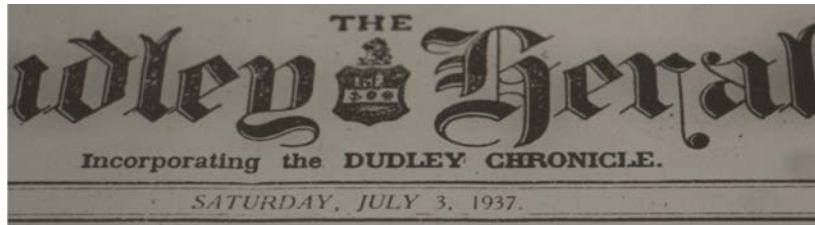


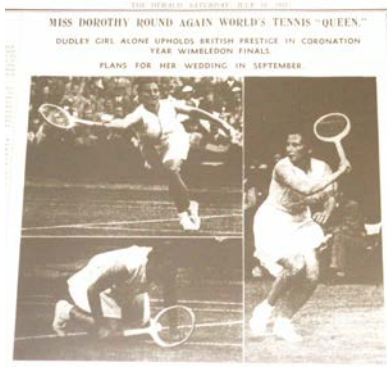
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In 1937, Dudley girl Dorothy Round was crowned Wimbledon champion.

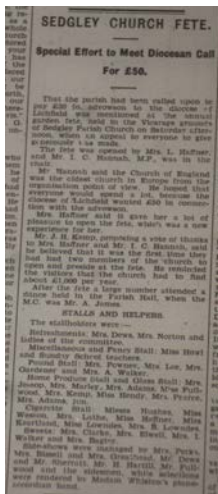
1937 was to have seen the coronation of **Edward VIII**, yet he abdicated, as he wished to marry a divorcee, Mrs Simpson - making way for his brother **George VI**.



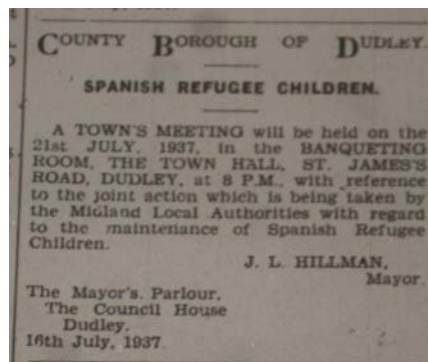
The Dudley Zoological Society was founded in 1935, and the Zoological Gardens opened to the public on 18 May 1937



Coronation Day celebrations in Dudley for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1937 were captured by the Herald.



At the **All Saints' Church** fete in June 1937, parishioners were being asked to raise funds to meet a £50 'advowson' charge, but it could mark the transfer of the right to choose the vicar from the Earl of Dudley to the parish itself. **Ian Campbell Hannah, who opened the fete, MP** was MP for Bilston 1935-44.

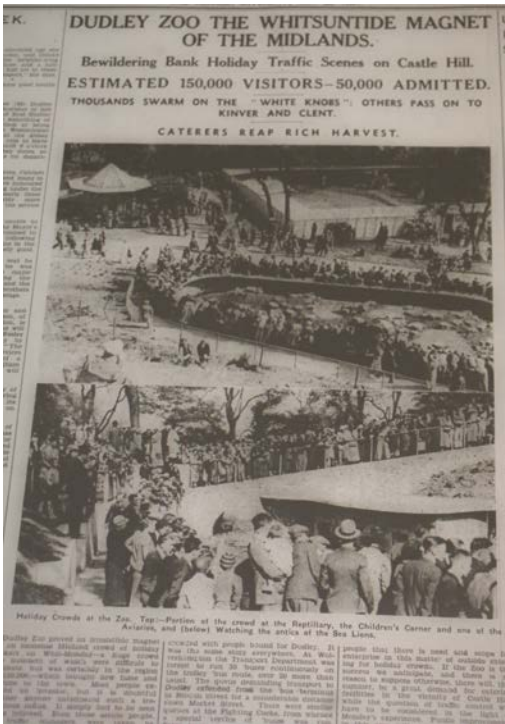


The plight of refugee children fleeing from the Spanish Civil War was discussed at Dudley Town Hall in 1937.



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Whitsuntide crowds swamp Dudley in 1937. It was the first public holiday after the opening of the zoo - there were an estimated 150,000 but only 50,000 were admitted!

**THE CLIFTON, SEDGLEY.**  
 On Monday, the newly-erected Clifton Picture House, in the Sedgley Bull Ring, will be opened, and for the first three days will show "San Francisco," starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Jack Holt and Jeanette MacDonald. This film is full of strong drama, blended with humour and romance. On the last three days of the week, Will Hay will be seen in "Windbag the Sailor," a film full of humorous situations.



