



**BAMPTON WINNING THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE SHIELD.
CRYSTAL PALACE, 1904.**





Edward Green
(Teddy)

POST CARD.



THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE
WRITTEN HERE.

Miss B Essam
Cheapside
Barnpton A.S.O
6 year

THIS SPACE, AS WELL AS THE BACK, MAY
NOW BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION.
(Post Office Regulation).

Have just arrived
home have won
shield in 45 sec
PS was 4th in
one man Got
on splendidly
last 72 fine
place this Ya Ya
FOR INLAND POSTAGE ONLY.

Dear Warren shall
be glad when you
come back it anno
me
I shall
come back without you
I shall
come back without you

POST CARD.

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This space as well as back may
be used for communication.

The Address only to be written
here.

Master Warren. Green.
c/o Mrs. Essams.
Gayhurst
Newport Pagnell
Bucks.

Dear Warren,
these for are a good
little try. I will soon be
home again. we miss
you so much. Can you
find Gadsden the card.
Love from Aunty Rhoda.
P.S. Please give my love to Twister
I all your love. I always send you



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BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION,
BUT FOR INLAND ONLY.

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TO BE WRITTEN HEREON

NOV 24 1894
OXON



Miss P. Eesam
Gothurst House
Gayhurst
Newport Pagnel
Bucks.

Dear P. Please get lace for me I
should like it very much
So pleased with your card
I have been to Swallow Falls
and they are indeed lovely.
Y. says you must expect him
when you see him he may not
turn up until Friday.
Glad you liked Barts.
Am sending for this one
at last. All send love
from you. Loving friend Rhoda.



N. F. B. U. CAMP KINGS PARK - BOURNEMOUTH, 26, 6 1914







Edward John
(Teddy)
Green

Tom A
Constable

Mr Fox

"Papa"
Townsend

Frederick John
Green
b 14.10.1893

Billy
Wilkins

James
Green



"Papa"
Townsend

Edward
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Percy
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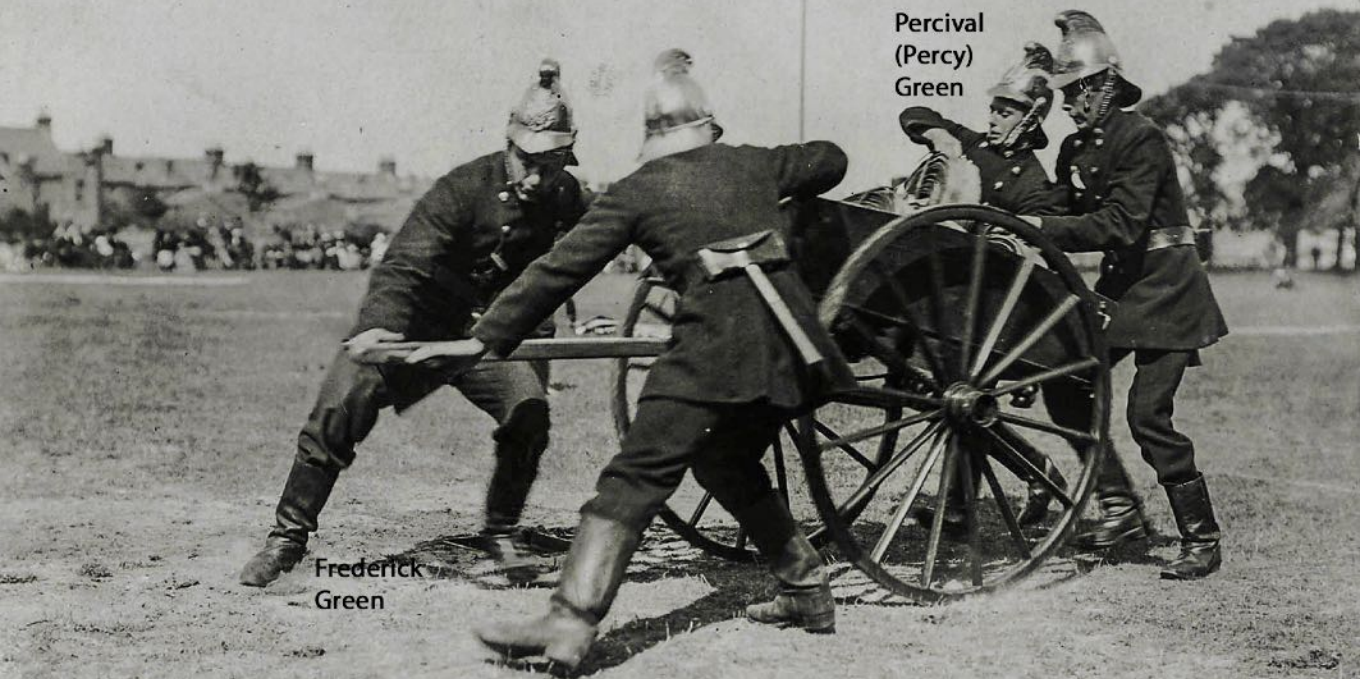
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Competition at Wantage



Percival
(Percy)
Green

Frederick
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N. B. U. CAMP KINGS PARK TORONTO

Memo Mess ~~text~~
 behind 5 flags ~~POST~~
 tell Warren all about it

CORRESPONDENCE

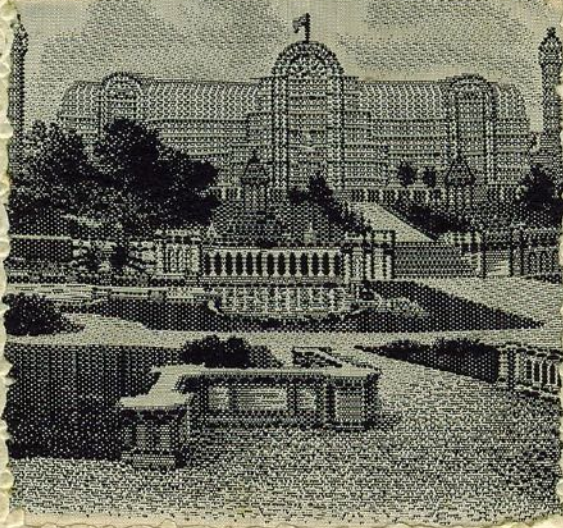
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ADDRESS ONLY



Arrived here alright
 Fairly good journey
 Have had good tea
 I think we shall be
 right when we have
 settled down that's our
 house the one I have
 marked 3rd second row
 Love to all from Y
 Hope you are getting on right

Mrs E. J. Green
 Eton Villa
 Broad Street
 Banbury
 Oxfordshire



WOVEN IN SILK.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

Designed by

SIR JOSEPH PAXTON, M.P.,

OPENED BY THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA,

MAY 10th, 1854.

Length of Palace 1,392 ft. Breadth 384 ft.

Height of Roof 200 ft.

Area of Park 192 acres.

Length of Hot Water Pipes 16 miles.

Height of Water Tower 284 ft.

Water in Tower Tanks 2,500 tons.

