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- 2nd Jun 1826** To be Sold by Auction, By Mr Beaver. On Thursday the 8th day of June, 1826, at Langham, in the County of Rutland on the premises of Mrs Barfoot.  
All her neat and very useful Household Furniture, Brewing and Dairy Utensils, and other Effects; comprising four post and half headed bedsteads and hangings, four good featherbeds and bedding complete; sets of parlour, house, and bedroom chairs; oak dining, Pembroke, card, tea, and dressing tables; bureaus and chest of drawers, night tables and wash-hand stands, eight day clock, pier and swing glasses, square and bed round carpets, window curtains, tea trays and waiters, fenders and fire irons, kitchen requisites of all sorts; China, glass, and earthenware; dairy utensils, small copper and brewing tubs, several iron bound barrels, wood and glass bottles, and other effects. Particulars are given in printed catalogues, and may be had at the public houses in the neighbourhood, place of sale, and of the auctioneer at Oakham. - Sale to begin at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.
- 21st Nov 1828** *To be sold by auction* by Mr Beaver. - On Thursday the 27th day of November, 1828, at Langham, in the County of Rutland, on the farm belonging to Mr Sharpe Barfoot. About 50 Tons of exceeding well got HAY, in nine lots, which may be taken off the land. The sale to commence punctually at Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Closes adjoining the road leading from Langham to Burley. Credit will be given for the Hay until the 25th day of March, 1829, or 6d. In the pound discount for ready money.
- 28th Nov 1834** *To be sold by auction* Sometime in the month of January next, a farmhouse, with barn, stables, cow house, and other outbuildings, orchards, garden and about 7 acres of good pasture land, in the village of Langham, in the County of Rutland, now in the occupation of Mr Edward Hammond. For further particulars apply to Mr William Tydd, of Ashwell; or to Mrs Latham and son, solicitors, Melton Mowbray.
- 31st Aug 1838** *Votes for Rutland* To be disposed of by private contract, several Freehold and Copyhold Houses and Land, situate in the several parishes of Oakham, Barleythorpe, Langham, and Braunston. Also 40s. per annum Land tax, comprising twenty-one votes for the County of Rutland. Full price and further particulars, apply personally to Mr Robinson, solicitor, Oakham.
- 17th Oct 1838** To RW Baker, Esq., Cottesmore: W Sharrad, Esq., Langham; and Mr R Smith, Burley, as a Deputation to me from SE Jones Esq., Gentleman.  
Do allow me to return my sincere thanks for your visit to me on Monday last, and to say how fully I appreciate the motives which impelled you to persuade me to leave the town, to preserve me (to use your own expression) from the stronghold.  
I do assure you, I have during the last twelve months been so accustomed to intimidation, and (not to write harshly) to all the little trickery belonging to it, that the threat of an Exchequer or other process, will not drive me from my stronghold.  
I am, Gentleman, Yours most respectfully, WH Lawrence. Oakham, October 17th, 1838.
- 25th May 1872** Langham Church Restoration - All who are interested in Church restorations, and especially in that of the beautiful Parish Church of Langham, which has few equals in the villages of England, will be glad to know that there is now a fair prospect of the work being done.  
Some of the oldest inhabitants of Langham will remember that Mr Richard Sharpe, previously a large occupier in the parish, emigrated to America in 1826, and settled there with his wife and two sons, born in Langham.  
In his new home he amassed considerable wealth, and died there (as recorded on his first wife's tombstone in Langham churchyard) in September 1836. The inscription was placed on the stone by his eldest son, Mr Richard Sharpe, who visited the grave of his mother and the old home of his boyhood and family, in 1868; and in remembrance of his connection with the place, and from a desire that the church should be restored and be better suited for the solemn ordinances of holy worship, he has lately sent £200, entrusting it to the care of his relative, Mr Thomas Swingler, to be applied to that purpose. This offer was duly laid before the parishioners at their late Vestry meeting, and it remains now to determine how best it can be met, and the work done.  
The Vestry unanimously resolved - "*That their best thanks and acknowledgements be given to Mr Sharpe for his very liberal offer, and that measures be taken by all the offices and friends of the Church to ascertain the feeling of the parishioners and neighbourhood towards commencing a general subscription for the same purpose.*" And, in accordance with this resolution, no time will be lost by the Vicar and Churchwardens, and all those friends who are desirous of promoting so good an object.

- 18th May 1873** Inquest at George and Dragon, Langham (Bridge Street ?) by Mr Keal on body of Benjamin Dalby two years who drowned in a well. Was seen playing just minutes before Mrs Peet, wife of Joseph Peet, shepherd, went for water and found him. Mother Elizabeth Dalby removed him from the well which had only been cleaned out about a week before. Thomas Burdett said the well was six or seven feet deep and had asked the surveyor of the roads to put a cover on or gate to the well as he did not think it safe but surveyor said he had nothing to do with it. The cleaning had been done by those using it and no recompense for that was forthcoming either.
- 31st May 1873** An Inquest was held at the George and Dragon; Langham, on Tuesday last, before Wm. Keal, Esq., coroner, the body of child named Benjamin Dalby, aged two years, son of Mr. Edward Dalby, who was found, drowned in well at Langham. The following was the evidence taken Elisabeth Peet said: I am wife of Joseph Peet, shepherd, and live near to a certain well. About twelve o'clock on Tuesday I had occasion to go to the well for water. When near to it, saw child in the well. I called out, but dare not go to get, the child out. I saw the mother of the child fetch it of the well. I stood about six or seven yards off; did not know whether it was alive or dead. I saw child playing about half-an-hour before. — Elizabeth Dalby said: I am mother of the child drowned in the well to-day; he was two years and three months old. Mrs. Peet called out that there was child in the well. I ran directly and got it out and brought it home. I think it was quite dead; it was about five minutes before that I saw the child playing about in the road. I did not see any other children. I have three children left; have never heard of child being drowned the well before, but do not think the well is safe, and never has been. I have been in Langham about twenty years. - Thomas Burdett, said: I, with another man, cleaned the well out about a week since. It is from six to seven deep; did not think it was safe, and went to the surveyor the roads to ask him to put a lid or gate to the well. He said he did not think he had anything to do with it. I asked him for something for cleaning it out, but he said he could not give us anything. "I cleaned it out because, we use the water ourselves; not because I was told to do it. — The jury returned a verdict of accidentally drowned.
- 17th Jan 1874** Shocking case of Drowning, Last Tuesday evening Elizabeth Williamson, a servant girl to Mr Fetch of Melton went out to a performance at the Corn Exchange but did not return, her room was searched and only better clothing was left behind. The sad news of her was brought the next morning by her father to say that she had been found dead in a well next to their house in Langham. She was twenty years old and daughter of Francis Williamson, her jacket, hat, scarf and purse were found near the well. After PM by Dr Seaton of Oakham and witnesses from Melton jury gave verdict of temporary insanity.
- 24th Jan 1874** The adjourned inquest on the body of Elizabeth Williamson, daughter of Francis and Eliza Williamson, of Langham, who was found dead in a well near to her father's house, was held on Friday, the 16th inst., Before W Shield, Esq., Coroner. After the evidence of Dr Seaton, of Oakham, who had made a post mortem examination, and other witnesses from Melton, where the deceased had lived, the jury came to the conclusion that the deceased drowned herself whilst in a state of "Temporary insanity."
- 2nd May 1874** Inquest at Black Horse, Mr Keal Esq coroner, on body of Eliza Williamson, 50yrs, who committed suicide on Weds by cutting her throat with a clasp knife. Found by her daughter in law Sarah Williamson, Mr Turner surgeon of Oakham was sent for but life was extinct. It will be fresh in the recollection of our readers of the suicide of her daughter Elizabeth who drowned herself in a well 15 weeks ago, since which time her mother had been in a depressed state of health. After the jury had viewed the body evidence was taken from the deceased's 15yr old son Philip Williamson, daughter in law and husband Francis Williamson who said he thought his wife would come to an untimely end or die broken hearted for she always made much trouble of her daughter's death. Verdict – Temporary insanity.
- 4th Jul 1874** *The Parish Church* – We understand that the restoration of the fine old Parish Church of Langham will shortly be commenced, the committee having accepted the tender of Mr Fast, builder, Melton Mowbray, for £2671 10s., So that, including a sum of £132, the estimated cost of re-hanging the bells, the total amount which will be required is £2803 10s. The estimated funds at present at the disposal of the committee, supposing every promise fulfilled, is somewhere about £1826. Several contributions have lately been received, and much help will still be required before the needful amount is raised.

16th Aug 1874

All persons are requested to refrain from Sporting upon the Manors of Exton, Horn, Whitwell, Cottesmore, Barrow, and Langham; and Gentleman are particularly requested not to Sport without written permission upon the several manors of Brooke, the Priory of Brooke, Preston, Ridlington, Uppingham, Beaumont Chase, and Lands in Braunston and Barleythorpe, in the County of Rutland; and Pickwell and Welham, in the County of Leicester, – Poachers and other trespassing will be proceeded against. By order, RW Baker agent to the Right Honourable the Earl of Gainsborough. Exton Park, August 16, 1847.

Viscount Campden requests that Gentleman will abstain from Sporting upon the Manor of Flitteris Park, in the County of Rutland. Poachers and other Trespasses will be proceeded against. By order, RW Baker, agent to Viscount Campden. August 16, 1847..

15th Jan 1876

Concert - On Friday night, January 7th. a concert took place in the Rent room of the Noel's Arms Inn, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Turner. The proceeds, amounting to £5, were handed over Mr. Swingler, the treasurer the Church restoration fund, to be devoted that purpose. The room was crowded, and the audience showed their appreciation of the efforts made to please them by their repeated encores, but which had to be discarded, as the programme was long. Great credit is due to Messrs. Nettleship and Rudkin for the efforts they made getting up the concert. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. Wilson, and precisely at seven o'clock a commencement was made by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Sproat playing a pianoforte duet. Mr. C. Thornton sang his two songs in his usual brilliant style and was loudly applauded. Miss Peasland came third on the programme, and she sang her song "Should he upbraid," in an excellent manner; the song "Esmeralder" in the second part, was also beautifully rendered, and she made the room ring with it. The reading by Mr. Stafford from Mrs. Caudles lectures was very amusing, and he obtained his share of applause. The reading by Mr. Hely, jun., was also well received. The duet (vocal) Mesdames Rudkin and McLaren was very sweetly rendered, and great thanks are due Mrs. Rudkin for the able manner which she presided the piano, Miss Brown's song, "Why do summer roses fade," was very nicely sung, and the duets by Miss Healey and Mr. Swingler and the Misses Brown deserve a share of praise. The favourites of the evening, however, were Mr. S. Rudkin Mr. G. A. Nettleship, and Mr. J. C. Hubbard, who, with their comic songs, were rapturously applauded, and compelled make a second appearance. We must not forget A. A. Hely, Esq., who with his song, "Barclay and Co.'s Draymen," caused much amusement, and he was heartily cheered on making his second appearance. The hand-bell ringers gave a performance during the ten minutes interval between the two parts, which they did in a very creditable manner, considering that they are somewhat out of practice. At the conclusion, the Rev. A. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, which was responded by A. A. Hely, Esq., in a short but witty speech. The programme as follows: —

Part I

Duet:	(Pianoforte)	Mrs. Wilson and Mrs Sproat.
Song:	"The White Squall"	Mr. C. Thornton.
Song:	"Should He Upbraid"	Miss Peasland.
Duet:	(Pianoforte)	Mr. T. Swindler and Miss Healey.
Reading:	"Mrs. Caudle's Lectures"	Mr. Stafford.
Duet:	"Flowers and Butterflies"	Mdms. Rudkin & McLaren.
Song:	"Dr. Gregory Bolus Squills"	Mr. G. A. Nettleship.
Song:	"Why do Summer Roses Fade"	Miss Brown.
Song:	"The Squire of Seventy-two"	Mr. J. C. Hubbard.

Part II

Duet:	(Pianoforte)	The Misses Brown.
Song:	"The Broken-hearted Bachelor"	Mr. T. R. Rudkin.
Song:	"Seaweeds"	Mrs Rudkin.
Song:	"Barclay and Co. Drayman"	A. A. Hely, Esq.
Song:	"Two o'clock in the Morning"	Mr. G. A. Nettleship.
Reading:	"Look the Clock"	Mr. Hely, jun.
Song:	"Esmeralda"	Miss Peasland.
Song:	"Nina"	Mr. C. Thornton.

"God save the Queen"

We are very pleased hear that Sir T. F. Buxton is very much interested in the Church restoration fund, and he has kindly sent through Mr. Nettleship the handsome sum of £25 to be given that purpose.

- 29th Oct 1881** To Be Sold by Auction by Messrs Royce on 3rd Nov upon the farm of Mr George Betts at Langham (under a distress for rent) 3 cart horses, donkey, 2 cows, 2 steers, 23 pigs, implements, carriages and machines in excellent condition. 15.5 acres wheat, 12 acres barley 8 acres beans, 6 acres oats and 25 couples of fowl.
- 24th Feb 1883** To be sold by auction by Royces on 7th March at George Hotel. Stone and slated freehold residence with appurtenances and large garden in Langham in the occupation of Mrs Sharrad. 2 good sitting rooms, 5 bedrooms, 3 attics, large kitchen, pantry, dairy, 3 cellars. Wash house with granary over and a dovecote. Well situated with garden in front containing 1150sq yds, would make home for retired tradesman.
- Seven stone and brick built messuages or tenements with lg pice of garden behind, situate on the village green in the occupation of T Thorpe, P Meadows and others. Annual rent of £22, all occupied and will be sold to pay a large rate of interest. Copyhold of the Manor of Langham.
- 23rd May 1885** A Highway Rate, at eight pence in the pound, has been allowed by the magistrates, for the year ending March 25, 1886
- 1st May 1886** *Richmond Building Society* - On Tuesday evening week, a meeting was held in the school room, Langham, under the auspices of the Richmond Building Society, when addresses were delivered by Mr A.W. Tuck, Mr C. Morris, and Mr. Turner, which set forth in a most lucid manner the advantages to be derived from this Society.
- The chair was ably occupied by Mr. T. Swingler, and the meeting was largely attended, the audience of evincing much interest in the proceedings.
- At the close several shares were taken, which brings the total number up to four hundred and fifty three. Several others also expressed their intention of joining the society.
- Amongst those present were Mrs Quickfold, Mrs G. Chapman, Mrs Eades, Mr G. Stafford, and many other ladies and gentlemen
- 21st Aug 1886** Re-opening of Langham Baptist Chapel after general renovation and old pulpit replaced by a rostrum. To mark completion two special sermons were preached on Sunday afternoon and evening by Rev W.P. Cope of Maze Pond Chapel, London to large congregations and on Monday there was a well attended public tea and evening meeting. £33 had been paid to contractors, with money collected to cover £25 5s 8d and rest expected to be collected at the end of the meeting.
- 24th Sep 1887** *Parish Church* - to the editor - Sir, - May I trespass on your valuable space to state my reason for giving up the office of Vicar's churchwarden for the above parish? I was neither tired nor neglectful of my duties, but could not attend the service in the parish church with a proper feeling, after the behaviour of the present curate to myself and family, and other highly respectable families in the village. Thanking you for inserting the above letter, - I am, sir, yours truly, Richard Westbrook Baker. The Hall, Langham, Sept. 22nd.
- 3rd Dec 1887** *The Sudden Deaths at Burley* - Mr. Munday, butcher, of Langham, requests us to state that the shin of beef supplied by him to the family at Burley named Carter, two of whose children died somewhat suddenly the other week, was fresh and in good condition. The beast was fed by Mr. Bartram, of Langham, and up to the Wednesday, the meat being sold on the following Saturday, the animal was in a thoroughly healthy state. Two other shins of the same beast were sold at Oakham on the same day that the unfortunate man Carter purchased his, and Mr. Munday thinks it very strange that no other complaints should have been made.
- 11th Aug 1888** 'Another Foolish Parent' Henry Rose summoned for neglecting to send children to school. He had been previously warned and Mrs Finch of Burley paid for two of the children but attendance had been 35 out of 146 times. Wife said husband been out of work and she could not afford to pay. Reminded her that two children were paid for. Fined 6d for each child.
- 6th Oct 1888** Suicide Attempt, Joseph Bellairs 45yrs tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat with his pocket knife. Been living and working as a labourer in Birmingham but had a stroke and unable to work so he and wife had returned to Langham (both born in Langham) two weeks ago and has tried to work but not succeeded so had applied for relief at the Board and after receiving the first payment had attempted suicide. Dr Keal pronounced him insane and he was conveyed to Leicester Asylum asking that his family be cared for.

