who felt exploited should see the Poor Man's Lawyer

1939 5/5

Three - Hour Chase. — A cow brought to Cambridge Cattle Market on Monday became enraged and had to be shot after a chase lasting over three hours. In the course of its mad stampede through

fences, hedges and gardens it knocked down an old gentleman, Mr. Ernest Warboys of 218 Hills Road. He was not badly hurt, but had to go to bed after being seen by a doctor.

1939 26/5

Fire at Works. — The packing room of the Forum Cleaning Works, Hartington Grove, Cambridge, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Damage was also done to the office and articles of clothing. The fire started in a machine in one of the cleaning rooms. This was put out with the aid of a fire extinguisher. The clothing was then put in one of the tanks and was run through a press room. When some of the staff reached the door, however, the handles of the tank burst, and the whole lot went up in flames. The outbreak occurred soon after one o'clock. At the time, the night staff was on duty, and the works manager called the Borough Fire Brigade. It is understood that there was some danger at one time of the fire spreading to a 500-gallon tank of white spirit.

1939 18/7 Cambridge Daily News

Photo of temporary flooding in Hinton Avenue "as a result of yesterday's heavy downpour."

1940 17/5

Driver Saves Train.—The driver of the 5.31 p.m. passenger train from Cambridge to King's Cross averted a serious accident near the Long Road Bridge on Saturday, when some goods wagons became derailed across the passenger train's path. Rapidly applying his brakes, he brought the train to a standstill just as it touched one of the wagons. Its four leading wheels were derailed, but neither passengers nor train crew were hurt. The only injuries were those sustained by Driver Johnson and Fireman Layton, of the goods engine, which also became derailed. Johnson sustained a bruised shoulder and Layton burned his hands. The goods train, which was on a loop line adjacent to the main line and was travelling in the same direction as the passenger train, was derailed by a pair of safety points designed to prevent any train from the loop line entering the main line when the line has been signalled as clear and some dozen trucks came off the rails blocking both the up and down main lines. The front of the passenger train ploughed ten or 12ft. into one of the waggons before coming to rest. The goods engine fell on its side, and the driver and fireman scrambled clear

1940 18/10

Awarded D.S.C. Capt E.S. Lewis, Royal Marines, of 98 Glebe Road, Cambridge – the badge of whose corps is the famous Globe and Laurel – has been awarded the D.S.C. Before being called up last October, Capt Lewis was well-known as the Cambridge manager of Messrs E. Pordage & Co.Ltd, Hills Road (just north west of Hills Road bridge) and his new honour is of particular interest because during the last war he won the D.S.M.

1940 6/12

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."

1940 winter: German airforce attempts to bomb Cambridge railway. One boy at Morley Memorial School remembered 'when we had some unexpected excitement when a Dornier 17 came racing over Hills Road bridge, guns firing at a goods train. The teacher cried "Everyone under desks". I promptly went to the window to have a better look. I found he had a very heavy hand.'

1941

Feb 15 bombs fall on houses in Cherry Hinton Rd, Perne Rd, & Queen Edith's Way (Bowyer p144). Blinco Grove was also bombed. "The street was lined with Army vehicles. The Gloucesters - of Desert War fame - dispersed from here on their way to North Africa". They were billeted in houses in the neighbourhood.

1945 12/1

Army Dentist—Among the men who arrived in England recently on compassionate leave from Burma was a Cambridge dentist, Capt. M. A. Freeman, who reached his home at Beechurst, Babraham Road, on Tuesday. One of the first things he found on arriving was a cable from his Commanding Officer, congratulating him on having been awarded the M.C. Capt. Freeman was reluctant to talk about his work with the Army Dental Corps in S.E.A.C. "Our troops out there are doing a marvellous job," was all he would say except to add: "Although they are sometimes known as the 'forgotten army' they don't feel quite so forgotten when they get bags of mail." His journey home occupied about six weeks, and the first 200 miles were covered over the mountains by jeep. Later came a week's travelling by train and the sea voyage

1950 1/2

Notice of the first compulsory purchase order ever to be made in Cambridge by the central Land Board is given today. It is in respect of a plot of land on the western side of Strangeways Road, Cherry Hinton and authorises them to purchase the land for the purpose of disposing of it for development. Their object is to make land available at the proper price for persons who have a licence to build a house.

1950 28/6

Should the new secondary modern school for the southern part of Cambridge be built in the vicinity of Wort's Causeway or on the Ventress Farm estate? Cambridge education committee prefer Wort's Causeway as being more central for Trumpington and Cherry Hinton children but the planning committee thought it suited their planning arrangements better for it to be where Queen Edith's Way joined Hills Road. An alternative had been suggested that to preserve an open space the playing fields should be situated on the Ventress Farm estate and only the school on Worts Causeway.

1950 9/10

Girls in their teens, middle aged women and some in their sixties mingled together at a jubilee reunion of the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls. For many it was their first visit to the new school in Long Road. Their own memories took them back to the Drill Hall in East Road, where the school began, or to the Collier Road premises, now the Technical College and School of Art. The happy times spent there were recalled often during the evening.

