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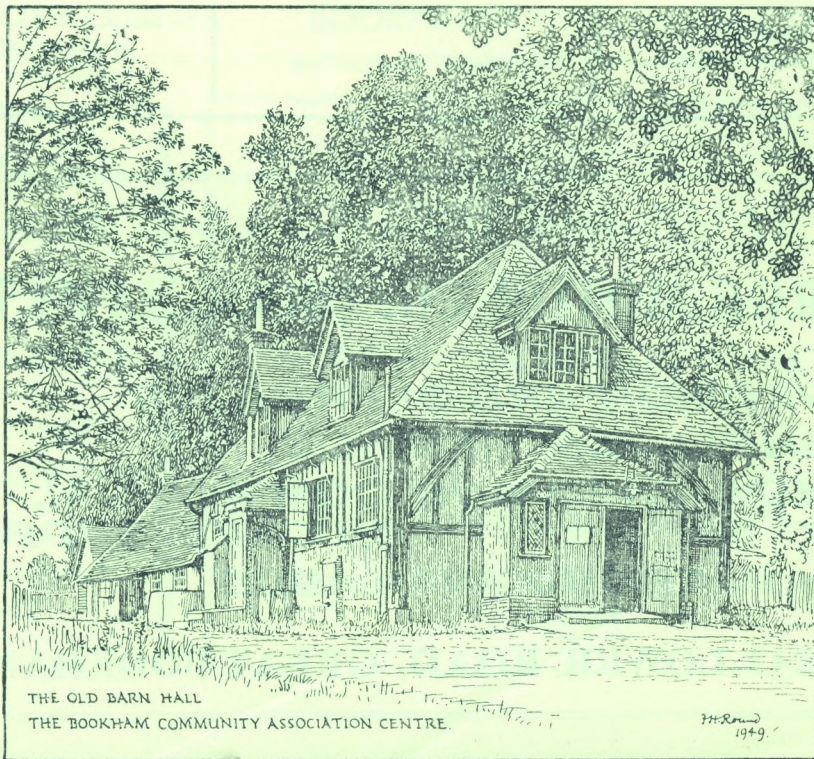
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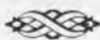
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## EDITORIAL

We live in one of the loveliest counties in England, and during the next few months visitors will be coming from all over the country and abroad to see the beauty of Surrey, but how many of us can show our friends anywhere but the showplaces—Box Hill, Leith Hill and Newlands Corner, now alas at week-ends rather like Brighton on a Bank Holiday! We at Bookham, however, have a unique opportunity to explore the beautiful North Downs. We can walk up the lanes to Fetcham Downs, Polesden, and on to Ranmore or beyond, or if we wish to go further afield take a bus towards Guildford and almost any track on the right will lead to lovely remote country.

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF BOOKHAM, SURREY (PART 18)

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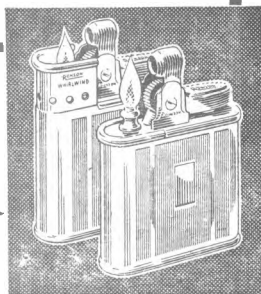
The surviving parish documents of Great Bookham give some impression of local life in the eighteenth century. The affairs of the village were still governed by a Vestry of local squires and farmers, electing churchwardens, overseers, and surveyors of highways. Not every local gentleman was willing to serve, and in 1701 "Mr. Lodowic Howard promised to pay 20s. to be excused from serving the office of Overseer for the yeare ensueinge according to his turn."

Among constant items of expenditure the church clock is outstanding. In 1710 William Risbridger was being paid for it, as well as 5s. for cleaning it; in 1714 and 1715 one Francis Stint was paid for five years for looking after it (£3 15s.), while Risbridger received 15s. for doing so for three years. In 1752 the clock was being maintained by one Worsfold, perhaps the Mr. Thomas Worsfold of "Darking" who, on 20th April, 1778, "hath a greed . . . that he sall and will immediately



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Bell-ringing also gave rise to special payments: the Hanoverian dynasty was brought in with 2s.6d. to the ringers "At the Proclaiming of King George" in 1714, while they received 5s. for "King George's Birth-Day", and another 5s. "At the Kings Coronation". On 24th January, 1757/58, during the Seven Years' War, 4s. was "Gave for Ringing for the King A Prusher", no doubt a celebration of Frederick the Great's victories over the French and Austrians at Rossbach and Leuthen.

