



# The Western Gazette

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**1900 A Good Buy**

Some seventy years ago, Lady Arundell of Wardour, the mother of the present peer, invested £5 in a small picture of the Madonna which struck her fancy when she was in Rome. She presented it to Stonyhurst College in Lancashire. Little was thought of the picture for some time, till the discovery was made that it was painted by Crivelli. The canvas was in bad condition nevertheless it fetched £4,000 when sold by the college authorities a few days ago.

Western Gazette Friday 24 August 1900

**Notice**

Wardour Catholic Benefit Society will hold their Annual Fete at the Old Castle Grounds on Whit Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. After the dinner the members, headed by the band, will parade around the beautiful grounds to the lawn for dancing and other amusements. The Ansty Brass Band will be in attendance, Bandmaster Mr W Parsons. Drills by the Wardour School Children to commence at four o'clock; Wardour Maypole Dancers at six o'clock. Refreshments will be provided in a spacious marquee by Mr Wright, Crown Inn, Tisbury. Application for erecting swings, stalls, &c. to be made to the secretary not later than Friday, June 1st. Gates open at twelve o'clock. Members wish to obtain free tickets must apply for them at the Guildhall, Whit Monday, from nine to ten am. Admission 6d Children 3d

J A Fisher, Secretary, Wardour, Tisbury, Wilts

Western Gazette Friday 25 May 1900

**1913 The Wardour Cats**

With reference to a statement made by the Sanitary Inspector at last week's meeting of the District Council, to the effect that there were scores of cats at Wardour, and that their smell caused a dangerous nuisance, a Wardour correspondent writes stating that the cats existed only in the imagination of the Inspector.

Western Gazette Friday 10 January 1913

**Workmen Entertained**

Through the kindness of the Dowager Lady Arundell of Wardour, the whole of the employees on the Wardour Estate, with tradesmen's servants whose duties bring them in contact with Wardour Castle, were on Thursday in last week invited to a dinner at Horwood Farm provided by Mr and Mrs H Cadley.

At 6.30 about one hundred sat down to a splendid meal, which had been nicely laid in a large barn adjoining the farm and which had been tastefully decorated with evergreens which gave it a most festive appearance. Mr H Cadley (steward) presided, supported by Messrs A J Fisher, H Anstridge, A Foyle, B Foyle, S Mullins, A Lever, T Masters, L Lever, W Green, F Edwards, W Gray, T Gray, W Parsons, F Parsons, E Howell, W Burt, G Bealing, W Yeates, J Hurst and others. Mr A Flower occupied the vice chair. Dinner over, a short toast list was gone through.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman, in eulogistic terms, next gave the toast of "The Dowager Lady Arundell" which was received with great enthusiasm and the singing of "For she's a jolly good lady". The rest of the evening was devoted to song and "pipe", some capital songs being rendered by those present. The Misses Cadley, Mrs S Mullins, and servants at the farm were indefatigable in looking after the wants and comfort of those present. The party broke up about midnight with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and the singing of the National Anthem.

Western Gazette Friday 29 August 1913

**1915 A London Land Sale**

The Arundell estate in the West End of London, so named after the original ground landlord, Lord Arundell of Wardour Castle, Tisbury, Wiltshire, has changed hands for £250,000. The property comprises land and buildings on both sides of Arundell Street and Panton Square with frontages both to Coventry Street and Shaftesbury Avenue. We understand that there is a scheme to convert the whole of the estate into a combination hotel, restaurant and theatre, with roof gardens and other features.

Western Gazette Thursday 01 July 1915

**1919 Peace Tree Plant**

The revival of the August Bank Holiday fete at Old Wardour was very popular, and about 3,000 persons visited the charming grounds and ruins during the day. The weather was dull, and rain fell after five o'clock, but the major part of the programme was successfully carried out. A fete was in progress at Old Wardour five years ago, when war clouds had descended, and now the re-opening function was deemed the fitting opportunity to plant on this historic site a tree, which it is hoped will strike root and flourish as a memorial of peace after a war that has ravaged countries just as war at home destroyed the beautiful Castle of Wardour.

