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## Editorial.

From the youngest infant to the oldest inhabitant of the Bookhams, every living generation, and nearly every branch of British patriotic endeavour will assemble to participate in the rejoicings of Coronation Day.

We people of Bookham can have a greater association and a far greater feeling of loyalty and personal interest as Their Majesties, when as Duke and Duchess of York they were constant visitors to our village.

The invention of wireless which has brought to most of us just an added pleasure in life, has brought to Royalty an added responsibility. At one time privacy was always the desire of those of whom publicity was constantly demanded. Yet to hear a man's voice over the ether, makes him a more real personality than the sight of his picture ever can do. Those of us who have listened to the various Members of the Royal Family, all agree that they feel a sense of personal contact.

When King George VI. broadcasts on the evening of 12th May, there will be a new responsibility, but there will be also most certainly proof of a new way of arousing loyalty and enthusiasm. One thing is sure, never in this Empire of ours will there be such a recharging of batteries and testing of valves as when it is announced "His Majesty will broadcast."

The ideals of Service is one which throughout every era, among all races, has captured men's imagination, and has held them to ways of difficulty, trial and of danger. We may observe that service contributes to the idea of patriotism a deeper and a finer meaning than it has ever had before; and further, that a new internationalism will not supersede nations. Quite the contrary, it will build them up. If not, for what purpose are men bound together in communities? What is the meaning of Citizenship? To cherish the ideals of race, to love our cultural inheritance,

to take pride in our national achievements, to safeguard the pure ethics of our faith, to be ready to make sacrifices in order to sustain these things which we value. These we must call Patriotism.

We are privileged to announce that the Standard of the Effingham & the Bookhams Branch of the British Legion has been selected to attend the Coronation and in company with other Standards from other parts of the British Isles, will line part of the route. Further, a seat for a disabled man has also been allocated to view the Procession, and it is indeed an honour that Bookham should be represented by men whose loyalty was proved during those dark years of 1914 to 1918.

To those of our younger readers, a little sketch of our King and Queen will add to their history.

King George VI., the second Son of the late King George V., was born at York Cottage, Sandringham, 14th December, 1895, and was baptised Albert Frederick Arthur George. In January, 1909, he entered the Royal Naval College, Osborne. In September, 1913, he joined the "Collingwood" as a Midshipman, and in 1916 was made a Knight of the Garter. Created Duke of York in 1920, he married Lady Elizabeth Angela Margaret Bowes-Lycn, Daughter of the Earl of Strathmore, in 1923. A Daughter, Princess Elizabeth, was born in 1926, and the second Daughter, Margaret Rose, in 1930.

As Duke of York, he opened the New Houses of Parliament in Canberra, Australia.

On 10th December, 1936, King Edward VIII. abdicated his Throne, and was succeeded by King George VI.

Special note for ALL Ex-Service men. H.M. King George VI. will review Ex-Service men on Sunday, 27th June, at Sandown Park. All those interested, please communicate to the Hon. Secretary, Legion Hall, Lower Road, Effingham, or to the Editor, *Bookhams Bulletin*, "St. Jean," Crabtree Lane, Great Bookham.

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## Civic Notes—III. *Notes on the Monarchy*

(By Mitre)

An unemployed man who felt aggrieved with the peremptory manner in which a local authority had enforced payment of a rate, wrote to the King about it. His letter was acknowledged by the King's secretary who passed the complaint to the Home Office. The Home Office referred the matter to the Ministry of Health who asked the chairman of the local authority for further information. The chairman called for a full report from his chief officer and as a result the whole system of collection from the late payer has been revised. This has happened recently within the daily experience of the writer and it is an example of what may be achieved from a casual complaint lodged in the right quarter.

Such results may not be expected from every grievance laid before the King. His power only extends to the limits of the law of the land to which every person in the United Kingdom, no matter what his station or office, is equally subject. The King himself however is above the law and can do no wrong. But nowadays practically every official act of the monarch has to be done through an agent who himself is responsible for the legality of his actions, and this exception to the "rule of law" is more apparent than real.

In the days of badly drawn laws and irregular meetings of the legislative assembly, it was necessary for the King to possess the power to exempt individuals from the operation of particular laws, or even to suspend the operation of statutes for the whole realm. This power however was greatly abused, and petitions of 1347 and 1351 presented to the King by the House of Commons show that large numbers of wrongdoers had been pardoned by the exercise of this dispensing power. It was largely the misuse of this prerogative by James II. which led to the Revolution of 1688, and the passing of the Bill of Rights (1689). This act, together with Magna Charta (1215) Petition of Right (1628), and the Act of Settlement (1700), are the chief means by which the King's prerogatives are now curtailed.

