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Welcome to the September-October edition of **Rowell Heritage** newsletter. The picture on the front cover shows the dedication of the War Memorial in Rothwell in 1921. This is fitting at a time when we are reflecting on the Great War of 1914-18.

We hope its content will be informative, educating and of interest to you as a vibrant growing community. As our tagline suggests we want to **embrace the past** so that we can **inspire the next generation**.

We are dependent on advertisers, as their financial income helps us fund our bi-monthly newsletter, however, your contributions are equally appreciated. If you do have anything you wish to contribute to the newsletter please forward this to either The Manager or Editor (Rowell Heritage) at the address below. Many thanks. *Editor*.

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Early Days of Gordon Street

The Shoe Factory and Walter Isaac Butlin

I read the first copy of 'Rowell Heritage' with interest and would like to thank Elvin Royall for his excellent article on the long history of shoemaking in Gordon Street, ending with Groococks.

There was just one small point that I feel I should mention however, and that is the sentence 'The Gordon Street works were built about 1880 for a Mr J T Butlin'...

The works and the adjoining house were actually built in 1890 for Mr Walter Isaac Butlin.

John Thomas Butlin owned the Tresham Works which were at the very bottom of Kettering Road.

I have been studying Rothwell's history from old newspaper accounts and found that these not only provide a special insight into the life and times of the local people, they also facilitate the dating of events. I thought I'd put some of these snippets together.

A LARGE SHOE FACTORY is being erected for Mr. Butlin, and is expected to be completed about Easter. It is situated in a newly made street to which the name Gordon-street has been given.

Northampton Mercury 15th February 1890. Image ©The British Library Board

SHOP WARMING.—A supper in connection with the opening of Mr. Walter Isaac Butlin's new shoe factory was given to the employes in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday evening. The supper was tastefully laid out, and nearly 250 sat down to it, the tables being presided over by Mr. Lansberry, Mr. Thomas Butlin, and Mr. William Coleman. After supper the married men took their wives, and songs were contributed by Messrs. F. Barlow, J. Whiteman, E. Johnson, L. Sharman, H. Thompson, Arthur Sumpter, J. Harris, C. Stevens, O. Jones, Charles Rowe, H. Willes, and Fred Cheney. Dancing was also provided, Messrs. O. Jones, sen. and jun., J. Jones, and T. Hill being the instrumentalists. The supper, which was a great success, was provided by Mrs. W. I. Butlin, and will, we hope, inaugurate a career of prosperity for the firm in its new works.

Northampton Mercury May 9th 1890. Image ©The British Library Board

John Thomas (1841-1913) and Walter Isaac (1859-1930) were related. John Thomas was the son of Joseph Butlin (1822-1878) and Ann Sharman (1821-1874) while Walter Isaac was the son of Thomas Butlin (1824-1908) and Elizabeth Rowthorne (1823-1902).

Early Days of Gordon Street continued...

In 1871 these families were neighbours in Castle Lane. Joseph and Thomas were brothers so their sons John Thomas and Walter Isaac were cousins. The pair lived close together while running their respective factories because W I Butlin was at Gordon House (sometimes called Gordon Villa), 41 Kettering Road, and J T Butlin was at West View, 43 Kettering Road, which was built for him in 1892. These properties stood on either side of the turning into Gordon Street. West View is still there but Gordon House was demolished in recent years and has been replaced by flats.

Walter Isaac Butlin is the lesser known of the cousins so I thought I'd concentrate on finding out a little about him and his family. He is described in the 1881 Census as a clicker and a music teacher. He regularly played the piano, harmonium and organ at local events. In 1898 he published an arrangement of The Lord's Prayer for 4 Voices and this is still listed on Amazon. Walter served at various times on the Local Board and then on the Urban District Council which was established under the provisions of the Local Government Act in 1894.

Walter married a young lady named Elizabeth Thompson in Cransley during July 1883. She had been born there in 1861 and was the daughter of William Thompson (b.1834) and Ann Timpson (b.1831). Sadly, her death is registered in the Apr-Jun qtr. of 1884, less than a year after her wedding and she was only 23 years old.

During the following year, 1885, widower Walter married Sarah Ann

Lansberry from Lidlington, Bedfordshire who in 1881 had been working as a teacher in Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. Walter Isaac Butlin's eldest child, referred to as Reginald H.T. or sometimes Reginald Harry, is entered in each Census index as having been born in 1885 but his birth is actually recorded in the Jul-Sep qtr. of 1884. After his death in 1955 the probate record showed that the 'T' in his name stood for Thompson which was the maiden name of Walter's first wife. It can be safely assumed therefore, that Reginald was Elizabeth's son and since she died during the Apr-Jun qtr. of 1884 and his birth was registered during Jul-Sep of that year, she most probably died in childbirth at the end of June.

Walter Isaac Butlin went on to have a large family with his second wife Sarah Ann and in the 1911 Census it is stated that he had fathered 14 children of whom 11 were still living. There is a newspaper account of the death of one child in 1899.

neighbours.
Sudden Death of a Child.—A child, aged five months, son of Mr. Walter Isaac Butlin, shoe manufacturer, of Rothwell, was found in bed, apparently suffocated on Saturday. The child was placed in bed by a servant at about ten o'clock and was found at half-past ten, life being nearly extinct, the child having rolled over on the pillow. Dr. More was immediately sent for and administered the usual restoratives, but without avail, the child shortly after expiring. At an inquest on Saturday evening a verdict of "Accidental death in accordance with the medical testimony" was returned.

