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Editorial

Challenge Answered.

Our last issue contained a challenge — Wake up, Bookham! which pointed out that Bookham always used to be in the forefront of any activity in the district and beyond. But since the war the old guard who had managed to keep the machinery ticking over during the war period have begun to drop out and retire, and those returned from the war and the newcomers have not come forward in sufficient numbers to take over the considerable amount of voluntary work necessary in a village with a healthy community life. Residents Association were looking for an honorary secretary; the Garden Society wanted one as well; and the Social Service Bureau were looking for an Editor for the Bulletin.

Well, the Residents Association found Mr. Frank Cooper to take over their secretarial work, and there are many problems facing them, not the least of which is party politics in local government. The Garden Society are holding their annual general meeting on 28th November (after we shall have gone to press) and there are one or two persons nibbling at this

onerous post. Finally, indulging our bad habit of rushing into print, we have with great temerity, consented to occupy the editorial chair of this quarterly.

Looking Back.

The Bulletin has been published regularly every quarter for 13 years including six years of war. When it was started, although unemployment was rife and we were in the throes of an economic depression, the local organisations were in quite a healthy state. The Ratepavers Association as it was then called, had just commenced its campaign for the reduction in the increase of assessments at the Ouinquennial Revaluation, the success of which greatly increased the standing of the association. The Social Service Bureau had been doing valuable work, which amongst other things had set up a Milk Fund. A Young People's Club had been started at the Church House with a paid leader. Discussion groups were being held in one another's houses. Bowling Club had just been formed. All the Church organisations were flourishing.

Looking Forward.

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were when we were fighting for our existence, let alone freedom. What do we see going on around us? Every organisation crying out for leaders. Leaders were found amongst the men & women conscripted in our huge Navy, Army and Air Force. They were trained to take the initiative, no matter what job of work came along; they had guts and determination & the will to win through. Where are they now? They have not all gone to dog races, speedway, football matches, cinemas and the like means of escapist passive excitement. They have not all lost their urge to serve their country by service to the local community. The great majority must have settled down in their homes again ready to take up the strings of their former activities as well as to undertake new ventures. May we urge them to come forward and bear their share of voluntary work in the community.

A Plea.

Don't grumble about the bus service and ask what the Residents Association are doing about it. Join the Association and take part in its counsels and activities. If you want the water supply down your road, don't join the Association and badger them until you have got it and then leave the Association to get on with their many other problems! We have known that to happen. If you are really interested in the education

of your children, you will be a member of the School Parents' Association. If you are interested in youth, there are many organisations who would be glad of your help if only for an occasional short talk on your experiences, hobby or travels.

So let us have an appreciable increase in the active interest taken in work which not only benefits the community but also the benefactor at the same time. We want a little less of paying half-a-crown for a comfortable seat to be amused and a little more sacrifice of our own comfort to bring pleasure to others.

Wake up, Bookham!



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In connection with materials (except timber) and components, builders merchants have been informed by the Distributors of Building Supplies Joint Council, after consultation with the Ministry of Works, that small quantities may be released without a priority certificate in cases where

- (a) A sanitary breakdown endangers the health of the occupants.
- (b) Urgent structural repair is necessary to avoid collapse.
- (c) Work is required by statutory notice.
- (d) The essential repair of defective gas, electrical & water services, drains and sewers, where the whole or part of the installation is either out of use or in a dangerous condition.
- (e) The replacement of defective stoves, fires, boilers, water heaters and other essential equipment in order to make the premises fit for occupation. (continued on next page)

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- Nos. 4, 5. Chief Sanitary Insp'tor L.U.D.C., Council Offices, Leatherhead.
- No. 6. Board of Trade, Timber Control, Area 5, 24 Sardinia Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

N.S.P.C.C.

Local Committee

Since Mrs. Stanley Russell left the district, Bookham has been without a local secretary for this organisation which has performed such wonderful service to children living in unhappy conditions.

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Community Centres

As a result of a well-attended public meeting, the idea of a community centre for Bookham has grown more into a reality, and it is proposed to accept the Leatherhead U.D. Council's offer of the ground floor of Bookham Grove.

