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EDITORIAL

Leisure is a lovely word. It conveys freedom from the discipline of daily work, freedom to please oneself, to do or not to do, to indulge one's whims, to have time to spare. As the working day becomes shorter leisure time will inevitably increase and, unless we know what to do with our spare time, our precious leisure will rebound with disastrous results. As the Victorians sanctimoniously declared: "Satan finds mischief for idle hands."

We were sorry that, on Village Day, the Vice-Chairman of the Leatherhead Urban District Council should have had cause to comment on hooliganism in our new recreation ground. We are quite sure, however, that if the offenders had something more absorbing to do they would not have wasted time and energy in useless destruction.

The Community Association is well aware of the limitations of our village in coping with the boundless energy of young people. Although there are a number of clubs in the district of high quality, they cater mostly for specialised interests. Nothing, so

far as we know, is being done for the average youngster who has no particular athletic or religious leanings. It is over a year now since the Association took the lead in establishing an open Youth Club and allowing it the use of the Barn Hall on one evening a week. The Committee were well aware of the risks they faced in permitting this but they realised that they had responsibilities as a community association to try to fill the gaps in local provisions for all sections of the village.

The Club has prospered and no major damage has been done to the Hall. It is quite clear to us, however, that more evenings are needed and more space is required for Group activities. A new youth centre is scheduled in the plans of the County Education Committee for 1963-4. We look forward to this because our experience confirms the findings of the Albermarle Report that young people who join youth clubs in the original instance for "somewhere to go" soon find interests of which they were previously unaware. These can be fostered and developed in a centre specially planned under the guidance of skilled leaders.

There are diverse ways of dealing with hooliganism. Some say stamp it out. Might it not be better to provide a constructive alternative?

THE OLD BARN HALL EXTENSION APPEAL

The Old Barn Hall is the village community centre and, as such, houses the activities which we all enjoy.

The village has grown and the present hall is not large enough.

The Hall has been converted from a mediaeval barn, and the structure at the rear was added a long time ago, possibly as a dwelling. The rear portion which houses the kitchen, toilets and a large room used for club and committee meetings is in very bad condition and it has now reached the stage where it is no longer worth the cost of repair and will have to be demolished.

The Committee of the Community Association decided that they must extend the building and a fund has been started to pay for the work.

The design of the new building consists of an extension at the side of the Hall, which will allow a seating capacity of 300. This side

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extension will retain the magnificent structure of the Old Barn. A new kitchen, cloakrooms and entrance hall will also be provided.

The kitchen will be particularly useful, as one of the activities of the Community Association is to provide meals once a week for the old people in our village.

The front has been splayed in order to line through with the main road, as the Hall at the moment is canted on the site. The roof has been carried over the entrance screen to form a covered porch.

The opportunity has been taken to extend across the site to give a feeling of spaciousness, and the construction will be mainly by oak framing to be in sympathy with the present building.

Funds are now being raised for the extension, and it is hoped that work will start towards the end of this year.

ROUND THE VILLAGE

Championship for Bookham Stoolball Club. Congratulations to the Bookham Stoolball Club on winning the Knight Trophy in the Surrey Stoolball Contest. This was the fourth Championship and was played at the Dorking Road Recreation Ground. Bookham were the winners in the first year and then lost to Ashted. They are very proud to have won back the Trophy in an outstanding series of matches. Honours go to Caroline Lord who received the

individual bowling prize with a score of 5 for 32.

On a gloriously sunny day many visitors came to watch the match. A paragraph in the "Evening News" had brought people from far afield, amongst them being interested spectators from London and Kent. It was estimated that over 300 people attended and there was a steady demand for refreshments. A profit of over £40 was made, which means that the finances of the Club will be in good shape for next season.

Bookham Choral Society starts its new season on Tuesday, September 25th, at the Congregational Hall, at 8 p.m., and will be meeting weekly. As rehearsals are starting immediately for next year's Dorking Festival, new members of all voices will be welcome. The Festival is the climax of the year's singing and is a thrilling occasion not easily forgotten once experienced. Mr. Ralph Nicholson, who is a member of the London Symphony Orchestra and Assistant Musical Adviser for Surrey, is continuing as Conductor of the Choir, and it is hoped that Anthony Cairns will be deputy Conductor.

