

## JULY

**1 Friday** In the morning I chopped up a lot of hurdles & split up a block of wood. Played tennis in aft. In the evening Fred Paice came up from Salcombe. He was awfully burnt & had enjoyed his holiday very much. I drove Ma & Blanche & Julia out in the evening.

**2 Saturday** Volunteers' camp began at Hackwood. In the morning Fred & I went to the Baths - they were very dirty. In the aft. we all laid down & read under the trees in the garden. I bought a pot full of ice at Edwards. It was frightfully hot.

**3 Sunday** In the evening went down to the camp.

**4 Monday** Went down to the Baths with Fred. Blanche, Julia, Fred, I & Nellie Loe went over to Sherborne to spend the afternoon & evening. Arthur came over to tea on tricycle. I & Fred fished & the others played tennis after tea, did not catch anything. We drove back & brought Minnie home.

**5 Tuesday** Went to Baths. In the evening we had the Allen's & Loe's in to tea & supper, had some jolly games of tennis on our lawn, broke up at about eleven o'clock. Wrote a letter to Milne & Paul Bull to tell him I had given up Florida. Also to H. Horton & answered 2 advertisements.

**6 Wednesday** Drove Pa & the others down to the camp, in the morn. We left Pa there all day. In the aft had a game of tennis. In the evening we all walked down, Fred & I & Will Allen stopped there till 9 o'clock. Minnie went back home.

**7 Thursday** Went to the Baths at 7 o'clock. Tricycled over to Odiham to hire the boat for tomorrow, stopped at the George. In the aft drove them down to the camp in 2 parties, stopped to see the review & came back, had tea & went to the School sports. I ran in the Old Boys' race, came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. G Powell 1<sup>st</sup>. Frank won a prize.

*Probably Gerald Powell, future husband of JBM's sister, Blanche. See jamesmoodyand sons.co.uk (France / A Dealer in Percheron Horses).*

**8 Friday** Went to the Baths. Had dinner at ½ past eleven & started to Odiham at 12. Arthur drove, Minnie, Fred & Blanche, Julia & I went. Started rowing at 2 & went up past the "Barley Mow". Cooked own tea in the boat & after tea Fred & I fished: caught a Jack & a perch. Got home at 10 o'clock. The boat cost 5/-. Very jolly.

**9 Saturday** Fred went home at 10 o'clock. I went down to Baths. Aldershot review of 70,000 soldiers before the Queen. We did not go. In aft. we sat under the trees up the garden & Minnie bought some ices. Played tennis all the evening.

**10 Sunday** Went down to Uncle Richard's to supper & answered an advertisement.

**11 Monday** Yesterday was first wet day for the last 8 weeks. Wrote up this diary for the last fortnight & put my room tidy. Played tennis in the evening with Miss Fencott. Mr Perrow came in after supper.

**12 Tuesday** In the morning put in some sticks & trained up the tomatoes across the garden. In the aft. Morton Lear came up. In eve. Will Allen & I went fishing down the canal, Blanche & Julia came to see us, no luck. Had a letter from Artie Knight to say he had seen about an engagement for me.

**13 Wednesday** Got up at 5 o'clock & went down to the canal fishing with W. Allen. Did not have a bite. Went down to the baths with M Lear. Took Blanche & Julia out for a drive in afternoon. Miss Fencott came in & played tennis with us in evening. Went to the Conservative & Liberal meetings. Had an answer from a brewery to which I wrote.

**14 Thursday** Sent a photo of the football X1 to Milne. I bought a 1/- frame for it & also sent him a list of matches. Went down to Aunt Jane's & tapped some beer & wrote to the brewery for particulars. Went to tea to a large tennis party at Adam's, had some jolly sets. Marian Allen died at 8.15 p.m.: they were all dreadfully cut up.

**15 Friday** Had a good shower to christen the apples. Answered 4 advertisements from Daily Telegraph & sent 2 stamped addressed envelopes in 2 of them. Went for a walk in the evening with Blanche & Julia. There were a heap of Liberal & Conservative meetings, a dozen M.P.s in the town. I slept down at Aunt Jane's.