*I thought you wd like
this*

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have just received
some more when
shipped in 4500
as new 4500 in
one man got
on a landing in
last 72. Fine
place this year

POST x CARD

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS ONLY



Do you recognise anyone?
They had just won The
National Shield at
Ramsgate so feel rather
pleased



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Green

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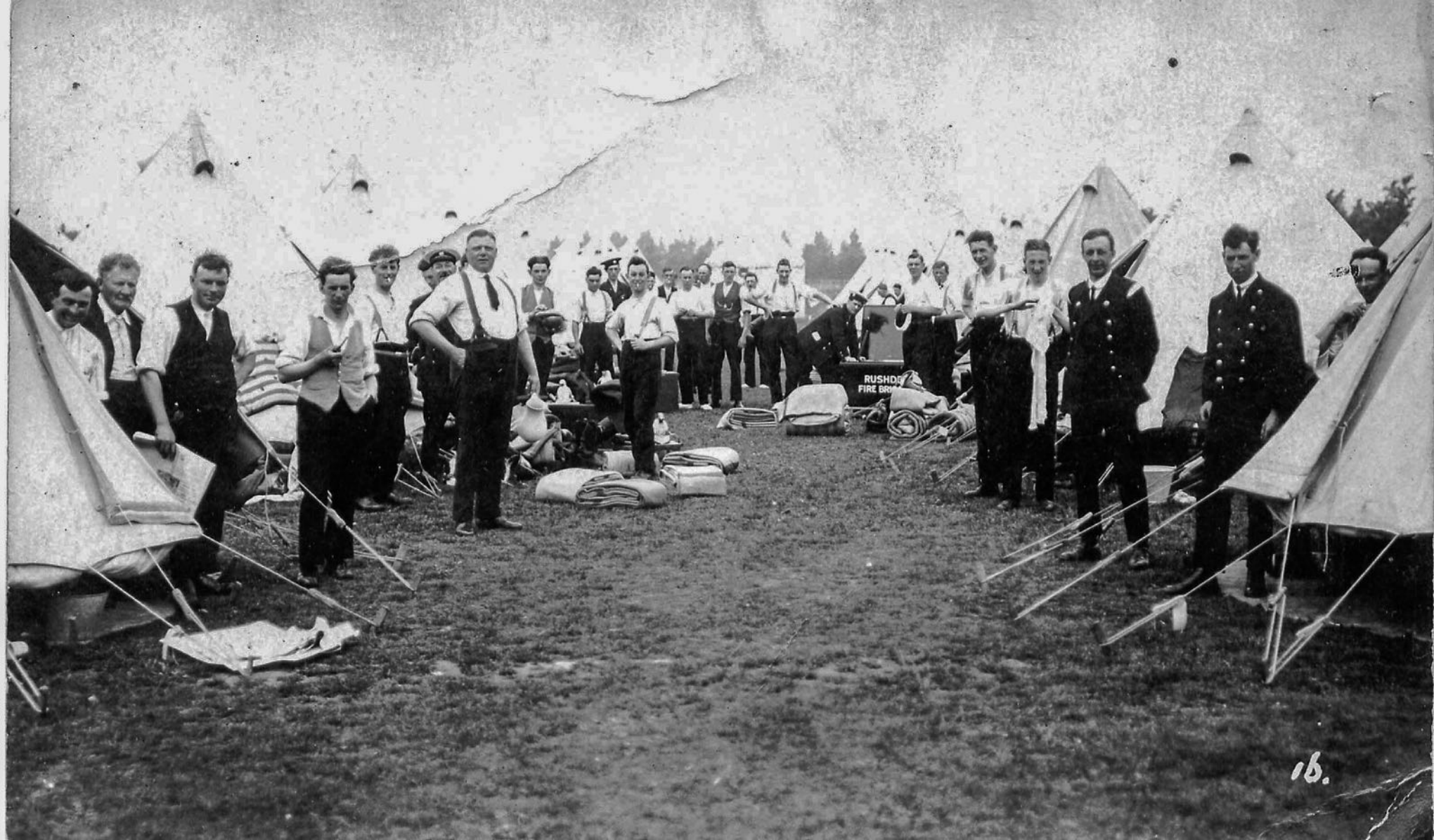
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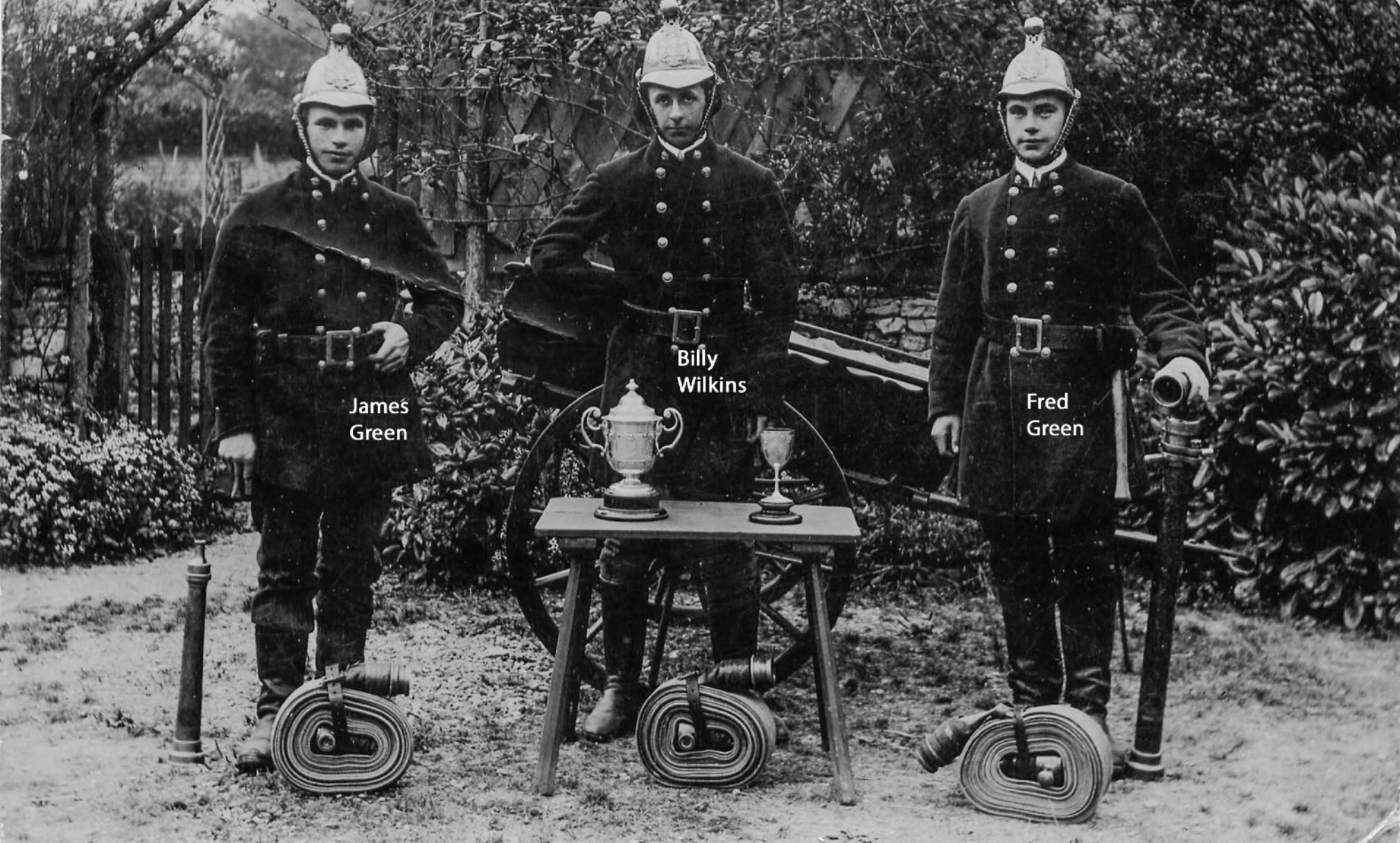
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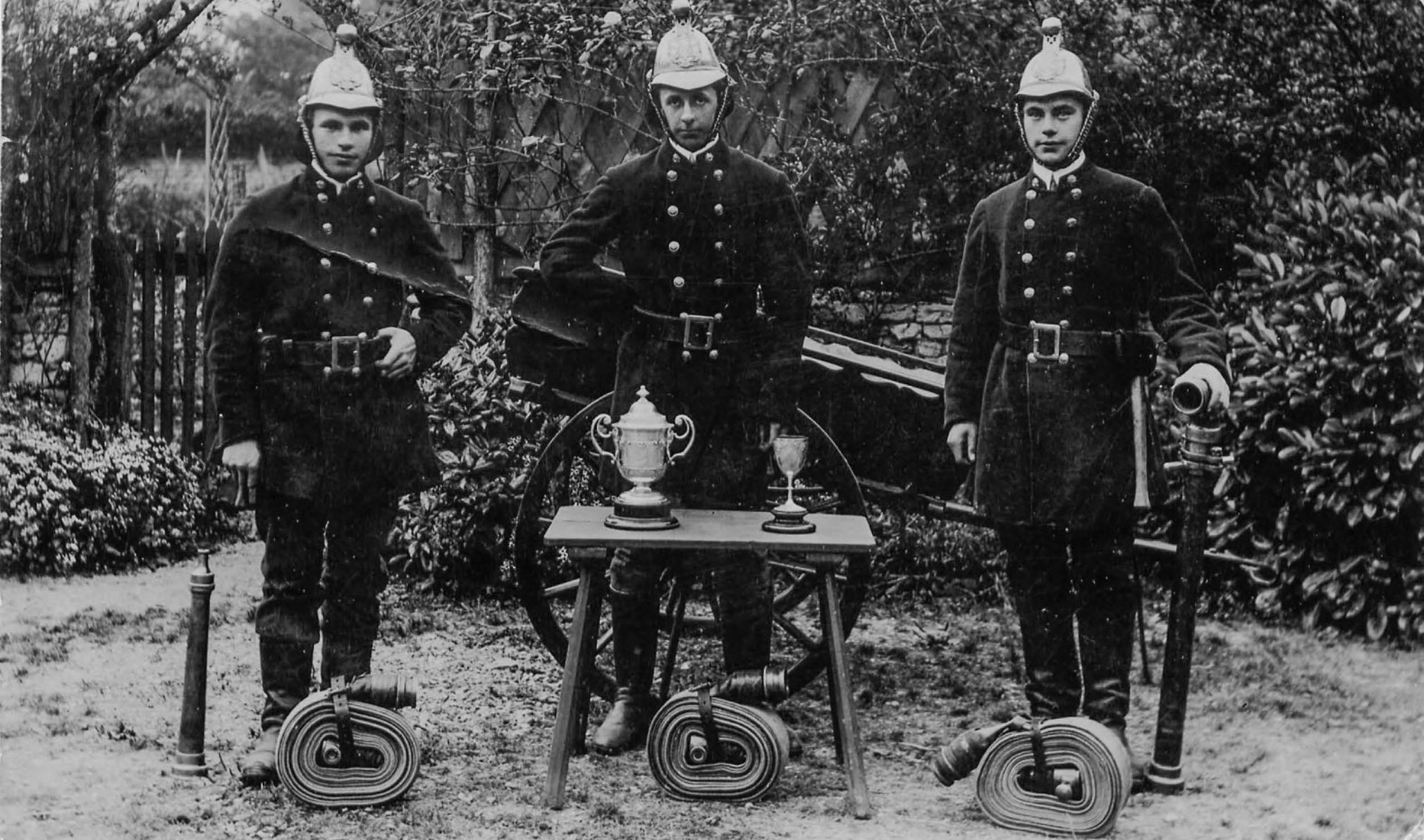


