The Swan Inn
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Headquarters at The Swan Inn.
Newbold Verdon Leicester.

Meeting held on Monday June 9th 1941.
Present:— Mr J Baker presiding.
Mr H Preston Mrs Crowson Mr Moore
E Statham G Prime J Prime and
Honary Secretary:
Proceedure:— The meeting adopted
Secretary's correspondence regarding
application for registration under
"The War Charities Act 1940.", and
asked Secretary to submit Balance
Sheet together with forms etc to the
Leicestershire County Council for their
approval.
It was then resolved that a further
donation be paid out to serving men
the weekend June 20th-21st and
committee to find out if any other

men have been called up for service.
Resolved by the meeting that in the event of our Treasurer Mr. J. Prime being called for service, Mr H Preston to succeed him forthwith
This concluded business 9-25 P.M.
Next meeting June 25th

J Baker June 25

Owing to Mr J Prime being called up on an earlier date than was at first anticipated, this special meeting was called on June 23rd.
Present:- Mr J Baker presiding:
Messrs. H. Preston, E. Statham, J Prime, W. Preston, Mrs Browson and Honorary Secretary
Procedure:- The meeting resolved to draw £14.0.0 from the Banking Account.
It was next resolved to hold a dance at the Welfare Hall on July 26th should that date be open:
This concluded business at 9-5 P.M.

next meeting July 7th J Baker

Meeting held on July 7th 1941
Present: Mr J Baker presiding:
Messrs: H. Preston E. Statham W. Preston. J Prime Mrs Browson S Belcher and Hon Sec.
Procedure:- The minutes of last meeting were read, and signed:
Mr. W. Preston handed over a letter from the Working Mens' Club, which had been directed to the Club Secretary by Mr Rumsey. This letter was read to the meeting by the chairman, and after a little comment it was resolved to invite the Working committee from the club to a special meeting at the Swan Inn to arrange such procedure to be taken towards forming a central committee to represent the whole village re Mr Rumsey's letter.
It was resolved that all our funds

collected to the time of forming this central committee, if such could be arranged, should remain to the credit of our charity at the Bank, for the sole benifit of men serving until the end of the present war.
Towards the close of the meeting Mr H Preston kindly invited our committee to the Working Mens Club for the meeting instead of the Swan Inn. He was accorded a vote of thanks and the invitation was accepted.
Secretary was then instructed to write to Mr J Belcher the club Secretary to inform him of the arrangement of the meeting.
This concluded business at 9.40 P.M.
Next meeting July 10th J Baker

Meeting held on Thursday July 10th 1941
Present :- Mr J Baker presiding.
Messrs: H. Preston F. Moore Jun. Mrs Cowson G. Prime, J Prime and Hon. Secretary.
Procedure :— Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The result of the joint meeting held at the Working Mens Club was declared by Mr. J Baker. He stated that everything regarding the amalgamation was put entirely into the hands of our committee, and that the club committee would help to select a central committee after the ladies from the Womens Institute had also met our committee.
Next the meeting approved that the committee meet the Womens Institute committee on Wednesday next at the Swan Inn at 8 P.M.
The question was next raised, regarding the Carnival Dance. After short comment It was arranged for Treasurer to cut postcards in half, and stamp the date on same, to serve as tickets, so as to ensure Mrs Cowson to state that she received necessary on them.

Mr F. Moore Senr was then unanimously made a member of the committee

This concluded business and meeting closed at 9 45 P.M. J Baker

Meeting held July 30th

Present:— Mr J. Baker presiding.

Messrs: H. Preston W. Preston Mrs Browson F Moore Senr F. Moore Junr. E. Statham and Hon Secretary.

Procedure. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

All monies from dance were handed over to Treasurer, and balance sheet was produced read and approved.

Date for flower-show was fixed for last Saturday and Sunday in September. also all other details, together with arrangements for next dance were waved over until the next meeting.

This concluded business and meeting closed at 9-P.M.

J Baker

Meeting held on August 6th 1941

Present:- Mr J. Baker presiding.

Messrs. H. Preston W. Preston. Mrs Browson E. Statham and Hon Secretary. Minutes of last meeting read signed

Procedure:— It was resolved that we accept Mr. S. Cave offer to help us in any way we desire with the flower-show, such as looking over in the first place, last years schedule, to try and make a few alterations regarding some of the classes also to assist with the staging of produce and Secretary to call a special meeting on August 13th for this purpose.

This concluded business at 9-P.M.

J Baker

Meeting held on August 13 1941

Present:- Mr. J. Baker presiding.

Messrs. H Preston F. Moore Senr Mrs Browson E. Prime E Statham Hon Secretary and Mr. S. Cave.

