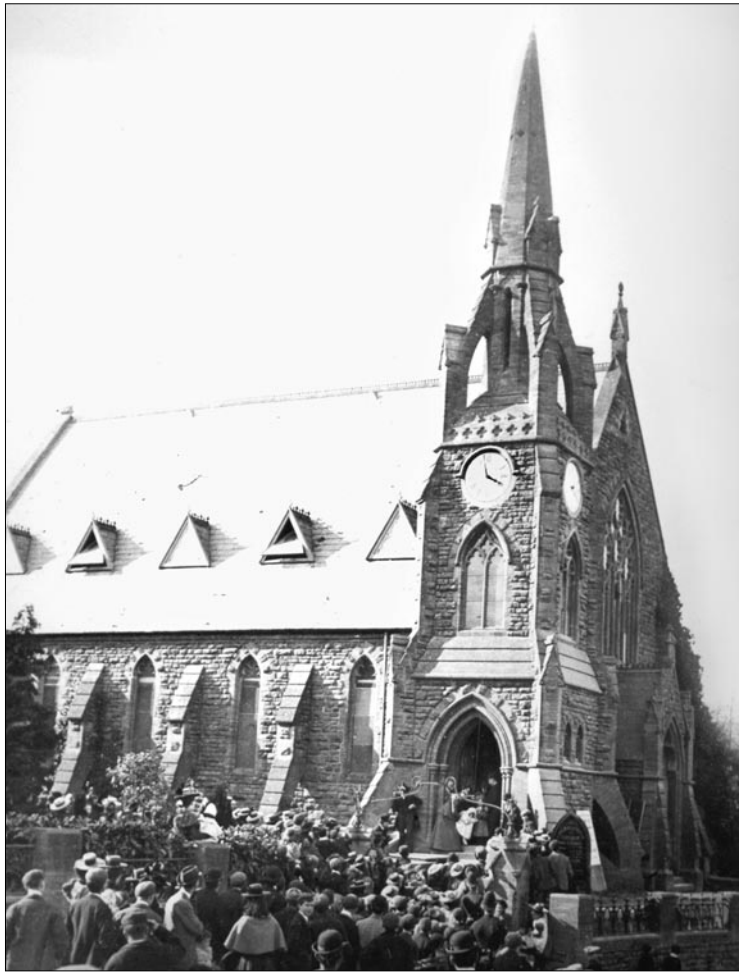


## *Village Events*



The clock was installed in April 1898 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The funds for the clock were raised by public subscription in six months, and the eldest granddaughter of Richard Southcombe (one of the founder members of the Congregational Church) cut the ribbon. The clock has since been repaired in 1990 and cleaned in 1998. Note the windows in the roof of the church have now gone.





*Above:*  
Stoke Fair held outside the Fleur de Lis c1890-94. The Fair was traditionally held on the 25th April on Ham Hill. In the early 1900s it moved to Shelves, where the last fair was held in the 1950s.



Ham Hill rock for sale..... at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations held in the grounds of Brocks Mount 1897. The gentleman on the right is William Tucker.



Problems with the mail, working under difficulties! Stoke Post Office, 10th October 1905.  
*Left to right:* Mr Hall, Mr Jacobs and Mr Taylor.



Indian Club Group date c1912  
*Rows left to right. Top row:* 1. Mildred Taylor 2. Lena Chant 3. Donna Guppy 4. Retta Shoemark  
*2nd row:* 1. Emme Murley 2. Lily Brooks 3. Linda Baker *3rd row:* 1. Kate Hallett 2. Rose Trotman.





Maypole Dancers, Stoke under Ham Fete 1923.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. .... 2. Miss Durrant 3. Gwen Tate 4. Gertie Tucker 5. Muriel Welsh 6. Eva Tulk 7. Beattie Shoemark 8. Joyce Read 9. .... 10. Bertha Murley 11. Chrissie Welsh  
**2nd row:** 1. Olive Gunn 2. Kath Sweet 3. Joyce Palmer 4. Rhoda Smith 5. .... 6. Eileen Palmer 7. Ivy George 8. Addie Trotman 9. Win Minchington  
**3rd row:** 1. .... 2. .... 3. .... 4. Olga Male 5. Winnie White.



Fire at Brocks Mount, Stoke, March 21st 1930, when the front part of the house was destroyed. By a strange coincidence the owner of the house who lived at Frome, died the same day without any knowledge of the fire. The fire brigade from Martock promptly arrived and fought the fire for 5 hours.



