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EDITORIAL

As we go to press with this issue of The Bulletin, which is the last one of the year, we also start on the task of collecting and checking the advertisements for the 1962-63 series, on which we depend to pay the printer. The job, as in most voluntary undertakings, is complicated by labour difficulties. The Advertisement Manager of last year resigned; the newly-appointed Manager ran into unforeseen difficulties and could not take the full responsibility; committee members of the Community Association rallied round him to share out the burden; and the work will be completed in time.

We do, however, hope that some public-spirited person will again come forward to take on the position of Advertisement Manager which is so vital for the continuance of The Bulletin. Experience in this line is not important because the big rush comes at the beginning of the year and is now over. There will be ample time to pick up the "know-how". What is essential is the time to call on local tradesmen with proofs, etc.

If you have had the patience

to read so far perhaps you would turn back to the front cover and see that this is edition No. 112 and that in June The Bulletin will go into its 30th year. But will there be a thirtieth year? The answer depends on you! If you think it is worth continuing you will join the Community Association, so indicating your support. Besides the Bulletin, the Association administers the Barn Hall, helps with the Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre and organises Village Day. All these are big jobs—they are among the things which make Bookham different from other places—but they will not last unless the enthusiastic volunteers who run them year after year have the encouragement of village backing

It is not generally known that, despite the wonderful support of local tradesmen, The Bulletin does not pay for itself. It is subsidized by the Association and, unless the advertisement revenue is increased, the subsidy will have to be doubled. The Community Association has no secret funds. It depends on members' subscriptions—only 2/6d a year. A lot more half-crowns would be the shot-in-the-arm the

Association needs. Please read the message below from the Membership Secretary and then take action.

Dear Reader,

The Community Association is losing money because the subscriptions of members are not being collected. Many people forget to send half-crowns by post but would be very happy to pay if asked personally. It is quite impossible for me to get all round the village and I would be grateful for assistance from you. If you feel that you would have time to collect subscriptions from members living in your own road please write to me or ring and I would let you have a collecting card.

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Gramophone Club. We congratulate the Club on reaching its tenth birthday in February last. As might be expected, there has been quite a turnover in membership since the early days but the Club still meets a local demand and attracts a reasonable attendance at all its meetings. It closes down in April but will re-open in September with another attractive programme.

Camera Club. This Club attracts members from a wide area outside the village and has had, owing to the strain on accommodation, to transfer its meeting to the Bookham Primary School. We congratulate it on reaching the Semi-Finals of the Surrey Federation Knock-out Competition which will be held at the Barn Hall on Saturday, March 31st.

Old Tyme Dance Club. For a long time a plea has been going out from this Club for teenage members. At long last the freeze up has broken and the young people are coming along—in small numbers at the moment, but it is hoped that the idea will catch on with young people. It seems commonsense that once the simple basic steps of jive and twist have been acquired new dancers will wish to progress to the slightly more complicated and certainly more graceful intricacies of the old-time ballroom.

Village Day Meeting. There will be a Helpers' Meeting at the Barn Hall on Thursday, April 5th, at 8.15 p.m., when there will be a warm welcome for all. Please come along and hear all about the Day.

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THE WAY OF AN OTTER

By Mabel E. Byrt

Author of “Call of the River”

A statement by The Mammal Society of the British Isles to the effect that “our native mammals have received less attention from naturalists than is their due”, is perhaps particularly true of the otter. This fascinating animal is widely distributed throughout the British Isles, yet its life and habits are so elusive that it is difficult to study it at close quarters and to assess it at its true worth since it is mainly, though not wholly, nocturnal.

Although a member of the Mustelidae, which include the stoat, badger, the rare, alas, pine martin and the weasel, an otter can be thought of as a water dog. Indeed, to my mind my black Labrador strongly resembles an otter in many respects. Playful, sensitive, affectionate, gentle towards loved ones and with a high degree of intelligence and a mentality which is capable of learning are all traits of the otter, skilled fisher in sea and river, with an unerring instinct to retrieve; supremely adept in water, *Lutra lutra* is also known to travel overland, passing from one tributary to another, using the otter paths that have been trodden by countless generations of otters. His main diet consists of fish of every kind, though it appears to have escaped the attention of many anglers that eels are



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much sought after and in this respect he is more friend than foe and, until myxomatosis occurred, a meal of rabbit was not to be sniffed at, the otter causing instantaneous death by a nip on the back of the neck with sharp incisors, the rabbit being skinned before eating. Other items in the menu include frogs, water-voles, mice, rats, ducks, moorhens, slugs and earthworms — but not the toad—the last by learning and not instinct. When traversing an estuary to the sea the diet is further enlivened by crustacea.

