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Extracts from the information given about Organisations, Clubs and Societies in Thornbury

The Almanac refers to the fact that there is an “the old Town Hall and cheese market (now converted into business premises.”

Bowling Club

Court Lower Marlwood. President C E Turner; Chairman J G Weeks Esq, Secretary and Treasurer Mr Williams and J Allen.

Baden Powell’s Boy Scouts Thornbury and District

Lord Ducie – President

Mr Algar H S Howard - Chairman of Committee

Executive Committee - Captain W A Gordon, CMG, Rev C H T Wright, Rev W Johnstone, Messrs, T C Smith, R E Potter, E L Webber,

Scout Masters - W H Bruce, Champion Docwra and Miss Mackie

Hon Treasurer and Secretary - Mr H C Hume-Spry

District Commissioner - Mr J S Bakewell

Assistant Commissioners - Captain W A Gordon C M G and Captain C E Turner

Scout master Thornbury troop - Mr H Woodward

Patrol leaders - “peewit” J Williams “ram” C Weatherhead.

Troop Committee - Rev W Johnstone chairman, Messrs G Hall, E Lloyd, A Trayhurn, E P Weatherhead, A H Wilkins, W Wills, Jack H Williams Hon Sec

Board of Guardians

Chairman; Mr J J Harle, Whitfield. Vice-chairmen; Messrs G Whitfield and C G Bruton

Poor Law Inspector.; Mr E B Wethered, Cheltenham.

Treasurer; Mr W H L Harford

Auditor; Mr Edward Stevens, Cheltenham

Clerk; Mr H P Thurston

Assistant Clerk; Mr H D Boulton

Medical Officer; Thornbury Dr L H Williams, Almondsbury District Dr S Irwin. Deputy Dr C McWatters. Berkeley District

Dr W R Awdry Deputy Dr A Awdry. Charfield Dr E F Clowes. Deputy Dr Forty Henbury District Dr H L Ormerod.

Relieving and Vaccination Officers Thornbury; Mr R R Warren High Street. Berkeley Mr W A P Ireland Berkeley.

Assistant Relieving Officer for Vagrants; Police Sergeant Vaughan.

Chaplain; Rev Canon A W Cornwall, the Vicarage.

Workhouse Officers; Mr and Mrs Crane (Master and Matron) Miss Jones (Assistant Matron) Misses Brown, Freeman and

Buffin (Nurses) Mr Higgins (Porter) Mrs Higgins (Porteress)

Superintendent Registrar; Mr H P Thurston High Street

Deputy Superintendent; Mr L Jolly High Street

Registrar of Births and Deaths; Mr H D Boulton Gloucester Road

Deputy; Mr W J Shepherd Gloucester Road

Registrar of Marriages ; Mr F J Williams Chapel Street.

Carriers

Bristol H Baylis from Thornbury to White Horse Hotel Barrs Street Daily

J Ford from Thornbury to Full Moon North Street

Churches

Congregational Chapel in Chapel Street built in 1826 with 400 sittings. Wesleyan Chapel built in High Street in 1878. Baptist

Chapel in Gillingstool erected in 1780 with sittings for 300.

Church Institute

Mrs J Luce Caretaker . A Bible class is held in winter months on Tuesdays.

Church of England Temperance soc

President; Sir Stafford Howard

Chairman ; Rev Canon Cornwall

Secretary; Mr S W Dennis

Church of England Waifs and Strays.

Hon Sec. Mrs Hume-Spry

Coroner

Seymour Williams Esq The Chase, Kingswood, Bristol

Cossham Hall

This building was originally a Wesleyan Chapel built in 1789 and presented to the town by the late Handel Cossham in 1888. It has since been enlarged by the Parish Council and is used for Concerts, Entertainments, Meetings etc accommodating about 400 persons. For terms and particulars apply to Mr F Williams The Seed Supply High Street. Mr F Cann caretaker.

County Councillor

C E Turner Old Down House Tockington.

Cricket Clubs

Thornbury –Mr R E Bush captain, Mr H Talbot Secretary- ground near the Ship in Alveston.

Thornbury Castle- Sir Stafford Howard captain, Mr T Smith vice-captain. Mr S Gayner, treasurer, A C Pitcher secretary. Ground near the Castle.

Fire Brigade

The Fire Engine is the property of the Thornbury Parish Council and kept at the Fire Station, St Mary Street. No charge is made for the use of the Engine at fires within the parish but in cases of fires outside the parish £3 3s is charged for the use of the Engine and £1 10s for horse hire in addition to the pay of the Brigade according to the rules and all other expenses incurred. The firemen are as follows.

Mr A H Wilkins Captain W Phillips Dep Captain, O Higgins, F Sainsbury, J Radford, E Purnell, F Walker, G Phillips, G Cook, E Cripps, R Mills.

Gas Company

The Thornbury Gas Light and Coke Co Ltd, Gas House near the Church. Works Manager Mr C Bryant. Registered Office Castle Street. Secretary Mr Fudge.

Gospel Total Abstinence Society

A United Band of Hope in connection with the Non-Conformist Churches of Thornbury, is held on alternate Tuesdays at 7pm consecutively in the Baptist, Congregational and Wesleyan Schoolrooms. Mr G Whitfield, president; Mr J N Nichols, superintendent; Mr G Stone secretary.

Market

A large and important market for horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, fruit, & etc is held at Streamleaze on the second Wednesday and fourth Monday in each month. Prizes are offered for the best cattle and to the biggest purchaser at the December market. Mr W Phillips toll collector. Messrs Luce Young and Alpass and Messrs Moses Smith and son auctioneers.

Motor Services

A motor bus service runs through Thornbury from Sharpness to Filton and Durdham Downs at frequent intervals in connection with the Bristol Tramways Co's Cars to all parts of Bristol.

