



Picture, I'm told, was taken in 1930 at the opening of Broughton Children's playground. Can anyone throw anymore light on the subject? Who donated the ground, and, who is in the picture? The memorial stone is still in the playground I'm told but the figure of the little child has long since been destroyed.

Adverts for Victorian medicines would be hard to swallow now

Looking back through the old files of the "Advertiser" I found a large number of advertisements for medicines — for human beings as well as

back in 1877 there were one or two unusual ones that caught my eye which even our present day professional copywriters would find hard to write about this one for a start? —

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE"

Dr. Clarke's world-famed blood mixture, trade mark "Blood Mixture". The great blood purifier and restorer. For cleaning and clearing the blood from all impurities, cannot be too highly recommended. For scrofula, scabs, skin diseases, and sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing permanent cure.

Cures old sores, cancer-afflicted sores in the neck, enlarged and sore legs, cancer hemorrhoids, or piles, it cures scrofula sores, cancer scrofula sores, cancer skin diseases, cancer glandular swellings, cancer and from all impure matter from whatever cause.

This medicine is pleasant to take, and warranted to cure anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the proprietor solicits sufferers to send for a trial to test its value.

Prepared by recommendation from all parts. Sold in bottles and in cases containing six bottles. Price 1/6 each, six bottles 1/0. Sent by post on receipt of the price. All orders to be accompanied by the name and address of the person to whom the medicine is to be sent.

and patent medicine vendors throughout the United Kingdom and the world; or sent to any address on receipt of 30 or 132 stamps, by F. J. Clarke, chemist, High Street, Lincoln, or sold by A. Gradidge, chemist, Andover.

Then there was this one—

SHEEP DRINKS

T. Bushell begs to call the attention of gentlemen and agriculturists to his SHEEP DRINKS, as they have proved to be the safest and most effective preparation of medicine for ewes after lambing, that has ever been brought before the public. They greatly assist the cleansing, warming and strengthening of the system, at the same time they will prevent or keep back fever or inflammation.

The following gentlemen have kindly given excellent testimonials: To consider the medicines composing T. Bushell's sheep drinks are very well suited for the purpose intended. W. C. Dawson, WRICTS, Eling Southampton, 24 November, 1894. W. A. Freshwater, Esq., Rotherham; Mr. Cassel, Burswoodown; Mr. J. Tansley, Chertford; Mr. J. Read, Chertford; Mr. Parsons, Whaddon Farm; Mr. Charles, Seward's Office, Hursley Park, Winchester; Mr. Powell, Cuthampton; Mr. Seward, Place Farm, Lower Wallop; Mr. Street, Wick, Downton; Mr. Stamford, Berwick St James; Mr. Moore, Colehill, Highton; Mr. Gray, Manor Farm, Bosmere; Mr. S. Taitton, Downton; Mr. Kimworth, Clarendon; Mr. Kettle, Clarendon; Mr. Chiswell, Cadford St Peter; Mr. Wain, Hill Hill Farm, Burswoodown, Southampton; Mr. Wain, Andover; Mr. Chiswell, Marston, Andover; Mr. Kettle, Bosmere; and Mr. Dowling, Farnham, Chertford, Andover.

BUSHELL'S WINTERING DRINK

A most excellent remedy for sheep in cold weather, also for cattle, horses, swine, and all external injuries. Sold in bottles 1/6, 2/6 and 5/- each.

Then there was famous cure—

ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER

The best and safest remedy for lumbago, sciatica and rheumatism. Soothes pain, re-animates torpid limbs, seems in many cases to revive the powers of life. The great demand proves them to be used as a universal remedy. They are convenient of application, and safe for all, being incapable of producing any injurious effects.

Be sure you obtain the genuine plasters, see "Thos. Allcock & Co. Porous Plaster" is on the government stamp.

Roller skating evening d

Walking by the Andover Sports Centre the other day a poster about roller skating sessions at the centre caught my eye.

