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1897 03 20

Mr Edwin Bays, architect, forwards particulars of a scheme for erecting a viaduct, with Bathing Sheds under, leading from the Trumpington Road, Cambridge, to Newnham. The proposed viaduct road would start from the Leys School grounds, Coe Fen, Newnham and terminating at Grantchester and Barton-roads. It will be necessary to construct two river and three road arches and it is intended to utilise one as a Swimming Bath for women, and the other two as dressing rooms

1897 04 02

Trumpington jubilee reading room, p3

1897 08 18

Today we have pleasure in chronicling a capture which redoubts to the credit of the Cambridgeshire County Constabulary. There appears to be an idea prevalent amongst London thieves that once in this county they have an easy job in "cracking a crib" and getting away with their booty. Evidently full of this delusion two such men ran down to Trumpington, their innocent hearts full of the joys in store. They bargained however without the personality of P.C. Salmon, the resident guardian of Trumpington's peace, a burly and genial officer to those who keep the law and a terror to those who "love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil". P.C. Salmon - alas for the hopes of these two disciples of Bill Sykes - sleeps only when the burglar is not "serenading" and moreover he rides a "bike". To this cycle the culprits owe the fact that their "cycle of freedom" is run and that they have fallen "a cropper" with a bad puncture.

1897 10 28

Trumpington burglary trial, p3

1897 11 13

Trumpington chrysanthemum show, p3

1898 02 03

Messrs Grain. Moyes and Wisbey attended at the Lion Hotel and offered for sale by auction the well-known freehold inn, The Green Man, Trumpington, with yard, stabling and outbuildings, pleasure and kitchen gardens and a paddock, the whole having an area of about 3 acres. Bidding commenced at £2,000 and quickly reached £3,100, at which price the property was declared sold

1899 01 09

Trumpington Rd, p2

1899 07 28

The village of Trumpington has been selected for the making of a peculiarly interesting and hopeful experiment on the part of Cambridgeshire nonconformity. The question recently came up how best to continue religious services for those in the village who do not belong to the Church of England and was answered by the suggestion that they should have a Free Church to seat 150 persons. Yesterday the memorial stone was laid by Mr S. Mansfield.

1899 08 11

It is possible there are people just now in Cambridge who are cross with the fate which compels them to stay in the town while their friends at making merry in popular holiday resorts or rustivating deep in the heart of the country. Let them consider what a delightful place Cambridge is in the Long Vacation. They have the river all to themselves, they can row on it, fish in it, bathe in it. The Omnibus Company has materially enhanced the attractions of summer by instituting a series of drives to places of interest. The Company have provide a set of excellently appointed brakes and in a brake and large wagonette a party of 50 persons drove to Trumpington, on to Newton and Whittlesford where there

was a stay of half an hour. The drive then resumed through Shelford back to Cambridge. The fare was just one shilling a head. It is right that this enterprise should be so successful

1900 01 04

The last scene in a long life of much usefulness to the county of Cambridge was enacted at Trumpington when the funeral of Mr Henry Pemberton of Trumpington Hall took place. The villagers unobtrusively gave expression to their heart-felt sympathy. During the time mourners were assembling and during the funeral service the blinds at almost every residence in the village were drawn, the few places of business were closed, and at the corners passed by the cortege there were knots of inhabitants who, with reverently uncovered heads, watched the body on its last journey.

1900 04 14

On Good Friday the members of Trumpington Free Church held a tea meeting in their new place of worship in the village. To the tea about one hundred persons sat down. There was a small attendance at the subsequent meeting. The chairman said the building was very nearly paid for. 118 persons had contributed a shilling or less which showed a large number of people in Trumpington had a share in the building.

1901 05 16

Cambridge Fire Brigade Committee received a letter from the clerk to Trumpington Parish Council asking whether and on what terms the services of the brigade could be engaged in case of fire. Grantchester Parish Council accepted terms for the attendance of the brigade in that parish on condition that the charge for the number of men sent should be limited to the number required.

1902 11 17

Young England will learn with regret the death of Mr G.A. Henty. He was a soldier, miner & war correspondent but it was as a novelist that he will go down to posterity. He was born at Trumpington and went to Caius College, Cambridge, but before he could take his degree an opportunity occurred which was irresistible to a young man of his adventurous temperament. The Crimean War broke out and he received an appointment in the Purveyor's Department of the Army. His stories for boys numbered considerably over eighty and he sometimes produced a book in three weeks.

1903 04 17

Magistrates considered the renewal of the licence of the Unicorn Inn, Trumpington. The accommodation consisted of three bedrooms, two were furnished and used by those living in the house. The third, the guest chamber, was at present bare. The Chairman: Poor guest. Mr Ralkes: He would be a very poor guest who came there. There was no stabling; the landlord did keep a pony and trap, but whether he kept them in the unfurnished room he did not know. (Laughter). It was difficult for a man to make a living there; the actual consumption of beer in the house per week was half a barrel

1903 07 08

The light-fingered gentry were very busy at the Moat Farm sale and an aged farmer from Trumpington had his pocket picked and a purse containing £20 stolen. The horse, trap and harness so closely associated with the murder, which fetched such good prices, were purchased for exhibition purposes. After the sale the trap had to be placed under the protection of the police to save it from the ravages of memento hunters. The number of people who visited the farm was upwards of 3,000.

1903 12 14

The organ which for many years had been in use at Trumpington church has been replaced by an instrument of a much more satisfactory character and one which will add considerably to the beauty of the musical portion of the service. It cannot be described as being entirely new as old parts and part of the old case have been incorporated into the ancient instrument's successor which was built by Messrs Miller and Sons of Cambridge.

1904 04 04

'Tally Ho', Trumpington, p3

1904 08 06

The current issue of the 'Strand Magazine' possesses a special interest for Cambridge people since the town has furnished Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with material for his latest Sherlock Holmes story, The Missing Three-quarter. It concerns the disappearance of a member of the Cambridge University rugby team on the eve of the annual match against Oxford. Holmes is supposed to visit Cambridge, residing in an inn next to a bicycle shop; he explores Histon, Oakington and Waterbeach before the final scene of the story is set in a lonely cottage in a field near Trumpington.

1905 09 21

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

1905 10 05

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

1907 02 09

Natives of Cambridge appear to penetrate to every corner of the globe. Hardly a disaster happens but the C.D.N. receives a description from a local man on the spot. Several Cambridge soldiers were in Jamaica at the time of the Kingston earthquake and we have now received a letter from Frank Thompson Freestone of Trumpington who was there when buildings began to fall all around him. He reports that bodies, burned and mutilated beyond recognition were carried to the sea where hundreds of sharks awaited them. 07 02 09a

1907 07 17

General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was welcomed to Cambridge by thousands of spectators who lined the road from Trumpington to the Guildhall. Three red motor cars with a Salvation Army flag in each were given quite an oration en route to Market Square where the Band struck up a popular Army tune. But the General entered the building from Peas Hill and ignored the cries of 'Speech' as he disappeared from view 07 07 17

1908 03 19

Military manoeuvres attracted considerable attention. One force, including Perse School cadets, was ordered to hold the line of the Cam from Trumpington to the Mill Inn, Hauxton. Timber and cordage was seized from some scaffolding and the engineering section constructed a bridge sufficient to have carried Cavalry. The whole of the Cambridge University mounted infantry was captured, which would have had disastrous results in a real war. 08 03 19a

1908 07 31

Ebenezer Bird Foster of Anstey Hall, Trumpington together with his late brother, George, were directors of the Capital and Counties Bank. Their personal estates were nearly equal to the whole of the deposits for which the bank was liable. It must be remembered that the capital of a partner in a private bank may be withdrawn in consequence of his death. Ebenezer left £50,000 to each of his nephews, £500 each to his butler Thomas Harrington, and gardener Charles Forbes, as well as annuities to his housekeeper, coachman and housemaid. CWN 08 07 31

1908 08 29

George Hutt has been the respected headmaster of Trumpington National School for the last 44 years. It was not for want of energy that he is leaving but the wisdom of the Government in compelling him to give up his post at the age of 65. He would not advise teaching as a vocation for men but felt sure there was a future for women as educational instructors. CWN 08 08 29 p5

1908 09 18

The Cambridge Church of England Mission to the Deaf and Dumb was started two years ago to meet their spiritual needs. It meets at St Philip's church and attracts people from Swaffham Bulbeck, Milton and Trumpington. Several special services of Holy Communion have been held with Mr G.A. Mackenzie interpreting in the sign language. CWN 08 09 18 p5

1908 10 23

Trumpington village hall opened – CWN 08 10 23

1908 11 13

William Cooking, Manager of the Taxi-meter Cab Company of Cambridge was summonsed for driving a taxi-cab at the dangerous speed of 23 miles an hour in Trumpington. He was liable to a penalty of £20 and to have his licence suspended but magistrates only fined him £3. They were determined to put down fast driving through the villages. CWN 08 11 13 p3

1909 12 03

The Ortona Motor Bus Company, whose enterprise has proved such a boon in Cambridge and Chesterton, intend to commence a service to Sawston via Trumpington, Shelford and Stapleford. A fine new Maudsley bus has been obtained which will do the full journey in 50 minutes. Parcels as well as passengers will be carried. CWN 09 12 03

1910 02 04

Since the Ortona Bus Company was established in Cambridge they have done much towards linking up the station and the town with outlying suburbs. A few weeks ago they commenced a service of motor 'buses to Trumpington, Shelford and Sawston and have now inaugurated another to Histon and Cottenham which has been well patronised by passengers 10 02 04m

1910 08 12

Trumpington amalgamation scheme discussed 10 08 12i 10 08 19b

1910 10 07

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

1911 04 07

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

1911 05 19

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

1912 03 29

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

1912 03 29

Amond Cannell, gamekeeper of Trumpington, told the court he had set three iron rat traps in a field near the road. When he returned next morning they had gone. Det-Serg Marsh went to the Butcher's Arms lodging house and asked two men how they accounted for hawking rat traps on East Road the previous day. They claimed to have bought them from a man near the Catholic Church for threepence. They were sent to gaol for a month. 12 03 29a

