

SHOPPING BILL FROM THE 1920'S

The History Club have recently acquired two order books from the Nixon Shops operating in the village during the early part of the 1900's. They had shops in Front Street and Church Street.

It is obvious that Nixon's operated a 'ticking on' system as some orders start off with the amount owing from the previous month. This method of buying had always been a feature of colliery village life and most traders didn't like it but in order to keep their customers, had to go along with it.

This Bill was for B Craggs of John Street who bought the following during March 1921:

There was an amount brought forward from February:

b/f 7/2½

24 March

Sausages 1/8, Compo 7d, Milk 1/4	= 3/7
Carrots 7d, Butter 1/6, Unknown 1½d	= 2/2½
Lard 1/6, Marg 9d, Bacon 1/3	= 3/6

29 March

Milk 1/4, 30 Sugar 9d, Soap 10d	= 2/11
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30 March

Bleach 2d, Twist 8d, Compo 3½d	= 1/1½
Marg 9d, Matches 2d, Milk 1/5	= 2/4

31 March

Flour 2/-, Yeast 2½d, Marg 9d	= 2/11½
Lard 6d, Bacon 1/3, Butter 2d	= 1/11
Unknown 1½d	= 1½

Total Owing

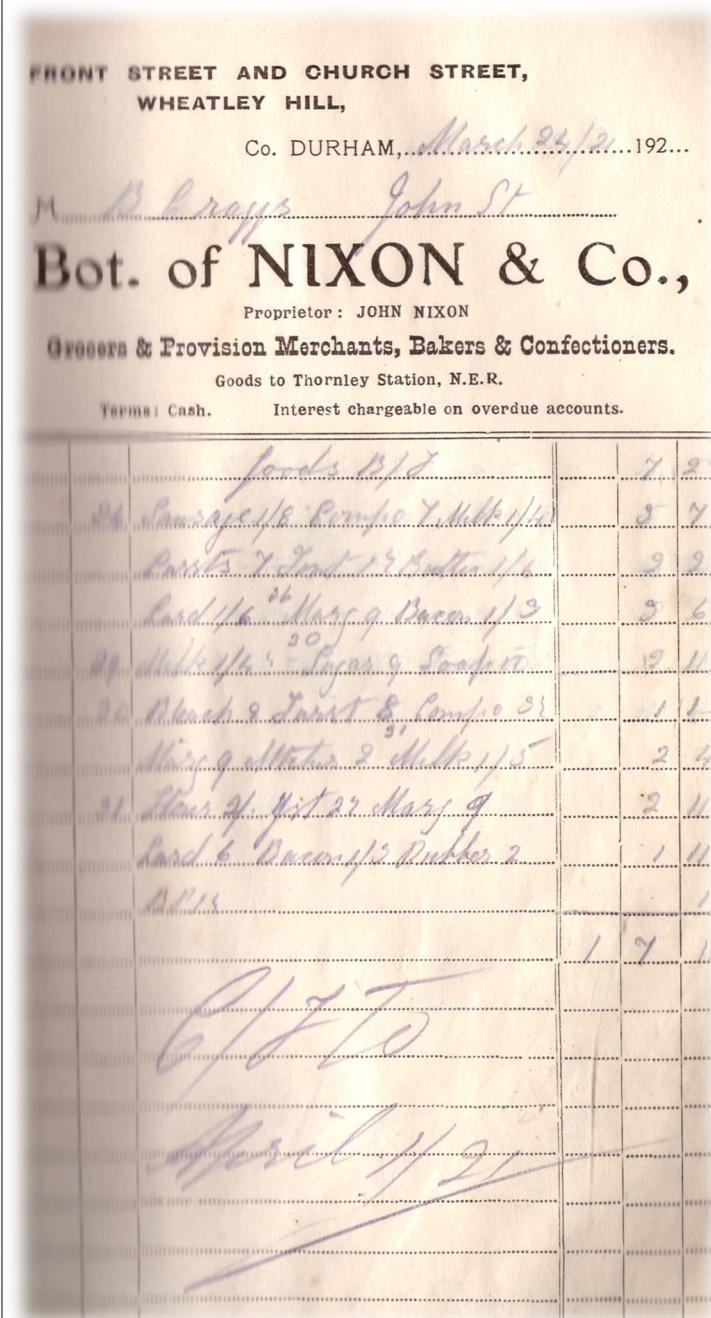
£1.7s.11½

Carried Forward to April 1921

PRICE COMPARISON 2018 USING ASDA PRICES (based on the cheapest available in the product range)

Sausages	£2.25	£2. 5s. 0d
Milk	£0.58	£0.11s.3d
Carrots	£0.50	£0.10s.0d
Butter	£1.45	£1. 9s. 0d
Lard	£0.39	£0. 7s. 4d
Margarine	£0.55	£0. 11s. 0d
Bacon	£2.15	£2. 3s. 0d
Bleach	£0.60	£0. 12s. 0d
Matches	£0.73	£0. 14s.2d
Flour	£0.45	£0. 9s.0d
Yeast	£0.59	£0. 11s.4d
TOTAL	£10.24	£10. 3s. 1d

(This is a very rough comparison based on today's prices and as there are some unknown items in the original bill that have not been included, is not accurate).



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25 July Children of the Victorian Pit Villages
29 August The Langworthy Mystery
26 Sept Buddle and Londonderry

£2.00 per meeting
Includes tea/coffee/biscuits/raffle

THE LAST SHIFT STATUE by RAY LONSDALE in WHEATLEY HILL CEMETERY



The 3rd of May 2018 was a significant day in the history calendar of Wheatley Hill. The 50th anniversary of the closure of the pit—our main employer since 1868.

The commemoration started on the evening of Wednesday 2 May when The John Wrightson Band performed their “Life In A Pit Village” set in the Workingsmens Club to an audience of over 140 people, who laughed, sang and shed a few tears.

