



Clubs, Societies, and Community Groups

Court Arthur, No.5021, Association of Friends. Established before 1867 and later named after David Archer of Kingsdown House.

Anniversary on Saturday last, at Old Jacob's Ladder Inn. Bro. J Barnes was presented a Testimonial by Bro. Fisher, secretary. They then continued to the church for a service and afterwards a tea at the Glebe house. Lodge has 86 members and a balance of £175. *Swindon Advertiser 05-08-1867.*

St. Margaret's Lodge lead the Hospital Sunday festival. They marched from Boundary house to Parish church for a service. £8 13s 5½d was collected for Victoria Hospital. *North Wilts Herald 06-07-1888.*

Mr W H Lawson becomes District Treasurer. Membership in 1891 was 241 and in 1901 341. In last 10 years they have given out about £2000 in sick pay. Originally meeting at Kingsdown Inn they now meet at Wesleyan School Room, Upper Stratton every alternate Saturday. *Swindon Advertiser 02-01-1901.*

The official move was celebrated with a public tea, at which about 140 attended, followed by a programme of music. *Swindon Advertiser 01-02-1901.*

Membership of Branch is 301, the Sick Fund now stands at £42 3s 5d, having paid out £351 last year. Value of Branch stands at £1273 8s 4d. *Swindon Advertiser 28-03-1902.*

Meeting in Upper Stratton, Chief Ranger Mr F J Brooks presided, there had been 14 new members this year. *North Wilts Herald 29-05-1936.*

Stratton St. Margaret Juvenile Odd Fellows (part of Court Arthur)

Established 1881. They used to meet alternate Saturdays in Lower Stratton Methodist Hall at £2 a year or 10/- a quarter.

By 1901 100 had transferred to senior group, They pay out death and sick benefits. In 1901 there were 190 members.

-Bro. E Ayres, son of Bro G Ayres died aged 15 on 3rd April. Funeral was on 10th at Upper Stratton cemetery. *Swindon Advertiser 19-04-1901.*

-Annual Fete was held Saturday last. They met at Stratton Bridge and led by Stratton Brass Band they paraded up to Lower Stratton school where a capital tea was provided for 120 lads. There were entertainment provided in the field. In the evening there were sports events organised. *Swindon Advertiser 09-08-1901.*

-Concert was held to raise funds for summer outing at mixed school, 80 attended. *Swindon Advertiser 14-03-1902.*

- Instead of a Fete the Junior Oddfellows had an outing this year, the party of 90 left in brakes supplied by Mr H Iles, arriving at Kempford at 11 o'clock. Sandwiches we supplied for lunch, then games etc were organised during the afternoon. After tea they walked about the gardens returning home for 9 p.m. *Swindon Advertiser 05-09-1902.*

Funeral of Brother F W Grant took place on 25th November at Upper Stratton Baptist church. *Swindon Advertiser 05-12-1902.*

The half year meeting was held Saturday last. Retiring manager Bro. F W Smith was presented with framed certificate and neck ribbon. *Swindon Advertiser 23-12-1904.*

31st Annual Report, 311 members and £1330 in funds. Sick pay issued £267. Bro. H J Hollier is secretary. Bro F Reeves, treasurer, died during the year. *Swindon Advertiser 24-02-1905.*

-Held a tea at Boys' School Upper Stratton last Saturday. *Swindon Advertiser 03-03-1905.*

-Membership 250, down 36 from last year. Balance £1232 10s 8d. Sick pay of £382 12s 8d paid out during year. *Swindon Advertiser 24-03-1905.*

-Fete & Sports. On Saturday afternoon last the annual fete and sports were held in the Boundary House field, under the patronage of Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice M.P., Messrs P H Lockhart, L Morse, T Arkell, A E Withy & Miss Arkell. The Stratton Brass band supplied the music. Races included, 120 yard open, 120-yard boys, 100 yards juniors, 880 yards open, 440 yards open, 300 yards juniors and a 1 mile open. All collection & donation to the summer outing. *Swindon Advertiser 04-08-1905.*

- At the Annual General Meeting the lodge applied to change to monthly meetings instead of fortnightly, this was rejected. *Swindon Advertiser 19-01-1906.*

-Sports Meeting in Mr Arkell's field by Kingsdown Inn. Opened with a parade around the village led by Stratton Brass band. There were various running, cycling and fun competitions. Prizes given out by Mr Arkell in the evening before dancing at the Kingsdown Inn. *Swindon Advertiser 05-08-1910.*

Young Men's Reading Rooms. (St. Margaret's Institute.)

Originally established in 1854 as Reading Rooms and Library Society.

In the 1890's, the Vicar of Stratton, the Revd. Septimus Crawhall bought an old broad-gauge railway carriage from the G.W.R. This was set up in part of the Vicarage Garden as a reading room and Parish Centre. This was replaced by the brick building on the left. Another larger iron room was erected, and just before the Great War a large iron billiards room was added. Although officially belonging to the Parish Church, the Reading Rooms rapidly became a Lower Stratton Centre for the social life of the village being used by various associations for dances, whist drives, meetings and concerts. It was demolished in the 1970's.