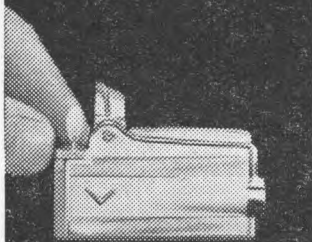
Bookham Rifle Clubhouse is roofed and watertight. The next step is to complete the interior and instal water and electricity. To have reached this stage is a considerable achievement, for which much of the credit must be accorded to Mr. O. J. Rattenbury, the Club's honorary secretary, who

has been responsible in no small measure for building up the Club to its present strong and healthy position. Mr. Rattenbury is not a young man—indeed he served in the First World War. He was Assistant Postmaster at Leatherhead when he retired. The Rifle club was then on the verge of collapse due to the loss of its range in the Dorking Road, 1954/5. He threw himself heart and soul into its revival. Fortunately the Leatherhead Urban District Council was able to lease to the club a walled kitchen garden and orchard at Thornecroft. Mr. Rattenbury and his stout-hearted team of enthusiasts have now transformed this into today's excellent example of what a rifle club should be.

Bookham Boys' Club again won high honours in the Leatherhead and District Athletic Sports in June and gained 2 Cups, 5 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals and 3 Certificates of Merit. They were especially pleased to win the Trophy for the Relay Team for the second year in succession, beating the track record which they set up last year. To crown their achievements they secured the all-round junior team trophy at the Surrey Boys' Clubs Championships.

Much hard training lies behind these achievements, and the Club are to be congratulated on the disciplined way in which they keep up practice. Representatives of the Club were selected for the

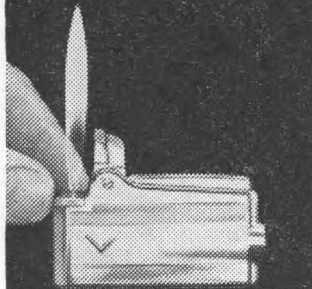
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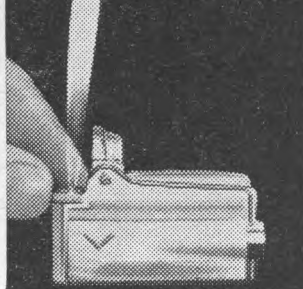
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Surrey team which travelled to Watford and Sandhurst. The final glory came when three of the Bookham boys qualified for the All England Boys' Club Championships at Stoke-on-Trent. They were D. Brady (Junior), and M. Poulter and D. Hughes (Senior).

Civic responsibility as well as sportsmanship is encouraged by the Leader of the Club, Mr. K. A. Vincent. The boys give yeoman service in the distribution of the Bulletin. They were not able to participate in Village Day because of the Leatherhead Athletics Gathering but they came in the morning to erect stalls and, even more creditable, turned up on the Sunday to help clear away. Meanwhile at the Leatherhead track they assisted in laying and preparing the discus circles and mowing the track, etc.

Sketch plans for the new club house are now to hand, but, until this is erected, indoor social games are not possible. During the autumn and winter, however, gymnastics will again be put on at the Howard of Effingham School in the evenings, and there will be much hard practice for the boys who wish to be selected for the football teams.

The Garden Society has a programme of interesting lectures for the autumn season. They will be held at the Bookham Junior School Hall at 8 p.m.

Friday, October 12th. Roses, by

Mr. John Hendriksen, a local Rose Nurseryman.

Friday, November 9th. Begonias, with coloured slides supplied by Messrs. Blackmore and Langdon.

The W.E.A. Unfortunately there is no Centre as yet in Bookham for the W.E.A., but quite a number of local people attend their classes both in Fetcham and Leatherhead. We have received a list of lectures to be held in the Village Hall, Fetcham, which may be of interest to some of our readers.

September 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. J. Bolton Smith, part-time tutor in Art at London University, will speak on "Modern Art Trends," and it is hoped that he will be accompanied by the well-known art critic, Eric Newton.

September 22nd, at 8 p.m. Dr. Elizabeth Monkhouse, senior staff tutor in International Relations, London University, will lecture on "The Problems of Co-existence."

November 23rd. Miss Erlyns Roberts, Editor of "Which," will speak on "The case against advertising."