**16 Saturday** In the morning went out canvassing for Mr Jeffreys the Conservative candidate. In the afternoon I drove them out for a long drive. In the eve. had a game of tennis & went to Aunt Jane's to sleep. A lot of rows in the eve.

**17 Sunday** Edith Knight's birthday.

**18 Monday** The Election of North Hants M.P. Mr Jeffreys (Conservative) v. Mr Eve (Liberal). I had our horse & wagonette and went & fetched some people in from the country in morning & afternoon; and borrowed Mr Cannon's horse & trap in the evening and got a lot more.

**19 Tuesday** Great excitement to hear the poll declared. I & Mort Lear went to the baths to get cool. It was declared at 10 o'clock. Mr Jeffreys 3158 – Mr Eve 2426. Majority 732. I canvassed etc for Jeffreys because he was a gentleman & Eve was a blackguard. I met Ball & Mulford down street. We had a tennis party in the eve. & after supper went up to the Bryan's whose grounds were thrown open & the band played.

**20 Wednesday** There was dancing last night & 72 galls of beer given away & Mr & Mrs Jeffreys were driven round the town in a torch-light procession. I went down to the baths in the morn. Put up our tennis net at Cannon's for the children, who went there to tea. Answered another advertisement and wrote to Uncle William. Paid Caldicott 4/6 for 3 photos of football & play.

**21 Thursday** Bought a tobacco pouch 1/6. I went down to Mr Andrews' to borrow a cassock & surplice & to the Vicar's for the cross. In morn I & M. Lear drove over to Mr Dawnsey's at Sherfield for some strawberry plants. In the aft. I went to St Thomas's Home & carried the processional cross. I heard the Bishop of Winchester speak. In the eve we drove over to Sherbourne. Marion Allen was buried.

*St Thomas's Home: Opened 1874 in Darlington Road, Basingstoke, as the Diocesan Penitentiary for Friendless and Fallen Women, is now a residential development. The chapel has survived.*

**22 Friday** Got up at six o'clock to see Arthur off to Bath, he started at 6.30 & went on the tricycle via Newbury, to stay at Horton's. Caught a young blackbird up the garden & kept it. Met Ball & Mulford. They asked me to play for them tomorrow. In aft went to tea to Loe's, a tennis party, had some good games & ended up with a jolly dance on the lawn, to cornet & violin.

**23 Saturday** Mr Mulford drove me over to Greywell at 11 o'clock, with Warren, started playing cricket as soon as I got there, it was Greywell v. Winchfield. We (Greywell) beat them by 4 wickets. I made 5, 1<sup>st</sup> innings, did not bat the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Had a jolly lunch at the public (*sic*) & tea on the ground, we had a bathe after the match & back to Mulford's to supper & home by train. Grand Naval Review at Portsmouth.

**24 Sunday** Had a splendid sermon from Rev. B. Kitchin. Had an answer from the brewery adv. I answered. Miss F Jackson died aged 17.

**25 Monday** Wrote to Mr Crawford at Margate & Uncle wrote to another gentleman to know if it was a respectable brewery, Willie Allen gave us a kitten (black). Had a game of tennis in the evening, Julia, Nelly Loe & Will Allen came in.

*Crawford & Co, Margate, is listed in 1898 as local agents of Shrimp Brand Beer.*

**26 Tuesday** Had a letter from Uncle William about a vacancy in the New S. Wales Bank. I applied this morning. In the aft. I drove Ma, Blanche, Julia & Nellie Loe to Mr Clift's. We had a jolly game of tennis, but it came on to rain at 7 o'clock and we came home in the pouring rain. Had a letter from Mrs Knight (Isleworth). It was through her & Mr Stone I heard of the Bank.

**27 Wednesday** Went over to Greywell at half past 12, had dinner at Mulford's. I went to Hook by train. Ball drove to fetch me. We played against the Lansdowne Club and beat them by seven wickets. I made 0. The 2 Coles played very jolly fellows. We had a bathe after in the stream & had supper at Mulford's, back home at 9.