5th Anniversary of Library & Reading Society. . Mr Syke's New Swindon Quadrille Band will supply the Music and there will be cricket, quoits & rustic games, admission 1s. took place on 19th, around 300 attended the tea. *Swindon Advertiser 25-07-1859.*

-The Anniversary of the Reading Society took place on the 10th. Due to the wet weather they had to use Mr Arkell's Malt room, where they had tea & cake, and spent rest of evening entertained by Swindon Quadrille band. Around 300 attended. The planned cricket match was cut short. *Swindon Advertiser 20-08-1860.*

-Tea Meeting to celebrate the 7th Anniversary of the Library & Reading Rooms Society. New Swindon Quadrille Band supply the music lead by Mr J Innes. Entrance to Tea & Grounds 1s, children half price, grounds only 6d. All proceeds to society. *Swindon Advertiser 15-07-1861.*

-Eight Annual Fete & Tea Meeting of the Stratton St Margaret Library & Reading Society on Tuesday August 5th. New Swindon Quadrille band engaged. *Swindon Advertiser 04-08-1862.*

-We have been please to learn that the Right Honorable, The Earl of Radnor, has srnt a letter to the ccommittee of the Stratton St Margaret Reading Society and Library, in which his lordship expresses the pleasure it has given him to learn the society is accomplishing so large an amount of good. His lordship at the same time enclosed a cheque for £2 in aid of the funds of the society. *Swindon Advertiser 25-08-1862.*

-Concert in aid of Free Reading movement held at Crown Inn on Friday evening. *Swindon Advertiser 10-12-1866.*
Annual fete to fund Reading Rooms & Library in Vicarage fields on Thursday afternoon, and included a friendly Cricket Match between Kingsdown and Lechlade, which Kingsdown won. The 11th Wilts R.V.C. Band supplied the music. There were also a series of competitions including races & archery, the festivities finishing at 9 pm. *Swindon Advertiser 12-08-1867.*

-An Evening of entertainment in aid of Stratton Reading Rooms was held at Lower Stratton school on Friday last. *Swindon Advertiser 25-02-1882.*

During period 1901–1903 held Sport's Carnival on the Vicarage Field in Lower Stratton in conjunction with Stratton Cricket Club. The third year was held on June 27th starting at 2pm and there were various running event, putting the weight, throwing cricket ball, kicking football. Supported by Stratton Brass Band, The Upper Stratton Drum & Fife Band. Tea & Refreshments were provided by Ladies Committee. *Swindon Advertiser 19-06-1903.*

-Entertainment evening to raise funds for new reading room, held in Lower Stratton Mixed school. A very full programme was played and enjoyed by all. *Swindon Advertiser 01-03-1901.*

-The New Reading Rooms were opened by Colonel Archer on Saturday. It cost £80. *Swindon Advertiser 08-03-1901.*

-Sports Carnival at Stratton on 29th June on the Vicarage field. Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice opened the Carnival. Monies to go towards new Reading Rooms. There were 106 entries into the various races. There was a fair which continued into the evening. Forty children from the Workhouse were allowed to join the celebrations. Stratton Brass Band supplied the music. *Swindon Advertiser 05-07-1901.*

-To celebrate opening of reading rooms for the winter there was an evening of entertainment on Wednesday last. *Swindon Advertiser 04-10-1901.*

-Annual Meeting held on 12th March. Account balance £3 14s 11d. Decided to put £2 towards building fund, Annual dinner to be held on 16th April. *Swindon Advertiser 21-03-1902.*

-The Second Annual Sports Carnival was held on Saturday May 31st with advertised prizes of £12. Advert in *Swindon Advertiser 23-05-1902.*

-They also had a Ping Pong team, winning against Mr Kirsty Gardiner's team by 2½ points, *Swindon Advertiser 12-12-1902*, again winning return match against Mr Kirby Gardiners Team 184 to 160. *Swindon Advertiser 26-12-1902*, but not doing well against the Swindonian team, losing 7-1 *Swindon Advertiser 27-03-1903.*

-Last Saturday they held a friendly Whist evening at St Paul's Club winning by 10 to 5, and on Tuesday they beat Mr Kirby Gardner's team 5 to 4. *Swindon Advertiser 20-03-1903.*

-1902-3 season football team played 22 games only losing 5 and 3 were drawn, scoring 51 goals not being beaten at home. *Swindon Advertiser 08-05-1903.*

-Third Annual Fete was held in Vicarage Field. 27 June, Stratton Bass Band and Upper Stratton Boy's school Drum & Fife Band in attendance. Various handicap races were run. All funds in aid of the Reading Rooms. *Swindon Advertiser 03-07-1903*

-A evening of entertainment at the National School in aid of building fund last Saturday. A party from Swindon organised by Mr W H Bickman included singing, music, and a ventriloquist act. There was also a lantern show of pictures from the Boer War. *Swindon Advertiser 30-10-1903.*

The football team had had a good season having joined the North Wilts Church League last year, winning 16, losing 2 and 5 were drawn, scoring 78 goals and only conceding 26. *Swindon Advertiser 06-05-1904.*

Fourth Annual Fete was held in Vicarage Field on June 25th. Stratton Bass Band in attendance. Various handicap races were run along with fun events, there were 140 entries. All funds in aid of the Reading Rooms. *Swindon Advertiser 01-07-1904*

Friday evening last there was entertainment at the Mixed School in order to raise funds for the Football team. *Swindon Advertiser 17-02-1905.*

-Shooting match against Rodbourne Road Mechanic's Branch Shooting Club. Stratton lost over two legs, 462 to 505. *Swindon Advertiser 30-04-1909.*

Two recent Whist Drives had raised £2 15s 6½d. The billiards team lost 577 to 491 at the Mechanics Institute, the 2nd team losing 409 to 600. *North Wilts Herald 14-11-1924.*

Fancy Dress Dance held at Mixed school in aid of football team. Beat Shrivenham at ping-pong, 26 games to 5. They lost at Billiards to Highworth 535 to 533, and to Liberal Club 490 to 532. *North Wilts Herald 22-01-1926.*

Fete's to be held to look at paying £170 overdraft at bank. *North Wilts Herald 11-05-1934.*

On Wednesday, the annual whist drive was arranged by The Old Folks' Christmas Fund. 33 tables were occupied, Mrs. Foster was M.C. & Mrs Wildern handed out the prizes, Ladies, Mrs. Cox, men, Mr. C Williams. *North Wilts Herald 30-12-1938.*

Stratton Lodge of Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society

Stratton branch started in 1899 with 12 members.

