

Matlock Bath
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News



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LATEST THE EUROPEAN TENSION Grave Outlook

Austria has declared war against Serbia and fighting has apparently begun. But the real question is whether Austria's desire to chastise this little member of the Balkan states will result in a European War? What are the facts? The aged Emperor of Austria has issued a war manifesto, and, as a consequence, all Europe is taking "precautionary measures", whilst Austria, Serbia and Russia are actually mobilising. The Kaiser has held a War Council; German and Russian troops have been moved to the frontier; the vast military machinery all over Europe is being set in motion; and this, of course, makes less favourable the chances of "localising" the war. Mr Asquith, in the House of Commons on Wednesday referred to the "extreme" gravity of the situation.

It cannot be denied that a war fever has suddenly seized the nations and Germany in particular betrays a bellicose mood. So long as Germany and Russia "hold rein" the position can never become absolutely desperate, but the mobilisation of enormous masses of men is in itself a distinct menace to the cause of peace.

As regards ourselves we have no concern in the present quarrel, but, if France and Russia should be involved then we must be faithful to our ententes and friendships.

OUR TERRIERS READY

Our local territorial men in khaki, members of E Company, the 6th Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters, are currently at their annual camp with the 5th, 7th and 8th Battalions, which this year is at Hunmanby, close to the sea near Filey. They include Colour Sgt Lew Dickinson, a long-time member of Holy Trinity Choir, Sgt John Finney from Temple Walk, his brother Reg Finney, L/Sgt Maurice Limb of Masson Terrace and Sgt Thomas William Slater.



Colour Sergeant Lew Dickinson

The Company has its headquarters in Wirksworth and travelled to the training area by train last Sunday. The Battalion Band was there to meet them at the station and it was only a ten minute march to the camp from where they can see Scarborough Castle over 14 miles away. Their tents had already been pitched and fires lit by Lt. Quartermaster W N Broomhead and his assistants who had already prepared a good hot dinner.

The programme for the fortnight's training includes reveille at 5.00 a.m., coffee and buns at 6.00 a.m., breakfast at 8.00 a.m., dinner 1.00 p.m., tea 5.00 p.m., retreat 7.00 p.m., First Post 10.00 p.m., Tattoo Last Post 10.30 p.m., Lights Out 11.00 p.m.

So far the weather has been cool with intermittent rain, but this has not interrupted the morning parades, company drills, battalion parades, kit and rifle inspections, manoeuvres, outpost and other practice drills. In the afternoon there is some liberty time for the men to stroll across the fields to Filey, to walk to Hunmanby or to bathe in the sea.

None of them are oblivious to the war cloud over Europe which is the big theme of the Terriers' conversations. We have no hesitation in saying that if the command came, Col. Clayton would lead the Battalion full of enthusiasm and ready to go anywhere required. Nine-tenths of the battalion wear the Special Service Badge for overseas service, and have thus given the pledge to serve.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Great Masson Cavern

Situated on MASSON HILL, 100 yards beyond the TOWER, HEIGHTS OF ABRAHAM

Contains one of the most wonderful Natural Chambers in Derbyshire and no visitor to MATLOCK should go away without seeing this wonderful cavern.

The only cavern in Derbyshire where visitors go in at one end and come out at another.

Proprietor, A J Greatorex, Matlock Dale

ROYAL HOTEL & BATHS

Matlock Bath

FINEST SYSTEM OF BATHS

All contained in the Hotel

Recherche Afternoon Teas a Speciality

Spacious Motor Garages

ORCHESTRA TWICE DAILY

Excellent Cuisine

George Storey, Manager

FOR PEACE'S SAKE

The horror of a possible European War and why Britain should remain neutral

will be debated on

**Sunday 2nd August in Matlock
Town Hall at 8.00 p.m.**

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Admission Free

Mr Ernest Drabble in the Chair

DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY

Lt Col. Lord H Cavendish-Bentick, T.D., Commanding Derbyshire Yeomanry has issued the following regimental order::

All drills will be resumed from 4th August.

