

Coalville Times – December 1915

Friday December 3rd 1915 (Issue 1239)

Local News

A sum of £17 was cleared after paying expenses in connection with the dance and whist drive held in Mr Burton's factory, Whitwick, November 17th. Of this sum 2 guineas was allocated to the Holy Cross and 4 guineas to Whitwick and Thringstone Troop of Boy Scouts, and the remainder to the equipment fund of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps.

In connection with the Whitwick Wesleyan Sunday School, a house to house collection in Whitwick, for the National Children's Home, has realised £4 15s 3 ½ d.

Piece Bitten off Whitwick Man's Ear

Remarkable Assault Case

On Wednesday, at Loughborough, Herbert Haywood, collier, Shepshed, was summoned for assaulting Andrew Smith, 21, collier, North Street, Whitwick, at Loughborough, on November 20th. Mr W. Moss appeared for the complainant, and Mr R. Lancaster defended.

Mr Moss termed it a serious case of assault. He advised the complainant to take proceedings for unlawful wounding, but he had decided to have the case decided by the Bench. The assault was entirely unprovoked. Whilst standing on the platform at the L. and N.W. station at 11 pm., the defendant kicked the complainant from behind, and afterwards caught him round the neck and bit half the left ear off. When seen the next day, defendant made no apology, and told complainant to do what he liked.

Complainant said he had not seen or spoken to the defendant that day. Haywood was drunk. He thought the defendant mistook him for another man with whom he had been fighting. Defendant denied the assault, and stated that he was struck in a Loughborough public house by complainant's pal, Costello. At the station, Costello told him he had got to fight now that he had his pal Smith with him. Smith struck him across the bridge of the nose and knocked him down. Both the men were the worse for drink.

Other evidence was given for the defence and Haywood was sent to prison for 28 days' hard labour. There was a further summons in which Haywood charged Smith and Patrick Costello, another Whitwick collier, with assault but this was withdrawn by Mr Lancaster.

Do You Know

A C.M.S. Convention is to be held at Whitwick Church tomorrow?

The Right Hon. Bishop Clayton, D.D., is expected to preach at Whitwick Church on Sunday next?

In addition to the ordinary insurance for £2,050 against fire, the Whitwick Parish Church has been insured for £5,000 against damage by hostile aircraft?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A real good programme is on here again this week, and large audiences have much enjoyed it. There was Part 8 of the "Zudora Mystery" at the commencement of the week, and this, as usual, was well received. The pictures were a good selection and were much enjoyed. Appearing all the week also are Will Penman's Four Nibbs, a combination of juvenile artistes of the highest order, and a "show" in themselves. Their songs and dances are very pleasing, and the acrobatic tumbling, etc., is very cleverly executed. They have had a good reception, and patrons should not miss seeing them during the week-end. The "star" film for the second half

of the week is a good one by the popular Thanouser Co., viz., "The Magnet of Destruction." Boris Romaine is head of a society which aims at the betterment of the conditions of the poor by gradually killing off the rich. He persuades old Simon Fraser to join his organisation and the two secure employment at a foundry. Romaine is given charge of a huge electric magnet used to carry metal from one part of the works to the other. Donald Grennall, a millionaire, who is in love with Fraser's daughter, visits the works with other wealthy men, and as the huge magnet moves along, Romaine allows the metal to drop (he being also in love with Beth) and by this means hopes to rid himself of his rival. The plan miscarries, however, and Grennall recognising Romaine, guesses his purpose. After a terrific fight, the schemer is hurled over the side of the platform. Explanations follow and the visitors realise that they owe their lives to Ruth's intervention. – A good film which should not be missed. – Others are also good. – Next week, "Zudora" No. 9.