How far the otter has been obliged by persecution to become nocturnal is a matter for conjecture, but when conditions are considered "safe" he will venture out in the daytime, and I recall, one warm sunny afternoon at Upottery in Devon, seeing an otter cruising in midstream. His back was partly submerged but I had a clear picture of the broad, rather flat head, small neat ears lying flat; of coarse bushy whiskers and a gleam of small round dark eyes, the powerful tapering rudder moving lazily to and fro as the otter swept silently through the water. He passed under the little bridge, investigating everything that came to notice until he had disappeared.

Many hold the belief that otters are monogamous, though this is not known for certain, but it is true to say that they are capable of long and deep attachment and the dog-otter is devoted

to his mate.

The cubs, two or three in number, are most generally born in March and remain with their parents for the best part of a year. (There is sufficient evidence to suggest that sometimes a litter is produced at other times, though this is the exception rather than normal procedure.) So far as is known the period of gestation has been reckoned at 61 days, the female segregating herself towards the end of her time and it is she that appears to shoulder most of the responsibility of rearing her young. The cubs are completely helpless at birth and remain blind for a considerable time. They remain in the holt—a burrow often to be found in the river bank or beneath commodious tree roots and couched with soft materials gathered by the female — until they are active enough to be given a first airing. Otters have a natural fear of the water and are taught to swim in a series of lessons aided by both parents. Two coats of fur are grown; a velvety under-pile which preserves a high temperature even in the severest conditions, and a waterproof overcoat.

Nomadic by habit, the otter is here today and gone tomorrow. Searching after otters in Berkshire I had followed a water-course fruitlessly for some miles when the steady rain turned to a downpour and I gave up the

search. Returning the following day I came across the five webbed-toe and pad marks of an otter clearly imprinted in the mud and which were certainly not there the day before. Following them to a disused water-mill the tracks suddenly ended. Either my otter had re-visited an old haunt or had discovered a new one and was "passing" through to the higher reaches of the main river.

At the age of one year the otter becomes adult, though he continues to grow in size and weight until the end of the second year when he may weigh anything from 17 lbs. to as much as 32 lbs. and a female from 12 lbs. to 18 or 19 lbs. The average life span is assessed at about ten years, and on evidence, two female otters kept as pets lived for over seventeen years, though the hazards of otters in the wild make it hard to believe that they attain to anything approaching that age.

An otter is never too old to play, and here surely, lies the secret of its charm, for it ranks amongst the highest animals in intelligence and inventiveness. Whether it be tobogganing in the snow (and great fun is made of it) or sporting in the water, executing little rolls and turns and diving feats, or playing catch-me - if - you - can; whether it be absorbed in the twig game or tossing the tail of an eaten fish and catching it again; kissing noses, or calling to one another up-river, the way of an otter is

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ROUND THE VILLAGE

Bookham Choral Society. Rehearsals are now in full swing for the forthcoming Leith Hill Musical Festival competition and performance of works by Orlando Gibbons, Thomas Morley, Vaughan Williams and Gerald Finzsey.

Any new members of all voices would be very welcome at one of the evening rehearsals in the Congregational Hall on Thursdays at 8 p.m. There is no voice test—all that is necessary is to be able to sing in tune and to be willing to have a try.

The Bookham Youth Club, meeting at the Barn Hall at 7.30 on Mondays, has a growing membership of boys and girls. The New Year Party was a great success, and the young people are to be congratulated on their willing help with its planning and preparation. The Club, like many other newly-formed groups, has had its teething troubles, and is still feeling its way. It is, however, slowly working towards an organised programme, one of its more successful items being a course of talks for the girls on dress sense and grooming. Sunday afternoon walks have been enjoyed.

Bookham Afternoon W.I. This Institute is to be congratulated on its first programme of the New Year when local talent was spotlighted. The afternoon's lecture

on Moscow and Leningrad was given by Mrs. Sprigg, of Little Bookham, and was illustrated with slides taken when she accompanied her husband to Russia for an International Conference of Orientalists. The vote of thanks was moved, in Russian, by Mrs. M. Boardman and seconded, also in Russian, by Mrs. R. Lambert. We are sure that the B.B.C. would have been proud of these two pupils.

Local Political Parties. There is not much political activity at the moment, but the A.G.M. of the Conservative Association, on March 2nd, marks the election of a new committee who will plan the programme for the forthcoming months, which might well be a full one.

