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20th January 1900	6	<p style="text-align:center">GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK</p> <p>The hand of death has been heavy around this district of late. Poor Stephen Birch, of Tansley, who, in his younger days, was more notorious than eminent, was a terror to gamekeepers. He lived a life among the game reserves years ago, but latterly he did not follow the hazardous calling. There was this in favour of Stephen: he never, so far as I can recollect, injured a keeper. When he was caught he was ready to pay. Stephen was an expert at making asphalt, and for some years had been in different parts of the country instructing men in the duty. His last place was at Grange-over-Sands. At Christmas he was home for holidays, well and hearty. On Wednesday he was quietly laid under the sod in the churchyard at Tansley after 52 years' eventful life.</p>
10th February 1900	6	<p style="text-align:center">GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK</p> <p>A ten mile trotting match - from Bakewell to Tansley -was decided on Saturday morning last between Sam Robinson, of Wardlow (who drove his own pony), and Tom Taylor, of Matlock (for whom Jo. Bramwell drove). Robinson's pony soon took the lead, and won easily by about two miles. The stake was £10 aside.</p>
17th February 1900	5	<p style="text-align:center">NEWS SUMMARY</p> <p>An alleged public road leading from Lea to Tansley has been blocked by the erection of stone fences. The authority over the highway in question propose an enquiry and then act according to the result.</p>
3rd March 1900		<p style="text-align:center">THE WEEK'S POLICE</p> <p style="text-align:center">Hard Up!</p> <p>A Tansley man's expensive way of making money.</p> <p>Steven Reeves, of Tansley, took out a dog license the other day apparently with the ostensible purpose of turning his transaction into one of profit.</p> <p>Having a suitable dog for "the trade", he visited land in Ashover on the fourth of February, over which Mr J. B. Marsden-Smedley had the shooting rights. There he was in search of comea, when a gamekeeper unfortunately interrupted him.</p> <p>Reeves' plea was that he wanted a little money as his exchequer was low, and this was the most profitable method of improving his coffers. The gamekeeper wittily remarked that Reeves would want some more he thought.</p> <p>And this prediction turned out to be correct, for at the Alfreton police court last Friday for the game trespass Reeves had to pay in</p>

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all £2 0s 2d he getting the “benefit” of previous convictions.

24th March 1900 2

TANSLEY CRICKET CLUB SUPPER

The Tansley Cricket Club supper was held at the Gate Inn, Tansley, on Tuesday night, when 35 sat down. A seasonable repast was provided by Host and Hostess Haslam. The evening was spent convivially, and a programme was rendered by Mr John Gregory, Mr Allen, Mr Wm. Allwood, Mr J. Barber, Mr John Briddon, Mr Houghton, and Mr Gee Jepson. Mr Thomas Barber, the captain then gave a resume of the club’s doings last season, which was very successful, the majority of matches having been won. The club was out of debt, and the outlook for next year was most promising. Mr Sydney Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the Host and Hostess and Mr Arrow Smith supported. The toast of the club was replied to by Mr Barber.

7th April 1900 2

NOTES ON FOOTBALL

On Saturday Tansley visited the South End Rovers of Clay Cross in their return match. Although the visitors scored first, the Rovers added three goals before the interval, which arrived with the Rovers leading by 3 - 1. On changing ends Tansley very rarely crossed over the halfway line, and further scoring was done by Finlay, Radler and Elliott, the Rovers Club winning easily by eight goals to one.

7th April 1900 6

GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK

Matlock and Tansley Ploughing Association has a credit balance of £20 to carry to another year. Mr Goodwin and his assistant, Mr Watts, along with the committee, manage the affairs of the Association very creditably.

28th April 1900 5

NEWS SUMMARY

At the Tansley vestry, Mrs Childers Radford was nominated the rector’s warden and Mr Joseph Arrow Smith parish warden.

26th May 1900

CRICKET NOTES

FRIENDLIES

TANSLEY V. CLAY LANE

Played on the Clay Lane ground. Scores:

CLAY LANE	TANSLEY	
Pugh, b Allwood	3 Knowles, b Barker	0
Milwood, lbw, b do	3 Smith, b do	1
Bryan, b do	4 Barber, b do	6
Marriott, b do	2 Allwood, c Barker, b Bryan	14

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		Carrington, c Wilmot, b Smith 17 Young, b Carrington 5
		Allen, run out 3 Hursthouse, b Barber 4
		Barker, b do 5 Wragg, b Carrington 1
		Robinson, b do 0 Twigg, not out 0
		Rogers, c Hursthouse, b do 5 Stone, st., b Barber 3
		Baxter, b do 1 Reeves and Wilmot did not bat
		Shepherd, not out 1 Extras 1
		Extras 5 (For 8 wickets) 35
		49

16th June 1900

CRICKET NOTES

A very pleasant game was played at Tansley where the visiting team was Elton. The visitors, I am informed, took a weak team, but they were able to bring off a victory. Elton scored 46, and this did not appear a very formidable task for Tansley to rub off, but owing to the excellent bowling of G. Boam, who obtained five wickets for thirteen, and Carson, three for twenty three, Tansley were dismissed for 43, leaving Elton victorious, after a very pleasant and exciting game.