Captain Radcliffe returns with some diamonds from the mine and sends a wireless cipher message to Bruce stating that he has hidden the gems in a rubber hot water bottle, and will throw them into the sea as the liner is about to dock. Baird discovers the message, and together with Hunt, they plan to get the diamonds. Zudora in the meantime, is permitted to send a message to Mrs Ramsey for more clothing. Hunt follows the messenger and discovers where Zudora is imprisoned. The rescue of Zudora follows. The liner on which Radcliffe is a passenger comes into harbour, the hot water bottle is thrown overboard, and Hunt and Baird have an exciting time trying to get possession of it before the gang. The latter obtaining it in the end and put their motor boat to full speed and escape up the river. Full particulars, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick get a point at Newhall

In sharing the points at Newhall, Whitwick Imperial had every reason to be satisfied with themselves, seeing that the Swifts on their own ground are a tough lot to tackle. It was there that Coalville Swifts hit the dust – their only defeat so far. A late start was made and a very even match all through produced no score.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Unwin – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Sarah Ann Unwin, aged 81 years of Church Lane.

Sherwin – At Coalville, on Monday, Annie Sherwin, aged 51 years of Hermitage Road.

Friday December 10th 1915 (Issue 1240)

Local News

Juvenile Missionary Effort

A number of young people from Whitwick under the supervision of Mr and Mrs J. W. Eagles, gave a descriptive piece in the Coalville Wesleyan Chapel on Monday evening entitled, "The doctor and the devil priest," appearing in native costume. The Rev. T. Cottan presided. A collection for the foreign missionary society raised 18s.

An Absentee

Before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, John W. Kinton, a private in the 3/5th Leicestershire Regiment, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment since November 29th. P.C. Jelley deposed to seeing the soldier in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and accused him of being an absentee,

which he admitted, and said he was going back to his battalion on the next day – Inspector Dobney said the accused was discharged from hospital on November 29th and should have reported himself. – Asked his reason for not re-joining his regiment Kinton said he had been away from home for 16 weeks and wanted to see his wife. He was remanded to await an escort.

Fire at the Parish Church

Owing to a defect in the heating apparatus at Whitwick Church, paraffin stores are being used to assist in the heating and on Sunday morning, between early communion and the ordinary service, one of the stoves caught fire. The carpet at the communion rail being damaged and some of the wooden blocks in the floor were also burnt. It might have been a serious, but luckily was discovered in time.

Visit of Bishop Clayton

The preacher at Whitwick Church on Sunday morning and evening was the Right Rev. Bishop Clayton, D.D., who delivered two excellent sermons to large congregations. He was also present at the three o'clock service for women at which there was a large attendance. The collections amounted to over £10, being in aid of the church finance scheme and the insurance of the church against damage by hostile aircraft.

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor presented the Whitwick lodging house returns as 703 for last month, against 650 the preceding month and 913 in the corresponding period of last year. The lodging houses had been inspected and were satisfactory.

Minerals to be Got

The Whitwick Colliery Company wrote giving formal notice of their intention to work the minerals under Bardon Road and Hermitage Road.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West.

An Absentee

George Henry Bennett, private, of the 3rd Leicesters was charged with being an absentee from his regiment since the 27th ult. P.C. Grewcock deposed to apprehending the defendant in Whitwick and Bennett admitted the offence. Defendant said he was sorry, but he left because his boy was ill. He had had nothing else against him since he had been in the army. He was remanded to await an escort.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre has been well-patronised again this week, and the whole programme has been very much enjoyed and appreciated. The “Zudora” Mystery, No. 9 (The Cipher Code) was followed with interest; and the other subjects screened were also good. – The Metford Trio, are a very fine troupe of dancers, as well as extra good vocalists, and the American ragtime mat dancing is some of the finest one could wish to see; in fact, all their specialities are top-notch. They have had a great reception up to the present and should draw big houses this week-end. Patrons should not miss seeing this high class and refined entertainment. – “Rene Haggard Journey's On,” is a splendid ‘star’ for the week-end and must on no account be missed. Others are also good. – Next week, “Zudora” No. 10.

