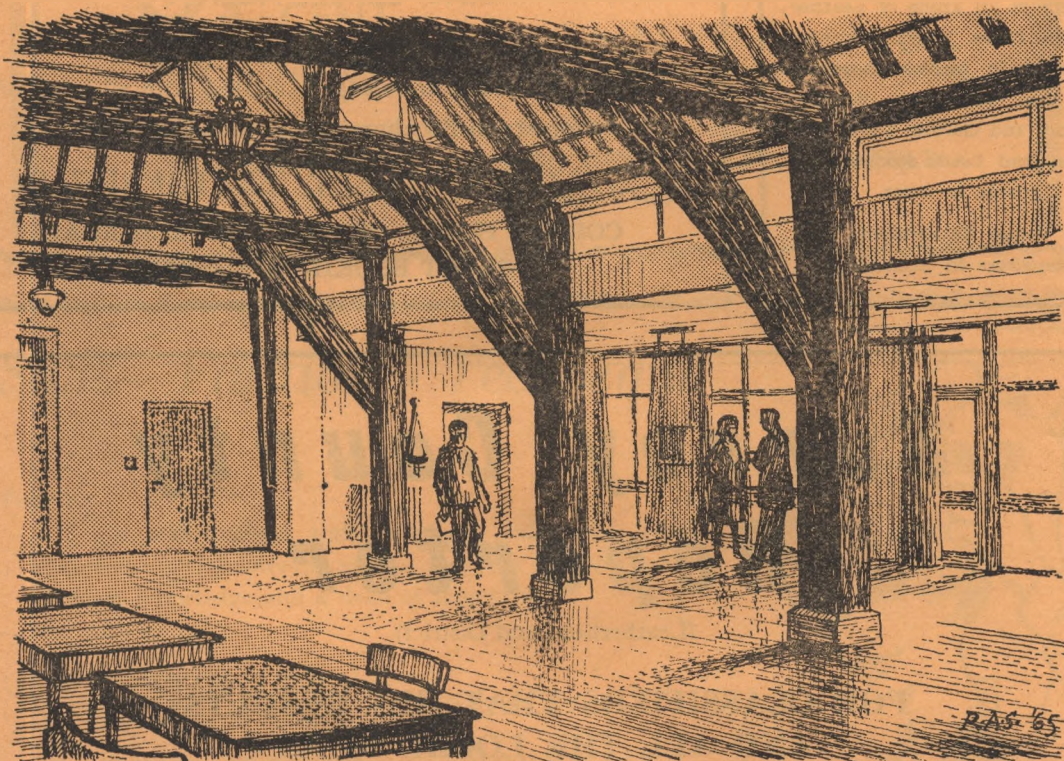


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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS

B.C.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 13th,

BARN HALL, at 8.15 p.m.

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Nominations for all the above may be submitted in writing
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AGENDA

Elections.

Balance Sheet and Reports for 1964-65.

Proposals for the future including plans for further exten-
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VILLAGE DAY

There was a record attendance at Village Day and a record profit of approximately £450 which has been allocated to the Barn Hall Building Fund. First prizewinner for the best presented stall was the Flower Arrangement Group which provided the bank of flowers and other floral arrangements in the Exhibition Hall. Close second was the Dramatic Society for its fine presentation of the Toy Stall as a steam engine with attached carriages. The judge was Mrs. McKee, Head of the Art and Craft Department of the Howard of Effingham School. A newcomer to the stallholders was Mrs. Wraight with her Children's Market which was well patronised by the tinies who were specially attracted by the miniature cakes and sweets.

The events of Village Week were so well supported that it has been decided to repeat it next year. Special mention should be made of the Sunday Service and Parade of the uniformed youth organisations which was a moving ceremony. It was suggested by Group Scoutmaster Tarrington at a Council Meeting of the Community Association as a way of associating young people with Village Week and was subsequently organised by him.

It is impossible to thank all the individual helpers, but we would like to acknowledge the assistance given by so many local organisations and other

bodies: the Afternoon and Evening W.I.'s, the Guides, the Scouts, the Eastwick Parent-Teacher Association, the Dramatic Society, the League of Friends of Leatherhead Hospital, Eastwick Park Cricket Club, the Boys' Club, Bookham Ward Labour Party, the "Daily Mail", the Beauty Counselors, the Old Tyme Dance Club, the Scottish Dancers, the Over Sixties, the Gramophone Club, the Choral Society, the Barn Hall Club, the Flower Arrangement Group, the Primary and Secondary Schools, the Epsom School of Art, Ewell Technical College, and local firms and research establishments.

The local traders were most generous in donating prizes for Village Day and Village Week, and we are pleased to append a list of those who helped: Crown Stores, Francis, Sheila, Bradbeer, Snow, the Crown, the Anchor, the Oak, the Windsor Castle, Beckley Off Licence, Bookham Ironmongers, Top Hat Cleaners, Gardener, Thrush, Valli, Capel, Petherbridge, Southwell, Roberts, Cameron, Heather, Walker, Elizabeth, Francis, Frost, Coombe Bakeries, Home Counties, Walker Smith, Dunkey, Crabtree, Clatworthy, Pearce, Absalom, Fox, Mrs. Perry, Cripps, Guildford Co-op, Brackenbury, Ambrose, Forge Garage, Runmore Garage, Hylands Garage, Mitchell, Alick Page, Bookham Granaries, Weale, Sayers, Lyons, Bungalow Stores, High St. Post Office,