1934 Carnival Procession at Stoke Cross. Note old signpost when the road through Stoke was the A3088 and the main road to Yeovil.



One of the first airborne pleasure flights from Stoke. The plane, an Avro 504K is ready to take off from a field nr. Norton Road. Ham Hill can be seen in the background. Florrie Foan flew in this aircraft on the 13th April, 1930, a 5 minute spin cost 5 shillings.





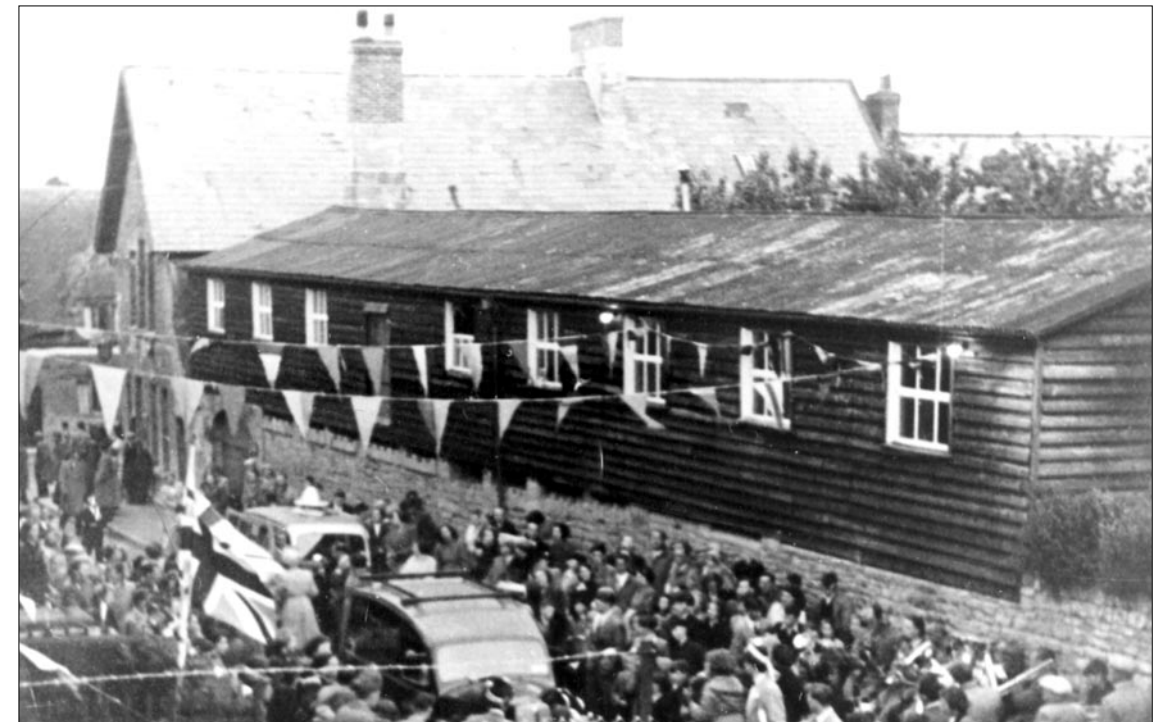
J.H. Walters 'Windmill' Carnival Float c 1937/38.

**Rows left to right. Standing:** 1. Olive White 2. Maud Thorne. **Sitting:** 1. Vera Clapp 2. Ethel Marsh 3. Emme Hoskins 4. Eileen Wilkinson 5. Phil Drayton 6. Molly Morgan 7. Betty Stead.



Ham Hill Stone Works Outing, Dartmouth April 1955.

**Rows left to right:** 1. .... 2. Charlie Pittard 3. Bob Ellis 4. Dave Mann 5. Ron Hawkins 6. Percy Pittard 7. Mike Welsh 8. Alan Court 9. .... 10. Harry Gold (tall man) 11. Bob McMillan 12. .... 13. Ken Bussell 14. .... 15. .... (dark suit) 16. Jim Vincent 17. Eddie Abbott 18. Pete Reynold 19. Bern Grinter 20. Arthur Say 21. Ted Holmes (Manager) 22. Alan Montacute.



A procession... driving past the ex-army wooden huts belonging to Stoke Club, officially opened by the Prince of Wales in 1923. These caught fire in August 1956 and were replaced with a stone building.