1912 05 03

Two ancient and honoured families were joined together when Lieut Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, 2nd Life Guards, only son of the Rev Canon and Mrs Pemberton of Trumpington Hall was married to Miss Winifred Worsley of Hovington Hall, Yorkshire. The wedding was a fashionable and brilliant function. Amongst the presents was a handsome silver tea tray from the 19 servants at Trumpington Hall including Miss Frederica Thomas (30 years in service), Miss Harriet Stalley (19 years), Miss Florence Attlesey, James Dayle (chauffeur), Arthur Haslop (coachman) and Albert Negus (groom) 12 05 03

1912 06 28

A crowd of about 10,000 watched Mr H. Ewen, the 'Daily Mail' airman give a flying demonstration from the University O.T.C. parade ground. The Caudron biplane was wheeled out of the enclosure and the engine started up. He ran along the ground for about 150 yards then rose into the air amidst the cheers of the crowd. On reaching a height of 600 feet he flew over Grantchester and Trumpington. The wind was too treacherous for him to attempt any risky manoeuvres but the public were quite satisfied and cheered as he landed. Mr Ewen was called upon for a speech but felt he had given a 20 minutes exhibition and had done his task. 12 06 28e

1912 09 13

Manoeuvres – Dash on Grantchester, aircraft crashes, Trumpington Street fighting,

1912 12 20

Brooklands Avenue is a private road with a gate at the Trumpington Road end, which is sometimes closed, though one footpath, it is claimed, is a public path. Part of the road is invariably in a disgraceful state of repair and during bad weather is little better than a quagmire with mud up to one's ankles. Yet if a cyclist, to avoid the ruts and filth, takes to the public footpath he is liable to be pounced upon by a policeman. The road connects up Trumpington and Cherry Hinton, important parts of the extended Borough, and should be taken over by the Corporation. 12 12 20c

1913 05 09

An undergraduate motorist was charged with driving to the danger of the public. Supt Webb was cycling along Harston Road, Trumpington when he saw a motor car driven more furiously than he had ever seen before. The speed would be at the very least forty miles an hour. It created a great deal of dust and it was impossible to see who was driving, but he took the number. When tracked down the defendant said "I don't like these summonses, Robert. They take such a lot of money to meet. If they fine me, I shall make the other three chaps who were with me help to pay for the fine". He then asked "Robert" to have a drink, which he refused. The lad had two previous convictions and was fined £10
13 05 09 p03

1913 07 04

Trumpington feast

1914 08 28

Cambridge people are adding to the comfort of the soldiers encamped here. A refreshment tent has been set up for the artillerymen on the Polo Ground at Trumpington with another on Mr Matthew's meadow, Cherry Hinton Road. The Church Institute allows soldiers the use of their billiard table. There is a reading room in the Newnham School for the camp on Lammas Ground and a games room at the Prospect Church in Eden Street with writing material and picture postcards. Many socks for soldiers are being taken to the small striped tent on Midsummer Common and shirts would also be appreciated

1914 10 02

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

1914 10 09

Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton though Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham. Sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road. Another down Huntingdon Road, across Midsummer Common and along Newmarket Road. Huntingdon, Wilburton & Stretham where new road would start. Newmarket RDC to make and improve road from Cam through Wicken. At one point there was a green track where the whole of the road would be constructed. At Wicken there was another piece of road about eight feet wide where flint would need to be pressed in. Through Wicken the road was a good second class decent road.

1914 10 30

First Cambs. Officer to Fall. Deep regret has been caused throughout Cambridgeshire by the official news that Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, of the 2nd Life Guards, of Trumpington Hall, was killed in action near Roulers on Monday, October 19. The news was conveyed to members of the deceased officer's family on Friday evening. His Majesty the King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, and Her Majesty the Queen have telegraphed their deep sympathy to Canon and Mrs. Pemberton. Captain Pemberton, who was 29 years of age, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He entered the Army in 1907, and received a captaincy in August last. In May, 1912, he was seconded from his regiment (the 2nd Life Guards) to take up duties of cavalry instructor to the Oxford and Cambridge Officers' Training Corps. The appointment would have expired next March, but on the declaration of war he was recalled to his regiment. Capt. Pemberton was extremely popular and at both Oxford and Cambridge had a large circle of friends. Widespread sympathy is felt for the Canon, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Pemberton and the widow in their great loss. The news was received with, the deepest regret in Trumpington, where Capt. Pemberton was much beloved. He was a fine all-round sportsman, a splendid cricketer, a keen huntsman and an extraordinarily good shot. He was a member of the County Cricket Club, and Vice-President and member of the Trumpington Cricket Club. Shortly before the declaration of war he played for the Village cricket club in their county cup-tie against New Chesterton Institute. He had a great natural gift for music. Capt. Pemberton is the first Trumpington man who has fallen in the war. He is also the first Cambridgeshire officer who has died for his country in this great struggle. The Trumpington estate has been in the Pemberton family since 1675, when it was bought by Francis Pemberton, who became Chief Justice of England and presided at the state trial of Lord Russell. From Francis Pemberton the Trumpington estate has come down in direct line to Captain Pemberton's mother.

1914 11 06

Memorial Service. How widespread is the sympathy extended to Canon and Mrs. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, in the loss of their only son, Capt. P. F. C. Pemberton, 2nd Life Guards, who was killed in action near Roulers on October 19, and with the gallant officer's widow, was manifest on Wednesday, when a large congregation, representative of Town, University and County, attended a memorial service held in the church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Trumpington. The service was a

most impressive one, and will never be forgotten by those present. The chancel of the church was adorned with white chrysanthemums and ferns, whilst a cross of similar Mowers, which hung from the chancel rails, bore the inscription: "With most loving sympathy."

1914 11 06

The whole of the village of Trumpington was in mourning for Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton of the 2nd Life Guards who was killed in action on October 19th.

1914 11 27

No Politics. Politics being tabooed for the season (or while the war lasts) the Unionist Committees of the two villages, Grantchester and Trumpington, met in friendly rivalry at cards recently. Playing at Grantchester, Trumpington won by one game, 15 to 14. The return match will be played shortly at Trumpington. 14 11 27

1914 12 25

The Red Lion public house at Trumpington was completely gutted but the landlord and his family escaped out of the bedroom window. Flames burst through every window and the inside was completely burnt out but the roof was hardly damaged. Very little commotion was caused in the village and people living in a cottage opposite were not aware of the fire until the following morning. The contents were completely destroyed, including £50 in notes of Slate Club money. But gold and silver were recovered from the ruins

1915 09 03

Trumpington roll of honour board unveiled at church

1915 09 17

Photos soldiers kia: Capt Seaton, Pte Everitt of Exning, Haslop of Trumpington

1915 11 10

Trumpington VTC – photo – 15 11 10d

1915 11 17

Trumpington VTC on duty guarding railway bridge – photo -15 11 17b

1916 02 23

Thomas Percy Pemberton, canon, Trumpington Hall – profile – 16 02 23b

1916 06 14

Trumpington Man as Mayor. Mr. Charles Harradine, principal vergier and sub-sacrist of Lichfield Cathedral, has accepted the unanimous invitation of the Lichfield City Council to become Mayor in succession to the late Aid. J. T. Raby, whose death took place suddenly last week. Coun. Harradine who is a native of Trumpington, filled the office of Sheriff of Lichfield in 1904 and 1905, his colleague as Mayor being Ald. D. Harrison, Vicar Choral of Lichfield Cathedral. 16 06 14

1916 08 02

VTC leave from Market for march to Trumpington – photo – 16 08 02a

1916 09 20

Heroes: photos – Banyard, Anable, Gifford, Robert Wilson of Trumpington, Few, Porter, Nunn, King

1917 05 30

Capt Hugh Chaplin buried with military honours, Trumpington – photo – 17 05 30e

1918 03 20

Trumpington unveil third Roll of Honour board – 18 03 20b

1918 06 05

Accident at Trumpington coprolite works – 18 06 05a

1919 08 06

Aerial photo over Trumpington – 19 08 06g

1918 10 29

Munitions Ministry robbed. Wholesale thefts of Government property were described at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday morning, when four prisoners were charged with stealing bedding, bedsteads, and various other articles the property of the Ministry of Munitions. In the corridors outside the County Divisional Police Court were heaps of blankets, sheets, pillows, bed ticks and iron bedsteads, and inside the court was another miscellaneous collection of articles, which were exhibits in the case. The bulk of the property was stolen from the Coprolite Works at Trumpington, but a number of the articles had been removed from, the munitions works at Gretna Green, and conveyed by the prisoners to Trumpington. The thefts were admitted and three of the prisoners were sent to gaol. The fourth offender—a lad of 15—was bound over.

1919 12 10

Hounds meet again. - After a lapse of six years, the Cambridgeshire Hounds met at Anstey Hall, Trumpington, the residence of Mr. G. R. C. Foster, last week. There was a good muster. 19 12 10

1920 07 03

Battle of bottles between two whelk merchants at Trumpington feast

1920 03 10

Royal Show. It is pleasing to notice the enthusiastic manner in which the Mayor (Councillor G. P. Hawkins), supported by an active sub-committee of the Borough Council, and other co-opted members are proceeding with the preliminary arrangements for the Cambridge "Royal" show. It has been decided that the Eastern Counties Farmers' Association Ltd., and Messrs. Gautrey and Sons (Cottenham) should supply the grass seed mixtures which it is necessary to sow on about 103 acres of the Trinity College Farm, situate between the line on the London and North Western Railway and Trumpington Road. The Committee desire to acknowledge the generosity of the Master, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College in providing such an excellent site for the show, and to express their appreciation of the personal efforts of their agents (Messrs. Bidwell and Sons) and the tenants Messrs. Arnold Bros, and Mr. G. Duke to facilitate the work of the sub-committee in sowing the grass seeds, and carrying out the necessary preliminary arrangements to meet the requirements of the Royal Agricultural Society, The Hon. Treasurers report that in response to the first appeal for contributions to the Local Fund, the sum of £900 has been promised.

