

Letter written by Dolly Warburton to Ian Jones' sister-Margaret describing her childhood when she lived at Kinsey Heath
additions in italics

On our way to and from school we walked behind Mr Bert Ashley's cows from the farm (*the now derelict buildings at corner of Bagley lane and Kettle lane*) to a field just past Paddock house. He had to make sure he didn't meet Mrs Hamnetts cows (Ann P's granma) coming from Laurel Bank to Lowe's Orchard opposite Herbert Manley's (*Yew trees*).

Sometimes your dad (*Bert Jones*) would take us to Woore to watch the Kynsal Boys play cricket. Your uncle Harold (*Jones*) and Tom Vernon were in the team.

Miss Boddington sometimes gave us a lift from school in her pony and trap. She often discussed books with me (as I liked to sit outside reading).

My brothers (*there were 7 boys and 1 girl in her family*), the Langley boys and the Walley boys played cricket in the fields. Cyril Young, Billy Cliffe? David Saville?

We picked bluebells in Bluebell wood (Maughans), hazel nuts & blackberries in Gollins Rough wood near Highfields. We made dens and cooked swedes in the wood. We paddled and made dams in the brook below the The Lodge. You and I rode back part of the way on ponies with friends Gill & Pat Dobson.

Bob Cliffe delivered coal by horse and cart, later by lorry. He lived where Bob Lee had his hens. (*junction of Wood Orchard lane and Bagley lane, house now empty*). Illingsworths-by the canal bridge going towards Cox Bank sold bread, groceries, paraffin (for paraffin lamps) as did Arnold Fielding from Audlem who delivered with a van.

Bonells, (Rachel's father) delivered milk in bottles. Mr Skyrme mended shoes at home (next door to us) as well as working for Mr Purcell at Audlem P.O. and shop. Mrs Gardner (next to Herbert Manleys) cut her own hedges when she was a very old lady.

Walking from Audlem to Coxbank along the Shropshire Union Canal (& then to Kynsal), when you met a horse drawn barge (& butty boat the one which was towed behind & carried coal & other goods to industrial towns e.g. B'ham /M'chester), you had to walk up the hedge-cop to allow the heavy horse to pass you.

My father grew a lot of fruit and vegetables & sold the surplus of Victoria plums and Black and Red currants. We also kept Bantams. Your g'father Joseph Martin grew lovely apples-Russets etc. We liked to eat raw gooseberries, currants and even rhubarb and sprouts (which we'd pinched unknown to him).

I don't know if Donald Poole ever lived where the 2 Miss Pooles lived (next to Jack Roberts) or if he actually came from the 'top-end' of Buerton-where he lived when he married Tessa Burton (1962 at *St James*), but he was directed to the mines as a Bevan boy in the Potteries/Staffs coal mines, during the war.

Is Mr Bob Bonell's (Chapel End Sunday School) cine camera show relevant and Mrs Brandon's singing coaching and sewing circle & May Emberton's S. S. Class -reading us 'Anne of Green Gables' after we had done our bible study?