- 16th Mar 1889** Since the examinations in July, 1888, in the engineering department of University College, London, the following certificates and honours have been awarded to G.A.M. Baker, Langham Hall: – Civil Engineering, 3rd class certificate; results in Physical Experiments, second certificate of honour, 1st Class; Engineering Laboratory Work, 2nd Class certificate; Senior Graphical Drawing, 1st certificate of honour, 1st Class, and prize; General Engineering certificate, granted by the Council, for satisfactory work done during the three years' course.
- 27th Apl 1889** Lord Lonsdale – The Earl of Lonsdale, who has been on a shooting expedition in Alaska, has arrived at San Francisco, on his way to London. As the result of his experience he throws discredit on all the maps of that region, and describes the Hay River Cataract as surpassing the Niagara Falls. He says the water dashes over a precipice two hundred feet high, and the river where the fall occurs is one and a half mile wide.  
Huge icebergs tumble into the abyss, Lord Lonsdale states that he saw whales at Point Barrow, and he is convinced that they pass from the Pacific via the North-West passage. Many thrilling incidents of hardship and danger are related. These were so serious as to disable the majority of his company. In marching two hundred and seventy miles he saw the bodies of two hundred and thirty Indians who had been frozen to death. He reached seventy-five degrees North, and endured a frost of sixty four below zero.
- 1st Jun 1889** *Removing Pigs without a Licence* – Mr Thomas Shuttleworth, Butcher, of Langham, was a witness in a case at the Melton Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, in which a grazier named John White, of Burrough, was summoned and fined £2 and costs, for moving to pigs from Langham, which he purchased of Mr Shuttleworth, to Burrough contrary to the order of the Local Authority, on 24th April. At the close of the case, Mr Shuttleworth applied for his expenses, when the Chairman told him that the magistrates could not grant them, and he ought to think himself fortunate that he had escaped so easily, as he must have known that he was acting in contravention of the orders of the local authorities in allowing the pigs to be taken away.
- 31st May 1890** Postal - it will, no doubt, be interesting to residents of Langham to know that the Postmaster General has given notice that on and from 2nd June, Money Order, Postal Order, Savings Bank, Stock Investment, Life Assurance, and Annuity business will be carried on at the Sub Post Office of this village.
- 25th Jun 1890** George Sewell, the deaf and dumb son of Frederick Sewell, blacksmith, of this place, who is eight years old, was recently elected to our home the deaf and dumb Institution, Old Kent Road, London; and his father and mother wished to tender their sincere thanks to all who have so kindly helped to secure his admission.
- 12th Jul 1890** *The Feast* – The time honoured custom of celebrating the greatly misunderstood "village feast" was observed here as usual. It began very properly with a series of special services at the parish church, on Sunday, the preacher in the morning being the Rev. J Stock. MA., Curate of Langham; in the afternoon the Rev. GA Turner MA. Rector of Cold Overton, and in the evening the Rev. W.M. Lewis, senior curate of Oakham. The choir sang an anthem and appropriate chants and hymns. The collections, which were in aid of the expenses of the church, amounted in all to £4 4s. Including £1 sent by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. Mould, Oakham. There were the customary festivities during the early part of the week, and hospitality was the order of the day everywhere while the feast lasted. On Monday, a cricket match was played between the village and Little Dalby and Burton Lazaars; on Tuesday with Old Dalby; and on Wednesday with Whissendine; in each of which engagements the visitors were victorious. A quoit match was to have come off between the village team in Whissendine on Monday, but as the latter was not present in full force, the contest was abandoned. This (Saturday) afternoon the return quoit match between Langham and Melton will be played in Mr G Staffords home close.
- 4th Oct 1890** Distressing Suicide – Langham no sooner recovered from shock a few months ago has now been subjected to another which for severity surpasses the former. Grazier Edward Daniel Smith, native of the village, 31yrs, married, honest and hard working had helped his mother carry on the business since his father died less than 12 mths ago but had developed a state of despondency during the last 2/3mths. Mother and sister proved the condition of the unhappy mans mind but what had produced it there is nothing to show and his movements of late had caused suspicion amongst his friends. Returning from Oakham station last Tues he was missed and a search was begun, he was found in an outhouse with his throat so severely cut that he died in 20mins. Inquest held at Black Horse, Mr Keal the coroner – Suicide while labouring under a temporary state of insanity.

13th Dec 1890

The Bazaar in connection with the opening of the new Institute, of which we gave an account in last week's Journal, was opened free to the public on Friday evening, December 6th, at six o'clock and was visited by large number of inhabitants, and also many from a distance. We are pleased to state that the extended time augmented the result, and brought the total takings up to about £78. The committee arranged an excellent musical programme (every part of which was admirably executed), consisting the following items:— Piano solo, Mrs. Baker ; piano duet, Misses Bradshaw and Cox; song, Miss Bartram; comic song, (encored) Mr. R.W. Baker; piano solo, Miss Fieldsend, Orton; song, (encored) Mr. H.R Faulks; Piano duet, Misses Cox and Foster; song, (encored) Miss Baker; comic song, (encored) Mr. R.W. Baker. By special request, Mr. Baker sang his comic song, "Patty Eye," which fairly convulsed the audience. The inhabitants of Langham are now provided with one of the best rooms in the county, and we hope, from time to time, to be able to record the success of the Institute. Great credit is due to the ladies of the village for the way in which they have performed the work voluntarily undertaken by them, and for its successful result. The Building Committee and members wish to express their thanks to the ladies, and to all who helped by work or donation, and with them must be coupled the name of Major Brocklehurst, who has afforded clear proof of the great interest he takes in the village. Although he has only resided in the parish a short time, he has won the respect of all by his generosity. It is very pleasant to be able to record the unanimous feeling that has been shown connection with the whole affair, and all concerned the undertaking are to heartily congratulated upon the memorable event.

7th Feb 1891

*Generosity.* — All the farmers and graziers this parish have recently received a present of game from the Earl of Lonsdale, and unitedly wish to thank his Lordship for his kindness.

*The Institute.* — As announced in our last issue, the Earl of Lonsdale has kindly consented be president of the Langham Institute, and has subscribed it so the building fund, for which the committee beg his Lordship to accept their thanks.

*Ringers' Supper.* — The ringers were entertained, on Monday evening last, to a substantial supper by Mr. R.W. Baker, The Hall, and, after the cloths were removed, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. The guests thank Mr. Baker for his kindness and the interest he takes in campanology.

*The Working Meetings* for the women of the parish were commenced in the Institute Reading Room on Wednesday afternoon, January 28th, with twenty-eight members present, under the superintendence of Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Laxton, who were ably supported by others who are interested in the inhabitants. The hope was expressed that the numbers would increase — which we understand was the case at the meeting held this week — and, with so much room at their disposal, hope the promoters will be successfully rewarded in the good cause in which they are engaged.

*Band of Hope.* — The annual tea and entertainment in connection with the Band of Hope was held in the Baptist Chapel on Tuesday. At five o'clock, tea was provided in the School-room for the members (about one hundred), who were joined by their friends, and at 6.45 an adjournment was made into the Chapel, where, under the presidency of the Rev. A. Piggot; the following programme was performed :— Chairman's address, Rev. A. Piggot; recitation, "A Little Soldier," Joe Faulks; juvenile chorus, "Jesus bids us shine," six Children ; recitation, "The Disobedient Mouse," Dorothy Jackson; recitation, "The Land of Nod", Harry Royce; recitation, "I drink water," Florrie Hubbard; chorus, "New Year's Greeting," Choir; recitation, "How Dobbin told Tales," Mabel Cox; recitation, "The Careful Messenger," W. Palmer; solo, "Have courage, my Boy," Laura Stimpson; recitation, "A Drink Story", Hugh Wright; address, Mr. G.M. Hubbard; recitation, "The Countryman's Reply," J. Seymour; chorus, "Wearing the Blue," Choir; recitation, "The Man in the Woods," C. Palmer; recitation, "The Bridal Wine Cup," L. Stimpson; recitation, "The Water Cure," Eliza Robinson; recitation, "Bill and the Landlady," W. Stimpson; duet, "Save the Boys," Misses W. Mantle and L. Stimpson; recitation, "The Drunkard's Child," Florence Glenn recitation, "The Town Crier," Arthur Mann; song and chorus, "Boys of Britain," Choir; recitation, "Poor Tommy," Rose Palmer; recitation, "A Junior Partner Wanted," W. Almond; recitation, "Farewell," Mr. T.E. Laxton: recitation, "Over the hill to the Poor House," Miss H. Mantle; recitation, "Over the hill from the Poor House." Mr. P. Cox; recitation, "Sign the Pledge," Bertie Wright; "God save the Queen." All the items were given in a way which reflected great credit on those who had undertaken the training the children, especially Miss H. Mantle, who ably presided at the harmonium.

4th Jul 1892

*Cookery Classes*, under the auspices of the Technical Instruction Committee of the Rutland County Council, were commenced in this village on Wednesday. Miss Mabel Rotheram was the demonstrator.

- 4th Jul 1892** *Cricket Club* – The annual meeting of the members of Langham C.C. was held up at the Black Horse Inn, on Saturday night. The Captain (Mr. Hubbard) presided. The accounts for the year having been received and passed, several matches were arranged for the ensuing season. The following officers were appointed: – President, Lord Lonsdale; vice presidents, Col. Brocklehurst, Col. Jarvis, F Hamlyn, Esq., and W Baird, Esq.; Captain, Mr Herbert Hubbard; sub captain, Mr W.T. Hayr; secretary, Mr Samuel Laxton, Jr.; Treasurer, Mr E Marshall; committee, Messrs. R Wright, E Tomlin, J Hayes, G. Isaacs, and H Faulks.
- 24th Dec 1892** The Vicar of Oakham has had the pleasure this week distributing a handsome gift of coal to the poor of Langham (two and a half cwt. each), by the kindness Mr. and Mrs. Baird, of Deanscroft, Oakham, who formerly greatly befriended when living at Barleythorpe.  
A Sale Work took place in the Institute on Friday and Saturday last, promoted by several ladies of the village, to clear on the debt remaining on the building. Great credit is due to them for the large display of useful and fancy articles to be found on the various stalls contributed chiefly by the weekly working-party. The sale opened Friday at twelve o'clock, at which hour a numerous and influential company had assembled, among whom noticed, during the afternoon, the Dowager Countess of Lonsdale and party, Lady Augusta Noel, Mrs. and the Misses Finch. Mrs. Hanbury, Mrs. Heathcote party, Misses Wingfield, Miss Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hamlyn, Col. Brocklehurst, Mrs. and Misses Hay, Mrs. Tanner and party, &c., The stalls were under the management of Mrs. Baker and the Misses Baker, Mrs. Laxton, Mrs. Royce, Mrs. Almond, Mrs. Cox. Miss Holmes, and Mr. Royce, who were most energetic in pushing their wares. The refreshment stall, under the efficient supervision of the Misses Hubbard, Marshall, and Stimpson, was well patronised, while the somewhat novel "rummage sale" was the centre of great interest and a roaring trade was done in all kinds of wearing apparel, hats, books, &c., the sale being in charge of Messrs. Almond, Baker, and Laxton. At intervals on both days vocal and instrumental music was contributed by the Misses Baker, Bartram, and Holmes; and songs by Messrs. Baker and H. Faulks. We are pleased to add that at the close on Saturday's proceedings the debt had been cleared, and a balance left in the care of the treasurer. It would be difficult to over-praise those who took the lead in this successful affair, and the parishioners of Langham ought to feel very thankful to Col. Brocklehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Hamley, and the working committee, for thus clearing off the debt.
- 6th Jan 1894** Primitive Methodist Chapel having been closed for some time for renovations was re-opened last Sunday when two sermons were preached by Mr H S Dexter of Oakham. The Oakham Choir and band came on Monday evening and gave a service of song entitled 'Darkness and Dawn'.
- 17th Feb 1894** *The Gale* – Considerable damage has been caused in this village by the Gale, especially on Sunday night, slates and tiles been blown off the roofs, but the thatched roofs have suffered most. The large hand of the Church clock was broken off by the force of the wind. Happily, no personal injury was sustained.
- 30th Mar 1895** Through the kind gift of Mrs Brocklehurst, Ranksborough, two new lamps have been placed in the chancel of Langham Church. They are similar in pattern to the other lamps, and will more effectually light that part of the sacred edifice, and prove a great boon to the choir.
- 18th May 1895** *The School Prize Giving* - On Friday evening, the 10th inst., in the above School, Mrs. Baggallay distributed the prizes for regular attendance. The school had been open 415 times during the year ending 31st March. Forty-four children received prizes for the highest number attendances. The following fourteen had made over 400, viz., Annie Smith 415, Frank Eades 415, Thomas N. Munday 411, Walter Veasey 410, Florrie Elms 409, Horace Nudds 409, Percy Nudds 408, Eliza Palmer 407, Sarah Casterton 404, John Henry Smith 404, Edgar Williamson 403, George Palmer 403, Charles Smith 402, Philip Smith 401. The remaining children for the next highest attendances were—John C. Sewell, Danzie Smith, Ethel Smith, Percy Smith, Annie Peacock, Charles Veasey, Sarah Smith, Charles Glenn, Emily Bell, John Peat, John Nourish, Bella Sewell, Elsie Cox, James Burdett, Ethel Sewell, Horace Peat, George Burdett, Sam Clarke, Harry Palmer, Gwendoline Hunt, Harry Sewell, Martha Williamson, John Wm. Smith, Lily Williamson, Lottie Marshall, Kate Maud, Mary Burdett, Ernest Williamson, Harry Cox, and Fred Williamson. The two regular monitors, Mary Almond and Fanny Sewell also received a prize. Miss Mabel Williamson, who had been monitor in the Infants' School and left at Easter, was presented with a valuable leather satchel, the gift of the infants and Mr. and Mrs. Eades, as a mark affection and esteem for her kindness to the little ones, and her thoughtful and ready help at all times. The children's prizes were purchased with the proceeds of the school entertainment held in January, but, owing to the annual examination and several other causes, it had not been possible for the distribution to take place earlier. Hearty cheers were given for the Rev. F. Baggallay and Mrs. Baggallay, Mr. and Mrs. Eades, and for the mothers who had made efforts to send their children regularly to School.



