

Special Feature The Day We Went to Weston



1 - Mr Clemson, 2 - *unidentified*, 3 - *unidentified*, 4 - *unidentified*, 5 - Chris Holborough, 6 - Mrs Chris Holborough, 7 - Mrs Elsie Parsloe, 8 - Eric Holborough, 9 - Philip Hepden, 10 - Bill Dore, 11 - Mrs Hepden mother of Philip

The special Issue published last year to mark the 30th anniversary of *The Wychwood* carried a photograph on the front cover of a young girl standing by an older woman (shown here). A lady wrote to us to say that she thought she might be the girl on the cover. I sent her a copy of the whole photograph and she replied that indeed she had been the girl in the picture. She was able to identify quite a few others and we thought our readers might be interested in seeing



the whole photograph which comes from the archives of The Wychwoods Local History Society. It was loaned to the Society for archiving by Philip Hepden (Number 9 in the photograph).

Come in Number?

With the help of Ron Dale (No 30) and John Rawlins from the WLHS we have managed to identify a few more people. John believes it would have been taken by a professional photographer on

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12 - Mrs Bill Dore, 13 - Mrs Mark Miles, 14 - Mrs Walters mother of Mrs Hepden, 15 - *unidentified*,
16 - Mrs Edwards, 17 - *unidentified*, 18 - *unidentified*, 19 - *unidentified*, 20 - *unidentified*,
21 - *unidentified*, 22 - Mary Wilks (now Camp), 23 - Sid Miles or Harold Dore?, 24 - Lucy Dale,
25 - Mrs Tom Dale, 26 - *unidentified*, 27 - Beryl Baker, 28 - Tom Dale,
29 - Mrs Beryl Waters (mother of Beryl Baker), 30 - Ron Dale

arrival at their destination so that it would be available for sale on their departure. The outing was probably organised by Mrs Bill Dore (No. 12) and the bus was probably driven by Jack Baker, husband of Beryl Baker (No 27). Jack drove the local service buses. We hope our readers can add a few more names. It seems likely that the photograph was taken in either 1931 or 1932 and was an excursion of Milton people to Weston-Super-Mare; as one old Miltonian said, "We always went to Weston and the sea was always out!" Mind you on one occasion,

according to Bim Champness, the excursionists believed they were being taken to the seaside but were instead taken to Stratford! The next night in the Quart Pot, Claudie Ricketts was being ribbed about the trip and asked how he had enjoyed the sea. He replied, "Us could smell it as soon as us were in the field!"

The little girl was Mary Wilks (now Mary Camp). She now lives in West Mersea in Essex, which probably reminds her of Weston-Super-Mare with the tide out!

Alan Vickers