Hunt and Baine follow the conspirators up the river, and darkness setting in, they land on an island where they believe the ruffians have landed in order to bury their treasure. Hunt is requested to go and help Storm, who might need him. The reporter is captured, and preparations are made to blow him up by setting fire to some petrol. Hunt, feeling uneasy, returns and rescues Baird soon after the conspirators had departed,

having already lit the fuse which would eventually cause the explosion. Madame du Val overhears John Storm reading a letter to Zudora from Marcus Villiers, the wealthy mine owner. For her own safety's sake, Madame does not rest until she had obtained the letter, which she accomplishes with the assistance of Capt. Radcliffe. She feels sure then that she has Zudora absolutely in her power. Full particulars, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

The Imperial team to meet Newhall Swifts on the Duke of Newcastle ground in the Leicestershire Senior League tomorrow is, Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke, Moore, J. Bird and Fern; M. Bird, Smith, Williamson, Watson and Roach. Reserves, T. Lees and A. Needham.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Cheney – At Whitwick, on Monday. Leslie Walter Cheney, aged three years, of Leicester Road.

Friday December 17th 1915 (Issue 1241)

Local News

Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, has received a letter from his brother, Pte. J. Kelly, 16640, 2nd Corps Headquarters, Bath section, Field Post Office, British Expeditionary Force, in which he says he is going on alright. He has been in France over six months now, he adds, and is getting used to it. Things are quiet where he is now, but it is raining nearly every day and there is plenty of mud. He hopes to be home soon on eight days' leave and wishes to be remembered to all old friends.

Fifteen local policemen, under Inspector Dobney, marched to the Coalville Recruiting Office and were attested on Saturday. They were P.C.'s Holmes (Measham), Higgs (Heather), Dray (Osgathorpe), Smith (Albert Village), Hawkins (Appleby), Cobley and Norton (Ashby), Bowns (Breedon), Jelley (Whitwick), Jones (Thringstone), Sibson (Ravenstone), Percival, Spiby, Bursnall and Mason (Coalville).

At a recent examination held at the Temperance Hall, in connection with the London College of Music. Miss Gladys Bourne, of Whitwick, was successful in gaining the diploma of Licentiate of the College and pupil of Miss Cuthbert, L.I.C.M., Coleorton. S. Bath Esq., Mus. Dec., was the examiner.

The musical boys from Dr. Barnardo's Homes gave two entertainments in the Whitwick Church school last night, at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters presided. Excellent selections were given by the boys on various musical instruments. The proceeds were in aid of the homes which were stated to be now maintaining 7,400 children and over 1,699 Barnardo's lads are now serving their King and country.

Death of a Licensed Victualler

Mr Tom Allen, licensee of the Crown Inn, Heather, died a few days ago at the age of 36 years, leaving a widow and two children. The deceased belonged to Whitwick parish, and up to a few years ago, was licensee of the Beaumont Arms in Whitwick Market Place, the tenancy of which he held until a closing order was made, when he obtained the licensee of the Crown Inn at Heather. The deceased had held an appointment in the household of Mrs Bell, on Charnwood Forest, and had travelled a good deal. The funeral took place on Thursday of last week.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) and Major Hatchett.

Licenses

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the transfer of an off-beer at Leicester Road, Whitwick, to Mrs Clarke, from her deceased husband, and it was granted. Other transfers allowed were the licenses of the Old Swan, Worthington to Mrs Cooper from her husband, and the Bull's Head, Oakthorpe, to Edward Hughes from William George Bowley.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good "houses" here this week again, and a fine programme is to be seen, the usual cordial reception being accorded the excellent "turn" and pictures. The former, which is to be seen all the week is Cliffe and Vanstone, "The Yorkshire Slavery and t'other Lass" in comedy and musical entertainment. The singing is fine, and the instrumental sections are great. It is a fine all-round and pleasing "show", which should not be missed, and which will no doubt draw big audiences during the week-end. "Zudora" No. 10 was a good part of this interesting serial, and came in for a fine reception. – Others were good. – "A Pillar of Flame" is the week-end "star" and this will please. The following is a short synopsis of the piece. Madeline Danby leaves her husband and child, Beatrice, to take up vocal lessons with Julius Gerhardt, a celebrated music teacher. Encouraged by his flattery, she continues the lessons till her money has gone. Then she asks Gerhardt for the public appearance he had promised her. He agrees to carry out his promise – under certain conditions. Realising she has been tricked, she denounces and leaves the rascal. Without his influence, however, she finds there is no opening for her in opera, and eventually is glad to accept a position in a cheap cabaret. As the result of a row with a young loafer, she gets fired and rather than go back to her husband, the embittered woman writes him she has destroyed herself. Subsequent events are thrilling, and must not be missed. – Next week, another fine show. "Zudora" Part 11, is the "star" for the first half, and the following is the story. This is the final episode of the story. It tells who had the last will and testament of Zudora' father, and how the girl, thanks to her friends, was able to prove her claim to some of the richest diamond mines in South Africa. Madame du Val and Captain Radcliffe, with the rest of the gang appear in the last episode, and the story has a very interesting finish. – Full particulars see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Petty – At Whitwick, on Monday, William Petty, aged 31 years, of Bagworth.

