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Cliff House

Cliff House in The Warren, Caversham was opened 10th May 1915 with 22 beds and later expanded to 50. It was lent to the Red Cross by Mrs Cotton and closed 11th November 1916 when it transferred to Devonshire Lodge. It was operated by Berks 52 VAD with Miss Musson as the matron at first being succeeded in September 1915 by Miss Alice Russell. 904 patients were treated on the two sites. The Medical Officers were Dr Lambert, Dr Hope, Dr Holden and Dr Walters.

After closing it was re-opened 30th May 1917 as a country annexe to the Freemason's Hospital in London with 25 beds. It provided massage and electrical treatment under matron Mrs Mallam and Medical Officer Dr Sidney Gilford. Another 450 patients were treated.



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*Christmas 1917 -
Fancy Dress Ball*

