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The Play

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Hawley

I will photocopy to keep in
personal archives Kathy

Copy of Esme's drawing for opening scene

old lady's costume

Notes on her ideas for scene in Note book



Beth Perkinings

What do we need

PEOPLE

1. Actors actresses children

2. Soloists to sing

Hannah Mc

Kate Luke

~~Someone folk song voice to sing War Horse~~

Jonathan Pennington

There Luke?

3. Instrumentalist

Concertina

bag pipes

violin

saxophone

~~Guitar~~

Piano

4. Narrator

- Paddy McGuinness

5. Poetry

John Paxton

Euan Macintosh

Susannah

"They"

A Mothers Prayer

6. Handbell Ringers

Faith Fitchett - Ode to Joy

7. Songs + Music

Kault Randall

© All things long

Costumes

Children

- girls dresses, white pinafores, boots
- boys, collarless shirts, braces, knicker boots
- Headmaster - formal
- Harry Lockett - soldiers uniform
- Ada Godfrey - simple wedding dress
- hats
- Clergyman
- Farmers
- Farmers' wives

Scenery

1. Backgrounds will be provided by projection of photos.
Aduce Ben, Dom, Mike Green
2. Table with wedding celebration
3. Green cloth to represent the grass
4. Sound Equipment, microphones etc

The Play

Introduction by the narrator about the play

- a) reflect life in a small rural community of farmers + farm workers
- b) Effect on the College and student intake
- c) Reflection of the school life
- d) How young men viewed the prospect of fighting
- e) What was the impact on the women
- f) Pubs & shop

It is not our intention to dwell on the politics of war but how people lived their lives

Scene 1 The School

The narrator stands at the side of the stage.
(alter)

An old lady appears on the stage (grey wig, walking stick + big cloak wrapped around her)

"Old lady" My name is Ethel May Bestley and I was 9 years old when the Great war started in 1914. I am now very old and my memory is not as good as it used to be but I do remember I was very happy. There were over 100 of us at the village school.

A bell rings: The School Bell.

She throws off her cloak & wig & walking stick and becomes the 9 year old girl Ethel May Bestley

July

Photo of the School interior.

Children all ages come on to the stage -
Headmaster in (photo of 1915) Mr. Thomas Martin

Assembly Scene.

Narrator There were 110 app. children registered at the school. The Headmaster had been here for many years and one of his staff was Kate Bricknell. Attendance dropped considerably during harvest time as one would expect. (Ages ?) The School closed on Feb 1 day race meeting & for the hunt.

Headmaster : Good morning boys & girls. We will begin assembly with one of our favourite Hymns "All things Bright & Beautiful" (Cecil Francis Alexander) 1845)

All sing the Hymn (audience can join)

Mr. Martin England may well have a difficult year this year with possibility of war with Germany but we are going to start to-day with a happy event. The Prize giving

The Bishops Prize goes to Elsie Cole (Elsie comes up to accept)

The Study prize goes to Elsie Rowe,
Emily Morris
Glady's Bank

(All come up to take Prize)

The Infant's prize goes to Mabel Long (comes up)

The Cookery prize to Elsie Cole

Mr Martin Boys and girls please work
hard to-day and you can now go back
to your classes.
File off-stage.

X Photo of the Luddesdon Boys.

Aug 1914

Narrator The boys sometimes gathered by the river in summer to have a dip in the river and to talk about things they did or wanted to do.

Boys sitting as in photo.

Boy (name)

1. Well it's finally happened we've declared war on Germany, I wonder if it will have any effect on us. At the moment men over the age ... are volunteering

(Boy 2) name

I would love to join up and see France, it would be a real adventure after living in this sleepy village & having to work on the farm.

Boy 3 Yes me too especially since it will all be over by Christmas

Boy 4. Do you really believe that?

All course we do

Boy 2. Which regiment would we join & where do we enlist.

Boy 3 Bucks + Oxon light infantry - their

Boy 1 Well we will all have to see what happens. But we need to get back to helping on the farm or we will be in trouble from Mr Gale or Mr Rymann

Boy 4 Does anyone know what time it is. It's a pity we don't have a church clock like other villages

All get up & go

Narrator Explains about the Church Clock.

It's a long way to Tipperary

Archie Bestley - Died 012.1918 19 Royal Warwickshire
died of wounds

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Photo of the Wedding

M Narrator The war did indeed not end by Christmas and by March 1916 51 men from Cuddesdon were serving. Sady Charles Shirley was one of the first men to lose his life. Some men were serving in the army, some in the Navy & John Hugh Gale was later to join the newly established Royal Flying Corps.

Cuddesdon continued with life, the farmers, the publicans (Bat & Ball & The 3 Compasses) Bangers, the builder, Walter Mitchell the Post Master, Walter Bobart the Miller & Harry Northmore the Shopkeeper

One thing that did not stop in Cuddesdon was the births (numbers) and the Wedding. One such wedding was that of Harry Lockett & Ada Godfrey in 1916

Wedding Party

Big table, chairs food etc

Characters B + Groom, Best man children, village

Laughing, talking amongst guests. Speech best man

Best mans speech ^{POV} Harry Lockett. TOAST

Harry Lockett Responds with out loud speech
(H. Lockett) ...

