



Cleeve Prior Chroniclers

Recollections of old Cleeve Prior by Mrs M Garrett, Mrs A Bagley & Mrs Whittle.

In 1947 the school comprised the original small single building and the infants & juniors were taught in the same room with just a curtain separating them. The second addition was in 1963. Mrs AB used to cook and serve school dinners from the Village Hall. As few as 28 children were known to attend the school until the age of 14. The original part of the school is 147 years old. Mrs Whittle used to work in the school office at the annual Christmas party Father Christmas used to visit with presents for the school children.

Squirrel cottage used to be a shop at one time. Bob & Hazel Crosses house, Shearwood, was an old warehouse. During the war soldiers were based in the village and the bungalow on Quarry lane was the Headquarters. The top village shop was for a time run by Mrs Garrett and her husband.

Years ago there were only seven houses in Mill Lane, with a cherry orchard & large greenhouse.

Recollections of Elsie Nicholls

From 1911 up until the end of the Second World War there was a Cleeve Prior Outing Society. The subscription was 3d a week or 6d a fortnight, if a week's credit was necessary! This paid for an annual outing and a meal on the way home. [A popular destination was Weston-Super-Mare]

The meetings of the society were held in the church meeting room [the rear part of what is now Curate's House, which was owned by the church and was also used for Sunday **school**]

Ted Nicholls

Ted Nicholls joined the territorials in 1939 at the age of 16 and served in the army until 1945, most of the time in Europe. He was on the Normandy Beaches.