**28 Thursday** Had a letter to say the vacancy in the bank was filled up; & one from Mr Crawford to say "don't go to that Brewery". In the morning the new clock-tower was unveiled by the Hon. Miss Sclater-Booth. It was given by Major May & cost £1200. In the afternoon the School prizes were given away by Lord Basing. Then there were some very good sports on the "Folly". I went in for the sack race; Ransom came in to supper with us & had a game of tennis. Then there was a grand torch-light procession.

*Written on blotting paper:* In the 440 yds G. Powell got 2nd. Youngman 1<sup>st</sup>. R. Loe got 1<sup>st</sup> in the sack race. There were some splendid bicycle races. I wrote to Mrs S. Knight.

**30 Saturday** In the Shop all the morning. In the afternoon marked out the tennis lawn. Uncle William & Aunt Polly came here. I drove them all out after tea.

**31 Sunday** Went for walk with Uncle in the morning. Played tennis in aft & evening.

## AUGUST

**1 Monday** In the morning I drove Pa & the others to the Duke of Wellington's monument. In the afternoon we all went to Hackwood to see a cricket match & Fred Bird & Ada & Willie Paice. Came home to tea at 7 o'clock & played tennis after.

**2 Tuesday** Went up to Station with Uncle to see him off. Picked a lot of apples. Went to the baths. In aft. painted the posts on the lawn for wire netting. Played tennis in evening. Answered some advertisements.

**3 Wednesday** Went to the Baths. Wrote to Arthur at Bath. There was a fire at Sherborne in the evening, we drove out to see it & took Minnie & Miss Clift home. Saw George Dunn & had a talk. Advertised my pigeons in the Exchange & Mart.

**4 Thursday** Wrote to The Brewery at Herne Bay to decline it. Had a lot of prospectus (*sic*) from an adv. for engineering I had answered. Bottled some ginger beer. Drove Ma, Blanche, Aunts Polly & Jane to the Vyne House. There was a missionary meeting first. Mr Lloyd spoke & then Mr Chute showed us over the house.

**5 Friday** Cleaned up a picture frame for the photograph of school teams. Turned out the paper room. Ball came in to say good-bye to me as he is going tomorrow. Mort Lear told me he had passed his exam & was going away to work with Chadwick on Monday. At Westward Ho!

**6 Saturday** Turned out the place under the machine room. In aft went up to the station to meet Uncle William who came down for Sunday. Harry Loe brought me 5/- for helping at the Jubilee. We went out for a drive in eve. Arthur came home from Bath, the treadle of tricycle broke when he had got half way so he came by train. Mr Whiteley's (*department store*) at Westbourne Grove (*London*) burnt down. ½ million pounds damage.

**7 Sunday** Played tennis with Uncle William.

**8 Monday** Uncle Richard had a letter from a gentleman to say the brewery at Herne Bay was very respectable etc. Went up to the station with Uncle Richard. Bought pair of pliers 2/3 at Wagstaff's. Put some birdlime on sticks to catch flies. Went up to station see Aunt Polly off. Miss Fencott came in to tennis.

**9 Tuesday** Played tennis in evening.

**10 Wednesday** Made some ginger beer from a recipe of Grandpa's. Minnie & Mrs Clift came to tea.

**11 Thursday** Bottled the ginger beer, 13 bottles. Drove Pa, Blanche & the children out for a drive to get wild flowers for the Show. Mr Lear was married to Miss Poulter at 8.30 in the morning.

**12 Friday** Hatched 4 young bantams. Finished reading "Monte Cristo" by Alex. Dumas. It is the best of Dumas that I have read, but very unrealistic at points.

**13 Saturday** Ma & Frank, Ethel & Mabel went to Bournemouth to stay & Aunt Mary with them. Grandma came to Aunt Jane's to stay.

**14 Sunday** Went down to Will Allen's to tea & sup.

**15 Monday** Jessie Palmer came to stay with us. Tricycled over to Sherbourne with some cherries from Aunt Mary to Mrs Clift. Drove out in the morning to get some wild flowers for Blanche for the Show.

**16 Tuesday** Flower Show at Eastlands. We got 1<sup>st</sup> prize for apples, 1<sup>st</sup> for pears & 2<sup>nd</sup> for peas. Blanche showed some wild flowers, did not get a prize. I tricycle over to Mr Clift's in the morn. with £5 I cashed for him at the Bank.

