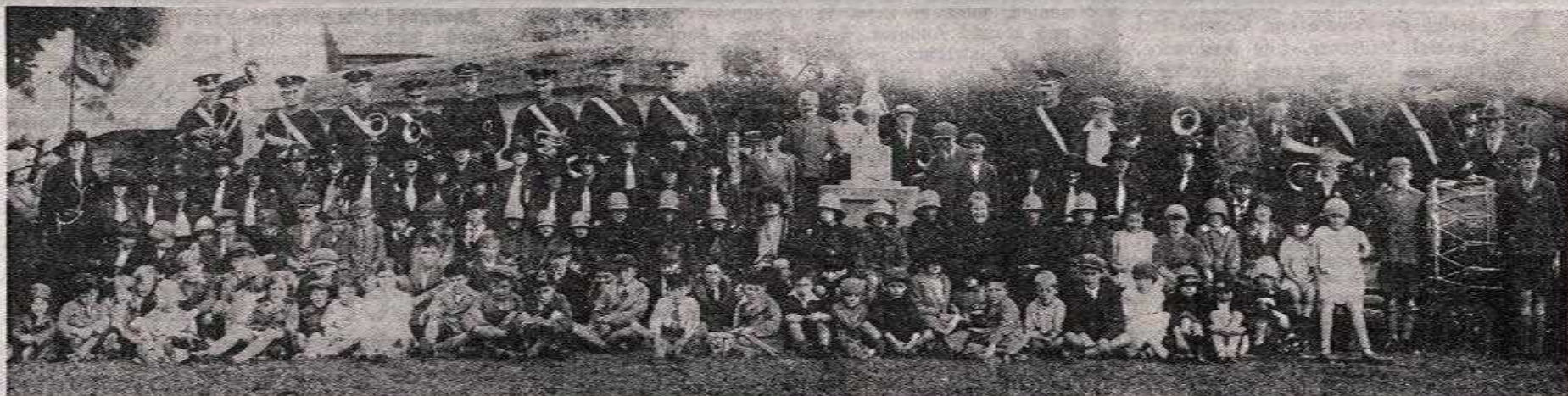


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# In and around Andover by Bystander

## A picture to take you back to 1930



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This 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, who opened the playground, 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. **NOP**

### Adverts for Victorian medicines would be hard to swallow now

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

Way back in 1877 there were one or two unusual ones that caught my eye which even our present day enthusiastic advertising copywriters would find hard to

*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—

### Roller skating in evening dress?

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

money) a session! afternoons 2.30 to 5 pm at one shilling and evenings from 7 to 10 pm also at a shilling. Popular night was Saturday from 7 to 10.30 pm at 1/6 a session — all prices included skate

animals:

Way back in 1877 there were one or two unusual ones that caught my eye which even our present day enthusiastic advertising copywriters would find hard to beat! How about this one for a start? —

### "FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE"

Clarke's world-famed blood mixture, trade mark "Blood Mixture". The great blood purifier and restorer.

For cleansing and clearing the blood from all impurities, cannot be too highly recommended.

For scrofula, scurry, skin diseases, and sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing permanent cure.

It cures old sores, cures ulcerated sores in the neck, cures ulcerated sore legs, cures blackheads, or pimples on face, cures scurry sores, cures cancerous sores, cures blood and skin diseases, cures glandular swellings, clears the blood from all impure matter, from whatever cause arising.

As this mixture is pleasant to taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the proprietor solicits sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

Thousands of testimonials from all parts. Sold in bottles 2/6 each and in cases containing six times the quantity, 11/- each, sufficient to effect permanent cure in the majority of longstanding cases, by all chemists

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: "I consider the medicines composing T. Bushell's sheep drinks are very well suited for the purpose intended," W. C. Spooner, MRCVS, Eling, Southampton, 24 November, 1859; W. A. Heathcote, Esq., Rolleston; Mr Cusse, Bishopsdown; Mr J. Taunton, Charford; Mr J. Read, Charlton; Mr Parsons, Whaddon Farm; Mr Charles, Steward's Office, Hursley Park, Winchester; Mr Powel, Cathampton; Mr Seward, Place Farm, Lower Wallop; Mr Street, Wick, Downton; Mr Stanford, Berwick St James; Mr Moore, Coleshill, Highworth; Mr Gray, Manor Farm, Bisterne; Mr S. Taunton, Downton; Mr Ainsworth, Clarendon; Mr Maton, Clarendon; Mr Chisman, Codford St Peter; Mr Waters, Nile Mile Water, Broughton, Stockbridge; Mr Wolfe, Andover; Mr Holdway, Monxton, Andover; Mr Oarsons, Boscombe; and Mr Dowling, Foxcotte, Charlton, Andover.

### BUSHELL'S WILTSHIRE OILS

A most excellent remedy for sheep or cows' udders, also for strains, blows, bruises 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.

Have you a favourite patent medicine advertisement of yesteryear? If so send it along to me: Bystander, c/o "Advertiser" Office, 10 High Street, Andover SP10 1NY.

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 an exhibition of roller skating by professionals — who wore evening dress for the occasion — which "was loudly applauded."

There were three sessions a day — mornings from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at ninepence (old

7 to 10 pm also at a snail's pace. Popular night was Saturday from 7 to 10.30 pm at 1/6 a session — all prices included skate hire! Spectators were charged sixpence a session.

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**RECLINER** chairs by Parker-Knoll, Celebrity — Wide choice and all at sale prices.

**FIRE** chairs—Over 100 in stock, many with extra height and now offered at sale prices.

**THREE-PIECE** suites — Over 25 to choose from including G-Plan—All at sale prices.

**BEDROOM** furniture by most leading makers and all at sale prices.

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