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Murphy, who is Vice-Chairman of the London District of the W.E.A., is now residing at 33 Dorking Road. He is very keen to promote an interest locally in the work of the W.E.A., which many people think is the finest voluntary body in Britain sponsoring adult education. He will be

pleased to answer any inquiries.

All set for Jamborette. September 22nd is a big day for the local Scouts and Guides and their friends and supporters. And this means the village! It is the date for their third annual Jamborette and promises to be a most enjoyable occasion. The pattern will follow that of other years which proved so successful. Displays and events with a scouting flavour will go on more or less continuously during the afternoon and evening in the Barn Hall and Grounds. Towards dusk the bonfire will be lighted in the field, ready for the sing-song and, it is hoped, hot sausages. A Barn Dance will take place in the Hall. The friendly rivalry which started on the sports day early in July, when the feminine contestants outpointed the male, will be renewed on September 22nd with the big question—who can contribute most to the takings?

Have you tried an Evening Institute Class? Approximately 400 students participated in the Evening Institute classes last year, organised by the Effingham Evening Institute for the Bookham and Effingham area. There were over 21 classes and all but one (Shorthand) continued for the full session. This is an excellent record for a newly-formed Institute; even more subjects will be covered in the new session. Classes will be held at the Eastwick County Primary and Howard of Effing-

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St. Pancras Old People entertained. The Women's Committee of the Community Association entertained two coachloads of old people from St. Pancras in July. They were accompanied by the Mayor of St. Pancras, the Mayoress, and the Deputy Mayor, —all ladies. The Chairman of our own local Council welcomed them. The Hall was beautifully decorated with prize sweetpeas given by Mr. Bridger, of Eastwick Drive,

and arranged by Mrs. Robinson. A birthday cake with ten candles to mark the tenth visit, was cut by an 89-year-old visitor.

CLAY INTO CASSEROLES

Bookham clay, as some of us know only too well, brings back-ache as well as heartache to those who work on it; but Mrs. Barbara Davies, of Briary House, Eastwick Drive, can use it to good purpose. She is a potter, and she finds that the clay, mixed with certain metal oxides, is excellent for her craft.

When I visited her in her studio workshop, shut away in a 4½ acre garden, she was busy moulding a bowl from a most unimpressive hunk of what looked like muddy plasticine. Like all enthusiasts, however, she was happy to show

me her collection and talk about it. Articles of every description were ranged on shelves and tables —dishes and vases in a lovely blue-grey stoneware and cups, bowls, eggcups and plates in warm brown earthenware, glazed and patterned in cream, fawn and other harmonious shades. I was especially attracted by small teapots, some of traditional shape, and others, more squat, with cane handles and diminutive spouts, which, I was assured, were excellent pourers. Mrs. Davies told me that the inspiration for these came from a Teapot Exhibition, organised by the Craftsmen Potters Association, of which she is an associate.

My attention was also caught by rows of small earthenware slippers standing on her kiln. These were ready for firing and would emerge as salt containers. A small hole in the toe made for easy pouring, and the fact that they were hand moulded enabled them to be cleaned inside with ease.

Mrs. Davies is a trained instructor in arts and handicrafts and has been teaching pottery, dressmaking and art for some years at the Manor House School. In this way she has been able to finance the furnishing of her studio with the most modern equipment, including a small kiln. She now plans to devote more time to her professional work and hopes that she may ultimately achieve the coveted distinction of full membership of the Craftsmen Potters Association, which has its head-

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quarters in the West End. She will not, however, be permitted to abandon teaching completely. She has already been approached by neighbours and friends who are anxious to learn more about this satisfying craft, and she has agreed to give tuition in her workshop where all the techniques may be practised. I would very much like to join them because I came away with the impression that, paradoxical though it may seem, pottery is both stimulating and relaxing, and the end product is something useful and beautiful to possess.

E. H.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Village Day. The Community Association wishes to thank all those who came to Village Day and made it such an enjoyable occasion. It is estimated that something like 1,500 people attended and we took approximately £340. We are grateful to those organisations who helped. Our own clubs were a tower of strength and we would like to give special mention to the Women's Institutes, the Epsom School of Art, the Guides and Scouts, the Stoolball Club, the Bookham Boys' Club, the Young Conservatives, the Youth Club and the local Primary Schools for their assistance. The local traders gave prizes and we thank them, especially those who had already contributed to the Bulletin advertisements. Many individuals gave

much time to the organisation of the Day and its events, among them the young architects who provided the section on the development of central Bookham, which aroused so much interest.