The tree was planted by Master John Francis Arundell, who was accompanied by Mr and Mrs Gerald Arundell, and was welcomed by the Rev Father Wolfe, chairman of the Fete committee. Father Wolfe said it was very appropriate that the second heir to the ancient barony of Wardour should plant their commemoration tree, and expressed hopes that its branches would spread over a peace-loving and loyal community.

Well-provisioned stalls were tastefully arranged in picturesque nooks, the ladies superintending the sales being Mrs Gerald Arundell (fancy goods), Mrs C Parmiter, Mrs E Cadley, Mrs F Burt, Mrs H Gurd and Mrs W Mallett. Races for children were directed by Mr H G Burt, who also had charge of a shooting range. Mr P Alford managed a bowling contest for which the prize was a live pig, and a blindfold sword cutting competition for a prime Wiltshire cured ham. Mr Blandford presided at a guessing competition, and Mr H Gurd was in charge of a humorous art gallery. Pretty Maypole and Morris dances were cleverly executed by the girls of Wardour School under the direction of Miss Lever, to the music of the Ansty Band, conducted by Mr J Parsons.

Messrs G A Bull and P Alford were the joint honorary secretaries, and Mr C Foyle assistant secretary. The proceeds will be devoted to a fund for the renovation of Wardour Schools.  
Western Gazette Friday 08 August 1919

**1926 Tisbury Petty Sessions**

George Hugh Burt, of Wallmead Farm, Wardour, was summoned for allowing three heifers to stray on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the animals escaped by means of a gate on a public footpath through the negligence of a user of the footpath and the Bench dismissed the summons on payment of the costs, 4s, by the defendant.  
Western Gazette Friday 15 January 1926

**1927 One Hundred Years Ago**

The remains of Mrs Arundell, wife of the Hon Henry B Arundell, were on Friday last removed in great splendour from Mr Head's lodgings, St Martin's-lane, in Exeter, where she breathed her last, to be conveyed to Wardour Castle, Wiltshire for interment in the family dormitory.

The funeral procession was arranged in the following order: Two mutes, on horseback; bearers, on horseback; hearse drawn by four black horses; two mourning coaches each drawn by four black horses; the family carriage, drawn by four horses; followed by nine other carriages belonging to different noblemen and gentlemen.  
Western Gazette Friday 11 March 1927

**Cyclist Injured**

William Ingram (67), labourer, of Westfield Cottage, Wardour, met with an accident whilst cycling on Sunday afternoon and received severe injuries to the head. The services of the Salisbury Fire Brigade's ambulance corps were requisitioned to take the injured man to Salisbury Infirmary.  
Western Gazette Friday 21 October 1927

**1928 Celebrations**

The celebrations of the coming-of-age of the Hon John Arundell, son of Lord and Lady Arundell of Wardour, and heir to the title, were held at Wardour yesterday (Thursday).  
Western Gazette Friday 03 August 1928

**1930 Children's Christmas Treat**

The re-opening of school for the Wardour children was accompanied with expectations of further amusement to end the Christmas festivities. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, through the generosity of the Dowager Lady Arundell, an excellent tea was arranged for the children in the servants' hall at the Castle, to which they eagerly wended their way at 3.45pm. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated. After enjoying all the good things provided, each child received a present from the hostess, who was ably assisted by the Rev S St John, SJ. The visitors included the Rev P St John, SJ, Lady Arundell of Wardour, the Hon John Arundell, Hon Blanche Arundell, Hon Isobel Arundell and Miss Barnes.