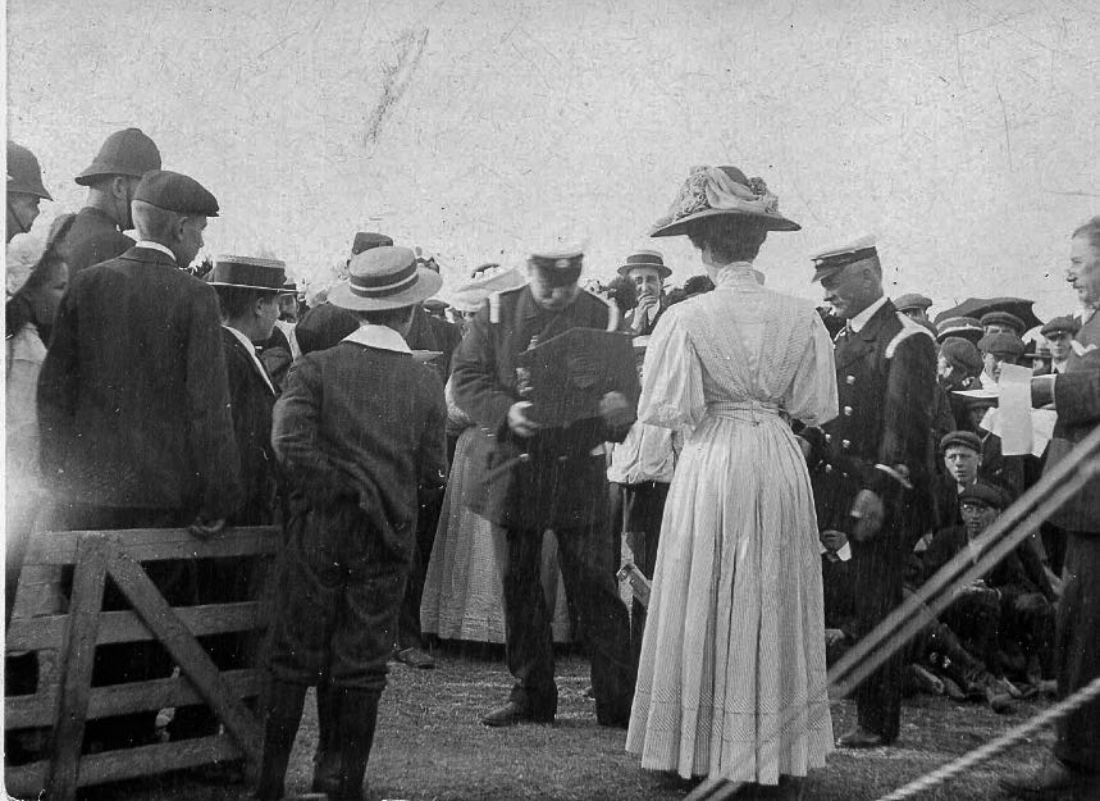


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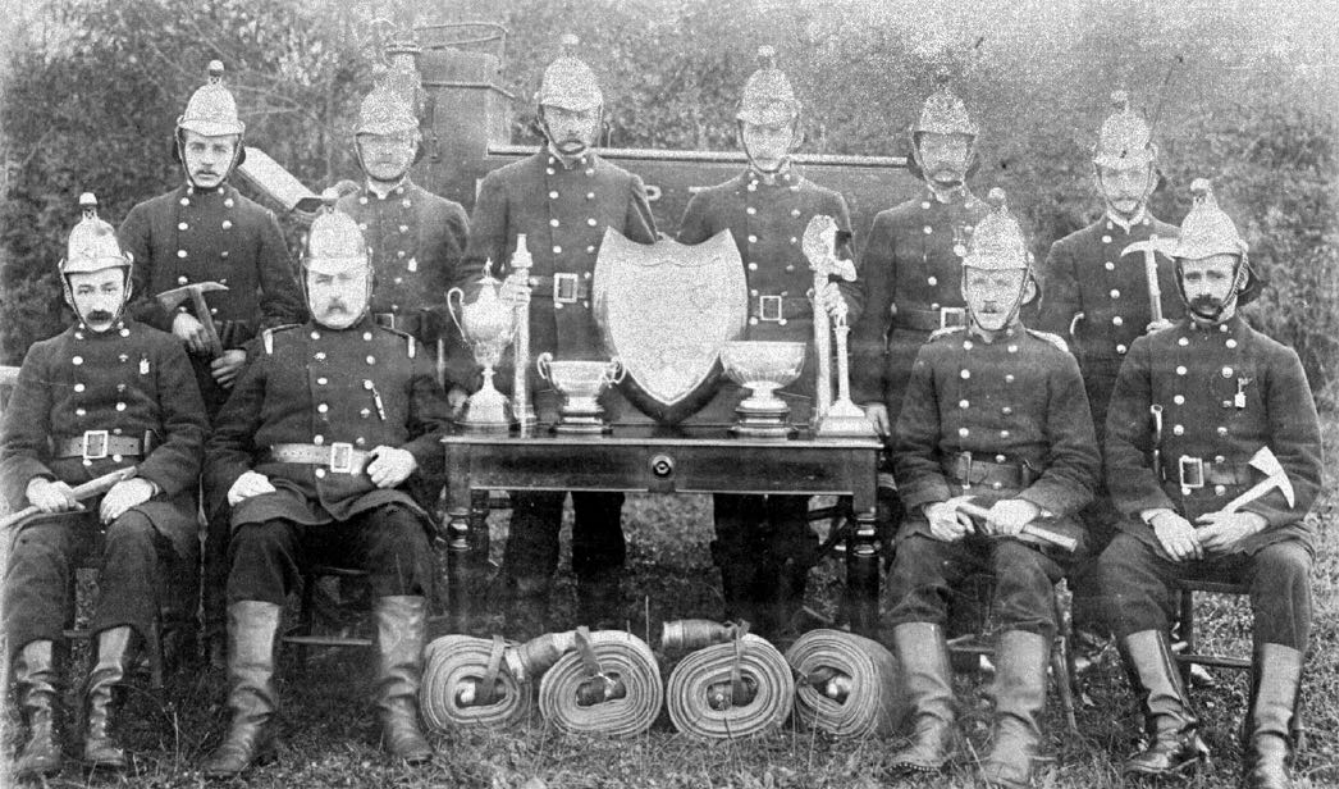
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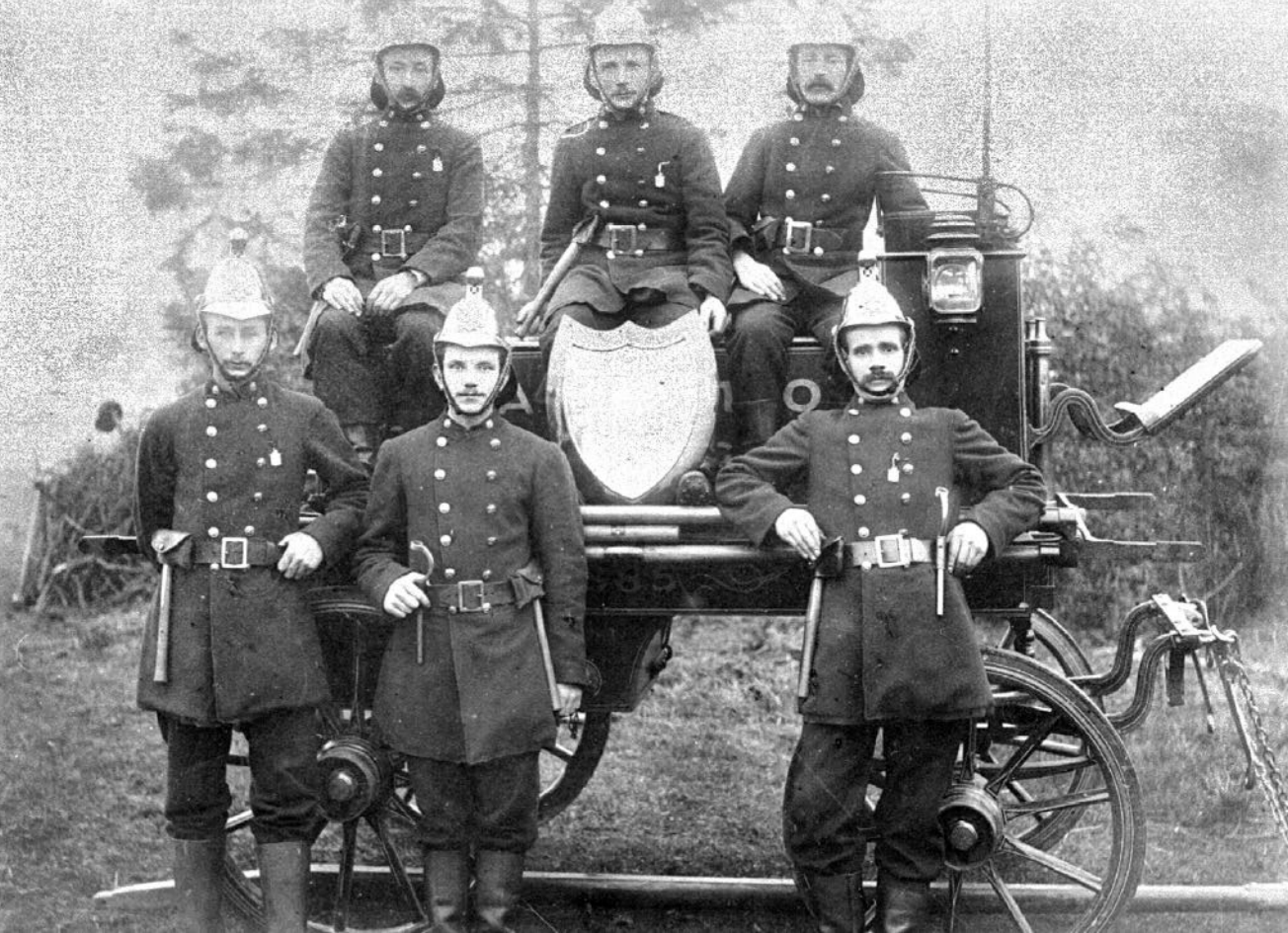




1904







THE BAMPTON FIREMEN

Who won the National Shield at the Crystal Palace, 1904.