People travelled from all over the country to attend the two events which is a marvellous testament to the way in which the village remains in the memory of its former residents. All remarked with regret, upon the changes that they could see in the fabric of the village, but none were disappointed by their experience of the commemoration events.

It was a day to remember and a day that will be remembered by future generations thanks to the fantastic media coverage we enjoyed which will remain on websites and in the time capsules for many years to come.

WHEATLEY HILL CEMETERY

As you probably know, all graves in the cemetery have been indexed for quite some time now—it started a few years ago when Owen Rowland and Margaret Hedley copied the original burial book, making all information from 1907 available in alphabetical order—a fantastic resource for family historians.

Over the last few years, Keith Gilson from the Heritage Centre has added value to this resource, by photographing all headstones and markers that appear in the cemetery. Both sets of information appear on the Heritage Centre website and photos of the graves can be ordered directly from the site at a cost of £1.50 and emailed to you.

This is maybe not important to local people but absolutely essential for those who cannot visit the cemetery.

END OF THE WW1 COMMEMORATION

The History Club are working closely with the Heritage Centre, the CREE and the Parish Council on organising a fitting event in the village to mark the end of the First World War.

The only certain details we have at present is that the event will be held in the cemetery at 4.30pm on 11 November 2018. More details in October.

BLACK OUT BLINDS

Due to our morning meetings, we found that the projections provided by our speakers were difficult to view in bright sunlight so the History Club have bought blackout blinds for Wheatley House.

We used them for the first time at our June meeting and they were great. The presentation about Auckland Castle was easy to see and the presenter congratulated us on our set up with regard to audio-visual equipment and overall quality of the venue.

SUNDERLAND HISTORY FAIR 2 JUNE

Sheila and Margaret took our housing display to Sunderland, including a model of a pit cottage made by Ray Jackson for the Heritage Centre many years ago.

Whilst Wheatley Hill is out of the immediate Sunderland area, our display provided a focus for reminiscing.

