

King's Lodge School



Kindness, Learning, Success

Origins of our House Team Names

“When setting the Houses up in 1989, I researched a number of people who had made some contribution to Chippenham...mostly charitable. I did an assembly on each one, and then the children voted to choose the four they wanted as house names.”

Carole Vincent – Headteacher 1989 1912/02/10)

HAWKINS

BLUE team

1638 Hawkins' Charity

In 1638 Mrs Hawkins left £10 the interest to be paid annually “to six poor freeman’s widows on Candlemas Day.” Income (1974) 44p

GOLDNEY

RED team

1681 Goldney

Gabriel Goldney in 1861 left land at Tytherton (Mill Field, Cogswell and Hatts) charged with £6 per annum to purchase six coats “to be given to honest poor labouring men of the parish of Chippenham”. The recipients were always chosen by the Goldney descendant owning the property, and the coats had dark buttons engraved “G.G. 1681.” In 1969 this Charity was combined with that of Gundry. In 1974 the joint distribution was of 8 vouchers each of £3.

COLBORNE

YELLOW team

1769 Colborne

William Colborne by trust deed 17th November 1769 left £1,000 3% Consols in trust for “the support of the Freeman of the borough or widows of Freeman.” Sums ranging from 10s.od. to £3 were distributed in January according “to the size and necessities of their families”. In 1869 the trustees reported that there were only 47 persons “strictly entitled” and that “few if any of them were in necessitous circumstances.” Accordingly at a public meeting (10th November 1898) it was decided that at least a part of the Colborne gift should be converted to educational purposes...when the building in Cocklebury Road was erected £700 of its cost came from this Charity.

BRADBURY

GREEN team

1834 Bradbury

Ann Bradbury (11th February 1834) bequeathed £100, the dividends to be spent on blankets for the “aged and most deserving poor.” Every fifth year the money was to be spent on repairing her sister’s tomb in Chippenham churchyard. The entry for 1882 reads: “One years dividend £3 3s. 4d. Six pairs of blankets at 10s. 3d. per pair £3 1s. 6d.” In 1900 36 blankets, 1902 – 23 blankets and in 1903 – 24 blankets were issued. The Will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1 March 1838.

Excerpts, (pp. 86, 87, from “Chippenham”; J.A Chamberlain)