All guests have a DANCE - Music on
Anglo Concertina Music Bridge + Groom
Waltz Roses are blooming in Picardy.

Ada makes a speech about how proud
she is to have such a handsome brave
husband etc.

Aside speech - worry etc. but will do her duty
her duty.

Solo Hannah.

"Keep the Home Fires
Burning"

Audience Asked to join in

Finish with handbell ringers

Save on key!

X / Narrator As we said earlier got on
M with life and work in the
Λ village.
Social events

1. Lenten service Vicar -
2. On War
3. Social 120 present Feb 1916 ~~part~~
2 soldiers in Khaki
4. Egg Collection

By this time 1916 many wounded soldiers repatriated and in conv. One of the things was to collect eggs ... 565 collected

Sophie & Samuel and Abr.

walk on stage with eggs. Chatter about collected
Meet Mrs ^{Grey} ~~Ryman~~ etc

Scene proceeds - Farming Horses - Horse
song. ~~WAR HORSE FILM Folk Song~~
from

Scene 6

Death of Herbert Morris

School Scene

SONG
Hymn I vow to thee
My country

Death of Herbert Cecil Morris

Song Poem John Paxton To Read

Appearance Relative John Forde +
the Plaque.

Scene 7 College Scene & P. C. Cornwell
with text as chair - various decisions
memorial, clock, church wall, Serbian Students
Serbian lanterns

Scene 8 Siegfried Sassoon.

Narrator
Scene 9 In all Men dead in Cuddesdon etc
Euan McIntosh Reads first 1+2
They shall not grow old
Hannah & Kate In Flanders Field,
The Children recite & when you
go back remember to tell them
Hold up poppies

Cuddesdon at War: the life
of the village 1914 to 18

Written by DR. KATHY HAWLEY & SCENE 1
by Esme Hawley aged 10.

Takes Place in the Village School
 Photo of school projected with Mr Martin

Narrator Cuddesdon is a small village with a population of approx 500. In 1914 the population was about the same. 52 from the village served during the first World War and about 12 men lost their lives. But life in the village went on.

An old lady hobbles on to the side of the stage wearing a dark shawl & using a walking stick

Narrator This is Ethel May Bestley

Ethel I was 9 years old when the Great War started. I am now very, very old and my memory isn't as good as it was. I do remember being very happy in Cuddesdon where I went to the village school. There were over 100 of us at the school

SUDDENLY A SCHOOL BELL RINGS LOUDLY + ETHEL THROWS OFF HER CLOAK + DROPS HER WALKING STICK.

Ethel I mustn't be late Mr Martin does not like us to be late

MR MARTIN APPEARS RINGING BELL; All The Other

MR MARTIN good morning boys and girls
We will begin assembly with the hymn
"All things bright and beautiful"

PIANIST Plays a few lines then Mr Martin
Miss Brickwell and the children

sing
"All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small"

NARRATOR. from previous page

MR MARTIN
Children please sit down. I have few
announcements to make. School will be
closed on ~~on~~ ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{for}

"Cheers from the Children"

MR MARTIN

I now have great pleasure in
awarding the school prizes to those children
who have worked very hard. This will be
a difficult year for us all because of the ^{possibilities} war
with Germany. So we will start with a happy
event.

THE PRIZE GIVING - MR MARTIN READS OUT
THE NAMES MISS BRICKNELL PRESENTS THE
PRIZES (BOOKS)

MR MARTIN "The Bishop's prize goes to Elsie Cole"

(Elsie takes her prize from Miss Bricknell)

"The Study Prizes go to Elsie Rowe
Emily Morris
Gladys Burk

(They come up to receive prizes)

"The infant's prize goes to Mabel Wing (She walks
up and the children clap)

"The Woodwork prize goes to Fred Staveland"
Fred very cockily walks to get his prize

me (singing) "The me goes to Elsie like- well
done Elsie)"

Please stand and quietly go back to your
classroom and remember to work hard

" All file off stage to right into the
Lady Chapel "

Boy 1 " Well it's finally happened we have
declared war on Germany. I wonder
what it means for us!

Boy 2

Project Photo of Cuddesdon Boys onto the screen.

Narrator

As in all farming communities the children had to help on the farms and one of their delights in Cuddesdon was to go down to the water meadow by the side of the river just near Cuddesdon Mill. The time is August 5th 2014 the day after war with Germany was declared.

The boys sit on the altar steps, green astro turf or similar laid on the steps

Miss [unclear]

Annie Morris

Margaret Gale

Mrs Buswell

Mr Hyde

Mabel
Siegfried Sassoon

Gala Hawley
Robert Wilson

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Speaking Parts

Narrator
Ethel May Bestley
Mr Martin Headmaster
Archie (Young Man)
Fred
Percy
Jim

Paddy
Esme Hawley

Emma Morris Maid
Sophie's Son
Sophie
Mrs Gale
Rev. James Seara
Harry Hockett
Groom's father
Ada Hockett (née Godfrey)
Hannah
Fred
Elsie Cole

Cherry Hickson
Sam Christie
Sophie Christie
Bishop Humphrey
Hanna McGummes
Alex Brown

None Speaking Parts

School Children
Wedding guests
Annie Morris *

Music.