In 1753 a man was paid 10s.6d. "for Measuring the Steple", and 20 years later 2s. was "Spent putting up the Weather Cock". At Little Bookham Church the surviving vane over the bell-turret bears the date 1744 and the initials "IS". Great Bookham Church underwent substantial repairs and improvements at several dates: in 1768 the Vestry agreed "that a New Alter peice and Rails be put up in the Chancell and a new pulpitt and Diske, and White Washing, the Church to be Re-

peared accorden to the plan"; and in the next year it was decided "to have the Kings Armes painted and set up in the Church as it was before", the canvas costing 2s., "Expences with the Painters" 2s.6d., and "putting up the Kings Arms" 6d. In 1771-72 a bill of £4 13s. 6d. was paid to one Gregory "for mending the Church wall and Church", and between 1788 and 1792 various sums were received by James Peters and Roberts, bricklayers, and by Mr. Roberts the glazier; in 1778 Peters received £1 7s. 11d. in payment of his bill, and beer costing 4s.6d. The repairs probably included the brick buttresses to the tower.

The churchyard also had to be kept in order, "the yewtree at ye west end of ye Church, & five Walnut trees in ye church yard" being planted by Samuel Lisle the Vicar on 13th February, 1733/4; while in 1738 "a man Grubbing the Ivy round the Church" had 2s. The Vicar did not always see eye to eye with his parishioners, for in 1712 the Rev. John Hyett noted "That the Tenents of the manner of great Bookham about ye year 1672 or 1673 presented me for shutting up the Vicaridg Lane: I proved by the Terrier it was part of the Gleab; and they could claim only a footway between sun rising and setting. I I haue ever since kept it shut up: and that when they at a Court 1710 presented all priviledges and Grievances not spareing the Lord

(of the Manor) himself the Lane was not presented." This lane was, however, to cause further trouble a century later.

Responsibility for the roads also gave rise to difficulties. In 1776 the Vestry agreed that the Surveyors should "mend the Road leading from Slyfield Mill to the Bridge by Sir Francis Vincent", but in 1787 the same road "from Sheep Bell House to Mark Oak" was indicted by a Mr. Page, and the Vestry determined to stand trial rather than make it up, again deciding to proceed to trial in 1791 and 1792 when, under the leadership of Admiral Sir Francis Geary, it was agreed unanimously "to try the Cause at the next Assises and to Defend the Inditement by an Equal Rate on all the Inhabitants to defray the expences". This declaration was signed by Geary; Henry Crawter and Thomas Martyr, churchwardens; Robert Wood and Edward Waterer as Overseers, and again as Surveyors of Highways; and by eight other parishioners, of whom three made their marks.

The care of the poor demanded increasing attention. On 18th July, 1715, John Virgo, parish pensioner, was buried, and it was noted "that William Loueland at the Buryal . . . encouraged Richard Hubbard the officer to force his way into the ch.yard and church refusing to pay for it as All parishoners haue since done

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those only excepted wher it is  
express: pd. for the pall." As an  
example of the normal type of  
pension, it was "Agreed at a  
Vestry Octobr ye 6. 1717 to pay  
for the Rent of Goody Williams  
five Shillings", while four men and  
four widows had benefited in  
sums from 10s. down to 3s. from  
the windfall of £2 10s. received  
on 22nd April in the same year,  
being "Money forfeited by killing  
a Hare in the Manor of Great  
Bookham paid into the Hands o.  
the Overseers, Thomas Wood and  
Thomas Mugridge". In 1732 it  
was ordered that "ye Overseers of  
ye Poor shall procure brass  
badges, & take care to have 'em  
fixt before christmas next upon  
every person yt receiveth alms of  
ye parish, otherwise to stop their  
allowance", and two years later  
Charles Phips was paid for mak-  
ing clothes for the poor.

In February, 1734/5, the Alms-  
house was repaired at a cost of  
two guineas, "a Round house"  
was ordered to be built and the  
expense paid from the Poor Book  
in 1752, and in 1791 the Alms-  
houses were to be thatched. One  
David Hoeit received 2 lbs. of  
mutton in 1756, for which 7d.  
was paid, while 2s. was spent in  
1763 "for the Cure of Buggses  
Girls Mouth of the Cancer". The  
practice of removing paupers to  
their parish of origin, under the  
Act of 1662, is exemplified by a  
removal order of 5th January,  
1773, by which Lidia White,  
widow of Thomas White, with

her child William, aged about 1  
month" was brought from Rich-  
mond to Great Bookham.

