

BATH SHOPPING CENTRE

Interesting Facts About Stall Street

Stall Street is one of the oldest of Bath's main business thoroughfares, for it dates from the 17th century. It is shown on the plan of Bath published in 1694 by Mr. Joseph Gilmore, "Teacher of Mathematics in Bristol," from a survey he had commenced two years previously. Its name is there spelt "Stalle Street." Even in the 17th century this street was already an important business thoroughfare, and the old plan shows a continuous row of houses on each side, broken only on the west side by an opening above the Lower Borough Walls, then distinguished by the term, "Way to the Bath," and leading to the Cross Bath and St. John's Hospital. This was evidently the present Beau Street. The Church of St. Mary de Stall, which stood at the north-east corner, gave its name to this thoroughfare. The South Gate, removed in 1754, stood at the end of Stall Street, near St. James's Church, as the situation of the Lower Borough Walls will readily suggest. Stall Street, Cheap Street, and the Great Abbey Garden bounded the south-east quarter of the city. The site of the church of St. Mary de Stall is now occupied by the Old Public Room.

There is a great deal of historical interest in this area, but as we cannot exactly live on history and therefore find it necessary to engage in the ordinary business of life, we will leave the past and come to the present. In our special supplement to this issue we have the advertisements of the leading business establishments of the area under review. Commencing on the right hand side of the street going down, we pass the Grand Pump Room Hotel and the Royal Baths, and come to the fine corner premises which are occupied, partly by Mr. W. R. Watling, furniture dealer, and Messrs. Comer and Watling, Ltd., the drapers. Some little time ago Mr. Watling sold the drapery business and opened out more largely in the furniture line the growth of which is marked by the developments which have recently taken place. At the present moment making a special show of suites and floor coverings. Messrs. Comer and Watling's shop has a very fine window space and this is always most tastefully dressed, just as the well stocked shop behind and the new show-rooms above contain the latest productions of the firms in which they are specialists. Messrs. Bush and Mansfield, the tailors and gentlemen's outfitters, come next, and their is a well-selected stock of goods to suit all.

A little lower down is the handsomely appointed shop known as Sennitt's—a word which speaks of the breakfast table particularly and of all the needs of the housewife in the provision of general goods. Next is the proprietory in general all the goods of home manufacture, and the manner in which the business has entrenched itself in the affections of the buying public is proved by the constant flow of folk at all hours of the day when the shops are open. Cooked meats are the speciality together with ham and lams. Immediately below, on the corner of Beau Street, is the big shop of Messrs. Foster Bros., known far and wide for their clothing. This business has for many years been under the management of Mr. A. B. Berry—of Dog Show fame—and the clientele he has built up is indicative of his interest in the affairs of the city at any rate so far as regards their attire and underclothing too. Extensions, alterations, and improvements have taken place within the recent past.

Messrs. H. and R. Marsh, at the corner of Beau Street, as the picture in our art supplement shows, have a wonderful window display of jewellery and silver articles useful for all kinds of presents.

Proceeding along the same side of the street, the leather shop of Mr. H. Sillitt is reached, and here everything in the grindery line may be obtained. Below and on the corner of Lower Borough Walls is the spacious display of the late Messrs. O. Newman and Sons, Ltd., hardware dealers and merchants in all things that apply to the proper equipment of a house and home in the ironmongery line, as well as in china and glass. This business is under most progressive management and to cope with the press of trade they have recently been compelled to open new premises at Oldfield Park.

Just over the way and opposite to St. James' Church is the shop of Mr. Tom Stone, an establishment known for many years for paint and oils and wall-papers. Coming into Stall Street again and now working our way up again, we find in the first block the "Home of the Wedding Cake," as the establishment of Mr. Werry, of the City Café, is called. Mr. Werry took over the old business carried on by Mr. Chas. Shapland, and since his coming has made it known all over the city both for the excellence of the goods he supplies in the confectionery line and for the catering he does publicly and privately.

A door or two above are the extensive premises of Messrs. Titley, a landmark in Bath business history. Provision merchants on a large scale they specialise in bacon, hams, and proprietary cooked foods of their own production. Courtesy and attention to customers' requirements are a feature highly developed in this business and to this, coupled with the high quality of the goods supplied, may be attributed the popularity of the firm.