First meeting of the century held on Monday 14th January at the Kingsdown Inn. Mr F Reeves was elected as master. The previous secretary Mr George Smith was presented with a fountain pen. After the meeting, the evening continued with singing. *Swindon Advertiser 01-02-1901.*

Annual supper held at The Kingsdown Inn on Saturday last. 45 sat down to well-spread tables, the room decorated with flags etc. Membership had increased by 470 and funds increased by around £5000. Sick pay benefits ranged from 5 to 30s per week. The evening finished with singing. *Swindon Advertiser 10-05-1901.*

The Third Annual Dinner was held at the Kingsdown Inn. The Wiltshire Society now had 400 members and £1000 annual contributions. Current balance was £6259. 1901 dividend was 14s 10p in the pound so one share of 15 years

standing was now £27 10s 6d. Stratton membership now 80. The evening was finished with a singsong. *Swindon Advertiser 16-05-1902.*

Monthly meeting held Monday last, Dr Muir added as surgeon, Dr Du Cane being senior surgeon. Seven Adults & 2 juniors were initiated. *Swindon Advertiser 10-04-1903.*

A Smoking Concert was held on Saturday last at the Kingsdown Inn in aid of the Banner fund. Dr M B Muir was in the chair. *Swindon Advertiser 23-10-1903.*

Grand Fete & Sports Day at Kingsdown to be on 11th June. *Swindon Advertiser 09-05-1904.*

Fifth Annual supper and smoking concert at The Kingsdown Inn on Saturday last. There were several toasts and songs. Mr Cheverall gave a talk on the society. *Swindon Advertiser 16-12-1904.*

A Fete & Sports day was to be held on June 10th at Kingsdown (Baileys Piece, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, entry 1s per race. George Smith & James Harvey were Honorary Secretaries. *Swindon Advertiser 26-05-1905.*

Annual outing to Shrivenham, around 170 attended leaving Kingsdown in 5 large brakes accompanied by Gorse Hill Brass band. Lunch & games were at the Barrington Arms Hotel. *Swindon Advertiser 03-09-1909.*

Six Annual Fete held at Bailey's Piece, Kingsdown. Members, junior members and Workhouse children attended, the children marching from The Crown Inn. There were plenty of running & cycling events, also a Women's washing competition. Prizes awarded by Mr W Athelstan Johnson, MVO.

Annual Outing was to Oakley Park, Cirencester, the party numbering 200 went in brakes supplied by Mr H Iles & Mr G Kembrey. After listening to the Stratton Band, they then walked in the park. This was followed by teas. Thanks, were given to the Fete's Committee for the arrangements. *Swindon Advertiser 02-09-1910.*

Annual Poultry Drive was held at the Reading Rooms. *North Wilts Herald 30-12-1938.*

Kingsdown Buffaloes

Meeting of 80 members, Bro. C W Nash presided. Work for distress of the poor was highlighted. Meeting followed by a musical programme. *North Wilts Herald 06-01-1933.*

Mothers Union

The Stratton Branch was formed in 1899, the first in North Wiltshire The two original enrolling members were Mrs Denton for Lower Stratton & Mrs Arkell for Upper Stratton. Other founder members were Mrs Morris, Mrs Carter, Mrs Ford, and Mrs Tuckwell. Members welcome Mrs. Ramsay, President of Bristol Mother's Union. Mrs. Santer, wife of vicar, is enrolled. *North Wilts Herald 19-09-1941.* At time of Golden Anniversary Celebrations Mrs Mortimer was treasurer and Mrs Nethercot the enrolling member. Their original banner, made by Mrs Sharpe, was of Madonna & child, this was replaced in 1994. A Centenary Celebration was held on May 6th, 1999.

Brass Band

The Band was extremely popular and is mentioned supplying support to many local gatherings.

A dinner took place at Crown Inn to raise funds for new uniforms. £6 was raised. *Swindon Advertiser 01-03-1901.*

On Wednesday 17th July they supported 'Vale of White Horse Foresters', annual fete at Beckett Park, Shrivenham. *Swindon Advertiser 19-07-1901.* Annual Concert held at Girls' school Upper Stratton Friday last. Programme arranged by Mr W Farr. *Swindon Advertiser 05-12-1902.*

Lifeboat Saturday 17th Sept, part of procession. *Swindon Advertiser 23-09-1904.*

Head the Shrivenham Annual Fete & Gala to Beckett Park. *Swindon Advertiser 01-07-1904.*

Led y Mr Clark the band lead the procession for the Shrivenham Annual Fete & Gala to Beckett Park. *Swindon Advertiser 14-07-1905.*

The attended the Wanborough Fete in August. *Swindon Advertiser 11-08-1905.*

They are mentioned leading the local Hospital parade in 1909 & 1910, under Mr A Clark.

Choral Union

A society was started in 1901 with Mr. Enoch Smith of Swindon their conductor. One of their first pieces was Romberg's Lay of the Bell. *Swindon Advertiser 13-12-1901.*

Stratton St Margaret & Kingsdown Horticultural Society.

The newly formed society held its first show in the Vicarage Grounds on Saturday. Prizes were given for, flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, with special prizes and an Amateur Gardeners prize. *Swindon Advertiser* 18-09-1908.