Great fun was caused when the four youngest children were each presented with an extra little present from the dog "Teto". The children then sang a few carols and heartily cheered the Dowager Lady Arundell and visitors before they left the hall. Oranges, apples and sweets were given to each child as they cheerily departed for their homes, feeling rightly that this was truly a happy ending to their Christmas holidays.  
Western Gazette Friday 10 January 1930

**1932 Thefts at Wardour Shoot**

James W F Chalk, of Newtown, pleaded guilty to two larceny offences, the allegations being that he stole a mackintosh valued at £3, the property of R W Borley, and an overcoat belonging to F G Miller, at Tisbury, on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr Borley, of Shaftesbury, stated that he was shooting in Wardour Park on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and left his mackintosh with others on the game cart. At the end of the day the mackintosh was missing and could not be found.

PC Symonds stated that he saw the defendant in Church-street, Tisbury, on November 15<sup>th</sup> and told him that enquiries were being made concerning Mr Borley's coat, missing from a game cart at Wardour. Chalk said "I picked it up in a field and intended to return it".

Witness accompanied Chalk to his home and received from his the coat identified by Mr Borley and another belonging to Frederick G Miller, labourer, of Ludwell, who was a beater at the shoot. Defendant also stated that he picked up the coat belonging to Miller. Miller stated that he left his coat on the game cart and discovered his loss when he was looking for Mr Borley's mackintosh.

There was nothing previously against the accused who was stated to be out of employment. The Chairman said it was a serious matter but the magistrates did not want to send defendant to prison. Defendant was fined 10s on each charge.

Western Gazette Friday 16 December 1932

**1933 Died**

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery Wardour on Friday of Mr Silas George Lever, and old and much respected inhabitant, whose death occurred at the residence of his daughter (Mrs C Thick), Hindon-lane, on Tuesday, aged 71 years. The chief mourners were Mr H Lever (son), Mrs C Thick and Mrs F Rixon (daughters), Mr Walter Lever and Mr C E Lever (brothers), Mrs H Lever and Mrs C E Lever (daughters in law), Mr C Thick and Mr F Rixon (sons in law), Mrs G Parsons (niece). There were also present Mrs Oliver, Miss Burt, Mr E Plummer-Davies, Mr H Meaden, Mr E Britten and many others. The service was conducted by the Rev Father St John.

Western Gazette Friday 24 February 1933

**Died**

The death occurred on Sunday at West End House of Miss Mary Clare Ford, an old and highly respected inhabitant. She was for 58 years the devoted and unselfish companion of Miss S Webster, and her unassuming manner won for her the love and affection of all with whom she came in contact. On Tuesday evening her body was taken into the Church of the Sacred Heart and on Wednesday morning a Requiem Mass was said for her by the Rev Father St John.

After the Absolution, the body was taken to Wardour Cemetery for interment. The chief mourners were Mrs H Sanger, of Wardour (sister), Mr H Sanger (brother in law), Miss A Maidment, Miss M Maidment and Mrs Twiggs (from West End House), Mr and Mrs Smith and Mrs L Lever (cousins). Many friends attended the Requiem Mass. Preaching on Sunday, the Rev Father St John made feeling reference to Miss Ford's unselfish life and thought for others and paid a high tribute to her unflinching devotion to God and His Church.

Western Gazette Friday 28 April 1933

**1937 Golden Anniversary**

Mr and Mrs B Foyle of Wardour celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday and were the recipients of many congratulations and presents, one of the latter being a handsome cocktail set duly inscribed from Lord and Lady Arundell of Wardour. The family reunion was rather unique by reason of the fact that the seven sons and four daughters of Mr and Mrs Foyle, who are resident in many distant parts of the country, were all able to spend the day with their parents.

Western Gazette Friday 15 October 1937

**Died**

The funeral took place on Friday of Mr Luke Lever, who died at his home at the Guildhall, Wardour, the previous Monday. Mr Lever, who was 70 years of age, and leaves a widow and daughter, came to the Guildhall about 24 years ago. Practically all his life had been spent in the district and his example as a good and thorough worker will be remembered by his employers and fellow men alike. He was a keen bandsman and for many years played in local bands.