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FRIENDLIES
ELTON V. TANSLEY

Played on Saturday at Tansley. Score:

ELTON		TANSLEY	
Carson, b Smith	19	Smith, c Boam, b Carson	1
A Marshall, b do	7	Askew, b Boam	0
Sheldon, b T Barber	12	T.E.Barber, b do	2
Nadin, b Smith	0	Allwood, c Hadfield, b Carson	8
Hadfield, b do	0	E.H.Barber, run out	8
Mosley, c and b T. Barber	0	F.H.Barber, c Carson, b Boam	3
Boam, b do	4	Hursthouse, b do	3
F. Marshall, b do	0	Twigg, b Carson	4
Heathcote, b Smith	0	Knowles, b Boam	0
Yates, not out	1	Stone, run out	5
Moore, c and b T. Barber	3	Ellis, not out	2
Extras	0	Extras	7
	46		43

23 June 1900

CRICKET NOTES
FRIENDLIES
LONGSTONE V. TANSLEY

Played on Saturday at Longstone, and a very pleasant game ended in a draw. Score:

LONGSTONE		TANSLEY	
Morton, c Smith, b Twigg	21	Smith, b W. Wager	8
Ward, b do	17	J.H.Barber, c Furniss, b Holmes	13
W. Wager, b do	0	F.Barber, c Johnson, b Holmes	3
Oldfield, b Barber	6	Stone, not out	0
A. Wager, c Barber, b Smith	10	Extras	6
Wild, b White	7		30
Holmes, run out	16		
Furniss, c White, b Smith	6		
Perry, b White	17		
Lawton, not out	1		
Johnson, not out	0		
Extras	3		
	104		

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30 June 1900	2	<p>MATLOCK GUILD V. TANSLEY</p> <p>Played on Saturday at Matlock Bank. A.R.Kirby for the home side scored 15 and made a fine catch. Jos. Turner also tok a good catch. J.H.Richards took seven wickets for 19 runs and F.Flint three for 14.</p> <p>Score:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>TANSLEY</p> <p>W.H.Smith, b Richards 9 Askew, b Flint 1 T.E.Barber, c Harrison, b Richards 5 E.H.Barber, b Flint 6 Twigg, c Harrison, b Richards 0 T.N.Barber, c Jos. Turner, b Richards 5 Quigley, b do 1 White, c Kirby, b do 2 J.A.Smith, b Flint 0 Stone, c Slater, b Richards 4 Knowles, not out 0 Extras 1</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>MATLOCK GUILD</p> <p>Slater, b Smith 6 Harrison, b Barber 5 Kirby, c Barber, b Twigg 15 Richards, b Smith 0 Jos. Turner, run out 7 Teasdale, lbw, b Twigg 2 Toplis, c T.H.Barber, b E.Barber 0 Flint, b do 4 Dean, b Smith 2 Jas. Turner, b do 0 Garrett, not out 0 Extras 1</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">34</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<p>TANSLEY</p> <p>W.H.Smith, b Richards 9 Askew, b Flint 1 T.E.Barber, c Harrison, b Richards 5 E.H.Barber, b Flint 6 Twigg, c Harrison, b Richards 0 T.N.Barber, c Jos. Turner, b Richards 5 Quigley, b do 1 White, c Kirby, b do 2 J.A.Smith, b Flint 0 Stone, c Slater, b Richards 4 Knowles, not out 0 Extras 1</p>	<p>MATLOCK GUILD</p> <p>Slater, b Smith 6 Harrison, b Barber 5 Kirby, c Barber, b Twigg 15 Richards, b Smith 0 Jos. Turner, run out 7 Teasdale, lbw, b Twigg 2 Toplis, c T.H.Barber, b E.Barber 0 Flint, b do 4 Dean, b Smith 2 Jas. Turner, b do 0 Garrett, not out 0 Extras 1</p>	34	
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30 June 1900	2	<p>RIFLE CLUBS</p> <p>Tansley</p> <p>An impromptu meeting was held in the school on Tuesday evening to consider the formation of a Rifle Club for Tansley. The Rector, Rev. T. Brodie Mais, presided, and he read the Rules and Regulations of the Rifle Association.</p> <p>Mr McMunn proposed and Mr. Smith seconded a resolution that a Rifle Club be formed for the parish of Tansley. This was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Rector was elected hon. secretary. Over twenty names were given in as willing to join and it is hoped many more will, on hearing about the installation of the club, sending their names to the hon. secretary. It was suggested that steps should be taken to establish a shooting range in or near the village. There is a suitable site, the one formerly used by the Matlock Volunteers.</p>
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7th July 1900	2	<p>CRICKET NOTES</p> <p>FRIENDLIES</p> <p>TANSLEY V. TUPTON</p> <p>Played on Saturday at Tansley. Score: TANSLEY.- W.Smith, b Walker, 1; E.Geech, b Taylor, 1; W.Askew, b Taylor 5; T.E.Barber, c and b Walker, 0; J. Twigg, run out 0; T.H.Barber, not out 22; S.Hursthouse, b Taylor 9; J.Palfreyman, lbw, b Taylor 4; R.Twigg, b Taylor, 0; C.Quigley, b Walker, 0; T.Knowles, b Taylor, 7; Extras 10 - total 58. TUPTON - T.Priestley, not out 5; G.Laws, b</p>
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W.Smith 1; J.Farr, b Smith, 6; G.Byard, b W.Smith 0; L.Hancock, b
T.E.Barber, 3; J. Walker, run out, 4; N.Leary, R.Taylor, J.Love,
N.Ludlam and W.Elliott did not bat; Extras 2; total (for 5 wickets)
15. Rain stopped play.