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*Dedication of a Reredos* - Never have we seen the old Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Langham, under more favourable circumstances than at the services which were held on May 5th. The occasion was the dedication of the new oak reredos, given to the Church by Col. H. Clarke Jervoise, whose liberality has made him a very generous friend to Langham. Besides the reredos, which is thoroughly in keeping with the architecture the Church, Col. Jervoise has also provided a number of new hassocks, a set of brasses for the altar, new hymn books, and many other signs of his kindness. So the Church wore a new aspect on May 5th.

The Vicar, Rev. F. Baggalay, M.A., preached in the morning, and we noticed among those present—Mr. G.H. Finch, M.P., Mrs. and the Misses Finch, Col. H.C. Jervoise, Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Baggalay. In the evening, Rev. S.A. Cox was the preacher, and there were large congregations at both services, the offertories amounting to over £5.

**15th June 1895**

Death of A Native of Langham In America. – The Wilkes Barré Times, of Monday, April 22nd, contains the following account of the death, in that city, of Mr Richard Sharpe, a native of Langham, and a cousin of Mr Thomas Swingler, of Langham :- "*Richard Sharpe, one of the old residents of the city, died at his residence 25, West River Street, at eleven o'clock last (Sunday) night, after an illness of about two months. In the death of Richard Sharpe, whose spirit passed peacefully to its eternal home on the evening of Sunday last, our community loses one of its most philanthropic and useful citizens. He was a son of Richard and Mary S Sharpe, and was born at Langham, Rutlandshire, England, on April 10, 1813. In the fall of 1826 he came to this country with his father, step-mother, and his brother William. In 1847 he was married to Sally Paterson, daughter of Thomas Patterson, of Londonderry, Ireland, and Mary Dennison, daughter of Col. Nathan Dennison, of this valley. Early called to labour for the support of those dear to him, his career has been characterised by unflinching fidelity, integrity, and persistent effort. The success achieved has been the result of those qualities of mind and heart which mark the Christian gentleman. For many years he has been prominently connected with the mining industry of the anthracite coal region.*

*Among his partners have been Francis Weiss, George Belford, John Leiseuring, John Courtwright, and Asa Foster. At the time of his death he was the president of the Alden Coal Company. He was helpful in the establishment of all charitable institutions of this city and responded generously to many of the calls both at home and abroad for aid in missionary and Christian work.*

*Simple in his tastes, and humble in his walk with God, he preferred that his benefactions should not be made public. Baptised in infancy in the Church of England, he has for long years been a faithful communicant of the Protestant Church and was at the time of his decease one of the wardens of St Stephens Church in this city. The faith of his childhood faulted not amid the trials of a long and laborious life and sustained the departing spirit with the hope that maketh not ashamed. His departure is a coronation, not a defeat – a life perfected."* The funeral took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 24th, the interment being in the Hollenbach Cemetery. Mr Sharpe visited his cousin, Mr Swingler, at Langham, in 1868, and suggested at the time that his native Church should be restored, and soon after his return to America he forwarded £200 to Mr Swingler for that purpose, and £20 in addition for the pulpit.

**24th Aug 1895**

Wedding.—On the 20th August, Miss M. E. S. Baker, daughter the late Mr. E. G. Baker, of Langham Hall, Rutland, was married to Mr. Harry Blundell, son of the late Mr. John Blundell, of Coventry, at the Church of St. Mary, Wimbledon, by the Rev. Canon Haygarth The bridesmaids were Miss S. E. Blundell, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Sybil Price, and Miss Gertrude and Miss May Baker, cousins of the bride. The best man was Mr. H. Topham. The bride was given away by her mother. After the ceremony, a reception was held at Edenthorpe, Wimbledon Park. The bride wore an elegant gown of white silk, trimmed with lace. Her long tulle veil was fastened with a coronet of natural orange blossom and myrtle, and she wore a bracelet set with pearls, which, together with her lovely shower bouquet, were the bridegroom's gift. The bridesmaids wore pale blue cashmere skirts, with white silk blouses, trimmed with blue velvet. Their hats were of white chip, trimmed with ostrich feathers and chiffon. Two the bridesmaids wore gold bangles, and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations; the two younger ones carried baskets of the same flowers, and wore name brooches, also the gifts of the bridegroom. At four o'clock, the happy pair left for Scotland, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going-away dress was tailor-made costume of green cloth, trimmed with velvet of a darker shade, with blouse of apricot silk. Her hat was of green velvet, with straw-coloured crown, and aigrette and flowers to match. The presents were numerous and handsome.

*Dedication of the New Organ in Langham Church*

The new organ which has been presented to the Parish Church of Langham by Colonel Clarke Jervoise, of Langham House, was dedicated at a special service held in the Church on Wednesday last, the preacher on the occasion being the Right Rev. The Bishop of Shrewsbury. That such event should arouse feelings of the most grateful appreciation on the part of the parishioners will be understood, and the appearance of the Church on Wednesday disclosed that the interest in the event was not confined to Langham alone but extended to Oakham and the surrounding neighbourhood. Colonel Jervoise's gift, it should be stated, is only one of numerous instances which might be cited to show the interest he manifests in the welfare of both the Church and the parish, his benefactions to the former including, amongst other things, the provision of new heating apparatus while, comparatively recently, the beauty of the chancel was most effectively added to by a handsome reredos, the cost which was also defrayed by him. The new organ deposes one which has rendered good service for many years, but it was becoming evident that a larger and more suitable instrument was necessary, and it was at this point that Colonel Jervoise once more generously agreed to meet the requirements of the Church and congregation. The new organ occupies the same position as did its predecessor in the north aisle, and when we state it has been supplied by Messrs. Brindley and Foster, of Sheffield and London, builders to the Royal College of Organists, it is almost superfluous to add that it is the very best type, of magnificent tone, and admirably adapted to the surroundings. The case the instrument is oak, the front pines being silvered, and its appearance is at once compact and pleasing. The organ comprises two complete manuals (compass C to G, 66 notes), and an independent pedal organ (compass CCC to F, 30 notes). The disposition of the stops, &c., is as follows:

Great Organ—compass C C to G, 56 notes: 1, Open Diapason, metal, 8 feet; 2, Rohr Flöte, wood and metal 8 feet; 3, Dulcianer, metal, 8 feet (tenor c); 4, Harmonic flute wood and metal, 4 feet. Swell Organ—compass C C to G 56 notes: 5, Violin diapason, wood and metal, 8 feet; Vox Angelica, wood and metal, 3 (tenor c); 7, Voix Celeste metal, 3 (tenor c); 3 Salicet, metal, 4 feet; 9, Piccolo metal; 2 feet; 10, Oboe, metal 8 feet. Pedal Organ—compass C C C to F, 30 notes: 11, Bourdon, wood 16 feet, Couplers—12, Swell Great; 13, Swell to Pedal; 14, Great to Pedal.

The service on Wednesday was attended by one of the largest congregations ever known at Langham, those present including the Dowager Countess of Lonsdale, the Right Hon. G.J. and Lady Augusta Noel, Lady Sybil Tollemache, Mr. G.H. Finch, M.P. the Misses Finch, Col. Clarke Jervoise, Mrs. Baggallay, Mr. Chaplin (Burrough) and party, the Misses Wingfield, Mrs. E. Hanbury, and others. The Langham choir was augmented for the occasion by several of the members the Oakham Church choir. The clergy present included the Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Rev. F. Baggallay (Vicar), Rev. G.A. Tanner (Cold Overton), Rev. A.R. Newby (Teigh), Rev. E.C. Pigot (Greetham), Rev. D.E. Young (Hambleton), Rev. A.W. Rokeby (curate-in-charge Langham), and the Rev. M. McLean.

The service was of very hearty and successful character, Mr. Hy. Nicholson, A.R.C.O., presiding at the organ, in manner which gave the fullest opportunity for the fine qualities of the instrument to be noted. The opening voluntary was Lemaire's "Elegy," and the processional hymn was "Songs of Praise the Angels sang."

The first part of the service was intoned by the Rev. M. McLean, the remaining portion being taken the Rev. A.W. Rokeby; the Rev. D.E. Young read the first lesson, from 2 Chron. v., and the second was read by the Vicar, from Rev. vii., 50. Proper Psalms were sung, the first one to a setting by Mr. Nicholson, and the choir rendered, in an effective manner, the anthem, "What are these arrayed in white robes?" (Stainer). The hymn before the sermon was "When morning gilds the skies."

The Bishop of Shrewsbury founded an impressive and appropriate discourse on the words, "O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake right early," Psalm cviii., 1 and 2, and in the course of his remarks, showed that the heart must be prepared for worship, as well as good music and singing being provided, if that worship was to be of acceptable character to God.

The concluding hymn was "Abide with me," and after the service, Mr. Nicholson played "Andante in G" (Batiste) and the overture to "Samson" (Handel). The offertory was on behalf of the Langham School Building Fund and amounted to £12 17s. Tomorrow (Sunday), the preacher in the morning will be the Rev. A.W. Rokeby, and at night the Vicar, and the organ will at each service be played Mr. Nicholson.

- 2nd Jan 1896** Baptist Sunday School treat, Mr Edwin Royce placed a field at the disposal of the promoters. After a couple of hours enjoyment children went to the School room for tea and then back to the field where a rare good time of it was spent until dark.
- 8th May 1897** Leicestershire Yeomanry Cavalry - Military Tournament - The military tournament in connection with the annual training of the above named Cavalry was held on Saturday afternoon, on the ground of the Leicester Rugby Club. An excellent programme, of events had been arranged, consisting of the usual military competitions, such as heads and posts, tent pegging, lemon cutting, section jumping, sword exercise, a bare-back melee, tug-of-war, and several races, The A (Oakham) Squadron more than held its own, winning prizes to the value of £12 10s. out of £30, the total amount competed for. The following officers acted as stewards :— Col. Blair, Major Williams, Major Martin, Captain Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and Captain and Adjutant Kavanagh. Details :- Heads and Posts : 1st prize £2, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s. Trooper F. Cowley 1, Trooper Crisp 2, and Trooper E. Cowley 3.--Tent Pegging: 1st prize £2, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s. Trooper Gee 1; Corpl. Barnett (Oakham), 2 ; **Sergt. Baker (Langham)** 3.—Lemon Cutting: 1st prize £2, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s. Private Taylor (Oakham), 1 ; Corpl. Barnett (Oakham), 2; Trooper Stubbs (C Squadron), 3; twenty-six competitors. - Section Jumping: 1st prize £4, 2nd £2. In this event, teams of four horses were entered from each Squadron. The four horses had to be ridden round the ring and over the three lots of hurdles, the object being to keep exactly abreast, the pace to be eighteen miles an hour. There were several teams entered - A (Oakham) Squadron entering a team of bays and one of greys, D Squadron had two teams. The prize went to the A Squadron bay team, the following riding :—Sergt. Singleton (Stamford), Sergt. Illisley (Leicester), Corpl. A. Barnett and Trooper G. H. Taylor (Oakham). The 2nd prize was a very near thing between the section of greys and the second team of D Squadron, but eventually the greys had to take third place, owing to one of them cannoning over one flight of hurdles. The riders of the grey's were - **Sergt. R. W. Baker (Langham)**, Trooper Petchell (East Kirkby), Trooper J. Tyler (Melton), and Corporal Hope. - Sword Exercise: Prize £4. won by C Squadron. Four Squadrons A, B, C, D--competed. - Victoria Cross Race: 1st prize £2, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s. The competition, which caused a great deal of amusement, was divided into five heats, of which the following were the winners :- Lieut. Freke, Sergt. Singleton, Trooper Gee, Trooper Collington, and Trooper Harrison. Final : 1 Sergt. Singleton, 2 Trooper Gee, 3 Trooper Collington ; twenty-five competed. The firing squad was from the Depot, and was in charge of Sergt. Birne. Mounted Bare-backed Melee: Prize £3. Four Squadrons - A., B, C and D and D took part in this competition, which consisted of a general struggle between the different Squadrons. The prize went to D Squadron. 100 Yards Foot Race: 1st prize £1, 2nd 10s. 1 Trooper T. Mills, 2 Corpl. Hope, 3 Private Warren. - Tug-of-War : Prize £4. C Squadron beat D Squadron in the final. Half-mile Foot Race: 1st prize £1 10s., 2nd 15s., 3rd 5s; 1 Corpl. Hope, 2 Trooper Mills, 3 Private Warren. A smoking concert for A Squadron only was held at the " Craven Arms," Humberstone-gate, on Monday, Captain Lord Willoughby de Eresby, M.P., taking the chair, when a very pleasant evening was spent. His Lordship spoke to the men of their drill during the training in very high terms, and of the manner in which they turned out. He also wished to speak about the sports, and to mention the names of Sergt. Singleton, Corpl. A. Barnett, and **Sergt. Baker** as having distinguished themselves. He was very sorry that the last two named had such bad luck at tent pegging, as they split their pegs each time but the pegs were bad ones, and so would not hold to the lance. He hoped to meet them all again next year in greater numbers.
- 18th Sept 1897** In a competition open to the United Kingdom promoted by the Master Baker's Association, and held in London, Mr R.G. Isaac, of the Post Office in this village, was awarded the certificate of the Association for the excellence of purity of his bread.  
Mr Hugh Wright, of Langham, won his heat and the final in the one mile bicycle handicap at the athletic sports promoted by the Gainsborough Onward Cycling and Trinity Football Clubs, on Saturday. On Monday, the same rider carried off the mile bicycle handicap, and also the one open to the County of Rutland at Oakham sports.
- 26th Nov 1899** On Saturday last ten six-score 'Grandsire Doubles' making 1200 in all were rung at Langham, H Edgson treble, J Sewell 2nd, C Williamson 3rd, T Hubbard 4th, F Sewell conductor 5th, R W Baker, tenor 16.5 cwt. The above took 48mins.