PHOTO BY W. C. ADAMS.

BAMPTON.

FIRE BRIGADE

WINS THE NATIONAL SHIELD.

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For high-class provisions at strictly modern prices choicest mild Breakfast Bacon and Hams choice Cheese and Butter, Lunch, Tongues, and potted meat W. H. Tarrant and Sons, Family Grocers.

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We have received the following lines from a correspondent:—

TO THE BAMPTON FIRE BRIGADE.

You're men of merit, men of pluck,
You're smart at drill, at all you lead;
You've buckled to your work, and luck
Has entered not a single deed.
Then shout aloud through town to Weald,
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You've entered competitions keen,
'Gainst men of mettle and renown;
You have done well, and ever been
The pride and glory of your town.
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By your grand efforts brought to nought,
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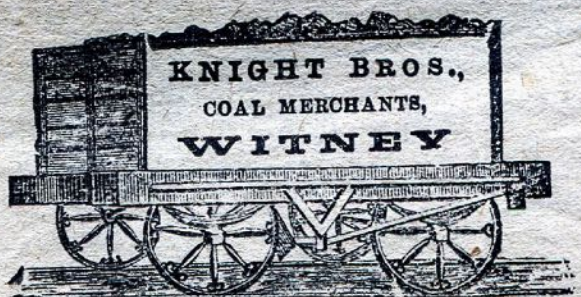
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You've faced your country proud and
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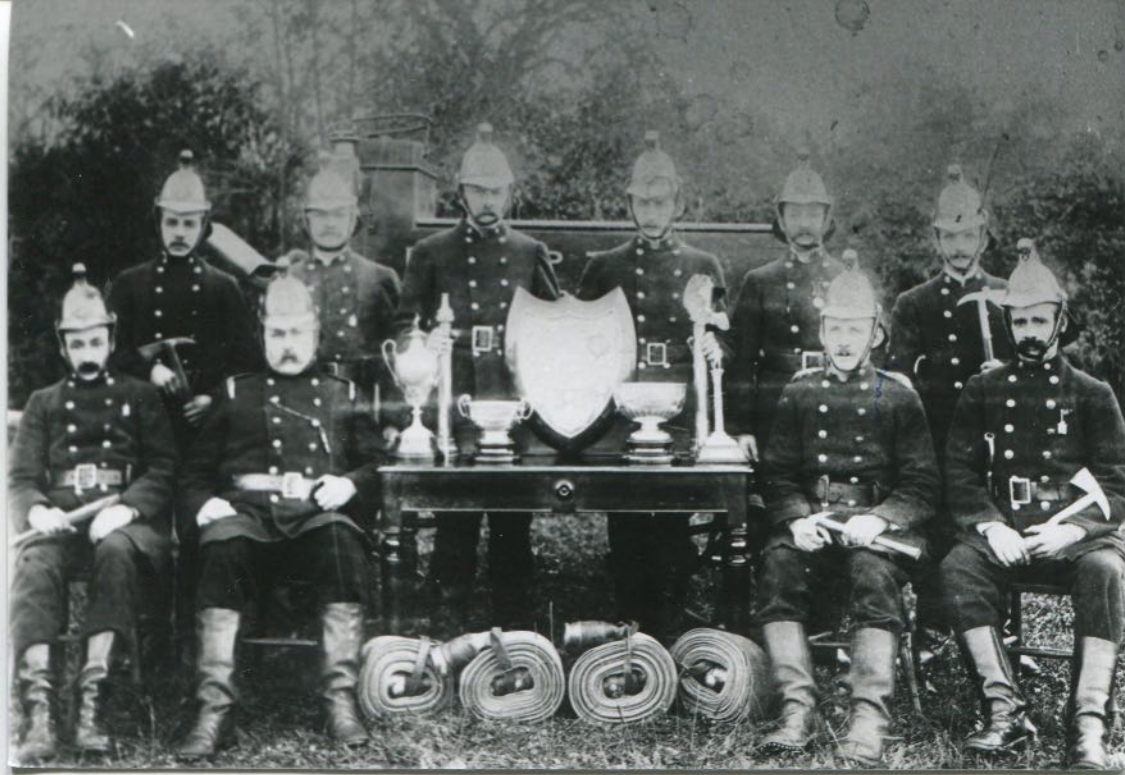
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BICYCLE ACCIDENT.—On Sunday morning as Mr. Eeles, who was riding a bicycle and taking his wife and child in a trailer to Witney, was descending Lew Hill, a large dog flew at him, with the result that all were thrown to the ground, and sustained a severe shaking and some bruises. Fortunately there was no serious damage.

CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Ely, Dover, and Madagascar, on Monday consecrated the Rev. Francis Ambrose Gregory, D.D., son of the Dean of St. Paul's, as Bishop of Mauritius, in St. Paul's Cathedral. The service began with the Holy Communion, the sermon being preached by the Rev. George B. Vaux, rector of Carshalton. At the conclusion of the sermon the Bishop-Designate was conducted to the Apse, where he put on his rochet. On his return, Dr. Gregory was presented to the Archbishop by the Bishops of Ely and Madagascar for consecration. The King's Mandate was then read, the oath of Canonical Obedience administered. The Litany followed, with a special suffrage, used on these occasions, referring to the Bishop-Designate. The service proceeded, and Dr. Gregory again retired to put on the rest of the Episcopal habit. After that the Consecration was completed, and the Archbishop and the Bishops present laid their hands upon the new Bishop, who took his place with the other Bishops, and the Communion Service proceeded to the end.





BAMPTON.

MR. EELES, of the Market Place, is agent for the "Witney Gazette." All advertisements relating to Bampton should be sent to him as early in the week as possible.

FIRE BRIGADE DINNER.

How quickly time flies! When the company assembled in the Town Hall on Wednesday week for the Fire Brigade Dinner it seemed hard to realise that twelve months had slipped by since the previous gathering for the same purpose. That the dinner has lost none of its popularity was evident from the number who accepted invitations, no less than 75 eventually sitting down. Most of the old familiar faces, which seem part and parcel of these gatherings, were there, some from one cause or another were unable to attend, and there were a few new-comers whose presence will, it is hoped, become as regular and welcome as any old-timers as the years roll on. The chair was taken by Major the Hon. E. Forester, who was supported by the Vicar (Rev. G. D. G. Bodwell), Dr. Atkinson and W. D. and Messrs. Dallas, Lindup, J. and R. Rodwell. After the health of the King, the Chairman proposed the toast of "Bampton Fire Brigade," remarking how creditable it is for the Brigade not to sit still when no serious work is to be done, but to be continually at drill, and so effectively as to win at nearly all the competitions in which they enter. He congratulated them on having brought to Bampton this year the National Challenge Shield for manual engine drills, won at Ramsgate, and the District Shield captured at the West Midland District Competition, at Melksham, for the best aggregate time taken in several events, being beaten only by the merest shave for first place in more than one of these events. Chief Officer Williams, Capt. Green, and Lieut. Rose suitably responded.