Upper Stratton Women's Liberal Federation

A meeting was held on 09-11-1910. The meeting was addressed by Mrs Martin, Western Counties Organiser, on the subject, 'What Liberals are doing,' on the progress since the days of the 'Wigs', *Swindon Advertiser* 11-11-1910.

Football Teams

Stratton St. Margaret, Stratton Boys, Kingsdown United, Stratton Star, Upper Stratton, Stratton Young Men's Friendly Society, Brickyard Rovers all had teams in 1890's. Stratton Rovers were represented in the 1891 setting up of the Swindon & District Football Cup. In the first final Swindon Town Reserves beat Stratton Rovers by 7 goals to 1. This became the Swindon & District League in 1894 and Rovers were joined by Stratton Young Men's Friendly Society. In 1898 Stratton Reform were playing in the Vale of White Horse League. 1899 saw Stratton Reading Rooms join league, 1901 and Lower Stratton Jubilee & Upper Stratton Night School teams are reported in local papers, West End United played Stratton Jubilee on 19th October, United eventually ran out winners 12 to nil. *Swindon Advertiser* 25-10-1901. By 1903 Reading Rooms also had a junior side. In 1909 The final of the Swindon Junior Cup on Sparkes Field, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill was won 5-2 by Stratton United over Temple Rovers. After WWI Stratton Park, Stratton Brotherhood (later called Stratton Argyle), and Stratton Reform, who for many years won Div. 1. Season 1921-2 saw Stratton Park join the league. By 1925 Stratton St. Philip, Stratton Athletic & Stratton British Legion had teams. After WWII a lot of teams had fallen away. 1960 saw Stratton Youth Club fielding their own team, Lower Stratton F.C. formed c.1967 and in 1975 a Young Meadowcroft was born, their player Colin Pike scored 60 goals one season. 1980's saw Stratton Eagles, Coleview United, Deloro Stellite, Pressed Steel and Jacobs Ladder teams start up. In 2000 there were pitches at Meadowcroft and Grange Leisure Centre and by 2017 there were 'All Weather' pitches at Grange Centre and Kingsdown School.

From 1981 to 2000's there was a Five-A-Side Schools Football Tournament, sponsored by Parish Council, Grange won 4 times, Ruskin 3 times, Nythe once, St Catherine's once and Colebrook 9 times.

In the papers.

1890 St Marks Juniors v. Stratton St Margaret – played at Stratton, the visitors being victorious by 1 goal to nil. *Citizen* 13-10-1890

The New Wesleyan Wanderer's were defeated on their own ground by Stratton Y.M.F.S. by five goals to two. *The Western Daily Press* 20-10-1890.

1901 Wednesday 27th April, Stratton Reform played Comrades on the Duke of Edinburgh ground at Gorse Hill in the Final of the J.J.Brown Cup, Reform won 3-0. On the following Monday they beat Ferndale 2-0 in the final of the Advertiser Cup.

Challow Swifts v Stratton Star – played at Challow with home team winning 4 to 2. *Swindon Advertiser* 18-10-1901.

1902 Division 1 Stratton Jubilee lost to Swindon Athletic 4-3. *Swindon Advertiser* 19-09-1902. Stratton Jubilee drew with Cirencester Railway 1 all, and Stratton Star lost to Stafford United 4-2. *Swindon Advertiser* 31-10-1902. Stratton Jubilee lost to Wootton Bassett Town 5-1 having lost two players early on in game *Swindon Advertiser* 07-11-1902.

Stratton Star beat Wootton Bassett Star 5-1. *Swindon Advertiser* 07-11-1902. And then drew 3 all with Swindon Victoria *Swindon Advertiser* 14-11-1902.

1903 Corinthians beat Stratton Star 5-1 *Swindon Advertiser* 30-01-1903. Lower Stratton Jubilee season 1902-3, after issues with the Wootton Bassett game the team resigned from the league only playing a couple of friendlies. *Swindon Advertiser* 08-05-1903.

Reading Rooms lost 4-1 to Christchurch. Barnes of Christchurch & Hill of Stratton were sent off. *Swindon Advertiser* 14-10-1903.

Swindon Victoria drew 3 all with Stratton Reading Rooms. *Swindon Advertiser* 30-10-1903.

Stratton Reading Rooms drew with Swindon Town Workmen 2-2. *Swindon Advertiser* 13-11-1903.

Stratton St Margaret beat Chippenham St Andrew 3-2. Stratton team: S Lans (goal), Thorne & Reeves (backs, Lay & Day (half backs), Mulcock, Iles, Cox, Warre & Furbey (forwards). *Swindon Advertiser* 20-11-1903.

Reading Rooms beat Swindon St. Pauls 1-0, the Saints lost their temper and one lad was fortunate not to be reported. *Swindon Advertiser* 04-12-1903.

Reading Rooms beat Swindon St. John's 6-1. Team: S Lane (goal, D Sumbler & W Reeves (backs), E Smith, E Lay & W Thorne (half backs), G Cox, B Warren, G Furby, T Mulcock & W Iles (forwards). *Swindon Advertiser 25-12-1903*.

Chisledon beat Stratton Rovers 1-0, *Swindon Advertiser 25-04-1904*.

Reading Rooms drew with Swindon St Pauls. *Swindon Advertiser 13-05-1904*.

Christ Church beat Stratton 4-1, the game becoming enough after Stratton went 2 down *Swindon Advertiser 14-10-1904*.

Swindon Athletic Juniors beat Stratton Star 4-1. *Swindon Advertiser 09-12-1904*.

Div. 1 Stratton United beat Engineers 3-1. *Swindon Advertiser 08-11-1910*.

Cricket Teams

Stratton Nythe, Upper Stratton, and Stratton Reform played around turn of 19th Century. Plessey Cavaliers played on the Old Sports Ground, Upper Stratton from 1960's until around 2000.

