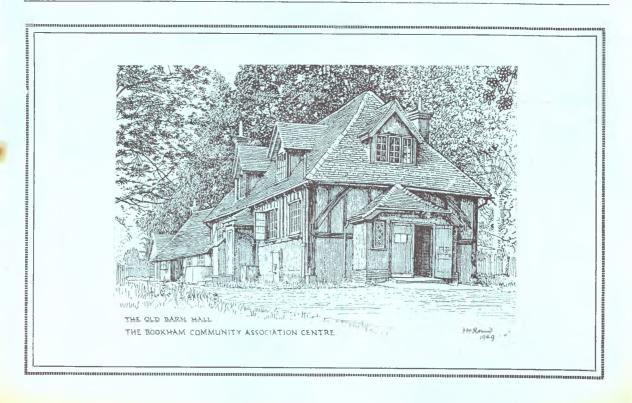


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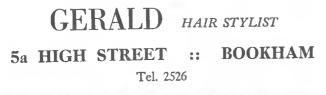
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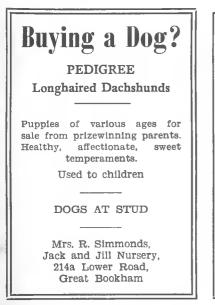
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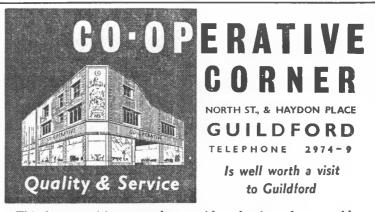
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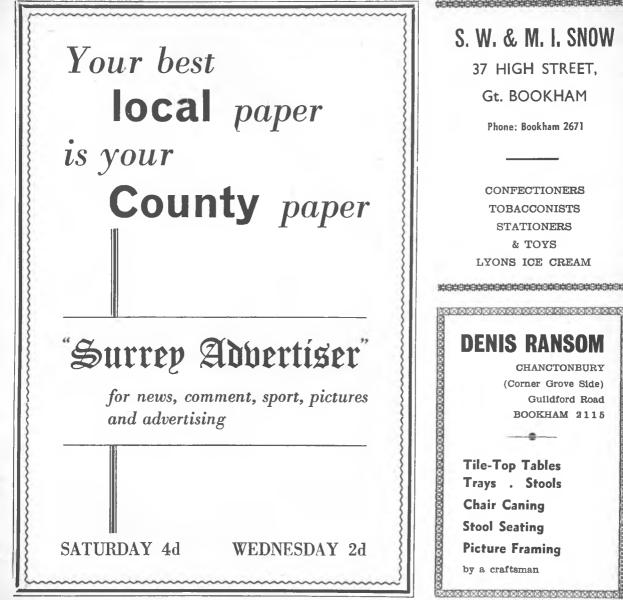
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#### EDITORIAL

There are no highlights in the history of the Bookhams. No outstanding personalities, with the exception, perhaps, of Fanny Burney, lived here; no exciting events are recorded. It is a replica in miniature of the growth of England. It is the story of the ordinary people of the country. We are privileged to have all this preserved in the scholarly and well-documented articles of Mr. John Harvey, of Half Moon Cottage.

We are now indebted to him for supplying us with an estimated Plan of Bookham Court. one of the Bookham manors, which was destroyed by fire many years ago and about which there is some curiosity today. The plan has been taken from Thomas Clay's Survey of 1615, superimposed on the Ordnance Survey of 1934. The presumption is that the manor house was adjacent to Park View, within the gardens of the three nearby houses in The Park. There was a Lane to it from the present Lower Road, running alongside the Churchyard to a Gatehouse, and another Lane from Church Road, nearly opposite Sole Farm House. The Tithe Barn was situated in the first lane on what are now Lower Road gardens, and other barns were sited in and around them.

It would be helpful to students of local history if anyone trenching their gardens in this vicinity recorded any foundations of old buildings they came across, so enabling fixed points to be established. It is important, too, to list articles found in digging operations which would build up a picture of the activities which went on in and around the Manor. Anyone interested to see the Plan, or able to give details of objects found in the neighbourhood, should apply to the secretary of the Community Association.

The Bulletin has entered on its thirty-first year and we thank the new adverisers as well as the long-standing ones who continue to support us. We ask our readers to patronise them, wherever possible, to show appreciation of their generosity.