**17 Wednesday** Went down to the Baths & had a swim with the Caldicotts. Mended my sailing boat & took it up to the station for Mr Cannon to take to Bournemouth for Frank. Nellie Loe and Miss Fencott came in to tennis. Nellie stayed to supper. Mr Clift got in all his harvest today. We have not had rain for 9 weeks till today.

**18 Thursday** Answered some advertisements in the Brewer's Journal. In eve. Will Allen & I castrated the black kitten which he gave me. Wrote to Ma.

**19 Friday** Went to the Baths. Painted the posts for wire netting on the lawn. Ordered ½ bushel of food for pigeons off Gammon, Reading.

**20 Saturday** Painted the posts on lawn. Pigeons' food came from Reading – 2/6. In eve we played tennis. Miss Fencott came in & Dick Knight came from Isleworth. Grandma came up & Jessie Palmer sang after supper.

**21 Sunday** Went for a long walk with Dick Knight in morn. Went to Wote St to tea & supper.

**22 Monday** Painting posts on lawn. In aft. drove Pa, Grandma, Aunt Jane, Blanche & Jessie out for a long drive. In eve. went down to Miss Fencott's & put up some flycatchers for her father. Miss Fencott taught me to net. I learnt in about ten minutes.

**23 Tuesday** Wrote to Mr Knight to ask him to go to the Isleworth Brewery & see if there was a vacancy. Made a mesh and began making a tennis net; did 37 stitches for the depth & did 6 rows today. Went down to Allen's to tennis in evening with Arthur.

**24 Wednesday** Made two mahogany meshes for my netting an inch wide before breakfast. Painting on the lawn all morning. In aft, Jessie Palmer & I went out for a row in Allen's boat with Ada & Alice Hine, very jolly. Played tennis in evening.

**25 Thursday** Had a letter from Mr Knight to say the premium at Isleworth Brewery was 150 guins. per annum. In the morning drove Grandma over to Sherbourne. In aft. Jessie Palmer, Jessie Knight, Blanche & I drove out to Silchester for a picnic, saw all over the old Roman camp, made our tea out there & called for Grandma coming back at 9 o'clock.

**26 Friday** Went down to see Mr Val. Adams about the Colchester Brewery. Went to the Baths. Made a bracket for trays, stained it & varnished it & put it up in Aunt Jane's kitchen. Stopped there to supper.

*Valentine Adams worked at the Victoria Brewery, Basingstoke*

**27 Saturday** Finished painting the posts on lawn. Ma & the children came home from Bournemouth in the evening, they enjoyed it very much. I went up to station to meet them.

**28 Sunday** Went to church in morning.

**29 Monday** Arthur & I went up to Uncle William's by an excursion to Waterloo, 4/- there and back. Had dinner at Uncle's, went to the American Exhibition in afternoon, back to tea at 6 & had a chat with Uncle about the Breweries. Started at 9 & got back at ½ past 10 o'clock in eve, not at all crowded.

## SEPTEMBER

**3 Saturday** Took down one side of the pigeons' house & cut down the almond tree & a lot of branches off the oak tree. Heard of Edith's engagement to Dr Pearce of Salcombe. Arthur gave me the £2 interest on my £100 in the business & paid it into the Savings Bank for me.

*Cousin Edith Paice, a daughter of Uncle William, married Dr Arthur Pearce MRCSE.*

**4 Sunday** Had a letter from Isleworth Brewery to say the premium was.....(*not clear: £300?*)

**5 Monday** The alterations were begun today to make a shed for the new furniture van & to make house for storing furniture.

**6 Tuesday** Tricycle was finished mending by Watson.

**7 Wednesday** Mr Adams had a letter Mr Daniel at Colchester Brewery to say his premium was £150, board & lodging extra. Finished the first 100 rows in my tennis net.