I knew there used to be roller skating at the Clare Hall (now the Fiesta) in East Street in the mid-1930's but when I checked I found that the first roller skating sessions in a public hall in Andover were way back in 1914 at the old Drill Hall (now the Country Bumpkin), also in East Street.

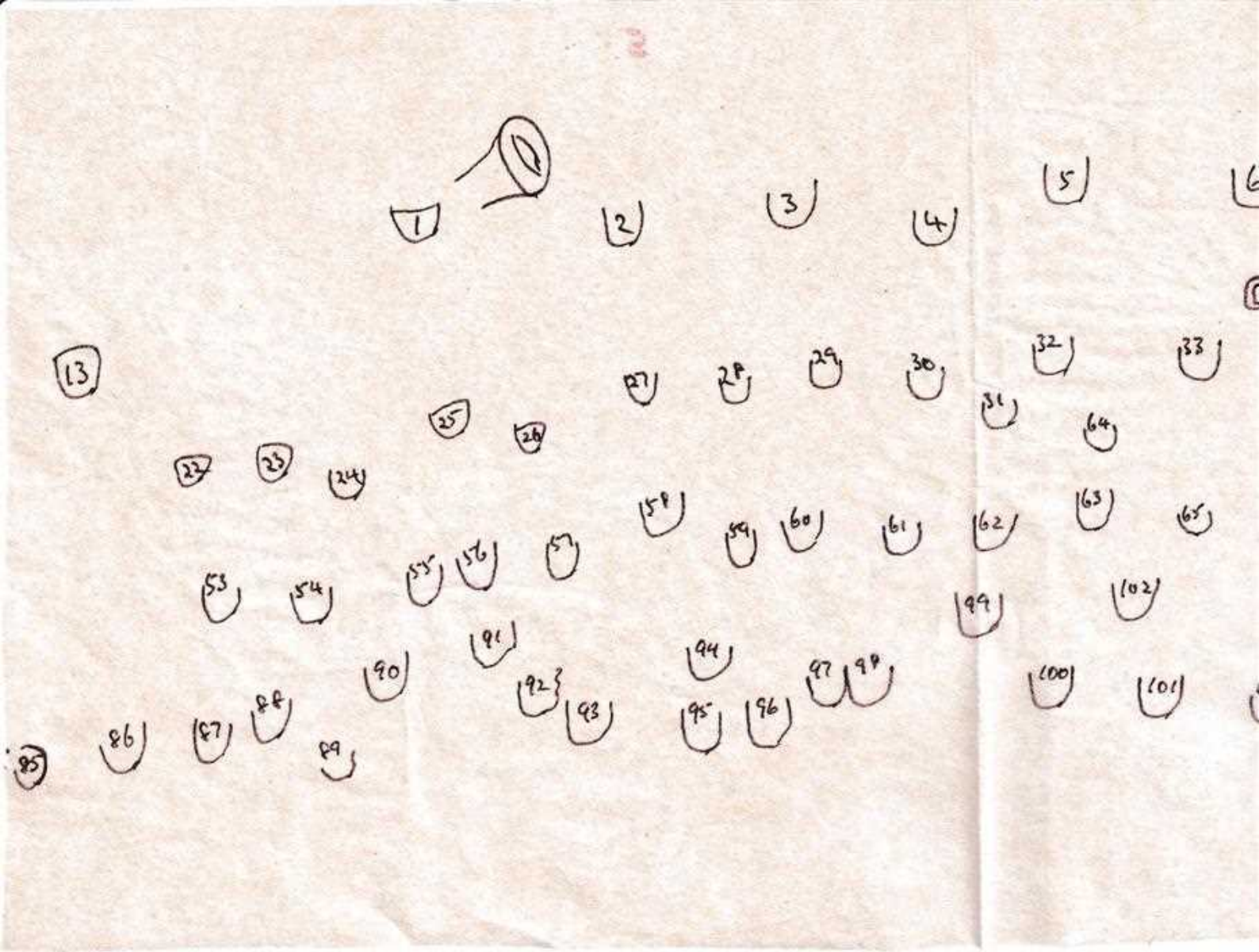
Nothing changes, does it?