The whole display was well received with the pictures of prefabs being particularly thought-provoking. It is our intention to try and commission a similar model of one of the early council houses so that the contrast between the living conditions can be easily distinguishable.

THE MEMOIRS OF

Thomas Russell 1847-1928

(during the short time he lived in Wheatley Hill)

11 January 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

I've had Mr Jonson from Gatesed and he went away on the Hurten (sic)

14 January 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

The day ben rather dul and rather clartey but God cannat help that. We must not grumbel. We must take hir as she comes to us.

17 January 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

On Janury seventeenth I went to worke and that on pay Saturday and I wrote (*worked*) at the shaft and it was a six hours shift. We were filling stones. The men's names were William Heggerton, William Brown and myself.

25 January 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that Miss Cliperton went home and I went to the Station and the day was cold. But Miss Grame is coming on Monday if all is well to stay with us and thay both live at West Hartlepool.

2 February 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

This bene the day that I bought the pig from John Henderson and gave £1.14s for it. Thomas Russell, Plantation Street

16 February, 1878 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Me and John Burn went to a coffee supper and it was verry good. The ham was verry good and the bred and there was plenty of it. The cost of it was nine pence.

(The coffee supper is likely to have been held by the Temperance Society of which Thomas was a member).

19 April, 1878 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that my watch spring broke and I toke it to that man at Thornley and he is goen to charge me 4 shillings for mending it.

6 May, 1878 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Amount of shilftes worked by Thomas Russell:

6 May	15½ shifts	Pade	£2.19s.9d
18 May	13 shifts	Pade	£2.10s.11d
3 June	12 shifts	Pade	£2.7s.0d
17 June	13½ shifts	Pade	£2.13s.11d
1 July	13½ shifts	Pade	£2.14s.10d
16 July	13 shifts	Pade	£2.10s.6d
29 July	12 shifts	Pade	£2.7s.0d
14 August	12 shifts	Pade	£2.7s.0d
28 August	11 shifts	Pade	£2.2s.5½d
14 Sept	11 shifts	Pade	£2.2s.5½d
28 Sept	12½ shifts	Pade	£2.12s.6d
14 Oct	13 shifts	Pade	£2.16s.6d

(the above is the number of shifts worked in a fortnight and payment of approx 6s per shift. The miners were paid fortnightly)

23 May 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

This has been the date that I killed the pig and it cleared itself verry well.

31 May 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date I bought three pigs out of a cart from a man named Connery and he lived at Hard Bushes but too of them died and on the 5 June I went to Stockton and bought another and gave fourteen shillings for it and it died likewise. So I was left with one and it is not doen well at all but badly.

31 May 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

This ben the date that I bought 3 pigs from Paddy Connery from Hard Bushes and I gave him 2 pounds, 4/6 for them. Wensday being the day that I went to Stockton and bought another and made me four of them and it was on the 5 June and gave 14 shillings for it.

9 June 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that we had our annevercery and was verry well taking all thinges to considerison. The day was rather changebul.

13 June 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that one of my pigs died that I got from Paddy Connery of, South Wingate.

18 June 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that my wife set the henn with thirteen eggs but I do not know how she will go on with thim. It is the second time that she has been set. The first time that she was set she set 2 days and then left the eggs but she may do better this time.

24 June 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

I thought I would make the date when William Hartley went and removed his things to the Thrisel Nest—it was on this date.

(William Hartley was Thomas' father-in-law and he appears to be moving to the Throstles Nest, Shotton which was a district at this time, not a pub)

30 July 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

Tuesday been the day that my father and William Stoker went to Shurben Hospitle and it is the forst time that he was ever at that place and mister Boidel gave him the note to go there and at the time he is working for William Burt in the Main coal with John Russell.

19 August 1878, Throselnest

This has been the date that William Hartley has pade Henry Haswell 10s for rent.

27 November 1878, Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that William Hartley tuk the house at Wingate Station.

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