Mr. Williams touching on the difference shown on returning from victorious displays in these days as compared with former years, said that the apparent apathy of the present time is probably owing to Bampton having become so used to the fireman's success that they look upon it as a matter of course.

Capt. Green described the competitions and explained how near they were to securing first place in one or two events, and gave his boys full credit for the pluck and determination they showed.

Lieut. Rose said the young brigade had only to approach the drills in the same spirit the old boys used to, and the prizes would follow as a natural consequence. He said that at one time a trophy known as the "Green Memorial Bowl" came to be styled the "Bampton Pot" for obvious reasons.

A pleasing feature of the evening consisted in the presentation of long service medals by the Chairman to C.O. Williams and Fireman Fox (each 30 years) and Lieut. Rose (25 years service).

"The Visitors" was proposed by C.O. Williams; the Vicar and Mr. W. Richens responding, both congratulating the brigade on their successes and forecasting even better results in the future.

Lieut. Rose proposed "The Ladies," thanking all those who helped with the tables, and Mrs. Constable and Mrs. Gordon, who as usual cooked everything to perfection. Mr. Arthur Dutton responded in a witty and telling manner.

Mr. Carter proposed the health of the Chairman, remarking that he (the speaker) had attended 43 such dinners as the present. In the course of his reply Major Forester said that no better advertisement could be found for brigade or dinner than that supplied in the person of Mr. Carter.

The musical part was supplied by the following: duets by Mrs. Fish and Mr. R. Lane, and Messrs. Lane and Robinson; songs by Major Forester, Messrs. Smith, Reason, Bowden, E. Green, Kimber, and Warren Green, the latter a young performer 12 years old, who played his own accompaniment and sang as though such matters were everyday occurrences. Miss Taunt and Miss Claire Hughes in turn accompanied the other singers.

The annual inspection of the Brigade and appliances took place before a small audience in the afternoon, everything being declared to be in satisfactory condition.

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Isaac
Widdows

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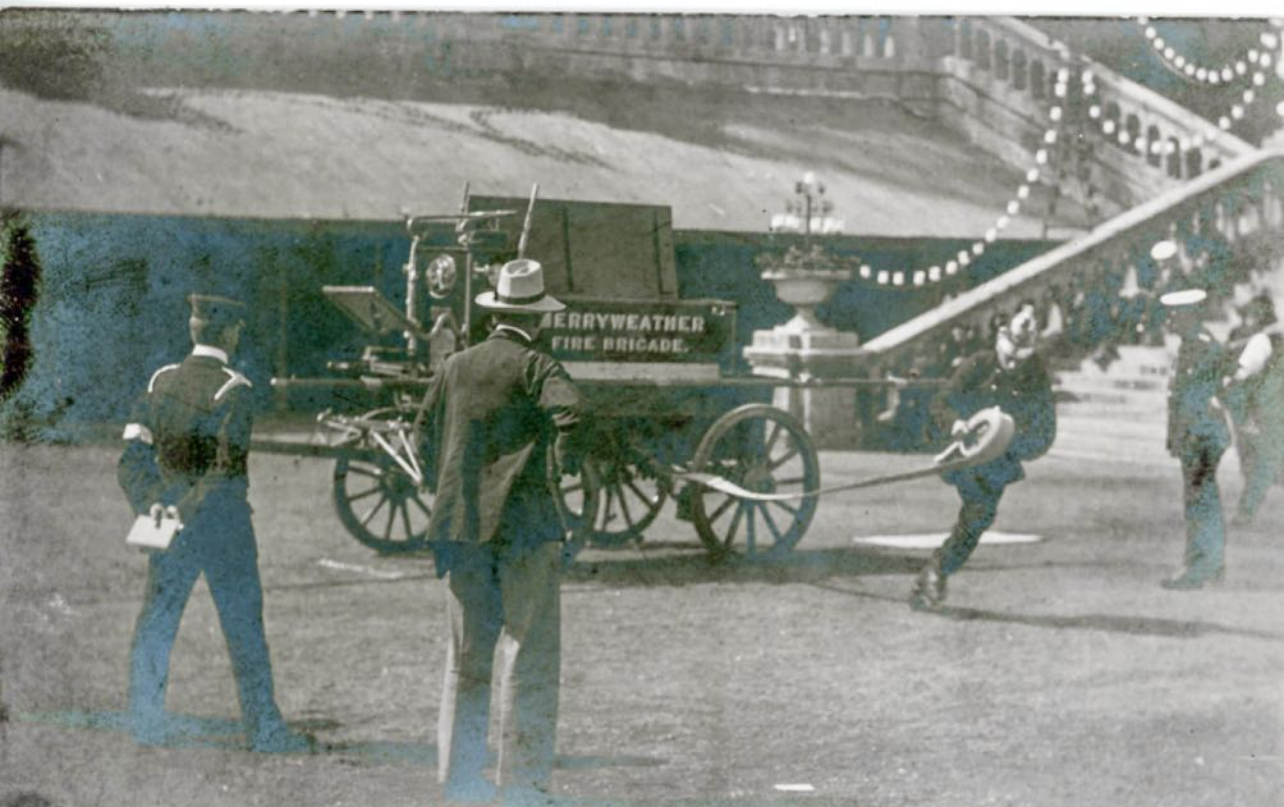
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Os
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Ted
Green

Tom
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Jack
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Black arm bands
probably for death
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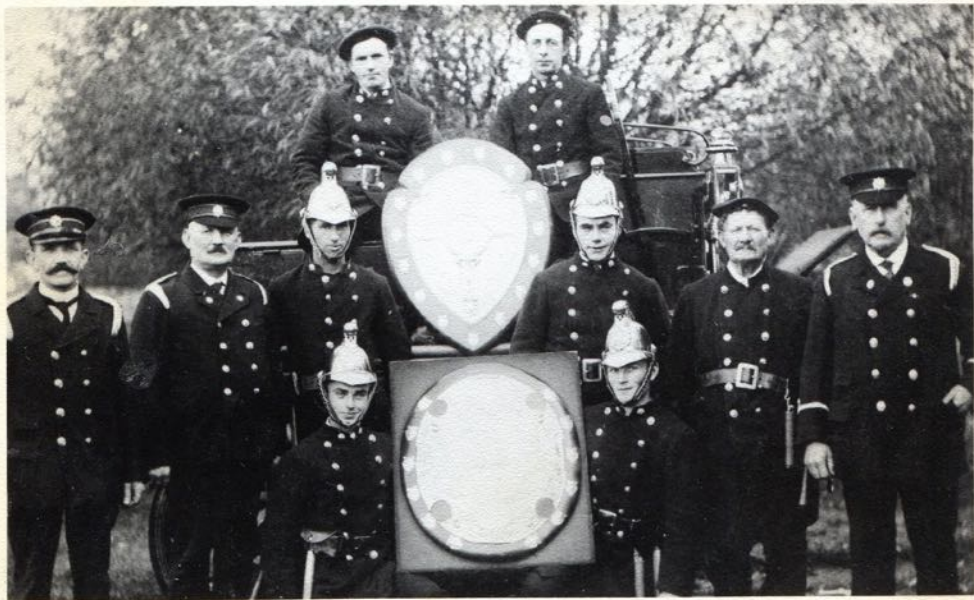




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BAMPTON FIRE BRIGADE

1904 was annus mirabilis for the Brigade. In that year it went to the Crystal Palace to challenge for the National Championship. There were no less than 20 entries for this final test, but Bampton performed magnificently, and came out on top, with the brigades of Burslem, Brackley and Tunbridge Wells following in that order.