1921 02 02

Death Canon T.P. Pemberton, Trumpington Hall – 21 02 02

1921 08 31

Trumpington old wayside cross discovery – 21 08 31c

1921 11 30

Steam wagon driver scalded at Trumpington – 21 11 30g

1921 11 14

Trumpington wayside memorial unveiled – 21 11 14b, 21 11 21a

1922 06 28

The great week to which we have all looked forward so eagerly and for which such extensive preparations have been made, will shortly be upon us. The Royal Show promises to be one of

outstanding importance. This will be the third visit of the Show to Cambridge. It is probably true to say that in no other country in the world is there to be found a show of anything like the same magnitude as that which will be seen on the Trumpington-road ground.

1922 07 03

A glance at the huge entries in all sections of the Royal Show will give one some idea of the heavy burden imposed on the Railway Company, and the colossal task of arranging for the distribution of traffic. The G.E.R. has built unloading docks situated at the Trumpington signal-box on the Long-road, Cambridge, where there is also another entrance to the Show ground. The work of unloading machinery and materials has been in progress since May 25th and considerably more than 2,000 tons will have been handled before the closing date for delivery. The intensive period will be when the livestock are received. About sixty special trains have been booked to arrive commencing at 3.40am on Saturday morning.

1922 07 07

The great agricultural city on the Trumpington-road (the Royal Show) is in full blast today - in more senses than one. A stiff south-westerly gale had been sweeping over the show ground for the greater part of last night and it continued with unabated strength during the day. The tents and shedding for the most part withstood the gale remarkably well but a dozen of the larger structures were blown down wholly or in part and the Mayor's tent was levelled to the ground. In the latter a man was sleeping but escaped unhurt, although the circumstances gave rise to an erroneous rumour that a man had been killed

1923 10 15

Major Stanley raised the question of motor cyclists. A good many ladies and gentlemen didn't realise they ought to have a proper silencer. He did not think that 10 per cent of the people had one. There was one "fiend" who went through Trumpington about 11 o'clock at night and made enough noise to rouse the dead. Dr Ellis agreed and said that in his village the speed was something terrific. They went through at 60 miles an hour and seemed to be proud of it. The chief constable said he thought he knew who the offenders were

1924 04 13c

As climax to many months efforts on the part of those concerned, the stone-laying ceremony of the Trumpington Free Church Sunday school new building took place. The outside world might not look upon it as a very big thing, that somewhere in a little village in England it had been found necessary to enlarge Sunday school, but they in Trumpington knew that it meant that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ was not falling and, in spite of all obstacles, it had triumphed there, there was the promise that one-day it would triumph everywhere.

1924 05 21c

An unusual accident occurred at Trumpington when a student of St John's College was returning from London in De Dion Bouton two seater car. On coming round the bend on the main road the car ran into a house with devastating results. Bricks were scattered right across the road and a gaping hole in the wall was so big that it is surprising that the whole front of the house did not collapse. Fortunately no one was in the house and the front room was empty of furniture as the tenant had packed preparatory to leaving.

1925 02 16

The Community Council heard that village halls were of many different types. Some had been designed as assembly rooms only, as at Whittlesford; some were only suitable for social club purposes, as at Borough Green; some attempted to serve both these purposes by dividing the main space with temporary partitions, such as Bourn; others contained both an assembly hall and club room under the same roof, as at Trumpington. The provision of a village hall did not mean that the social life of the village was satisfactory.

1928 07 31

Ely readers will learn with regret of the death of Mrs Elizabeth Cross, widow of the late Mr F.T. Cross of Forehill. She was born at Little Downham but for over 40 years had carried on the confectionery and bakery business at Ye Olde Tea Rooms, Ely and also at the Pem Café, Trumpington Street, Cambridge during the last two years. Of a kindly disposition she will be missed for her generosity to the aged residents of the almshouses who for many years have received a large hamper of delicacies at Christmas. She leaves a son, Mr Vernon Cross, and a daughter.

1930 01 13

Cambridge experienced the full force of the gales. Broken fragments of tiles and chimney pots told their own tale including the house of Mr David Crown, the builder, which had a large hole in the roof. Many trees were blown down along the Backs of the Colleges; two on the corner of Queens' Green were both snapped off by the violence of the winds, another fell across the road opposite St John's College and several giant elms were snapped off like matchwood. A large tree fell across the road at Trumpington and a motor cyclist collided with it, without injury. A poplar on the edge of Snob's Stream, Sheeps Green fell carrying with it a large number of telegraph wires.

1930 07 21

Cambridge planners say that Huntingdon and Barton Road are already practically fully developed on both sides, similar building is taking place along Trumpington Road & housing in Madingley Road will increase now the sewers are laid. There will probably be spur roads which will have no regard to the traffic needs of the area as a whole and the result will be a hotch-potch similar to that before the days of town planning. Soon there will be no possibility getting a cross-road between Huntingdon Road and Trumpington without the demolition of buildings or serious interference with the land-owners. 30 07 21a-c

1930 07 25

The controversy over the University Farm on Huntingdon Road was resolved when Cambridge councillors rejected proposals for a road across the land. It had never been a ring road, only a road to be planned in the event of traffic conditions demanding it. It was altogether wrong to put an arterial road in the middle of a rural area which they desired to preserve and which they hoped would never be required. They should ensure that Grantchester and Coton were not swallowed up by Cambridge in the way that Trumpington and Girton were. 30 07 25a-c

1931 01 16

Miss Kitty Willers of Trumpington is a member of the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers and is one of the very few women who regularly ring church bells. She has rung in over 200 towers in 14 different countries, once cycling 55 miles each way. On Saturday she biked 65 miles – partly in the rain - to attend the opening ceremony of the bells at St Mary's church, Bocking by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Elijah Lawrence learned the trade of blacksmith under his elder brother, James Lawrence of Harston and took over the smithy at Trumpington where he worked for nearly 50 years. He was a keen and competent tradesman, shoeing a considerable number of horses before advancing years caused him to transfer the business to his son-in-law. He had grown more feeble but a fortnight previously was driving himself in his pony-cart. 31 01 16d

1931 07 24

A unique performance has been accomplished by Jack Overhill of Trumpington who, although only three years of age, has mastered the art of swimming. The tiny record breaker is also the youngest member of the Cambridge Amateur Swimming Club. He has been a real 'water baby' since his first introduction to the river at the age of one year and nine months. Since May he has been in the river twice daily, even during cold spells. 31 07 24a

1931 10 16

An Inquiry opened into plans to expand Cambridge's boundaries. It was the centre for education, shopping and amusement for adjacent villages where people were still dependent on cesspools: these

would be provided with a sewerage system. Less than 500 acres were available for building because of the attitude of certain colleges, but it was undesirable that Cambridge should be filled up as if it were a manufacturing town. Most of the new houses in Shelford and Trumpington were of the working-class type. 31 10 16d

1934 04 03

The Mayor and councillors performed the ceremony of 'beating the bounds' to mark the addition of additional areas to the Borough. They began at the east end of the cemetery grounds on Newmarket Road then toured Cherry Hinton before moving on to Trumpington where the new boundary begins on the town side of Long Road. Here the Mayor cut a light-blue silk ribbon before formally stepping into the new territory. Then after visiting the boundary a quarter of a mile beyond the L.M.S. railway bridge on the Shelford Road they were entertained to tea. 34 04 03

1934 04 12

One of the first results of Cambridge borough expansion has been the taking over of the lending libraries in Trumpington and Cherry Hinton and these new branches were opened by the Mayor. He was sure the new libraries would be well looked after. Both are established in the parish schools and contain 400 modern novels and 100 popular non-fiction works. Approximately 100 volumes will be exchanged monthly with books from the Central Library. 34 04 12

1934 05 14

Trumpington motor trap – 34 05 14

1934 08 28

The opening of the new exchange at Trumpington is the first step towards the great change-over to automatic telephones. Engineers dashed to remove the wooden plugs which set the system working and waited for the first call. Soon a line crackled and a bulb lit up. But it was a false alarm. The second caller had forgotten the changeover and, not getting a verbal answer, hung up. Twice more this happened but after eleven minutes a call came through from the Trumpington A.A. box and the new apparatus was officially launched. 34 08 28

1934 10 12

Trumpington churchyard had been in a deplorable condition: 17 loads of rubbish had been removed and they had burnt shrubs, bushes and ivy for four days. After clearing they had left the land fallow until the autumn when grass was set. The new churchyard was not in quite so bad a state: Ted Peters spent two days a week there and had made a transformation, a public meeting was told. 34 10 12

1935 01 12

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

1935 06 26

The proposed Cambridge town planning scheme envisages a ring road to encircle the whole town with the construction of by-pass roads and the improvement of dangerous junctions. The level crossings on the Milton and Cherry Hinton roads will be replaced with bridges. An area of 190 acres on Milton Road opposite the sewage farm acres is reserved for a municipal aerodrome with a municipal golf course off Trumpington Road 35 06 26a

1935 07 05

The tenant of the Red Lion at Trumpington had been there since 1916. If the licence was taken away he would be deprived of his livelihood & the Red Lion Self-Help Club would be broken up, magistrates heard. There were 34 allotment holders on ground belonging to the pub and half the allotment land in the village had already been lost on account of building. It was an old-fashioned house, very quiet and homely and the Feast was held in a field at the rear. They served teas to anybody who asked for them, but not much beer. The licence was renewed 35 07 05b

1935 08 12

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 35 08 12

1935 10 14

The electric light which has been installed in Trumpington church was designed by Professor Richardson and the old wrought iron gas standards and brackets have been used as far as possible. In addition there are six pendants in the west bays of the church which give the effect of flood-lighting without its disadvantages and do not break the lines of the graceful pillars. Most of the work has been done locally and E.W. Haynes was praised for wiring without cutting into the stonework. The cost of £89 has been raised by parishioners. 35 10 14b