Autumn and Winter Season. Our Clubs start their new season in September. All these are for members of the Community Association, but membership is open to all on payment of 2s. 6d. per annum. Names and addresses of secretaries are in the Directory at the end of the Bulletin.

We would remind members that the new financial year begins in September and subscriptions are now due. The Membership Secretary is Mr. R. S. Woodrow-Clark, Tel. Bookham 4070. He would welcome volunteers who would be willing to collect subscriptions in their own roads. Members of the Committee will also take subs.

The Old Time Dance Club meets at the Barn Hall from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. every Wednesday evening and will reopen on Wednesday, September 5th. In addition, dances are normally held at Church House on the second Saturday of each month. Neighbouring Clubs are invited to these and, in return, the Bookham Club spends many enjoyable evenings visiting the dances held in the vicinity. During the season an Annual Dinner is held and a Party concludes the season in May.

New members are always welcome. It has been found from past experience, however, that the

ladies are most anxious to join but they have the greatest difficulty in persuading their husbands to accompany them. Happily, during the past few years, many husbands have succumbed to the persuasion of their wives and now freely admit that they thoroughly enjoy themselves and are glad that they finally joined the Club.

To assist new members the Club's demonstrator is prepared to hold a special session for beginners from 7.30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

The Gramophone Club opens the 1962/63 season on Thursday, September 13th, at 8 p.m., in the Barn Hall, Church Road. Thereafter concerts are given alternate Thursdays at the same place and time. Newcomers will be welcomed by the officers and members.

The opening concert will be given by Mr. Fry, of the Deutsche Gramophone Gesellschaft, and those who have heard him in previous years will know that he gives a good entertainment, brings new records made with the latest techniques and is able to answer, from a practical viewpoint, any questions put to him. Other programmes include Mr. Swetman, on September 27th and, on December 20th, Henry Haig on "Don't be Vague." A note to the Secretary will bring a copy of the programme.

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The Barn Hall Club reopens on Tuesday, September 11th, and meets weekly. It is a sociable club for all ages and its main interest is table tennis, but other activities can be arranged.

The Scottish Dancers meet every Friday evening at the Barn Hall and the new session begins on September 14th. The Club is a flourishing one, with a membership of 75, but there is room for more, and there will be a warm welcome for anyone who may be interested. A group from the Club gave a display again this year at the Fete at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, and has been asked to make this an annual booking. The standard of the dancing has been raised by the assistance of Andrew and Vera Grant who come frequently to the Friday evening meetings. Television enthusiasts, as well as Scottish Dancing fans will know them well from their appearances with Jimmy Shand in *The Kilt* is my Delight programme. Mr. Grant is also a tutor at the Royal Society's Summer School at St. Andrew's.

The Camera Club starts its autumn session at the Bookham Junior School on Thursday, September 27th and, thereafter,

weekly at 8 p.m. An interesting programme has been arranged for the session. The quality of the meetings can be judged from the first one—Leitz on slides, black and white and colour, by the firm which makes Leica cameras.

PERSONAL COLUMN

University News. The Lorne puts up a challenge to Barn Meadow Lane. With three new graduates, does it hold a record per household? They are Douglas Pollard, who has just graduated with honours in botany at Aberystwyth; Patrick John Berry, who has received his Honours Degree in Economics from Hull University; and John Perry with a B.Sc. (Honours) in Mathematics at Southampton. John intends to stay on at the university to work for an M.Sc.

Another recent graduate from Hull University is Michael Hudson, of Whiteway, whose subject was chemistry, and who has done so well that he has been awarded a research post at University College, London, where he will work for his Ph.D. He has many friends in Bookham because he is a member of the Bookham Cricket Club, and during the vacation he plays first bat.

Well known in Bookham is Jennifer Tibbetts, also of Hull University, who has graduated in English, with honours. We are especially pleased to report her success as she is a member of our Barn Hall Club.

Meanwhile, quite a number of Bookham young people have gone up to university this term. Among them is Richard Rossner, whose mother was for many years Guides' Captain. He is a State Scholar and will be reading languages at Trinity College, Oxford. We wonder whether he will be a candidate for the O.U.D.S.? He had a small part in the Polesden Lacey Theatre production of "The Winter's Tale" and much enjoyed the rehearsals.

