

## Scrapbook no. 2

### Summary

Volume 2 (350 pages, less c.100 blanks) contains over one thousand local press cuttings, pasted into an old friendly society minute book (9" x 7"), covering the years from 1855 to 1888.

Around two-thirds of the cuttings relate to the years 1880-1887, providing a fascinating picture of daily life in Deddington at the time. The extracts include many letters to the *Banbury Guardian*, often anonymous, and more revealing than the news reports.

Coggins, who was in his 30s, would have turned 40 about the time when the cuttings abruptly end at the beginning of 1888.

There are also some 80 handbills, programmes of entertainments etc. pasted into this scrapbook, the earliest two dating from 1840. Transcripts of these documents are set out separately.

The press cuttings and other documents are in random date order, nor are items pasted on a thematic basis.

The local newspaper cuttings mostly derive from the *Banbury Guardian*, *Banbury Advertiser*, *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, *Oxford Chronicle* and the *North Oxon Monthly Times* (published in Deddington 1849-1859). The greater majority of the newspaper cuttings are accessible online through the British Newspaper Archive (subscription required unless accessed at a public library), and in many cases the Index for Scrapbook no. 2 contains a hyperlink to the corresponding page in the relevant publication.

The cuttings chronicle innumerable events reflecting life and social developments in Deddington in the second part of the nineteenth century, including:

(1) the neglect of the parish church, Sunday School and National Schools by the Rev. James Brogden (1848-1864), whose living was sequestered three times on account of pecuniary difficulties;

(2) the controversy in 1854 over the second of three attempts to fill-in the, by all accounts stagnant, pool in the south-east part of Market Place (Town Pool), the majority in favour (local residents) being outvoted by the multiple votes of landowners (the pool was not filled-in until 1861, when an ornamental pump was erected);

(3) the rapid growth of the Rifle Volunteer Movement during 1860/61, arising from fears of a French invasion; and the formation (with its own band) of the Deddington detachment of the 2nd Oxon Rifle Volunteers, with drills, parades, shooting competitions (e.g. at Deddington butts), social events etc. in subsequent years;

(4) the neglect of church and school affairs, and the contention over seating arrangements in the parish church, during the incumbency of the Rev. James Turner (1864-1877), including the collapse of day schooling, the re-appearance of Dame Schools and the demise of the choir and church Sunday School;

# DEDDINGTON.

## TEETOTAL CENSUS

taken under the direction of the various  
Temperance Societies in the town

On Monday, Jan. 1st, 1883.

The Population, according to the Government  
Census taken on April 1st, 1881, was

**1484.**

There are 6 fully-licensed Houses and 4 Beer-Houses in the place.

Total number of inhabited houses, Jan. 1st, 1883 :

**328.**

Number of houses in which abstainers were found :

**207.**

Number of Total Abstainers 14 years of age and over :

**310.**

Number of Total Abstainers under 14 years of age :

**297.**

Total Number of Abstainers :

**607.**

The above figures shew that of the  
entire population 40.9 per cent  
are Teetotallers.

Deddington, Oxon,  
2nd January, 1883.

THOS. BENNETT.

Scrapbook no. 2, folio 82b, Deddington Teetotal Census 1883

(5) the controversy generated by the Rev. Turner's suspension of the Curate at Clifton and closure of Clifton church for alleged 'Romish' practices 1871-1874, prompting many anonymous letters to the *Banbury Guardian*;

(6) the long-running 'civil war' between high church and low church Anglicans, reflected for example by vitriolic letters to the *Banbury Guardian* (anonymous other than from C. Duffell Faulkner (Coroner for North Oxfordshire 1870-1892)), and by Faulkner's Deddington Lenten Papers condemning Ritualism circulated locally;

(7) the strength of Nonconformity (e.g. Methodists, Wesleyan Reformers (Chapel Square), Congregationalists (chapel in New Street 1881)), thriving Sunday Schools, active role in local affairs;

(8) bankruptcy proceedings following the disappearance without trace in 1870 of the fraudster Henry Churchill, prominent Deddington solicitor and Coroner for North Oxfordshire 1863-1870;

(9) varying fortunes of the Reading Room and Lending Library in the Town Hall (established 1858), which may well have been the source of many of the newspaper cuttings;

(10) regular musical and dramatic entertainments (farces were very popular), often in the Boys' School Room, or later the Public Hall (ex Mission Hall) in Church Street, by talented local amateurs in aid of (e.g.) the National Schools, the Reading Room and Lending Library, Rifle Volunteers, Volunteer Fire Brigade;

(11) fêtes and sports, usually in the Castle Grounds, with tea/dancing in the Pavilion, in aid of (e.g.) the Reading Room and Lending Library, Rifle Volunteers, Temperance Society, Primrose League etc.;

(12) the militancy in the 1880s of the temperance movement, including (i) the activities of the Deddington branch of the Church of England Temperance Society (formed 1879), such as monthly entertainments and lectures (organised by C. Duffell Faulkner), summer excursions and rural fêtes, (ii) lobbying magistrates not to renew 'drink shop' licences, (iii) frequent letters in strident terms by Mr. Faulkner to the *Banbury Guardian*, (iv) establishment of various temperance groups (e.g.) Band of Hope (juveniles), Total Abstinence Society, Blue Ribbon Association, temperance benefit society (Independent Order of Rechabites), Coffee Tavern in New Street, and (v) free weekly 'Saturday Populars' entertainments in the new Temperance Hall in New Street presided over by Mr. Faulkner as a counter-attraction to drink shops;