MP

Athelstan Rendall esq The Knoll Yeovil Somerset (Liberal) for the Southern or Thornbury Division of Gloucestershire.

National Reserve

Major H C Hume-Spry VD officer in charge Thornbury District.

Nursing Association

Thornbury Nursing Association affiliated with the Gloucester County Nursing Association, Lady Howard president; Mrs Lloyd secretary.

Old Age Pensions

Thornbury Sub-committee of Local Pension Committee (Gloucestershire). H Jenner-Fust Esq. JP chairman, Maj-Gen N F Sampson-Way CB, Capt H R P Salmon J.P. J J Harle Esq. JP, G Whitfield Esq. JP, J H Alpass Esq., C E Turner Esq., and J H Stamp Esq., L T Thurston Esq. H Russell Thomas Esq., H P Thurston Esq. clerk.

Parish Council

Mr G Whitfield, chairman, Messrs G Ball, E Cullimore, T Exell, A C Pitcher, F Symes, G B Symes, H P Thurston, L T Thurston and G Tucker. Mr F Williams clerk.

Police Station

Situated in the High Street. Sergeant J Vaughan in charge and two constables.

Post Office

Sub-Postmaster - Mr A C Pitcher

Postmen R W Carter – Town J Clutterbuck – Rural W J Brearley – Rural

Auxiliaries - H Gale, S Spill, G Hopkins, H T L Liddiatt, H Ashcroft.

Buckover Post Office sub-postmistress - Mrs K Ball. Letters are delivered through Falfield. Letter Box cleared at 8.30am and 5.55 pm

Railway

The Midland Railway Station at the top of Thornbury High Street with good facilities for dealing with passenger and goods traffic is a terminus from Yate off the main line from Bristol to Gloucester. Mr C Cooper, station master. Thornbury Coal Company Co carriers.

Rifle Club

H P Thurston Esq. president and chairman of committee. Mr E R Dolling treasurer. Mr E Timbrell secretary. Mr W J Allen, match secretary. Range at the Castle Temperance Hotel, High Street. Open Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30pm..

Rural District Council

Chairman Mr J J Harle Whitfield

Vice Chairman Mr E Cullimore Thornbury

Clerk Mr H P Thurston

Assistant Clerk Mr H D Boulton

Medical Officer Dr T Rhind

Sanitary Inspector Mr F W Davies

Highway Surveyors Messrs G T Young and W F Floyd

Treasurer Mr H W L Harford

The Council meet at the Board Room of the Thornbury Union, fortnightly, on the conclusion of the business of the Board of Guardians. The members of the Council who are enumerated with the Guardians are elected triennially.

Schools

Buckover Girls' and Infants' School - Miss Price mistress.

Council School – Mr J Thomason master, Mr Lewis assistant master.

Infant school – Miss Bush mistress; Mr H P Thurston, correspondent.

Church of England School – Mr S W G Dennis master, Miss Ball Infant Mistress; Rev C H T Wright correspondent.

School Attendance Officer - Mr W J Powell Cromhall.

Preparatory School – Miss Ann High Street

The Grammar School – Mr C H Ross, M A Cantab Head master. (Medieval and Modern Languages Tripos) Membre et Diplome Association Phonetique Internationale (Paris) Certificated in Pedagogy, University of Jena. Assistant Staff – E Pearce BSc Bristol (Senior), Miss R Griffin BA Hons Bristol (Senior), Miss D Mortimore BSc Bristol. W G Rabley.

Severn Fishery Board

Distributor of Licenses, Mr S Fudge Castle Street.

Solicitors

Messrs Crossman and Co The Plain. Messrs Thurstons and Jolly High Street.

Taxes (Income)

Mr J H Williams, High Street Collector.

Telephone

Public Telephone Call Office, The Post Office at High Street open from 8am to 8pm.

Tennis Club

Mr W W Councill, chairman and captain Mr E Timbrell vice-captain Miss Exell treasurer Miss Cooper secretary Courts at Lower Marlwood.

Thornbury and District Horticultural Society

Holds a show annually in August in a field near Marlwood and an exhibition of Chrysanthemums, Roots and Fruit in November at the Cossham Hall. Major B Mundy President, Mr F Williams Hon. Treasurer; Mr E J Underhill Secretary.

Thornbury Brotherhood.

Meeting held at 3 in the Wesleyan Chapel, High Street. Rev Joseph B Alger President. Mr F Holly Secretary.

Thornbury Fanciers' Society

A show held in November in the Cossham Hall of poultry, pigeons, cage birds and rabbits. Hon Mrs B Mundy President; Messrs W T Liddiatt and F J Williams, Secretaries.

Thornbury Circulating Library

Over 400 volumes in reading; for further particulars apply to A Prewett stationer.

Thornbury Society of Gleemen

Practices are held at the Church Institute on Monday evenings during June July and August. monthly ; remainder of the year fortnightly; Sir Stafford Howard President; Mr H P Thurston Conductor. The annual concert is given on Shrove Tuesday.

Thornbury Town Trust

Mr G Whitfield Chairman; Mr H P Thurston, Vice Chairman, Messrs J T Chambers, E Cullimore, J C Cullimore, T Exell, W S Pegg, L T Thurston and J Taylor. Mr E J Underhill Clerk.

Young Crusaders

A juvenile branch of the CETS meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at the Church Institute during the winter months. Mr S W Dennis Secretary.

Young People's Society

Meets every Monday evening in the Congregational schoolroom. Junior at 6.30pm. Mrs A W Honeybourne president; Miss Butt hon. Sec. Senior at 8.15pm Rev W Johnstone president; Miss King vice-president. Mr A W Honeybourne secretary; Miss Williams Hon Treasurer.