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21 July 1900

CRICKET NOTES

A pleasant game was played at Tansley on Saturday between the home team and Matlock Guild. Tansley batted first, and were all out for 37. The Guild on the hard run getting wicket, naturally thought they had an easy thing on, but owing to the excellent bowling of W.H.Smith and T. Barber, the former taking six for 15 and the latter four for 13, they were all out for 29, leaving Tansley victorious by 8 runs. The secretary of the Matlock Guild informs me that for various reasons six of his regular eleven were absent.

21 July 1900

TANSLEY V. MATLOCK GUILD

Played on Saturday at Tansley. For Tansley, W.Smith took six wickets for 15 runs, and T.E.Barber four for 13. Score:

TANSLEY		MATLOCK GUILD	
T.H.Barber, b Flint	1	A.E.Slater, c Hursthouse,	b W.Smith 9
E.Smith, b do		Wall, lbw, b do	0
Askew, b Harrison	0	Jos. Turner, not out	9
Allwood, b Flint	5	Harrison, c Allwood, b W.Smith	0
W.Smith, run out	3	Dean, b do	0
T.E.Barber, b Flint	1	Flint, b T.E.Barber	1
J.Barber, c Harrison	0	Toplis, c and b do	5
Hursthouse, b do	0	J.H.Slater, run out	4
E. Barber, c Flint, b A.E.Slater	4	Jas. Turner, b T.E.Barber	0
Knowles, c Dean, b Flint	10	Carline, b W.Smith	0
Quigley, not out	3	Doxey, b do	0
Extras	8	Extras	1
	36		29

4 Aug 1900

Brevities

John Johnson, a Tansley quarryman, had to pay 12 s. at Clay Cross last Wednesday for being drunk and disorderly in Ashover on the 28th of July - Pc Walker said Johnson was disorderly, and had to lock him up.

4 Aug 1900

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GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK

The strike of masons, stone-getters, and labourers in the Matlock, Darley, Rowsley, and Tansley district has died an early death. There are few men out, and those who remain off duty are sure to be at their posts within a few days. At some of the works not a solitary workman absented himself. The employers have formed an Association, and Mr E. Stanley Aulton, of Matlock, is appointed solicitor for the combination.

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Tansley hold their annual demonstration and church parade in aid of the Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale, shortly. The Darley Dale Ambulance Corps will take part in the proceedings.