31st July 1866, Stratton played Cricklade at Cricklade, Stratton finally winning by 6 wickets. A dinner was provided afterwards at The White Hart Inn. *Swindon Advertiser 06-08-1866*

Kingsdown C.C. held a single wicket competition on 12th August won by J Davis with 16 runs. *Swindon Advertiser 19-08-1867*.

St. Mary's Choir XI v. Stratton Sy. Margaret Y.M.F.S. XI on Saturday, the choristers won by an innings and 18 runs. *Citizen 23-9-1889*.

Swindon Y.M.F.S. v. Stratton St. Margaret at Stratton, the home team winning by 54 runs against 37. HITCHES bowled well and HUNT batted finely for winners. *Citizen 18-8-1890*.

Annual meeting at Vicarage. Dr Muir took the chair. Club received/spent £4 18s last year. Elections – President Rev Burgess, Captain Rev Morgan. First match arranged for 11th May. *Swindon Advertiser 19-04-1901*.

Stratton Cricket Club were looking for matches. *Swindon Advertiser 17-01-1902*.

Annual meeting held at vicarage on Monday last. Rev R H B Morgan elected as captain. Last years matches won 7 lost 4 drew 1. *Swindon Advertiser 28-03-1902*.

Annual meeting held at Mixed school on Thursday. Dr Muir elected as captain. G.W.R. Cricket club had offered to play 1st game of season on the new ground. Last season, 12 games, 6 won and 3 drawn. *Swindon Advertiser 13-03-1903*.

First match of season against Single Team started with a win. *Swindon Advertiser 02-05-1902*.

Stratton v Haydon C.C. was a win for Haydon by 30 runs. *Swindon Advertiser 29-05-1903*.

Annual meeting at Mixed School. Balance of £5 from last year. Rev. C F Burgess captain. Full set of fixtures for coming year will need new tackle and groundsman for pitch improvements., *Swindon Advertiser 01-04-1904*.

20th May at Stratton, Wroughton batted first and scored 28, Hack & Muir taking all the wickets, Stratton then scored 67 in their innings. *Swindon Advertiser 26-05-1905*.

3rd June at Wroughton, Wroughton batted first and scored 61. Stratton scored 71 and won. *Swindon Advertiser 09-06-1905*.

Cirencester Abbey 70, Stratton Reading Rooms 38. Reading Rooms A. Stone, 10; A. Day, 10; Pouting 1 for 12; Powell 1 for 22. *Cheltenham Chronicle 08-08-1931*.

Swindon Wednesday v Stratton. Stratton batted first and scored 148 for 4, J Pugh scoring 82 not out. Wednesday 79 for 5. *Swindon Advertiser 01-09-1905*.

Wroughton v Stratton – Wroughton batted first and scored 108 for 6, Stratton did not do so well and were bowled out for 43. *Swindon Advertiser 23-07-1909*.

Quiots Club,

Match on 20th July between Wroughton and Stratton. Stratton won by 138 to 109.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET.

QUOITS.—A quoit match was played at Stratton on Saturday last between the Wroughton and Stratton St. Margaret Clubs, resulting in a win for the home team by 29 points. The following are the full scores :—

WROUGHTON.		STRATTON.	
J. Morse	21	A. Dunn	18
W. Seager	13	H. Dyke	21
J. Maul	6	R. Osman	21
M. Goddard.....	7	G. Smith	21
E. J. Morse	21	W. Clissold	13
F. Bridges	15	F. Orchard	21
J. Cook	5	J. Roach	21
F. Cook	21	D. Hale	2
	109		138

Swindon Advertiser 26-07-1901.

Match 24 August Princess Club & Stratton at Princess Club, Swindon. Stratton won 166 to 100. *Swindon Advertiser 30-08-1901.*

Annual outing to Avebury on 7th September. Left at 7:30, lunch was at Red Lion, at 1:30 they went on to Marlborough and a hot dinner was supplied at Jolly Butcher. Arriving home at 9 o'clock. *Swindon Advertiser 13-09-1901.*

Match 29 Sept against Cirencester Watermoor. Stratton won 147 to 108. *Swindon Advertiser 04-10-1901.*

Annual Supper at Crown Hotel, 70 sat down to a cold collation, provided by Host J Linsell. Mr F Pace presided. Mr A Thorne captain & Mr F Bailey secretary. Club had won 11 of their 12 games last season. The evening finished with prizegiving. *Swindon Advertiser 08-11-1901.*

Match at 04-07-1902 against Cricklade, Stratton won 98 to 74. Team – W Clissold, G Smith, R Osman, W Roach, J Linsell, A Thorn, C Keene & E Bizley. *Swindon Advertiser 11-07-1902.*

The match against Cirencester Saturday last was rained off with Stratton leading 47 to 20. *Swindon Advertiser 08-08-1902.*

The annual outing of the above Club took place on Saturday last, when about 30 members and friends met at headquarters, and, after being photographed, a start was made for Hungerford, passing through Wanborough on to Aldbourne, leaving Littlecote House on the right, then through Chilton. Hungerford being reached at 11-30 a.m... A stroll about the quaint old town soon brought dinner time. A capital hot dinner was supplied by Mr Osmond, of the "Bear" Hotel, in his well-known style, to which full justice was done by the party after their long drive. Mr Ellis made a most genial chairman, and the toast list being short there was time for several songs. Mr Linsell, the popular host of the Club, added to the enjoyment by having the glasses refilled and cigars handed round. After inspecting a proposed new quoit pitch, and being shown through the gardens by the proprietor, a move was made for Marlborough, where a stop was made for tea and other refreshments. Leaving at 6-30 p.m., Ogbourne, Chisledon and Badbury were safely passed, and home was reached shortly after 9 p.m., each one of the party having spent a most pleasant day in what was to most of them a new part of the County. The weather was all that could be desired, and the arrangement made by a small Committee were carried out without a hitch, and the general wish was expressed that similar outing will take place on many future occasions. Mr H Iles, of Stratton, conveyed the party in his two well-appointed brakes. *Swindon Advertiser 12-09-1902*