Piper
Violinist
Concertina Player
Singers Hannah, Cate, Jonathan
Poetry Readers Susannah, John Paxton
Serbian students

List of Jobs

Insurance - public liability
Hand bells

Parking - Play
- Memorial Service

Refreshments Play
Exhibition

Costumes - (in hand)

Lighting

Seating - Richard

Lights Path to Church

E-mail -
Suzanne
Robert

Invitations

Publicity Flyers

Ethel ✓

Mr Martin ✓

Mrs Brickfield

Elsie Cole - Isabelle Turner ✓

Elsie Rowe Amy Archer ✓

Emily Morris Jimmy Hollindale ✓

Mabel Wing Gala ✓

Gladys Burt Grace Archer ✓

Fred Staveley Alex Brown ✓

Other Children ~~Thomas Hollindale, Willie~~

~~Tanner, Malady Burt~~

~~Fred Archer, Kate~~

~~Lyche, Magdalen, Benedict~~

~~& Hannah McGinnies~~

~~Raya-Coombes Malady B~~

Cuddasda Rap

Archie - Jo Barber

Fred Staveley Alex Brown

Percy Graham - Kirk - Spraggs

Jim

Egg Scene

~~Hannah~~ Emma Morris H. McCoy

Mrs Gale Cherry Hickers

Sophie - Sophie Christie

Samsen & Gabriel - Samson + G. Christie

Wedding

Rev. Seaba - Bishop Humphry Seal

Harry Lockett - Graham Kirk - Spraggs

Ada - Jooks Pool

Greens fella - Martin Charman

Wedding Guests ~~Sister Anne Verena, Mrs King~~

Dee Murray, Mark Chapman - ~~Henry~~

~~Bedwell, Henry Thicker~~

Annie Morris - Lane Smith
Mr Morris's Spirit Nicko - King

Parochial Church Council Members

Mrs Ryman - Gillie King
Mrs Flecker Penny Caldwell
Miss Gale - Jackie Redgwell
Lady O'Malley - Waverley Luke
Mr Wheeler - Keith Hawley
Mr Ryman - Nicko King
Mr Wheeler - Keith Hawley
Siegfried Sassoon - Robert Weber

Music

Piano - Keith Randall
Vocal - Michael Simmonds
Vocal - Benedict McGunners

Soloists

Hannah McGunners
Cate Luke
Jonatha Pennington

Church Bell Ringers
Brian Lowe + Horspath Church Yean

Handbell Ringers - Tom Pelham
Annie Honey, Maria West, Susan Palmer.
- College

Poetry Readers

John Parker
Euan McIner
Susan + Theresa

~~Kennecott~~ team

Ben Hawley Christine ^{Beth}~~Green~~, Mike Green
Gorett Morris ✓

Flowers Teen McInnes ✓
Refreshment Susan Palmer & M. Buswell ✓
Cake Baker Jane Kiffa, Rachel ✓
Sandy Rutt ✓

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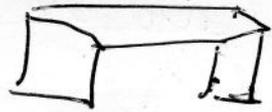
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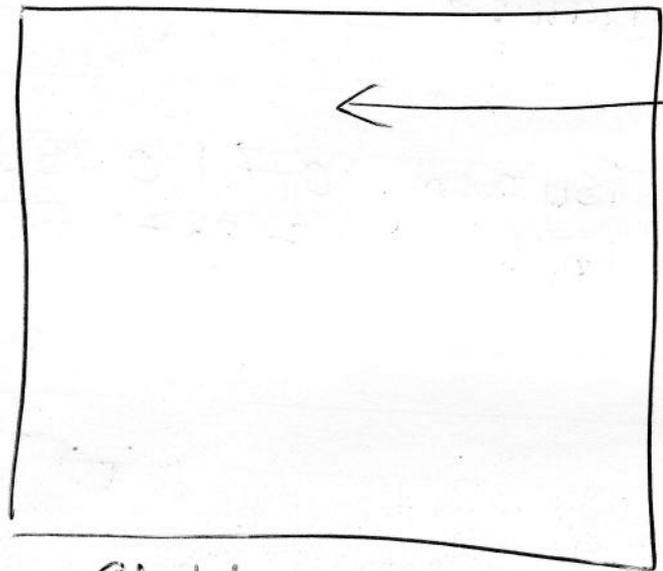
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1. bench in childrens play area
seats 3/4



- 2. Table in lady chapel seats 6.
- 3. 2 small side tables in church

Scene Violinist Behind Screen



no Motte
backlight

Clutter Miss Motte

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Sept 19*

Scene 2	Cuddisden Boys
3	Egg Scene
4	The Wedding
6	Parochial C. Council

Oct. 17*

Scene 1	Opening
5	School & Mem. Plaque
7	Siege. Sassoon
8	Finale.