Two other businesses which should be mentioned are those of Mr. Hallett, the chemist, who has been in the street for many years, and Mr. J. M. Mackrill, the jeweller, who some time ago took over the old business of Mr. Veal. There is also the fine shop of Theobald's noted for the quality of its coffee which same may be seen at any time being roasted and ground in one of the windows. Lately there have been developments in the scope of the business, and it is well known as a rendezvous for morning coffee, luncheons and afternoon teas.

BATH CANINE SOCIETY

A Successful Year

The annual meeting of the Bath Canine Society was held on Tuesday evening at the Red House Restaurant. Mr. Graham Hick presided, and also present were Captain H. G. Kersley (President), Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Serize, Mrs. Walters, Captain W. Shakespeare, Captain H. Seymour Butler (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. J. Evans, Mr. F. Tonar, Mr. J. J. Aveston, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. de Q. Walker, Mr. E. J. Oram, Mr. Pratlley, Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. Stanley Amor, Mr. A. Cunningham, Mr. W. J. Winckworth, Mr. Tanner, and Mr. A. B. Berry (hon. secretary).

Apologies for absence were announced from General Aitken, Mrs. Lister Parsons, Mr. H. Lewsons, Poplan (Hunstrete), Mr. B. P. Mallory, and Mr. Cox. Mr. W. H. Berry (the hon. secretary) presented an interesting annual report, in the course of which he mentioned the reductions of members' subscriptions had thoroughly justified the action of the society. In 1922 the number of members, including vice-presidents, was 91. In 1923 the number was 131. The re-arrangement of the schedule had resulted in an increased entry of about 600. There had a number of helpers at the show among themselves, and in addition employed 20 discharged soldiers who were out of work. He had to thank those members who gave their assistance. They had also many ladies who had helped them in many ways and the stewards, and he would like to compliment them on the way they carried out their duties. He thought the show was vastly superior to that of the previous year, and they had to thank the committee, who had worked so hard, but not least, their honorary secretary, who had done the lion's share of the work (hear, hear).

CONGRATULATIONS.

The Chairman said it was very satisfactory to get such good reports from the secretary and treasurer. The show was not only a financial success, but a record as regards entries and interest. There were several he should like to thank for the work they had done. First, there were General Aitken and Captain Shakespeare, who helped to organise the show, and then there was the vice-chairman and treasurer (Captain Seymour Butler), who had given them very much assistance. They had also many ladies who had helped them in many ways and the stewards, and he would like to compliment them on the way they carried out their duties. He thought the show was vastly superior to that of the previous year, and they had to thank the committee, who had worked so hard, but not least, their honorary secretary, who had done the lion's share of the work (hear, hear).

Captain Kersley moved that the accounts be passed, and he also spoke in warm terms of the work of the treasurer and secretary. As long as they stayed by the society he felt sure they should go on improving every year (applause).

Mr. Evans, in seconding, endorsed what Captain Kersley had said. The show entailed a large amount of work both on the secretary and treasurer, and they had done their work well. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In moving the re-election of Captain Kersley as President, Mr. Aveston thought there was no one else who would have the office. Mr. Walker seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Captain Kersley remarked that he had made up his mind to resign this year. He had been connected with the show for considerably over a quarter of a century. It had always given him great pleasure to be mixed up with them. Captain Kersley then took the chair, and announced that their present chairman was not disposed to take the chair at another year, they would all regret it, because he had done his duty extremely well as chairman. They were extremely sorry he did not wish to fill the office. Mr. Hick then proposed General Aitken as chairman, and mentioned that the reason he did not wish to occupy the position was because he was afraid he would not have the time to give to it.

Mr. Montgomery seconded, and the proposition was agreed to nem. con.

Captain Butler expressed a desire to resign from the office of vice-chairman, and he proposed in his place Mr. Hick. Mr. Werry seconded, and the proposition was agreed to, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Captain Butler for his services.

To fill the office of hon. and treasurer Captain Butler was again unanimously chosen on the suggestion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Tonar, and Mr. A. B. Berry was with equal unanimity re-appointed hon. secretary. Mr. Montgomery, who proposed him, remarking that he did not think there was any need to ask if there was a second opinion as to who should be appointed. Mr. Gram was the seconder.

Mr. Berry, in returning thanks, expressed his indebtedness to Mr. Gram for his work as assistant secretary. Captain Butler referred to the difficulties that had been experienced in the past and the importance of having a paid assistant secretary, whom the hon. secretary could call upon and depend upon. He thought the time had arrived when they should have a paid secretary, who would be at the hon. secretary's disposal for a time before, during and after the show, and he would like to propose the name of Mr. Arthur S. Flower, who, he believed, was perfectly willing to take up the office.