Friday December 24th 1915 (Issue 1242)

Local News

New Industry for Whitwick

Work Commenced at Hosiery Factory

Work has been commenced at the hosiery factory built in North Street, Whitwick, by Mr G. F. Burton, and leased to Messrs. Handford and Miller, hosiery manufacturers, of Loughborough. Only a few of the machines have yet been installed, occupying about 20 to 30 girls, but when the factory is fully equipped, as it is hoped to be in a few weeks' time, employment will be found for 100 hands.

With commendable enterprise and patriotism, Mr Burton has erected the factory at a cost of about £2,000, Messrs. W. Moss and Son, of Coalville, being the contractors and Mr T. I. McCarthy the architect. The buildings are admirably arranged and the girls work under ideal conditions. Skylights in the roof afford ample light by day while an excellent result is obtained at night from Keith's system of compressed gas, and the factory is made warm and comfortable by hot water pipes.

The structure has so been arranged as to conveniently allow extensions to be made should the same become necessary at some future times.

Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Member Resigns

Mrs Sharpe wrote from Hove, Sussex, stating: "As I have left the district of Ashby I wish to place my resignation in the hands of the Guardians as representative of the Whitwick ward."

Mr Parker asked whether there was a fine.

The Clerk: Having left the district, she becomes disqualified.

The chairman asked what steps the Board would take to fill the vacancy. Dr. Atkinson asked what was done in regard to the Coalville vacancy. The clerk said it was left to the other Coalville Guardians to nominate someone. Mr Bullen moved that they adopt a similar course for Whitwick.

Mrs Pratt said there was an unwritten law that the person co-opted should be of the same political views as the member succeeded. Of course, when they came to the Board they were nondescripts; they did not represent any political party, but Mr Parker had mentioned a case where the Local Government Board insisted on this and it was better to mention it now before anything was done at Whitwick.

Mr J. Edwards: I thought politics had nothing to do with the Guardians at all.

The chairman said that was so. He thought it was hardly fair to ask one or two Guardians to select a member. It should be left to the parish. Mr Andrews asked whether there was a likelihood of the Local Government Board upsetting it if the parish elected someone of different political views.

The clerk said there was nothing to that effect in the order issued by the Local Government Board. Mr Parker said he saw the case referred to in a Birmingham paper. On a complaint being made the Local Government Board requested that a socialist should be elected in the place of a socialist. Mr Frith asked whether the decision of a parish meeting would be thrown overboard if the person selected was of different political views to the former member.

Mrs Pratt: Yes

Mr Parker said he thought nobody could object to the choice of a parish meeting. Mr Bullen moved that the matter be referred to a Whitwick parish meeting and attention be called to the political point named.

Mr Briers: No, leave that out. I think you will agree with me, as a Guardian from Whitwick, that this matter has not been fought politically. Father O'Reilly has never been put up by any political party. I will second the resolution to refer it to the parish meeting, but leave politics out. Mr Bullen agreed and the resolution was carried.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Mr W. Lindley (in the chair) and Mr H. J. Ford.

Licenses

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) applied for the renewal of the music, singing and dancing license of the Electric Theatre, Coalville, on behalf of Mr J. Johnson, similarly for the Whitwick Picture House and also for the renewal of the theatrical, music, singing and dancing license of the Coalville Olympia, on behalf of Mr T. F. McDonald.