It is thought advisable therefore to give our readers a little information on what a community centre is. It is defined by the National Council of Social Service as a building which serves a community organised in an association which is responsible for the management of the building; provides facilities for the development of recreational, cultural and personal welfare of the members of that community and constitutes a meeting place for voluntary organisations or other groups in the community which needs accommodation.

Here neighbours can come together on an equal footing to enjoy social, recreative and educational activities, either as members following particular hobbies and pursuits or on the basis of their common needs and interests as human beings in the same locality. It is not intended to serve as a substitute for home, church or other traditional rallying points of social life or to supersede cinemas theatres or concert halls, but to fit in and supplement facilities already available and build up a live democratic community. It is a neutral meeting ground for varying shades of creed and public opinion.

Such a centre can cater for a wide variety of interests including the less gregarious person who unwilling to join clubs & societies, will be glad to drop in to chat, read or "just sit." A common room, games room and a clean attractive canteen are all essential. Outdoor activities should be encouraged especially if the centre is to fulfil its functions throughout the whole year.

The community centre is an adult organisation and generally should be separate from the Youth Service. But room should be found for youth activities in the centre quite separate from adult activities.

The question of the appointment of a warden or leader together with other paid staff will have to be considered.

Although a start is being made with the ground floor of Bookham Grove, requirements for full provision for this neighbourhood embrace: a large hall with stage and dressing rooms, a gymnasium, a small all-purpose hall, a large common room, a kitchen, two large craft rooms with stores, games rooms, three quiet rooms, a library and reading room, accommodation for the warden, etc. In addition most outdoor sports should be in the programme for extension.

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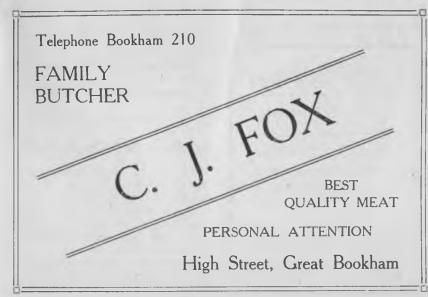


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Bookham Grove

This old mansion which has recently been purchased by the Leatherhead Urban Dist. Council, was built by Admiral Broderick in 1750 and was purchased by Lord Downe in 1775, the estate at that time comprising some 80 acres. A commemoration tablet of Lord Downe and his wife will be found in St. Nicolas Church, Bookham.

A feature of this house was its brewery which in addition to home needs supplied the coaching inn on the opposite side of the main road, now converted into cottages. The name of this inn was "The Saracen & Ring," the origin of which dates back to the time of Richard I.

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It was reopened for use on 1st October with all its former amenities, and obviously fulfils a very necessary part of Bookham's social life, judging by the competitions for lettings.

A pie centre has been opened. Cinema performances are given every Monday (children 6 p.m., adults 8 p.m.) The Civil Defence Club meets here every Tuesday, and the Badminton Club on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Chairman of the Committee is Mr. R. H. J. Kepple and Mr. H. Bostock, O.B.E. is Hon. Sec.

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Boys' Brigade

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Baptist Church Hall Monday 6 30

Boy Scouts

G. Balch, Little Place, Meadowside Scout Hall Thursday 7 15 Cubs 5 30

Brotherhood

J. L. Cohen, Winscott, Downsway Bookham 125

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Camera Club

Mrs. Stephens, Newholme, Hale Pit Road Bookham 2758 Co-operative Hall Fridays 7 30

Civil Defence Sports & Social Club S. W. Fuller, Berkley, Downsway Church House Tuesdays 7

Christian Endeavour

G. McIntosh, Sarum, Eastwick Rd Baptist Church Hall Wednesday 7 45

Children's Circle, Co-operative
Mrs. Davies, Rosemarie, Howard Rd
Co-operative Hall Tuesdays
Juniors 60 Seniors 70

Congregational Church Guild Mrs. Stephens, Newholme, Hale Pit Road Bookham 2758 Congl. Church Hall Thursdays 730

Garden Society

Sec. to be appointed Annual Show last Wednesday in July Girls' Life Brigade

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Baptist Church Hall Thursdays Cadets 5 Juniors 615 Seniors 715

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Residents Association (Bookham)
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Bookham 360

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Scout Hall Saturdays 7 0

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