1935 11 14

In view of the apparent apathy it is surprising that the number of electors who voted was so high. The excitement, so far as there was any, was greatest in the outlying districts. Residents in the newly-added areas such as Trumpington and Cherry Hinton had the curious experience of living in the Borough and voting (for Parliamentary elections) in the County. So did residents on the Hurst Park Estate which used to fall within the Impington parish boundary. At Brunswick Council Schools a blind man arrived. The inner room was cleared except for the presiding officer who told him the names of the candidates and then made a cross at the voter's selection. 35 11 14

1936 11 14

Trumpington petition for faculty to have plain marble kerb to enclose grave – 36 11 14

1936 11 14

Trumpington 'The Volunteer' inn sign exhibited in London – 36 11 14b

1937 07 16

Trumpington consisted largely of houses strung out along the main road but new plans for development on land owned by the Pemberton trustees would create a self-contained colony with a recreation ground surrounded by 280 houses. It would allow the village to develop a character rather than being a string of houses, an Inquiry was told. The Council would also like to borrow £13,300 to purchase part of the Cherry Hinton Hall Estate for public walks and pleasure grounds. The Hall might become a headquarters for the propagation of plants. This was likely to be a centre of considerable building development and it would be right to secure such open space 37 07 16

1937 07 16

Workmen excavating for a sewer at Bishop's Road, Trumpington, found a skeleton about two feet six inches below the surface. A number of Roman coins were found in the vicinity some years ago and the skeleton may be of similar date. The bones were in a crumbling condition but the teeth in the jaw were practically perfect. The remains have been handed to the Cambridge Coroner's officer 37 07 16d

1937 08 20

Sir – way back in the 1890s I booked a seat with the Sawston carrier. The morning broke with a grey sky. I remember his suspicious look until I paid him the ninepence fare and threepence extra providing there was no ‘scorching’. I also recollect his need of a shave. We made Stapleford in the first three hours, on to Shelford and rounded the Stone Bridge, Trumpington about noon, to schedule. But then the offside-wheel came off. I alighted at Market Hill, walked down Petty Cury and boarded a horse tram. Then from the delightful rhythm and sway of that luxuriously-upholstered vehicle I drank in the scenery of the skyscraper buildings in Regent Street before returning home – ‘Blisters’ 37 08 20

1938 01 29

Henry Brunning of Great Shelford was a blacksmith for 55 years being kicked by horses many times. He did an apprenticeship at Barrington, then joined Alec Redhouse’s firm of engineers and general smiths at Balsham. He later worked at forges at Linton, Shelford and Stapleford. He remembers when all travelling had to be done by walking or carrier carts and there were more penny-farthing cycles than anything else. During the Great War he worked in a munitions factory at Trumpington. He treasures a box of six spoons sent by his daughter who served in France as a nurse; each carries the name of a battlefield on which she’d served. 38 01 29

1938 10 25

For over ten years the road fork near Trumpington A.A. box has been free from serious accident. But after the introduction of a system of experimental traffic islands there was a collision between a lorry and a van. Another slight accident also occurred earlier. 38 10 25

1939 03 07

Cambridge & District Town Planning scheme inquiry heard that Grantchester Meadows, a large area of land between Cambridge and Coton, the University Farm and land at the Gog Magog Hills had been safeguarded. An area of 160 acres near Trumpington should be reserved for a municipal golf course. But at Rectory Farm, Milton the field the Corporation wanted to take was the only old pasture on the farm and the tenant had 21 cows and a bull. If he had to give it up it would take 10 years before the grass would be useful for milking purposes 39 03 07a

1939 08 21

Lightning strikes Trumpington general store, houses at Huntingdon – 39 08 21a

1939 11 29

Some classrooms in Trumpington and St Paul’s schools were ‘dark pits’ because of first-aid depots being placed in schools. There was a great danger of sandbags making the rooms damp and as classrooms were being used for people to sleep in all night it was difficult to get them aired, councillors were told. It was also alarming to see enormous laundry vans standing in narrow playgrounds which have to be manoeuvred when the children were about. But at Cherry Hinton there was nowhere else they could go. However three halls there were being used by children now. If they were not fit for first-aid posts, they were not fit to teach children in, Mrs Rackham said. 39 11 29c

1940 08 23

Golden Wedding. — Messages of congratulation from all parts of the world were received on Monday by the Rt. Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Kempthorne, of Maris House, Trumpington, on the occasion of their golden wedding. The first one they opened came from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Kempthorne and his wife, who is the daughter of the late Master of Christ’s College, Mr. Peel, were married in the college chapel on August 19, 1890. Dr. Kempthorne has held appointments in many parts of the country, including Hull, when he was Assistant Bishop to the present Archbishop of Canterbury, who was then Archbishop of York. In addition, he was Bishop of Lichfield for 23 years, retiring three years ago. On his retirement. Dr. Kempthorne and his wife made a trip round the world, and then settled down in Trumpington. Though he is 76 (his wife is three years younger), Dr. Kempthorne still travels about frequently, preaching in various places. 40 08 23

1940 10 02

Tramp knocked down by car during blackout in Trumpington High Street – 40 10 02c

1940 12 06

47 Years a Solicitor. — We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. J. Miller, which occurred at his home, "Gilmerton," Trumpington, on Tuesday. Mr. Miller, who was 70 years of age, was a Cambridge man, educated at the Perse School, and University School, Hastings. He had been practising law in Cambridge since 1893. During the last war he was national service representative for Cambridge, and was for 15 years secretary of the Cambridge Conservative Club. Mr. Miller, who was -married in London 42 years ago, leaves a widow and a married son and daughter. 40 12 06

1940 12 23

Trumpington first-aid post opened – 40 12 23a

1941 04 25

Interesting Trumpington Wedding. The wedding took place quietly at Trumpington Church on Saturday of Francis Wingate William Pemberton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, and Diana Patricia Woods, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Salisbury Woods, of St. John's House, Grange Road. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A.B. Wright (Vicar of Trumpington) and the Rev. C. C. H James, late vicar of St. Giles'. Dr. H.S. Middleton (Trinity College) was at the organ, and the Trumpington choir led the singing. The bride was given away by her father. 41 04 25

1942 04 03

New High Sheriff. The new High Sheriff for Cambridgeshire for 1942, appointed by the King in Council, is Mr. Roger H. Parker, M.A., M.C., of Thorneycreek, Herschel Road, Cambridge. A director and local director of Barclays Bank, Mr. Parker was educated at Eton and Trinity. During the last war he served with the 5th (P.C.W.) Dragoon Guards, and was awarded the Military Cross. His interest in Addenbrooke's Hospital, of whose General Committee he is chairman, is well-known, whilst his county associations include the Joint Mastership of the Cambridgeshire Hunt, his work for Trumpington No.2 electoral division and a deputy lieutenant-ship. As commander of the 4th Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Home Guard, he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. 42 04 03

1942 09 18

Gleaning. 'One who has benefited' (Trumpington) writes: "I am sure that many would join me in this, a letter of appreciation, to Mr Cornwell farmer, of Trumpington, for not only allowing folk to glean his fields, but encouraging them to do so, thus helping them to try and solve the poultry food problem for the winter." 42 09 18

1942 12 04

Death of Mrs. Charles Salmon. We have to record the death, after a very short illness, of Mrs. Alice Salmon, widow of ex-Supt. Charles Salmon, a member of the Cambs. County Constabulary for 35 years. Mrs. Salmon, who was 82 years of age, died on Monday at her home, York House, Melbourn. She was widely known throughout South Cambs, as during her husband's occupancy of police stations at Melbourn (as sergeant), Caxton as inspector) and Arrington (as superintendent), she acted as police matron. She was also well-known in Melbourn and Trumpington where Mr. Salmon was stationed as a constable before his promotions. When ex-Supt. Salmon retired in September, 1919, he and his wife came to live in Melbourn and he died there in February of this year.

1943 04 27

Death W.W. Pemberton, Trumpington, former High Sheriff – 43 04 27, funeral 43 04 29

1942 12 03

Percy Robert Robinson, Trumpington school master 40 years, collected data on history village and gave lantern slides; dies – 43 12 03

1943 01 01

A fine roach. Fishing near Brazel Bridge on Boxing Day, Mr R. E. Clarke, of 51, Shelford Road Trumpington landed a fine roach 17 inches long and weighing 2 lb. It was in excellent condition and in the words of a correspondent "was evidently an old warrior, as it showed some battle scars." 43 01 01

1943 04 30

Death of Mr W. W. Pemberton. The death occurred at Trumpington Hall on Easter Monday: of Mr. William Warburton Pemberton, a former High Sheriff of the county and for some years a member of the Cambridgeshire County Council. Mr. Pemberton was born at Ludford, Lincolnshire, in 1866, and was the elder son of Mr. William Wingate. He received his early education at Tonbridge School, going up to Guy's Hospital in 1885. After qualifying as a doctor, he came up to Jesus College in 1890 and took his M.B. degree four years later. He then went into practice at Cambridge with the late Mr. Hyde Hills and Dr. Doughtey, first at 60, St. Andrew's Street, and after 1911, from Scroope House. He retired from the practice in 1919. Mr. Pemberton was married in 1895, but lost his wife by death in the following year. They had one daughter, now the wife of Mr. R. V. Southwell, F.R.S. In 1915, he was married again to Miss Viola Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, and in 1923, when Mrs. Pemberton became possessor of the Pemberton estates, they changed their name by Royal licence from Wingate to Pemberton. There are for sons of the marriage. Mr. Pemberton was a Justice of the Peace for the county for many years, a member of the Addenbrooke's Hospital General Committee and from 1933-39 chairman of the Evelyn Nursing Home. When he was appointed High Sheriff for Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely in 1935 one of his duties was the reading of the proclamation of the Coronation of King George VI 43 04 30

