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To all B.C.A. Members

**COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
A. G. M.**

BARN HALL, 8.15 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Agenda

Reports.
Election of Officers.
Election of Individual Mem-
bers' Reps.
(nominations may be sub-
mitted in advance).
General Business.

VILLAGE DAY

The sun shone on Village Day — once more we all enjoyed a real family day. Attendance in the region of 2,500 created an all time record. The takings of some £500 were another record to these should be added the proceeds of Village Week. Another big effort and we should be within sight of the new Extension to the Barn Hall.

The Exhibition — "Our Schools" — was quite outstanding. Our thanks go to Bookham Infant School, Bookham Junior School, Eastwick Primary, the Spinney, St. Teresa's Convent, West Hill School, the Epsom School of Art, Educational Supplies Association, and the Flower Arrangement Group for their splendid co-operation.

The stalls were better than ever and sold out quickly. We are indebted for these to the Bookham Afternoon and Evening W.I.s, the Dramatic Society, the Scottish Dancing Group, the Friends of Leatherhead Hospital, the Old Tyme Dancers, the Beauty Counsellors and the Over Sixties. We also thank the G.P.O. for their S.T.D. Caravan which attracted much attention. The Children's Corner, organised by the Eastwick P.T. Association, was fully supported. All the sideshows did a brisk trade. These were mostly manned by Community Association helpers but assistance was also given by the Guides, the Scouts and the Labour Party. With more support from the village generally we could make a much better attraction of the sideshows. Maybe people are diffident about volunteering. We hope there will be more offers next year from organisations and individuals who do not otherwise participate. We are ready to take names now for 1967.

Those who saw the displays in the Arena were unanimous in praising their quality. For this we are grateful to the R.S.P.C.A., the Epsom Sea Cadets, St. John's School and the Morris

Men of East and West Surrey and Thames Valley.

If the afternoon was for the family, the Barbecue undoubtedly brought the young people. More than 500 teenagers listened to the Swaves Group, some danced, all enjoyed the hot dogs and coffee. At 11 a.m. the music finished and the crowd dispersed in good order.

Finally we put on record our appreciation of the help given by the local traders in donating gifts. Their response was most generous. We append a list of the donors below:

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VILLAGE WEEK

We were sorry that, owing to unforeseen difficulties, the Youth Parade and Service had to be abandoned, but there is general agreement that it must go on next year.

It is impossible in our limited space to describe the varied activities included in the week but the village, we are sure, would like a record of those who participated: the Youth Club, the Choral Society, the Scottish Dancers, the Flower Arrangement Group, the Eastwick and Cross Daggers cricket teams and the three W.I.s. It was the W.I.s joint effort which attracted the biggest crowd and the most enthusiastic audience response.

The Gramophone Club, which could not be fitted into the week, is arranging a Concert in the autumn.

Finally we thank all who came to Village Day and Village Week. We hope you enjoyed it and will come again next year.

INTO AUTUMN

The Old Tyme Dance Club starts its new season on Wednesday, September 14th, at the Barn Hall at 8 p.m. The Club hopes that old and new friends will come down on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the dancing and good company of club nights. Incidentally Eric and Doris Dunmur, who are the demonstrators, will be at the Barn Hall by 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday to give tuition to beginners of any age who might like to try old time dancing.

The Old Tyme Dancers are the senior club of the Community Association and take their responsibilities seriously. At the end of their season they donated £40 to the funds, and raised more than £40 on their Bottle Stall on Village Day.

Winemakers' Club. To answer the question—what does this club do—a description of some of its activities during its first 9 months is the best answer. Coloured slides on Apple Wine and Beer Making were shown together with detailed instructions on methods. This was followed by a visit from a national judge, Mr. N. Pascoe, for the competition on beer making, awards being given to Mrs. S. Chinn, Mrs. J. Lancaster and Mr. A. Davis. Talks on Equipment and basic winemaking, Country Wines, Wines from Grape Concentrates were followed by an Apple Wine Competition. Miss Elliott gave a talk on Yeasts; a film and talk on Sugar were provided by Messrs. Tate and Lyle.

A highlight of the season was a visit to Messrs. Wine Vaults Ltd. when the whole process of storage was viewed, followed by filtering, bottling, labelling and a tasting of wines from the Loire Valley.