Southampton Mercury, 22nd August 1899. Image ©The British Library Board

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When | Wednesday, 3rd September 2014

Where | Rothwell Arts & Heritage Centre

Time | 10am - 12pm

Under the Direction of | Sue Scothern

Information & Details can be obtained from the Arts & Heritage Centre

Rothwell Arts & Heritage Centre | 14-16 Bridge Street | Rothwell | Northamptonshire | NN14 6JW | Tel: (01536) 711550



Rothwell Arts and Heritage Centre would like to thank all who attended the dance on the 11th July. The dance took place at Tresham Hall and was a great success and the centre would like to thank those who helped make it a great evening in particular the Sounds Familiar Band and Alan Mills and Roger and Jen Wilson. £760 was raised to help with the up keep of the centre and all staff would like to thank all of the community who supported us.

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Gordon Street, its journey continues...

Sarah Ann frequently placed advertisements for servants to help with her growing household.

GENERAL SERVANT. NURSEMAID.—Wanted, a General Servant: one who understands plain cooking. Also a Nursemaid. Age from 18 to 25. Good wages given. Apply at once to Mrs. Walter Butlin, Gordon House, Rothwell, Kettering.

Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford Mercury 30th Dec 1892

NURSE.—Wanted, a thoroughly trustworthy Person, experienced with and fond of children. Dissenter. Good needlewoman. None but experienced persons need apply.—Mrs. Butlin, Gordon House, Rothwell, Kettering.

Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford Mercury 23rd Mar 1894

Workers at the shoe factory were given the yearly treat of a meal with entertainment.

In 1905 Walter Isaac Butlin wound up two companies and this is probably when the family moved to Kettering.

In the High Court of Justice.—Companies (Winding-up).
Mr. Justice Buckley.
No. 0086 of 1905.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, and in the Matter of WATSON'S BOOT COMPANY Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition for the winding up of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was, on the 28th day of March, 1905, presented to the said Court by Walter Isaac Butlin, of Gordon Works, Rothwell, near Kettering, in the county of Northampton, Boot Manufacturer, and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 11th day of April, 1905, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself, or his Counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.—Dated this 29th day of March, 1905.

RALPH RAPHAEL and CO., 59, Moorgate-street, London, E.C., Solicitors for the Petitioner.

LONDON GAZETTE March 31st 1905. Issue 27780 p. 2476.

WALTER I. BUTLIN AND CO. Limited.

TAKE notice that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company, duly convened, and held at the registered offices of the Company, Gordon Shoe Works, Rothwell, near Kettering, on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1905, the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution was duly passed:—

Extraordinary Resolution.—"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. Augustus Oufaud Palmer, of St. Giles-street, Northampton, Chartered Accountant, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."

Dated the 20th June, 1905.

095 **WALTER ISAAC BUTLIN, Chairman.**

LONDON GAZETTE 4th July 1905. Issue 27813 p. 4656

At the end of the 1911 Census, Walter was aged 51 and living with his family in a house named South Holme in School Lane, Kettering. He describes himself as 'commercial traveler (boots)'. He died aged 71 and was buried on 17th November 1930 in London Road Cemetery, Kettering.

Sarah Ann Butlin died at the age of 73 and was buried on 12th May 1934 in London Road Cemetery.

One of the children of Walter Isaac and Sarah Ann was Cyril Walter who was a professional musician and there is an entry for him in the Dictionary of Composers for the Church of Great Britain and Ireland (edited by Robert Evans and Maggie Humphreys). Cyril died in 1958.

BUTLIN, Cyril Walter

Born in Rothwell, Northamptonshire in 1886. Educated privately with A.H.Essam, Cuthbert Harris, Henry Middleton and Charles Wood. Organist and Choirmaster of Fuller Baptist Church, Kettering, Northamptonshire. A lecturer with the Workers' Educational Association. Composed hymn tunes and other items of Church music.

Probably the most notable member of Walter's family was his son Kenneth Rupert Butlin who was born in Rothwell in 1897 and attended Oundel School before achieving a first class degree in chemistry at Trinity, Cambridge. Kenneth married Helen Mary Fletcher in 1928 and the marriage certificate displays details of his father who describes himself as a retired boot and shoe manufacturer.

Kenneth became a leading scientist and a pioneer of biotechnology who developed an awareness of the importance of microbes and how they could be beneficial to society. He established the Chemical Research Laboratory at Teddington which was internationally renowned and he was the author of several scientific publications.

He was known as 'Butch' and when he died of kidney failure at his home in Teddington on 1st October 1965, his close colleague John R Postgate wrote an obituary for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and another for the Microbiology journal.

Kenneth Rupert Butlin is buried in Sapperton New Churchyard in Gloucestershire.

Researcher: Sylvia Davis

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The original data is from:
Anglican Parish Records.
Birmingham, England: Library
of Birmingham

1925. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church, Edgbaston in the County of Birmingham in the Parish of St. Philip

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
207	July 27 th 1925	Kenneth Rupert Butlin	31	Bachelor	Chemist	6 Southdown Avenue, South Road, Edgbaston.	Robert Root Butlin	Retired Root & Coe. Maryborough
	1925	Helen Mary Fletcher.	21.	Spinster	—	7 Ample Road, Edgbaston.	Benjamin John Fletcher.	Head Master, Birmingham School of Art, Edgbaston

Married in the Parish Church, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, by — or after Death, by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Kenneth Rupert Butlin in the Presence of us, R. F. Fletcher Ed. Butlin Charles Myles, Vicar

ROWELL FOTE FAIR...

By Dorothy Knibbs (Chapman), July 2014

...in the **1950s**

I have happy memories of this fair which used to be held during the week following the 'big' fair.