After a Requiem Mass at All Saints Wardour, at which the Rev Father D Hyland officiated, the interment took place at the Cemetery, the Rev Father Garrigan, of Wardour, assisted by the Rev Father C Hookway, of Tisbury, reading the burial service. The chief mourners were Mrs K Lever (widow), Miss J Lever (daughter), Mrs J Smith (sister), Mr J Smith (brother in law), Mr P J Smith (nephew). The congregation included Lord and Lady Arundell of Wardour and a representative of almost every family in Wardour. Mrs Lever and daughter wish to thank very sincerely all friends and neighbours for the sympathy shown them in their bereavement.

Western Gazette Friday 26 November 1937

**1941 Silver Anniversary**

May 1st 1916, at All Saints Church, Wardour, by the late Rev Father Graham, Alfred Yeates to Kathleen Jay

Western Gazette Friday 02 May 1941

**1942 Tisbury Petty Sessions**

Claude Dibben, aged 53, of Ark Farm, Wardour, was fined £10 for having caused unnecessary suffering to a bull. Evidence was given by Mr Tom Doggrell, a member of the Wilts War Executive Committee, PC Burt and Inspector Martin, RSPCA. Mr Doggrell visited Ark Farm on April 10<sup>th</sup> and saw a yearling bull lying in a paddock, it having lain there for some days and there was evidence that it had been fed where it was lying. PC Burt and Inspector Martin visited the farm on April 13<sup>th</sup> and saw the bull in the same position. When interviewed defendant said he had not called in a veterinary but he would do so. The Bench told Inspector Martin that they thought it would be more satisfactory if the Society called a veterinary surgeon to give evidence in such cases.

Western Gazette Friday 22 May 1942

### **Concert for Orphanage**

A concert was given in aid of the Wardour Boys' Orphanage Home at the Victoria Hall on Thursday when the programme was entirely provided by local talent. The compere kept the show going with a swing and much credit is due to the organisers for the many hours of hard work they put in to make the concert such a success. During the intermission a selection of Irish tunes was played by pipers and much appreciated. A dance, which followed the concert, helped to swell the proceeds, which totalled £17 16s, which sum has been handed over to the Orphanage by Mr Blake, of Tisbury.

Those who took part in the concert were Ena Balke, Dorothy Strong, Margaret Staddon, Joyce Turner, Gloria Aldridge, Joyce Barlow, Dot Beasant, Sylvia Bellamy, Kathleen Blanford, Doreen Brockway, May Brockway, Muriel Buller, Gwen Harrison, Ruby Haytor, Sylvia and Iris Howell, Gloria Jukes, Betty Moss, Rita Parker, Mary Pickford, Jean Reed, Elia Rendell, Ida Scott and Sylvia Aldridge.  
Western Gazette Friday 05 June 1942

### **1945 Funds for Orphanage**

A whist drive and dance in aid of the Orphan School, evacuated in 1939 from Southampton to Wardour Castle, realised over £85 to Sister Ann.  
Western Gazette Friday 25 May 1945

### **Lord Arundell's Bequests**

A legacy of £9,000 to form a fund for relief of poverty, distress and unemployment among employees, tenants or residents of the Wardour estate or of inhabitants of Tisbury, Wiltshire, was left by Lord Arundell of Wardour, who left unsettled estate valued at £50, 285 (n.p. £49,685). His country seat was Wardour Castle, Tisbury. Lord Arundell, who was 38 and unmarried, was wounded and taken prisoner at Dunkirk. He died last September shortly after being repatriated from a German prisoner of war camp.  
Western Gazette Friday 14 September 1945

### **Died**

The death of Mrs Frances Mary Flower, Old Wardour House, occurred on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Flower, who lived in Wardour all her life, leaves a husband, two daughters and three sons. She was the fourth daughter of the late Henry Cadley, steward on Wardour Estate for a number of years. Of a happy disposition, Mrs Flower will be particularly missed by the Chertsey Schoolboys, a number of whom always spent their holidays at Old Wardour. The family mourners and a large number of friends attended a Requiem Mass, which was followed by the funeral at Wardour Cemetery.  
Western Gazette Friday 30 November 1945