A small step into the field of outside competitions has been made by the secretary, Mrs. J. S. Shapland, in gaining a very highly commended for Bilberry wine at the National Conference held at Harrogate while the treasurer, Mr. Zoers, gained a

third at the Surrey County Show for Damson wine.

The club meets on the second Wednesday in the month at Little Bookham Hall. J.S.

Garden Society. Within half an hour of opening the doors of the Barn Hall for the "Spring Plant Sale" all eight tables of produce were sold. Members arriving too late to purchase plants are reminded that there will be a produce stall at the Autumn Show, September 17th, 2 p.m., at Fetcham Village Hall.

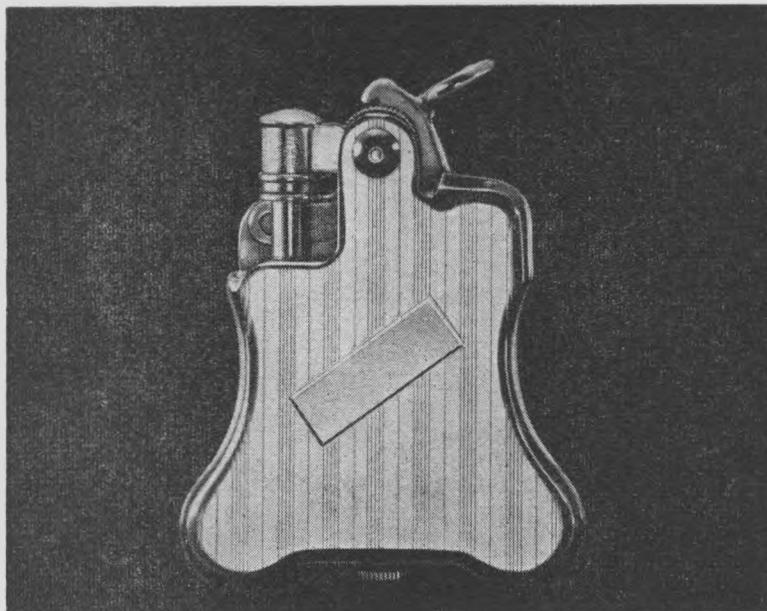
Winter lectures will start in September to which admission is free. Tea is available. Programmes will be issued shortly.

J.S.

Gramophone Club. The Club will commence the 1966/7 season with a Concert on Thursday, September 8th, in the Barn Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. Old friends will be welcomed; the chairman and committee would like to see more of the newcomers to the district.

It might be worth saying again that there is no need to know about gramophones, nor to own one, nor to have a stock of records. Anyone who likes listening to music would enjoy the programmes of the Gramophone Club. There is a break for tea and biscuits at about 9 p.m., the evening concludes around 10.15. From the 8th September meetings are held fortnightly. A postcard to the secretary, Mr. A. Baker, will bring all details. A.B.

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have a special interest, or would like to take up a new one there is nothing more rewarding than to join the W.E.A., which might be justly described as the "neighbourhood university." If this sounds frightening to some it should be reiterated that no training is necessary, and no prior knowledge. One is led painlessly and imperceptibly into a student approach. Two members of the local Fetcham and Bookham Branch, who would describe themselves as ordinary housewives, have, as a result of their initiation in the W.E.A., received mature student awards, one to Fircroft College and the other to London University.

An opening meeting will be held at the Bell Inn, Fetcham, on Thursday, September 15th, at 8 p.m. to meet the tutors for the coming session and to talk over the syllabuses for classes. Attendance at this imposes no obligations but does give an opportunity to find out what it is all about.

Classes arranged for Bookham are at the Waterfield Room, the Barn Hall, on Tuesdays at 10 in the morning on "Comedy in the Theatre," taken by Mrs. S. L. Pearson. This class is a sessional one and starts 27th September and thereafter weekly for 12 weeks. The fee is 17/-. A few new students can also be admitted to the second year tutorial class at Bookham School on "Understanding Human Nature." Opening date Monday September 26th.

Other classes have been arranged for Fetcham. A brochure containing all details will be available in August. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. A. M. Adams, Leatherhead 3430. No-one should be deterred from joining a class by inability to pay the fees. It is a cardinal principle of the W.E.A. that no student should be barred by lack of means; students in further education and old age pensioners, for example, are not expected to pay the full amounts.