Ever since 1610 parishes had  
been liable to contribute to the  
building of gaols and houses of  
correction, and in 1720 Great  
Bookham voted "1d. per pound to  
a Book for building a New Goal"  
(sic), while in 1722 £1 1s. 7d.  
was to be paid to the High Con-  
stable "for Repairing the House  
of Correction money at Guild-  
ford". Contributions were also  
made to the General Hospital, the  
Vestry of 7th April, 1760, raising  
£25 14s. from five of its members  
who agreed "to Lay Down the  
Aspittle Money One Account to  
be Reducted out of the Next  
Poors Book".

Public nuisances were usually  
left to the initiative of the Court  
Leet, but on 26th December, 1759,  
the Great Bookham Vestry made  
the entry: "Mr. John Venn it was  
thought Proper to give you Notice  
to Rail in your Slimekillpitt lying  
in the said Parish or cause it to  
be Done or Other wise it will  
be in Dited to Next Quarter  
Seshons". Other methods of deal-  
ing with awkward parishioners  
are shown by a memorandum  
of 1732 in the second Parish  
Register: "John Wood ye son of  
Tho: Wood yeoman & Brother  
to ye present Tho: Wood of  
Bagden was serv'd by a Warrant  
& carried before Mr. Ballard one  
of His Maj.ties justices of ye  
peace, where he was excus'd from  
ye penalty of ye act of parliamt.,

upon my request: for haveing dis-  
turbed my Curate in ye perform-  
ance of his office, & for playing in  
ye Church yard; & upon our  
agreemt. His Father was to pay  
to ye poor of ye parish five shill-  
ings, as Mem: I received but four  
shillings & sixpence of ye said  
sum witness my Hand, Sam: Lisle  
vicr."

### HORSE BRASSES

Mr. Howard Weale, of Little  
Bookham, has an unusual hobby.  
It is the collection of horse  
brasses. He possesses over 200  
fine specimens, some of them con-  
nected with his own horses and  
those of his father who started up  
business in 1870. He has now re-  
placed his horses by motor trans-  
port, but still takes pride in his  
unique collection and would be  
pleased to show it to any inter-  
ested person, by appointment.

The origin of horse brasses is  
lost in antiquity. In the grave of  
a Siberian chieftain of over 2,000  
years ago bodies of seven horses  
in a mummified state have been  
found adorned with bronze trap-  
pings designed like those of to-  
day.

It is thought that the intri-  
cately designed brasses served a  
utilitarian as well as a decorative  
purpose. They were amulets to  
protect the horse and rider against  
harm, and especially the evil eye.

Brood mares wore the peacock,  
or peacock feathers, sacred to  
Hera, the Greek goddess of fer-  
tility, on the brow band. The  
plain disc or rosette is thought to  
be a relic of sun worship.



## THE STUDENT TEACHER

Lecturers and students alike are, at the moment, waiting expectantly to see how the introduction of a three-year course will affect teacher-training; it is well-known that the present course is gravely inadequate and it is to be hoped that new arrangements will remedy this. While not wishing to paint too black a picture of teacher-training, or indeed the profession itself, I would emphasise that it is not a career for the traditional character of the oft-quoted Bernard Shaw phrase — “Those who can, do; those who can’t, teach.”

It is realised to-day, probably more widely than ever before and possibly in the light of recent advances in psychology, that education involves an all-round natural development and is a vital part of the life and progress of a nation.

Having spent two years “specialising” in the sixth or several years out at work, the student-teacher finds the timetable a formidable introduction to college. Its bulk comprises Education (i.e. Child Development, Practical Teaching, Psychology), Health Education (i.e. Hygiene, Children’s Ailments, National Health Service); a main subject is chosen from English, Mathematics, Art, Craft, Biology, Divinity, Geography, History and Speech and Drama in which a thesis, or special study, has to be written during the course, and a sub-

sidary subject is chosen from the remainder. Subjects in the curriculum studied for the first year only by all students are English, Art, Craft, Mathematics, Divinity and Physical Education; the purpose of these is to give the student an all-round, if brief, intellectual experience.

While the student is engaged in getting all this under way she is thrown unceremoniously into two of the eight weeks’ teaching practice she will do. However “incognito” she may try to appear she is given a large “student” label by the pupils on entering the school and is treated as such henceforward!

At college she is given a list of “What not to do”:

- Don’t turn your back on the class.
- Don’t shout.
- Don’t sit on the desk.
- Don’t dictate notes.

Now it is while she is doing any one of these that the student’s supervisor enters the class-room, as she does frequently, to watch lessons in progress.

What would be more useful to the student is a list of “Questions not to ask”. Thus would be avoided the following conversation in a third-form lesson in Shoreditch:

Teacher: Now will you all be quiet.

Class (sotto voce): Ah, she’s only a student.

Teacher (to girl): What are you doing?

Girl (surprised): Who, me, Madam?

