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Northchurch Notebook

Well, well.....

'The Rec.', 'The Cricket medder', 'The Football ground',
We knew where they were but us 'New Road boys', we often found
'The Cut, 'The Railway', 'The Common', 'The River' much better places to play.
'Twas in the 'thirties' - be it a Summer or Winter childhood day.

I thought of this as I re-read my words on village sport -
So much to recall, get into print by way of my 'verse - of a sort!'

However, to continue, beyond the Cricket ground as mentioned last time -
With words I move westward (?) with, yes, more questionable rhyme.
Note, the fork in the road enabling one, by way of a lane, to Dudswell to go,
Where a one-time Public House, became a lock side shop and nearby a Blacksmith's, which I now show.

'Dudswell'? - how come the name? one explanation I have heard, so, to you the reader, I will tell -
Perhaps a Mr Dodd (or Dudd) provided there, a most convenient well?

HEDGEHOG



The Blacksmith's at Dudswell, 1934



"Us" New Road Boys - 'Hedgehog', Ted Birch and Eric Nelms, 1930s



Sunday School Outing? Dudswell Lock, c1920



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Living Today in the Light of the Future

I recently went through the New Testament and identified 200 references to the return of Jesus to the earth as God's king. The Christian hope is of a future lived on this earth. God would rescue not only his 'people', but the earth itself, so badly mis-managed by the humans he had appointed as the stewards of creation.

The New Testament is full of statements such as: "he shall so come", "the day of the Lord", "when the Lord appears", "when he comes in glory". The believer can look forward to this day of Christ's powerful presence in the earth. Jesus will be the ruler of the earth on God's behalf, replacing all human governments. Believers are promised the responsibility of reigning with Christ on the earth when they are raised from the dead to a never dying, ever living, quality of life. They will enable the millions of earth's population who have never really known Christ to recognise him as in charge. The believers, according to the Bible, will "be kings and priests, reigning with Christ" and "they shall see him as he is."

It will be a thrilling mission to have such a part in

changing the whole structure of human affairs – a new creation, no longer dominated by hatred and violence. Think about these promises, made by God, and no longer fear that terrorists are going to get hold of nuclear bombs and destroy the earth. God will not throw the earth on to a cosmic muck heap.

This perspective can affect our present way of thinking. God created the earth and humans to be his partners. Humans have misused the freedom of choice God has given them, but "God is love" and will steer them toward the opportunity to be what they have so far failed to be.

And we can, even now, begin to exhibit the spirit of the future in our daily lives, so that wherever we are, we can begin to create a little space in which a sample of the coming kingdom of God and of Christ can develop as we are motivated to live in the light of God's new creation. Humans cannot create this kingdom of God but by living "kingdom lives" they can attract others to get ready for the wonderful world this will really become.

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Taizé Service

Sunday 28 June 2015

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A quiet meditation service with chants and
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With our Summer Fete next month, we are now making preparations for the Plant/Garden Stall. If you have any surplus plants, cuttings, seedlings or seeds we would be delighted to hear from you. Any donations of garden related items would be most welcome.

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June 15th Jacqui Sheppard,
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Walter Geary was the older brother of Frederick Geary (see May Magazine). Born in Northchurch in 1886 Walter worked at Cooper's in Berkhamsted before enlisting with the Army. He joined 1st Battalion, Border Regiment and spent the next few years on garrison duty in Gibraltar, India and Burma. In 1911, Walter took the opportunity of becoming a reservist, returned to Northchurch, and joined the North Western Railway as an Underman based at Camden in north London.

When war broke out Walter was mobilised and joined 2nd Battalion, Border Regiment taking part in the fighting in Belgium and northern France. On 7th February 1915, Walter was wounded in his right arm and he returned to

8183 Private Walter Geary, 1st Battalion, Border Regiment Died 29th June 1915

England for treatment. Two months later Walter rejoined his old Battalion, 1st Border Regiment, who were now fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula and arrived there three weeks after his brother, Frederick, had been killed. By now, the defending Turks were fully entrenched, frustrating all attempts by the allied troops to gain additional ground. Conditions on the battlefields were atrocious. Unburied bodies, which were covered in flies and maggots, were left to rot in the heat. The stench was appalling.

During an attack on the Turkish lines on 28th June, Walter was reported as "missing in action". It later transpired that he had been shot in the chest and neck and had been evacuated by hospital ship. He died on board on 29th June and was buried at sea.



Information from the Police and Crime Update for Dacorum, May 2015

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- * Seek financial advice from the Citizens' Advice Bureau, who work alongside the Treasury delivering

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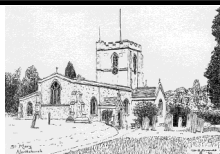
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14th June

Second after Trinity

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10.00am All-Age Worship
6.00pm Evening Prayer

21st June

Third after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-Age Worship
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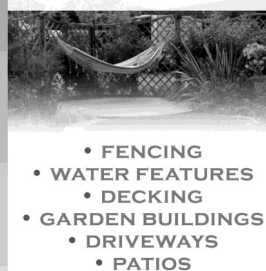
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