1943 12 10

Schoolmaster for 40 years – By the death last week of Mr. Percy Robert Robinson, of Trumpington, the county loses a typical village schoolmaster. Aged 65, he had been a schoolmaster for 40 years and for 36 years headmaster at Trumpington school. During this long period, his staunchness and character caused him to become the friend and adviser of the villagers, and his passing removes a man of wise counsel and high standing. 43 12 10

1944 01 08

H.J. Robinson retires as Librarian, Mill Road; was appointed in 1897 when 12,000 books issued. Brother was P.R. Robinson of Trumpington – 44 01 08

1944 09 13

OBE awarded to William Benton of Trumpington for action at exploding ammunition dump; another gets George Medal – 44 09 13

1944 03 24

Death of Tom Phillips. The funeral took place at Trumpington on Friday of Mr. Thomas Martin Phillips, of 1, Hauxton Road, who died on the previous Monday at the age of 70. Mr. Phillips, who had been in failing health for some time, was well-known in sporting circles, particularly football, having been connected with the Cambs. Football Association since 1902 first as a member of the Council, then as acting Vice-President, Assistant Secretary and Hon. League Secretary. He was also actively associated with the Cambs. Referees Association. In his younger days he was a stalwart supporter of the old Albert Institute, and excelled at boxing, cricket, football, gymnastics, rowing and swimming. At cricket he was a first string bowler, a decent bat and a good fielder and captain. Jack Hobbs played for the Ainsworth C.C. under his captaincy. Tom also captained the Albert Institute football team and later was a member of the Cambridge St. Mary's team when they won the Senior Cup for the first time in 1898-9. He played a leading part in the formation of the Cambridge Railway

Sports Club, of which he was the first secretary, a post he held for several years. Until his retirement a few years ago, he was employed in the Civil Engineers Department of the L.N.E.R. 44 03 24

1944 08 25

Vicar's Retirement. Having been Vicar of Trumpington for 10 years, the Rev. Arthur Basil Wright is retiring from the parish on September 30. He will devote himself to voluntary work. He came to Trumpington in 1934 and was appointed Rural Dean of Barton in 1938. 44 08 25

1944 11 17

Trumpington Vicar. "The future generation must be taught to know God and to learn the Christian faith of God's Will better", said the Bishop of Ely at an induction service held at Trumpington Church last night, when the Rev. Thomas Young was installed as vicar of the parish. He was formally a member of the Royal Army Chaplain's Department. 44 11 17

1945 04 26

Forced march ordeal – Arthur Rumsey, Shelford Rd, Trumpington – 45 04 26

1945 09 16

VE celebrations – Trumpington, Mansfield Hall – 45 06 19

1945 06 26

Queens Messenger convoy at garage at Trumpington before leaving to do welfare work for troops – photo – 45 06 26

1945 07 14

Communists decide contest Cambridge municipal elections for first time, Mrs Pearl Lilley candidate for Trumpington Ward – 45 07 14

1946 04 10

Houses under construction at new estate, Trumpington – photo – 46 04 10

1946 09 06

Squatters at Army huts Trumpington Rd; 21 huts in camp, 7 claimed, the rest locked by Military Police who had no power to eject them. The soldiers who had been living in them had been billeted outside to make room for the garrison engineer and staff who would soon have to move out of requisitioned house next door – 46 09 06

1946 09 09

Squatters occupy old 'ack ack' site Long Road, at 'Leighton' Trumpington Rd and Madingley Rd huts that NFS HQ; had been empty for a year and were to have been taken over by Ministry of Works for milk testing – 46 09 09

1946 10 16

Steel re-fabs being erected at Trumpington – photos – 46 10 16a

1947 05 28

There is an urgent requirement at Trumpington for school accommodation to meet the needs of children from the new housing estate. Coun Mrs Rackham told the Cambridge primary education sub-committee that children were "coming in fast" from the new estate but it would not be a wise proceeding to erect huts as it would take such a very long time and it was doubtful if they would be ready before the new school in, it was hoped, September 1948. The playground too would be very much spoiled by building operations and it was a far better idea, if possible, to use the Free Church Schoolroom

1947 12 17

Arranged by the Board of Extra Mural Studies the first of a series of lectures was given by the Mayor in the Guildhall. In a new venture organised to give German prisoners of war a wide, varied and accurate picture of English community life in Cambridge. Twenty-five representative English speaking PoWs from Trumpington camp attended the meeting. The lectures will include talks on the working conditions of a factory and on the administration of the Post Office - 47 12 17

1948 04 10

The last production of what is known as the German Youth Stage at Trumpington P.O.W. camp before they go home in June will be given at the Houghton Hall. It will be a performance of the classical comedy "Der Zerbrochene Krug". Not only will it be acted outside the camp, but amongst the cast of 12 will be four British girls. The play will be acted in German but an introduction in English is provided. The performance will be open, without charge, to anyone who may be interested.

1948 11 15

The weight of Princess Elizabeth's baby at birth was 7lb 6oz. The Duke of Edinburgh was informally dressed in open-necked shirt and sweater when the doctors brought him the news: "It's a boy". Immediately he went in to see his wife, who had not then come round from the anaesthetic. At least six babies were born in Cambridge to share the royal birthday. The happy mothers are Mrs Nicholls, Summers, Montesiory, Withington and Moss of Cambridge and Mrs Narkiewicz of the Polish hostel, Trumpington

1948 12 15

The first important milestone in Cambridge post-war housing drive was reached when the Mayor opened the council's 1,000th house – an "Easiform", at 27 Peverell Road on the Newmarket road site, where tenant, Mrs Betson, was waiting. Beforehand they had been taken on a tour of some of the principal housing estates in the town and saw estates at all stages of development - ranging from the neat, well-established looking one at Trumpington, only lacking the shops which will come one day, to the unfinished but partly-tenanted. At these mothers with perambulators have to be helped through the mud, and children kept in wellington boots.

1949 02 02

A mobile canteen was completely destroyed by fire on the Weston Colville road. The 2½ ton Bedford owned by Mr Alfred Eversham of Trumpington was being driven near West Wrattling when the driver smelled burning. He stopped the vehicle and opened the shutter at the back to find the inside on fire. The outbreak is thought to have been caused by a gas stove left alight. The van was used for selling tea and sandwiches to displaced persons in the area

1949 03 05

A vigorous and forceful speech appealing to Christians to out-speak and out-think, out-do and, if necessary out-die the communists and to present a case for Jesus Christ was made by Dr Donald Soper at a meeting to commemorate the jubilee of Trumpington free church. He described those who flirted with communism as "silly fatheads"

1949 04 14

The new school at Trumpington is to be known as the "Fawcett" primary school. It is being named after Prof. Henry Fawcett, who died in 1884. He was well-known to a former generation as "the blind postmaster general", and was one of the first holders of the Chair of Political Economy in Cambridge University. He lived in Brookside, and was buried in Trumpington churchyard. He was a man who had set an outstanding example of courage in the face of misfortune.

1949 06 07

Cambridge county agricultural show fully lived up to its well-earned reputation of being one of the best one-day events of its kind in the country. The show covered 45 acres of ground at Trumpington that will form part of the site for the Royal Show in 1951 and can with truth be described as a "dress

rehearsal” for the country’s premier agricultural event. Banker’s row, smart caravan banking establishments – emphasised the fact that this was a business occasion. There was an unusual machinery demonstration where Messrs Sindall, public works contractors, had several giant bulldozers and excavators working in a pit.

1949 08 29

In the glorious sunshine which has marked most open-air functions this year, members of the Trumpington Friendship Club (“over-sixties”) held their first garden party in the lovely garden of 14 Bentley Road. More than 90 of the club’s 120 members attended including the oldest member, 93-years-old Mrs Seymour. Membership includes residents, both of the village and the new estate, and many have never missed a single meeting since the club was opened 18 months ago

1949 09 30

Between 700 and 800 sheep were checked over by the Cambridge Pindar after a lorry had run into a flock on the Shelford Rd, Trumpington. Six of the animals were killed in the collision. The remainder were driven to the site of this year’s Cambridgeshire show where officials made certain none was injured. The flock was moved from one field to another early in the morning to avoid traffic.

1949 11 18

For the second year running, Mr Percy Warrington of Cherry Hinton, and Mrs Cynthia Pitman of Trumpington, have carried off the Bobwyn Challenge Bowl awarded each year to the winners of the Cambs Old Time Dance Championship. It was held at the Rex Ballroom which had been attractively decorated with lovely chrysanthemums and green ferns surround thin the bandstand and the balcony. Tables and chair for sitting-out were placed around the sides of the room. The ballroom was filled to capacity.

1950 01 14

Members of the employment committee visited Trumpington Industrial Hostel and commented on the satisfactory manner in which the camp had been converted into reasonable accommodation. There were dining rooms, dormitories to accommodate about six men each, a theatre, laundry and ironing facilities and good reception arrangements. Although the premises were not ideal they thought the hostel was remarkable satisfactory and very useful.

1950 06 03

Cambridge has had its hottest day for a number of years past. Ald F. Doggett, the well-known weather recorder, reports that before mid-afternoon the temperature was 95 degrees in the sun at his station at Oxford Road. Last night was the hottest of the year with the temperature rising to as much as 63 degrees. The average night temperature is 49 degrees. At Trumpington AA box traffic was reported to be the heaviest for a Saturday this year.

1950 06 28

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.

1951 05 15

Peak traffic period in Cambridge over the holiday was from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on Monday when no fewer than 800 vehicles – 50 per cent of them pre-war models – were passing the Trumpington A.A. box. On Saturday the stream of traffic averaged 500 vehicles an hour past the Newmarket Road A.A. box but with the deterioration of the weather there was a marked decrease. A feature of the traffic was the large proportion of cars and coaches travelling towards London. Only a small amount headed for the East coast via Ely and the Clacton road.

1951 06 21

During the last few days twelve thatchers, all members of the East Midlands Master Thatchers Association have been working on pavilions at the Rural Industries Bureau stand at the Royal Showground, Trumpington, to show what expert thatching looks like. One is thatched with long straw, one with Norfolk reed and the other with Devon reed.