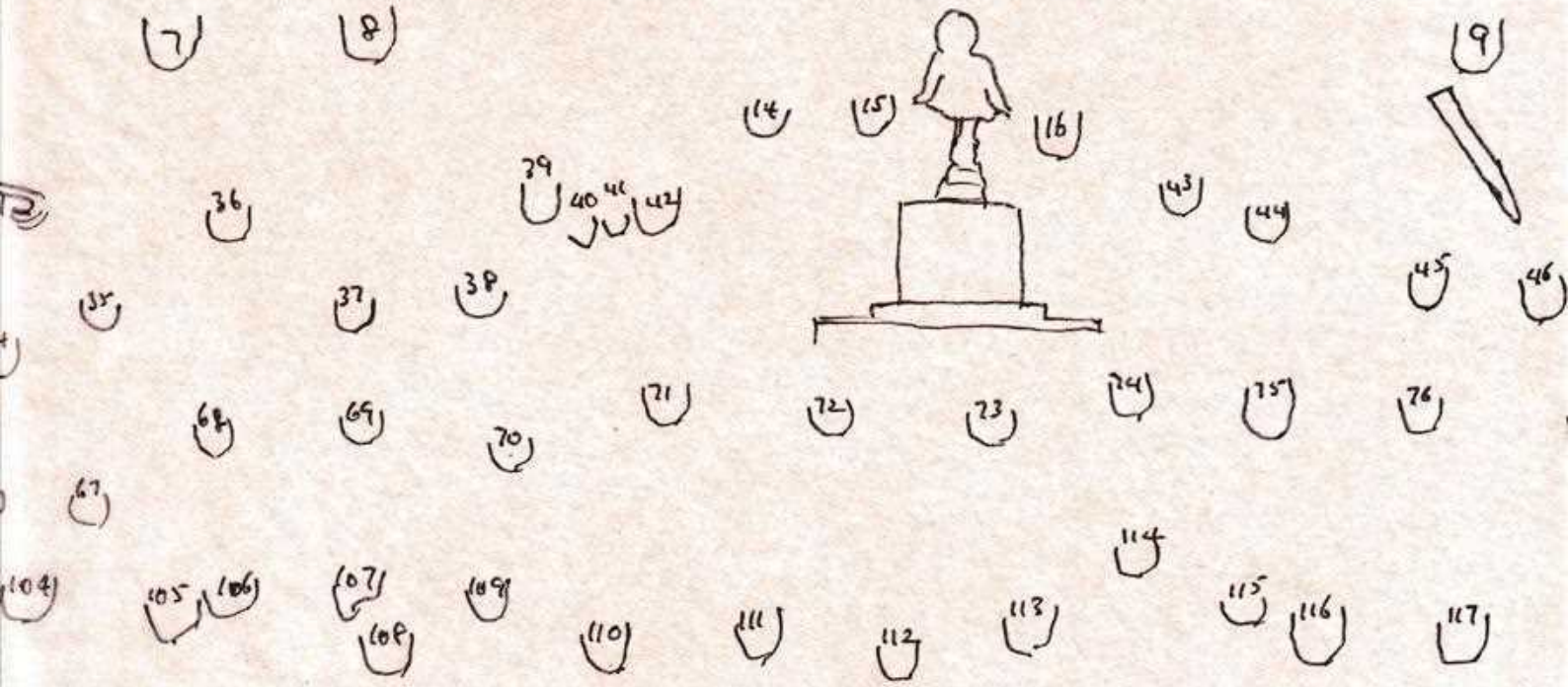
It was on 5 September, 1934 that the Clare Hall opened its doors for roller skating. A report in the "Advertiser" at the time read: "There was a large crowd for the opening of roller skating at the Clare Hall. Everyone enjoyed the fun, particularly the efforts of the learners."