Mr. Montgomery seconded, and the motion was agreed to. To fill vacancies on the committee Mrs. Serize and Messrs. Stanley Amor, H. de Q. Walker, A. Cunningham, Pratlley, and Tanner were appointed and power was given to credit others.

A vote of thanks for their services, with an expression that they may soon be restored to health, was accorded the hon. auditors, Mr. F. Seymour and Mr. Simpkins, and Mr. C. Williams and Mr. W. J. Evans were appointed to the offices.

The hon. solicitors (Messrs. Titley, Long and Lavington), the hon. veterinary surgeons (Messrs. Tonar and Aveston), and the hon. auctioneers (Messrs. Fortt, Hatt and Billings) were all re-elected.

The date of next year's show was provisionally fixed for May 1st. It was unanimously agreed to show the society's appreciation of the secretary's services by presenting him with an honorarium, and, in recognition of the gift, Mr. Berry then looked upon the dog show as a hobby. He loved dogs, and anything he could do for them he was quite prepared and pleased to do. The Chairman terminated the proceedings.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.


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FATAL JOURNEY

Coroner's Inquiry Into Radstock Cyclist's Death

BATH TRADESMAN'S SON-IN-LAW

At Paulton Cottage Hospital on Tuesday, Dr. S. Craddock (Bath), held an inquest concerning the death of Francis James Edgell, a transport clerk at the Oakhill Brewery, who while riding to his home at Radstock on Thursday evening, met with an accident on the road between Nettlebridge and Stratton-on-Avon, which resulted in his death within a few hours at Paulton Cottage Hospital, whither he had been taken.

Mr. Edgell was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Shubrook, refreshment house keepers, of Barton Street, Bath, and leaves a widow and one daughter. He served in the army during the war, and was given a commission in the R.F.A. on the recommendation of his Commanding Officer.

AN EXPERIENCED CYCLIST.

Bert Edgell, a brother, gave evidence of identification. He said his brother was 29 years of age, and lived at Radstock, journeying to and from his employment at Oakhill Brewery by bicycle daily. He was an experienced cyclist. On the 18th, witness was telephoned for from Stratton, and informed of the accident, but he did not see his brother that day, although he came over to Paulton. His brother was a very steady man, and he last saw him alive about a week ago.

Charles Gregory, a clerk at the Oakhill Brewery, stated that he last saw Edgell alive about 5.20 p.m. on the day of the accident. He was then on his way home, and was quite well and sober. Witness did not see him have anything to drink during the day, and would consider him a very sober man. He was anxious to get home on the evening of the accident, as he had no lamp on his bicycle.

DOWNSIDE MASTER'S EVIDENCE.

Francois Cartel, a master at Downside College, told the coroner that he was out on a walk about the cyclist about 5.35, on the road between Stratton and Nettlebridge. Witness first met a woman carrying a basket, and he was under the impression that she was walking partly in the side of the road. It was downhill, and it was very slippery. The cyclist appeared to zigzag, and the witness thought he was doing it to try and avoid a skid. He was quite upright on the saddle. The thought never occurred to witness that the cyclist was sober or otherwise; he thought he was sober. About 12 or 14 minutes later, witness returned and saw a motor stopped, and another coming up the hill. A woman was there standing up. Witness's wife went to the woman and spoke to her. He heard the woman say she had been knocked down, and did not know how it happened, as she had heard nothing. Witness did not stay long, as he had to go home and get his books to go to Downside School. He saw the man lying on his back on the side of the road. He did not see the bicycle.

Edwin Emery, of Ashwick, husband of the woman who was knocked down, said his wife left home just before five o'clock with a basket of eggs to go to Stratton. He did not hear of the accident until his wife arrived home after seven o'clock, and she was lame. She said she did not hear or see anything before she was knocked down. His wife was not deaf. She complained of her head.

BRAIN INJURED.

Dr. Douglas A. Mitchell, of Midsomer Norton, stated that he sent Edgell to Paulton Cottage Hospital. He was unconscious and suffering from severe injury to the brain, and was completely paralysed. He never regained consciousness, and died about 3.10 a.m. on Friday morning.

