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## *Editorial.*

After three years of continuous publication of the "Bookhams Bulletin," it is still possible to report progress, and it is hoped that the new features introduced during the past twelve months has met with general acceptance and no criticism.

From time to time, its purpose has been stated with due modesty. This Journal is merely the humble adaption of existing forms to the necessary requirements for Social Service. It is assumed that the majority of the readers of the Bulletin have grasped the essentials primarily to help those who are far more needy than they themselves. It may be suggested that in these days of Unemployment Assistance Boards and Public Assistance Committees, there is no need for Social Service Bureau work. What is done by legislative measures does not and could not fulfil the requirements of such cases as are dealt with by the Bureau. As an example, fourteen children of the local school require milk which has been recommended by the County Medical Authorities. One-third of a pint will cost one half-penny, that is 1/11d. per week for fourteen children. The Bureau have responded, and with the co-operation and charity of a kind-hearted public, your assistance would be welcome.

Send your contributions to:—

Mr. OWEN GROOM, Hon. Treasurer,  
"Wychwood," Sole Farm Road.

In view of the departure of Miss Gilham from Bookham, it has been necessary to make certain changes regarding visiting and the issuing of clothing, etc., but to ensure the future of the Bureau, the Annual General Meeting will take place some time in October. Further information will be circulated in due course, and it is earnestly hoped for a record attendance.

It is now perhaps generally known that the "Bulletin" has for the past year had a new Editor and Business Managers, and by way of a personal note, the Editor takes this opportunity to thank all those concerned in making it possible for the continued publication of the "Bookhams Bulletin."

## *Silver Jubilee Commemoration Fund.*

It is with pleasure that a further list of subscribers for the Clock fund is published:—  
Anon., Miss Candy, Three D's, Mrs. Dicke, C. Elton, Miss Gilham, Mrs. Hansard, Hind, H. S. Kiegwin, Mrs. Madge, R. Madge, M.N., T. C. Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Ponting, per the Rector, Mrs. Roden, Miss Routh, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Thompson, Toussaint, Mrs. Trickett, A. Van der Swan, Miss Greville Williams, Mrs. Robert Wood.

## **St. Nicolas Church, St. Bookham**

The Son of Sir Francis Geary, formerly of Polesden Lacey, had a monument to his memory in the Slyfield Aisle. He lost his life in the American War of Independence in 1776 A.D. The Dawnays once of Bookham Grove, had a marble tablet with the names of Lord Downe and several others of the family inscribed upon it, but the position is high up and hard to read. On the floor of the North Aisle are two interesting Stones to William Wilder, 1659 A.D., and Lady Jerningham, 1653 A.D. The oldest memorial and really the most interesting is the Stone Coffin Slab by the Altar, believed to be that of Abbot de Rutherwyk, builder of the Chancel. For uncounted years this lay in the Churchyard just outside the Tower, and the large nails were driven in to prevent the village boys from sliding on it.

The stained glass has all been put in within the last hundred years, and is not particularly interesting. The Church possesses a little fine old plate, namely, a small Chalice with a lid forming a paten, of 1663 A.D., a lovely Alms Dish, bearing the inscription, "This belongs to the Parish of Great Bookham, 1677 A.D.," and a silver Flagon of good shape, 1673 A.D. The large painted Candlesticks in the Chancel were purchased by several of his fellow parishioners to the memory of Mr. Wragge, a most

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respected old resident, who died in 1922 at a great age. In 1913 the Arcade walls of the main Aisle were searched by Mr. Mainwaring Johnson for early windows, and on the north side was discovered a late 11th century window, still retaining brilliant colour decoration on its surround. This window had been solidly blocked up when the Church was enlarged, and as it had never been whitewashed like the others, it has come through all the these centuries with the colouring perfectly fresh. The surface decoration is in bands of yellow, red and white, with an oblong pattern in red, and it bears traces of figures.

(to be continued).

