

THE PIT PROVIDED A WAY OF LIFE

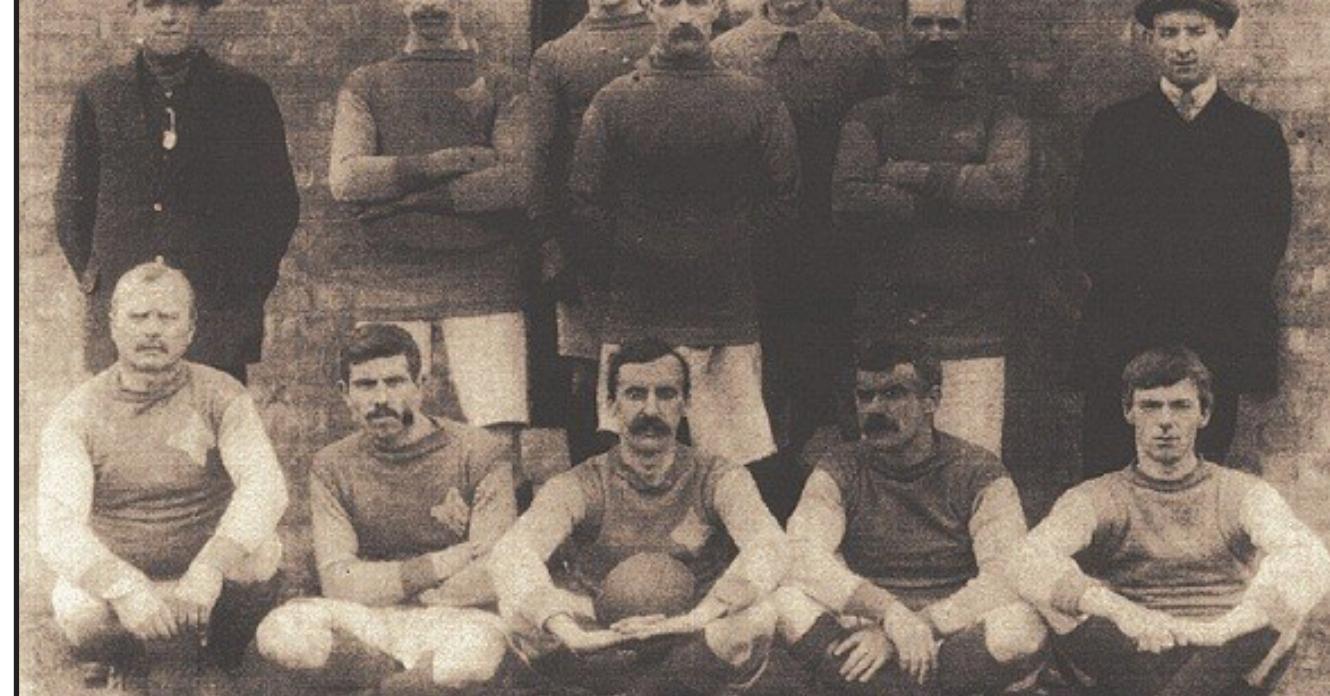


Miners Welfare Hall

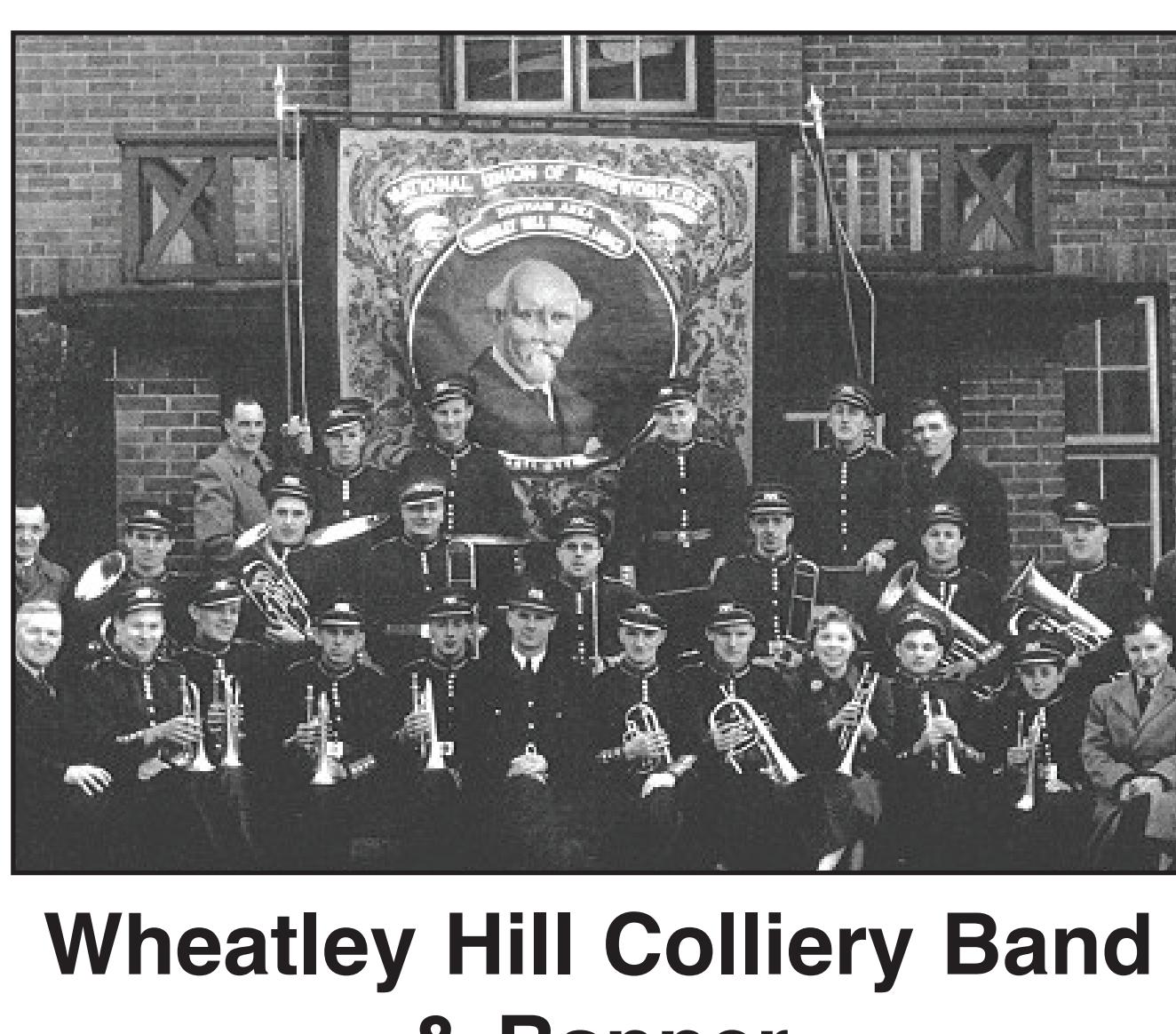
Built in 1938 by the Miners Welfare Fund to replace the Miners Hall (above right). The new building was a magnificent hall with dancing facilities, snooker and reading rooms and excellent outside facilities including bowling greens, tennis courts, a band stand and childrens playground