Procedure: Minutes of last meeting read and signed.
Last years schedule was dealt with
and a few alterations were made,
including a collection of vegetables
Prizes for same to be, 5/- First Prize and
2/6 for Second Prize.
It was next resolved that we invite
Mr F. Bouskell and M H. Wooding to
act as judges for the show.
This concluded business at 9.25 P.M.
J Baker

Meeting held August 27.
Present:- Mr J. Baker presiding. (Minutes)
Messrs H. Preston. W. Preston Mrs Crowson
E. Statham, F Moore Junr. and hon secretary
Procedure:- Minutes of the last meeting
read and signed.
A previous minute, relating to men either
registering or joining up from Newbold Verdon
to be entitled to benefit was rescinded.
It was then resolved that all men to
receive benefit, who have married into,
and resided in the village for six months
prior to joining H. M. Forces.
It was resolved that Mrs H Preston be
made a member of the committee, owing to the
the help she has given.
It was next resolved to close date of
next payment, to men on August 31st.
This concluded business at 9.25 P.M.
J Baker

Meeting held September 10th.
Present:- Mr J. Baker presiding. (Minutes)
Messrs:- H. Preston Mrs Crowson W. Preston
E. Statham. F Moore Senr. and Hon Secretary
Procedure. Minutes of last meeting read and
signed.
It was resolved that a dance be held on
one Saturday in each month.
No further business and meeting closed at
9. o'clock.
Sept 10 J Baker

Meting held September 24th.

Present: Mr. J Baker presiding. (Minutes) H. Preston F Moore Junr. G E Prime W. Preston E Statham Mrs Browson and Hon Secretary.

Procedure:- The meeting decided that all tables etc. be fixed up on Thursday evening.

It was then resolved the Misses P. Preston and G. Gillver be asked to assist in the showroom. This concluded business and meeting closed at 9-10 P.M.

J Baker

Meeting held on November 12th.

Present:- Mr J. Baker presiding (Minutes) E Statham. A Shaw H Preston. Mrs Browson and Hon Secretary.

Procedure:- A Form sent from the Midland Bank. (Market Bosworth Branch) was completed and signed by the Chairman Secretary, and Treasurer.

It was then resolved that a skittle competition be held on the first and second Friday and Saturday in December for the cup. Six each side. Winners to hold the cup for six months any where they please, also that a dance be held on Boxing night December 26th. J Baker

After secretary had read a letter from Mr Rumsey stressing the necessity of all monies, belonging to the Charity being placed to the credit of the account at the bank, a resolution was passed to this effect This concluded business at 9.50 P.M.

J Baker July 22-42

Meeting held on July 22-42

Present:- Mr J. Baker presiding.

H. Preston Mrs Browson G. E. Prime, G. T Prime and Hon Secretary.

Procedure:- Minutes read and signed.

It was resolved that any member on the committee, shall be entitled to choose and purchase anything suitable for a prize, and

have the cost refunded to him by treasurer.
It was resolved that we hold a flower Show.
also that Mr Shave and L. Wood be asked
to assist on the committee of same.
a Meeting arranged for Thursday 24th at 8 P.M.
Business Flower Show.
This concluded business and meeting closed
at 9.10 P.M.

W Preston

Meeting held July 24th.
Present: Mr W. Preston Presiding.
Minutes read and signed.
Mr. G E. Prime G.T. Prime. Mr. L. Wood
Mr. W. Davis and Hon Secretary.
After discussion 1941 Schedule was adopted
subject to slight alterations: viz:- Prizes
were raised from 2/- and 1/- to 3/- and 1/6
The committee decided to give a cup
amongst them for runner up.
Mr L. Wood kindly promised a special
prize for the best exhibit.
Entrance fee for full schedule 2/6 instead
of 5/-. Heavy potato class taken out, and
class of 6 tomatoes in place.
This concluded business at 8.50.

J Baker Sept 9th 42

Meting held on Sept 9th 1942.
Present Mr. J. Baker presiding: W. Preston G. E. Prime
Mrs. Crowson. L. Wood. G. T. Prime W. Preston
W. Davis and Hon Secretary.
Procedure:- It was resolved that it be
left to Mr. Wood to purchase a cup which
he had already viewed in Leicester.
Mr. W. Preston kindly offered to sell his gift
of show. This concluded business at 9.10 p.m.

J Baker Sept 23rd

Meeting held October 7th 1942
Present:- Mr J. Baker presiding.
W. Preston Mrs Crowson G E. Prime G T. Prime,
W. Preston. L. Wood and Hon Secretary.
Minutes read and signed:-

Procedure:— It was resolved that we hold a six a side Skittle Tournament for the cup to be held on the four Friday and Saturday evenings in November.
After a short comment: It was next resolved that we give to each member of the winning team, a half-crown savings stamp, as it is now practically impossible to purchase miniature cups.
This concluded bewereiss at 9-10 P.M.

J Baker 26/1/43

Meeting held on January 26. 1943.
Present Mr. J Baker presiding: Mr. H Preston G.E. Prime Mrs Crowson G. T. Prime L. Wood and Hon Secretary.
Minutes read and signed;
Procedure:— Mr. J Mensley sought certain enlightenment regarding the concerts viz. seating capacity, stage management

together with door-keepers, and ushers etc. The committee then made arrangements for conveying seats from the Baptist Chapel to the Welfare Hall. After a short comment on various matters concerning concerts, the meeting closed at 9-25.

