



**Sedgmoor House**, now Parkview, was the home of Mr and Mrs Fairley. Mr Fairley had inherited the house and the surrounding land in 1937, on the death of a cousin, and had become a village resident by the start of the war. He became a member of the Flackwell Heath Golf Club and took part in various village fundraising activities, and opened his garden for public viewing.

Fluent in both Russian and German, and with a background in Anglo-Persian Oil, it is suspected that he may have had wartime involvement in other activities. It is believed that he was an Allied spy in WW1 (he had worked for the same company as Reilly Ace of Spies) and, with a

brother-in-law working in the Russian Hut at Bletchley Park in WW2, anything is possible.



From 1939 to 1942 the farmhouse of **Northern Woods Farm** hosted the Northern Woods Club. This was established by the then occupiers of the farmhouse, Miss Christopher and Miss Beaufort. The club was set up primarily for the evacuated children from Ealing Modern School who had come to live in the village during the early years of the war but local residents were also included in these out-of-school activities. As both ladies were professional musicians it is not surprising that music and singing were popular, with concerts given for local charities and the Red

Cross.

The Ealing children had to share the Village Hall and the Temperance Hall with the village children until they found space at Wooburn School. Additional activities in the farmhouse and garden, such as games and sporting activities, were therefore welcomed. By 1942 it was felt that it was safe for the students to return to Ealing but many were grateful for having had this safe retreat from the fear of city bombing and the school gifted a bench for the top of Treadaway Hill. Sadly it was vandalised not long after!



The old Green Dragon pub (now **Old Green Dragon Cottage**) had become redundant by the mid-1930s when the business had moved to larger premises on the corner of Blind Lane where it still stands today. The brewery that owned the original premises wanted to sell the building but it was requisitioned by the council at the beginning of the war, for wartime use. The ARP (Air Raid Precautions) wardens had their Northern Woods base here (another, for the centre of the village, was later situated in the hut on the new playing field on Straight Bit).

The skittle alley, adjoining the old pub, was converted into accommodation for evacuees but it is unknown what the remainder of the pub building was used for.