1951 07 03

The finest "Royal" and the finest site – such is the general opinion about Britain's 1951 Festival of Agriculture which opened at Trumpington. Today's blazing sun was a pleasant contrast to the gales and torrential rains which marked Cambridge's last Royal in 1922. From early in the morning cars streamed towards the showground. As traffic pressure increased the effect made itself felt even on the outskirts of town where there were occasionally short hold-ups. But movement into the car parks flowed smoothly and to get from the C.D.N. offices in St Andrew's Street took only 15 minutes

1951 07 07

The Royal Show at Trumpington came to an end with the total paid attendance of 131,333. The business done by stand holders has been most encouraging, one exhibitor said that on the first day he had taken orders to the value of £100,000. Even before the showground had closed work had begun on dismantling some of the stands. The steady flow of private cars from the car parks was interspersed with cattle lorries, horse boxes and commercial vehicles – a sign of the end of the year's work which goes into a Royal Show.

1952 02 09

There are happy memories of King George VI's undergraduate days at Trinity College, Cambridge in 1919-20 when with his brother he sojourned at "Southacre" in Latham Road. In 1922 he unveiled the war memorial in Hills Road and attended the Royal Show at Trumpington & in 1932 he opened the new wing for children and private patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His last visit was last year when he attended the Service of Thanksgiving at King's College.

1952 11 07

Cambridge council objected to the proposed development of land at Stourbridge Common as a professional football ground. The land was acquired for tipping purposes and they wished it to be zoned for storing Civil Defence materials or for use as a lorry park. The Chief Constable said that, assuming the aim was to bring Third Division football to Cambridge with possible crowds of 15,000 people, it would not present much difficulty in dispersing them from Newmarket Road after a match. The City council proposed a municipal sports ground at Trumpington Road. The class of football envisaged would attract gates of not more than 1,000 and would not be in the same class as Cambridge City or United football clubs.

1952 12 18

Following an inspection by South Cambs R.D.C. of some "no fines" concrete houses they recommend the erection of 100 such houses in Sawston, and 50 in Duxford, Linton and Bassingbourn. The houses were comfortable to live in and of a smaller area than the type of house they had been building. They will not have to find any labour for erection as the firm will supply the men who will probably be billeted in the Trumpington National Service Hostel

1954 12 15

Trumpington industrial hostel is one of the few remaining hostels opened in 1947 to accommodate Poles from the Polish Resettlement Corps on the transfer to civilian status. It has continued as an industrial hostel with Polish residents numbering more than half the total. The 130 residents are employed locally but it is a costly business and it will shortly be closed. Many of those displaced will probably find lodgings with other Polish workers who have homes in the neighbourhood.

1955 04 22

Chesterton R.D.C. received a letter from Addenbrooke's to say that cases of diphtheria would no longer be admitted to the hospital. There were outbreaks at Impington and Trumpington, the fourth in the village. The provision of an isolation hospital had been postponed for a long time, with the object of avoiding expense but was now imperative. They could erect one at a cost of about £650 which would meet the needs of the district for a long time to come. 55 04 22b

1955 07 16

The Plant Breeding Institute's new buildings and experimental grounds at Trumpington were opened by the Minister of Agriculture. It investigates the improvement of spring and winter wheat and breeds oats adapted to climatic conditions of the Eastern counties whilst in potatoes its chief concern is the battle with blight, eelworm, wart and virus diseases. A pathological section has recently been established. 55 07 16a & aa

1956 03 06

A captive balloon will be used for parachute jumping at Trumpington. Although intended primarily for members of the University Parachute Club, 50 'chutes have been allotted to the Cambridgeshire Regiment Parachute Light Regiment. All men now have a reserve parachute strapped to his middle as a second line of defence. 56 03 06e

1956 06 18

Herbert Robinson's contemporary-style filling and service station has opened on the London Road at Trumpington. It is one of the most up-to-date in the country. All groups of Shell petrols are supplied from the latest type pumps and an Avery Hardoll 'Petroiler' for two-stroke motor-cycles is also available while the latest type Weaver auto-wash equipment will clean any car in 15 minutes. 56 06 18a

1956 09 26

The annual Hawkey supper organised by Trumpington Young Farmers' Club was a real harvest supper in the old-fashioned spirit. Mrs V.C. Pemberton described how 70 years ago when hired themselves to farmers who took them on for a year, paying wages at the end of the engagement. In 1922 shepherds wore a piece of wool in their buttonhole, horsekeepers a piece of whipcord and men who were not much good for anything a piece of cow's tail. The bargain was sealed by both parties shaking hands on the 'luck penny' which was as good as an oath. 56 09 26 & a

1957 02 19

Trumpington Boy Scouts' new hut marks the culmination of the hopes of the troop which had long desired to establish its own headquarters. The Village Hall Trustees helped find a site, their parents provided voluntary labour, the Lay Committee worked market stalls to augment the 'Bob-a-Job' ventures of the boys; it was 'jolly good teamwork', said the Mayor. 57 02 19a

1957 07 11

Miss C.E. Willers has been ringing Trumpington church bells for nearly 40 years; now she is paying for two new bells as a memorial to her family who have been in the village for generations. She cycled to Loughborough from her home in the High Street – and did the 85-mile journey in one day – to see them being cast. "Trumpington church is so old and beautiful it's a privilege to do anything for it", she said. 57 07 11 & 11a

1957 08 31

The landlord of the Green Man in Trumpington is Charlie Shadwell, the well-known conductor of the BBC Variety Orchestra which has made over 11,000 radio broadcasts, many of them in the 'Itma' series that were so popular during the war years. He also conducted the Cambridge New Theatre orchestra during 1930. He makes regular trips to London to arrange music for the BBC television shows. 57 08 31 & a

1957 09 16

Trumpington bells returned – photo – 57 09 16b

1957 10 19

Trumpington petrol station appeal – 57 10 19a

1958 07 22

Motorists in Cambridge are unlikely to have their speeds regularly checked by radar for at least another year. Manufacturers have demonstrated a number of existing instruments which councillors consider ‘not entirely satisfactory’ at present. There is hope their efficiency will improve in time. But radar has been used by the Chief Constable to check speeds in Queen’s Road and Trumpington. 58 07 22

1958 12 16

Cambridge City Libraries’ annual staff dinner and party was held in the Guildhall. Librarian, Eric Cave recalled they had closed ‘that museum piece, the East Road Reading Room and the Ditton Fields Sub-Branch while sub-branches at Cherry Hinton and Trumpington had more to better accommodation. The Libraries were much appreciated and he looked forward to their continued progress. Games, dancing and entertainment followed organised by J.W. Franklin, L.J. Horspool, C.C. Marsh, R.J. Tarrant and Miss B.K. Wadsworth. 58 12 16b

1959 09 11

A Grantchester Tested Vehicle has undergone a 100-mile test run by one of our own employees when petrol and oil consumption, brakes, steering and lights are checked under normal condition. We then offer you a test report and a full tank of National Benzole. Come to this small privately owned garage for the best in sales and service. We are never open after midnight but being the most progressive organisation in the county we are unique in our use of the phenomenal Ansaphone on Trumpington 3133. – Grantchester Garage Ltd advert. 59 09 11c & d

1959 09 23

The Headmaster of Fawcett Junior School, Trumpington (Mr F.N. Walker) declared the school’s new swimming pool was “well and truly open” after he had been pushed fully dressed into the water. Roars of laughter came from the Mayor (Wallace Cole), Mayoress and parents who were present but the Head took his ducking in good part and swam vigorously for half a length. The pool has been built by the parents with the help of the children themselves. 59 09 23

1960 04 13

The A.A. box that used to stand in the fork at the junction of the main Cambridge-London and Cambridge-Bishop’s Stortford roads at Trumpington has been moved to a small lay-by on the London Road almost opposite the junction. The new lay-by provides safer off-road parking for motorists and is more convenient. 60 04 13

1960 07 05

There was a damp welcome for early visitors to the Royal Show at Trumpington. But those who ventured out stared at the sheep, peered at the pigs and commented on the cattle and horses being paraded in the Grand Ring. In the Demonstration Area six red hot forges, each manned by two blacksmiths, were busy fitting horses with new shoes. One of the strangest sights was of farmers standing in the pouring rain watching demonstrations of artificial irrigation machines pumping gallons of water on grass already soaked by overnight rain. 60 07 05

1960 08 09

Commercial and Industrial Painters of Coldham’s Road has the first 62-foot long caravan transporter in the country. Customers are astounded on first seeing the trailer and local police were ‘a bit taken aback’ at first. So far it has not met with any difficulties as they have been able to by-pass awkward corners: when leaving Cambridge it is driven along Perne Road and Long Road to Trumpington. The

firm, which began ten years in Sedgwick Street, sprays caravans and vehicles owned by haulage contractors. 60 08 09

1961 04 07

Royal Show site at Trumpington being prepared – 61 04 07c

1961 07 05

A visitor to the Royal Show asked if he could park on the playing field of Fawcett School in Alpha Terrace, Trumpington, less than a mile from the showground. But the headmaster told him he could not. So he climbed back into the cockpit of his plane and took off with a 30 yard run. The machine had circled low before landing and Mr F.N. Walker thought it had made a forced landing. But the pilot, who was wearing a Royal Society member's badge, jumped down and asked if he could leave the plane there while he went to the Show. 61 07 05

1962 02 13

Foxton Hall has been added to the ever-growing list of country mansions to be used for new purposes. It has been acquired by Dr H. Hurst to study his new technology for inserting a liquid damp-proof course into buildings which are being ruined by rising damp. Initial research was carried out at the Cambridge University Department of Colloid Science and continued at the Timber-proofing Laboratories at Trumpington. It has been employed at the Leys School, Bourn Vicarage and the Royal Oak public house at Stretham. 62 02 13a

62 12 04

Whitelocks Yard, Trumpington is a quiet oasis from traffic thundering by on the main road. Now the twelve 100-year-old houses are being put up for sale by the trustees of the charity of George Whitelock who say they need considerable improvements and a lot of money spending on them. But the elderly tenants are concerned for the future, fearing they may be thrown out on the streets. The homes, with a half-acre site, are being sold for £4,750 (about £83,360 now) 62 12 04a