J Baker 9/2/43

Meeting held February 9th 43.
Present Mr. J. Baker presiding.
Mr. H Preston. L. Wood. Mrs Crowson; G. T Prime G. E. Prime. H. Davis and Hon Secretary.
Minutes read and signed.
Procedure:— The accounts and returned tickets were handed over to Mr. J. Mensley. who had been invited to the meeting. After checking same. Mr. Mensley handed over to the treasurer £21. 1-0, which was unanimously accepted with great thanks, and the secretary was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Mensley

on behalf of his concert party.
This concluded business at 9.20.

Meeting held on March 25th 1943.
Present:- Mr. J. Baker presiding. Mr. H. Preston W. Preston. H. Davis Mrs Brewson Mr. G. E. Prime and Hon Secretary.
Procedure. The minutes from last meeting were read and signed.
Mrs Brewson kindly promised to look after Swan Raffles whenever health and duties at home provide, the rest of committee thanking her for her very kind gesture.
Next Mrs Brewson suggested, that we don't hold any raffles conected with prizes promised, and that they must be here on the spot. This was carried unanimously.
Mr. G. E. Prime remarked that he had been promised a 10/- prize by Mr. C Jackson of Barlestone.
It was then resolved that the week-end raffles should be concluded by Sunday dinner time.
The committee then resolved to leave Mr J. Baker and Mrs H. Preston in charge of all dances, and to excercise their own ability regarding same.
Next it was resolved that we hold the Flower Show as usual, on the same lines as usual.
This concluded business at 9-10.

Sept 21st - 43

Meeting held Sept 21st.
Present:- Mr. J. Baker presiding.
Mrs Brewson H. Preston G. E. Prime.
H. Davis Mr L. Wood & Hon Secretary.
Procedure. The minutes from last meeting were read and signed.
Re Flower Show. It was resolved that exhibits

not bringing plates for their use, they will in turn have their exhibits layed on the tables on a piece of white paper, as plates cannot be borrowed for this purpose.

Mr H Preston said that he intended to go to all the farmers in the village, to ask if they would each give a prize to help to arrange a prize-drawing for the fund. The committee agreed with his intentions and promised to help him in any way if needed.

This was made a resolution and carried forthwith.

Mr W. Preston kindly accepted an invitation to present the cups etc, and sell the gifts left from the show.

The committee then put it into the secretary's hands to call a meting at his own convenient time regarding the prize drawing

This concluded business at 9 P.M.

J Baker Oct 12-43

Meeting held on October 12th

Present:- Mr J. Baker Presiding

Mrs Crowson. H. Preston G. E Pearce H. Davis W. Preston and Hon Secretary.

Procedure. The minutes from last meeting were read and signed.

Regarding the prize drawing.

Mr. H. Preston produced a list of prizes offered by the farmers of the village.

A little comment was raised concerning Mr W. Prestons promise of a ton of coal, as something had been mentioned in parliament regarding coal. Just as this was being mentioned Mr. W. Preston came in and apologized for his late arrival. He then remarked that he would look into the subject which was left in his hands.

Mr. H. Preston was unanimously thanked by the meting for his good work in going on his own to see all the farmers.

Mr. Preston then said that he had nothing definite from Mr. Milner, so Hon Secretary offered to go to see Mr. Milner. with a view as to what his prize would be.
It was then resolved that we call the prize drawing A Grand Xmas prize drawing, will be held. In aid of the Swan Inn Troop Fund.

All prizes given by the village farmers. All contributions to be in by December 15th.

Draw to take place at the Swan Inn on December 18th. Tickets 3d. each.

Secretary to order 1000 books, with 2 tickets each

Mr G.E. Prime then remarked that Mr C. Jackson of Barleston had promised another 10/- as a prize. After considering his kind gesture it was decided that, as he was not a farmer in the village, we found it difficult to add his name to this list. Mr. G. E Prime was asked, and said that he would explain the position to Mr. Jackson. This concluded the business. at 9-25.

J Baker Dec 14 - 1943

Meeting held December 14th.
Present :- Mr. J. Baker presiding.
Mr. H. Preston, W. Preston G. E. Prime H. Davis & Hon Secretary.
Procedure. The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.
It was resolved that to men serving abroad in the fighting services, be paid £1. 0. 0 each and those still in England to recieve 10/- each from the special effort re prize drawing, also men who have been in the actual fighting line, and returned home, to recieve £1. 0. 0.
Prize drawing to take place at headquarters on Saturday. Dec 18th. at 4 p.m prompt, welcoming all who care to come and witness same.
It was resolved that we pay relatives of

men so far deceased this time as final.
at the rate of 8/- each.
Next it was resolved to let the House to house collectors renewal form lie on the table for the time being.
The concluded business, at 9 40 P.M.