



WYSE WEEKLY MIRROR

Notes for Visitors

Welcome to the new edition of the *Wyse Weekly Mirror*, week beginning February 23rd 1852.

Here you will find news from our town of local happenings, events and special offers. Be sure to mention the *Weekly Mirror* when you make any purchase.

For further information about theatre shows, history tours, church services, fairy magic and more, please call into the tourist office on the High Street.

Events

Shows at the Queen Victoria

Theatre this week: ticket prices from 1 shilling.

Tuesday 24th February 6pm – **Winter Wonders**, conjuring show with Mr Edmund Footer.

Wednesday 25th February 6pm – **Conjuring for all the Family** with Mssrs Langhile and Gaddesby.

Friday 27th February 7pm – Wyse Theatre Group perform Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*.

Saturday 28th February – Afternoon matinee 3pm, conjuring performance with Mr Radcot. 6pm, special multi-conjuror performance.

St Stephen’s Church services, every Sunday

9am, Eucharist
11am, Choral Eucharist
5.15pm, Evensong
The church is always open for prayer and visitors are most welcome to call in at any time.

Advertisements

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WANTED

Young lady to undertake light housekeeping duties, to include cleaning and laundry but not cooking. 8 hours a day, 2 shillings a week. Please note: this is not a live-in position. Apply in person to Mrs P. Footer, 2 Mirror Lane, Wyse.

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8am-4pm

Monday-Saturday

(closed Wednesday afternoons). Deliveries undertaken.

News

Lady’s handbag stolen

A lady, visiting Wyse with her family, had her handbag snatched by a group of children outside the tourist office at 4pm, Wednesday February 18th.

Mrs Joseph Tanner of Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, was upset and shaken by the attack, but unhurt. This was an isolated incident but holiday-makers are advised to take good care of their belongings whilst enjoying the town.

The thieves were described as three boys and a girl, between seven and ten years of age, wearing dirty clothes.

Anyone with information about this incident should speak to Constable Blackson, 38 Daffodil Close, Wyse.



Paper Mill Struck by Lightning

A freak lightning strike at the Berkly Paper Mill nearly resulted in the destruction of the whole property. The mill, which belongs to Messrs. Cooper and Weatherly, is situated on the river Wye one mile north of Wyse and employs fifty people.

The lightning strike narrowly missed the paper mill itself, but hit a nearby tree, starting a fire which quickly spread to the mill, where several tonnes of paper were stored.

The workmen lost no time in raising the alarm and local townspeople and farmers joined in fighting the blaze.

The mill will require extensive repairs and will be closed for at least a month. Lord Skinner of Wyse has kindly offered to subsidise all workers’ wages until the mill is operational again.

Lord Skinner to open Winter Fayre

Visitors to Wyse should not miss the opening of the Wyse Winter Fayre on Saturday 28th February. You will find special purchases galore on the many stalls. From gourmet food hampers to the latest fashions, every item will have that special touch of Wyse magic.

The Fayre will be officially opened by Lord Skinner of Wyse at 2.30pm. Lord Skinner is well-known for his support of the magic industry in Wyse and his generous donations to the town.

Entertainment will be provided by the Wyse male voice choir and the Wye Valley orchestra.



Opinion

Are Fair Folk real people?

This question appears to have declined in importance along with the decline of magic. Now that Wyse is the only town in the whole British Isles where magic mirrors still work, maybe you think it doesn’t matter. Magic is a mere novelty, useful only for the tourist industry in Wyse. And if a small number of Fair Folk are forced to create enchantments for us, well, never mind.

But mistreatment of others, even on a small scale, is still mistreatment. I would urge you to think about this next time you order a dozen enchanted gowns, intending to wear them for one night only. Does your enjoyment justify the labour that went into those gowns?

“Ah, but fairies aren’t people”, you say, “therefore it doesn’t matter.” But we are people. We know right from wrong. We should treat all creatures with kindness, not because of what they are, but because of who we are.

Rev. J. Stowe,
Wyse Church of St Stephen

Review: Langhile and Gaddesby at the Queen Victoria Theatre, matinee magic performance

Matinee performances take place in the theatre every Saturday at 3pm. This week it was the turn of the conjurors Messrs Langhile and Gaddesby.

I arrived to find the theatre barely half full and a subdued murmur of conversation. Hardly the exciting beginning I had been promised. The theatre itself sparkled with fairy enchantments, but beneath those enchantments the furnishings appeared somewhat tired. My seat, though enchanted to look like a throne, was not particularly comfortable.

This air of tiredness crept into the production itself. Mssrs Langhile and Gaddesby performed competently, combining traditional magic tricks with fairy enchantments but I spotted several children yawning.

The performance improved in the second half when Mr Gaddesby brought on the magic mirror and summoned a fairy. Audience members were invited to ask questions and they did so enthusiastically. Many of the answers were vague, and the blue-haired fairy boy seemed to be guessing some of the time. For example ‘What will I be when I grow up?’ was answered with ‘Believe in yourself and you can be anything you want.’

Still, the audience seemed happy enough, especially those who’d never seen a fairy before. For now, in Wyse, magic still lives on.

Mrs R. Brunel
37 Theatre Road, Wyse

Births, Deaths and Marriages

BIRTHS

A son, Robert, to Mr and Mrs John Parkway of Mirror Lane.

MARRIAGES

Mr and Mrs Dafydd Williams are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Bronwen, to Mr Rupert Spencer-Hardy, second son of Mr and Mrs Llewelyn Spencer-Hardy.

DEATHS

Mr and Mrs Alfred Harcourt, formerly of Wyse, latterly of Cambridge. Sadly passed away on the 20th January during a spate of typhoid fever in the city. They leave two children, Matthew and Ava, and a nephew, Edmund.



Letters to the Editor

Sir,

As a recent visitor to Wyse, I wish to protest the state of the roads into and around the town. I do not expect country roads to be the same quality as, for example, London or Bath, but I certainly expect better than this. My family were jolted terribly in our carriage and I feared at one point we might overturn altogether.

Surely, as a popular holiday destination, Wyse can do better than this. Your fairy enchantments are charming, but they do not make up for a real lack of investment in your roadways.

Mr X. Parker, London

Sir,

I write in appreciation of your wonderful little town after a most perfect week enjoying the attractions. My children loved the theatre show, my wife enjoyed shopping for souvenirs (such a shame the enchantments faded once we left Wyse!) while I was quite fascinated with the history of the town.

We have recommended you to all our friends and we hope to return for another magical holiday next year.

Mr C. E., Warwickshire

Find out more about the magical town of Wyse



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