The local men in B Squadron, like their comrades under arms in the Sherwood Forester Terriers will be keeping a close eye on the news in the next few days. They include Troopers Jack Clay, William Furniss and Harry Everett, who are also National Reservists who may be called upon to make up the strength of regular cavalry regiments in the case of an emergency.



Trooper Jack Clay

“WHAT THEY SAY” AT MATLOCK BATH

That the “life-buoy” in its very defective condition by the gentlemen’s lavatories on the promenade still calls for attention, as in case of urgent requirement its beneficent purpose would be greatly impaired, owing to the broken and apparently rotten condition of the surrounding life-lines. “Forewarned is forearmed” and as we wrote in our copybooks at school – “Delays have dangerous ends” and it is well to remember that “it is usually the unexpected that happens”.

That the “guide-post” by the railway station bridge has not yet been brought forth from its place of retirement to resume its useful, if humble, vocation

of route-indicator to the hundreds of motorists who daily pass through the town en route for Bakewell, Buxton, Manchester and intermediate places, and so many of whom miss their points and rush over the bridge, only to find themselves in a species of cul-de-sac, to their intense annoyance and chagrin. Considering that this guide-post was *temporarily* removed to make room for a new gaslamp about last November, it is at least strange that time or inclination should have been wanting to replace it in its legitimate position again long ago.

That our new Pump Room at the Kursaal would prove more attractive and profitable if the obliging attendant were attired in a neat and suitable uniform instead of the ordinary dress now worn when dispensing the glasses of our famous medicinal waters. Our local authority would be well advised to take a look at Buxton Well Room or Harrogate or Llandrindrod Wells, to see how very smart and up-to-date the attendants look in their snow-white caps and aprons there. There is “money” in the Matlock Bath waters, if only you know how to extract the same.

The Busy Bee

ORDER

The celebrated Fishpond at Matlock Bath with its interesting finny population is a perennial source of attraction to resident visitors, residents and excursionist. The beauty of the pretty little pool with its glistening fountain is somewhat marred by the untidy collection of cardboard boxes and other refuse which have sunk to the bottom of the clear depths. There is, however, a valid excuse for this untidiness, for even orderly purchasers of the fish food from the automatic machines are compelled to throw the empty boxes in the water for lack of a suitable receptacle. Could not our Council follow the praiseworthy example of Wirksworth, in placing at convenient intervals proper receptacles for waste, with a courteously worded intimation of their object printed above?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**MATLOCK BATH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Promenade, Lovers’ Walks

Bank Holiday, Sunday, August 2nd,
Afternoon at 3, Evening at 7.45
Two concerts by the World-Famous

BLACK DIKE BAND

Winners of over £10,000 in Prizes
Admission 6d
Seats free.

The Aviaries and Lovers’ Walks are
open to Visitors to the Concerts
If wet, the Concerts will be held in the
Grand Pavilion

MATLOCK SPORTS

August Bank-Holiday, August 3rd
commencing 2 p.m
FIVE HOURS’ GRAND SPORT
Excursions from all parts

COUNTY CRICKET GROUND DERBY
Grand Cricket Match

DERBYSHIRE V. ESSEX

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday August 3rd,
4th & 5th

Admission 6d. Pavilion 2/6 (for all 3 days)
and Stand 6d extra

Wickets pitched Monday 12 noon;
other days 11.30
Lunch each day, 1.30

Belper Boating Association

**Concerts by the Band of the
Queen’s Own Yorkshire
Dragoons**

Afternoon & Evening
Bank Holiday Monday August 3rd

MATLOCK POLICE COURT

Wednesday July 29th, 1914

Before Messrs J. B. Marsden-Smedley (Chairman), Tom Wright and Councillor W. Lennox

Matlock Bath Pavilion

Mr Percy Rowbottam, the manager, applied for a renewal of the cinema licence, and for Good Friday afternoon and evening next year. The bench granted the renewal and suggested that the films should be specially chosen for Good Friday. Mr. Rowbottam agreed.

