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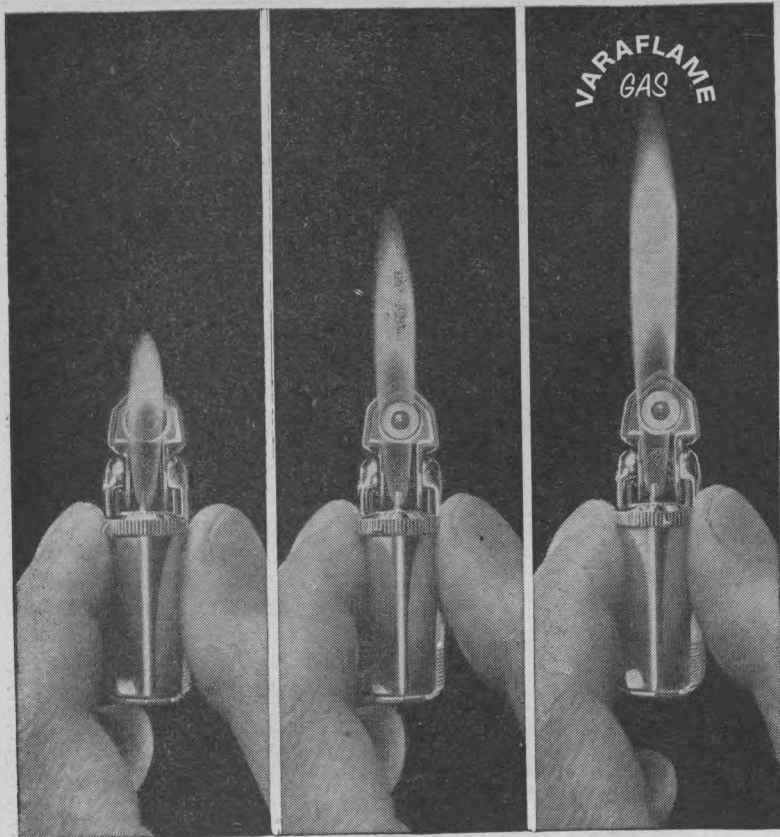
Summer Dance

## EDITORIAL

The June issue marks the beginning of the 33rd year of the Bulletin, which seems to us a proud record. It also has a new cover showing the interior of the Barn Hall. The artist is Mr. R. A. Strand, Principal of the Epsom School of Art. We thank him for this and for the valuable assistance he gives in so many ways to the Community Association.

It is our custom at this time to call attention to our advertisers whose payments keep the Bulletin afloat, and to ask our readers to support them wherever possible. We would also once more remind the village that the Community Association has to subsidise the Bulletin both with money and a good deal of voluntary labour. The Editor, the Advertisement Manager, the Distribution Manager and the door-to-door distributors are all volunteers, and we are grateful for their participation.

The question we put to Bookham residents is—what help are you giving to the Community Association? Not everybody can spare time, but most people could afford the 2/6 a year which is the membership fee. Our membership should be thousands—actually it is just about 300. The Membership Secretary, Mrs. B. Oldershaw, of 99, Little Bookham Street, will always welcome inquiries from prospective members and from individuals who would be willing to act as road



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stewards—an easy task, but one essential to the growth of the work of the Association. A list of the present road stewards is appended, to whom subscriptions can be paid. Incidentally, a current membership card admits the holder to Village Day without charge.

The appeal for members is a continuing theme in the Bulletin. We apologise if it irritates you; but we need your support if the amenities of the Barn Hall, already much appreciated, are to be maintained and extended to meet the needs of a growing neighbourhood. We have a small but loyal band of helpers who give magnificent unpaid service. Please give them your encouragement.

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## VILLAGE DAY

Village Day on June 26th promises to live up to its reputation of something interesting for everyone. The Exhibition in the Barn Hall "Opportunity—Bookham" will include two stands of models and interesting equipment provided by Vickers, of Weybridge. Other local firms and enterprises have promised displays, and there will be working exhibits by the students of the Epsom School of Art and Ewell Technical College.

A programme of outdoor entertainment has also been arranged. Bookham and Eastwick School are combining for folk dancing on a naval theme. A gymnastic display is being organised by that most energetic of leaders, Ken Vincent. A musical group from the Howard of Effingham School will give an open-air performance.