### *The Emergency Help Committee*

Possibly little is known about the Emergency Help Committee which has been in operation since December, 1920, and is financed by the Joint War Finance Committees of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, which administers the residue of funds raised during the Great War for the sick and disabled. The grants made for the fifteenth year ending 31st December, 1935, total £1,296,900, and it is understood that sufficient funds are available to meet the cost of the work, on a reducing basis, for many years to come.

The Committee's original terms of reference were "to assist sick and disabled ex-service men who are in distress in consequence of the war" and were subsequently extended to include widows. The Scheme was designed primarily to bridge unavoidable gaps incidental to pensions administration. This phrase of the work still continues, although the expenditure on such cases is now gradually reduced, but the original regulations have been modified and extended from time to time in the light of experience and now enable the Committee to deal with many other needs of the sick and disabled ex-service community. They determine eligibility by four broad governing principals:—

- 1.—That the need is connected with the disablement (or death) of an ex-service man.
- 2.—That the man did good effective service during the Great War.
- 3.—That the proposed assistance is not primarily within the scope of some other voluntary fund or Public Authority.
- 4.—That there is some definite end in view.

It has been the policy of the British Legion to co-operate with other Bodies interested in the welfare of ex-service men and their dependants, and in this direction the Emergency Help Committee have been of the utmost value, and the Local Benevolent Secretary of the British Legion, Legion Hall, Lower Road, Effingham, will advise and assist such cases that are deemed worthy.

W.A.M.

### *Wild Flowers found in the Bookhams.*

No other of our wild flowers can show so rich a crimson tint as the Pheasant's Eye. The plant, however, is not truly indigent, and was in all probability introduced from other lands among grain. In corn-fields it is not an infrequent weed, and many years ago the Author has gathered it in this district.

The old Botanist Gerarde said of it, "The red flower of Adonis groweth wilde in Englande, among their corne as Maieweed does; from thence I brought the seede, and have sowen it in my garden for the beautie of the flower's sake."

It seems in all succeeding times to have been prized by those who have gardens, for it is found yet as a common border flower, its rich crimson buttercup-shaped blossoms gleaming in July from among its narrow leaves.

Miller, in his "Gardener's Dictionary," states that great quantities of these flowers were brought every year to London, and sold in the Man of Red Morocco.

Gerarde called it "the Rose a Rubie," which he says was its name among the herb women.

The name of Adonis was given to the genus from the youth Adonis, who, as ancient poets tell, was slain by a wild boar, and whose blood crimsoned its petals. The fable of this youth, like that of Narcissus, was a favourite legend.

There seems to be no apparent reason for it being named "Pheasant's Eye," for all over Europe it is known as Adonis.

A.P.

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## *A Word about the Ratepayers' Association.*

Since the inception of the "Bookhams Bulletin," there has appeared in its pages particulars of activities of various organisations in the Bookhams.

In the space at my disposal it is impossible to give even a brief outline of the work of the Bookhams Ratepayers' Association. Fewer Associations, I should imagine, have a better record.

The object of its Founders was to provide a common meeting ground for both "the old" and "the new" inhabitants. It would be idle to deny that between the two, that there have been and still are differences of view, but surely we have sufficient in common as Ratepayers, to provide a necessary basis for co-operation. It was never the intention of the Founders to antagonise any section of the community, but rather to help or to seek their ideas, and to make the best of an inevitable change in the character of the district required by progress and certain economic factors.

The chief problem that had to be faced was to see that the development took place on decent and considered lines, consistent with the general character of the Village. It was because of this lack of united effort, such as later the Ratepayers' Association sought to provide, that the early development was so undesirable.

No one can suggest that the Association has done all that it might have done or that no unwise word has been spoken. The Readers of this Journal may have many complaints to make. They may think this or that or the other wrong, but to realise any improvement in the work of the Association and increase its usefulness, it would be well to come along and join in their deliberations. There is not a member of the Association who would not welcome their presence.

At the present time there are vital questions before us which everyone should express an opinion. The Association has the necessary organisation to obtain that opinion, but to ensure solidarity in your cause, attend the next meeting of the Ratepayers' Association on Friday, 25th September, and let us have your opinion how the Association should be run.