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11 Aug 1900	8	Tansley initiated a Hospital Sunday last year and the second parade and collection took place on Sunday on behalf of the fund of the Whitworth Institution. The movement emanates from the Loyal Offspring Lodge, whose members assembled at the top of Wellington Street, where they met delegates from the Loyal Victoria, Labourers' Protection Harmonic (Two Dales) and the Devonshire Lodges and Ambulance men. Preceded by the Matlock United Prize Band they followed the route of Smedley Street, Matlock Bridge and Green, to Tansley, where service was held in the afternoon. The Rev. J. Brodie Mais, the Vicar, preached a suitable sermon. Over £20 was collected, including £3 4s at Rockside, through the kindness of the proprietors, Messrs Goodwin. The Whitworth Hospital is meeting with very creditable local support, but no more than it deserves.
18 Aug 1900	2	CRICKET NOTES TANSLEY V. LONGSTONE. Played on Saturday at Tansley, and resulted in a very pleasant game. T.Barber played well for his score of 33, and J.T.Oldfield bowled well for the visitors, taking 8 wickets for 24 runs, and performing the "hat trick". C.Lawton and W.Morton played a good defensive game against time. Score:- Tansley - J.Smith, b Oldfield, 12; Hursthouse, b Oldfield, 1; W.Askew, b Oldfield, 2; J. Barber, c Cocker, b Oldfield, 33; T.H.Barber, c Lawton, b Oldfield, 2; F. Barber, b Oldfield, 17; T. Barber, c Perry, b Oldfield, 0; W.Alwood, b Oldfield, 0; J.Wrigley, not out, 3; extras, 2 - Total (innings closed), 72. Longstone.- W.Morton, b Alwood, 11; J.Perry, b T.Barber, 0; C.Brightmore, b Smith, 0; W.Wager, c T.Barber, b Smith, 0; Oldfield, c Twigg, b Smith, 4; C.Lawton, not out, 11; T.Cook, not out 1; extras, 1 - total 28.
25 Aug 1900	5	NEWS SUMMARY A mysterious death of a Tansley woman was investigated by Coroner Taylor at an inquest on Thursday. MYSTERIOUS DEATH NEAR TANSLEY. Woman Falls Over A Bridge A singular fatality occurred, it is supposed, on Tuesday night, to a single woman, residing at Matlock Cliff. The actual facts are enshrouded in mystery, as there was no witness of what happened. The name of the victim is Alice Booth, aged 40 years, who resided

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with her father between Matlock and Tansley. From what can be ascertained the circumstances leading to the death are as follows:-

Alice Booth has been working for some time at Oldham House Hydro, Matlock Bank. She left there about 5.30 on Tuesday night. It is ascertained that she called in at the Gate Inn, Matlock Bank, where she was served with a glass of beer and six pennyworth of whiskey, which she took away in a bottle.

She left there soon after 6 o'clock, and seems to have gone to the Red Lion Inn, Matlock Green, where she partook of another glass of beer, together with another six pennyworth of whiskey. The latter was put in a bottle.

Leaving the Red Lion she proceeded homewards by a longer route than was necessary, taking the footpath towards Tansley. When near Mr Scholes' tape mill, she was met by her brother-in-law, a man named William Askew, of Tansley. This meeting was accidental. He bade her "good night", as they passed each other. Later in the evening Booth was seen by a young woman sitting on the wall of the bridge at what is known as The Old Coach Road. This was the last known of her movements.

On Wednesday afternoon two schoolboys, name Wm. Twigg and John Doar, were playing near the bridge when they saw a body lying in the plantation, close to where the deceased was last seen alive. There is a fall of 14 or 15 feet. Twigg fetched P.c.Story, who had the body conveyed to the house of her father. The Coroner, Mr Sidney Taylor, of Buxton, was apprised of the death and he held an inquest on Thursday afternoon at the Royal Oak Inn, Tansley.

- Evidence was given by Mr John Wildgoose, of Oldham House Hydro; Mary Ellen Boden, from the Gate Inn; Job Spendlove of the Red Lion Inn; P.c.Story, the boy Twigg, and Dr Kinch, of Matlock. The latter gave his opinion that death had resulted from concussion of the brain through a fall, and the jury returned a verdict to this effect, adding that the evidence pointed to accidental death.

