

Merry Bells receipts 1938+1944

No	Year	What
01	1938	Bought s/h piano for £10 from Charles Taphouse of Oxford
02	1938	New stage installed by Cullum Brothers for £18
03	1938	F J Fane was treasurer, lived at Morland House
04	1938	Rates were £11 14s.(RV £18)
05	1938	Mrs Munt was paid 8d./hour
06	1938	Weekly collections covered dances, various parties inc. Oddfellows, Sunday School, Mothers Union, various children parties,
07	1938	Water connected £15 10s
08	1944	Electricity cost was £6 per quarter
09	1944	Chapman (builders and undertakers) did work including kitchen installation for £13 7s. Proprietor was A. Wheeler
10	1944	Rates now £20
11	1944	Fire extinguisher installed for £4 5s
12	1944	Gas 3/10d. per quarter
13	1944	Home Guard hired out a room from the Merry Bells
14	1944	Gostick Stores were in business
15	1944	Director of Education were paying Merry Bells for hire of rooms for school at £3 per week
16	1944	William Avery supplied coke
17	1946	Peter Walde was a radio and car hire specialist and also installed 5 lighting units for £58
18	1946	Proprietor of Chapman's was A Wheeler
19	1947	Titchener & Davis painted landing, stairs, all passages 7 both toilets for £39. Also canteen, kitchen, scullery and bar for £89

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Merry Bells	1176	01,02,03, 04,05,06, 07,08,09, 10,11,12, 13,15,19,	From copy receipts and bills, we know that a piano was bought in 1938 when a stage was also installed by Cullum Brothers. Mains water was connected in 1938. There were regular dances, various parties, meetings of groups such as W. I., Oddfellows, Sunday School and Mothers' Union. The kitchen was installed in 1944 as was a fire extinguisher. During the war, The Director of Education was hiring rooms for schooling, and the Home Guard also met here. F J Fane, who lived at Morland House, was the treasurer - the rateable value in 1938 was £18 with rates of £11 14s., electricity was costing £6 and gas 3/10d. per quarter in 1944. Mrs Munt, the caretaker/cleaner cost 8d. per hour. 'Large sums' were paid for painting soon after the war with bills for £39, and £89 - one of the contractors was Titchener & Davis of Wheatley.
Cullum Bros	0807	02	They undertook building work around the village and, in 1938, installed the stage in the Merry Bells
Fane	1085	03	A. J Fane was the treasurer of the Merry Bells from 1938 (or earlier) to 1947 (or later)
Oddfellows	2677	06	As Oddfellows, they were still active in 1938, but no sign of them in 1944.
Mothers Union	2234	06	Mentioned in 'Village without a Green' published in 1956
Chapman bldrs	1182	18	Wheeler bought the business in 1946. Already in 1182
Home Guard	2515	13	'Feeding arrangements' in the Merry Bells mentioned in 2515
Gostick	2233	14	Known to have been trading since 1921
Peter Walde	1250 1260 1261 1264	17	'radio and car hire specialist' added
Titchener Davis	Various	19	Evidence of Titcheners in village, but this (1176) is the only record of this painting partnership