Special provision is being made for the children this year, which will incorporate a model railway, a children's corner and a children's market. There will, of course, be the usual sideshows and stalls, but we hope that they will be on a bigger scale this time.

Finally, as part of its activities for Village Day, the Bookham Boys' Club hopes to set up an unassailable record for mileage around the Bookhams; the target is 800 miles. This will be achieved by teams of about four boys running in relays around Great and Little Bookham, and

the boy-miles will be announced from time to time on Village Day as they are clocked up. This is something quite new for the district, and the teams of lads steadily circling the village will be a spectacle bound to create a lot of interest. Training for this event has been in progress for some time under the capable direction of the Instructor, John Boxall.

### FOR YOUR DIARY

**June 26th.** Village Day.

**June 27th.** Stoolball Tournament.

**July 3rd.** Eastwick School Fete.

**July 14th.** Annual Display, Girls' Life Brigade.

**July 14th-17th.** "Macbeth", Polesden Lacey Open-Air Theatre.

**August 7th, 14th.** Football Club Trials, Dorking Road.

**September 18th.** Garden Society Show

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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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**B.C.A. Over Sixties Committee.** The Over Sixties Club flourishes with a membership of over 85, and is always ready to welcome new members. Evening trips round the countryside have been

much enjoyed, and the Club is looking forward to its annual outing to Eastbourne in June. There is a chiropody service once a month on club afternoons, and also a bi-monthly service at the Day Centre which meets at the Barn Hall on Wednesdays. Information can be obtained from Mrs. T. Weston (Bookham 2706).

Visiting of the elderly remains a problem. Although the Churches and some village organisations visit their older members there are still big gaps in the service. We are concerned by this and would like to expand our own scheme in co-operation with the Old People's Welfare Committee. We need volunteers who would make regular visits to lonely old people; others who would be willing to go on a list of sick visitors. Drivers, too, are

still required to transport old people, some partially disabled, to the club on Tuesday afternoon and the day centre on Wednesday morning and back home in the afternoon. The Old People's Welfare Committee minibus is available for this purpose, but has to be collected from Ashstead. Private cars are also utilised.

The Chairman of the B.C.A. Over Sixties Committee is Mrs. Thelma Weston, who would welcome offers from all those who can give regular service. Her address—50, Keswick Road, Bookham 2706.

**The Flower Arrangement Group** has a rapidly expanding membership. The creche which was started in the adjoining Waterfield Room so that mothers with young children could join the club is proving popular. Meetings are in the Barn Hall at 2.30 p.m. on the first Monday in the month. The programme ahead is "Summer Profusion", by Mrs. E. Marsh, N.A.F.A., in July. In August there will be a Garden Meeting at Preston Farm House, by kind permission of Mrs. K. Savage, and in September, Mrs. G. A. Strachan will demonstrate "Flowers, Foliage and Fruit".

**Bookham Dramatic Society** is not relaxing after its successful production in May of "Brush with a Body". It immediately went into action with rehearsals for an entertainment to be presented on Friday in Village Week. Such activity is praise-

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worthy, because it gives scope to all the members to participate in dramatic work. It is not surprising that its membership is steadily growing.

**The Afternoon W.I.** had 24 entries in the County W.I. Handicraft Exhibition at the Dorking Halls and gained 20 stars.

Their Drama Group carried off the Cup for Drama at the Dorking and Horley Festival of Variety with a one-act play, "The Lullaby", by Michael Dines (it was in this same play that Mary Daniels gained the award for the best individual performance at the Betchworth Festival). The producer, Edith White, reports that there will be a repeat performance of "The Lullaby" at Church House on June 3rd, when the Afternoon W.I. Drama Group will put on an evening of entertainment in aid of the building fund of the Guides and Scouts. In view of these various activities the Group has decided to postpone their presentation of their annual three-act play till later in the year, probably October.

**The Evening W.I.** has also scored highly in the County Handicrafts Exhibition—they put in 20 entries and gained 13 stars, one of them a gold.

Like their sister Institute they are keen on drama and they plan to put on, after the summer holidays, a sketch, "Beetlemania", sent to them by their Link Institute in New Zealand, one of whose members wrote and produced it.

There are quite a number of young members of the Evening Institute which makes the tennis section popular. It meets at the Dorking Recreation Ground for two hours on Wednesday mornings.