1950 22/12

With a Morrison table air raid shelter borrowed from the Imperial War Museum, Prof. J.F. Baker, of Long Road, Cambridge, went to Somerset House, London to lay his claim for financial recognition before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors. He told of Mr Churchill's decision that the people must be given shelters in their homes. He'd had his prototype table shelter taken to Downing Street, Mr Churchill became interested in it and started to talk to him about it. After declaring that 500,000 of the shelters should be made in three months, Mr Churchill added: "Lower a house on top of one. Put a pig in it. Put the inventor in it". An official from the Ministry of Home security said that with Prof Baker he had no doubt there would not have been a Morrison shelter.

1951 21/1

The Ministry of Health has asked Addenbrooke's Hospital to reduce capital estimates and certain projects will have to be postponed The most important was the new operating theatre, delivery

wards and premature baby unit which it was hoped would be built in 1952 at the maternity hospital. But authority had been received to enter into contracts to acquire 43,895 acres of land lying between Hills Road and Long Road for the site of a proposed new hospital.

1951 15/6

Cambridge councillors heard that the cattle market has become one of the most important cattle centres in the country as a result of the great increase in the amount of business transacted since the war. Problems had arisen because of the serious congestion of traffic in Hills Road when large sales are held and the need for better facilities for traders and customers. It was not designed for holding large sales of agricultural machines nor for the provision of parking accommodation for upwards of 1,200 motor vehicles.

1952 12/2

Long before the arrival of the ten-coach funeral train bearing the body of King George VI, large crowds had gathered at the main vantage points along the line at Ely to pay their homage. At the station crossing hundreds of people assembled on both sides, whilst lines of traffic extended for some distance. Heads were bared as the train rolled smoothly through the station. Workmen who had given up part of their dinner hour and American servicemen were amongst the crowds. At the little village station of Waterbeach about 100 housewives, farmworkers and children gathered. A crowd of more than 800 people lined the marshalling yards on either side of Mill Road bridge, Cambridge. The long black funeral coach, with all its windows blacked out passed exactly on time. Queen Elizabeth II gazed pensively out of a carriage window as the train passed a group of railwaymen standing caps off near Hills Road bridge.

1952 12/8

Cambridge city council won its appeal against the refusal of the County Council to grant planning permission for the erection of houses on land fronting Queen Edith's Way on either side of the approach to Wulfstan Way. The plots were intended for former owners of land which had been sterilised by the revocation of planning permission on the Ventress Farm Estate. They could be sold at a reasonable price as compared with that now commonly asked for building land near Cambridge, where there was a serious shortage of sites available for private builders. The county had wanted sufficient land left open to preserve a view of the shopping centre.

1952 19/8

A large congregation packed the church of St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge for the dedication of the new organ. It contains 1,210 pipes which stand on the south side of the chancel with the console on the north side. For the sake of economy a certain amount of second-hand pipe work has been used. But this is no detriment as much of the timber which was easily obtainable before the war is of far higher standard than that procurable today when Siberian pine lies securely locked behind the iron curtain.

1953 3/10

Don Arrol, the star of "Coronation Scots" at the New Theatre, officially opened the new showroom of Messrs W.I. Cullin in Rathmore Road Cambridge. They have been appointed Austin agents and the showroom has been built to exhibit and sell Austin products. The garage, repair and servicing of commercial and private vehicles will still continue. Guests were invited to the Goldsborough Hotel for cocktails where everyone was given a souvenir propelling pencil.

1954 13/5

A baby girl born in Cambridge has the distinction of arriving in the world with six of her eight great-grandparents still alive. Susan Carole Fuller is the daughter of Mr & Mrs D.J. Fuller of Halifax Road. Her great grandparents on her father's side are Mr & Mrs W. Fuller aged 83 and 76

who now live in Wrexham, and Mr & Mrs B. Ager of Blinco Grove. On her mother's side they are Mr & Mrs V.F. Pursey of Mill Road. She also has 18 great aunts and uncles. This is most unusual and may be a record for Cambridge.

1954 17/5

An important stage of the life of the new church of St James', Cambridge will be a social to 'kick off' the Building Fund. The first building will serve both as a church and hall and be in a central position in Wulfstan Way, almost adjoining the shops. Despite the absence of a church there is a very live congregation which meets in school hall and the Sunday School averages 145 as the majority of families in the parish have very young children

1955 17/6

The Bishop of Ely dedicated the building which is to be known as St James' Church in Wulfstan Way. He said that later they would need a new church and the present building would become the church hall. It was part of the challenge of new housing estates; in St Paul's parish they were trying to build another church and there was magnificent evangelistic work in the Coldham's Lane area which rendered another one necessary.

1956 2/5

The Christian Brethren opened their new Queen Edith Hall in Wulfstan Way. It is an undertaking of faith and cost a great deal of money but now they have a splendid position in the centre of what would be the ultimate building estate.