I suppose you could say that we gained inspiration from the many side stalls in the 'big' fair-rolling pennies, knocking down tins, Pick a straw, darts etc., and to have a go we needed to pay with a 'fote'.

The Fote Fair used to be held in Cross Street near the walls of the Avalon Shoe Factory and in many cases the walls of the factory were used as 'props' so that games could lean against the walls.

It was, of course, necessary to begin the Fote Fair after workers from the factory had left for home, either on their bikes or walking (there were no cars, or very few cars in those days). Some of the workers would come from the other side of Rothwell and would take short cuts through the 'Rec to Gordon Street/Jubilee Street or beyond.

At approx 6.00 pm the Fote Fair would start and you would hear 'Roll up, Roll up' and sometimes trade was fairly swift with fotes changing hands. We often thought about the kind of stall we would have well in advance. One year I remember having a wooden marble game and anyone having a go would try to aim their marbles in the apertures in the wooden game to win fates (Anyone getting their marbles in the apertures with really high numbers could win an all expenses trip to Barbados and an iPad).

We had much fun at Cross Street Fair and one year the Evening Telegraph sent a photographer and reporter – such excitement, knowing that our photo (s) would be in the Evening Telegraph.

Some of the fotes (or cigarette cards) were highly prized – and my favourites were the Flower Collection or Bird Collection. If you managed to acquire a whole set then you were lucky. Sometimes the fotes were dog-eared but if you managed to get a few fotes in pristine condition then you kept them safe and didn't use them at the Fote Fair.

In the 1950s the 'big fair' was much bigger than it is now and the many side stalls were interesting. The many 'slot' machines were popular and I well remember standing at the corner of Crispin Street looking down to the main street, seeing a mass of people.

I have no idea how Cross Street Fair came about and I think this Fair died a natural death in the mid-1960s. Happy Memories.



Cross Street Fair. We have our 'fotes' to pay for a ride on the go-kart.

05/05/1934	01/05/1947	Darrell John	Robert James and Harriett	Mills	20 Wales St.	Builders labourer	
09/05/1938	01/05/1947	Marlene Edna	Robert James and Harriett	Mills	20 Wales St.	Builder labourer	
23/07/1940	01/05/1947	Julie Anne Agnes	Robert James and Harriett	Mills	20 Wales St.	Builders labourer	
21/03/1939	01/05/1947	Michael Ernest	Alfred Ernest and Florence Mary	Smith	5 Westfield Place	Furnace man	
02/09/1941	01/05/1947	Ernest	Arthur and Beryl Kate	Woods	4 Windmill Cottages	Boot and Shoe Finisher	
08/03/1947	04/05/1947	Margaret Ann	Dennis Walter and Joyce Agnes	Beale	4 Cross St.	Transport driver	
07/11/1946	04/05/1947	Richard Harry	Leslie and Margaret Helen	Turner	24 Cecil St.	Navvy driver	
09/02/1947	11/05/1947	Brian Lovell	Edward Lovell and Christine May	Branson	Park Rd. Farm, Handslow, Bucks	Farmer	
18/04/1947	23/05/1947	Maureen Ann	Walter Leonard and Gwendoline Ada	Fox	6 Littlewood St.	Boot and Shoe Laster	
07/09/1946	25/05/1947	Margaret Elizabeth	Arthur and Beatrice Ethel	Abrams	1 Cambridge St.	Boot and Shoe Laster	
06/02/1947	25/05/1947	Michael John	Jack Wilfred and Margaret Ellen	Panter	2 The Avenue	General dealer	
24/02/1947	25/05/1947	John Lewis	Arthur Lewis and Edith Grace	Sharman	8 Jubilee St	Coal Deliverer	
20/02/1947	25/05/1947	Patricia Elizabeth	Frederick Charles and Doris Elizabeth	Marlow	20 Castle Hill	Last maker	
13/01/1947	25/05/1947	Roy	Arthur Stanley and Margaret Jane	Houghton	1 Factory Yd.	Engineer	
09/02/1947	25/05/1947	Robert Leslie	Bernard Leslie and Kathleen Margaret	Marlow	94 Glendon Rd	Railway fireman	
29/06/1945	30/05/1947	CaroleAnn	Clifford and Elsie Amelia	Abrams	34 Gladstone St.	Welder	
13/03/1947	08/06/1947	Alan James	Frank Ronald March and Caroline Selina	Glover	13 Tennyson Rd.	Builder	
11/02/1947	20/07/1947	Paul Reginald	Reginald Percy and Hetty	Wray	45 Harrington Rd.	Omnibus driver	
25/04/1947	27/07/1947	Michael Raymond	Raymond Frank and Rita Ada	Smith	15 Gladstone St	Shoe trade	
25/06/1947	27/07/1947	Michael	Arthur George and Daisy Elizabeth	Brown	11 Glendon Rd.	Boiler minder	
12/07/1947	23/08/1947	Kay Violet	Ronald Alfred and Winifred Mary	Walters	Park Lane, Reigate	Gardener	
08/07/1947	07/09/1947	Richard John	Walter Freeman and Mary Freeman	Pittam	Glendon Hill Farm	Soldier	
11/08/1947	28/09/1947	Peter George	Colin Yeadon and Florence Mary	Bryan	58 Crispin St.		
10/07/1947	28/09/1947	Audrey	Frederick Cyril and Lilian Freestone	Tear	40 Jubilee St	Shoe trade	
01/07/1947	12/10/1947	Roger Stanley	Stanley and Francis Gertie	Hull	30 Coronation Ave		Father deceased
09/07/1947	12/10/1947	June	Antony and Betty	Read	50 Ragsdale St.	Shop assistant	
02/08/1947	12/10/1947	Lynn	Arthur and Mary	Chambers	29 Glendon Rd.	Tool shop operative	
15/04/1947	12/10/1947	Paul Raymond	Raymond and Irene	Willis	35 Littlewood St.	Boot and Shoe Operative	
01/10/1947	19/10/1947	Ronald William	Roland and Irene	Brown	35 Spencer St	Motor engineer	
27/07/1947	19/10/1947	Irene	Cottram and Ada	Fields	11 Cross St.	Mechanic	
21/07/1947	19/10/1947	Melville James	John Arthur and Margaret	Bodfish	7 Jubilee St.	Civil Engineer	
27/05/1947	02/11/1947	Virginia Ann	William Benjamin and Gladys Mary	Butler	21 Spencer St	American hardware	
18/09/1947	23/11/1947	Peter Edwin	William Frank and Audrey Olive	Smith	33 Underwood Rd.	Shoe operative	
08/10/1947	14/12/1947	Neil Alfred	Alfred Herbert and Doris Irene	Barratt	37 Glendon Rd.	Tile maker	
25/09/1947	21/12/1947	Ian	Clarence and Dorothy Adelaide	Vincent	5 Rushton Rd.	Boot and Shoe Operative	
22/10/1947	21/12/1947	Susan Mary	Leslie and Ethel Mary	Payne	38 Jubilee St.	Ironstone Filler	
04/06/1945	01/02/1948	William James	Samuel Frederick and Linda Nancy	Swingler	88 Littlewood St.	Builder	
01/04/1947	15/02/1948	Patricia	Arthur Ernest and Marjorie	Braybrook	3 Sydney St.	Steel worker	
13/07/1947	15/02/1948	Barry John	Henry and Betty Lilliam	Barcock	59 Littlewood St.	Building operative	
08/11/1947	07/03/1948	Terry	Gerald Edward and Evelyn	Wright	61 Wales St.	Engineer	
27/01/1948	21/03/1948	James Patrick	John Henry and Ethel Elizabeth	Yeomans	65 Crispin St.	Shoe hand	
28/11/1947	21/03/1948	Diana May	Jack and Dorothy Maud	Hill	10 The Square Wales St	Tile maker	
25/03/1944	21/03/1948	Barrie	John William and Phyllis May	Lingley	10 Glendon Rd.	Painter	
23/10/1947	27/03/1948	Richard Antony	Samuel Rodney and Florence Adela Eunice	Kimbell	66 Mayfair Rd Dartford Kent	Police Sargeant	
15/02/1948	04/04/1948	Judith Sandra	Thomas Leslie and Edna May	Oram	15 Spencer St.	Baker and confectioner	
02/01/1948	04/04/1948	Rosemarie Kathleen	Edward and Kathleen	Brooks	65 Wales St.	Electro plater	
27/11/1947	04/04/1948	Rodney Norman	Norman Baden Stanley and Phyllis Mary	Burrows	78 Glendon Rd.	Electrician	
11/03/1948	11/04/1948	Richard Arthur	Arthur and Ellen Josephone	Goode	31 Fox St.	Window Cleaner	