#### **OBITUARY**

#### **Major-General Ivor Hughes**

late Major - General The Hughes, who resided in Bookham. was a very distinguished and important public figure. He was appointed Sergeant at Arms in the House of Commons in 1957 and, as Sir Iain Macleod, told Parliament on November 7th he had devoted himself to the service of the House since his first appointment as Assistant in 1935. Sir Iain went on to say that since 1935 he had never missed a day's attendance at the House when his duty required him to be there. Only once had his service been broken when he left to serve with distinction in a world war for the second time. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Gaitskell, said of him: He was a kindly and modest man who never used his very considerable powers in an unpleasant way, but looked on himself as somebody who was serving all of us. It was for this reason that he won our confidence and respect and friendship. Mr. Grimond, for the Liberal Party, said that Major-General Hughes had been a personal friend to all members. The sorrow and respect of all M.P.s was summed up by Mr. C

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Pannell, speaking for the backbenchers: We came into contact with him more because we needed him more. He was probably the most esteemed Sergeant of Arms this House has ever had. We are sorry that he did not live to receive the accolade from Her Majesty, but we all of us give the accolade to him today.

The Queen has granted to Mrs. Hughes the title and precedence she would have enjoyed if her husband had lived to be invested as a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

#### **Mrs. Gertrude Emuss**

Mrs. Emuss was a great personality and will be missed in the village where she lived and worked for so many years. One never thought of her as 81 because her sharp intelligence, her acute observation of the life about her. and her capacity to adapt herself to changing conditions placed her with the younger generation. During the War she was untiring in her work for evacuees. She was especially interested in the Nursing Association, of which she was Secretary for over 30 years and, even after its services dwindled with the coming of National Health, she applied its resources and experience to the needs of individuals. She was a founder member of the Community Association, giving it much encouragement in its early days. No village meeting was complete witnout her, and her lovely house and garden (noted as the home of Fanny Burney, the novelist) was the scene of many garden parties and fetes organised by local clubs and groups.

#### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COLUMN

The winter season has brought new life to all our Clubs and they are going well, but the secretaries, whose names are in the Directory. will welcome new members. The prospect of extensions to the Barn Hall has invigorated our active members and they are working to raise funds. The Scottish Dancers made a profit on their Barn Hall Ball of £27 14s.; and they are organising coffee mornings, the proceeds from all these to go towards the Village Day Raffle which, they hope, will be a bumper one. The Old Time Dance Club, also, put on small raffles at their meetings which will assist towards the Bottle Stall which is their responsibility on Village Day. The 1962 event raised £235 8s. 5d., and we were very pleased with this, but we need to do much better if we are to reach our target of over £1,000 to start the proposed extensions.

By the time The Bulletin is printed we expect to have received planning permission for the extensions to the Hall and we shall then launch our official Building Fund Appeal. We are sorry not to be able to publish details in this issue, but we hope that this will not deter our well-wishers from making their contributions now. Donations, especially by covenant, will be gratefully received. The Treasurer of the Community Association, Mr. R. W. Saunders, will be pleased to answer inquiries at Lloyds Bank, High Street, or 228 Lower Road.

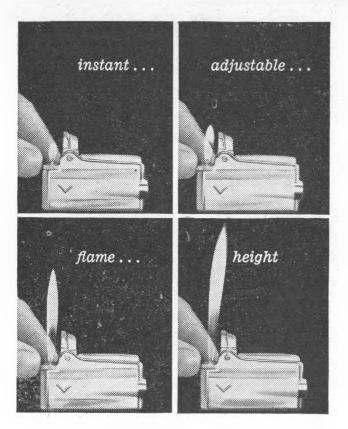
#### **BOOKHAM COMMON**

An important public meeting, very well supported by local residents, was called in October by the National Trust Bookham Commons Committee. Its purpose was to inform the village of the work done by the Committee to maintain the Commons and the need for voluntary help and much greater financial support.

The opening address was given by Dr. A. M. Easton, Chairman



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of the Committee, and we print below extracts from his speech in the hope that they will be of interest to many who could not attend the meeting.

Contributions are urgently required or the Commons will deteriorate rapidly. Much clearance needs to be done, and if any individuals, or groups, feel able to promise a few hours' work in this connection it would be much appreciated. The Secretary is Dr. J. G. Sowerbutts, Riddlesdale, Church Road.

Extracts from the Address of Dr. Easton. The object of this meeting is, firstly, to meet you and to give you an opportunity of meeting the Local Committee of the National Trust — just ordinary men and women like yourselves, chosen by the National Trust to protect and supervise the management of this property.