### **1946 Welcome Home**

A welcome home supper was recently served to the returned soldiers in the Presbytery. Afterwards, at the Guild Hall, Rev D Hyland made a short speech of welcome to them and Mr Arundell, of Wardour Castle, suitably replied. Those present joined in singing "For they are jolly good fellows" and gave three hearty cheers.  
Western Gazette Friday 08 February 1946

### **Departure of Parish Priest**

Owing to Fr Hyland leaving Wardour for a new parish, the parishioners assembled at the Guild Hall recently and presented him with a cheque for £100 and an address of thanks which was read by a very young member of the congregation. Mr Arundell, of Wardour, in a speech on behalf of the parishioners, expressed regret at Fr Hyland's departure. The Rev D Hyland returned thanks for the kindness shown him, remarking that he would remember their great hearted generosity and their very great respect for the Priesthood.

Canon Hyland, of Salisbury, brother of the recipient, also spoke saying he regarded the presentation as a compliment to the Hyland family. A very enjoyable social evening followed, the Committee providing admirable entertainment and fare. The Wardour school children presented Fr Hyland with a pair of gloves and an umbrella for which Fr Hyland thanked them. On Sunday, at eight o'clock Mass, Fr Hyland bade farewell to his parishioners and thanked them for their kindness, also thanking his many non-Catholic friends.

Western Gazette Friday 08 February 1946

### **1949 Bishop Opens Fete**

When the Rt Rev John Henry King, Bishop of Portsmouth, paid a visit to his native village at Wardour to open a garden fete at Wardour Castle, where he attended school in his boyhood, he was given a warm welcome by the congregation worshipping at Wardour, once the home of the Arundells, but now the headquarters of the Society of Jesus.

For more than 100 years there has been a Roman Catholic School attached to Wardour Castle and there the Sisters of Mercy are educating some 80 children. There is accommodation for about 100, but under the new Education Act, it will require to be modernised and it is estimated that this will cost about £4,000. It was for this purpose that a garden fete was held in the grounds on Saturday. The Bishop was introduced by Father J Paine, SJ, who reminded those present that the Bishop is a Wardour man and the son of a Wardour family. Thanks to the Bishop were expressed by Father Paine. The attractions included stalls and sideshows and a sports programme.  
Western Gazette Friday 29 July 1949

**Presentation to Headmistress**

To mark the retirement of Sister Magdalen of St Mary's Convent, Wardour, as headmistress of Wardour School for 28 years, the School managers presented her with a missal and an umbrella. The children's present was a fountain pen. Following the presentations an entertainment was given by the school children.

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**2010 Conran Snaps up Wardour**

Designer Jasper Conran has bought the principal apartment in Wardour Castle for £2.75million. The 23,000sq.ft apartment, which doubled up as the Royal Ballet School for the film Billy Elliot, was repossessed by a bank two months ago and marketed by Strutt & Parker. Graham Waterton of Strutt & Parker in Salisbury said it was very rare to be asked to sell a repossessed property of such size and value.

"It is absolutely vast. A four or five bedroomed house, like you would find on the outskirts of Salisbury, would fit into it ten times over." Natural light pours in through its rotunda, supported on eight columns, while around the gallery on the first floor are six stunningly decorated niches, one containing a rare chamber organ. It was bought by Mr Tuersley, the previous owner, in 1992 for less than £1million. The east and west wings and upper floor were converted into flats while he retained the basement, ground and first floors, including most of the main state rooms, as his family home.

Known as The Apartment, it has seven bedrooms and seven bath or shower rooms. One bathroom, a former boudoir, has a gilded ceiling designed by Sir John Soane. Two years ago The Apartment was back on the market for £7million, so Conran could be said to have got it for a knockdown price. Mr Waterton said he was surprised how much interest it attracted, and there were a number of competing bidders. "But it is the most staggering building"  
Salisbury Journal Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010