1962 12 10

Royal Engineers spent an hour and a half in drenching rain preparing to demolish the last concrete base on the Royal Show site at Trumpington. They tunnelled holes into it, under it and around it and inserted twenty pounds of plastic explosives. Two men were sent to warn Addenbrooke's Hospital of an ear-splitting bang before the men took cover. But there was just a weak muffled 'back-fire' noise and only a few cracks in the base – not really worth stopping the trains on the nearby railway line. Two hours later came a very satisfying bang and the great concrete block was lifted out of the ground in a shower of smaller chunks and metal bolts. 62 12 10a

1962 12 17

The occupiers of five cottages nestling against the footpath of Trumpington High Street are confused about the future of their homes. The houses – three of them thatched – have recently been listed as of special architectural interest. This means they cannot be demolished without Ministerial permission. But the Ministry of Transport has plans for a road improvement scheme in that area. One of the owners has recently erected a modern fireplace in place of an inglenook and now wants to create a bathroom. But he is not prepared to spend money if the houses are to come down 62 12 17

1963 01 18

Miss Alice Haslop, 95, Trumpington's oldest parishioner; was born and lived all her life in the village where her father was bootmaker and carrier to Cambridge. She was a laundress of no mean repute and a good plain needlewoman, particularly in making pillow-slips. She insisted on doing her own housework as long as she could and possessed a sense of humour. As a child the nearest doctor was near Woollards Lane, Shelford, and medicine had to be fetched, walking to the surgery before breakfast. "I liked going", she said with an impish gleam in her eye, "because then I was late for school". Her death closes a chapter in the village's history. 63 01 18c

1964 01 11

Trumpington cottages demolished to make way for new housing – 64 01 11

1965 02 12

Trumpington problem with increasing car parking in Byron Square – photo - 65 02 12c

1963 03 25

Arbury estate has no facilities for social recreation; reports says these should be built at Trumpington – 65 03 25a

1966 03 15

Viola Pemberton of Trumpington Hall, president of Women's Institutes for 20 years – profile – 66 03 15a

1967 08 31

Trumpington church Black Magic celebration & desecration – 67 08 31 & a

1968 07 19

Trumpington cottages to be demolished – 68 07 19

1969 06 19

Gelignite used to blast away one of four brick piers which carried the old Cambridge to Bedford railway line over the Cam at Trumpington – 69 06 19

1972 07 18

Two large new city council housing estates - each with probably hundreds of homes - are being planned for Trumpington and at Fen Ditton, just outside the Cambridge boundary. The Trumpington site was the home of the Royal Show some years ago and is expected to start a storm of controversy because it involves land regarded by the preservationists as being of high scenic value. The Fen Ditton scheme, too, is unlikely to meet with much approval from the village authorities, because it would greatly increase the community's size

1972 08 05

The long-awaited Cambridge Transportation Study was finally published yesterday. It is two years overdue and has cost £113,000 - almost £1,000 a page. It was jointly commissioned in 1967 by the Cambridge city and County Councils and the University. It was to be carried out by R. Travers Morgan and Partners and was estimated at that time to cost £78,000. Its major proposals include a Railway Road leaving the A10 south of the Trumpington street traffic lights, hugging the northbound railway track all the way to Newmarket Road. After crossing the Cam the new road would veer sharply west to follow the St Ives railway line along to the A10 Milton Road before linking up with Arbury Road. The Railway Road should be largely dual two-lane carriageway. Full construction could take many years

1972 08 22

It has been an irritating summer for the hundreds of visitors to Cambridge who have been forced to scour the surrounding countryside for hotel rooms. Cambridge has always had a notorious reputation for being unable to accommodate all the summer visitors. This year the situation was made worse by the Garden House Hotel fire in April which left the city the poorer by 75 bedrooms. Help is already on the way. The Garden House Hotel is being rebuilt; the Gonville Hotel will open again after alterations and work has started on a 100- bedroom hotel at Bar Hill. Whitbread have outline planning permission to build a 60-bedroom motel extension at the Red Lion Hotel, Trumpington and De Vere Hotels are awaiting the outcome of the inquiry into their application to build a 200-bedroom hotel on Castle Hill

1972 12 01

A plan to build up to 600 houses on farm land off Long Road, Trumpington has brought mixed reaction from local residents. A Birmingham development company who earlier this year took over Cambridge builders I.J. Stocker Ltd, want to build houses and a group of shops on land at Clay Farm. But some local residents object because they think the land should remain open. It is zoned as open space and playing fields, with most of it within the green belt, in the Cambridge town map. The developers said it would be a 5 or 6 year scheme from the starting date

1972 12 29

Fen Ditton will die if Cambridge City Council go ahead with their plans for a 1,000-home estate in the village, says the parish Rector, the Rev Raymond Harrison. Writing in the parish magazine he says that with an estate of almost 1,000 homes in the village the population would increase by nearly 4,000 people. "This plan is not for some distant future, but in three or four years' time when the city fathers allege they will have no more building land in the city area. Clearly the whole character of Ditton will be altered if this pernicious plan is put into operation". The city council are continuing their efforts to get planning permission to develop an 80-acre site in the village, and another at Trumpington

1973 09 10

Prof John Parry Lewis, the Manchester don who has just finished the biggest Cambridge re-development plan ever devised, has told the Government that it may as well be scrapped now if the new Fitzroy-Burleigh Street shopping centre goes ahead. When his final report is published it will contain some sweeping proposals. One of these is for a new commercial centre on the Cambridge outskirts - perhaps in the Trumpington area - in order to siphon shops and traffic away from the historic heart of the city

1973 09 21

Like some great suicidal spider Cambridge will have eaten its heart out by the turn of the century. Such is the dramatic prophecy of Professor John Parry Lewis who has been making a complete study of its future. Specifically he is saying is that if Cambridge proceeds with the scheme to build a twin shopping centre in the Fitzroy Street - Burleigh street area it will be signing the death knell of the present Market Square area. He concludes that a new focus for commercial activity must be developed on the edge of the city either in the Trumpington area or to the east near Marshall's airport. This cannot be done if the Fitzroy-Burleigh scheme proceeds, as the indications now are that it will

1974 07 19

Parry Lewis and his team of planners have examined the possibility of expanding Cambridge. Their studies convince them the best plan was to expand the city in a southern direction. Development would follow a line east of the new Western bypass. A second shopping centre would be located to the south-west of Trumpington. There would in addition be various district centres and a suitable amount of industrial and office development

1974 07 2

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

1974 10 29

The Parry Lewis super plan for the future of Cambridge, which took three years to prepare at a cost of £20,000, has been rejected by all the senior city and county planning officers. The plans main suggestions were for the immediate scrapping of the scheme for extensive development in the Burleigh Street - Fitzroy street area and the building of a second shopping centre in the Trumpington

area. Chairman of the County Planning committee, Counc. Tony Cornell, said: "The technical boys took a look at Parry Lewis and they have not liked what they have seen"

1975 03 06

Cambridgeshire planning committee yesterday drove another nail in the coffin of the Parry Lewis development plan for Cambridge when they joined the growing list of local council bodies which have pronounced the last rites over the plan which cost £20,000 and took nearly three years to produce. The plan suggests the city should scrap its super-shops plans for the Burleigh-Fitzroy area and develop a new large commercial centre in the Trumpington region.

1975 04 03

Leaving your car in the Lion Yard car park, Cambridge, between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm can be costly. Mrs Carol Taylor of Trumpington drove her car into the Lion Yard at 5.46 pm and drove out again at 6.18 pm. She was charged 17p – 7p for the 14 minutes before 6 o'clock and 10p for the 18 minutes after. The charges change at 6 pm when the evening tariff comes into operation. She felt this was an unfair charge for 32 minutes of parking time.

1975 10 03

The Conservatives held the Trumpington Division seat in yesterday's County Council by-election. Now the victor, Mrs Jane Brookes, a Cambridge housewife, says that she is "ready for anything" the council has to offer her. She added: "I am interested in people and that is what counts"

1977 02 10

Planners took a long hard look around Cambridge to see where development could best be accommodated. They soon dismissed Histon or Girton because they have relatively limited potential for longer-term growth. At Milton there is considerable opportunity for expansion within the new road framework. Both Bar Hill and Waterbeach possess characteristics suitable for growth, but Cottenham is less accessible to Cambridge. Growth of up to 4,000 might be contemplated in the Teversham-Fulbourn area and the same at Bottisham. To the south it would be possible to develop the Clay Farm area of Trumpington and the Shelfords but Sawston seems to have the greatest development potential

1977 02 23

Miss Kitty Willers, for more than 60 years a bellringer at Trumpington parish church, has died at the age of 78, having lived her whole life there. Her cycling and bellringing feats established her reputation as something of an eccentric. Until recently she would think nothing of cycling hundreds of miles. Once she refused offers of a lift to Loughborough to see the church's new bells being cast. When the church party arrived at the foundry they found Miss Willers there already as part of the reception committee. She had started cycling at four in the morning.

1977 07 16

The two leading private gardens in the CEN gardens competition were in the easy working are of Trumpington. The winner, Stuart Brown and his wife Shirley, had moved into the usual near dereliction about three years ago. Runner-up was Mr V. Pike who has spent a lifetime in gardening. Other class winners were W. Brunt of Rayson Way, E.W. Gentle of Thoday Street, F.J. Elbourn, Norwich Street and K.C. Newman, Fallowfield.

