



BIG PLAYERS

in Milton Keynes: **Sports, Arts & Media**

Nellie Smith's Diaries 1913 – 1919



1915 June 12 Sat.

'At last our Rose Day has arrived. What a beautiful morn - up at 5.30 about 14 of us met at 7.30 all dressed in White, and dark red roses, we all flattered ourselves we looked extra. Met the workmen at 8.15 outside the (Wolverton) Work Gates, felt horribly confused at first but what one can get used to. We all sold ours in a few moments... Went down Rec. helped until 1pm with Car. Procession started at 2.30. How fine our Girls looked behind Britannia's Car with our Allies, France, Belgian, Russia and Italy...Ethel and I came home to prepare for our 'Grand Concert' - a great number of people there. Went off extra, especially so after the struggle we had in preparing for it. So ended a very happy day...'

1916 Sep 9 Sat.

'Soldiers and Sailors Fete...the day threatens wet, but it cleared up lovely for the Concert, with a lovely harvest moon. Concert went off all right, with the piano doing a nice cake walk, went for a walk afterwards with H. along the canal side, our Sat. soon went...'

1917 Nov 24 Sat.

'Busy getting ready for concert for Newport for Wounded soldiers at Tickford Abbey...Had last rehearsal, rotten as usual but that is lucky. Went over 5.45 lost our way round Abbey but soldier met us across park and eventually gave them a good Variety Concert which they said was the best they had had. H. met me...'