The opening of the newly built Clifton Cinema in the Bull Ring Sedgley is reported in the Herald. The first film to be show was 'San Francisco' with Clark Gable and Jeanette McDonald, where action centres around the 1906 earthquake.

**SEDGLEY POLICE COURT.**  
**MONDAY.**  
 Before Mr. S. K. Slater (chairman), Councillor G. Mills, and Mrs. E. E. Williams.  
**SPEEDING ON NEW ROAD.**  
 Alfred Eric Haydock, 72, Huron Hill, Tooting, London, was summoned for exceeding the speed limit.  
 P.C. Dilling said that at 8.15 a.m. on April 3rd he was on motor patrol duty along the Birmingham New Road, Coseley, when for a distance of one mile he followed defendant, who was driving a motor van. Defendant's speed varied between 36—42 miles per hour. His legal speed was 30

Before speed cameras – PC follows a speedster on the Birmingham New Road!

**VICAR'S OUTCRY AGAINST DUDLEY ZOO.**  
 Turning Sunday Into a "Babylon of Pleasure Seekers."  
**APPEAL FOR "UNITED ACTION."**  
 Assertions that the Zoo has helped to turn Dudley on a Sunday into a "Babylon of pleasure seekers," and an invitation to ministers of all denominations to get together and make definite plans and show a united front, are contained in a letter written by the Vicar of St. Francis Church, Priory Estate, in the current issue of the Parish Magazine, in which he contends that "Money is being poured by stupid people into the pockets of those who care nothing for the things of God."  
 The letter is as follows:—  
 "My dear friends of St. Francis!—It is a queer world! At least the people who live in it are at times very odd in their behaviour. As a nation we have not known prosperity for a great many years like we are now enjoying.  
**PUBLIC WORSHIP NEGLECTED.**  
 "The result is amazing: the public worship of God is almost entirely neglected. It seems to me dreadful that we have so little sense of thankfulness for the fullness that the greater part of our people cannot even spare one hour out of 168 each week publicly and together to thank the Father who gave us life and the power to enjoy it. The more money people have to spend the less do they seem to be grateful for. How stupid we all are.  
 "The peoples of the world cannot live in peace and righteousness with out the spirit of God. When God is left out

Dudley Zoo decried as a 'Babylon of Pleasure Seekers'. Revd VC Powell of St Francis Priory Estate bemoans the neglect of public worship in favour of the temporal attractions of Dudley Zoo.

**SEDGLEY.**  
 COUNCIL OUTING—The annual council outing of the Urban District Council, accompanied by a large number of members of the public, was held at the Clifton Picture House, Sedgley, on Monday evening last. The Clifton Picture House, which was opened on Monday evening last, was the scene of a very successful and enjoyable evening. A large number of members of the Council and their families were present. The Clifton Picture House, which was opened on Monday evening last, was the scene of a very successful and enjoyable evening. A large number of members of the Council and their families were present.

Council jolly: Members and staff of the Urban District Council went on an annual outing to Llandindrod Wells in Wales.



The Odeon Cinema opens on Castle Hill, Dudley. It opened on 28 July 1937 with 'The Beloved Enemy' starring Merle Oberon. The cinema seated 2,000. It is now used by Jehovah's Witnesses.

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Public Notices.  
**County Borough of Dudley.**  
AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.  
**RESPIRATORS**  
Are Available at the A.R.P. Stores,  
Stafford Street.

These cuttings are taken from the Dudley Herald in the period July-December 1939, in the immediate lead up to and the period following the declaration of war on Nazi Germany.

In the event of a gas attack, civilians were being issued with **respirators** from the ARP stores in Stafford Street Dudley.

In early September 1939 **Dudley Guest Hospital** was preparing for mass casualties as a result of the imminent hostilities.

**HOSPITAL**  
**Sandbagged to Provide "Splinter-proof Barricade"**

Full preparations are being made for any emergency at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, both for the protection of the hospital and for the reception of a large number of extra patients. A total of 246 extra beds are being put in, nearly trebling the accommodation. To do this, all the wards are being crowded with beds, some are being placed in the corridors, some in the lecture rooms and other similar rooms. One large office is being transformed into a ward. The beds are being supplied by the Government.

An additional staff of over 100 nurses is available for service. Many members of the V.A.D. have been trained at the hospital already. Large stocks of bandages, dressings and other materials for several months have been stored in the cellars in readiness for an emergency.

The whole hospital is being so effec-

**MARRIED AT SEDGLEY**  
**Mr. F. Baugh—Miss O. C. Devey**

Considerable interest was taken in the wedding at All Saints' Parish Church, Sedgley, on Saturday, of Mr. Fred Baugh, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Baugh, of Hurst Hill, and Miss Olive Catherine Devey, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Devey, of Sedgley.