Quoits Club arranged a masquerade parade on Saturday, in aid of Swindon Victoria Hospital. The procession assembled in a field by the station, supplied by Mr W H Jukes, and led by Stratton Brass Band in a brake lent by Mr H Iles. The procession included decorated carts and started off at 3:30. Prizes were given for best decorated cart, horseman, donkey, cycle, and individual fancy dress. There was then a smoking concert in the evening. *Swindon Advertiser 26-09-1902.* After costs they sent £3 8s 8d to the hospital. *Swindon Advertiser 03-10-1902.*

Annual supper at Crown Inn, 70 members attended, menu consisted of boiled beef, tongue, mutton and roast sparerib. There followed a few songs and the final speeches including that Stratton had won all their games this season. There were a few more songs and the prizes Mr A Williams collecting 1st. *Swindon Advertiser 28-11-1902.*

Annual handicap competition held at Crown Inn was won by Mr Abner Thorne, club captain, for the second time. *Swindon Advertiser 04-10-1910.*

A farewell dinner was held last Saturday for Mr Ben Jordan, club member and chauffeur to J. C. Charters of Stratton House, they are leaving for south of France due to the masters illness. 30 to 40 attended. The evening continued with songs. Mr Jordan said he had enjoyed his time in Stratton. *Swindon Advertiser 11-11-1910*.
Annual dinner held at The Crown Inn last Saturday, with a group of about 40. *Swindon Advertiser 22-12-1910*.

Upper Stratton Working Men's Reform Club,

51 then 143 Kingsdown Road, finally 136 Beechcroft Road.

Rates in 1924 were £12/10/10d. They were responsible for a lot of the sports groups in the area, football, cricket, darts, skittles.

Secretary/Stewards:

- 1895 Israel C Kemble
- 1898 - 1903 George Crane (secretary)
- 1901 George Boiler (steward)
- 1909 -1911 William Merchant (steward)
- 1915-1918 Albert Dawes (secretary)
- 1928 H A Bown (steward)
- 1930 Albert Ernest Dawey (secretary)
- 1948 - 1951 E A Dawes
- 1950's Mr Church (steward)
- 1961 Leslie R Woods
- 1970 Harold J Cheesley

Closed 2018.

Skittle Club – They played Percy Street in the Semi-finals of District Clubs Skittle Cup, captained by W Iles, it was a close fought match, Stratton finally winning with 185 pins, they are to play Queensfield in the final. *Swindon Advertiser 17-01-1902*. On Saturday last the members had their annual outing, making Windsor their rendezvous. Going by the 9.20a.m. in two reserved compartments (kindly placed at their disposal by the Station Master, Mr J Brewer), they arrived at Windsor at 10.40a.m. The Liberal Club was visited, and their appetites appeased. Afterwards some of the party went for a row on the river, while others visited the Royal stables. To the Barracks was their next move and through the kindness of the officers, a good tour round was taken. After partaking of the hospitality shown them, the members kept up their integrity as being one of the champion skittle teams, but cheese balls were not in their line. Arriving back at Reading at 7.37 p.m., night sculling was next on the programme, and to judge by the memento which was brought back they were well rewarded. Leaving Reading at 9.10 p.m., the Reform Club was reached at 10.40 p.m., and after giving three cheers for the excellent manner in which Mr J Roberts and Mr F Pullen had discharged their duties as secretary and treasurer respectively, the company dispersed. It is intended to hold the next outing to Weymouth, and it is hoped all lovers of skittles will join this excellent Club, so as to ensure a great success. *Swindon Advertiser 12-09-1902*.

Week ending 16-10-1902 they beat The Cycle Club 213 to 207. *Swindon Advertiser 24-10-1902*.

Week ending 24-01-1903 they beat Gorse Hill 194 to 164 *Swindon Advertiser 30-01-1903*.

Outing on 12-09-1904 to Broadtown Brewery, Broad Hinton. They left at 9:30 and Messrs & Miss Hart made them welcome. They visited the brewery and sat down to a dinner at 3.30 p.m. They returned home arriving at 9:30. *Swindon Advertiser 18-09-1904*.

Match on 2nd January against Ferndale Road, numbering 18 a side, Reform won by 12 pins, after there was a supper for 50 and Stratton Brass band played. *Swindon Advertiser 08-01-1909*

Annual outing to Marlow-on-Thames, leaving at 5:45 a.m. and catching 6:30 a.m. train, saloon provided by Mr C Kislingbury, Divisional Superintendent. They took breakfast at Reading then proceeded to the river, arriving Henley at 11:30, then proceeding to Marlow, arriving at 1:30. They then had refreshments at Wargrave, re-joining their saloon they returned to Swindon, arriving at 10:10 p.m. Hearty vote of thanks to organising committee. *Swindon Advertiser 03-09-1909*.

Skittles.

There were also Upper & Lower Stratton Skittle clubs. On Oct 19, 1901 Lower Stratton lost to Ashford Road 170 to 201 and Upper Stratton beat Morris Street 187 to 162. *Swindon Advertiser 25-10-1901*. Lower Stratton beat Cycle Club by one pin. *Swindon Advertiser 29-11-1901*.