David Norkett, who was with Richard at Dorking Grammar School, is now at King's College, London University. The bias towards scholarship is in the family. His father, Mr. D. Norkett, has recently returned to his home in Downsway from Nepal, where he was a member of an expedition from the Natural History Museum engaged in identifying and collecting mosses.

Rheinhardt Klewe, of Little Bookham, has been awarded an Exhibition at the new Churchill College, Cambridge, for physics. The same subject is also being studied by his brother, Wulfram, in his second year at Bristol University. Their success gives great satisfaction to their teachers at Polesden School, where they were both pupils.

John Harrison, eldest son of our Secretary, has just completed his M.A. in English at the University of California, and has been awarded a teaching assistantship at Berkeley University, where he

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will work for his Ph.D. He took his B.A. in philosophy, politics and economics at New College, Oxford. **A Flying Scholarship** has been awarded to Cadet G. R. Clarke, of Vicarage Close. This will enable him to train for and obtain a private pilot's licence. This is a privilege that any boy would covet and the competition is keen, but Cadet Clarke has had a good send-off as a member of the R.A.F. Section of the Combined Cadet Force of King's College School, Wimbledon.

A Warm Welcome has been given to the newly-appointed Youth Officer for Leatherhead District, Mr. Andrew Carson. We are delighted to know that he is living among us in Bookham. Prior to finding his new home in Dawnay Road he had a breezy introduction to the district as he was living in a tent at High Ashurst. This, however, is the unconventional action we might expect from a man who, along with his normal duties for the youth of the area, is also responsible for the County's Camp nearby.

Mr. Carson has been an active sportsman, particularly as a boxer and rugby footballer, and is an enthusiast for lightweight camping and canoeing. We are pleased, too, to welcome his wife, who is herself an experienced youth worker, and their two daughters, the elder of whom is doing her nursing training in London.

A Girl with a Wanderlust. Miss Pauline Stringer, of Lower Road,

is an adventurous girl. She sailed for Canada in July, and intends to make her way through Canada and the U.S.A. over a period of 18 months to two years. As a trained secretary she will have no difficulty in earning her keep.

Back from Canada is Mr. Les Penegar, and we were glad to meet him and his wife at his parents' home in Water Lane. He has taken a post as probation officer in Monmouth, and he will bring to this the experience he has gained after several years of the same work in Canada.

Carnival Queen. Miss Judith Bull, who was chosen as Leatherhead's Carnival Queen during Old People's Welfare Week, is a local girl and comes of a very old Bookham family. She can trace back her forbears for many generations, especially on the Mill-yard side, who must have been living here for well over a hundred years. She is employed in the offices at Wildts.

Marriages. The wedding of Miss Rosemary Bellows was quite a village occasion. On May 5th she married Mr. Roy Davey. They have bought a new house and settled in Fleet, Hampshire.

We also extend our good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, who were married recently. John, who is the son of our Treasurer, married Miss P. Butcher at Millbrook Parish Church. She is a swimming champion of one of the Southampton clubs. They have

settled in Southsea, where Mr. John Saunders holds an appointment with the National Provincial Bank.

Engagement. We hear that another well-known local girl, Miss Cynthia Black, who is nursing in Canada, has become engaged. Her wedding will be soon, and she is settling in that country.

Epsom School of Art Prizewinner. We congratulate Miss Cynthia Date, of Fairview, Woodlands Road, on winning the Sir William Orpen Memorial Prize for drawing and sculpture at the Epsom School of Art. She will now go on to Wimbledon School of Art for the Art Diploma course.

Baby Cuckoo Thrives in Home. Mr. Parslow, of the Hamster Farm, found a baby cuckoo in a deserted blackbird's nest. He brought it in and taught it to feed from his hand. It is now thriving.

Live Music. Mr. A. Baker, of 81 Eastwick Drive, asks if anyone is interested in joining a trio, quartet or similar combination of instruments. He is a violinist, and thinks that a group would find enjoyment in playing together and could take music to others in hospitals and institutions.

New Manager. The spate of housing in Bookham is such that Bridgers, the estate agents, have decided to put a partner in full charge of the office here. He is Mr. M. T. Hind, and comes from Dorking, but hopes to settle in Bookham.

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