Secondly, to make known to the vast numbers of new residents of the district and to remind the older residents of the superb area of natural beauty, woodland and open space which makes up Bookham Common, to encourage you to visit it, to enjoy it, to respect it and feel responsible for it.

Thirdly, we want to enlist your practical help in preventing misuse of the Common—the leaving of litter, deposition of rubbish, indiscriminate parking of cars, lighting of fires, illegal shooting. And we appeal to you for increased financial help towards our efforts. It is our hope to obtain shortly the services of a full-time keeper, indeed we require two keepers, but the cost of these is in the region of £700 per annum apiece, and they would require accommodation, tools, and implements.

Last year we received by subscriptions from local residents, together with Income Tax recovered from their Deeds of Covenant, £160; the Surrey County Council contributed £250; the Leatherhead Urban District Council £20. Other income from Rents, Wayleaves, Interest on investments, etc., amounted to £290. We need to treble this figure.

Bookham Common has a long history. In Anglo-Saxon times it was the Manorial Waste Land of the village of Bocham-the village by the beeches. The local villagers were the commoners. They enjoyed the right to graze their cattle, horses and sheep, to collect material for fires and bedding, or wood for repairing their cottages and the fences and hedges around them. For centuries, apart from various small enclosures, illegal and otherwise, the common land remained virtually unchanged until, in 1928, with the sale of Eastwick Park, there arose the danger of building development. This threat was met by the good people of Bookham. They came to the rescue and by public subscription purchased Great Bookham Common and its remaining manorial rights, and vested them in the National Trust. Two years later the Lord of the Manor of Little Bookham, the late Mr. H. C. Willcock Pollen, presented Little Bookham Common. The following year Mr. R. R. Calburn added Banks Common. Thus was acquired the 400 acres which the Trust holds today.

ROUND THE VILLAGE Girls' Life Brigade Jubilee. A coachload of girls from the Bookham Life Brigade went up to the Albert Hall for the National Jubilee Rally held under the chairmanship of the Duchess of Gloucester. Bookham, however, had its own celebration, and some 200 people attended the reunion for old members of the company



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at the Baptist Hall towards the end of November. The previous captains were there-Mrs. Smee, the first one, Mrs. Shipley, the second, Mrs. M. Bartlett. the third, Miss J. Bartlett. the fourth. and the present one, Mrs. F. Messer. As might be expected of such an active group, old members came from all over the country, others sent messages, one coming from Marjorie Dean, who is now living in America. Bouquets were presented to Lt. T. Foster, who had supervised the catering arrangements, and to Mrs. Palmer, who had dealt with the massive correspondence connected with the event. Mrs. Palmer retired from the captaincy last November after 12 years but, she is still secretary of the company.

**Bookham Cricket Club.** At the annual meeting in November, Mr. Wilkinson was re-elected President, and Mr. Denning Secretary and Treasurer. Special tribute was paid to the considerable work done by Mr. Denning in his double capacity. Three new life Vice-Presidents were elected in recognition of their service to the Club, Mr. A. Longhurst as umpire, Mrs. Longhurst as scorer, and Mr. A. Saunders for 40 years a playing member.

Although their match results in the past season were not up to their usual standard, said the Chairman of the Club, Mr. R. Stevenson, the figures showed that their defeats had been narrow ones. On the season's aggregate they had been beaten by only 45 runs.

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G.C.E. Results at Howard of Effingham School. We all know that pupils entering the Howard of Effingham School now have an opportunity, from the beginning, to work towards the General Certificate of Education. The only condition will be that the children should stay on at school until they are 16, which will give the five years of study which the grammar schools also require. After this they will be equipped to continue on the course to higher qualifications. It is interesting to note that already 50 pupils are applying for further full-time education, many of them in the Technical Colleges, for next September.

Special interest, therefore, attaches to the examination results just published for last year. For the first time in the history of the school, children who had stayed on at school for an extra year were permitted to enter for G.C.E. O Level in one or more subjects, regardless of their academic grading. Out of ten entrants, nine obtained passes in one or more subjects. One boy was a near miss and one passed in three subjects. To put it another way—

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23 subjects were taken and 14 were gained, and this is a very creditable result for what was generally regarded as a trial run. It is well in line with national averages.

The Royal Society of Arts School Certificate, taken in the main by a younger age group, are even more encouraging. One girl scored success in nine subjects, and many children got seven, six and five subjects.