**8 Thursday** Went to Allen's to supper.

**9 Friday** Sold 4 pairs of my pigeons. 1 pair Jacobins 2/- to a builder. 1 pair Fantails 2/- to a builder. 1 pair Jacobins 2/6 to Will. Cannon. 1 pair Jacobins 2/6 to Mr Pike. Picked 28 lbs of plums for jam, 14 lbs red plum, 14 lbs black.

**10 Saturday** Cut down the May tree. Took some plums & grapes down to Aunt Jane. We had a tremendous lot of grapes in the greenhouse this year.

**12 Monday** Sold 3 pairs of carrier pigeons to Doubleday for 3/6. Wrote to Mr Daniell at Colchester to meet him in London on Wednesday.

**13 Tuesday** Sold 3 pairs of Jacobins & old pair of Fantails to a builder for 5/-. This was the last of my pigeons. In aft & eve took down the wire aviary & tied it up & took it to the top of the garden.

**14 Wednesday** Went up to London with Aunt Mary. We went to Uncle William's & I met Mr Daniell there at 12 o'clock & arranged to go there in November as a pupil for a month first to see how I liked it. Uncle George & Uncle William were there & were both satisfied with the arrangements, he is a nice gentleman. I went up to Camomile Street to order a block for printing of the new furniture van. Went to Hammersmith to sleep.

*Thomas Daniell & Sons, West Bergholt Brewery (founded about 1815) merged with Daniell Brothers & Co of Colchester in 1887 to form Daniell & Son's Brewery Ltd. Acquired by Truman Hanbury and Buxton in 1958. Brewing ceased 1959.*

**15 Thursday** In the morning walked to Putney with Charles. In aft. went to St James's Palace with Edith, Julia & Winnie to see the Queen's Jubilee presents. They were very handsome. Great talk about Edith's engagement.

**16 Friday** Went for a long walk with Charles in the morning. In the evening Fred went up to Waterloo with me & came back home at about 9 o'clock. My bantam hen hatched 7 young ones out of 7 eggs.

**17 Saturday** In morning went up to the station to meet Uncle W & Aunt Polly. They were going for their holiday to Jersey. I gave bantams to Frank & he is to keep them now.

**18 Sunday** Went for a walk with the Allens.

**19 Monday** Sold the 3 young bantams to Charles the gardener for 1/-. Blanche went to Miss Hart's school as morning governess.

**20 Tuesday** Sold the 3 old bantams & 7 young ones to Mr Jacob for 5/-. Took down the pigeons' house & packed up the wire & put it at the top of the garden.

**21 Wednesday** Laid the foundation stone in the new building. JBM 1887. I cut it out before. I laid the brick & filled it in with white mortar & stood the bricklayers a gallon of beer. Arthur laid one & Frank too.

**22 Thursday** Went out for a ride on the tricycle to Herriard & got some nuts. Harry Powell let us put our tricycle in his shed until our alterations were finished.

**23 Friday** Drove Mr Longley to a sale at Hurst – 20 miles. Started at 8.30. He bought several things & I had a good dinner at the house free of charge. Got back at 7 o'clock. Blanche had a telegram from Uncle William to go to Southsea till Tuesday: she went.

**24 Saturday** I drove Ma & the children out nutting to Herriard, we did not get many nuts. I put a back on a plush frame of Mrs Allen's & took it down.

**25 Sunday** Went to Uncle Richard's to supper; he was bad.

**26 Monday** Helped make some tomato sauce from our own tomatoes & bottled it. Wrote to Loftus & Co for a list of works on Brewing. Cousin Ada went back home with Nora.

**27 Tuesday** Blanche came home from Southsea. In aft I went up to a football practice at the School. In the morning I went out to Sherfield & got some blackberries & a fine caterpillar.

**28 Wednesday** In the aft I went blackberrying out to Bramley & got 2 baskets full on the tricycle. Mr & Mrs Clift came in in the evening.

**29 Tuesday** I mended Grandma's travelling box, for which she gave me a shilling. I went out & got some wild berries & ferns for Blanche to decorate the church. Went up to School to a football practice.

**30 Friday** I made a lot of blackberry jam. In the aft I drove out Blanche & Nellie Loe to get some berries etc for harvest Thanksgiving. Finished reading Voltaire's "Candide" – did not much care for it, very overdrawn.