Fire at Stoke Working Men's Club, August 1956. Martock and Yeovil Fire Brigades attended but could not save the wooden building containing the billiard room, skittle alley and beer store. It was reported that the noise of bottles exploding sounded like gunfire!



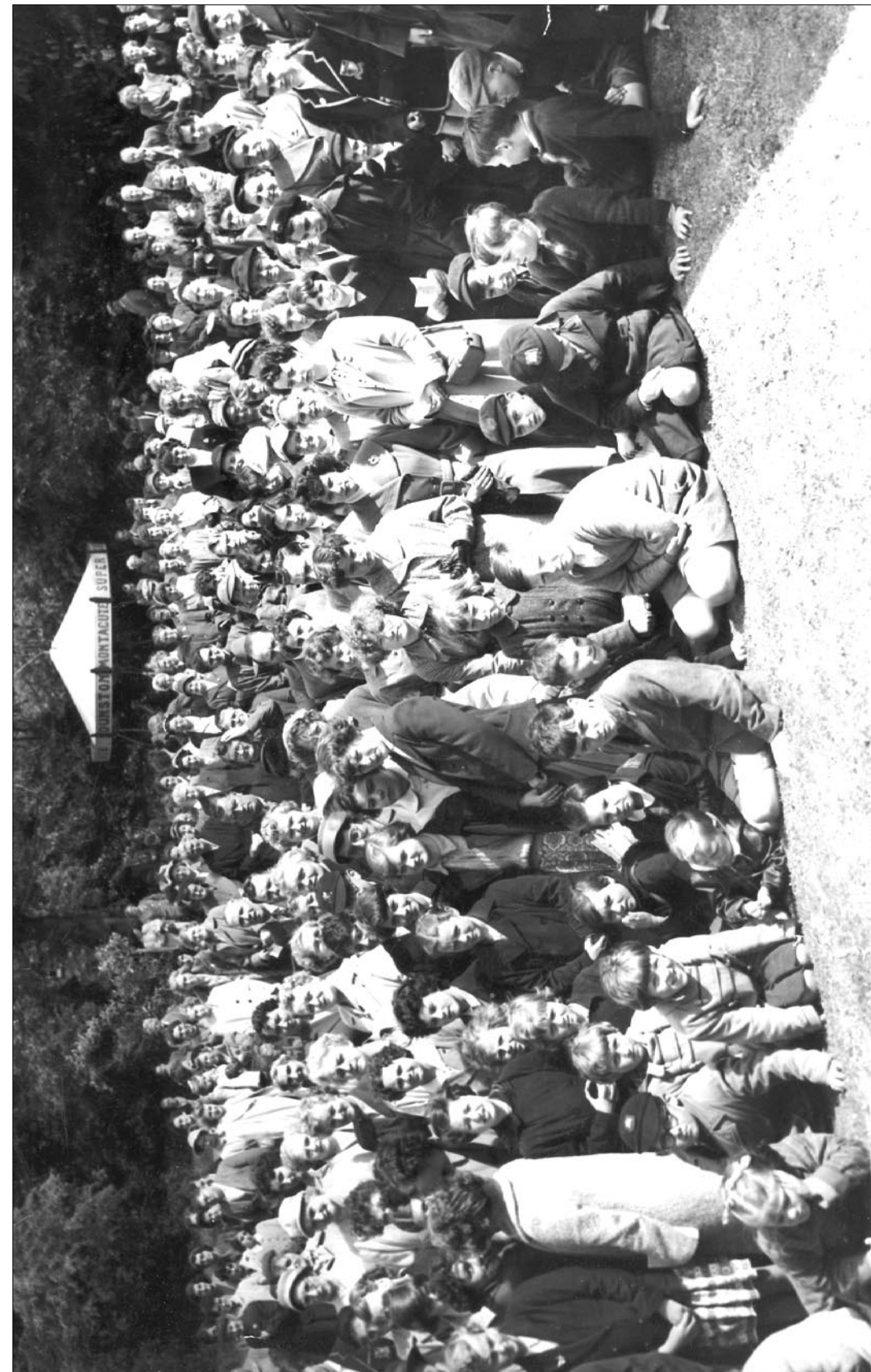


The 'Barber's Outing' visiting the New Forest about 1955/56, so called because it was an annual all men's outing organised by the local barber, Norman (Stumpy) Hallet. **Left to right. Top row:** 1. Billy Palmer (hat) 2. .... 3. Harold Richards 4. Vernon Richards 5. Bob Deer **2nd row:** 1. Lyn Nelms 2. Lloyd Raison 3. Jack Thomas 4. Reg Hallet 5. Ted Benjafield 6. .... 7. Donald Martin 8. Shep Gregory 9. Dick Osborne (driver) **3rd row, from middle:** 1. Reg Gosney (pipe) 2. Harold Caller 3. .... 4. Alan Richards 5. Lionel Little **4th row:** 1. .... 2. .... (dark suit) 3. Tom Neville (hat) 4. Bert Davis 5. Doug Swaine 6. Joe Rice (cap) 7. Norman Chant (hat) 8. Seymour Palmer (glasses) 9. Will Hawkins 10. .... 11. Ed Swain 12. Harry Trott **5th row:** 1. Philip Perkins 2. Cecil Hamlin 3. Norman Hallett 4. Ken Pollard 5. Ray Jackson.