In reply to the Bench, Supt. Lockton said all the places were well conducted and he had no objection to the renewals. The applications were granted. Mr Moore, also on behalf of the managers of the same three picture houses for permission to give suitable performances on Christmas Day between the hours of 2.30 and 11pm. The chairman enquired whether a similar thing was granted last year and Supt. Lockton replied in the affirmative. The Superintendent added, in reply to the chairman, that everything was satisfactory on previous occasions. – Granted.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

All pictures here this week, and a very good lot too! "Zudora" No. 11 (The Richest Woman in the World) was a good part, and much enjoyed. "The Jungle Queen" was a Bison drama of exceptional merit, and announced as the finest wild animal picture produced. It was very thrilling and had a good story running through. – Others were good. – For the week-end "Jack and the Beanstalk" a grand Edison panto picture should be seen and "The Jest of Jealousy" a Selig drama in two reels is fine; whilst others are of exceptional merit and go to make a splendid and pleasing Christmas programme. – By-the-way the performance on Christmas Day will be at 6.50 and 9 and the usual prices. A suitable programme will be shown. – Next week a new serial commences viz., "The Exploits of Elaine." Patrons should not miss Episode No. 1. – A splendid "turn" is also billed, "The Sisters Billington," expert swimmers in the electric crystal tank. This must not be missed. – Full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Coalville Town win easily at Whitwick

The only match played was that at Whitwick, where Coalville Town secured a substantial and somewhat unexpected win over the Imperial. Four goals to none in Coalville's favour was a somewhat singular result, inasmuch as Whitwick had quite as much of the play in their favour as did their opponents. They did a lot of pressing, but the home forwards were weak in front of goal, whereas Coalville made the most of their opportunities that made all the difference. The first goal came from a penalty scored by Brownlow. Whitwick pressed a good deal and the Coalville goal had several narrow escapes, some clever saves being effected by Pearson. Then the Coalville forwards got away and Roadley in the Whitwick goal fell in trying to reach a simple shot from Mugglestone and thus Coalville were two up. After further pressure by Whitwick, the visitors had another turn and this time Woodward scored after a good passing movement. This gave Coalville the substantial lead of three goals on crossing over.

Early in the second half, Mugglestone scored again from Brownlow's centre and Whitwick tried hard to reduce the arrears, but were kept out by Davis and Stevens, who with Pearson in the goal, constituted a strong defence.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Stead – At Whitwick, yesterday, Charles Stead, aged 78 years, of Castle Street.

Friday December 31st 1915 (Issue 1243)

Local News

Children's Party

In connection with the Baptist Sunday School, a children's party was held in the school on Tuesday evening. The teachers kindly provided the refreshments and games, etc., contributed to a very enjoyable time.

Social and Whist Drive

The annual social and whist drive were held in the Holy Cross School, in connection with the Holy Cross Church on Monday night, when despite the rough weather there was a good attendance. Mr J. Cooper (Coalville) played for dancing, the M.C.'s being Messrs. L. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn. The M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs. M. Downes and Dickens.

Tea and Social

With the object of providing funds for purchasing soldiers' comforts, a public tea followed by a social evening took place in the Whitwick Baptist School on Monday, when there was a fairly good attendance, including a party from Loughborough. At the social there were songs by Miss Smalley, a piano duet by Misses Gladys and Vera Bourne, and comic recitations by Mr Vickers, jun., of Loughborough. Games were indulged in and a pleasant time was spent.

Boxing Day Gale

Damage in Coalville and District

Wedding Party's Narrow Escape at Whitwick

The weather during Christmastide was the worst experienced locally for many years and culminated on Monday in a severe gale which did a lot of damage in Coalville and District.

There were several instances of wooden fences and trees being blown down by the force of the wind and at Whitwick a large advertisement hoarding near the railway station, belonging to the Coalville and Ashby Bill Posting Co. was blown into the road and smashed into matchwood. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but a wedding party had only just passed when the hoarding came down with a crash and they had a narrow escape. Slates and chimney pots were removed from houses and telegraph wires damaged in the district.

At Ashby, one of the poplars in South Street (which were a landmark) was blown down on Monday. It fell across the garden of the house which was formerly the residence of the French officer prisoners during the Napoleonic Wars.