Mechanics' Football Team

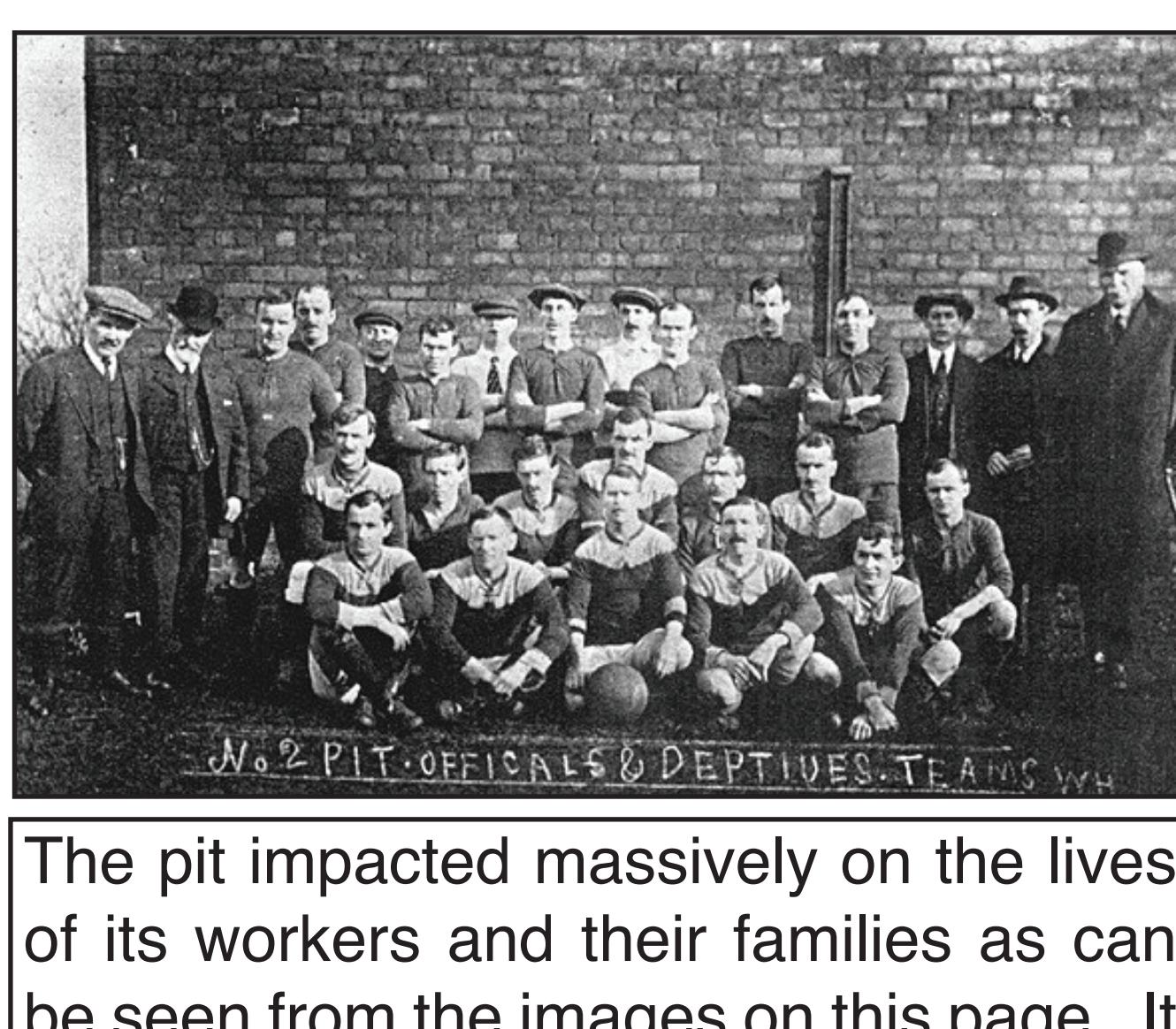


Deputies Football Team



Wheatley Hill Colliery Band & Banner

The band was made up of workers from the pit and they practised every week and took part in competitions throughout the country



The pit impacted massively on the lives of its workers and their families as can be seen from the images on this page. It wasn't just a job - it was a way of life, they worked, lived and socialised together



Annual Sports Day

An annual event which consisted of a parade led by the colliery band and banner through the village with adults and children following behind in fancy dress. Sports events were held on the sports field and a four-mile cross country race was held for the energetic males of the village



Wheatley Hill Colliery Civil Defence Team and Fire Service



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