Flower Arrangement Group. There were many inquiries about this Group on Village Day from those who admired the floral arrangements in the Barn Hall and others who saw something of the work of members on the Stall. The Group meets on the first Monday of the month in the Barn Hall at 2.30 p.m. Prospective new members are requested to come early so that they can see the competitions under way and learn something about the club. It is a friendly Group and the more experienced members are always happy to assist the novices. Progress in the craft can be rapid. The club is comparatively new but it has already made a name in the County and several of the members, including Mrs. M. Camp (chairman) and Mrs. E. Dyson (committee member) won awards at county level.

Future meetings are September 5th, Mrs. E. Allen on Prelude to Autumn. Mrs. A. Cresswell on Texture and Colour. Oct. 3rd; Dec. 5th "Christmas."

Square and Folk Dance Club.

The outstanding display given by the Morris Men on Village Day demonstrates the interest of folk dancing. It is true that this entertainment was of very high standard but, even for beginners, square and folk dancing is most enjoyable. We are asked to say that the Club has closed down for the summer but will re-open on September 5th at the Congregational Hall.

On September 17th there will be the third Dance to be held at the Barn Hall. The Thamesiders will make the music, the M.C. will be George Emmerson.

Effingham Institute of Further Education is the new title given to the former evening institutes and more accurately describes their present position in the local community. In the Effingham Institute the old vocational type training has been replaced by classes allied to leisure

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time interests and appealing to people of widely different tastes. The main centre is the Howard of Effingham School and limited canteen facilities are available here. There is a union of students which organises social events and endeavours to form a link between members working in quite dissimilar subjects.

Classes in this area have been arranged in Eastwick School, the Congregational Hall, the Barn Hall and Howard of Effingham School. All courses begin in the week commencing September 19th, but, with the exception of classes listed below, enrolment takes place September 12th, 13th, 14th between 7 and 9 p.m. Floral Arrangement, Language for Travel, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Creative Writing, Pottery, Golf, Bridge, Chess, Badminton are just a few of the courses offered.

The number of daytime courses is increasing and for these enrolment may be made at the class. Two are at the Barn Hall—one in elementary French on Monday morning 9.30 to 11.30 a.m., and the other is in Beauty Care (12 weeks) from 2 to 4 p.m.

Interested persons are asked to look out for the complete list of classes which will be in the Library and in local shops, or to get in touch with the Head, Mr. G. Scoble, The Chase, Guildford Rd., Effingham.

The Scottish Dancers start their autumn meetings at the Barn Hall on Friday, September 13th. During the summer break they have given demonstrations at a number of charitable functions and have entered certain district competitions. Members, under the direction of Mrs. I. Marshall, have been busy collect-

ing for the Village Day White Elephant Stall which raised the magnificent sum of over £85.

The Camera Club re-opens at the Bookham Junior School on Thursday, 20th September, and extends a welcome to new members. The Club is one of the longest established of the Community Association but, unfortunately, the Barn Hall is too full to accommodate it. It does, however, put on each year in the Barn Hall an excellent Exhibition, usually in April, this year's being the 20th Exhibition, and over 100 works by members were on display.

Some account by the secretary, Mr. K. H. Williamson, of the activities of the past session will indicate to people interested the variety of the work covered.

A colour slide competition against Dorking Club, with the subject of Spring, Buildings and Animals, resulted in Bookham being defeated narrowly. There was also a studio evening when members brought their cameras and a variety of objets d'art, such as wooden elephants, china pigs and spring flowers for the arrangement of still life sets.

At a recent "Open Evening" the club chairman, Mr. E. R. Gates described his progress with photography and demonstrated a number of low-priced cameras together with the photographs taken with them. The evening concluded with each club member showing two favourite colour slides or black and white prints.

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PEOPLE

Dr. R. A. Manclark came to Bookham about 30 years ago and joined Dr. Waterfield in a practice covering what was considered, before the war, a country village. Times have changed since then but the esteem enjoyed by our local doctors remains as high as ever.

With the death of Dr. Waterfield, Dr. Manclark succeeded to the senior partnership of a practice which had grown to four doctors. His retirement in June came as a shock to his patients. He will be missed by them and by his many friends in the district.

His skill as a doctor was widely known. The variety of his interests and his special concern for the betterment of the community were not so generally recognised. His love of music found an outlet on the St. Nicolas' Church organ and he was a devout church-goer. He was a governor of the Howard of Effingham School and of the Philanthropic School for boys. He was President of the Bookham Rifle Club (this in recognition of his wartime connection with the Home Guard). He represented the local doctors on the Surrey Health Executive.