8 September 1900

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**THE WEEK'S POLICE
TANSLEY WAKES.**

George Taylor, landlord of the George and Dragon Inn, Tansley, was granted extensions on the evenings of September 10th, 11th, and 14th, one hour on each occasion, by the Matlock Bench on Wednesday. It is Wakes Week in the village.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

The Wirksworth District of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows

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		held its ordinary meeting at Tansley on Monday.
15 Sept 1900	8	<p style="text-align: center;">GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK</p> <p>I regret to hear that Mrs Dobson is about to leave Two Dales School, Darley Dale, to undertake the duties of head-mistress of the Infant Department of the Tansley School. Darley's loss is Tansley's gain.</p>
27 Oct 1900	2	<p style="text-align: center;">FOOTBALL NOTES by 'CRITIC'</p> <p>I think the Tansley team's have struck fresh luck, as the first eleven went and snatched a victory at Wirksworth on Saturday by one goal to none. This is decidedly an improvement on their poor display against Winstler the previous Saturday. The Tansleyites were the best team throughout, scoring three goals, but had the misfortune to get two of them disallowed. The Reserves, after being four goals behind at half-time against a team from Clay Cross, managed to score all four goals in the last fifteen minutes, the result of some very fine forward plays. Today (Saturday) the first team pay a visit to their old rivals, Matlock United, while the reserve team entertain Ashover Boys' Brigade at home.</p>
3 Nov 1900	2	<p style="text-align: center;">FOOTBALL NOTES by 'CRITIC'</p> <p>Matlock United and Tansley United had a tough fight on the Matlock ground on Saturday, but Tansley were rather unlucky to get three goals disallowed. This makes five goals disallowed in two matches. However, it was a very evenly contested game, and had the referee given the result as a draw it would have sounded better. W.Johnson, E.Barber, and the three half five backs played a good game for the visitors, as also did Barber in goal. It was a lucky win for Matlock by the narrow margin of two goals to one. Today (Saturday) Ashover Parish Church visit Tansley, and a good game is expected.</p>
3 Nov 1900	2	Tansley Juniors visited Holloway Juniors on Saturday, when they managed to win by two goals to none. W.Twigg scored both goals.
10 Nov 1900	3	<p style="text-align: center;">AFTER MATLOCK FAIR. SEVEN POUNDS FOR AN ASSAULT</p> <p>Benjamin Gregory, of Tansley, farmer, was charged at Matlock Police Court on Wednesday, with having assaulted Charles Brailsford, of Hackney Lane, Darley Dale, labourer, on the 24th ult.</p>

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Mr Slack, Clay Cross and Chesterfield, defended, at the present he pleaded not guilty, but might withdraw it later on.

On a date named, according to the complainant's story, he was trimming the sides of the road on Matlock Moor. He was in the employ of the Council. The defendant and his wife came along and after a few words Gregory got hold of him by the coat collar and shook him. Defendant told a man named Yeomans, who was present at the time, to go on if he did not want to see anything, adding "I am going to kill this man". Defendant asked for money which was owing and threatened to knock Brailsford into line. Defendant was struck on the head and sent to the ground, and was told that he was going to be finished out. Defendant kept striking him on the eye. There were about thirty blows altogether, and complainant was knocked down three times, his mouth filled with blood and he was in a sorry plight. Defendant was clean wore out with the beating, and at a matter of fact he (complainant) felt he was dying. (Laughter).

Mr Slack did not attempt to justify the conduct of his client. There was an assault through angered words caused by some previous business transactions.

The defendant and his wife were going home when they saw Brailsford. There were two blows given, and for these he was sorry. Compensation and apology had been offered, but refused by the relatives and friends of the defendant.

After an hour and a half's hearing, Mr Slack pleaded guilty, and the bench considered this a grave offence. The fine would be £5 and costs, had it not been for the previous good character they would have sent defendant to gaol. To attempt to collect a debt of 13s by using violence was very reprehensible and would have merited a period in prison only for the former excellent character.

24 Nov 1900

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FOOTBALL NOTES

By "CRITIC"

The Tansley Reserves are still going very strong, their latest achievement being a victory over Crich Juniors by three goals to one, on the latter's ground, after a very pleasant and well fought game. To-day the Reserves visit Millers' Green, Wirksworth, when a good game is anticipated.

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15 Dec 1900	2	<p style="text-align: center;">FOOTBALL NOTES By "CRITIC"</p> <p>One of the best matches of the season was played at Ashover on Saturday last, Tansley being the visiting team. Although Tansley had only been defeated once before this season, they were obliged to submit to the Ashover Parish Church Club. Soon after the commencement one of the Ashover men got his knee put out and had to give up play. P.Ball, one of the Ashover forwards, played in capital style, and secured the only goal, whilst A.Hindes and A.Flint did some good work for Ashover. The game concluded in a win for Ashover by one goal to nil.</p>
22 Dec 1900	2	<p style="text-align: center;">Brevities TANSLEY</p> <p>George Wm. Booth, Matlock Cliff, labourer, charged at Matlock on Wednesday with being drunk on the Nottingham Road on December 1st, did not appear, and he was fined 2s 6d and ?s costs. He was found lying on the road by P.c.Storey.</p>