May 1998 Half Moon Inn, 24hr Charity Pool Marathon

**Left to right:** 1. Candy Macarress 2. Bob Mitchum 3. Barry Caines 4. Bill Griffiths (ex-landlord of the Half Moon 1968-1980) 5. Neil Stewart (Landlord) 6. Lyndon Yates 7. Ann Stewart (Landlady) 8. Mike Clark 9. Des Watts.

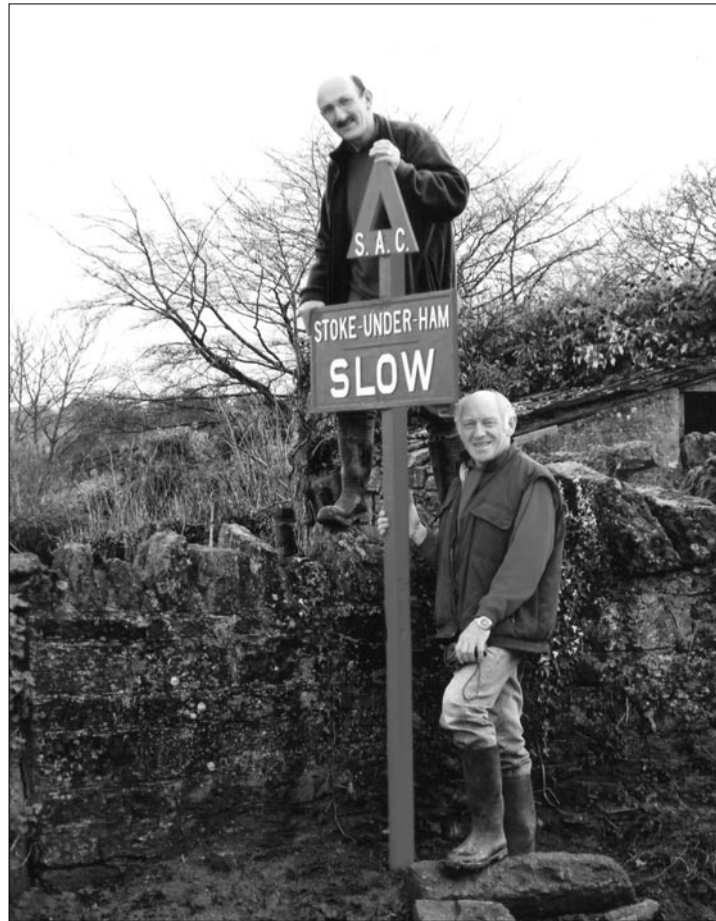


Stoke Village Fete 1957, held in the grounds of Brocks Mount. Who do you know in this picture?



Somerset Automobile Club  
Stoke-under-Ham sign  
in North Street, erected  
in 1907. Renovated in  
1999 by members of  
Stoke sub Hamdon  
History Group.

*Left to right:*  
Derek Coward and  
Norman Patch.



The unveiling of the  
Commemorative Stone at  
Queens Crescent, Stoke,  
1st January 2000, by  
Mrs Mabel Caller who is  
Stoke's oldest inhabitant  
being 103 years in 2003.  
Also planted at the same  
time a capsule containing  
many items, among them  
Millennium mug number 1,  
a pair of Southcombe's  
gloves, saved onto CD work  
from the History Group,  
Village Newsletters, the  
Electoral roll, current  
coinage, postage stamps, two  
Royal crystal glasses, a  
bottle of champagne and the  
Millennium Quilt Book.