13th Oct 1900

*The Evening Continuation School* will open on Monday, October 15th, and will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week. It is intended for men and for boys who are not compelled to attend the Day School.

*Bible Society* - The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last. There was a good attendance. The Rev. F. Baggally, M.A., R.D., Vicar of the parish, took the chair. The meeting was addressed by Rev E. Bryant, missionary in China and he was listened to with interest. Mr. Hay, secretary, gave the particulars of receipts and expenditure, from which it appeared that Langham was not behindhand in supporting this exceedingly useful Society.

*A Langham Man's Experiences at the Front* - Mr. Edwin Royce, of Langham, has received the following letter from his son, Private Herbert Royce, written at Heilbron. "You may think it hard of me for not writing before, but I have not had the least possible chance. I have not received any letters or sent any away since April, when I was at Boshof. We have been fighting more or less every day since then. We first went to Hoopstadt, then on Bothaville, then to Kroonstadt where they told us that the war was over. Two days later we had a fearful battle on June 1st, going to Lindley, and were led within five hundred yards of the enemy, who poured a hail of bullets into us. We had to retire for about a thousand yards, and dismount, and fire until we drove them back, which lasted about three hours. We then advanced, but by this time they had occupied another ridge. We were then again led into another death-trap, where we lost several men this time it was dark and took the town. The next day we fought again, where I had my horse shot, the engagement lasted all day. That was the last day's fighting I had with Lord Methuen. Half of the Berks. Yeomanry then had to go with General Paget, as he was short of mounted men, so you could not tell by the papers where I was. We have been scattered all over the place. We then stayed at Lindley for three weeks. During that time, we were shelled day and night, and almost starved, as we were completely surrounded. We had two biscuits day for about a fortnight, until reinforcements came and relieved us. We then drove them back to Bethlehem, which was hard fighting, for five days and nights. It is a wonder any of the mounted troops are alive. Shell after shell came in amongst us but did not burst, besides heavy rifle fire. The next day we halted to give the horses rest, but the order came for us Berks, to saddle up, and the Australians and two guns to go out eight miles and mend the telegraph wire, which had been cut. We get about seven miles, when they fired at us from a kopje. The officer in charge told us to dismount and fire. We then had to advance in a most fearful fire, under cover of the two big guns which were on our right flank. Out of the forty-five men that were sent eleven men had to hold horses, which left only thirty-three to advance. We got within six hundred yards of the kopie, when the officer told to fix bayonets and charge. We advanced again, and got within two hundred yards, when the twelve men on my right hand were shot down. I expected the same fate every minute. I lay down in a bunch of long grass. and they ploughed the ground up all round me with bullets. I remained there for about fifteen minutes, which seemed like hours, waiting for the order to advance and charge, but found that the officer had been shot. We were then a fix. In the meantime, the two guns had retired, because it was thought none of us would ever come back again, which left us to the mercy of the Boers. They called to the rest of us for hands up, but we were not having any. The order was then sent up for us to retire which was no easy matter, but we got up and rushed back to our horses a mile away, under a very heavy crossfire. The next day the whole force marched and drove back them back into the mountains, on the way to Senskal. We were then attached to General Hunter, and fought our way to Friesburg, where we re-captured the six hundred prisoners who were taken at Lindley. I was next attached to General Clements. A few days after that, we surrounded them, and Prinseloo surrendered with all his men. Two days afterwards we had go with General Macdonald, when we surrounded another lot and took two thousand prisoners. We then marched back to Bethlehem, half-way back to Kronstad, where we were going to get a fresh rig-out, but an order came that we were to go Heilbron where the Boers were. We had one days fighting coming in. We have been here two days, and expect a battle every day, but I hear we are going to stay here for a week to give the horses and men a rest, and to get new clothes. The men are in a fearful plight: they are even riding on the saddle with their bare flesh. We have hardly got a rag to our back. I thought when wrote home last that I should have been in England by now, but it may last for another three months: I shall think myself lucky if reach home by Christmas. If you have written a letter every week I shall have quite a bundle. I have been looking forward for a letter for a long time from you but have been unable to get the letters up. We do not get any news whatever. It has been a frightfully cold winter: the blankets are white and stiff with frost every morning. Next month the rainy season starts. We have not slept under a tent for the last four months. I hope they will try and get them up country before it starts. It is no fun sleeping out wet nights with only two blankets. I expect by this time you are the middle of haymaking.

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- 1st Feb 1901** *Home from the war* – On Friday, January 18th, Mr RW Baker arrived in Langham, home from the war in South Africa. He was met by several friends at Oakham railway station, where a carriage was waiting for him. On his entry into the village, the carriage was stopped, the horses taken out, and admiring and patriotic men pulled him along into the front of the school, where lights were placed, so that he might be seen. Much handshaking, with old friends and acquaintances then took place, and Mr Baker had to make a speech, which he did – to everyone's delight.
- 11th April 1903** *The Tramps and the Eggs* — Lewis Mead and William Beeson, who said they belonged to Nottingham, were brought up in custody charged with stealing a quantity of eggs, value 1s., the property of Thomas Munday, grazier and butcher, Langham, on the 3rd April.— Prosecutor and James Glenn spoke to seeing one of the prisoners in a field in the vicinity of prosecutor's fowl-house on the afternoon in question, and Thomas Wm. Munday, son of prosecutor, stated when he went the fowl-house about five o'clock on the date named, he found the lock of the place broken, and there were no eggs. He was there at dinnertime, when there were eight eggs in two nests, and two more hens laying. — Robert Newell, lodging housekeeper, Uppingham, said the prisoners came to his house on Friday, and stayed the night. They brought about twenty eggs with them, which witness purchased for a shilling. He did not ask them where they got them from. The police came and made enquiries next morning, and he told them he had bought some eggs. — P.C. Green said he arrested the two men in the lodging house at Uppingham on Saturday morning, and Supt. Murfitt said when the prisoners were charged, they both said they did not know where Langham was, and that they had not had any eggs in their possession for over a week. The same day witness received eleven eggs from the lodging-house, nine others having been used. — One of the prisoners said he found two nests of eggs under a hedge; that was how they came into his possession. The other man stated that he never left the road until he got to Uppingham. — They were each sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.
- 31 Dec 1904** *A Very Interesting Wedding* was solemnised the Rev. E.H. James, in the Parish Church, Langham, on Boxing-day [1904], before a large congregation, the bridegroom being Mr. Henry A. Sycamore, of Swell, Surrey, and the bride Caroline Helen, the youngest daughter of Mr. J.T. Harding, of the Lodge, Ranksborough. The bride, who was attired in a cream dress with hat to match, was given away her father, while Mr. Cleall acted as best man. The bridesmaids, who wore pale grey dresses with black chiffon hats, were Miss Beatrice Harding, Sheffield, cousin of the bride. Miss Jenny Sycamore, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss E. Burdett; they each carried a silver-covered Prayer-book, the gift of the bridegroom. The presents were both numerous and costly, consisting of the following :—Bride's Mother and Father, blankets and linen, &c. ; Bridegroom's Father, kitchen table; Bridegroom's Mother, kitchen utensils and blankets ; Mr. and Mrs. Lines, counterpanes, pictures, &c.; Master G. Lines, photo; Miss M. Sycamore, gold and emerald brooch ; Miss J. Sycamore, brass fender and fire-irons; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sycamore, clock ; Mrs. Sycamore, Epsom, jam jar; Miss E.F. Sycamore, biscuit barrel; Miss Millard, bedstead and bedding ; Mrs. Melmoth Walters, half-a-dozen silver teaspoons, blankets. &c.; the Misses Walters, brocaded cushion ; Mrs. Challoner Smith, cabinet; the Misses Challoner Smith, bed spread; Mr. W. Cleall and Miss Henson, table cutlery; Mr. W. Sycamore and Miss North, standard lamp; Miss L. Palmer, lampshade; Miss Hunt, dinner service ; Miss Fenner, glass dishes ; Miss B. Cooke, brackets; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Harding, Sheffield, silver cruet, dessert spoons, teaspoons, and sugar tongs; Mr. and Mrs. Fenner, fancy table, &c. ; Mr. Cotter and Mr. Cheeseman, bread board and knife, tumblers and wine glasses; Miss Bowtell, chamber service ; Mr. Ayling, set of carvers ; Mrs. Ayling, tea tray; Miss Packman, teapot; Mrs. Staddon, cheese dish ; Miss L. Staddon, silver jam spoon and butter knife ; the Misses Bella, Ruby, and Violet Staddon, glass jug; Mrs. Macdonald, coal vase; Mrs. F. Williamson, toilet covers ; Mr. and Mrs. W. Williamson, sheets and table cover ; Mr. J. and D. Williamson, set of carvers and steel; Miss Alice Williamson, fancy mats; Miss Lillie Williamson, glass dishes; Mrs. Isaacs, glass dishes; Miss Burdett, tapestry table cover; Miss E. Burdett, set of carvers; Mrs. Royce, sideboard cloth; Mrs. Faulks, plated cruet; Mrs. M. Steel, teapot and stand ; Mrs. B. Steel, celery dish and inkstand; Mrs. Cox, antimacassar; Mrs. Morling, Leicester, glass celery dish; Mr. T. Shuttlewood, brass fire-irons; the Shalimore servants, eiderdown ; Mrs. Illing, damask tablecloth; Mrs., Miss, and Miss A. Hubbard, set of carvers and photo , Miss Florrie Hubbard, fancy cloth ; Mr. and Mrs. Tidd, bronze ornaments and watch stand; Mrs. F. Sewell, saucepan ; a Friend, candlestick and towels; Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, Ewell, clock; Miss Martin, painting; Mrs. Webster, crumb tray and brush ; Mr. French, Surrey, clock and pictures;

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the Ewell bellringers, lamp ; Mr. Willard, set of carvers; Mrs. Wright, silver bread fork and jam spoon; Mr. Brunton, ten. tray; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, London, lamp; Miss F. Knight, Wimbledon, ornaments; Miss Hammond, saltcellars, and spoons; Misses K. and H. Sycamore, set of jugs and saltcellars; Mrs. Yates, Leicester, d'oyleys; Mrs. Dance, Leicester, photo frame; Miss Rodely, handkerchiefs; Mrs. Martin, cheque; Mrs. Woodward, sugar tongs; Mrs. J. Glenn, butter dish; Mrs. Sharman, glass dishes; Mrs. Williams, Leicester, tea cosy.

**9th Sep 1905**

*Rutland Petty Sessions – Oakham Castle*

Sarah Ann Meadows, Langham, was charged with assaulting James Glenn, at Langham, on the 7th of August. Complainant stated he went to see defendant on account of her using abusing abusive language to his niece, and, on speaking to her, she struck him in the chest and knocked him down. He had no sooner got up than she "downed " him again. Mrs. Clarke corroborated, while, for the defence, Priscilla Horton said complainant ran a little child of defendants into the house, and threatened to kill it, and that was the cause the disturbance. — Mrs. Meadows said she pushed complainant in self-defence but did not strike him. — The case was dismissed.

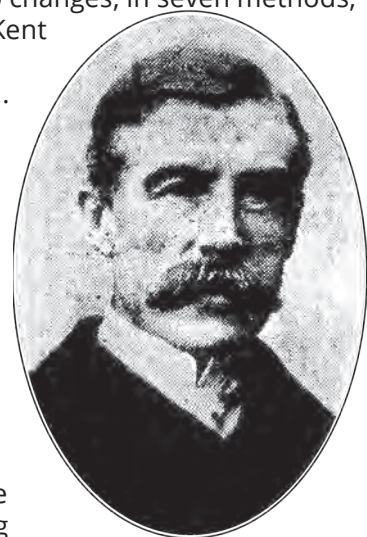
**30th Apr 1908**

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Baker, widow of Edward George Baker, a resident of this parish, which occurred on Tuesday week, December 10th, in her seventy-first year. The deceased, having expressed a wish to be buried in her native village, was interred in Buckminster churchyard on the following Friday. The first part of the service was most impressively read by the Rev. Astley Cooper, Vicar, and the committal was taken by the Rev. G. J. Pattison, curate-in-charge of Langham, who had been most unremitting in his attention to the deceased during her illness.

The mourners, were Messrs. R. W. and G. Baker (sons), Mr. H. and Mrs. Blundell (son in-law and daughter), Mr. W. F. Marshall (cousin), and Nurse Rowe. The following sent wreaths :- In loving remembrance, from Annie, Richard, and George ; In loving memory, from Mr. and Mrs. Blundell and grandchildren ; others from Mrs. C. Morris (Oakham), Sir Henry Jervois, Bart., Mr. and Mrs. G. Ruddle, Miss. Bartram, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Royce, Mr. and Mrs. T. Swingler, jun., Miss Hubbard and Mrs. S. Laxton, members of the Mothers' Meeting (Langham) Mrs. Hamlyn (Clovelly), Dr. and Mrs. Startin, Mrs. Price (Folkestone), Mrs. Man (Hythe), Miss. E. M. Downs, Mrs. Prichard, and Mrs. Andrews. A memorial service was held in Langham Church on Friday afternoon, a very large number of people being present. The Rev. H. Parker, of Oakham, officiated. The bells were rung half muffled in the evening. It must be highly gratifying to the family and friends of the deceased to know that she has passed away respected by all classes. Amongst others attending the funeral were Messrs. G. Ruddle, H. E. Hubbard, and Mr. S. E. Laxton (Whissendine). The funeral arrangements were most ably carried out by Messrs. Hassan, of Oakham. They shall not then have had notice.

**1st Sep 1911**

Campanology - On Friday week, six members of the Midland Counties Association rang on the bells of the Parish Church a peal of minor, consisting of 5040 changes, in seven methods, viz., 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, in two hours fifty-nine minutes. The ringers W.H.Dyke (Wymondham) treble, J. T. Dyke (Burton-on-Trent) 2, J.J. Jackson (Belton, Uppingham) 3, A. P. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) 4, J. H. Wildman (Croxton Kerial) 5, Walter White, conductor (Cotgrave), tenor. This was the first 720 Double Court by W. H. Dyke and J. H. Wildman, also the first 720 Oxford Bob by W. white, J. J. Jackson, and Wildman, and was the first peal in seven methods on six bells in the county.



**23rd Nov 1911**

Box Social - A somewhat novel entertainment, under the above title, was held on Wednesday evening in the Institute, in aid of the Institute Funds. A large number of invitations were issued, as equally as possible to each sex, on condition that each lady brought with her a box containing supper consisting of light refreshments for two people. No less than forty-three boxes were forthcoming. A short whist drive took place, in which the following were the prizewinners:- Gentlemen - 1st Mr. T. McClelland, 2nd Mr. Wm. Clarke. Ladies -1st Miss K. Mantle, 2nd Miss A. Wellington (Oakham). The sale of boxes was the next item, each being, handed out and covered up whilst being sold. When all the boxes were disposed of, each gentleman opened his purchase, and there found the lady's name with whom he had to share his repast. This caused very great fun, and it was really wonderful how the ladies had packed so many good things in so small a space. After supper dancing was freely indulged in, and several songs were sung by Messrs. G.E. Steele, R. Revell, Knott, and

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R.W. Baker. Mr. A. Barnett ably presided at the piano. This was one of the most enjoyable and successful evenings ever held in the village, and the Committee (Messrs. S. Leaver, G.E. Steele, W. Royce, E. Williamson, and H. Royce) must feel amply rewarded by the success of their labours. It is thought that between £4 and £5 will be handed over to the Institute Funds. — The Committee heartily thank all who gave other refreshments, also for their assistance.