Teacher (patiently): Yes, you.

Girl: Picking up my bag.

Teacher (unwisely): How did it get there?

Girl (pleasantly): Don’t know—walked, I s’pose.

One wishes at times that a child could be turned off like a dictophone and those essays thrown into a “marking machine”. But such is the reward when one child says, with awe, “Coo, Madam, does it really? That’s interesting, that we simply sigh and give thanks for “Johnny” who has made our day.

After Teaching Practice there are only Finals to be overcome and as yet I am no authority on the subject, but having come thus far . . . J.M.J.

## NOTES FROM BOOKHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

For Bookham Football Club the past few months have not been without their moments. Many new faces and many of the old ones have been seen up at the Recreation Ground. In all some 55 senior players and 22 junior players have taken part in our games. Starting the season, the club was soon in its stride, particularly the Reserves. Both teams were winning their matches and winning them well. Our positions in the league were pretty high and we all felt a little confident. However, a bad spell midway through put paid to any hopes we had

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of obtaining league honours. Although the Club didn't make good progress in cup competitions, we nevertheless saw some pretty good matches. The end of the season saw an improvement in form and both teams finished sixth in their respective leagues. At Leatherhead over Easter we won the six-a-side competition for the fourth time in seven years—a very notable achievement.

A feature of the football seen during the season was the number of goals scored by both teams. The premier side reached the century for the first time in this league and this in itself is indicative of the bright football we have seen. Towards the close of the season the Reserves took the field with a very youthful side. With an eye to future years the selectors were wise to make this move and the youngsters included in the team more than justified their inclusion. Throughout the season a good team spirit prevailed. All the players responded to the efforts they were asked to make by the Committee. The Committee, under the capable Chairmanship of Dave Longhurst, who must have done more for Bookham Football Club than any other man in the village, put in a great deal of work. Their finances were well cared for by the Treasurer Arthur Hedges, who in addition successfully organised the Club's trip to Belgium and Holland. Tom Weller, the Club Trainer, was prominent through-

out the season and did a grand job looking after the fitness of the players. An ever present member of the Selection Committee, Alec Potts, weathered all the elements of the season to give assistance at the Club's matches both at home and away. Our junior section suffered a serious loss early on in the year when they lost the services of Fred Smith. Fred had been associated with the juniors for a number of years and his departure from the scene was a blow to both Club and juniors alike. Roy Scott volunteered to fill the breach and a better man could not have been found.

The Club's trip to Belgium and Holland was a terrific success both from a football and social point of view. Thirty-three players and supporters undertook the trip and wonderful receptions were given to all by both the clubs we met on our tour. Our first match was against Robur F.C. in Goos, Holland, and against them we drew 2 all. The following day we journeyed to Antwerp to meet Robot F.C. and in this match we lost by the only goal scored two minutes from time. The Club will again be making a trip to the Continent next season. We have been invited to return to Holland and it is hoped that next year all our Premier side will be able to make the trip.

The Club is greatly indebted to Daisy Scott who, week after week, has provided refreshment for the teams up at the Recreation

Ground. Mary Longhurst, our Supporters' Club Secretary, has again put in a lot of hard work for the benefit of the Club

While this season has seen an increase in the attendance of our matches, there is still need for greater support. The Club is an integrant part of village life and should be worthy of its support. It particularly needs volunteers to assist in the running of the Club and amongst the residents there must be many lovers of the game who can no longer take an active part but who could still find interest in the administrative side. We appeal to these sportsmen to come forward and do a service to the social side of the community.

R. S. YOUNG,  
Hon. Secretary.

### BOOKHAM BREVITIES

**Farewell.** We are very sorry to lose Mrs. K. Stonehill, of Sole Farm House, who has moved to London. She, with her late husband, were good friends of the Association. She will be missed.

**Good Wishes.** Mr. and Mrs. David Garrigan and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Haynes, who were married recently. The two brides, Greta and Maureen Patterson, were well known in the village. They were married within a week of each other and their husbands are both members of the Surrey Constabulary.

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**Engagement.** Our good wishes to Miss Elizabeth Harrison, of Common End, Eastwick Drive, whose engagement to Mr. David Peel, of Guiseley, Yorks, has just been announced. Elizabeth has been helpful and active in many village activities since her childhood.

**W.I. Annual Play.** Once more we must congratulate the Women's Institute Drama Group on a most successful production. "Good-night, Marcia" was a polished and highly dramatic performance.

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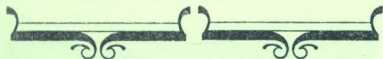


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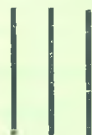
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