We all hope that he will have a long and happy retirement in his new home at Romney.

The Carters leave Bookham. Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter have left Bookham to live at Angmering, within a stone's throw of the sea and near the home of their son, Michael.

George and Muriel, as they were affectionately known by many, came to live in the Park before the war. Muriel quickly took a lead in the W.I. and was secretary for a number of years. She was an active member of the village committees, which organised the celebrations for the Coronation and the Festival of Britain. George was a lieutenant in the Home Guard. He took a keen interest in the social events organised by them after disbandment until, like other wartime groups, enthusiasm waned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were always ready to give of their time and enthusiasm to good causes. It is no surprise to hear that they have already made many friends in their new home.

Young People on the Move. Quite a number of local people are emigrating to Australia, among them Miss Pauline Cameron, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron, of Rayleigh House. She sailed for Melbourne in July and intends to take up a secretarial post. Her interest in Australia was stimulated by her previous post as secretary to a London firm with wide public relations contacts in that continent. Meanwhile her elder sister, Christine, who recently married Mr.

Andrew Leslie, of Somerset, is enjoying her new home in Sheffield. It will be remembered that Christine, who taught for a brief period in Bookham Junior School where she had been a pupil, took a degree in Zoology at London University and afterwards studied for her diploma in Education at Southampton. It was there that she met her husband, a Chemist of Manchester University, also taking his Diploma. Pauline is teaching in a grammar school in Sheffield and her husband in a comprehensive School.

Also on the move is Peter LeNobel, well known as an amateur of promise in the Bookham Dramatic Society. He has sailed for Montreal where he is confident that his two years' experience in National Benzole helped him to find a job immediately. He met all his own expenses for the voyage.

Our Academics. News of the academic successes of our young people are only just coming in. We congratulate Richard Dunmur on the award of an Honours Degree in Chemistry, from Leicester. He is now back at his home in Dowlans Close and will be taking a post in industry. His brother, Robert, who will be married in September, will make his home in Old Woking, near Vickers, where he is a design-draughtsman. He recently completed successfully his course at Vickers as an apprentice draughtsman.

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Also congratulations to John Gaymer, of the Lower Rd., on rowing for University College, Oxford, at Henley. John will shortly be entering his second year at Oxford where he is studying classics, having been awarded an Exhibition to University College.

John Hudson, of Whiteway, has successfully completed his Degree Course—Honours Chemistry—at Southampton University. We offer him our congratulations. Also his brother, Dr. M. J. Hudson, who has accepted a post of science master at St. Paul's School, Hammersmith. He took his Ph.D. at University College, London, and has since studied for his Diploma in Education at London Institute of Education.

The Stoolball Club is coming to the end of its season. We shall be reporting its success in the Tournament at Bookham in our next issue, but we take this opportunity to congratulate them on winning for the first time ever the Rose Bowl at South Holmwood Tournament which is open to any Surrey club.

The Boys Club has achieved its usual batch of high honours in sports events this summer.

The peak of its triumphs is to have three boys go forward to the national competitions for Boys Clubs at Birmingham. They are Martin Stemp—discus; David Mollett—100 and 220 yards; Robert Brady—Triple jump.

Dog Rescue. For the last three years Mrs. Evans, of Sole Farm Avenue, has devoted all her spare time to a dog rescue operation. She cares for neglected and unwanted dogs, finds them new homes, or places them in kennels until she hears of a suitable home. This requires time, which she does not begrudge, and money which she raises by small bazaars and sales. Last year the rescued numbered 300—an impressive figure.

Distinctions for the Bookham Girls' Life Brigade. The team of 8 juniors, which did so well last year in the National Team Games Event in the Albert Hall, reached their peak this year and took first place in a competition which included teams from all over the country.

Further triumphs, however, were in store for this talented Club. At the annual competitions organised by the Surrey Downs Division for teams as far apart as Alton, in Hampshire, Woking, Fleet etc., the Bookham Life Brigade took third place for home nursing (seniors), the shield for singing (with a choir of 17), and third place for national dancing (juniors).

The Girls' Life Brigade is attached to the Bookham Baptist

Church and is trained by Mrs. Messer.