As in all schools, it is extremely difficult to get a full complement of staff and, under the circumstances, both teachers and pupils should be congratulated on the results. The Headmaster reported at the Prizegiving that a Science Master and a French Master have just been appointed. Many Bookham children go to the school and the whole district will be united in wishing it well next year.

**Bookham's Political Parties** are all concentrating on increasing and stimulating membership. Following the Coffee Morning and Gift Sale at Church House in December, the Conservative Association are arranging a Ball at Red House in March, followed by the Arnual General Meeting at The Croft later in the month.

The Labour Party's Dinner and Dance was in September at The Bull, and was well patronised. They have distributed invitations to the residents in the new roads asking for support of their Party. The Liberals, meanwhile, during the summer and the autumn conducted an individual canvass of half of Bookham and claim support from 28 to 30 per cent of the residents they interviewed. They made 28 new members. They were helped in this by the Young Liberals, who are encouraged by the promise of John Griffiths, Chairman of the National League of Young Liberals, to address a meeting in the near future.

The Bookham Choral Society has now started its new session and is practising for next year's Leith Hill Festival. The principal work is Handel's "Solomon," but the programme also includes partsongs and a madrigal. Apart from work for the Festival, the Choir sang carols in various parts of the village on December 20th, and in St. Nicolas Church on December 22nd. It is also planning to give a local concert after the Festival. New members of all voices would be welcome and are invited to attend a practice at the Congregational Church Hall any Tuesday at 8 p.m.

**Bookham Music Club** is now in the middle of its session of concerts. Its object is to provide good music by first-class artists in the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of a private home, and it is fortunate in having at its disposal, by kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Davies, their pleasant drawing room at Briary House, Eastwick Drive. The Concerts still to come are:

- January 30th. Norman Lumsden, Bass. Irene Palmer, Soprano. Eric Griffiths, Piano.
- February 22nd. Victor Yates— Piano Recital.
- March 20th. Judy Hill Trio-Violin, 'Cello, Piano.

New members can join now at a reduced subscription of 18s., for students 9s. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. W. L. Muriel, Jangadar, Lower Farm Road, Effingham.

The Bookham Youth Club wishes to thank all those who contributed to their Jumble Sale, which was a great success, and made a profit of close on £25. Membership of the Club is growing rapidly, but there is still a surplus of boys.

Evening Institute. Last year a new Evening Institute was set up under the title of the Effingham Evening Institute, and a new Head, Mr. G. Scoble, was appointed for the district. This was in anticipation of a considerable increase in students from the Effingham and Bookham areas if classes were arranged to meet local needs. In the 1961-62 session the expected numbers were exceeded, with 339 students. The enrolments in September this year were even higher, being 552. This is a gratifying response, and indicates that there is a real demand in this type neighbourhood for of adult educational facilities. The numbers might well be higher if public

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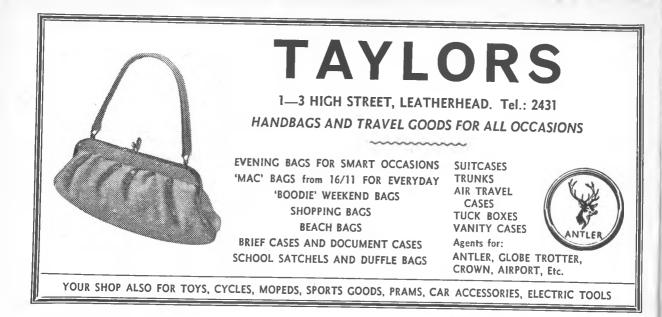
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transport between centres was easier. Mr. G. Scoble would welcome inquiries regarding new classes at "The Chase," Guildford Road, Effingham.

New Square Dancing Group. We hear from its leader, Mr. T. Reid, that this Group is going well. It meets on the second and fourth Mondays at the Congregational Hall, at 8 p.m., and includes country dancing in its programme.

#### PERSONAL COLUMN

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Power, of Merrycourt Cottages, celebrated their golden wedding in October. They are both active members of the Community Association and we are, therefore, especially happy to offer them our congratulations on this event and to combine with it our thanks for their interest and help over many years.

Their close link is with the Over Sixties Club, of which Mr. Power is Vice-Chairman, but their interests are wide. They enjoy the local whist drives, they are always willing to give their time to village events, and they are energetic and well-known members of the local Catholic Church. It is very heartening to watch Mr. Power presiding, with his mischievous smile and gentle manner, over the tombola at the Day Centre, or to meet him and his wife shopping down the High Street and to get the cheery greeting their many friends have come to associate with them. May they have many more years of these activities from which they get and give so much pleasure.