(13) formation of volunteer fire brigade in 1883; purchase of replacement fire engine (horse drawn) with hose (rather than buckets);

(14) annual Club Day Festival on Whit-Wednesday: parades through the streets, headed by bands, by the three established Deddington benefit societies, the Ancient Order of Foresters (Court Robin Hood) in Sherwood green costumes, the 'Old Plough' Club and the Deddington General Friendly Society, and special church service before dining separately at local hosteleries;

(15) annual Pudding Pie Fair on 22 November: traders selling Welsh ponies, children's pleasure fair;

(16) reports of summer sea-side excursions for the whole neighbourhood by train to (e.g.) Southampton and the Isle of Wight, Weston-super-Mare and Cardiff;

**SEA TRIP**  
for  
**Beddington and Neighbourhood.**  
**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

The Committee beg to announce that they have made arrangements with the G. W. R. Company for

**AN EXCURSION**  
On WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st, 1885,  
**To Swansea Bay, & The Mumbles,**  
(Via Weston-Super-Mare)

Allowing 5 hours at the Sea Side in addition to 7 hours Sea Ride.

THE SPECIAL FAST TRAIN WILL LEAVE

King's Sutton..... 3-40 a. m.	Heyford ..... 4-8 a. m.
Aynho ..... 3-50 „	Kirtlington ..... 4-18 „
Somerton ..... 3-59 „	Woodstock Road ... 4-28 „

And will set down Passengers at Bath and Bristol, where those who wish to remain can do so.

On the return journey the Train will leave Weston-Super-Mare at 9-35; Bristol 10-20; Bath 11-40; or by any Ordinary Train up to and including July 6th, & 13th, 1885.

Fare for the double journey to Weston-Super-Mare, to return the same day, 5/6; to return 6th. July, 8/-; 13th. July, 10/- Children under 12 years, half-price; but no Tickets will be granted to Children under 10, except in charge of Parents or Friends.

All purchasers of Tickets after June 16th will be charged One Shilling extra.

In order to make it agreeable to parties, arrangements can be made, on application to either of the Secretaries, for Compartments holding 10 to be reserved, for which no extra charge will be made.

**The Train will stop at Swindon 10 minutes for Refreshments.**

**A STEAM BOAT** will be in readiness at Weston-Super-Mare to convey Excursionists to Swansea: For terms see large Bills.

T. H. WELLS, } Hon. Secretaries.  
T. SMITH, }  
HEYFORD.

Scrapbook no. 2, folio 254, Handbill for Sea Trip Excursion 1885

(17) proceedings at Vestry meetings (which were also responsible for local government before the creation of parish councils in 1894);

(18) proceedings at the courts of the three manors in the parish (court leet and courts baron), dinners at the King's Arms.

Specific items of interest include:

- Viggers' Omnibus timetable 1840 (see folio iii);
- the celebration of the end of the Crimean War 1856 (f.5);
- letter to *Banbury Guardian* quoting 'Memorial' by parishioners to Bishop of Oxford itemising neglect by Rev. J. Brogden of church and school affairs 1859 (f.2);
- rules of the Church Sunday School Shoe Club 1861 (f.25c), Deddington Penny Bank 1859 (f.26a), and the Reading Room and Lending Library (f.28d);
- handbill lampooning controversial seating arrangements in parish church 1869 (f.4);
- press report on the opening of the teetotal Coffee Tavern in New Street in 1881 (f.70);
- letter advocating benefits of vegetarianism by C. Duffell Faulkner 1882 (f.77);
- results of Deddington Teetotal Census 1883 (f.82b);
- detailed report on Clifton Flower Show 1883 (f.94);
- handbill advertising Sea Trip excursion to Swansea Bay and The Mumbles 1885 (f.254);
- Golden Jubilee celebrations 1887: programme for sports (f.128), public dinner for over 1,000 (ff. 256, 257, 260).

The press cuttings in the scrapbook do not usually include proceedings at the local (North Wootton Division) Petty Sessions, which were held fortnightly at Deddington. Detailed reports of proceedings were subjoined to the district news about Deddington.

There were also several loose documents in Scrapbook no. 2. These have been placed in an envelope with Scrapbook no. 3 (Bodleian Library shelf mark G. A. Oxon 4° 787/3), although they are included in the Index for Scrapbook no. 2 and the transcriptions.

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TO  
LONDON.



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TO  
OXFORD.

# VIGGERS' OMNIBUS.

**J. VIGGERS**

Begs to inform the Public that his OMNIBUS will leave the  
**Vine Tavern, Banbury,**

(On and after Monday, the 16th November, 1840,) every  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY MORNINGS,**

AT A QUARTER-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK,

DEDDINGTON . . . . . at Nine  
The FOX, NORTH ASTON, at a Quarter-past Nine  
HOPCRAFT'S HOLT . . . . . at Half-past-Nine  
STURDY'S CASTLE . . . . . at a Quarter-past Ten

AND THE

**FOX OFFICE, High Street, OXFORD,**

AT HALF-PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK, WHERE IT MEETS THE

## ROYAL BLUE OMNIBUS,

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and arrives at Griffin's Green Man and Still, at half-past 5, and  
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Oxford to London, by Omnibus, . . 8s 0d Out, 12s 0d Inside.  
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Scrapbook no. 2, folio iii, Viggers' Omnibus timetable 1840