An Education Case

Wm Lambert, Matlock was called re an alleged offence under the Act. The defendant did not appear. Wm Vallance, the attending officer, said an order had been made and the boy, aged 13, had played truant and slept out on haystacks. Defendant was fetched to the Court later. Mr. Vallance said the past month's trial had done the boy good. The Bench adjourned the case for two months.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Parish Church, the Vicar (Rev W. Askwith), evening, Mr. Adkin; Wesleyan Church, morning Rev S.P. Hartley; Roman Catholic Church (Matlock) each Sunday, Rev Father Le Roy.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS

On Monday afternoon, by kind permission of the Vicar and his wife, the Rev. W and Mrs. Askwith, a drawing-room meeting was held at the Vicarage on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, when an address was given by the Rev. A.B. Fisher of Uganda.

In the evening a public meeting was held at the schoolroom. There was a good attendance

THE REGATTA

Dormant for a few years, the Matlock Bath Regatta has been revived and is to retain its permanence, this year's fixture being on Saturday next.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

A great loss has been sustained by the death of Lord Belper who was born in 1840. He was only 28 when he was elected, as the Hon Henry Strutt, one of the Parliamentary representatives for Derby. As a young man yachting in the Mediterranean with a friend he landed on an unfamiliar island, was captured by brigands and only released on the payment of a large ransom.

A JUVENILE ENCAMPMENT

In the field belonging to The Royal Hotel, and situated just below the Heights of Jacob, are set up a series of 8 tents, the sleeping quarters of the 1st North Yardley (Smallheath, Birmingham) Scouts, numbering some 45, and under Scoutmaster Poultney.

The town lads are thoroughly enjoying their stay and it is hoped that the fresh Derbyshire air will send them back to Birmingham with rosier cheeks than those they brought with them.

The situation is quite delightful amidst winding glades, leafy shades, and quite near an excellent spring of water for cooking, drinking and washing, the last item being very important to the good scout. Should the weather prove quite hopeless for life under canvas the Royal Hotel management, with their usual courtesy, have placed the adjacent pavilion at the service of the little band.

On the day of the inspection a field oven entrenched and fired with wood and coal, contained an appetising joint of beef, potatoes were being scrapped by the scouts, and there was stewed fruit to follow the beef.

The day's routine is: reveille 6.30 a.m., breakfast from 8 to 9, dinner from 1 to 2, according to the direction of the wind and the temper of the oven, tea at 6 p.m. and bed at 10, each boy having cocoa and biscuits before retiring.

PLUCKY RESCUE BY POLICEMAN

On Friday, Police-constable Lester, a well-known and popular member of our local constabulary, was by his prompt courage the means of saving the life of Mr. John Duffield, an ex-soldier. At about 8.15 pm Miss Maltby, of Oker, Darley was walking along the path by Matlock Bridge on the Bakewell Road and met in the narrow footway Mr Duffield an elderly man of 64. Politely drawing aside to make way for Miss Maltby, he was unfortunate enough to slip and fall into a deep part of the river. Miss Maltby screamed for help and Police-constable Lester, who was on duty in Bakewell Road, jumped the wall, ran across the field, dived into the river, swam towards Mr Duffield, and brought him to the side, where Mr Twigge, a bank clerk, and Mr Joseph Hanley came to his assistance, and the three were successful in getting Mr Duffield out. He was taken to the police station and put to bed. Mr Duffield is one of the survivors of the Berkshire Regiment which was cut to pieces in the Maiwand disaster in North-West India, and he marched with Lord Roberts from Kabul to Kandahar.

MOTORIST'S MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE

On Sunday midnight two Derby motorists driving a small car from Bakewell came to grief near Haddon Hall,

The car skidded to such a tremendous extent that the vehicle was turned completely round and one of the wheels coming off, it was found impossible to complete the journey..

The car was accordingly left by the roadside all night and another one having been obtained from the Rutland Garage, the motorists were driven to Derby in the early hours of the morning.

CLIMATOLOGICAL REPORT

From reading of instruments at Rockside, Matlock Latitude 53° 7' : Longitude 1° 30'W; the elevation of rain gauge is 637ft above sea level. Daily readings for week ending July 28 1914, Readings taken at 9 a.m.

