



Bow Brickhill School Diary Entries -

From Milton Keynes Heritage Association: Bow Brickhill

March 1914 - 9 Children excluded for verminous heads.

September 1914 - A water supply has been put in the school.

September 1915 - Three children taken to the Work-house today owing to their neglected and verminous condition. Case adjourned pending the arrest of the Mother, who has disappeared.

November 1916 - Outbreak of Scarlet Fever.

November 1917 - Lantern Lecture at the Picture Palace.

1917 - 1918 - an emphasis on food growing such as "Victory Potato Plots".

March 1918 - 20 poles of ground cultivated with potatoes - 16 bushels produced. 860 lbs of blackberries gathered for Army and Navy jam making.

March 1919 - 10 poles of potatoes cultivated, 9 bushels produced.

Notes:

1 pole = 16.5 feet long, a measure of land. Allotments are still measured and paid for in this way and one small allotment is 1 pole: the school had a lot of land.

1 bushel = unit of volume

1 lb = 1 pound of weight (about 500 g)

Glossary:

Verminous: they have head lice, so they had to be treated before coming in.

Work-house: a place where adults and children were taken to be fed and clothed by charity, instead of begging on the streets.

Lantern lecture: like a slideshow, but using glass plate photos and a projector.