



## Take Teddy to the Mill

Unfortunately, the luck of sunshine for the Easter egg hunt didn't happen again for the Take Teddy to the Mill event, and under heavy drizzle, sixty six teddies, dolls and soft animals made their way to the mill with their owners.

The brave toys were launched from the mill along a zip wire with help from Geoff, the zip wire engineer.

There are lots of suggestions for next year's event: parachuting, abseiling, bungee jumping, diving into a barrel of water... Who knows what glorious opportunities there will be for brave teddies next year.

The children and their teddies had to help Matt and Millie Miller, Hough Mills resident teddy children, find their friends who had got lost on the way to the mill for the afternoon's activities. The poor toys had got lost in the Califat in the rain, but all 10 were successfully found and the children enjoyed choosing a bag of sweets as a thank you for finding them.



Under gazebos, the children enjoyed making lego for hours! Others enjoyed cutting and sticking and making beautiful teddy pictures while parents kept warm with cups of tea and biscuits.



The excitement was built up on Facebook and YouTube in advance of the teddy event and many pictures of brave teddies were submitted. There was another wave of photos of soggy, but happy, teddies after the event.

Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the rain to make teddy at the mill another successful family event.

## Census 1911

### The Johnsons of Belmont Terrace

Nestled between the Stone House to the left and Bull's Head House, the former inn, on the right lie the five cottages of Belmont Terrace (also known as Bull Row). They are now numbers 61-69 Main Street. If you dig behind the 1911 census there is an intriguing tale of the Johnson family.

#### Eliza Johnson

Eliza was the matriarch of the family, being recorded on every census from 1861 to 1911. Born in 1842, Eliza Wheatley married Charles Johnson in the autumn of 1860. At the time of the 1861 census they had a one month old daughter Ann. By the 1871 census they had three daughters Ann 10, Harriet six and Sarah one year old. A decade later Ann (known as Annie) had moved out (to marry Samuel Pickering), but they still had four children living with them Harriet was now 16 and Sarah 11, their brothers Walter and Joseph were six and two respectively.

By the time of the 1891 census Harriet had also moved out (to marry William Horne). Charles and Eliza Johnson were living with three of their children: Sarah 21, Walter 16 and Joseph 12.

Charles Johnson died in the late summer of 1893, but his widow Eliza kept on going and by 1901 still had the same three of her children living with her; Sarah 31, Walter 26 and Joseph 22, plus her grandson Samuel Pickering 14 and Arthur Gent 19 a boarder.

By 1911 the house must have seemed very quiet for Eliza Johnson then aged 68 as she only had her eldest son Walter William Johnson 36 and her grandson Samuel Pickering 24 living with her. Her daughter Sarah Johnson had died at the start of the year.

#### Daughter - Ann Johnson / Annie Pickering

Born in 1861, 16 year old Annie married Samuel Pickering, a coal miner, early in 1877. By the 1881 census they had two children, Charles aged three and Sarah aged one and were living next door to Annie's parents at number 65.

Annie died towards the end of 1890, aged 29. At the 1891 census the widowed Samuel Pickering was still living next door to the Johnsons. His children were Charles 13, Sarah 11, Annie nine, John seven and Samuel 4.

Samuel Pickering remarried. In 1901 he was living with his wife Ada and three of his children from his first marriage: Charles 23, Sarah 21, and John 17. They

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also had their three children from their union; Laura six, Fred three and Albert five months.

By 1911 none of the children from his first marriage were living with Samuel Pickering who had five children from his second marriage Laura 16, Fred 13, Walter nine, Harry six and Frank one.

## Daughter - Harriet Johnson / Harriet Horne

Harriet Johnson was born in 1865 and was living with her parents at the time of the 1871 and 1881 censuses. Harriet married William Horne at the beginning of 1887. At the 1891 census they were living in the Tan Yard.

By 1901 they were back in Belmont Terrace living next door to Eliza Johnson at 69 Main Street. Living with them was Harriet's niece / Eliza Johnson's granddaughter / Samuel Pickering senior's daughter the 19 year old Eliza A Pickering.

At the 1911 census the childless Hornes still had Harriet's niece living with them, but she was now the 29 year old Mrs. Eliza Ann Gent.

## Granddaughter - Eliza Ann Pickering / Eliza Ann Gent

Eliza Ann Pickering was born at the beginning of 1882 to Samuel and Annie Pickering. She was only eight when her mother died and her father gave her name as Annie Pickering on the 1891 census,

Possibly because of a shortage of room arising from her father's second family, she moved two doors away to live with her aunt Harriet Horne by the time of the 1901 census in which she is named as Eliza A Pickering.

A decade later she is in the same house with her aunt but named as Eliza Ann Gent, having married Arthur Gent who in 1901 had been boarding next door with her grandmother. Her son Walter William Gent was named after his uncle Walter William Johnson who was still living next door (number 67) with his mother Eliza Johnson.

Eliza is a good example of why it can be so hard to trace family members as she appears in the records as:

- 1882 birth record - Eliza Ann Pickering
- 1891 census - Annie Pickering
- 1901 census - Eliza A Pickering
- 1902 marriage record - Eliza Ann Pickering
- 1911 census - Eliza Ann Gent

## Son - Joseph Johnson

Joseph Johnson was 20 years younger than his oldest sister Annie Johnson who married Samuel Pickering. He was thus younger than his nephew Charles Pickering and only three years older than his niece Eliza Ann Pickering (Gent).

Joseph married and had a family in number 61 Main Street, this meant that four of the five cottages in Belmont Terrace were occupied by relatives of Eliza Johnson.

## Grandson - Samuel Pickering

Samuel Pickering junior was the youngest of Samuel Pickering senior's children by his first wife Annie Johnson. Possibly for space reasons by the 1901 census 14 year old