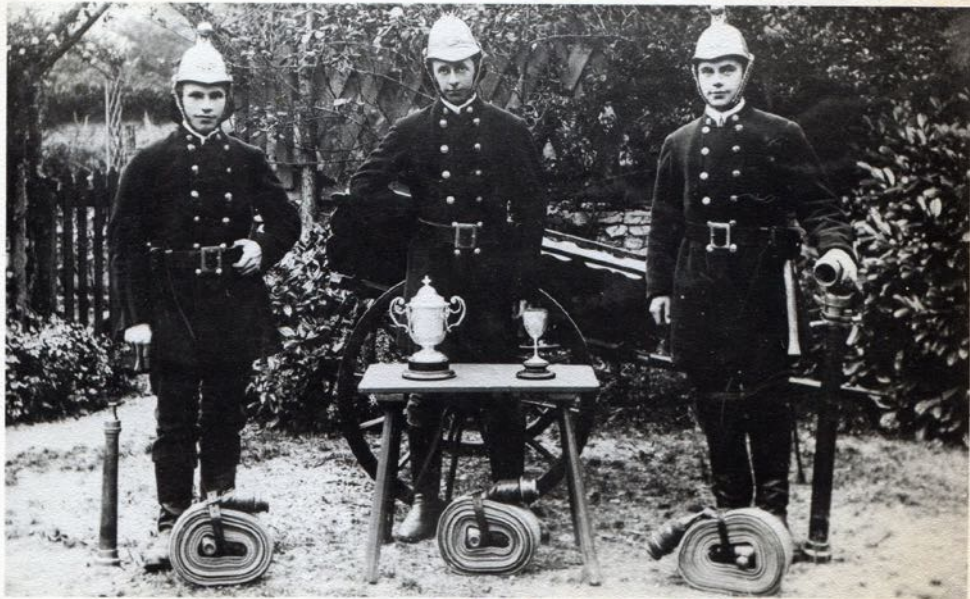




THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Brigade at camp near Bournemouth, sometime I believe before 1914. Bampton's tent with three of the Brigade are just visible on the extreme left of the photograph.

This photograph shows the Brigade taking part in a competition held at Brighton sometime during the first decade of the century. All the competing brigades used equipment provided by the Brighton Brigade. The elderly man in shirt sleeves on the right of the photograph was George Townsend who kept the Eagle Inn, and shot the mad bear way back in 1901.







Bampton fire brigade attending fires and reference to the Brigade in old Vestry minutes.

BAEECA Bampton Fire Brigade in full dress uniform with the horse drawn fire appliance. Constables the bakers had horses for delivering their goods and these were frequently used to pull the appliance. The brigade had no horses of its own.

BAEA55 Bampton Fire Brigade with shields and trophies. This is the team that won the National competition at Crystal Palace in 1904 under their captain Cambria Williams.

BA1814 Bampton Fire Brigade's trophies

A614 Back of a postcard which shows, on the other side, the Bampton crew taking part in the National Shield competition at Crystal Palace in 1904 which they won.

A615 Back of a postcard which shows 'Fire Brigade with Shields and Cups'

A618 Bampton Fire Brigade, 1914. Back Row left to right: Dick Rose. Os Williams. Front Row left to right: Ted Green. Fox. Perhaps Horace Williams brother of Os. The second picture has the names of the men on it. Edward Green was the father of Warren Green the church organist.

A619 Fire Brigade with Shields. Edward (Ted) Green on the left and captain Cambria Williams in the middle.

A620 2 items. Bampton winning the National Challenge Shield at Crystal Palace in 1904.

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A622 Campsite for many firemen and fire brigades attending a competition in Bournemouth. 1914.

A626 A competing Fire Brigade Team at Crystal Palace in 1904

A628 Fire Brigade with cups and shields. Firemen. F371b

A629b Fire Brigade at competition camp. Back row:- Mr Fox, Edward 'Ted' Green, 'Papa' Townsend, Tom Constable (baker) and Fred Green. Front row:- Billy Wilkins and James Green.

A630 Bampton Fire brigade in competition at Crystal Palace 1904

A631 Fire brigade on pump with shield

A632a Fire Brigade with shield. Left to right:- Percy Green, Alec Green, Billy Wilkins, Fred Green and one other

A633 Bampton Fire Brigade. They have just won the National Shield. Ramsgate.

A633a Bampton Fire Brigade. They have just won the National Shield at Ramsgate. This is on the back of the picture in 2003.12736.

A635 The Fire Brigade in action at Wantage. Fred Green on the left and Percy Green on the right of the centre two.

A638 NABU camp, Kings Park, Bournemouth June 26th 1914 with many fire brigade in attendance

A642 Reverse side of the postcard with all the tents in Bournemouth being used by many fire brigades. It is a note to let Mrs Green at Eton Villas know that they all arrived safely and are settling in well

A644 Silk postcard of Crystal Palace bought by one of the firemen attending the National championships at Crystal Palace

A653 Reverse of the post card from Ramsgate where they have just won the National Shield

A958 2 photos, one with the names written on. Members of the Bampton Fire Brigade with shields they won at competitions. Top row L-R Jim Green and Billy Wilkins, standing L-R Edward Green, D Rose, Alec Townsend, Fred Green, 'Papa' Townsend, Cambria Williams, kneeling L-R Percy Green and D Rose jnr

A959 Bampton Fire Brigade and others in camp ready for a competition

A960 2 pictures; one has the names of the firemen on it and the other one does not. Bampton Fire Brigade and Prizes. L-R James Green, Billy Wilkins, Fred Green

A961 Cambria Williams receiving an award on behalf of the Bampton Fire Brigade.

A962 Bampton Fire Brigade competing at Moreton-in-Marsh.

Os Williams Os Williams in the 1890s; he was a member of the Bampton Fire brigade and son of Cambria Williams.

A964 Under canvas at Crystal Palace. All the brigade sides were under canvas for them to attend the national competition

A965 Trophies won by Bampton Fire Brigade. Crystal Palace 1904.

BAD1BC Men and a boy working the fire pump at a rick fire in the 1920s

BA921A Percy Lane, fireman, attending a hay rick fire

Firebrig Fire Brigade Regulations giving the rules at 1894. It was printed by Beard and Mayes who had a printing business and shop on the west side of the Market Square

A292 attending a fire in a hay rick

img130 Leaflet; Integral Auxiliary Equipment Ltd

img550 Jan 1st Newspaper article, Witney Gazette, January 1st 2014. Fire engines from Bampton and Burford along with a rescue crew from Kidlington were called to free an eighteen year old woman from a car on the road to Black Bourton. She skidded off the road on ice

img053 Cook & Boggis Ltd was a shop in Witney next to The Cross Keys . Bampton fire brigade assisted at this fire in 1968. When the site was rebuilt, Waitrose supermarket was built there although it later moved farther back where it is now (2014). Part of the Cook & Boggis Ltd shop was cleared to make the walkway to the shops leading to the Woolgate Tower. The other two pictures show the area in 1900 and a few years after the area was rebuilt following the fire. Cook and Boggis was a real old – fashioned department store that sold everything from haberdashery, clothes to furniture. Mona Wilkins (Coal Pit Farm) used to work in their fabric department

img101 Ray (Ramon) Green born May 21st 1930 died June 8th 2011. This picture was taken in 1973 when Ray, leading fireman since 1955, was presented with his 20 year service medal. The medal

was presented by Captain Charles Mayne Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council Public Protection Committee. Ray became a retained fireman in Bampton November 1948. Ray left the fire service in November 1950 to do his National Service with the Royal Engineers and re-joined on demob in 1953.