**Chemistry popular with Bookham** Students. It would be interesting to have the national figures of science students opting for chemistry, or physics. We have the impression that chemistry is enjoying a vogue at the moment. In Bookham, certainly, our records show greater successes among the chemists. Two of our young people have been awarded research scholarships in chemistry, David Dunmur at Oxford, and Michael Hudson at Kings College, London. Just starting on the ladder is James McJannet, who has entered Glasgow University. Incidentally, James's father is Treasurer of our Scottish Dancing Group.

Artists in the Making. Two of our young people, Brenda Hodges, of the Lorne, and Cynthia Date, of Woodlands Avenue, have been awarded the Ministry of Education Intermediate Certificate in Art and Crafts. From the Epsom and Ewell School of Art, where they were students, Brenda has gone on to the Croydon College of Art to specialise in fabric design, and Cynthia to Wimbledon School of Art to complete her Diploma.

**Bookham Girl at Keele.** So far as we know Judith Everett is the first Bookham girl to go to the University of North Staffordshire, Keele. She has a stimulating ex-

perience ahead of her. As one of the newer universities, Keele is successfully blazing a trail which seems to have considerably influenced the universities which have followed or which are about to be created. It offers a fourvear course with a foundation vear in which the Humanities and the Sciences are covered. Specialisation follows, but the student is also expected to take in the Final a subsidiary which need not be of the same bias. Judith has opted for her first term to concentrate on Modern Languages and Political Institutions. She will proceed later to her chosen scientific subject.

**Bookham Boys' Club represented** at St. James's. David Hughes, of Blackthorne Road, a founder member of the Boys' Club, was selected to represent the Surrey Association at St. James's Palace and to take a message from the Chairman of the Leatherhead Urban District Council to the Duke of Gloucester in connection with National Boys' Clubs Week. This was an honour for the Club and should give impetus to their recently launched appeal for funds to build their own premises in the Dorking Road Recreation Ground.

David was chosen because of his outstanding service to the Club and his athletic prowess. He has won medals and championships for running. His sporting interests are matched by his



academic diligence, and he is not neglecting his studies as a Sixth Former at the Glynn Grammar School.

His visit to St. James's Palace was only part of an exciting day. He assembled with 99 other boys from all parts of the country at County Hall, London, and went on by coach to the Palace. The solemnity of the occasion and the magnificance of the great reception room left them a little dazed. but David had time to observe the fine paintings on the walls, the enormous crystal chandeliers, with their imposing gilt fittings, and the crimson and gold draperies. On their return to County Hall, they were welcomed by representatives of the L.C.C., and entertained to a dinner which, according to David, was "a boy's delight." Sightseeing followed and, in the evening, reserved seats were allocated to them at the Festival Hall for the Boys' Clubs own Show, "Clubs are Trumps," with Frankie Vaughan and the Jazz Singers amongst the guest celebrities.

**Dr. Keith Markwick in Tanganyika.** Dr. Keith Markwick has gone with his wife and two children to Dar-es-Salaam, where he has taken up an appointment in the Casualty Department of the Princess Margaret Hospital. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is now realising his lifelong desire to work for, and with, African people.

An important new book, "Britain and the New Market," has been written by Michael Shanks and John Lambert, and published by Chatto and Windus, Michael Shanks is industrial editor of the "Financial Times" and author of the much-talked-of book, "The Stagnant Society." The co-author. John Lambert, is well known in Bookham and often visits his parents in Halepit Road. He was educated at the Ashtead Freemens School and went on to Corpus College, Oxford, where he took his Degree in Philosophy. Politics and Economics. He was particularly interested in international affairs and studied for a year in Brussels before taking up journalism. Luxembourg and Brussels are his present headquarters. The local library should have at least one copy of the book.

Student at Ewell Technical College. We congratulate Mrs. Jackie Hirons, of Maddox Lane, who, after one year in the two-year part-time course at the College, has gained O Level in Russian.

School Governors. Following the departure of the Rev. J. W. Reynolds from the neighbourhood, Major H. A. V. Spencer, of Horsley, has been elected Chairman of the Howard of Effingham School Governors. Mrs. E. Harrison, M.A., who lives in Bookham, has been elected Vice-Chairman.

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- British Legion, Effingham and Bookhams Branch. M. S. Pickering, Standardhill, Guildford Road, Effingham.
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