Division A West Swindon beat Lower Stratton 200-193, Division B Ashford Road beat Upper Stratton 213-199. *Swindon Advertiser 10-10-1902*.

Division A Rodbourne Road beat Lower Stratton 222 to 206, Division B Central beat Upper Stratton 165 to 150. *Swindon Advertiser 05-12-1902*.

Division A Conservatives beat Stratton Reform 207-194, Division B Lower Stratton beat Ashford Road 214-195. *Swindon Advertiser 23-10-1903*.

Division B Stratton Reform beat Percy Street 184-176. *Swindon Advertiser 24-02-1905*.

Division A Bridge Street beat Stratton Jubilee 169-168. Division B Cycle Club beat Stratton Reform 215-193. *Swindon Advertiser 03-03-1905*.

Division A Stratton Jubilee beat Purton 193-192. Division B Stratton Reform beat Ashford Road 221-191. *Swindon Advertiser 10-03-1905*.

Division A Stratton Jubilee beat North Swindon 211-157. Division B Prospect beat Stratton Reform 174-169. *Swindon Advertiser 17-03-1905*.

C.I.U. Knockout cup, Stratton Reform beaten by Ferndale Road 191 to 188. *North Wilts Herald 07-03-1941*

Austin Rover Caravan and Camping Club

This club was formed in 1971 by employees of the Pressed Steel factory, it later merged with other local factories and became Swindon Caravan and Camping Club.

Coleview Community Centre, Nythe Road

Built in 1980 the centre is for public group hire and has a separate members bar.

Stratton Churchway Bowls Club, SN3 4JY

Originally the Reading Rooms Bowls Club, permission was granted by the Vicar of St. Margaret's Church to lay a bowling green on the Vicarage Field in 1929. A clubhouse was built in 1931 and a lady's section being added in 1934. A new clubhouse built in 1962 and the green was extended to 6 rinks in 1969, in 1983 they purchased a large sectional building obtained from the M.O.D. (believed to be from the Crimea. The latest Clubhouse and Changing rooms were built in 2012/13 with help from Parish Council and a Lottery Grant.

Stratton St Margaret Royal British Legion, St Phillips Road

The 1924 Remembrance Service met at the Boundary House, with Prospect Prize Band leading in procession to St. Margaret's church. There was also a special service at St. Phillip's in the evening. *North Wilts Herald 14-11-1924*.

Land was purchased and a Hall erected in 1927 at a cost of £550, representing the number of Stratton men who fought in the great war, it was believed 64 gave their lives. Captain J G Arkell laid the stone with Major General T O P Calley and Rev E V Rees, along with several other British Legion dignitaries. *North Wilts Herald 23-09-1927*.

Saturday night dances start at the new hall. *North Wilts Herald 14-09-1928*.

At the monthly meeting it was reported that £38 had been raised at the Annual Fete, Wroughton Methodist Band will lead the Armistice Day parade from the Hall to St Margaret's church. *North Wilts Herald 14-09-1928*.

Annual dinner at The Crown, J Graham Arkell, president. *North Wilts Herald 01-02-1935*.

Social evening by Legion & Home Guard in Hall on Saturday, music by 'The Three Georges'. *North Wilts Herald 07-03-1941*.

The latest building was constructed by Wilcon in 1971.

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group, Taylor Crescent

Originally started by Charles Hoble, curate at St Margaret's, around 1910 it was one of the first and largest scout groups in the country, using an old log cabin in Green Road. They are mentioned joining the Annual Hospital

Parade in *Swindon Advertiser 12-10-1910*. After was they were given piece of land in Ermin Street and used a Missen gut, this was replaced in 1970's finally moving to their current location.

Girl Guides group at St Margaret's church hall.

1928 leader was Mrs. Rennie

1940 – Fundraiser Sale opened by Mrs. Patten. £13 raised. *North Wilts Herald 18-10-1940*.

No. 2003 Stratton Air Training Cadets

There has been an Air Cadet unit in the Stratton area since the 1950's. When the Unit was first formed it was as 1244 (Upper Stratton) Detached Flight, with Commanding Officer Flight Lieutenant Keith Head RAF, at that time they were an extension of the Swindon unit. They then became the 992 (Upper Stratton) Detached Flight, after being attached to Malmesbury Squadron, and 878 (Upper Stratton) Detached Flight as part of the Highworth unit. Finally, on 1st January 2003, they became an independent unit, 2003 (Stratton) Squadron.

Boys Brigade, Upper Stratton Baptist Church

Women's Institutes. There have been 3 over the years. (The Women's Institute movement was founded in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada by Adelaide Hoodless in 1897)

The weekly Women's United League Meeting, was held at Lower Stratton, Madam Dockray presided, Mrs. Trueman gave an address on 'Others.' *North Wilts Herald 03-096-1932*.

Miss F Vincent conducted the service of the Christian Endeavour Anniversary on Sunday. *North Wilts Herald 03-096-1932*.

At Women's United League Meeting on Tuesday, Mrs Tooze gave an address on 'Perseverance'. Mrs L A Iles presided. *North Wilts Herald 25-05-1934*.

Annual meeting of Women's United League elected Mrs. Sparkes as president and Mrs B Farmer as secretary. *North Wilts Herald 24-01-1936*.

Stratton St Margaret Women's Institute

In 1936 The Ladies choir, led by Mr. E. Hill, competed at the Cheltenham Festival. *The Gloucestershire Echo 22-05-1936*.

In 1937 The Ladies choir, led by Mr. E. Hill, competed at Bath for the Mid-Somerset Choral Festival., finishing in 2nd place in the Challenge Trophy. *The Western Daily Press 14-06-1937*.

In 1939 they came 3rd. *Bath Weekly Chronicle 20-05-1939*.