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We have various design layouts which can include specific colours, photos, symbols and personal messages to suit the occasion / remembrance.

Rothwell Heritage is a place to embrace the past and inspire the next generations.



Photos of the Churches Together in Rothwell in Partnership with Rothwell Town Council's Thanksgiving & Remembrance Service for the First World War, Monday, 4th August 2014.
(Photos by Jonathan Cook)

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VINTAGE TEAROOM

Rothwell Arts and Heritage Centre's Vintage Tearoom is going from strength to strength and is becoming quite an attraction with the local community. Visitors can now relax with a tea or a coffee at any time while view the art and heritage exhibitions. The centre has also started to sell homemade jams and shopping bags which are selling well. The vintage tearoom can also be used for private events, enquiries at the heritage centre.

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2. Northern Dessert
3. Inflated Relative Pie
4. I've Seen Richard
5. Just One
6. It's Not Important
7. Citrus Mix
8. Edible Tree
9. Coloured Letters
10. Savoury Slice
11. Gabriel's Pleasure
12. Granny Smith's Breakdown
13. Angry Rabbits
14. That Was Quick, None Left
15. Can You Flip It?
16. Wibble Wobble
17. A Frozen Cry
18. He's A Bit Of An Oddball
19. Fly, Mr. Frost
20. Sherwood By Night

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the GALLERIES

We welcome new artists

There is no charge
to enter work

The galleries are open on
Monday to Saturday
10.00am to 12.30pm

Established in 2004 as part of Rothwell Arts and Heritage Centre, serving the local community, the galleries have successfully exhibited the work of many artists in this very impressive space. We offer a warm, friendly welcome to visitors from near and far to come and browse the work on show.

The gallery is comprised of two linked rooms exhibiting work in all media:
Gallery One for main exhibitions with each exhibition lasting eight weeks;
Gallery Two can be booked for solo or group exhibitions by negotiation.

Entry Forms and terms and conditions can be obtained from the centre

The Gallery takes a commission on all work sold
Commission rates:
20% for work priced at £30.00 and below; 30% above £30.00;
work displayed in cabinets is negotiable.
Artists are encouraged to publicise exhibitions through their own social networks.