Img102 From the late 1800s Bampton's fire appliance was housed in the church and towards the end of the C19th in the Town Hall. A new, purpose built building was built in Manor View Road and this invitation was to Leading Fireman Ray Green and his daughter Esther to attend the official opening on Tuesday 13th July 1971. While the invitation says 'New Road', this is not strictly correct because from where the road leaves Broad Street until it reaches the turning for Bushey Row, it is Manor View (leading to New Road). The picture is a newspaper cutting recording this event when the Chief Fire Officer of Oxfordshire Mr Timothy White cut the ribbon to declare the station open.

Img109 A third mystery blaze hit Mount Owen farm and this time it killed over 3,000 chickens. The farm was owned by Mr J Toft of Curbridge Post Office. His three sons were taking it in turns to sleep 2 at a time in a caravan next to the farm buildings, because earlier fires had destroyed the farmhouse roof, to try and prevent a third fire. Burford fire brigade also attended.

Img348-354 The fire at Witney Blanket Mill on March 22nd 1968. This is the building which later became Poundstretcher by the Leys, next to St Mary's in Witney. It was attended by both Bampton and Witney brigades.

Img373 & 374 2 letters of thanks, connected, one August 6th 1954. They relate to Bampton Fire Brigade attending the site of a crashed B-47 which caught fire, belonging to USAF close to Bampton. Newspaper article. One killed 4 injured as US Strato jet six-engine bomber crashes near Thrupp.

Img379 Calling out the fire brigade before electricity and radio. Someone would run to the fire station and ring the bell. Local businesses supplied the horses to pull the pump. In 1929 with fewer businesses using horses, the Parish Council bought a new motorised pump for about £250. With radio and electricity, a siren was placed on the Town Hall and all firemen had an electric bell in their home. In the 1980s the siren was replaced by personal alerters carried by the firemen at all times and put in a charger at night.

Img380 to 383 1st of four pages. This is a transcription of an article in the Witney Gazette July 30th 1904 and records Bampton Fire Brigade winning the National Shield in competition at Crystal Palace. At that time there were over 500 brigades in England and Wales with over 12,000 members.

Img639, 641 & 643 J L Hughes Owens selected several entries from the Vestry meetings from the period 1859 to 1916 when a Parish Council took over the role of the Vestry. Selection of notes from December 1861, April 1862, November 1866, April 1868, January 1869, January 1870, February 1871, June 1871. They cover topics relating to the turnpike roads, the 'breaking of the bank in Faringdon' resulting in the loss of £2.10s (£2 50p) belonging to the highway rate, cattle plague, the first mention of the restoration of St Mary Virgin for £2,686, lighting of the village at night, consider necessity of purchasing a fire engine. Notes from July 1871, October 1875, June 1876, April 26th 1878, June 14th 1878, April 15th 1879. They cover topics including: - to sell the Pieces now the gravel pit is exhausted, steps to be taken to put the belfry in good repair and a Mr Stone offered to do the work needed for £17. Repairs to the fire engine needed. Could the money from sale of the exhausted gravel pits be used to repair gutter; on inspection of the books kept by Mr Teall the assistant overseer they showed a deficiency that could not be met by his estate and ratepayers to be charge 1d in the pound (240d to the £) to cover this deficiency. Notes from July 7th 1881, July 15th 1881, November 19th 1886, December 3rd 1886, March 27th 1887, April 26th 1889, April 15th 1883, January 12th 1884, March 16th 1884. Topics covered include; Mr Bateman's accounts show deficiency and a 'voluntary' rate of

1½d (240d to £1) to cover the deficiency, concern about state of the church bells, sexton James Plaster to weed churchyard paths and shovel coke to boiler for no extra money. Residents of High Street admonished for putting rubbish in the gutters, street cleaning put out to tender, Captain Williams (fire brigade) complains the cleaners spend too much time leaning on their shovels. The selection of notes from the old Vestry minutes J. L. Hughes Owens copied out can be found on the Archive website at <http://atom.bamptonarchive.org/index.php/z96q-k2ra-3znp>. All the minutes are held at St Lukes in the archive repository and can be viewed there.

Img811 3 pictures. Bampton Fire Brigade, probably taken in 1901, the year of Queen Victoria's death, as they are wearing black arm bands. A second picture of the men outside the fire station which was in the Town Hall. Third page is of Hughes-Owens' notes

Img813 2 pictures. Bampton Fire brigade winning the National Championships at Crystal Palace in 1904 and a page of Hughes-Owens' notes

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Img819 3 pictures. The brigade at camp near Bournemouth and at a competition in Brighton. Plus Hughes-Owens' notes to the two pictures

Img825 3 pictures. The fire brigade, post 1919 because Ted Green is captain and 2nd picture is of a fire plaque. Plus Hughes-Owens' notes to the two pictures

Img388 3 photographs. Two showing Bampton Fire Brigade with s they won in up to 4 tournaments and a third showing Hughes-Owens' notes which are not quite correct. It should be 'Cambria' Williams, not Cambray.

Img819 3 pictures. The brigade at camp near Bournemouth and at a competition in Brighton. Plus Hughes-Owens' notes to the two pictures

Img826 3 pictures. The fire brigade in competition in Wantage and with the cups they won in Gloucester. Plus Hughes-Owens' notes to the two pictures

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Img181 Two pictures on one page. At the top, the Bampton fire brigade with the shields and trophies and below, the cups, shields and trophies.

Img112 Newspaper cutting - Bampton's firemen won the National Shield at Crystal Palace in 1904 and this is a newspaper cutting recording the whole event.

Img371b A photograph of the Bampton Fire Brigade with two shields and a cup won before 1919. All men are named: back row L-R Edward Green, Isaac Widdows, James Green, Tom King, Tom Constable, George "Papa" Townsend; front row L-R Cambrian Williams & Dick Rose. James married "Papa" Townsend's daughter Elsie. George Townsend, who kept the Eagle Inn shot the mad bear in Sandfords Field which escaped from some travelling show people.

Img378 A poem written by a local person, sent in to the newspaper when Bampton won the National Shield in 1904 at Crystal Palace.

Img388 Two postcards of Bampton Fire Brigade at the National Shield competition at Crystal Palace in 1904. Bampton won the competition.

Img389a The Bampton fire brigade at Ramsgate in the 1920s where they won the Nation Shield. All the men are named on the photograph.

A644a Silk postcard of Crystal Palace sent by Ted, presumably Ted Green, one of the firemen attending the National championships at Crystal Palace to Miss P Essam in Cheapside, Bampton. Back of the silk card in entry 2003.12747.