The total membership of the Institute is 120, and still going up. A larger meeting hall has become a necessity. Consequently, on the first Wednesday in June, it will transfer to the Barn Hall, and will continue to meet there on Wednesdays in July, August and September. After this the first Tuesday in the month will become the official date.

**The Girls' Life Brigade** Junior Section came top in the Team Games Divisional Trials, and then went on to London to the second round when eight teams competed. Here it achieved a place and so qualified for the Albert Hall Rally on May 15th. Well done!

**British Red Cross.** It is not widely known that a Bookham Cadet Unit meets at the Congregational Hall on Wednesdays at 7.15 p.m. It caters for girls and boys over the age of 10½, and gives instruction in Nursing, First Aid, Mothercraft, Health and Hygiene and encourages its members to give service to others.

The Link, for the under-tens, also puts emphasis on service and gives simple training in elementary First Aid and Health and Hygiene. It meets at 6 p.m. at the Bookham Primary School.

It is hoped that the Juniors

will progress in due course to the Senior Detachment which takes them after the age of 15½. Although only a small group, this latter body does good work in the village and deserves support. The Divisional Director, Miss Doris Rush, of 94, Overdale, Ashstead, will welcome inquiries.

### BARN HALL GROUNDS

Progress towards a more fitting setting for our much-admired Barn Hall is being made, and it is hoped that by Village Day the grounds will be more convenient than they have been in the last few years. We have been able to return the lawn by the car park and also those parts of the open area fronting Braithwaites, which had been rather devastated during building operations: it was fortunate for us that "Sole Cote" was being demolished at the time, for we were spared the expense of turf, and, by kind permission of the owner (Mr. Crampton, of Wheate Cottage in Church Road), lifted all that we needed, although it was a race to keep ahead of the bulldozers.

The north border is now 90 ft. long and there is plenty of room for extension: it is a sunny open situation, and our flowering shrubs should do well there. On the south side we have the ambition to clear the entire fence, but whether any progress has been made on this task by the time this issue of the Bulletin reaches readers depends on the

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**New Congregational Minister.** Mr. Miles Parkinson begins his Pastorate at the Bookham Congregational Church this month and we welcome him to the village. He has just completed his training at New College, London, and will settle in Bookham with his wife and three children. Although only 30 years old, he has wide experience of the outside world. He qualified as an actuary before deciding to train for the ministry; he worked out his two years' national service as a metal worker while acting as lay pastor to a country church. **Newcomers, but not Strangers,** are Mr. and Mrs. F. Watkins, who have moved into Greenacres from the Schoolhouse at Effingham. Mr. Watkins is Headmaster of the Effingham County Primary School and is prominent in local activities there; Mrs. Watkins is Deputy Head of the Bookham Infants' School. They have two sons. We are delighted to welcome them to Bookham.

**A Success for Effingham Pupil.** The Headmaster of the Howard of Effingham School recently had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at Vickers of Weybridge when Sir George Edwards presented to Emlyn Hughes the award as second highest Craft Apprentice in the British Aircraft Corporation. This is a fine

distinction and followed a lengthy period of study and practical training. The school is justly proud of its former pupil.

**Four Queen's Guides.** The Bookham Third Girl Guides Company, only 3½ years old, now has the unusual honour of having four Queen's Guides. At the request of the girls themselves their Captain, Mrs. L. Mills, presented the awards at a recent well-attended open evening to Valerie Fortescue, Derry Lancaster, Janet Moon and Marilyn Slark.

To obtain a Queen's Award is a race against time. The girls must not have reached their sixteenth birthday, and they must possess a First Class Badge, which in itself entails the passing of very many tests. Special service outside and within the Movement must then be given, and, if this is satisfactorily performed, the Final Badge will be surmounted with the much-coveted crown.

Of the four Bookham girls so honoured, one had given some years of service as a Sunday School Leader, two had worked for 3 years as Pack Leaders, and one had been a Cub Leader for two years.

The final ceremony of the presentation of the certificates took place last month at a Divisional Parade in Epsom.