The storm on Bank Holiday caused some havoc in Ibstock and District. It blew in the shop window of Mr J. Ball in Chapel Street and up-rooted a tree on Leicester Road, completely blocking up the roadway until it was removed.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill Vicarage, had a narrow escape, while motor cycling on Monday night, from colliding with a tree which had been blown down and lay partly across the road.

Damage was done in various parts of the country.

Whitwick Soldier Killed

Due to a Mine Explosion

News has been received in Whitwick that Lance-Corporal Joseph Amithal Hall, of the 9th Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action in France through the explosion of an enemy mine on December 9th.

The deceased soldier was a son of Mr A. Hall, of Silver Street, Whitwick, a miner at the Whitwick pit, where Hall also was employed before enlisting. He was 22 years of age and was married, his wife and only child residing at the Dumps, Whitwick. He enlisted in November last year and went to France in July, having been made a lance-corporal.

A nice letter has been written to the deceased's wife by the chaplain who officiated at Hall's funeral on December 11th and another letter written by a comrade runs as follows:

"December 14th. – Dear Mrs Hall, I regret to write these few lines in regard to your husband's death. All his comrades feel his loss very much as he was so popular with all the men of his platoon. The whole of the platoon send their deepest sympathy, as we know what a sad blow it will be to you. I am sending you these photos which were handed to me and I should like to ask if you have a photo of him you could send me, as I should like one in remembrance, as we have been great chums ever since he joined the army. He was buried in a cemetery in



a village close behind the firing line, and we, his comrades, will see his grave is kept alright as long as it is in our power. I conclude with the deepest sympathy from all the platoon and myself, yours sincerely."

12837 Walter Gould
B. Co. 9th Leicesters, 8th Platoon, B.E.F.

The photograph enclosed in the letter which was found on deceased were those of his wife and child.

Do You Know That

A bus will leave Whitwick on Wednesday, January 5th at 7pm for Bridge Road School, Coalville, and one from the Leicester Hotel, Ellistown, at the same time for the same destination. Returning from Bridge Road School at 12 pm. Return fare 6d.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons of the above popular picture house are provided with an excellent programme again this week. A new serial story commenced on Monday night, viz., "The Exploits of Elaine," a fine series of stories which must not be missed. Episode 1 was very good, and patrons should follow the story right through. – Other films were good, and received much applause from big audiences. – One of the chief attractions, however, this week is the Billington Sisters, the famous Lancashire long distance, trick, and ornamental swimmers, in the electric crystal tank. This is an up-to-date, and first-class "turn" which has received a great ovation. They are a clever combination and should not be missed during the week-end. – "The Cycle of Hatred" is the "star" for the end of the week. This is a rattling good Thanhouser drama of exceptional merit. It is generally conceded by all who have seen this picture that it is one of the most genuinely attractive films yet released. The reputation enjoyed by the Thanhouser Co. is well sustained in this production. It is beautifully staged and enacted, and is a two reeler which is sure to please, containing as it does in the cast, two established favourites. Florence La Badie and little Helen Badgley. Miss La Badie will be remembered in the "Million Dollar Mystery" and she is one of the most charming girls appearing on the screen. Helen Badgley is a marvellous actress. The part she is called upon to play is an exceedingly difficult one, taking into consideration her tender years, but she acquits herself right well. – The story is one which will appeal strongly to Whitwick patrons, and we strongly recommend the piece as a first-class one. It should not be missed. – Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire League

Several matches in the Leicestershire Senior League were arranged to take place during the holidays, but in one or two instances they were spoiled by the weather.

Two games played on Christmas Day resulted in victories for Coalville Town and Whitwick Imperial. Coalville were visited by Moira United on Christmas morning and a fairly even game was witnessed by a small number of spectators. Coalville led by two goals to none at the interval and eventually won by four goals to two.

For several years Whitwick Imperial have played the Albion at Shepshed on Christmas Day, and the return match taking place at Whitwick on Boxing Day. This was the order again this year and in each case the result was one goal to none in favour of Whitwick whose hitherto none favourable position in the chart was thereby considerably improved. The game at Whitwick was spoiled by the hurricane which prevailed during the afternoon, and this also considerably reduced the attendance.

Coalville Town went to Moira with a weak team on Boxing Day and were beaten by two goals to none.