Bookham Branch R.S.P.C.A. The joint secretaries of this lively branch are Mrs. Lake, of Meadowside, and Mrs. Norman, of Eastwick Drive, to whom enquiries should be directed. They did a splendid job on Village Day in organising the Pets Show and securing the local Inspector as judge. There were more than 40 entries of pets and 22 certificates were issued to their proud young owners.

New Guide Hut. The project for a new Guide Hut gathers momentum and it should not be long before building starts. Planning permission has been given by the L.U.D.C. and a lease issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The Hut will be in the Barn Hall Grounds, near what is popularly known as "the shrubbery."

The Hut Fund now stands at £1,100 and fund-raising activities continue. Donations, large and small, will be welcomed by the Treasurer, Mr. Heasman, 39 Eastwick Park Avenue. D. L.

Stalwart of the W.I. leaves Bookham. Mrs. Simmons, of the Garstons, is moving to Littlehampton, and a presentation was made to her by the Little Bookham W.I. in recognition of her enthusiastic work in the establishment of this new Institute. Mrs. Simmons was originally a member of the Afternoon W.I. where she gave yeoman service and represented the Institute on the Council of the

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Community Association. Here, too, she was not content to be a passenger but made a vital contribution to its activities. On taking up a job she transferred her allegiance to the Gt. Bookham Evening W.I. which was the body responsible for the setting-up of the Little Bookham Institute.

Returned from Distant Parts are Mr. Fred Bristow, retired plumber of Blackthorne Rd., and Miss C. G. Harvey who has purchased a house in Crabtree Lane.

Miss Harvey, who at the moment is staying with her aunt in Dowlans Rd., is Matron-in-chief of the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, at Imaseru, in Basutoland. She plans to retire at the end of next year when she will live in Bookham with her friend and assistant at the hospital, Miss D. A. Rhind. Meanwhile, on her return to Basutoland, she will face the many problems consequent on the country's assumption of independence in October. She says that quiet preparations for this have been going on for some time and that there are already a number of African matrons of hospitals and a good quota of African nurses and other medical personnel. She is not unaware that there could be trouble but she says that the British Government has been generous in awarding many bursaries for education to the native people. She faces the future with confidence and courage. Her first duty on returning will be to fly many miles to visit the 20 isolated mountain clinics

which are under her jurisdiction.

Mr. Bristow has returned from a 6 months trip to Australia. He travelled more than 12,000 miles by sea and 300 miles by coach. Travelling, however, is in his blood. As a young man he gave up the family plumbing business to join the Merchant Navy. Then he went back to plumbing until his wife died last year.

He has returned with many pictures of Australia, including some of Bookham, New South Wales. Small though this place was, he was thrilled to visit it. He happened to see in a local paper reference to the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Julian, of Bookham, and promptly took the next coach to the other Bookham. He describes it as a very small community of 20 houses and 50 people scattered over a very wide area and connected chiefly with sheep farming. It has a small general store and post office. The school which has about 18 pupils has the dignified title of Bookham High School.

Obituary, Mrs. L. E. Hall who died in Leatherhead Hospital on April 21st had lived in Bookham for 42 years, most of which had been devoted to work for the Baptist Church, going back to those early days when the Church stood at the corner of Church Rd., and Sole Farm Rd. It will be remembered that her husband, Mr. Edward C. Hall, who died in 1953, was secretary of the church. She was also closely associated with the British Women's Total Abstin-

ence Union, a small but vigorous local group. Older residents will recall that Mrs. Betty Stephens, who died some years ago, was secretary and an active publicist of this organisation.

Mrs. Hall will also be remembered as an outstanding and keen member of the Bookham Bowling Club.

Another well-known and active member of the community, until her serious illness some years ago, was Mrs. L. M. Saunders who died on the 14th of April at her home in Southwick, Sussex, to which she had moved only a year ago. She will be remembered with affection by the older members of the Afternoon W.I. She was a popular member and made quite a contribution as pianist. She also took a lively interest in the Community Association in its pioneer days.

Until she left the district she had been a regular attender at the Bookham Baptist Church. The funeral service was held at the Southwick Methodist Church, next door to her home, which she had joined when she moved there.

We are sorry to hear that her husband, Mr. S. D. A. Saunders, an outstanding lead craftsman, and head of a firm specialising in this (his home at Bramblyn, Eastwick Drive, still has some good specimens of his work), is not in good health, but he has moved into a nursing home at Heathfield, Sussex, where he is quite comfortable and happy.

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