Gallery One

2014

New Exhibition dates

2 August

4 October

6 December



Gallery Two

2014

August Exhibition by a London artist
September Black & White Photography Club
October Wendy Casson
November Textiles Exhibition

Craft Fairs

2014

2 August

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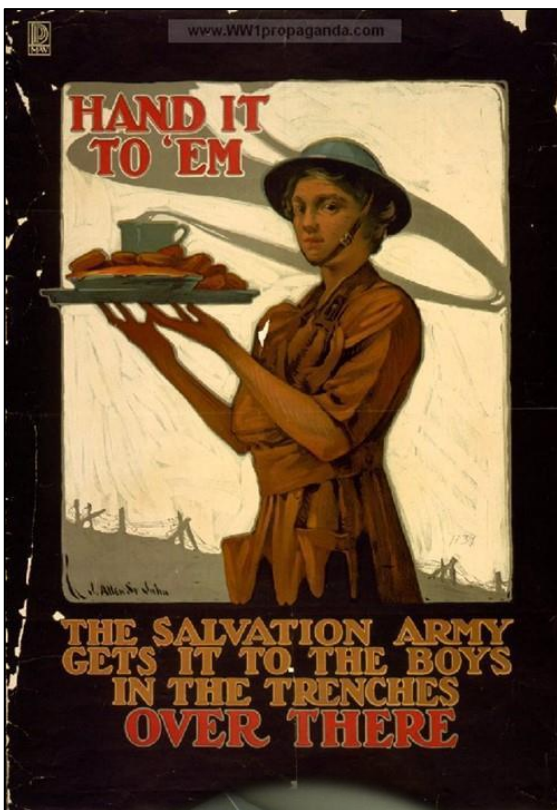
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A make-shift 'S.A. Rest Room' has been set up to think about and reflect on past relatives who gave their lives for their country – the ultimate sacrifice. You are more than welcome to visit the centre, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. You will also be able to pick up a copy of the famous Salvation Army WW1 donut recipe. It is only by embracing the past, can we inspire the next generation!





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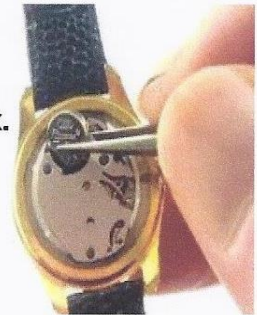
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Traipsing	Wandering about with no purpose
Ollering	Shouting
Wittering on	Talking nonsense
Darft as a brush	Silly person
Summut	Something
Buns	Bones
Dug	Dog
Dun attoo	Does not have to
Ta	Thank you
Av a goo	Have a go
Gotta goo	I ve got to go
Ale stun	Hail Stone
Sharp as a billiard ball	Not very bright

Aye up me duck	Hello
I ent	I m not
Enna gunna	Not going to
Shent	Wont
Epon	Apron
It s looking black uver Bill s mother s	It s going to rain
As black as your at	It s dark
Are yu alright me duck	How are you?
It s gunna rain, kent see Orton	Looks like rain
Gel	Girl
Lotment	Allotment
Fust	First
Britches	Trousers
Ee cud talk the ind legs orf a dunkey	He wont shut up
Afore	Berfore
Niver	Never
Guz alung	Goes along
Arse about fairce	Back to front
Arse uppuds	Upside down
Bacca	Cigarettes
Fag	Cigarette
Cat lick	Quick wash
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Eez bin earwiggin	He s been listening
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Due to editorial constraints the full article of The Early Days Of Gordon Street could not be published. It has been included below for reference purposes.

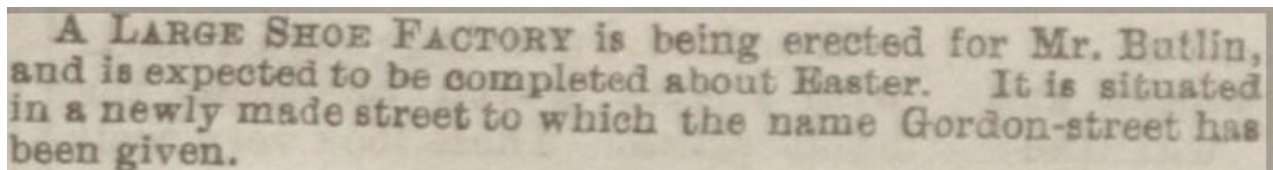
THE EARLY DAYS OF GORDON STREET, THE SHOE FACTORY AND WALTER ISAAC BUTLIN

I read the first copy of 'Rowell Heritage' with interest and would like to thank Elvin Royall for his excellent article on the long history of shoemaking in Gordon Street, ending with Groococks. There was just one small point that I feel I should mention however, and that is the sentence 'The Gordon Street works were built about 1880 for a Mr J T Butlin'....

