

**With grateful thanks to Ray Manning,  
Joy Jellings & Mrs Page for the  
following information and reminiscences:**

Before the village hall was built one shilling was collected from each person in the village—one hopes that the money went to the build but this fact is not known

Ray Manning can remember the boys in the village age 9/10 who collected potatoes for Old Mr Eley. To reward them Mr Eley used to take them all to watch either a foot ball match or a cricket match. The trip was taken in an old coach.

Mr John Eley's sister used to run a club in their shed each Saturday for children aged 8/10. They used to have a large dressing up box and had great fun.

When Mrs Joy Jellings had taken her 11plus at Nibley School all schoolwork stopped for the six months before she left. In this time she helped with the infants, helped in the kitchen and also took money to the post office. Before she and her classmates left the head master, who was also leaving, cut his cane into nine pieces and gave each child a piece. When asked if he used the cane the answer was a definite - yes.

Mrs Page used to clean the village hall each week. There was no payment for this but she did receive a box of chocolates each Christmas.

Mrs Page also used to help cook a Christmas meal for the pensioners each year. This was held in the Village Hall but had to be cooked in the school kitchen!! This meant that there was a long procession of ladies carrying the food along the road. I just hope it was still hot when it arrived at the Hall.