The Liberals are gathering up their energies for a complete canvass of the district during the Spring and Summer months, and, to this end, members are studying the books and pamphlets which are available for loan through the Association.

The Labour Party is looking forward to the Local Elections to spur its members to fresh activity. Mr. Frank Finch, County Councillor for this area, will be addressing a meeting in Bookham, some time in March, on his work at Kingston and will deal specifically with the Greater London Plan.

Eastwick Park Cricket Club. Following the drive made by 40 members of the Club to clear the stones from the Recreation

Ground in the Lower Road, the Urban District Council has carried out its part of the bargain in putting the ground in order for play and it is hoped that practice will start there in April, weather conditions being favourable.

Youth Club at Little Bookham.

We have been asked to announce that a new Youth Club has started at the Little Bookham Hall on Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and that members will be welcomed from Fetcham and Effingham as well as Bookham.

Toilers of the Deep. We were pleased to receive a visit the other day from Mr. R. D. Harris, of Sevenoaks. He came to Bookham in the course of his work as south-eastern Organiser for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and was told that if he wanted to know about Bookham then he should read the Bulletin. This he did, and then he came to see us. He told us about the good work done by the Mission which was founded 80 years ago and is under the patronage of H.M. The Queen. Its object is to care for the physical, social and spiritual well-being of fishermen, men who spend over 300 days each year at sea, away from their family and friends. It is obvious that they need more help than workers at home and the Missions exist to help them in their special difficulties. So far as funds will allow Mission

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Saturday, March 24th
Carnival Queen Dance. Old Peoples' Welfare, Barn Hall.

Saturday, June 16th
VILLAGE DAY

Saturday, June 23rd
Fete. Old Peoples Welfare, Ronson's Field.

Saturday, June 30th
Eastwick Park Cricket Club Dance, Barn Hall.

19th, 20th, 21st July
The Winter's Tale. Open Air Theatre, Polesden Lacey.

Saturday, July 21st
Garden Society Show, Barn Hall.

Saturday, July 7th
Eastwick School Fete.

A SHORT HISTORY OF BOOKHAM, SURREY

(Part III)

By John Harvey, F.S.A.

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Little remains of the Bookham seen by the Domesday surveyors of 1086. The landscape has been utterly changed, and only part of one building remains: two windows and a little walling from the early Norman church of Great Bookham. These windows were found in 1913 by the late Philip M. Johnston, above the later north arcade of the nave. This arcade was inserted in an existing wall, to avoid demolition. The church in its original form was about 50 feet long by 20 feet wide, and covered the nave of the present church from the Tower to the Chancel Arch; there may have been a small square or Apsidal chancel to eastward. The coloured patterns on the reveals of the eastern window, even though they may not date from the 11th century, are the earliest work of decorative art so far found in Bookham.

In Norman times the church was served by a rector; Chertsey Abbey did not appropriate the advowson until 1292, when the old rectory became the vicarage.

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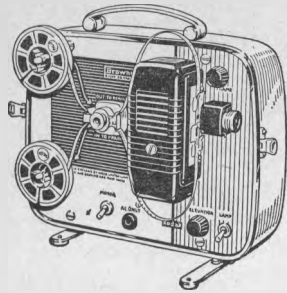
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Thus from the 13th century and very possibly from the 7th, the parsonage house of Bookham stood on the same ground that the "Old Rectory" does to-day. This house itself dates only from the early years of the 19th century; in 1933 it was sold by the church authorities, who bought the present rectory. Little Bookham Manor House (now Manor House School) probably stands on its Domesday site, but the old Manor House of Great Bookham, on a site close by Park View, has disappeared and so has Slyfield Mill which lasted into the 19th century. But we feel sure that most of the plots on either side of the High Street have been inhabited sites for over 1,000 years.

Something of the aspect of the Bookham country side in the 11th century can be pieced together from later sources, and though we must not picture a static village where nothing ever happened, the same essential features remained constant from the time of Domesday, and indeed earlier, until the close of the 18th century. The ancient parish fell into certain natural divisions, which provided the skeleton of its history. Starting at the north there was the river with the mill and water meadows, behind which rose wooded slopes of heavy clay land continuing for over a mile. Part of the northern slopes became enclosed as time went on, trees were cleared, and a little settlement of independent farms grew up, later known as "Northend"

from its position in relation to the village.