1959 29/7

Work has begun on the new Addenbrooke's Hospital in Hills Road. The first stage will include a ward block of 100 beds and although the final size has not yet been decided it will be between 600 and 800 beds. "Our responsibilities are to the future and we shall be very much to blame if in 20 years' time we find ourselves looking for a bigger hospital", said the Chairman of the Governors' building committee. It will stand in a landscape planned by a woman architect, Mrs J.M. Hayward, in collaboration with the Director of the University Botanic Garden

1960 18/3

Ninety small boys and girls flock to Rock Road library every Thursday to hear stories read by Miss Kathleen Asbery, the recently-appointed children's librarian. She visited a school's youngest infant class and when told she was from the library one small girl asked "Is she here because we have some books missing?" "It seems awful that children should think of librarians as ogres who stand behind counters, stamp books and charge them a penny for a late-returned item", Kate said 60 03 18 # c.77.4

1961 11/7

The new Perse School building at Hills Road was opened by Princess Alexandra of Kent. The new large assembly hall was filled to capacity, guests overflowing into a large marquee. The old buildings in Gonville Place, dating from 1890, had proved inadequate for a rapidly-growing school and here, on the extensive playing fields was a noble site beyond the noise and traffic of the city. It includes the Mummery miniature theatre, a biology laboratory with its own pool for the growing of specimens and a special room for school prefects. 61 07 03 & a & b # c.36.5

1961 28/11

Nightingale Avenue means something new in elegant living. It means spacious, modern four-bedroomed detached houses of quality and character by Trend Homes. Here is a rare opportunity to buy an exclusive architect designed house in a first-class position. Each will have the wonderful boon of oil fired heating, built-in wardrobes and French doors to a paved terrace. Price from £5,250

1961 14/6

Nearly 400 people in the south of Cambridge have protested about a proposal to build 'the greatest and best dance hall in Great Britain' in the middle of the Queen Edith's Way housing estate. The hall, which would be used for wrestling bouts, boxing matches and rock and roll sessions, will be 'completely out of keeping with the nature of the district', they claim. The proposer said the area was currently scheduled for quarrying purposes and a hall would increase the amenities. "We could either mine chalk or build a really beautiful place", he said.

1961 14/12

Queen Edith public house opens, Wulfstan Way

1964 11/5

Sir Eric Franklin fire at Cavendish Avenue destroys diplomatic papers

1974

Plans are being discussed for another hospital to serve the Cambridge area in a bid to ease staff and administration problems at the giant new Addenbrooke's in Hills Road, Cambridge. The Department of Health have indicated that they think the ultimate 1,700-bed hospital is too big to be managed satisfactorily and too difficult to staff adequately. Officials have been studying surveys with a view to siting the new hospital near where it could best recruit nursing and ancillary staff. Ideally this would be near a big housing estate such as Arbury

1974 8/4

When Cherry Mann moved into a council house in Holbrook Road, Cambridge this week it was not just a new home for her but the beginning of a whole new way of life. It was a dream come true. She has been severely disabled by a rare and incurable disease for more than 30 years, and her home for the last three years has been a hospital bed. The house been converted into a self-contained flat with wide sliding doors, accessible light switches and doors on to a specially-built patio so that she can propel herself in her wheelchair into the fresh air. "It is just incredible to be here", she said.

1983 18/2

The Aga Khan can relax: his kidnapped wonder horse Shergar is safe and well in an abbey in County Galway. He was 'found' by two Cambridge clairvoyants who came across his hideaway during an experiment using a pendulum suspended over two maps of southern Ireland taped together at their home in Netherhall Way. It was the first time they had conducted a psychic detection experiment and they admit there is a 'cocktail of doubt' about the result.

1989 12/2

Maps and plans which have lain forgotten for 20 years may save ratepayers £500,000. They show a drainage system which was laid, but probably never used, in the Gunhild Way, Wulfstan Way and Godwin Way areas in the 1950s. Council engineers did not know of the existence of the network of pipes until elderly people told them. Now they may use it to combat a constant flooding problem in hundreds of gardens. For years the residents have complained their back gardens are frequently under many inches of water.

1989 5/5

A lifetime's work educating pupils at Morley Memorial primary school was rewarded when the former headmistress laid a foundation stone for a new £500,000 building project. Miss Dorothy Hurst, who retired as head two years ago after 35 years teaching at the school, laid the stone in the walls of a new school hall for the 420 pupils in Blinco Grove. The project also includes a

community room, two new classrooms and major improvements to the school. Work should be completed in time for its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January next year 89 05 05a

2011 3/3

Wildlife area 'decimated to pave way for new road': "scores of trees have been cut down along a Cambridge street - and there are plans to remove hundreds more. The trees, which grow along Long Road, are being chopped down to make way for a spint road as part of the new 2,300-home development of Clay Farm, which will form part of Great Kneighton."