1977 12 06

Cambridge City Council should consider linking with a private developer to build a skateboard park & look at providing a beginners' skateboarding area and practice runs from the rates. A report says that contrary to some people's beliefs skateboarding is not just a passing phase. Areas like the Romsey recreation ground and the King George playing fields at Trumpington would be suitable introductory areas and Kings Hedges recreation ground and the disused bandstand on Christ's Pieces could be suitable for practising. But it would be difficult to get permission to use the Elizabeth Way roundabout

1978 03 17

Cambridge schoolchildren will soon get their first skateboard park, perhaps two. Cambridge councillors earmarked money to convert hard tennis courts at Romsey and Trumpington with wooden embankments and ramps, but it may not now be possible to do both. They also decided that the former council storeyard off Newmarket Road would be ideal for the building of a large-scale permanent skateboard park. Four commercial firms interested in building a park have approached the council who have agreed to offer the land on lease if the park is built at no cost to the ratepayers

1984 03 01

New flats in Anstey Way, Trumpington, are selling like hot cakes even though the show flat is not yet open. Six were released as an initial step and were sold immediately. They appeal to older people wanting to put an end to the problem of maintaining a big house and garden and most of the ground floor flats have gone to senior citizens. Prices range from £28,450 to £29,450. 84 03 01

1985 01 07

The concept of a Green Belt around Cambridge was first put forward in the issued in 1949. Since it was last reviewed pressure has grown for certain parts to be declassified. One area is the Histon Road allotments site: some has been developed with council housing and now the County Council wants the rest removed from the Green Belt so it can be considered as suitable for redevelopment in the years ahead. A piece of the extensive acreage of Clay Farm, Trumpington, is also suitable for declassification say the planners. But 500 organisation have objected to the proposals. 85 01 07b & c

1985 09 17

The Green Belt around Cambridge was designed to protect the area from development and to preserve large areas of open space between villages. Now County planners want to release land to make way for the city to breathe including 70 acres at Trumpington, Histon Road allotments and the University Farm in Huntingdon Road. They say this would not mean developers' lorries moving in. Nearly 500 organisations objected at an Inquiry but the County are pleased with the result which backs most of their proposals. 85 09 17 a b c

1985 12 05

An old blacksmith's smithy in Trumpington is to be demolished to make way for new offices. It was not a listed building and the scruffy corner would inevitably be developed at some time. But protestors say a two-storey office development would take away the character of the corner of Church Street and High Street in what was essentially a village-type area and be at the expense of a piece of village history. 85 12 05

1986 02 08

Plans have been revealed for a multi-million pound shopping centre on the outskirts of Cambridge. Marks and Spencer and Tesco have proposed a double superstore with park-and-ride facilities on land bounded by the M11 and Hauxton Road, Trumpington. A dual carriageway would connect the A10 to the privately-owned Clay Farm area which has already been identified for potential housing. 86 02 08

1986 02 21

Trumpington blacksmith forge memories – 86 02 21

1986 05 27

Thirty novels reflecting life in Cambridge over the past 75 years have been given to the Cambridgeshire Collection. They are the lifetime's work of Jack Overhill. Only three books have been published: 'Romantic Youth', a townsman's view of the university, 'The Miller of Trumpington' and 'The Snob' telling of life in Gothic Street. Two volumes that describe life in King Street in the 1930s came close to becoming a television serial in 1973. Most were written at the end of a busy day, in some cases on a typewriter balanced on his knees in an air-raid shelter. "Every word in them is true. I have remembered all that happened in my life. Now it torments me", says Jack 86 05 27 b & c

1986 06 06

Camtech's plans for two giant supermarkets at Arbury Camp would fit in with the Unex Group's proposal for a major supermarket and non-food shops on a retail park off King's Hedges Road. But it would offer competition to other schemes currently under discussion. These are the giant Marks and Spencer / Tesco plan for two superstores, a 300-bedroom hotel and multi-screen cinema at Trumpington, Asda's ideas for a supermarket at the Cambridge Business Park on Milton Road and the proposed Tesco store in the Milton Park housing development 86 06 06

1986 07 14

Outraged Trumpington residents unanimously called on city planners to throw out controversial proposals to build two superstores, a hotel and multi-screen cinema together with a bus terminus and park-and-ride car park on a 70-acre site on Hauxton Road. A separate plan has also been submitted for a 300-bedroomed hotel. Developers have offered to construct a by-pass from the M11 to Long Road but this had not allayed their fears 86 07 14

1986 07 28

Months of uncertainty for the Trumpington-based Plant Breeding Institute have been ended with confirmation that parts are to be sold to the private sector and others amalgamated with a newly-created Plant Science Institute. Staff may be relocated and some research might halt completely. The sugar beet programme has already been wound up and one man now tends the gene bank of varieties – 7,000 for barley alone – from which much of its celebrated work makes its humble beginnings. 86 07 28a

1987 02 27

Trumpington newsagent Bert Truelove is celebrating half a century in the trade – and he is only 57. He started selling papers in his father's Stapleford shop in 1937 when he was so small that he had to stand on a box to see the customers. After the war the family came to Trumpington and battled through years of austerity when a shortage of papers meant demand for copies of the News often succeeded supplies. It is a different picture now with a boom in sales. New technology ensures he gets the papers on time. He has not forgotten the paper boys and girls who have helped him over the years: they have been invited to a disco in the village hall. 87 02 27a

1987 05 05

Comberton may expand under controversial new plans. Developers Alfred McAlpine Homes want to build 215 houses and an employment centre on a 40-acre site to meet the growing demand for housing. It would safeguard the Village College and speed the connection of gas. The village is not earmarked for development in the county structure plans and there is no support for the scheme by residents. But with the recent rejection of plans for Clay Farm Trumpington there is pressure for extra housing in nearby settlements 87 05 05

1987 07 03

Scientists at the Plant Breeding Institute at Trumpington are preparing to welcome Princess Anne who will present them with another Queen's Award for Industry, this one for breeding high winter wheats. Their work in producing crops resistant to the ravages of disease and selecting varieties that flourish in harsh conditions is vital to poor countries. But, after 75 years, the Institute is being sold off by the Government with many of the scientists having to move to Norwich 87 07 03b

1987 07 04

Trumpington residents want to ban vehicles from turning right from the High Street into Church Lane. They are convinced this will ease traffic flows during the rush hour which cause massive hold-ups. Many motorists are using Church Lane as a short cut to reach Barton Road instead of going into the city. Now the County Transportation department has finally agreed to consider their suggestions 87 07 04

987 09 04

Plans by house-builder Bovis to build 33 homes for elderly people together with 55 large detached and 54 town houses on the Clay Farm site at Trumpington have attracted opposition from people anxious to keep a wedge of green land between Cambridge and the Shelfords. The site has been at the centre of controversy for some time with county planners saying it should be in the Green Belt. But the city wants to build hundreds of homes to solve a housing shortage 87 09 04

1987 10 27

A multi-million-pound shopping, hotel, cinema and parking project planned for south Trumpington by Marks and Spencer and Tesco has been scrapped. The vast hypermarket-type development attracted more complaints than any other single planning application ever made in Cambridge. It would have been on green belt land, where building was banned and the city had shown no support. Residents say this is a wonderful day and there will be great rejoicing in the Trumpington area. 87 10 27

1987 11 05

Trumpington Mothers' Union history – 87 11 05c

1987 12 14

The Government is being asked to stop a controversial housing development planned for the Clay Farm site at Trumpington. Local MPs want the land to be designated as Green Belt as they fear the development of 100-plus houses would automatically open the door for almost 1,000 others. There is great public hostility to such housing on the open farmland. Housing giant Bovis Homes want to build 57 large houses, 33 small ones and 23 old people's flats on a 12-acre site off Long Road 87 12 14

1988 04 14

Pensioner Fred Holman from Trumpington, who trains his birds by bus, has won one of the first big homing races of the season. His pigeon was the first of more than 1,000 in a race from Salisbury, winning first prize for the Cambridge South Road Flying Club. It was the latest success in a booming career stretching back to his days as a 13-year-old schoolboy in London. Twice a week he catches a coach to Royston or Baldock to set his birds free for training flights back to his home in Byron Square where he has a loft of 20 racing pigeons 88 04 14b

1988 07 29

A large new township complete with a major shopping centre and a new village development off the A10, both within easy reach of Cambridge, are proposed by the Government. And Whitehall says that planning restrictions should be removed from the vast Arbury Camps Farm site bordering the Northern Bypass which should be used for hi-tech industrial purposes. But it appears as if plans for a giant housing estate at Clay Farm, Trumpington have been rejected in order to protect the Green Belt. 88 07 29

1988 11 30

Trumpington teenager Guiliano Maiorana joins Manchester United 88 11 30

1989 02 15

Property developers are bidding to buy Parkside fire station so they can build houses, a hotel or offices on the site. In return they will fund new fire stations at Arbury and Trumpington. At present fire tenders are often delayed by traffic and this would boost response time. The plum site overlooks Parker's Piece and is worth many millions of pounds. Now county councillors will reconsider the idea which was previously floated a year ago. 89 02 15

1989 08 22

Business is booming in some local pubs. The Volunteer in Trumpington has seen a 20 per cent increase in turnover since all-day opening was introduced a year ago. They get a lot of business people in for long lunches and often folk call in on their way from work. Tourists also take advantage of the afternoon opening. The White Hart at St Ives also reports many businessmen drinking in the

afternoon. The Spade and Becket, Thompson's Lane says they may follow suit as people are queuing outside the doors from five o'clock. 89 08 22

1990 01 25

Today's squatters are usually the young and single who do not qualify to go on council housing waiting lists. But after the war couples with children occupied empty houses in Jesus Lane and Parkside that had been requisitioned by the army. Then one family moved into Nissen huts in the grounds of a house in Hills Road and another into a four-storey property in Portugal Place. From then on more huts or houses were occupied daily. Then pre-fabricated steel houses were erected in Lichfield Road and Trumpington. They were meant to be temporary but some were lived in until the 1970s - 90 01 25c

1990 06 01

Fifty families were forced to flee their homes after a gas pipe blew up in Alpha Terrace, Trumpington, sending gas streaming into the street. Emergency teams were called and the street sealed off. Residents were taken to the Fawcett School – 90 06 01

1990 08 14

Medical Research Council withdraws funding for Medical Cryobiology Unit at Trumpington – 90 08 14a