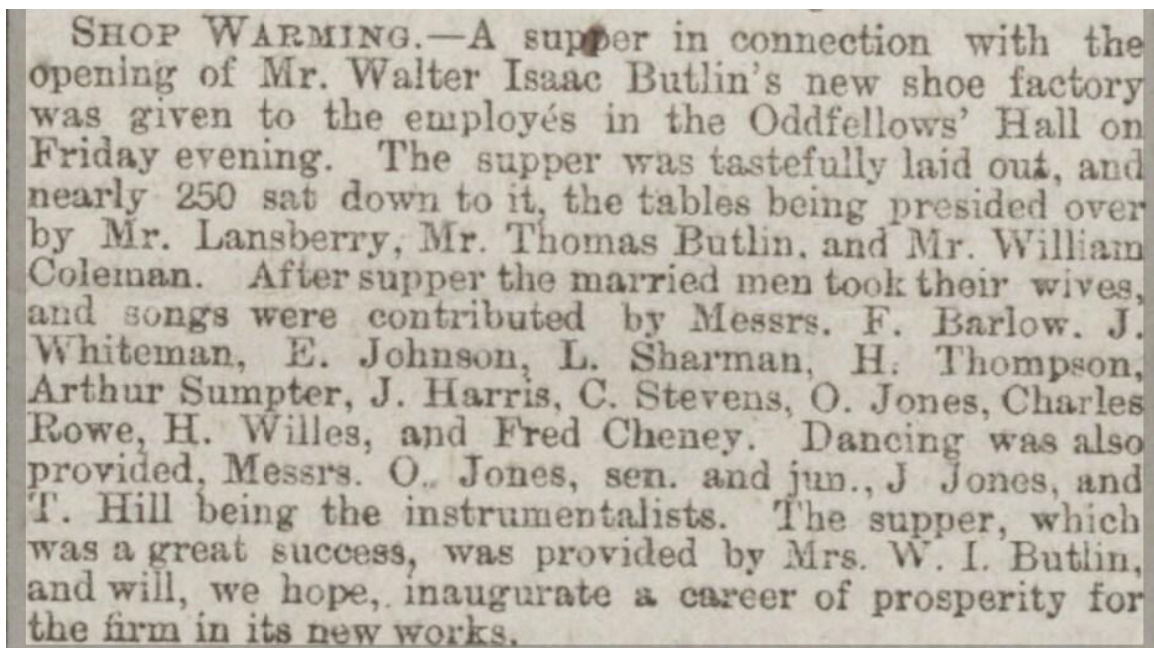
The works and the adjoining house were actually built in 1890 for Mr Walter Isaac Butlin.

John Thomas Butlin owned the Tresham Works which were at the very bottom of Kettering Road.

I have been studying Rothwell's history from old newspaper accounts and found that these not only provide a special insight into the life and times of the local people, they also facilitate the dating of events. I thought I'd put some of these snippets together.



Northampton Mercury 15th February 1890. Image ©The British Library Board



Northampton Mercury May 9th 1890. Image ©The British Library Board

Butlin John Thomas & Son, wholesale boot & shoe manufrs. Tresham works
Butlin Walter Isaac, wholesale boot & shoe manufactr. Gordon shoe works
Butlin John Thomas, Spring villa
Butlin Walter Isaac, Gordon villa

Kelly's Directory 1900

John Thomas (1841-1913) and Walter Isaac (1859-1930) were related. John Thomas was the son of Joseph Butlin (1822-1878) and Ann Sharman (1821-1874) while Walter Isaac was the son of Thomas Butlin (1824-1908) and Elizabeth Rowthorne (1823-1902). In 1871 these families were neighbours in Castle Lane. Joseph and Thomas were brothers so their sons John Thomas and Walter Isaac were cousins. The pair lived close together while running their respective factories because W I Butlin was at Gordon House (sometimes called Gordon Villa), 41 Kettering Road, and J T Butlin was at West View, 43 Kettering Road, which was built for him in 1892. These properties stood on either side of the turning into Gordon Street. West View is still there but Gordon House was demolished in recent years and has been replaced by flats.

Walter Isaac Butlin is the lesser known of the cousins so I thought I'd concentrate on finding out a little about him and his family. He is described in the 1881 Census as a clicker and a music teacher. He regularly played the piano, harmonium and organ at local events. In 1898 he published an arrangement of The Lord's Prayer for 4 Voices and this is still listed on Amazon. Walter served at various times on the Local Board and then on the Urban District Council which was established under the provisions of the Local Government Act in 1894. Walter married a young lady named Elizabeth Thompson in Cransley during July 1883. She had been born there in 1861 and was the daughter of William Thompson (b.1834) and Ann Timpson (b.1831). Sadly, her death is registered in the Apr-Jun qtr. of 1884, less than a year after her wedding and she was only 23 yrs old. During the following year, 1885, widower Walter married Sarah Ann Lansberry from Lidlington, Bedfordshire who in 1881 had been working as a teacher in Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. Walter Isaac Butlin's eldest child, referred to as Reginald H.T. or sometimes Reginald Harry, is entered in each census index as having been born in 1885 but his birth is actually recorded in the Jul-Sep qtr. of 1884. After his death in 1955 the probate record showed that the 'T' in his name stood for Thompson which was the maiden name of Walter's first wife. It can be safely assumed therefore, that Reginald was Elizabeth's son and since she died during the Apr-Jun qtr. of 1884 and his birth was registered during Jul-Sep of that year, she most probably died in childbirth at the end of June.

BUTLIN Reginald Harry Thompson otherwise Reginald Harry of 118 Askew-road Shepherds Bush **London W.12** died 5 November 1955 at The Acton Cottage Hospital London W.3 Probate **London** 7 January to Westminster Bank Limited. Effects £9502 13s. 9d.

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Walter Isaac Butlin went on to have a large family with his second wife Sarah Ann and in the 1911 Census it is stated that he had fathered 14 children of whom 11 were still living. There is a newspaper account of the death of one child in 1899.

neighbours.
SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD.—A child, aged five months, son of Mr. Walter Isaac Butlin, shoe manufacturer, of Rothwell, was found in bed, apparently suffocated on Saturday. The child was placed in bed by a servant at about ten o'clock and was found at half-past ten, life being nearly extinct, the child having rolled over on the pillow. Dr. More was immediately sent for and administered the usual restoratives, but without avail, the child shortly after expiring. At an inquest on Saturday evening a verdict of "Accidental death in accordance with the medical testimony" was returned.

Northampton Mercury 25th August 1899. Image ©The British Library Board

Sarah Ann frequently placed advertisements for servants to help with her growing household and these are a few examples. The Butlins were Nonconformists, hence the preference for a dissenter:

GENERAL SERVANT. NURSEMAID.—Wanted, a General Servant : one who understands plain cooking. Also a Nursemaid. Age from 18 to 25. Good wages given. Apply at once to Mrs. Walter Butlin, Gordon House, Rothwell, Kettering.

Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford Mercury 30th Dec 1892

NURSE.—Wanted, a thoroughly trustworthy Person, experienced with and fond of children. Dissenter. Good needlewoman. None but experienced persons need apply.—Mrs. Butlin, Gordon House, Rothwell, Kettering.

Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford Mercury 23rd Mar 1894

GENERAL SERVANT (good) wanted at once; also a Nurse-Housemaid. One used to young children preferred. Good wages to competent girls. State age & wages. Mrs. Walter Butlin, Gordon House, Rothwell, Kettering.

Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford Mercury 15th Jun 1900

The workers at the shoe factory were given the yearly treat of a meal with entertainment and this is a report of one such occasion:

SHOP SUPPER.—The annual supper in connection with the employes of Mr. Walter Isaac Butlin, of the Gordon Shoe Works, was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Friday, when an excellent meal was provided by Mrs. Mawbey. The evening afterwards was spent in singing and dancing. Mr. T. Hill accompanied the songs, and Messrs. Jones played for dancing. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. H. Lansberry.

Northampton Mercury March 6th 1891. Image ©The British Library Board

There are also the less happy newspaper accounts of industrial accidents:

ROTHWELL.
ACCIDENT.—At Mr. W. I. Butlin's Gordon Shoe Works, on Friday last, one of the driving belts became loose, and before it could be regulated it became entangled in the screwing machine, which was lifted from its place, and in falling was broken almost beyond repair. The damage is estimated at about £50. Two of the employes—James Parker and Harry Adams—had narrow escapes.

Northampton Mercury 23rd March 1894. Image ©The British Library Board

FATAL FALL AT ROTHWELL.**I N Q U E S T.**

The inquest on the body of George March, who died through injuries caused by falling from a ladder at Messrs. W. I. Butlin's factory at Rothwell, on Tuesday evening, was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Rothwell, before Mr. J. C. Parker, on Thursday afternoon. Mr. C. F. Wright, H.M. inspector of factories, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Home Office, and Mr. T. Bird, J.P., and Mr. W. C. Cattell represented the Kettering and District Manufacturers' Insurance Association.—After viewing the body, Mr. Bird, on behalf of the directors, expressed deep sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.—Martha March, living at 15, Cross-street, Rothwell, identified the body as that of her husband, whose age was 55. He was not subject to fits. — Fred Eagle, pressman at Messrs. Butlin's factory, said on Tuesday, about 5.45 p.m., he was in the gas-house. Witness saw deceased on the top of the ladder against the gas producer. Deceased had put some coal in, and he slipped. Witness ran towards him, but deceased was unconscious. Witness sometimes had to feed this apparatus.—The Coroner: Have you ever noticed any fumes?—Witness: No.—A Juror: Was the handle broken that let the coals drop into the fire when it was placed into the pan?—Witness: Yes.—A Juror: How was the coal let down into the fire?—Witness: By means of a chain and poker, which lifted up the drop lid and let the coals slide down into the fire. The fumes of the gas often came up into his face.—The Coroner: You told us not a minute ago that the gas did not come into your face when letting the coal drop.—William Coleman, machinist at the factory, who rendered first aid, said he turned the body over and saw a large wound on the left side of the head. He at once sent for a doctor.—Dr. More, Rothwell, said on Tuesday he was called to Messrs. Butlin's factory, where he saw deceased lying in a pool of blood, unconscious. On examination witness found that the skull was fractured. Witness ordered his removal home, where he died from the effects of his injuries.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and on the suggestion of Mr. J. L. Joyce, handed their fees to the widow.

Northampton Mercury 30th August 1901

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In 1905 Walter Isaac Butlin wound up two companies and this is probably when the family moved to Kettering.

**In the High Court of Justice.—Companies (Winding-up).
Mr. Justice Buckley.
No. 0086 of 1905.**

**In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900, and
in the Matter of WATSON'S BOOT COMPANY
Limited.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition for the winding up of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was, on the 28th day of March, 1905, presented to the said Court by Walter Isaac Butlin, of Gordon Works, Rothwell, near Kettering, in the county of Northampton, Boot Manufacturer, and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 11th day of April, 1905, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself, or his Counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.—Dated this 29th day of March, 1905.

**RALPH RAPHAEL and CO., 59, Moorgate-street,
London, E.C., Solicitors for the Petitioner.**

LONDON GAZETTE March 31st 1905. Issue 27780 p. 2476.

WALTER I. BUTLIN AND CO. Limited.

TAKE notice that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company, duly convened, and held at the registered offices of the Company, Gordon Shoe Works, Rothwell, near Kettering, on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1905, the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution was duly passed:—

Extraordinary Resolution.—“That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. Augustus Oufaude Palmer, of St. Giles-street, Northampton, Chartered Accountant, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.”

Dated the 20th June, 1905.

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WALTER ISAAC BUTLIN, Chairman.

London Gazette 4th July 1905. Issue 27813 p. 4656.

At the time of the 1911 Census, Walter was aged 51 and living with his family in a house named South Holme in School Lane, Kettering. He describes himself as 'commercial traveller (boots)'. He died aged 71 and was buried on 17th November 1930 in London Road Cemetery, Kettering.

BUTLIN Walter Isaac of 55 The Broadway Kettering **Northamptonshire** died 13 November 1930 at 44 Leigham Court-road Streatham Surrey Probate **Leicester** 3 January to Sarah Ann Butlin widow and Leslie Raymond Butlin commercial traveller. Effects £367 3s. 2d.