The collection for St. Dunstan's made £12 2s 11d. Collectors were Mrs. S Church, Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Barnes, and Mrs. Robinson. *North Wilts Herald 05-09-1941*.

Upper Stratton Women's Institute Created in 1946.

1949, 26th May. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Lower Stratton Women's Institute, held at the Institute. Mrs Miller the president was in the chair at which resolutions for the forthcoming annual general meeting were discussed. It was decided that the parcel of tinned food sent from Australia will be held over for use at the annual social. There was also a demonstration on smocking and a game about advertisements. (from Wiltshire Gazette)

1950, 5th Dec: Mrs. Hayward, builder of Stratton, presented plans for the proposed new Women's Institute Hall at a meeting of the Upper Stratton Women's Institute in the Kingsdown Inn club room. Members agreed that he was to be instructed to proceed with the work. Mr. F Mason and Mrs. B A Clack were appointed trustees. (from Evening Advertiser)

1951, Potato & parsnip classes without a single entry reflected the vagaries of the season at the seventh annual show on Saturday. *Wiltshire Times 08-09-1951*.

1996, 50th Anniversary and booklet produced.

2004, 7th November Hall in Dores Road destroyed by fire.

Now closed.

Ermin Street Women's Institute

Is the youngest and started around 1966, they meet at Church Hall last Thursday evening each month.

Upper Stratton Silver Threads

1958, 25th May: Upper Stratton Silver Threads was entertained at their weekly meeting in the Women's Institute Hall in Lechlade by a choir and a skiffle groups made up of members of the Lechlade Silver Threads. They were conducted by the vicar the Rev C Gurnhill. About 120 members attended.

St. John Ambulance – Upper Stratton Branch.

In Stratton from at least 1947. During 1970's and 80's the ambulance was kept in Pressed Steel factory.

Crown Inn Benefit Society.

The members of this old established society celebrated their anniversary on Thursday last. From the balance sheet, read by the secretary (Mr. Habgood), it appears that the society had paid out to sick members during the year £95 3s.; for funeral expenses of three members £12 4s; surgeon's fees £12 4s; expenses of annual meeting £17 17s 4d; leaving a dividend of 1s 6d for each member. The sick relief was distributed between 22 of the members, two of whom had been on the books for several, years. The society has a reserve fund of £74 18s., which has been principally made up of hon. Members donations and members fines for non-attendance. After marching round the village, the members attended divine service in the parish church, and listened with much attention to a very instructive discourse delivered by the Rev. H. P. Chesshire. At half-past one a capital dinner was provided for them in the clubroom by host DeBanks, to which full justice was done. Mr. John Arkell presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. P. Chesshire, Dr. Griffith, Mr. J Davis, Mr. T. East, Mr. T. Turner, Mr. Jeeves, Mr. E. Barnes, Mr. Brunsdon, Mr. J. Dix, Mr. W. H. Pope, and others. After dinner a number of toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and some capital speeches made by gentlemen present. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Day and Mr. Archer, two good supporters of the club, and an earnest hope expressed that the latter gentleman might soon recover his health. In the evening, the members again formed in procession, headed by the Wroughton Brass Band, and perambulated the village, after they returned to the club room, where a most pleasant evening was spent. *Swindon Advertiser 07-06-1869.*

Stratton St Margaret Perfect Thrift Building Society.

Started in 1891.

24-04-1901 - Meeting chaired by Mr E Hoddinott. Ballot held and No. 169 was draw, Mr S L Bailey of Upper Stratton, thereby entitling him to £200 interest free loan for 16 years. *Swindon Advertiser 26-04-1901.*

Tenth Annual Report – held at Lecture Hall, Mechanic's Institute, Edward Hoddinott, chairman. 200 new shares taken up by 80 members. Subscriptions of £676 5s, repayments of £283 19s received and £850 given in safe loans. The ballot for £200 16-year interest free loan went to Mr. W. J. Crooker. *Swindon Advertiser 13-09-1901.*

Advert – Investments weekly, monthly, or quarterly, of £5 upwards, 3 months call at 4%. Profits divided annually, Advances by Ballot free of interest, free ballot in case of death as insurance. *Swindon Advertiser 05-09-1902 & 24-10-1902.*

12th Annual Meeting held at Mechanic's Institute, Mr E Hoddinott presided. 280 shares had been issued and there were 120 new members, making £1030 in subscriptions, repayments received £1229. A 3% dividend was paid. *Swindon Advertiser 18-09-1903.*

Annual Meeting held on 14th September at Mechanic's Institute, Mr R Hoddinott in the chair. A lot of the new members had come from outside the area. Due to increase in membership the secretary's salary was increased from £52 to £72 per year. £2000 was being held over to build up the funds. The ballot was held and no. 104, Mr J W Goldsmith of High Street, Swindon, and is now intitled £200 interest free for 16 years and Mr William Batt of Bridge Street, £100. *Swindon Advertiser 16-09-1904.*

Lower Stratton Gymnastic Society.

Founded by Mrs. J. Hext.

Display held at Upper Stratton church hall. Prizes presented by Mrs. Darling, wife of local doctor.

Senior Girls: 1 Edith Butcher, 2 Winnie Lewis, 3 Ena Bye, 4 Muriel Heard, 5 Joyce Wollard.

Junior Girls: 1 Marjorie Pauling, 2 Olive Farmer, 3 Joan Skull, 4 Betty Hatherall.

Novice Class: 1 Vera Waite, 2 Joan Titchener.

Boys: 1 Leslie Whitfield, 2 Noel Butcher, 3 James Radway, 4 Roy Whatley.

North Wilts Herald 20-04-1934.