The bride is a niece of the brothers Cox, well-known Sedgley choristers, who have an aggregate service in church and cathedral choirs of 200 years. One of them, Mr. Arthur Cox, attended the wedding. Miss Devey has been a Sunday School teacher at the church for a number of years.

Mr. W. V. Devey, brother of the bride, gave his sister away. Her bridal dress was of white lace, and her head-dress was a tulle veil.

Miss Roma Vaughan, the bridesmaid, wore a blue net over taffeta dress. There were also two small attendants, Master John Hartland and Miss Margaret Banner (god-daughter of the bride).

Mr. Joseph Hartland was best man, and Mrs. J. Bodenham and Mr. Harold Bissell were groomsmen.

The Rev. Harold Marley (Vicar) officiated. After the reception at Sedgley Parish Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Baugh left for Minehead, the bride wearing a tailored costume of mid-blue, and a silver fox fur, the gift of the bridegroom.

**THE Clifton SEDGLEY**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY—  
**SON OF FRANKENSTEIN** (11)  
THE ABLETT-ONLY.  
Bela Lugosi, Basil Rathbone, Boris Karloff.  
**BEAUTY PARLOUR** (11) **SHADOW OF THE STREAM**.  
PATHE NEWS TOPICAL.  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 28th, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—  
**ALWAYS IN TROUBLE** (11)  
Jane Withers Jean Rogers.  
A Very Funny Film.  
Also: **SHARPSHOOTERS** (11) A Fox Comedy.  
NEWS PATHE.

The **Clifton Cinema** remained open as normal in September 1939, showing *Son of Frankenstein*.

**SEDGLEY**  
**FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE.**—Councillor J. H. Hemmings, J.P. (chairman of Sedgley Council) has been appointed chairman of the Local Food Control Committee, which is comprised of Councillors Hemmings, W. P. Booth, J. Jones, D. R. Marsh, C. A. Pratt, J.P., D. J. Price, B. Timmins, C. Whittingham, Mrs. E. E. Williams, J.P., and Mrs. A. P. M. Gibbons, Messrs. J. A. Sproson Vinrace, T. A. Marsh, H. Crewe, H. J. Allen and S. J. Robinson (representing the food trades). In the case of emergency, Mr. T. R. Kneit (Executive Officer) may consult a sub-committee, consisting of the chairman of the committee, and Councillors Price, Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. Williams, Messrs. Crew, Marsh and Vinrace.

Sedgley UDC had its own **Food Control Committee**. Councillor Hemmings, Chairman of the Council, was appointed chairman.

**AIR RAID WARNINGS**

Warning of a threatened air raid will be given by short intermittent blasts or a warbling note on sirens or hooters or by short blasts on police whistles.

When you hear any of these sounds—take shelter. Stay there until the "Raiders Passed" signal, a continuous note on sirens or hooters lasting two minutes.

Gas attacks will be signalled by hand rattles. When the gas danger is over hand bells will be sounded.

When an air raid warning is given the driver of a motor vehicle must park at the side of the road, or in a garage, car park, or open space off the highway. If he is in a narrow busy road, he should turn into a side street.

Motor cars must be left unlocked, and any articles of value removed. The driver and passengers should then go to shelter.

The driver should not resume his journey until he hears the "Raiders Passed" signal, or if there has been a "Gas" warning, until the "All Clear" has been given by handbells.

The driver of a vehicle carrying petrol, explosives, or other dangerous or inflammable goods should, if possible, park in an open space away from the road.

Procedure to follow in the event of an air raid.

A **Sedgley wedding** on the eve of war. The bride was the niece of the Cox brothers, choristers at All Saints'.

THE HERALD, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1939.

**WOLVERHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**WOLVERHAMPTON HERO OF KIEL.**  
**CANAL RAID**

First Bomb for England in the War

"POCKET" WARSHIP

eight of Wolverhampton Grammar School. Mrs. Smith said her son's whole heart was in the service, and he went straight from school into the Air Force.

When it was suggested that the men who carried out the raid might receive some decoration, she smiled proudly and her eyes sparkled.

"Well, Oscar," she said, as if speaking to herself, "you crumped the first bomb, old son, pray God you live to see the last."

(Germany has three "pocket" battleships, the Deutschland, Admiral Scheer, and Admiral Graf Spee, the latter being the last to be completed—in 1934).

All letters by the necessity of good family correspondence.

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Oscar Smith of Lower Gornal dropped one of the **first bombs of the war** on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1939 when RAF fighter and bomber aircraft attacked Kriegsmarine warships in the Kiel Canal in the first Royal Air Force raid of the war.