Beyond these farms southwards stretched, and still stretches, the wild expanse of Bookham Common, in part thickly wooded. Across it ran a valley whose small stream was dammed to form a fish-pond. Further on the enclosures began again, alongside the lanes which led to the village and its hamlets, Eastwick and Preston. At the centre of the parish were church, manor-house and High Street. Gates or "hatches" shut off the streets of the village from the wandering cattle on the commons, and there were also hatches where hedged lanes led off the common land. Although the gates across the roads have disappeared, several still stand on the smaller lanes leading from Bookham and Ranmore Commons.

Around the houses of the village stretched the Common Arable Field, more than a square mile in extent, running up to the Polesden boundaries on the south, and filling the whole width of the parish between Fetcham on the east and Effingham on the west. The open fields of these parishes carried on in one unbroken sweep along the slope of the Downs. No fences or hedges broke the rolling sea of crops except where the groups of village plots stood out like islands, or peninsulas of uncleared woodland stretched out from the waste. This ploughland was on the chalk, which provided

good drainage, so that the soil never became waterlogged. For this reason no vestiges can be traced of the old individual strips, which in the Midland Counties may still be distinguished by their humped contours, showing as a series of tall and narrow reversed S-curves across the pastures. These ridge-and-furrow strips were produced by constant turning with the plough from each side towards the centre of the strip to drain the soil, while turning the plough team at each furrow's end made the curved plan.*

At the summit of the sloping field began the great beech-wood from which Boc-ham, the village by the beeches, took its name. Bocwode or Southwode, stretching across the valley to the further heights of Ranmore, must always have been an inviting forest beside which to dwell, and the enterprising Saxons Poll and Bacga left us their names attached to the sections of the valley, Poles-dene and Bag-dene, in which they made their homes. Polesden, indeed seems to have been a name applied to the valley as a whole.†

* See C.S. and C.S. Orwin: *The Open Fields* (1938).

† See *Surrey Archaeological Collections* vol. L (1949) 161-164.

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Obituary. We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mr. Herbert Henry Brackenbury who has died at the age of 73. He came to Bookham at the age of 19 in the household of Lady Greville at Polesden Lacey. He served with distinction in the First World War, being awarded the Military Medal, and, on his return to Bookham, he started his own building and decorating business in the High Street. On his retirement in 1948 this was carried on by his son.

He was secretary for many years of the Bookham Football Club and he himself was a keen player, only retiring from the game when he was close on 50. He was also very interested in the Bookham Cricket Club. The older residents of Bookham knew him well and will miss his kindly interest in village affairs which he maintained right up to his death.

B.A.O.C. Trainee. Mr. Christopher Gant, of Barn Meadow Lane, is in New York, and will go afterwards for two weeks to Calcutta as part of his three years' training with B.O.A.C. for Air Station Officer. He is now nearing the end of his second year and has already had the good fortune to visit many of the leading capital cities of South America. He is a graduate in Geography of Durham University which is a fine qualification for

the work he is undertaking. One of his hobbies is Music and, when he is at home, he sings in the Choir of St. Nicolas Church.

Nursing in Auckland. Miss Pamela Grainger is another Bookham young person who is "going places". She is nursing for two-and-a-half to three years in the National Women's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand. She has gone with a friend, also a nurse in the same Hospital, and they have been able to buy a little car so that they can get about and see the country. They have already visited Rotarua which they found fascinating. Pamela is working in the midwifery department where she has demonstrated the high standards of British nursing training by delivering a 12½ lbs. baby, and not a stitch needed.

Record for Barn Meadow? Stuart Ashton, also of Barn Meadow Lane, is in his first year at Manchester University, studying Mathematics and Engineering. We are wondering whether Barn Meadow holds the record for young people at universities and colleges?

Finals Ahead. Our special good wishes go to Miss Jennifer Tibbetts, a member of our Barn Hall Club, and, in her school-days a member of our short-lived Drama Group, who is at Hull University. She will be doing her

Finals in English at the end of this academic year.

Long Arm of Coincidence. Mrs. Maud West, who has left Bookham to join her husband in Norfolk, has taken a flat in Wroxham. She was surprised and delighted to find old Bookhamites living at the end of the road—no other than Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Higby, who send good wishes to their many friends in the village.

Otters. We are happy to include an article, in this issue, on Otters, by Mrs. M. E. Byrt, the wife of our local Baptist Minister. Mrs. Byrt is a keen amateur naturalist and has had books published on both otters and birds. She ran the successful bird exhibit at the Countryside Exhibition at the Barn Hall last June. The article is especially topical as Mr. Kingham of Effingham, who lent us those delightful young badgers on Village Day, has just acquired an otter for his private Zoo.

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