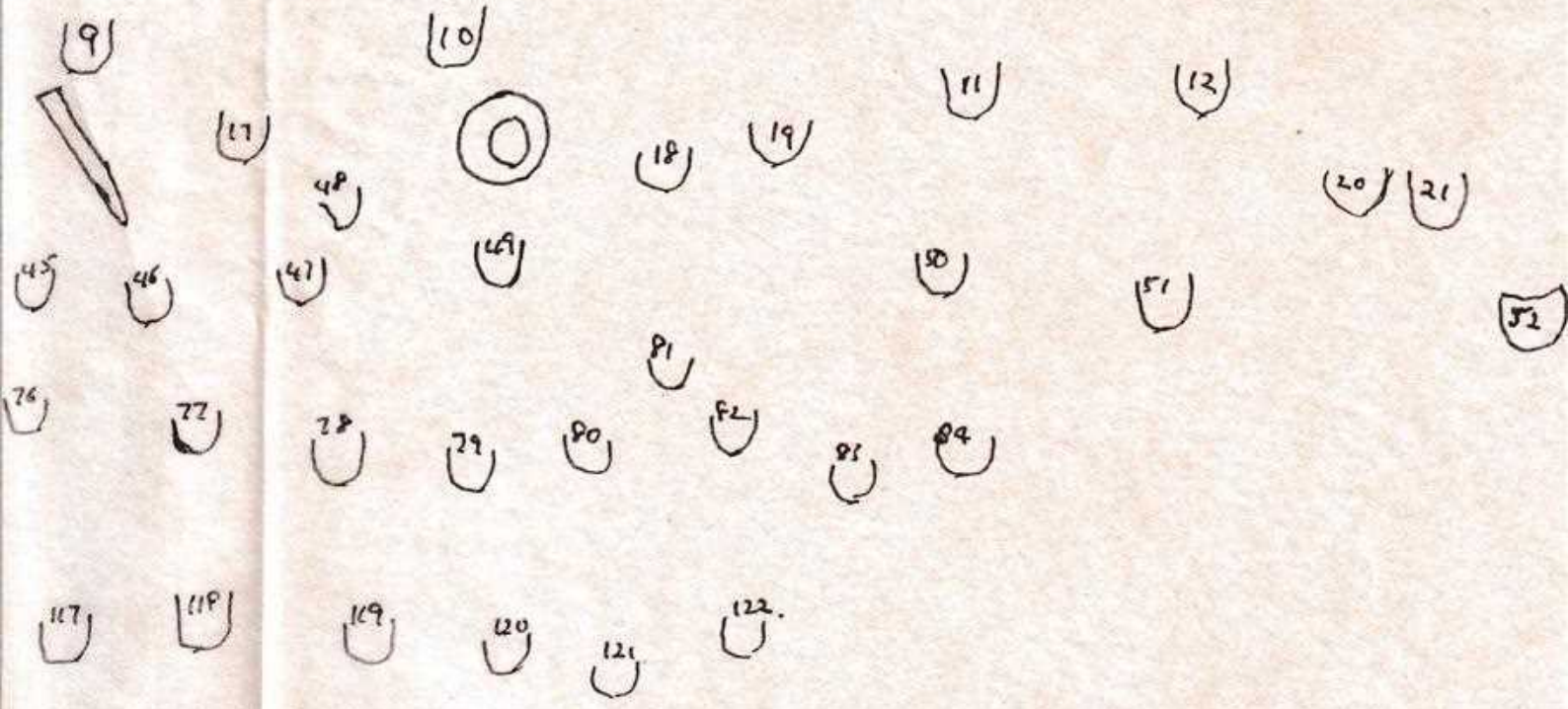
During the evening there was a exhibition of roller skating by professionals — who were evening dress for the occasion — which "was loudly applauded."

There were three sessions a day — mornings from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, a afternoon 2.30

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The opening of Fripp's Acre Playground, July 30th, 1930. Bro 1125.

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