**7th Sep 1912**

*Sad Suicide At Langham* - An event which caused a painful sensation in the village occurred at Langham on Tuesday morning, viz., the tragic death of Mr. Benjamin Steel, baker. The deceased, who was much respected, was not known to be in any sort of trouble, except, that he was rather worried by his account\* coming in slowly. He was apparently in his usual state of health on Tuesday morning, ate good lunch about 9.30, and left to stable. Shortly afterwards his wife, hearing noise, went across to the stable and found her husband banging from a ladder. Assistance was summoned, and deceased was cut down. Artificial respiration was resorted to, but Mr. Steel 11.30 without recovering consciousness. An inquest was held body Mr. W. Hubbard's house Wednesday night, before Mr. M.H. Pugh (Deputy-Coroner). Mr. G.E. Steele was foreman of the jury. Mrs. Annie Steel, widow of deceased, identified the body that of her late husband, and in answer to the coroner, said deceased was in good health, and she had not noticed that was depressed. He was rather worried money matters through people not paying him. There was no difference his manner on Monday evening, but on Tuesday morning he said did not feel very well and complained of pains in his head. He came to lunch about 9.30, and afterwards went into the stable. She followed shortly afterwards on hearing noise as if something had fallen, and, ascertaining that her husband was the loft, went up there, and found him hanging to a ladder, with a rope round his neck, attached the ladder. She lifted him up as far she could and called for knife. A neighbour came in and promptly cut deceased down. was alive, but unconscious, and medical aid was summoned. — In answer to farther questions, she said that, apart from business worries, she and her husband were quite happy. He had never threatened to take his life. — Mrs. Alice Williamson, of Langham, said she was in her garden about 9.30. a few yards from deceased's house, when she heard her daughter call out that the deceased was hanging himself. She went to the stable, and meeting deceased's son with knife, took it from him, and cut the rope. — Tom Monday, butcher, deposed that deceased's children came crying to him that their father was hanging himself. ran to the loft and found deceased had just been cut down. He commenced artificial respiration but was about a quarter-of-an-hour before deceased appeared to breathe. He was quite black in the face when cut down, but after a time he came back to his natural colour. He carried out the doctor's instructions, and everything was done that could be done, but deceased gradually succumbed. Witness could not account for deceased's action; he always seemed pleasant and cheerful and was good neighbour. — Dr. Norman. Oakham stated that he had known deceased many years, and had found him healthy and cheerful man. When he was called in to see deceased, he found him lying on the ground in the loft. Deceased was unconscious, and there was the mark of a rope on the lower part of the neck. He hoped that there was no difficulty with deceased's breathing, he might come round, but was nothing more than hope. Everything possible was done. Death was due the effects of strangulation. — The jury, after a very brief deliberation, came to the conclusion that the deceased committed suicide whilst in a state of unsound mind, and verdict was entered accordingly.

**19th Oct 1912**

The London Gazette of Tuesday night contained the following Order in Council affecting this district; 'His Majesty approves the scheme which provides that the chapelry of Langham and the hamlet of Barleythorpe shall for all ecclesiastical purpose be separated from the vicarage and Parish church of Oakham and be constituted a separate benefice by the name or style of the Vicarage of Langham, also it shall be under the same jurisdiction as the Vicarage of Oakham and that the patronage or right of nomination to the separate benefice shall be vested in the lord Bishop of Peterborough.

This was followed by a report of the Harvest Festival services taken by Rev T Wood, the curate in charge who preached in the morning and vicar of Whissendine preached in the evening. Full congregations for both in beautifully decorated church, R Isaac complimented on choir and singing and £3 - 4 being sent to LRI.

**14th Dec 1912**

Bishop of Peterborough has appointed Rev T H Wood to the vicarage of Langham, Rutland now separated from parish of Oakham.

**18th Jan 1913**

Treat - A Christmas tree and tea, were recently given to the School children by Major-General Brocklehurst, Captain and Mrs Adean, Mr Owen Smith, Mr Ruddle, and Mr Lendrum. The tree was laden with useful presents, which were duly presented to the juveniles, and they tender their sincere thanks to all those who kindly provided the enjoyment.

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*Whist Drive* - A very enjoyable whist drive was held on Thursday week in the Institute, sixty players taking part. The prize-winners were :- Gentlemen: 1st, Mr Guivir, Burley ; 2nd, Mr Dawson, Burley ; 3rd, Mr Joe Edgson. Ladies: 1st, Mrs Pickering, Burley ; 2nd, Mrs E. Royce ; 3rd, Mrs S Smith. The prizes were kindly given by friends.

*Choir Supper* - The annual Church choir supper was held on Friday evening week. The supper, to which the sidesmen and ringers were invited, took place in the "Noel Arms" Club-room, Host and Hostess Simmons catering in their well-known style. Mr Ruddle proved, as usual, a genial chairman, and after various toasts had been honoured, the company adjourned to the Institute, where games and dancing took place, many relations and friends of the members joining. Light refreshments were also provided. Mr R.G. Isaac, the choirmaster, is to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements, which were solely in his hands. The members of the choir wish to thank most heartily all those who so generously subscribed to this treat, which they so thoroughly enjoyed. Mr A. Barnett presided at the piano for the songs and dancing.

**25th Jan 1913**

*The New Vicar* - The induction and installation of the Rev. Thomas Henry Wood, MA., as Vicar of Langham, took place in the Parish Church, on Wednesday afternoon last, before a large congregation. The Lord Bishop of Peterborough performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. J.H. Charles, MA., Vicar of Oakham, Rural Dean. The churchwardens (Messrs. G Ruddle and R.W. Baker) were also in attendance. The first part of the service was choral. Several of the neighbouring clergy were present, some taking a part in the service. The Bishop gave a short address, exhorting the parishioners to do all they could to help their new Vicar to forward the good work in his parish. [editorial correction "Ruddle should read Rendle"]

**26th Apr 1913**

*Parish Council* - The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held in the Schoolroom on the 16th inst. Mr HE Hubbard was re-elected chairman, and Mr ET Marshall vice-chairman Messrs. G Ruddle, C.C., and Hubbard were re-appointed, overseers, Mr Marshall and Mr. A Harris trustees of the Parochial Charities, and Mr W Almond, clerk. Mr Marshall reported on the dangerous state of some old cottages in the village, and the Clerk was again instructed to write to the Oakham Rural District Council about them, as nothing had been done with regard to them for the past two years.

**24th May 1913**

*Obituary* - The remains of the Late Mr John Williamson were laid to rest in Langham Churchyard on Wednesday week. The mourners were Mrs Williamson (widow), Mr Edgar Williamson (son) Mrs Hugh Wright and Miss Ida Williamson (daughters), Mr W Turner (Coston). Mrs Johnson (Old Dalby), Mr and Mrs Walbourne (Sewstern), Mrs Bristow, Messrs. Fred Sewell and George Veazey (Langham). The deceased, who was in his 78th year, had lived in this parish all his life, and was not only an owner of property, but had occupied land under the Earl of Gainsborough, for many years. As a man of a quiet and unassuming nature he was highly respected by all classes. He leaves a widow, one son, and three daughters. The handsome plain oak coffin was supplied by Mr W Bristow.

**24th May 1913**

*Rutland Rural District Council* - A meeting of the Rural District Council was subsequently held, Mr. Finch again being in the chair.

*A Langham Complaint* - Mr Hubbard asked when something was going to be done to the old cottages at Langham which had been previously complained of as unsafe?

The Sanitary Inspector replied he understood the owner had made them safe; at any rate, he had pulled down the chimney. Mr Hubbard: I don't think so. Mr W Watchorn said he saw the property the previous day, and it appeared to be in the same condition. The Inspector said, irrespective of the chimney, he did not think the outside walls were unsafe. They were an eyesore, certainly. It was the children playing inside the buildings where the danger came in. The Clerk said if children trespassed inside the buildings, this council had no control over that, providing the walls themselves were safe. The Inspector: I don't think they would blow down on to the roadway. Mr Hubbard: I think they would. There are strong complaints about it in Langham. Mr Baker supported Mr Hubbard's remarks.

The Chairman: we cannot do what we have not got powers to do. The inspector said he would go and inspect the property again that afternoon, and see the owner.

*The Sanitary Condition of Market Overton* - The Inspector produced a letter from Dr. Rolleston, the County Medical Officer, commenting upon the insanitary condition of the village of Market Overton, the drainage system being defective, the water supply very polluted, and a system of scavenging was required. The Inspector also reported in his journal that part of the village drained into a small tank, and it got away without being intercepted. A larger tank was required.

The Chairman said now that dryer whether prevailed, the water supply of Greetham, which had been in abeyance, should be gone into again. - In regard to this question, a subsequent report by the County Medical Officer of Health related to a water supply for some property outside the village, and Mr Bettinson pointed out that this was the same water they hesitated



about putting on for Market Overton. It was the purest water in Rutland, but the sample that was taken was from the dyke contaminated by crewyard matter, not from the spring itself. This was where the Bourne water originated from. – The Chairman : We must have another sample taken. – Mr Baker : What a terrible form this County must have been in a few years ago. – The matters relating to Market Overton were referred to the Parish Council for their consideration.

County Medical Officers Report – A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council (Mr BA Adam) enclosing extracts from a report made by the County Medical Officer of Health, and also requesting the Council to direct the attention of the Sanitary Inspector to make investigations as to the conditions under which meat was sold in the district, and, if necessity arose, to refer any question of conditions to Dr Rolleston ; and, further, to see that dairies, cowsheds, etc, were properly lime-washed. – The Inspector said he had always carried out the instructions contained in the letter with regard to meat, and also the periodical cleansing and lime washing of dairies, &c. – The Chairman said he had just been signing some orders about slaughter-houses and cowsheds reported upon by the Inspector. – Among the extracts from the County Medical Officers report were the following :- “In reference to the letter written by the Clerk to the Rural District Council saying that the sewage works at Whissendine were in order, visit was paid by the County’s medical’s officer on March 10th. The sewage was found to be flowing directly into the brook without any treatment, one of the banks having been broken down. None of Dr. O’Connor’s recommendations have been executed. The farm requires daily visiting, and this should be done by a man employed by the Rural District Council, as at Glaston. This would ensure equal distribution of the sewage. The County Medical Officer should meet Dr O’Connor and the Sanitary Inspector. At Langham, the brewery septic tank is working well. As mentioned in my report for 1911, some fourteen drains are still opening into the stream. It is suggested that the Oakham Rural District Council should compel the larger owners to provide tanks and filter beds, and the other owners cesspools. No steps have yet been taken with regard to water supply for Whissendine, Cottesmore, and Egleton. It is suggested that the notice of the District Council be again called to these matters. A house at Cottesmore, condemned as unfit for human habitation over a year ago, is still occupied. There is no through ventilation, one of the bedrooms has no window to the external air, and the floors are in bad condition. As the landlord has not carried out the necessary work, it is suggested that the question of demolition be considered by the Rural District Council (section 18, Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909). – The Sanitary Inspector was instructed to attend to the Whissendine sewage farm matter, and with regard to Langham it was decided to see what could be done further in that respect. The Inspector was directed to notify with reference to the house at Cottesmore complained of that steps will be taken for its demolition unless the work required was carried out. The other matters were directed to stand over for the time being. The Flooded Road Near Manton – the Clerk reported that the Highways Committee met that morning, and had before them the letter from the Wing Parish Council, calling attention to the liability of the road near Cromwell bridge between Wing and Manton, and asking for a raised to footpath to be made, to enable pedestrians in flood times to reach the station. The Committee, after considering the matter, recommended that the whole of the roadway which flooded should be raised to the level of the bridge, the suggested width being fifteen feet. The estimated cost would be about £40, which was about the same as the carrying out of the Wing Councils suggestion. – Mr Heathcote said they had had a fairly wet winter, but he could not remember the road near the bridge being flooded. – The Chairman said there was not the slightest doubt the road did flood, and that to a depth of from six inches to a foot, and it prevented foot people getting to Manton station from Wing. He had been stopped himself. – Mr Healey moved that the recommendation of the Committee be carried out, and, Mr Hubbard seconding, it was carried.

The Proposed Level Crossing at Market Overton. The Highways Committee reported that the application of Messrs. Jas. Payne, Ltd., for permission to make level-crossings over two roads at Market Overton for ironstone purposes had been considered, and they recommended the Council not to grant the same. Similar requests have been made in other parts of the county, and had been refused. – On the proposition of Mr Healey, Mr Inglesby seconding, the recommendation was agreed to.

A Road Repair Question – the Clerk stated the Highways Committee considered an application by Miss White to take over a piece of road near the Church at Whissendine, and as there was evidence that the road in question was formally repaired by the parish Highway Surveyor, they considered it good, if not conclusive evidence, that it was a highway, and recommended the council to take over the road and keep it in repair. – A similar application was considered by the committee from Miss Tryon, who called attention to the road leading to the old Hall, Hambleton, and hear the evidence was also considered good that the road was formally repaired by the Parish Surveyor, and the Committee accordingly recommended that this road be taken over. –

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Mr Healey said he was sorry he was not able to be at the committee meeting, but he took it for granted that these particular pieces of road had been previously repaired at public expense. There were a good many such roads in the district, and he knew of several at Empingham.

They usually led up to one or two houses, and then after that were simply blind roads. There were scores, hundreds, he might say, of such roads in the district, and he hoped the Committee had taken all the evidence they could get about them, as it was a very dangerous principle for them to embark upon. – The Clerk stated the two cases before the Committee were each dealt with on their merit. – The Chairman said they had ascertained as far as they could that these roads in former times were repaired by the parish. – Mr Stafford said the road at Whissendine was the only way they could get to the churchyard with a vehicle. – Mr Healey said he did not think that constituted a public road. They did something of the sort at Exton, where a Road led to a Chapel but he thought, with all deference, they had no right to do it. It was a wrong principle altogether to take over these kinds of roads. He would like to ask how far it was proposed to take over the road at Hambleton? – The Clerk replied as far as it had been ascertained it was previously mended. – Mr Healey : I can promise you this, if you take over these roads, there will be others brought up. – Mr Hubbard said they had two or three similar roads at Langham, which they had proved were formally repaired by the old Parish Surveyor, but the Council had declined to take them over.