Day	Thermometers in screen. Deg. Fahr. corrected			
	Dry	Wet	Max.	Min.
Wednesday. 22	54.9	51.8	65.8	54.8
Thursday23	54.7	51.2	61.6	50.0
Friday.....24	52.9	51.8	62.2	50.8
Saturday.....25	50.9	48.9	54.9	47.8
Sunday.....26	54.9	51.2	55.9	46.6
Monday.....27	56.7	51.4	62.2	47.5
Tuesday.....28	59.3	51.1	62.8	50.8

Day	Humidity 0 to 100	Cloud 0 to 10	During 24 hours		Wind Direction
			Bright Sunshine Hours	Rain	
Wednesday. 22	79	4	3.4	-	N.N.W.
Thursday 23	77	10	0.9	0.02	N.W.
Friday.....24	92	10	4.5	0.24	N.W.
Saturday.....25	86	10	1.7	0.57	N.W.
Sunday.....26	76	9	1.8	0.04	N.W. W.N.W.
Monday.....27	73	9	3.6	-	N.W.
Tuesday.....28	70	9	1.4	-	

Thermometer: Maximum reading: 65.8 on 22nd; Minimum reading: 46.6 on 26th. Sunshine: Total hours 17.3: maximum for one day, 4.5; sunless days, 0.

THE LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER'S VISIT

On Thursday Matlock Bath was honoured by a Mayoral visit from Manchester. Included in the visit was the Lord Mayor Ald McCabe, Cllr Chantler, and Cllr John Allison. It should be said the Councillors all paid their own expenses for the excursion to Matlock Bath, to save some ratepayers thinking the good time came out of the rates.

After an excellent tea at the New Bath Hotel, the deputation visited the Devonshire Hotel on the Parade. The Lord Mayor expressed pleasure at the charming scenery of Matlock Bath. Cllr Chantler said they had had a lovely day and the arrangements had been carried out without delay or a single hitch.

In the evening a presentation of samples of petrification from Messrs S & W Smith of The Parade Petrifying Well and Museum was made to the Lord Mayor.

DANGEROUS LARKING

On Monday a pleasure party of five ladies from Bulwell, Notts, learned by experience that it is dangerous to lark. Part of their programme for the day was a boating trip on the River Derwent, and the boat was in charge of a skilled boatman named J Motram. Near the South Ferry, one of the passengers is stated to have risen in her seat and to have called out in joke: "I'll drown the lot of you". No sooner said than the boat upset, but the boatman, with great skill, managed to land them all safely on shore. Drenched through they motored to the Derwent Hotel at Whatstandwell where they went to bed whilst their clothing was dried.

OVERSEAS GUESTS

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors who are staying at Matlock Bath over this Bank Holiday, particularly to those who have come across the world to enjoy the delights of our famous resort. Space does not allow us to give a full list of all the intrepid travellers but they include:

Royal Hotel: Mrs Elphinstone (Johannesburg); Mr Neopheimy (Paris); Prof Hudson (Buffalo, New York); Mr & Mrs Dunn (Las Palmas); Mis Colting (Boston, USA); Mr & Mrs Beale (Chicago); Misses de Weede (The Hague); Mr Matthews (Ottawa); Mr & Mrs Cameron (Calgary); Mr Hanna (Bombay); Mr, Mrs & Miss Whitney (Chicago).

New Bath Hotel: Dr & Mrs Woodward & family (Philadelphia); Miss Bloney (Philadelphia); Mr & Mrs Rennert (Johannesburg); Mr & Mrs Haniel (Dusseldorf); Mr & Mrs Lees & Family (Auckland); Mr Curchill (Mass.)

County & Station Hotel: Mr Blake (New York).

Peveiril Hotel: Mr M Unzo (Tokyo)

We also hope that they and the visitors from our own shores (numbering over 200 persons) will leave with fond memories of our little resort.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

Saturday August 1	8.48
Sunday August 2	8.47
Monday August 3	8.45
Tuesday August 4	8.43
Wednesday August 5	8.41
Thursday August 6	8.40
Friday August 7	8.38
Saturday August 8	8.36

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