The Coroner returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries to the brain received as a result of being accidentally thrown from a bicycle.

LACK OF CAPITAL

Bath Motor Engineer's Failure.

At a meeting of creditors, held in Bristol, on Wednesday, a statement of affairs was submitted, before the Official Receiver by Reginald J. Crane, of Morford Street, Bath, showing that liabilities were expected to rank at £278,708 4s. 4d., and assets, £279,158. 6d., leaving a deficiency of £306 0s. 10d.

Debtor stated that his failure was due to want of capital, bad trade, loss from breakdowns and illness. In December, 1920, he started in business with Mr. H. Hull as a motor engineer in Bartlett Street, Bath, but after a year the partnership was dissolved. Debtor continued as a motor engineer in Albion Place, and later in Morford Street. He did well until his motor-car began to break down, and then he sustained serious losses. The Official Receiver remains trustee.

THE HOSPITAL'S NEED.

Scheme In Which All Must Help

BATH FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' EXCELLENT PLAN

"The scheme is a practical one that has been thought out and considered." In these words, Mr. Walter Rawlinson, the manager of the Bath branch of the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, summed up the scheme of the Bath and District Friendly Societies for raising additional funds for the Royal United Hospital. The first meeting of the Council of the Friendly Societies was held on Monday evening at the Foresters' Hall, to explain the aims of the scheme and to report progress.

The chair was taken by Mr. Frank H. Pine (Chairman of the Council), and there were present: Mr. F. H. Wayne (hon. secy.), Mr. Thomas Wills (organising secretary), Mr. Walter Rawlinson (hon. treasurer) and the following representatives of affiliated Societies: Brothers W. Horwood (Rationals), H. Lintern (Shepherds), S. Haversfield (Hearts of Oak), F. J. Wheeler (Rationals), E. Orchard (Shepherds), W. Chorley (Foresters), C. Chew, H. Jones (Hearts of Oak), C. Harding and F. B. Knight (United Rationals), Arthur S. Gunstone (Rationals), A. H. Lavington, W. A. King, W. F. Amesbury, H. F. Piddes, Harding and Courtney.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Pine (the Chairman), said that it was the first meeting since the ship had been launched, but time had been fully occupied and the meeting had met with a great welcome in all districts, and every member of the Friendly Societies would have to shoulder some responsibility as the people of Bath were looking to the Societies to see if they were capable of doing what they were talking about.

£5,000 FROM SMALL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr. T. Wills, the organising secretary, outlining the scheme, said that the chief aim was to make the Royal United Hospital self-supporting, and that aim could be achieved if 12,000 people in the Hospital area would give 2d. per week per annum, which would bring in £25,200. Mr. Wills pointed out that the Hospital area was much more extensive than the City area, for whereas the City comprised about 15,000 houses, the Hospital area extended nearly to Swindon on one side, though it was curtailed towards Bristol. In organising the City the Ward had been taken as a unit, and Committees had been set up in the Wards. These Ward Committees had gone out to districts of 30 to 35 houses to one Steward, and collecting boxes had been given to the Committees for distribution in their areas. Two thousand boxes had already been sent out, and by the second week in November it was hoped that the City area would have been covered, after which the country area would be started on.

Mr. Wills pointed out that the canvassing in the country districts would seem in some cases to trespass on the Cottage Hospital areas, but these institutions would benefit as some sharing scheme would eventually be arrived at; the Council were out to help them as well.

STILL A FREE HOSPITAL.

In a letter from Mr. Sheppard, it was pointed out that the Royal United Hospital would continue to be a free hospital, but contributions towards treatment would still be solicited, and in the case of box-holders in the Friendly Societies scheme, any sum would be accepted from such patients for maintenance.

Mr. Wills laid emphasis on the fact that the Council would keep clear of all matters respecting hospital administration, but they were out for funds and not to deal with internal organisation. It was further pointed out by the speaker that although the scheme was introduced by the Friendly Societies help was wanted from everybody or else they would fail. Great help had been given by ministers of all denominations, and had figured largely in the work of organisation.

Mr. Walter Rawlinson (the hon. treasurer), said "The cause is the cause of humanity, and is a practical one that has been thought out and considered, and we commend it to you as one eminently suitable for the assistance of the thoughtful and energetic help the fund in the districts served by the institution will be a success. It only remains to use our very best efforts."

Votes of thanks to the speaker and officials closed the meeting.

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