Mr Baker said one very bad road at Langham was not even a blind road, but went right round the by a number of houses and out again. He thought this was equal to Whissendine. – Mr Stafford said the road in question at Whissendine also went to six or seven cottages. – Mr Hubbard : the road at Langham goes to more than cottages : there are some good houses, – Mr Marriot said when the roads first came under the district council, it was laid down that the Surveyor should repair all roads that the parish had repaired hitherto, and he believed it was generally done on those lines throughout the district. It might have been that some of these roads which have been repaired by the parish did not want doing when the District Council took the roads over, and therefore they had not been brought forward. But wherever (sic) it had been found that the old highway surveyors had repaired a Road it was laid down that these should continue to be mended. – Mr Healey : may I ask what evidence the Highways Committee had that this road at Hambleton had been repaired by the parish? – The Chairman said it was upon the evidence of their Surveyor, and an old resident, Mr Fryer, eighty years of age, who said he remembered it being repaired by the parish, and also Mr Palmer, who at one time lived in the vicinity. – Mr Healey : I am fighting for a principle; I'm not fighting over these particular roads. – Mr Stafford : I can remember the road at Whissendine being repaired by the old Parish Surveyor. Mr Marriot : it was decided to work on the principle of what the roads were when they were first taken over by the District Council. – Mr Baker said the road he referred to at Langham led to three farmhouses, besides cottages, and the council would not do that. – Mr Healey : my point is they all ought to be done if one is done. – Mr Baker : we have brought the Langham one up several times, but cannot get it done. – Mr Healey said if the Council adopted the principle that whenever sufficient proof was forthcoming that these roads have been repaired in the past that they would be taken over, he would not object to the two in question being repaired. – Mr Marriot said that was the general custom. – *After further discussion, it was decided in the absence of the Surveyor, who had attended the Committee meeting, to defer a decision upon the matter until the next meeting.*

**21st June 1913**

*Mothers at the Seaside* - The members of the Mothers' Meeting had a very pleasant day's outing on Wednesday week at Skegness. The weather was all that could be desired, and the motoring of the whole party to and from Melton G.N.R. Station added greatly to the enjoyment. Mrs Ruddle kindly undertook the arrangements, with the help of Mrs E. Royce. and Mrs Wood. The members wish to express their many thanks to all these who so generously subscribed and helped to make their holiday so successful.

**2nd Aug 1913**

*The Church Choir and Bell Ringers* had their annual outing on Saturday last, the place selected being Scarborough. The members, numbering between thirty and forty, were conveyed in brakes to the GNR station, Melton Mowbray, where they entrained at 5.47 (a corridor carriage having been provided for them), arriving at their destination about ten o'clock. The day was spent in sight-seeing and various amusements but, like other good things, it came to an end all too soon. The return journey was commenced soon after nine o'clock, and home was reached in the small hours of Sunday morning.

- Contd** The choirmaster (Mr R.G. Isaac) cannot be too highly congratulated on the very excellent arrangements he had made to promote this enjoyable and successful holiday, and it must have been very gratifying to him to see the "faithful ones" in their places at the morning service after such a long day. It was hoped to have this outing in August, but as several members would be away, and the hay is nearly all gathered in, it was felt desirable to go when the train service offered an opportunity. The members of the choir and ringers wish to thank those who kindly subscribed to their enjoyment, and Mr. Isaac for all his trouble and consideration in every detail.
- 23rd Aug 1913** *Cottage Property Sold* - on Monday, at the Noel Arms Inn, Messrs. Royce offered for sale by auction four cottages, with gardens, situate in the main street of Langham, and they were bought by Mr William Williamson, of Langham Lodge, for £175. Messrs. Henry Thompson and sons, of Grantham, were the solicitors concerned.
- 6th Sep 1913** *Football* - The annual meeting of the Football Club was held at the "Noel Arms," on Wednesday evening, Mr Ruddle presiding over a somewhat small attendance. The accounts for the past season shows a balance on the right side. The following officers were elected: - President, Mr G Ruddle; vice president, Mr RW Baker; honorary treasurer, Mr T Munday; honorary secretary, Mr GE Steele; captain, Mr J Casterton; vice-captain, Mr Harold Hubbard. Several new names were added to the Working Committee. The Honorary Secretary was deputed to arrange matches for the forthcoming season, if the difficulty of finding a suitable ground was overcome.
- 6th Dec 1913** *Farm Bailiff's Sudden Death* - the death occurred in a very sudden manner, of Friday, the 28th ult., of Mr Henry Grummitt, of Ranksborough Lodge, farm bailiff to General Brocklehurst, of Ranksborough. The deceased, who was sixty-seven years of age, was engaged about half-past nine in the morning superintending the washing of some sheep, and he was suddenly seen by Mr Joseph Rowlett, the Shepherd, to fall, and he expired within a very short space of time. An inquest was held on Friday evening, at the Institute, Langham, before the Deputy Coroner for the County, M Pugh, Esq., when evidence was given by Dr FRS Cosens, of Oakham, that the cause of death was a diseased heart and enlarged liver, probably of some years' standing, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony. The deceased leaves a widow.
- 16th May 1914** *A Very Enjoyable Whist Drive* in aid of the Cricket Club was held in the Institute on Thursday evening week, seventy-two players taking part. The prize-winners were: - Ladies - 1 Mr T Munday, 2 Mr TJ Walker (both playing as ladies), 3 Mrs A Harris, 4 Mr A Steele (lady). Gentleman - 1 Mr AE Roberts, 2 Mr G Arnold, 3 Mr B Hayes, 4 Mr W Skidmore. The Committee wish to thank those who provided the prizes, viz., Messrs. G Ruddle, G Aldridge, W Watchorn, E Williamson, Owen H Smith, D Tidd, and RW Baker; also Mrs Dawson, Mrs Ruddle, Mrs J Smith, Mrs Squires, Miss Hollingshead, G Aldridge, and Mr HJ Hubbard for their kindness in contributing to the refreshments.
- 30th May 1914** *The Church Bells* were rung on Tuesday evening last in honour of Queen Mary's birthday. *School Report* - the following satisfactory report has been received by the School Managers on the recent examination in religious knowledge by the Diocesan Inspector:- "the infants appear to have been well taught, though the answering was not very general. In the upper group, some excellent answers were given, and evidently care has been taken with the religious instruction in all sections of the syllabus. The behaviour of the children and the general tone of the School are quite satisfactory".
- 27th Jun 1914** *Baron Ranksborough* - Congratulations from all parts of the country have this week been showered upon Major-General John Fielden Brocklehurst, C.B., C.V.O., Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, upon his elevation to the Peerage. His name appeared in the King's Birthday honours on Monday, and the title he has taken is that of Baron Ranksborough. Major-General Brocklehurst, who is very widely respected, is an extra equerry to Queen Alexandra, and was equerry to Queen Victoria. Formerly Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards, he is now honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He served in the South African War as Brigadier-General Commanding 2nd Cavalry Brigade, in the Egyptian Expedition, 1882, and in the Sudan, 1884-5. He succeeded the Earl of Lonsdale as Master of the Cottesmore, and proved a popular leader. He was born in 1852, is eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Brocklehurst, of Foden Bank; and married, in 1878, Louisa Alice, second daughter of the late Hon. Laurence Parsons, son of the second Earl Ross.

- Contd** His Rutland residence is Ranksborough, near Oakham, and in the county town he is welcomed by rich and poor alike. His interest in agriculture; upon which Rutland so much depends, is great. Through his efforts, the County Society has entered upon a new lease of life. He is a liberal subscriber to the prize fund, and has always been keen in encouraging the breeding of good shorthorns and hunters.
- 4th Jul 1914** *Anniversary Services* were held in the Baptist Chapel, on Sunday last, the sermons were preached by Mr JM Hubbard, of Leicester, to large congregations. Special hymns were sung and good collections were taken.
- 25th Jul 1914** *Choir Outing* – The members of the church choir and Bell ringers had their annual outing on Saturday. Leaving Oakham shortly before 5am, Liverpool was reached about ten o'clock. Sightseeing commenced at the main landing stage, the docks being eagerly inspected, and a few of the party were lucky enough to be shown over the "Mauritania," which is more to be compared to a large hotel than anything else, everything being up-to-date for comfort and accommodation. Scoutmaster RG Isaac took his troupe of Boy Scouts, arrangements having been made by him previously for two of the Liverpool Scouts to meet them and act as guides, which they did, taking their visitors to various places of interest. New Brighton appeared to be the general meeting place in the afternoon, where much fun was caused by the sideshows. After a very enjoyable day home was reached between three and four o'clock on Sunday morning, and it is worthy of note that scarcely a member of the choir was absent from service at 11am. Both the choir and ringers wish to heartily thank all those who so kindly subscribed to their enjoyment, also to Mr Isaac for all the trouble taken in the arrangements, which turned out so successfully.
- 8th Aug 1914** *Red Cross* – The Cup presented by Lady Ranksborough, to be held by the detachment to which belong the four nurses who gain the highest number of marks in the examination, which took place last week, was won by Langham and Whissendine. The nurses were – Mrs Ruddle 76 marks, Miss Squires 74, Mrs Muntz 72. Miss EM Barker 72; total 294. Cottesmore and Exton 287 marks, Uppingham 285, and Oakham 272 marks.
- 15th Aug 1914** *Motor Accident* – Another accident took place on Sunday morning last, on the main road leading from this parish towards Melton. It appears that five beasts, the property of Mrs P Cox, after being milked, were being driven back to the field, when a motor-car from Edith Weston, containing two ladies and driven by a chauffeur, came along, and one of the beasts, a heifer, commenced across the road as the car approached. As the driver was not able to pull up in time, the car struck the unfortunate animal with great force, knocking it down and breaking one of its legs in two places, in consequence of which it had to be immediately slaughtered. Mrs Cox, the owner, is the widow of Philip Cox, the well-known Ranksborough Gorse earth-stopper, and, as she is dependent to a certain extent on the product of her cows, the loss of this valuable heifer, which was just in full profit, is not a light one to her. It should be stated in fairness, that the occupants of the car gave their address, and there is no doubt proper recompense will be forthcoming.
- 5th Sep 1914** *Timely Help* – The children of Langham have sent to the Earl of Gainsborough, through Mrs Dawson, £2 11s. 2d., To be given to the fund in Rutland for the relief of distress caused by the war. Last week, thirty flannelette nightshirts were also sent to the Red Cross Society, worked by the people of Langham and Barleythorpe. The material was forwarded by the Red Cross Society. This week, twelve calico nightshirts have been sent by Mrs Dawson, worked by the villagers.
- 24th Oct 1914** *The King of the Belgians Stud at Barleythorpe* - The Earl of Lonsdale was good enough to place at the disposal of his Majesty the King of the Belgians his entire stables at Barleythorpe Hall, and they arrived there, together with the Royal carriages, and other entourages, last week-end. The King's Master of the Horse, together with his wife, are staying at Oakham, and with the entire entourage are receiving the greatest hospitality from all around the countryside.
- Belgian Refugees in Oakham* - A Committee has been formed in Oakham, consisting of Mrs Gibson, Mrs DN Royce, Mrs Pye, Mrs FE Chapman, Miss Woolhouse, Miss Campbell, Mr BA Adam, Mr DN Royce, with Mrs Selby-Bigge secretary, and Mr Frewin Sleath Treasurer, to provide for the Belgian refugees now in Oakham. For this object it is proposed to form a weekly fund. Subscriptions towards this fund will be gladly received by the Treasurer, the secretary, or any member of the Committee. The Committee wish to thank all those who have already lent houses and provided furniture.

- 21st Nov 1914** Comforts solicited for Yeoman - The Hon. Mrs PC Evans Freke, of Bisbrooke Hall, Uppingham, is soliciting comforts (pants, vests, socks, cocoa, chocolate, lighters, &c.) For the Leicestershire Yeomanry.
- Oakham & the War - notice to dependents, living in Rutland, of men serving with the colours. Arising out of an offer by the British Medical Association and Pharmaceutical Society, an arrangement has been arrived at whereby the dependents of men serving with the colours may receive free medical attendance and medicine. It will be necessary for each patient to be provided with a medical book, which can be obtained from the correspondent of the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association for the parish in which the applicant lives. The correspondent will also provide the patient with a list of the doctors and chemists whose services are available for the county. Persons entitled to medical benefit under the National Insurance Act should not apply to help under this scheme.
- Plum puddings for territorials to the editor of the journal; Sir, – it has been suggested, as Christmas tide draws near, that it would be pleasant to know that our fellow-townsmen, the Rutland territorials, should not be forgotten, and in some measure be provided with good cheer. Will the ladies of Oakham, when making their Christmas puddings, kindly set one aside for our friends in camp. There are 125 men, so we should want at least 40 puddings; and may we ask that they may be well cooked, and sent in enamelled basins, with a label attached to indicate the kind of donor? As it is uncertain, at present, where the corps may be, we ask that the puddings may be sent by the first week in December, to Yours very truly, Eleanor S Wellington, Maud Hassan.
- 28th Nov 1914** *The Late Lord Roberts* - As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Lord Roberts, the Church bells were rung, half-muffled, on Thursday evening week, and again for the Sunday services, when references to the great work of the deceased famous soldier were made from the pulpit. Suitable hymns were sung, and the "Dead March" was played at the close of each service, the congregation standing.
- Killed In Action* – The War Office notified Mr and Mrs J Davenport, on Wednesday, of the death of their second son, Lance-Cpl. John Davenport, of the 18th Hussars, who was killed in action on November 1st near Messines. The deceased had only been two and a half years in the regiment, and took part in the musical ride at the Royal Military Tournament last year, and also in the cavalry display this year at the Horse Show at Olympia. His parents wish to thank all those who have so kindly sympathised with them in their trouble.
- 28th Nov 1914** A *Whist Drive* was held in the Institute on Thursday evening week, eighty-four players competing for the prizes, which were won by the following: – Gentleman: Mr Reg. A Wright 1, Mr W Hennessey 2, Mr C Oakley 3, Mr S Clancy 4. Ladies: Mrs CW Smith 1, Miss Bartram 2, Mrs Coombs 3, Miss G Moore 4. Thanks are due to the prize givers, Mrs Royce, Mrs Butler, Messrs. McClelland, Ruddle, D Tidd, WP Royce, RW Baker, and the Committee. Refreshments were kindly provided by Col. Burn, Mrs Aldridge, Miss Bartram, Mrs Colbourne, Miss Hollingshead, Mrs T Munday, Mrs Ruddle, Mrs Royce, Mrs Squires, Mrs B Steel, Mrs J Smith, Mr Tidd, Mrs W Watchorn, and Mrs C Williamson. The proceeds go towards the Belgian Refugee Fund.
- 19th Dec 1914** *The Pig Club Supper* was held in the Institute on Saturday evening. Mr G Ruddle ably presided over a large attendance, who did ample justice to the good fare. Several toasts were proposed, and the secretary and treasurer gave their reports of the year's working, which were most satisfactory, showing a substantial balance in hand. Songs were contributed by Messrs. John Glenn, R Felton, F Bottomley, GE Steele, G Appleton, RW Baker, FW Nichols, T Munday Snr., T Munday, Jnr., T Hubbard, J Cloxton, and two Belgian guests, whose duets were much enjoyed. Miss Alderwood, of Oakham, very kindly presided at the piano, and also sang a song, which was encored. This was considered the best supper and the most enjoyable evening the members have held.
- 6th Feb 1915** A *Whist Drive* was held in the Institute on Thursday evening week, when eighty-four players took part. Prize-winners: – Gentleman: 1, Mr H Chambers; 2, Monsieur Jules; 3, Mr A Smith; consolation, Mr W Thompson. Ladies: 1, Miss Thomson; 2, Miss Brookes; 3, Miss AN Other; consolation Miss A Skellett. The donors of prizes were Miss Bartram, Miss Ada Royce, Mrs Royce, Mr Butcher, Mr Stevens, and the Committee. Refreshments were kindly provided by Col. Burn, Mrs Davenport, Mrs Munday, Mrs Royce, Mr Ruddle, Mrs J Smith, Mr Tidd, and Mrs W Watchorn. The proceeds, which amounted to £3 5s., Go towards the Institute Funds.
- 13th Feb 1915** *Entertainment Space* – A very excellent cinematograph show was given on Thursday evening week, in the Baptist School-room by the Rev. Paul Shipley, of Oakham.