Despite this formidable array of statutes, the formal powers of the Crown are considerable. The King is the supreme executive authority; the King in Parliament is still the supreme legislative authority; the King is still the

"fountain of honour" and the "fountain of justice"; the King is still supreme Head of the Church; the King is still commander of the military forces of the realm by land, sea and air; the King is still the "Great Leviathan," embodying in his person the dignity and unity of the State.

The most important attribute of a good monarch however, is his power of leadership. Gone or are the days when the King drew his sword and led his soldiers where the fighting was thickest. The leadership of our sovereign today is to be found in industry and agriculture, social service and sport; in fact in every avenue of life. By personal tours at home and abroad, actual interviews with the man on the job and investigations on the spot, members of the Royal family obtain first hand information with the aid of which they are able efficiently to direct the public affairs of every day life.

The leadership of the King is above the contending policies of party politics. The complete absence of competition for the headship of the State obviates the sordidness inevitable in presidential elections. With the confusion of modern political issues and the varieties of opinion even within the same party, the man in the street has looked more and more to the Throne for guidance in his perplexity, and for that vision without which the people perish.

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PROGRAMME OF  
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:: 12th MAY, 1937 ::

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- 9.15 a.m. Parade of local organisations at the OLD BARN HALL, followed by March to Recreation Ground. *Uniforms & Medals should be worn, and Banners and Bands be in attendance.*
- 10.0 a.m. **UNITED RELIGIOUS SERVICE**  
under the Oak in the Recreation Ground.
- 10.45 a.m. Relay of National Broadcast of Coronation Procession and Service in the Recreation Ground.
- 11.0 a.m. **THE CORONATION SERVICE**  
Relay of Broadcast in the Parish Church of Great Bookham.  
*(This is intended for the elderly and infirm people of the villages, and for those wishing to hear the Service in more solemn surroundings).*

## 12th MAY (*continued*).

1.30 p.m. Carnival Procession forms up at Preston Cross Roads.

Prizes will be given in each of the four following classes:—

1. Tableaux.
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Heatherdene, Groveside (Bookham 258)

2.0 p.m. **CARNIVAL PROCESSION** starts from Preston Cross, and will proceed by way of Little Bookham Street, Station Road, Church Road, High Street & Dorking Road to the Recreation Ground, where at approximately—

3.0 p.m. Judging of Entries in each Class will take place in the top field.

3.30 p.m. **ATHLETIC SPORTS.**

Races of all kinds for old and young in the Recreation Gd.

Entries taken on the Ground. Advance details obtainable from Mr. L. R. Hutchison, Maddox Farm, Little Bookham (Bookham 47).

*Teas and Refreshments will be obtainable on the Ground.*

7.0 p.m. Flight of Fire Balloons and Daylight Fireworks

8.0 p.m. Community Singing & Musical Programme in the Recreation Ground. Under the direction of the Rev. G. E. Hope.

(*Continued*)

9 p.m. to 2 a.m. **CARNIVAL DANCE** in the Church House.  
Tickets 2/6 each. Fancy Dress optional. Prizes.

10.0 p.m. **BONFIRE.**

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*The King and Queen leaving Gt. Bookham Parish Church  
whilst on their honeymoon in 1923.*

*(Photo "Daily Sketch")*

*(Continued on next page)*

14th MAY, 1937.

4.0 p.m. Tea will be given to Children living in the Parishes of Great and Little Bookham, who are between the ages of 5 and 16 years and who attend at any School. This will be provided in the Church House and the Baptist Hall and will be followed by an entertainment and presentation of a souvenir book.

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21st MAY, 1937.

7.0 p.m. Supper and Entertainment for residents in the Bookhams over the age of 65 years will be given in the Old Barn Hall.

Applications for tickets for the Tea or the Supper should be made to:

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Mrs. E. E. Griffin, The School House, Lower Road.  
Mrs. M. Kleboe, The Croft, Church Road.  
Mrs. C. Pelling, Beckley Cottage, Leatherhead Road.  
Mrs. H. Weale, The Post Office, Little Bookham.  
Mr. L. Richards, Headmaster, Bookham School.

Coronation mugs will be presented to children under 5 years, and names of those eligible should be given to the above-named by 6th May.

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