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Sarah Ann Butlin died at the age of 73 and was buried on 12th May 1934 in London Road Cemetery. One of the children of Walter Isaac and Sarah Ann was Cyril Walter who was a professional musician and there is an entry for him in the Dictionary of Composers for the Church in Great Britain and Ireland (edited by Robert Evans and Maggie Humphreys). Cyril died in 1958.

BUTLIN, Cyril Walter

Born in Rothwell, Northamptonshire in 1886. Educated privately with A.H. Essam, Cuthbert Harris, Henry Middleton and Charles Wood. Organist and choirmaster of Fuller Baptist Church, Kettering, Northamptonshire. A lecturer with the Workers' Educational Association. Composed hymn tunes and other items of church music.

Probably the most notable member of Walter's family was his son Kenneth Rupert Butlin who was born in Rothwell in 1897 and attended Oundle School before achieving a first class degree in chemistry at Trinity, Cambridge. Kenneth married Helen Mary Fletcher in 1928 and the marriage certificate displays details of his father who describes himself as a retired boot & shoe manufacturer.

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1928. Marriage solemnized at <u>the Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Edgbaston</u> in the County of <u>Birmingham I.B.</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
207	July 27 th 1928	Kenneth Rupert Butlin	31	Bachelor	Chemist	6 Southdown Avenue South Road Edgbaston.	Walter Isaac Butlin	Retired Boot Shoe Manufacturer
		Helen Mary Fletcher.	21	Spinster	—	7 Compton Road Edgbaston.	Benjamin John Fletcher.	Head Master Birmingham School of Art & Design

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church by R. F. Fletcher or after Deed by me,
 This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Kenneth Rupert Butlin } in the Presence of us, { Helen Mary Fletcher } { W. C. Butlin } { Charles M. G. Lewis }

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Kenneth became a leading scientist and a pioneer of biotechnology who developed an awareness of the importance of microbes and how they could be beneficial to society. He established the Chemical Research Laboratory at Teddington which was internationally renowned and he was the author of several scientific publications. He was known as 'Butch' and when he died of kidney failure at his home in Teddington on 1st October 1965, his close colleague John R Postgate wrote an obituary for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and another for the Microbiology journal. The final paragraph of the latter provides an endearing insight into the character of Kenneth Butlin:

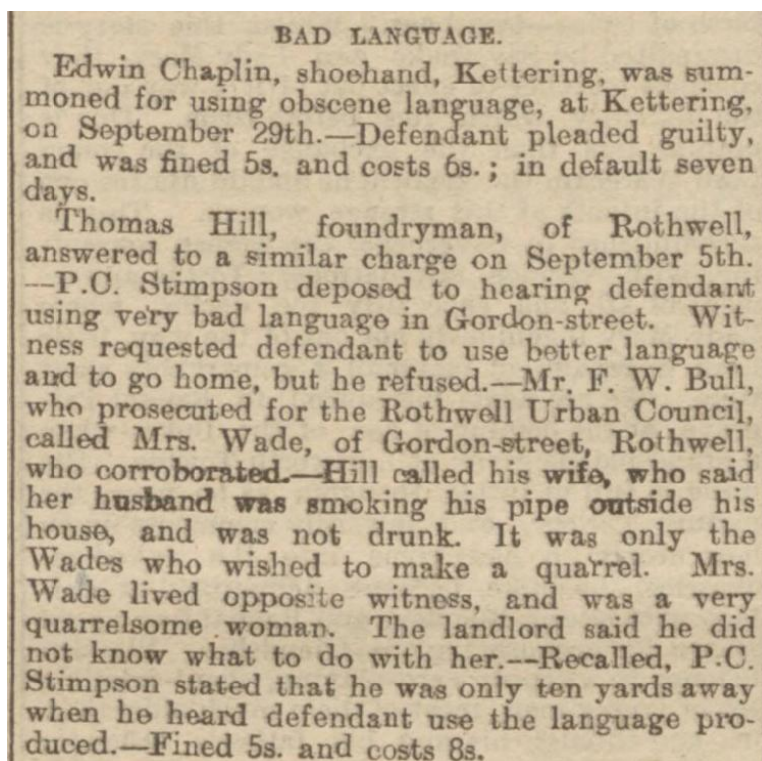
'It would be wrong to conclude this obituary without a word about Butlin the man. His exuberant friendly personality made a lasting impression on all who met him and inspired great affection and loyalty. He was a lover of classical music, a connoisseur of wine, and he derived great enjoyment from travelling, paintings, good food and convivial company. As another obituarist has written (The Times, 2 Oct. 1965), he 'had no time for the two cultures'; he refused to divorce science from everyday culture, and this refusal is exemplified by the uncommonly high standard of writing that characterized his scientific exposition. But, though an intellectual, he was in no way austere: in the right company, a pint of draught beer was as delightful as a vintage Chateau Cheval Blanc, impromptu music-hall songs as enjoyable as the grand opera that he loved. Despite a lifelong impediment in his speech, which disappeared completely when he sang, any company was always the gayer, the more enriched, for his presence. No event could remain wholly formal when Butlin was around. If this obituary has shown moments of unseemly gaiety, it is surely as Butch would have wished.'

John R Postgate

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Kenneth Rupert Butlin is buried in Sapperton New Churchyard in Gloucestershire.

As a lighter postscript to Gordon Street in its earliest years, here is an account of some unedifying behaviour that took place there and which resulted in a case being heard at Kettering Police Court. Mr J.T. Stockburn was in the chair and the other officials were Mr T. Wallis, Mr J.A. Gotch and Mr H. Barlow.



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Sylvia Davis, July 2014.