

Tandridge

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According to The Bourne Society, a local historical Charity “Sir William Jones (1866-1938) headed a subscription in 1924 to purchase the land from Mr. Balch for the inhabitants of Whyteleafe.” Whyteleafe Residents contributed to his subscription to purchase the land which now forms the Whyteleafe Sport and Recreation Ground, and is held in trust for the leisure and recreation of Whyteleafe Residents. The Whyteleafe Village Council continues to support and develop the Rec. for example by planting a Jubilee Orchards of fruit trees, and Contributing financially for Tandridge District contractors to repair the childrens' play equipment. The Boundary Commission's proposal to assign the Rec. to Warlingham may therefore be illegal as it was purchased for the inhabitants of Whyteleafe and needs guardianship by The Whyteleafe Village Council.

Attached Documents:

- Bourne Soiety Picture of Whyteleafe Rec..jpg
- Bourne Society page ten of history of Whyteleafe.jpg

Sir William Jones KBE (1866-1938)

During World War I he was Director of Refractory Materials, Deputy Controller of Steel Production and British representative on the Inter-Allied Steel Commission – all in connection with the Ministry of Munitions. He was honoured for these services in 1919. After the war he was in charge of a Commission to examine the conditions of the iron and steel works in Lorraine and Germany; he was also a member of the Building Materials Supply Committee. In later years he served on the Godstone Rural District Council and Surrey County Council.

Sir William not only initiated the scheme for the establishment of Whyteleafe Recreation Ground in 1924, but gave a very substantial donation to the fund promoted for the purchase of the land. £2,000 was raised. The wrought iron gates there were donated in his memory.

He was educated at the Haberdashers' Company school and became chairman of Roadless Traction Ltd of Hounslow. He married Emma (died 1935), daughter of George Hicks, in 1893 and they had one son and one daughter. They lived at 'The Orchard', Tithepit Shaw Lane. His daughter, Ethel, continued living at 'The Orchard' and maintained involvement with the firm until her death in the 1990s. At that time the house was still only supplied with gas and cooking was done on a large range or a small gas oven with a single hob.

A HISTORY OF WHYTELEAFE



Courtesy of Caterham Valley Library

The ornamental gates at Whyteleafe Recreation Ground, being completed by a workman on a scaffold in 1954. They are dedicated to the memory of Sir William Jones (1866-1938), who in 1924 headed a subscription to purchase the land from Mr Balch for the inhabitants of Whyteleafe. The classical finials have not survived.

- 1964 Well Farm demolished
- 1966 Tabernacle demolished, to be replaced by a car park
- 1967 *Rose & Crown* Quarry ceased operation
- 1969 Commercial Union office established
- 1974 Tandridge District Council formed to include Caterham & Warlingham Urban District Council and Godstone Rural District Council
- 1974 Threat of Channel Tunnel link cutting through Whyteleafe
- 1978 Blowing up of chimney of refuse destructor
- 1978 Closure of Whyteleafe Girls Grammar School and re-opening as Whyteleafe Primary School
- 1978 Whyteleafe by-pass plans – scheduled to run next to railway line
- 1979 South London Gliding Centre established