In congratulating the award winners, we do so with special warmth, as we understand that the record up to date in the history of the Bookham companies

is only two Queen's Guides. We hope that their fellow-Guides in the area who are working for the same distinction will maintain the pace and be successful. **New County Councillor.** The retiring Chairman of the U.D.C., Mr. Turville Kille, has become County Councillor for the new Division of Bookham and Fetcham. We congratulate him on his election. He will show the same devotion to duty at Kingston which has characterised his long years of service on Leatherhead Urban District Council. He has been appointed to the County Health Committee, where his intimate knowledge of the needs of old people in this neighbourhood will be specially valuable. **Cook's Knives for a Trainee Chef.** If anybody looks through back copies of the Bulletin, which is extremely unlikely, he would find that Bookham has quite a tradition of successes in catering. The latest recruit to the ranks of high diploma holders is Colin Longhurst, of Sole Cottage, a third year trainee chef at the Bull Hotel, Leatherhead. He has been awarded the prize for second place in the competition arranged by the London and Home Counties Regional Committee for the Three-Year Training of Chefs of the Hotel and Catering Institute. The test was for a two-course meal to be completed in two hours.

His parents were invited to the presentation of the awards at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor of London, and the im-

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portance of the occasion was marked by the presence of the Lady Mayoress and many civic dignitaries in their magnificent robes of office. Colin also received a set of steel cook's knives, a cheque and a cookery book, which, he says, he will find useful in his further studies. Colin does not intend to rest on his laurels, but will continue to work for further exams in the City and Guilds syllabus. While still at the Howard of Effingham School he always had the ambition to become a chef, and during his training at the Bull attended part-time day release at Guildford Technical College.

**Bookham has "Top" Dogs.** Boxers are fine, energetic dogs, and it is an invigorating sight to see Mrs. Hughes, of Eastwick Drive, taking hers out for their daily exercise on the Common. We were not surprised to hear that her entry this year at Cruft's Dog Show of "Madcap of Rid-dagshausen" gained three places. Madcap came first in the undergraduate bitch class, second in the special beginners' class, and third as minor limit for bitches.

During the two days of the show there were 15,561 entries from all over the country, and over 8,000 dogs worth from £50 to £1,000 each competed. Mrs. Hughes is naturally very encouraged by the success of her boxer in this only her second showing and intends to enter again next year.

Another well-known breeder, with a number of triumphs to her name, is Mrs. R. Simmonds, of

Lower Road. She won a reserve this year in the open dog class at Cruft's with her long-haired dachshund "Minte Golden Chance".

**Weddings of Interest.** The spring wedding of Mr. Christopher Booth and Miss Rosemary Newman, of Worcester Park, was a popular occasion. The Booth family, who have lived for many years in Eastwick Drive (the two elder boys are already married), have a fine sporting record. Even in their early years at Bookham School they were known for their prowess in the field and their good team spirit. Chris is secretary of the Bookham Football Supporters' Club and a keen player. Among the many invited guests at the wedding at St. Nicolas' Church were quite a few members of the Football Club. The bride was attended by six bridesmaids, two of them nieces of the bridegroom and four sisters of the bride.

Canon A. Hughes came back to Bookham to officiate at the wedding of Miss Penelope Blyth Puckle, of Oxshott, and Mr. James C. D. Tree, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Tree, of Montreal. It was the wish of the bride to be married at St. Nicolas' Church because her mother had been married there 28 years before. Mrs. Puckle was a Miss Westendarp and older residents will remember her family, who lived at Hawkwood House, now demolished.

Leaders of Bookham Lifeboys (the junior organisation of the

Boys' Brigade) were married in April—they were Miss Audrey Lavinia Arnold and Mr. William Barker. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are prominent members of the Bookham Congregational Church—Mrs. Arnold herself had organised the Lifeboys way back in 1934. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Ford, who came from Kettering for the occasion. He is a close friend of the family, whom he met in Essex, and he had baptised and dedicated the bride when she was a baby.

**The Samaritans.** On January 1st this year a new telephone number was added to the local directory—Leatherhead 5555. It is the number of the Samaritans, a branch of a nation-wide movement started 12 years ago in the City of London by the Rev. Chad Varah to help those in distress and despair.

Although the number is widely publicised, as it must be if it is to be effective, the help given is anonymous and confidential. Anyone in real trouble can ring Leatherhead 5555 and talk to someone trained and specially chose to listen sympathetically and to offer hope of an alternative solution to what might seem to the sufferer an unbearable problem. Subsequently an interview can be arranged with a counsellor and a member of the Group will "befriend" the client if he or she so wishes.

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