"A Member."

## *The Church Clock.*

Unfortunately the expectations mentioned in our last number as regards the Clock being in working order have not been realised, but the delay, as some of our Readers know, has been caused by the non-arrival of the necessary approval of the electric wiring from the Chancellor of the Diocese, however, it is confidently expected that this approval will very shortly be forthcoming and the new clock will give the correct time to the Residents of Bookham.

The Jubilee Celebrations Committee have not quite attained the necessary amount of money required, and subscriptions will be gratefully accepted by the following:—

Mr. H. Bostock, Chairman, "Fife Lodge," Church Road; Mr. A. E. Murrells, Hon. Treas., "Torbay," Eastwick Drive; Mr. R. Andrews, Hon. Sec., "Five Beeches," Dorking Road.

## *The Bookhams Bowling Club.*

The local B.B.C., otherwise known as the Bookhams Bowling Club, is still going strong, the membership being somewhere about that of last season. Although several of the old members have removed from the district their places have been filled by new ones. As regards matches this season the Ladies' Section has done extremely well having won four out of six fixtures, besides which at the time of writing, the Captain, Mrs. Ida Williams, has for the first time of entering for the Surrey County Women's Singles, reached the semi-final. The Men's Section, however, has not been quite so good in regards matches. The Ladies too beat the so-called "stronger sex" in a recent match by one shot.

The various competitions for the Allen Cup (Ladies only), and the Brotherhood Trophy and others, are now in full swing and some of the results as usual with bowls, have been most extraordinary. It is very interesting to watch these games, especially when two "top notchers" meet.

R.A.

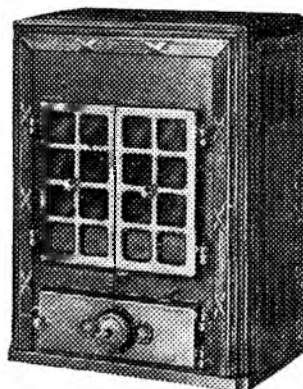
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Boys under 17	...	4s.	0d.
Young Women between 18 and 21...	...	9s.	6d.
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The Editor would be very grateful to Secretaries of all organisations in the Bookhams for their fixtures for insertion in the next issue of the "Bookhams Bulletin."

The Editor,  
"Bookhams Bulletin,"  
Iskandrieh,  
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REGULAR WEEKLY FIXTURES.

**Sundays—**

Brotherhood, 3 p.m. (Congregational Hall).

**Mondays—**

Women's Thrift Club.  
Coal and Clothing Club, 12 p.m. (School).  
Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m. (Church House).  
Women's Meeting, 3 p.m. (Congregational Church Parlour).  
Women's Own, 3 p.m. (Baptist Hall).  
Girls' Life Brigade Cadets, 5.30 p.m. (Baptist Hall).  
Junior Club, 7 p.m. (Church House).  
Boys' Brigade, 7.15 p.m. (Baptist Hall).  
Girls' Friendly Society & Girls' Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House).  
Bookham Choral Society, 8 p.m. (Congregational Church).  
Rovers, 8.15 p.m. (Scout Hut).

**Tuesdays—**

Life Boys, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).  
Blue Birds, 6.30 p.m. (Congregational Hall).  
Camp Fire Girls, 7.30 p.m. (Congregational Hall).  
Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House)

**Wednesdays—**

The White Ribbon Band of Hope. Last Wednesday in each month at Congregational Church, from 6.30 till 8 p.m.

**Thursdays—**

Cubs, 5.30 p.m. (Scout Hut).  
Girls' Life Brigade, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).  
Scouts, 8 p.m. (Scout Hut).  
Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House)  
Bookham Women's Constitutional Association  
Monthly Meetings at the Barn Hall.  
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**Fridays—**

Brownies, 4.30 p.m. (Scout Hut).  
Girl Guides, 6.30 p.m. (Scout Hut).  
Rangers, 7.45 p.m. (Scout Hut).  
Good Companions Club, 8 p.m. (Barn Hall)

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