- 13th Feb 1915** *Comforts for the Troops* - A postcard has been received by Mrs Wood from Lady French, thanking the people of Langham who so thoughtfully knitted comforts for the troops. Thanks were also received from Captain E Hanbury, for seventeen body belts, four pairs of socks, five pairs of cuffs, one pair of mittens, and two knee-caps, forwarded from this parish. *The Annual Supper* was given on Thursday evening week to the Church choir, bell ringers, and other Church workers, Mr and Mrs T Munday catering in their well-known style. After ample justice to the sumptuous fare, the Chairman (the Rev. TH Wood) proposed "The King," other toasts following. The evening was spent in dancing and games, and the Vicar and Messrs. T Munday and GE Steele contributed songs. Mrs Atkinson, of Oakham, ably presided at the piano.
- 6th March 1915** *The Interment* of the late Mr Charles Bartram, who died last week at the ripe old age of seventy-eight, took place on Monday afternoon. The service was taken by the Rev. TH Wood, Vicar. The coffin was covered with some beautiful wreaths. The deceased who always lived a very quiet and a regular life, had farmed in this parish for many years, and was very highly respected. He leaves one daughter.
- The Wounded* - Mrs CA Muntz, with thoughtful kindness, motored to the Lincoln Northern General Hospital on Sunday for the express purpose of taking Mrs Davenport to see her son, Trooper William Davenport, of the North Somerset Yeomanry, who, a short time ago, received a very severe shell wound in the back whilst fighting in France. In Lincoln Hospital, he has just undergone his fourth operation, which it is hoped may prove successful. The first officer, Capt. Gibbs, Trooper Davenport was attached to was made a prisoner of war by the Germans. He was then transferred to his former captain's brother, and this officer was unfortunately killed in action.
- British and Foreign Bible Society* - the annual meeting of the Langham branch was held in the National Schools, on Friday week, when the chair was taken by the Rev. TH Wood, MA., Vicar. He introduced the deputation, the Rev. Elias George, who gave a most interesting address. The Bible Society was celebrating it's 111th birthday on the 7th March, and had continually progressed until at this time it was spending £700 per day, and had an annual circulation of nearly nine million copies. Mr Healey (Oakham) read the accounts as follows:- boxes: Mr Jno. Austin 1s 5½d., Mr Arthur Condor 3s 6½d., Miss Mary Harris 1s 6d., Miss CE Hubbard 6s., Miss S Hubbard 3s 6d., Miss Emily Prince 5s 5½d.; Subscriptions collected by Miss CE Hubbard, local secretary, £3 11s., Collected at the meeting 7s 3d.; Total £5 0s 1½d., Against £4 14s 7½d. a year ago. Votes of thanks were cordially passed to the speaker and chairman.
- 3rd Apr 1915** *The Annual Parish Meeting* was held in the School-room on Tuesday, under the chairmanship of Mr HH Hubbard. The usual dole list was presented by Mr E Marshall, and other business discussed. *A Jumble Sale* was held in the Institute on Thursday week for the benefit of the Church Expenses Fund. Many new things left from the last sale were disposed off. The other goods which have been sent in abundance were various, and many a bargain was struck. The Committee thank all who contributed, also those who work so hard to dispose of them. The sale realised £21 10s.
- 10th Apr 1915** *Public Tea* - On Good Friday, a public tea was held in the Baptist School-room, which was well patronised. In the evening, the life of Christ, "From the Manger to the Cross," was portrayed by a series of cinema films by the Rev. Paul Shipley. This was very instructive and interesting, and was much appreciated by the large attendance.
- The Institute* - The annual general meeting was held on Monday evening week, when the Right Hon. The Earl of Lonsdale presided over a large attendance. Vote of thanks were given to the various offices, and also to the Earl of Lonsdale for so kindly presiding, and for the great and untiring interest his lordship takes in all that pertains to the welfare of this Institution.
- 10th Apr 1915** *The Easter Vestry* was held in the School-room on Monday evening, there being a large and representative gathering. The Vicar took the chair. The Churchwardens' accounts were altogether satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £26 14s 1½d. The Churchwardens, Mr Owen Smith and Mr Rubin Steel, were thanked for their services, and were re-elected. The sidesmen, Messrs. Rowett, Austin, J Faulks, T Rouse, Aldridge, Stacey, and Col. Dawson, were also re-elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to all the Church workers, also to the Vicar for presiding.
- 15th May 1915** *Organ Recital* - Through the kindness of Mr Owen Smith, of Langham House, an organ recital was given to a crowded congregation in the Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, the performers being Belgians.

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A great musical treat was afforded by the Belgian Court violinist, Mons. E Deru, whose playing was of the highest order. Mons. G Mertens executed some brilliant solos on the organ, and Mons. O Dua, who possesses a rich tenor voice, sang solos which were greatly enjoyed. These performers, who were entertained by Mr Smith, very kindly attended at the close of the evening service and gave a few more items, which were equally appreciated. At the close of the recital, Mons. O Dua feelingly sang the Belgian National Anthem, the choir and the congregation joining with the Russian and English National Anthems. The collection, which was divided between the Belgian Refugees' Fund and Church expenses realised £12. Programme: - Hymn 165; organ solo, "Choral and Menuet Gothique" (Boellman). Mons. G. Mertens; violin solo, "Aria" (Bach), "Scherzo" (Dittersdoff), Mons. E Deru; organ solo, "Priere" (Boellman), Mons. G. Mertens; tenor solo, "Panis Angelicus" (Cesar Franck), Mons. O Dua, with violin obligato, Mons. E Deru; Hymn 370: organ solo, "Cantabile" (Salome), Mons. G Mertens; violin solo, "Evening Song" (Schumann), "Legende" (Wieniawaki), Mons. E Deru; tenor solo, "Agnus Dei" (Bizet), Mons. O Dua; organ solo, "Marche Solennelle" (A Maily), Mons. G Mertens; Belgian National Anthem, "Le Brabanconne," Mons. O Dua; Russian and English National Anthems.

**29th May 1915**

Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic  
Captain George Raimond (sic) Codrington (wounded). Leicestershire Yeomanry, is a brother of Sir William R Codrington (sixth baronet, of the earlier creation of 1721, of Dodington, near Chipping Sodbury), and he is also a cousin of Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred E Codrington, who for some time command at the London district. His commission as captain in the Leicestershire Yeomanry is dated 1912, and he is a member of the Rutland Territorial Force Association. Captain Codrington was born in 1868, and was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his BA degree in 1910.

**10th July 1915**

The Rev. TH Wood, Vicar, has been offered a living in Cornwall, which he has accepted, and will take up his duties there in September.

*Angling* - two fine specimens of roach were taken from Burley Pond on Wednesday by Mr RW Baker, the respective weights being 1 lb 8 oz and 1 lb 3 oz.

*Death of Colonel Burn* - The death of Col. DB Burn, of "The Firs," took place on Saturday in London, where he had undergone an operation about 10 days before. The patient showed all the symptoms of recovery, but a sudden relapse set in with unfortunate result. The late Col. was formally in command of the 18th Hussars, and was very popular with all ranks.

He saw service in China, and was for a time Aide-de-Camp to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. He was in his 67th year, and was highly respected at Langham, where he had resided some years. He not only took great interest in the welfare of the Institute, but worked very earnestly in inducing the men and boys to learn to shoot on the miniature range, and was instrumental in turning out some first-class shots, some of whom are now at the front. His remains were removed on Monday to Dunkeld (Scotland) for interment near his father's grave. The funeral of Col. Burn took place on Wednesday, and at the same hour - 1:45 PM - a memorial service was held at Langham Church. The Vicar, the Rev. TH Wood, MA., officiated, assisted by the vicar of Oakham, the Rev. JH Charles, MA., R.D. amongst those present were Mrs Selby-Bigge, Miss Dawson, Miss Finch, Mr JE Whitehouse, Mr WW Roberts (representing captain JS Fowler, of Messrs. Fowler and Co., Oakham), Mr and Mrs J Lee, Miss Mantle, Mr Davenport, the household servants, and a number of other residents of the parish. The congregation would undoubtedly have been a larger one but for the fact that the service could not be arranged until the morning. Mrs Burn, who is a daughter of Col. John Anstruther Thompson, MFH., is recognised as one of the most accomplished of horse women, and has regularly hunted for a number of seasons with the local and other packs. Mrs Burn, during her residence in this district, has taken part in work of a social and philanthropic character, and the fully sympathy will be extended to her in her bereavement.

**14th May 1916**

A Very enjoyable whist drive in aid of the Cricket Club was held in the Institute on Thursday evening week, seventy-two players taking part. The prize-winners were :- Ladies 1 Mr. T. Munday, Mr. T. J. Walker (both playing as ladies), 3 Mrs. A. Harris, Mr. A. Steel (lady). Gentlemen - 1 Mr. A. E. Roberts, 2 Mr. G. Arnold, 3 Mr. B. Hayes, 4 Mr. W. Skidmore. The Committee wish to thank those who provided the prizes, viz, Messrs G Ruddle, G. Aldridge, W. Watchorn, B. Williamson, Owen H. Smith, D. Tidd, and R. W. Baker; also Mrs. Dawson, Mrs Ruddle, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Squires. Miss Hollinghead, G. Aldridge, and Mr. H. J. Hubbard, for their kindness in contributing the refreshments.

**27th Jun 1916**

Congratulations from all parts of the country have this week been showered upon Major-General John Fielden Brocklehurst, C.B., C.V.O., Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, upon his elevation to the Peerage. His name appeared in the King's Birthday honours on Monday, and the title he has taken is that of Baron Ranksborough. Major-General Brocklehurst, who is very widely respected, is an extra equerry to Queen Alexandra, and was equerry to Queen Victoria. Formerly Colonel the Royal Horse Guards, he is now honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He served in the South African War as Brigadier-General Commanding 2nd Cavalry Brigade, in the Egyptian Expedition, 1882, and in the Sudan, 1884/5. He succeeded the Earl of Lonsdale as Master of the Cottesmore, and proved a popular leader. He was born in 1852, is eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Brocklehurst, of Foden Bank and married, in 1878 Louisa Alice, second daughter of the late Hon. Laurence Parsons, son of the second Earl Ross. His Rutland residence is Ranksborough, near Oakham, and in the county town he is welcomed by rich and poor alike. His interest in agriculture, upon which Rutland so much depends, is great. Through his efforts, the County Society has entered upon a new lease of life. He is a liberal subscriber to the prize fund, and has always been keen in encouraging the breeding of good shorthorns and hunters.

**20th Dec 1919**

A Sale of articles left from the recent sale and garden fete was held in the Institute on Thursday week, followed by a well-attended whist drive, in which ninety-two players took part. The following were the prize-winners :—  
Ladies: Mrs. Prince 1, Mrs. Wallis 2, Miss Davis 3, lowest, score Miss Daley-mount.  
Gentlemen : Mr. G. Aldridge 1, Mr. J. Steel 2, Mr. G. B. Steele 3, lowest score Mr. C. Shillaker.  
There were also several sideshows, which were well patronised. The Committee wish to thank all those who gave prizes, refreshments, or helped in any way. On Friday, a jumble sale was held, and business was brisk. The whole of the takings for the two days were devoted to the Church heating funds.

**17th Jul 1920**

Cottesmore Hunt – Lord Lonsdale to relinquish the Mastership - Speaking at the annual puppy show of the Cottesmore Hunt, on Friday week, Lord Lonsdale, acknowledging the kind wishes expressed as to his continuation of the Mastership, remarked the troubles of the present times had not escaped himself, and he was afraid the time would very shortly come when most of his properties would have to go on sale. Only the previous week he had been trying to sell his property at Whitehaven, and he was anxious that it should be taken over by the nation as a hospital or something of the kind, for he could not afford to keep it. He did not try to hide the facts, and he said it was utterly impossible for landlords, like himself, with the present taxation, rates of wages, and so forth, to keep up and maintain their establishment, and in addition to Whitehaven, there will be other places to be sold before long. He made no secret of it that he should shortly have to retire to his shell, like the snail. In doing so he would always retain the happiest memories of his associations with Rutland and Leicestershire, and the other counties he had hunted in, and should join them whenever he could, feeling that he Owed Them the Best and Deepest Debt of Gratitude for their unflinching kindness towards him. He has lived a happy and merry life; whether a blameless one he left that with them. (Laughter and hear, hear). At any rate, he had enjoyed it, and would continue to until he went to ground. He had formed a great many friendships in this and other counties he had hunted in, but it was entirely impossible for him, under any conditions whatever, to continue to hunt the country after next year. He told them, a year ago, he would continue for the next season, and having gone very carefully into the details, he was perfectly certain he could not do so beyond another. He deeply regretted that it would be absolutely impossible, under any conditions, owing to taxation, labour troubles, including mining troubles, for him to continue as their Master, but he should always remain somewhere in the county that had the largest part of his heart, with full gratitude to them for the welcome they had ever extended to him, even if he did break their fences. (Laughter and loud applause.)

**31st Jul 1920**

A *Whist Drive* took place on Thursday evening week, in the grounds of Langham House, by kind permission of Mr Owen H Smith. There were sixty-four competitors for the prizes, given by Mr Owen Smith (2), Messrs. Albert Smith, W Watchhorn, WH Ellingworth (Oakham), and Mr R Baker, and the winners were: – Ladies: 1st Mrs F Smith, 2nd Miss Tomblin, 3rd Miss Royce. Gentleman: 1st Mr T Weston, 2nd Mr G Weston, 3rd Mr G Shillaker.

*The Death* took place at his residence, 171, College Road Norwich on Saturday week of Mr Randolph Francis (Doff) Wright, late of Peterborough, who was a native of this village, and spent most of his youth here, until leaving home to take the position of manager of the butchery department and buyer with the Great Grimsby Co-operative Society, and from



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there in the same position with the Peterborough Society, where he was also well known for his success in cycle racing, for which he won many valuable prizes. The deceased had for the last seventeen years been manager of the butchery in the Norwich Co-operative Society. His age was forty-seven. The late Mr R Wright was greatly respected. The funeral took place on Thursday week, and an impressive service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Norwich. Deceased leaves a widow, with whom deep sympathy is felt by the late Mr Wright's many friends in his native place.

21st Aug 1920

*Award of Merit* – Mr TW Munday son of Mr and Mrs T Munday, was last week the recipient of a certificate, which reads as follows: – “The war of 1914 – 1918, Machine Gun Corps, 44990 C.Q.M.S. TW Munday was mentioned in a dispatch from Lieutenant-General WR Marshall, KGB., KCSI., Dated 11th of November, 1916, for gallant and distinguished services in the field. I have it in command from the King to record his Majesty's high appreciation of the services rendered. Signed Winston S Churchill, Secretary of State for War. War Office Whitehall, SW. 1 March 1919.

*The Annual Vegetable Show*, which was opened in the Old Hall grounds on Thursday week by Mr WT Veasey, was a great success. There were 174 entries. Owing to the wet weather, the exhibits had to be removed to the Institute, where there was a good attendance. The Hon. Mrs Lubbock and Mr Owen H Smith kindly allowed their grounds to be open for visitors, which was greatly appreciated.

Awards: – Round white potatoes	– 1 C Prince	2 C Peacock	3 J Sewell	4 HB Shillaker
Kidney potatoes	– 1 HB Shillaker	2 E Bryant	3 C Williamson	4 C Goodrum
Round coloured potatoes	– 1 J Rowett	2 E Bryant	3 C Peacock	4 HB Shillaker
Coloured Kidney potatoes	– 1 E Bryant	2 E Clarke	3 J Rowett	4 T Faulks
Peas in Pod	– 1 C Williamson	2 J Sewell	3 E Bryant	4 W Cramp
Kidney beans	– 1 J Sewell	2 T Faulks	3 C Peacock	4 Fred Faulks
Broad beans	– 1 TR Hubbard	2 E Bryant		
Long Pods	– 1 E Bryant	2 C Williamson		
Spring sown onions	– 1 T Phillips	2 P Clarke	3 C Prince	4 Tom Hubbard
Eschalots	– 1 CW Smith	2 T Munday	3 P Clarke	4 T Williams
Winter sown onions	– 1 T Phillips	2 G Burdett	3 T Faulks	
Marrows	– 1 JT Walker	2 J Sewell		
Cauliflowers	– 1 P Williamson	2 E Bryant		
Cabbage	– 1 T Faulks	2 D Tidd	3 Tom Hubbard	
Beet	– 1 B Hoy	2 C Smith		
Carrots (long)	– 1 T Faulkes	2 T Hubbard	3 T Phillips	
Carrots (short)	– 1 G Harris	2 E Bryant	3 T Faulks	
Parsnips	– 1 G Harris	2 G Burdett	3 T Hubbard	
White Turnips	– 1 C Peacock	2 H Condor	3 E Bryant	
Lettuce (cabbage)	– 1 F Faulks	2 T Williams		
Lettuce (cos)	– 1 F Faulks	2 Mrs W Palmer Jnr		
Rhubarb	– 1 E Bryant	2 D Burdett	3 A Wright	
Tray of Vegetables	– 1 G Harris	2 C Williamson	3 D Burdett	
Dish of cooked potatoes	– 1 Mrs G Harris	2 Mrs B Steel	3 Mrs E Clarke	
Special Potatoes four varieties	– 1 HB Shillaker	2 C Peacock		
Wild Flowers	– 1 Maggie Hubbard	2 Ernest Walker	3 Violet Shillaker	4 Lucy Cramp
Wild Grasses	– 1 Bertha Hubbard	2 Ben Walker	3 Alf Williams	4 Doris Phillips
Rabbits	– 1 Ronald Cloxton	2 Bertie Steel	3 Bertie Steel	4 Albert Crane.

Great praise is due to Mr J Austin, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, who was ably assisted by Mr GE Steele and an active Committee. Thanks are due to all the exhibitors, who kindly gave up the vegetables shown, so that four large hampers were dispatched to Leicester Royal Infirmary and one to Oakham Cottage Hospital, which have been gratefully acknowledged.

28th Aug 1920

*In Our Report* of the vegetable show last week, we omitted to state that Messrs. G Dalby and W Hetterley acted, for the sixth year in succession, as judges. They gave entire satisfaction and many thanks are due to them.

25th Sep 1920

*Church Choir Outing* – After an interval of six years, choir and bell ringers numbering about thirty, had their annual outing at Skegness recently. They were conveyed to Melton by cars, and caught the 7.26 train, arriving at Skegness about 10 o'clock. The weather was fine, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Many thanks are due to Miss Simmonds, the choir secretary, and Mr Watchorn, who carried out the arrangement successfully.

23rd Oct 1920

*War Memorial* – A hastily-called meeting was held on Friday evening at the Institute, Mr Owen H Smith in the chair, when it was decided to erect a cross in memory of those men from the parish who fell in the Great War. The question of the site is left to the selection of the relatives of the fallen. The following were elected to form a committee: – The Hon. Mrs Lubbock, Mrs Watchorn, Mrs Tidd, Mr Owen H Smith, the Rev. WA Mandall.

**24th Dec 1920**

*Musical Success* – At the recent school examination, held at Stamford, in connection with the associated board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Miss Joan Watchorn, pupil of Miss Lee, LRAM., successfully passed the Elementary Division in pianoforte playing.

*Sick Dividend Club* – The annual general meeting was held in the “Wheatsheaf” on Friday week, when a dividend of 9s 6d. was paid out, with seventy members on the books.

Mr GE Steele was re-elected president, and Mr HB Shillaker secretary, with the whole of the Committee, with the addition of Mr G Burdett.

*Change Ringing* – A date touch of 1920 changes of Grandsire Doubles was rung on December 20th, in an hour and ten minutes, the ring as being as follows: – treble H Shillaker Jnr.

*A very successful whist drive and dance* took place on Thursday week, the members inviting their friends. There were twenty-eight tables and the Hon. Mrs Lubbock (in the much regretted absence of the president, Mrs Ruddle), kindly distributed the prizes, which were given by members of the Committee.

Winners: - Ladies' 1 Miss P Munday, 2 Miss A Simmons, 3 Miss E Prince, 4 Mrs Bristow (after a cut), mystery Miss L Harris. Gent's - 1 Mr T R Hubbard, 2 the Rev. W A Mandall, 3 Miss H Weston (playing as a gentleman), Mr A Condor, mystery Mr G Palmer.

Dancing was kept up until the 'wee xmas, hours', and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr G E Steele and Mr W Wallis were the MC's.

**7th Oct 1922**

Concert by the 'Hamoril' concert Party of Leicester at Victoria Hall arranged by Mrs Watchorn of Barleythorpe in aid of Langham Churchyard Extension Fund. Cost of scheme is approx. £800 and folk of Langham and Barleythorpe are within £50 of the total. Helpers thanked were Steel, Weston, Saunders and Watchorn of PCC, T Smith and J Wheeler of Oakham. Booking arrangements done for free by C Matkin and an effective proscenium put up by Fords. A skit on hunting 'appealed irresistibly' and The Wireless Telephone sketch 'evoked great merriment.

**22nd Sep 1923**

*Death of Mr George Ruddle, County Councillor of Langham. - Expires Suddenly While Out Shooting*

- The news of the death, on Saturday, of Mr. George Ruddle, the proprietor of Langham Brewery, and a member of the Rutland County Council, which was generally learned in the district at the commencement of the present week, came as a considerable shock and at the same time occasioned the deepest regret throughout the county of Rutland, where he was well known and highly esteemed. It was only on the 18th of last month that Mr Ruddle lost his wife, a lady eminent for her social and philanthropic activities, and the greatest sympathy was expressed with the bereaved husband and family in their loss. To the two daughters and son, will now go out in the fullest degree feelings of commiseration and sorrow at their further great and sudden bereavement. The deceased gentleman last week went on a visit to Netheravon, Wiltshire (where he was born), being accompanied by his son, Mr Kenneth Ruddle, and they motored the journey from Langham. On Saturday afternoon, they were out with a shooting party when, without warning, Mr Ruddle was seen to fall, and expired immediately. It is some two years since Mr Ruddle had a seizure, though he had apparently quite recovered from this. There is no doubt the death of Mrs Ruddle greatly affected him.

The three in family are Mr. Kenneth Ruddle, Miss Joan Ruddle, and Miss Judy Ruddle.

Mr Ruddle was born in 1874, and was therefore 49 years of age. He was born at Netheravon, and we understand his mother still resides there, at Haxon House. He was educated at Repton School, and passed from there to learn his profession at Fordham's Brewery at Ashwell, Herefordshire. Having spent several years there, he went under the tuition of Dr. Moritz, of London, for chemistry. In 1895, he was engaged in the brewery industry at Leicester, and in the following year he came as manager at Langham Brewery (then owned by Major H. H. Parry), and which was established in 1858. It was, we believe, upon the death of the latter gentleman that Mr Ruddle purchased the Brewery, and he has since carried it on. He was also the owner of two or more licensed houses in Oakham, and others in the district, and an extensive wine and spirit business is also carried on.

Both Mr and Mrs Ruddle interested themselves in various district and county organisations, and at the triennial election of the Rutland County Council in March, 1907, the retiring member for the Langham Electoral Division, the late Mr Langley Hardy, of Burley-on-the-Hill, not seeking re-election, Mr Ruddle was returned without opposition, as he has been at every election since. He was, therefore, one of the old, members of the Council, there being only five upon it with a longer period of service. He was on the Finance and County Rate Assessment, the General Purposes, Public Health and Housing, Small Holdings and Allotments and Standing Joint Committees, also a representative member of the County Education Committee.

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He was a regular attendant at the general and Committee meetings, and though he was not given to much speaking did none the less valuable work in various ways. In politics, Mr Ruddle was a consistent and keen Conservative. When, some fifteen or so years ago, the Rutland Branch of the National Conservative League was a "live force" in politics, Mr Ruddle was to the fore both in its county and local operations, and was deputy-chairman and afterwards chairman of the Langham Lodge.

In his School days, Mr Ruddle did well both at cricket and football, and after taking up his residence in Rutland continued to evince his interest in not only these two, but other forms of sport. Cricket in particular he was very keen upon, and he played for the Oakham Town Club for a number of seasons, and acted as captain for several. He also used to assist Langham. He was President of the Oakham "King's Head" Jolly Anglers' Society, a vice-president of the Oakham Bowls Club, and the Rutland and District Football League. He had a private bowls green at his Langham residence, and for many seasons matches have been played there between teams selected by Mr Ruddle and neighbouring Clubs, and those taking part were always most hospitably entertained. Other sporting organisations could also count upon Mr. Ruddle's interest and generous support. During the Great War, Mr Ruddle held the rank of Captain in "A" Company of the 1st Battalion Rutland Volunteer Regiment.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, at Netheravon, when members of the family and friends were present. A memorial service has been arranged to take place in Langham Church today (Saturday), at 2.30.

**12th Mar 1927**

*Accident* happened on Friday week Mr. Cecil Papworth, pork butcher. was filling sausage with machine worked by a small gas engine, when his hand got caught in the machine, which badly crushed three of his fingers. Luckily, his employee happened to near and took off the strap and quickly conveyed him to the Memorial Hospital, Oakham, where he had to have the three middle fingers of his right hand taken off. He is getting on as well as can be expected.

*A Mothers' Union Service* was held on Thursday week in the Parish Church, when the Vicar gave a short address, and five new members were admitted. The mothers then adjourned to the Parish-room, where tea was provided. Afterwards songs were sung by Mrs. Skellet, Mrs. Saxby and Mrs. Steel (Oakham). A pleasant time was spent.

A parachute fatality, in which an airman crashed from a height of 6,000 feet on to a main road in full view of a bus loaded with passengers and a crowd of horrified onlookers, happened near Biggin Hill Aerodrome, Kent, on Wednesday. The victim was Corporal East aged 26, whose home is at Peckham, of the 56th Fighting Squadron. Had he fallen but twenty yards further west, his life would probably not have been in peril, for eye-witnesses state that though his parachute actually opened, it did so too late to arrest his fall. Twenty yards to the west he would have descended a further 600 feet into a valley opposite Biggin Hill aerodrome.

**28 May 1932**

Sidney Roythorne was cycling along Burley/Langham road near the Langham crossroads with his brother and friend when he was in collision with a Standard car driven by Mr R Briggs, 95 Station rd, Oakham. Colliding with the off side of the car he was flung to the ground, he was knocked unconscious with a broken collar bone, severe scalp wounds and other cuts. He was conveyed with all haste to Oakham Memorial Hospital and is recovering.

**2nd Dec 1933**

'Oakham 50yrs Ago', there are still 3 or 4 hunting boxes to let while Oakham is full with about 200 horses stabled in the town. Lord and Lady Capel are with Mr Calendar at Oakham Grange and Mr and Mrs Baird have taken up their quarters at Langham Hall, their horses stabled at the Noel Arms.

**26th Nov 1938**

*Langham School Headmaster* To Take Similar Post at Uppingham From a short list of six out of a total 120 applications from all parts of the country, Mr. L.H. Hall, headmaster Langham school, has been selected for the post of headmaster of Uppingham C.E. Mixed school, in succession to Mr. E.G. Bolton, who has been appointed headmaster of Casterton Central school. Mr. Hall came to Rutland from Kendal, Westmorland. He was educated at Windermere Grammar School and Bede College, Durham and he has been at Langham school since July, 1932. Previously he was at a school in Kendal, and he has also had some teaching experience in Derbyshire. During his comparatively brief stay Langham, Mr. Hall has made a host of friends, who heartily congratulate him on his new and important appointment. He has entered actively into the various activities in the Langham district and has keenly interested himself in local amateur drama. He has also been a member of the Rutland Rural Community Council for some time.

**Mar 1946**

*The King "picks" new high Sheriff.* - Capt C.C. Whadcoat, Langham Lodge picked as new high Sheriff of Rutland.

**Mar 1949**

*For sale – lot one, stone and brick dwelling house and premises known as Langham Post Office, the square – description of rooms etc in occupation of Mrs G.L. Dyson. Annual income £37. 17s. Adjoining cottages in occupation Mr R.T. Segrott.*

*Lot two – two cottages with yard and outbuilding situated on the back lane in the occupation of Miss Jackson and Mr E. Brewin. Annual income £17. 14s.*

**15th July 1955**

*Ranksborough Hall School For Girls Langham - Oakham Rutland Boarding & Day School - Sound Education up to G.E.C. level, Weekly Boarders accepted. Fees Moderate.*

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