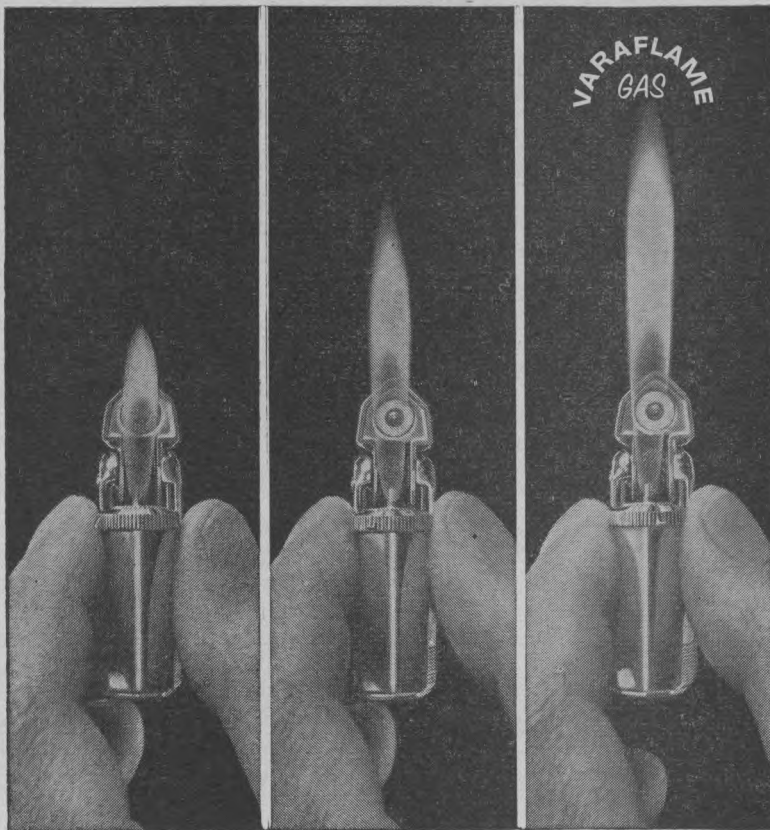
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Every endeavour has been made to make the above a complete list. We apologise to anybody who may have been missed and ask to be notified so that they can be included in our next issue.

ROUND THE VILLAGE

Choral Society.—In a population expanding as fast as Bookham's there must be some newcomers who do not know of the existence of the Choral Society. A hearty invitation is extended to them to join in the activities of the coming season. The Society is associated with the Leith Hill Musical Festival which celebrates its fiftieth year in 1966. It also gives local concerts. Practices are held every Tuesday throughout the winter (8 to 9.30 p.m. in the Congregational Church Hall, corner of Eastwick and Keswick Road).

The main work to be performed this season is Dyson's "Canterbury Pilgrims", a most entertaining setting of the pen-pictures which form the prologue to Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales". An interesting supporting programme comprises part song, women's song, men's song and madrigal, with quartet-singing for the venturesome. The conductor is again Mr. Ralph Nicholson, now becoming very well known in Surrey for his



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In July the Club danced at the Queen Elizabeth's College Fete, and later at the Leatherhead Football Club Fete.

The new season opens on Thursday, September 16th. The normal club evenings are weekly on Fridays, but, in order to enable other clubs and affiliated organisations to hold Friday evening functions, they have given up one Friday in the month in exchange for a Thursday

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Plans for the building of a new Guide Hut at the rear of the Barn Hall, on Council land, are well advanced, and it is hoped to present final details to the village in the near future. In the meantime fund-raising is in full swing. The next event will be Guide Day, on September 11th, when a Fete will be held in the Barn Hall, on Council land, are organised on a lavish scale with entertainments and side-shows which should cater for all ages. The Day will close with a dance to be held at the Barn Hall. Tickets for this Dance can be obtained from the Secretary, who would also be grateful for any offers of assistance with the Fete.

R. A. C.

The programme on this occasion was presented by Keith Womersley. The question sometimes put to us is, "What is a Gramophone Club?" It is not a group of technicians, but it is a friendly gathering of people interested in recorded music coming together to listen to music selected and presented by members, or invited guests. An opportunity is thus given to hear many diverse recordings with a personal commentary by the speaker presenting the programme.

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There is no audition and any new singers with a reasonable voice, especially tenors, will be made very welcome. Enrol at the first practice, September 21st.

The Bookham Stoolball Club

has had an exciting year. Although it fared badly in the All-Surrey Tournament held on the Dorking Road Recreation Ground during Village Week when Shalford was the winner, it made up for its defeat on the following Sunday in the Shalford Tournament when Shalford were knocked out in the first round and Bookham won the Runners-up Cup, being beaten by Ash-

Tongham Tournament later in the year Bookham shared the winners' Cup with North Holm-wood, as rain prevented the final from being played.

It is interesting to note that although Shalford carried off the Knight Cup in the All-Surrey Tournament this year, over the previous seven years the winners had been either Bookham or Ashstead.

The last match of the season is on September 19th when it will be known who receives the award for the biggest average. At present it is held by Angela Chitty, who, incidentally, was the girl chosen from the Bookham team to represent Surrey in the Surrey versus Sussex match in August.

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Open-Air Theatre. — The National Trust presentation of "Macbeth" last July at Polesden Lacey was well received by the audiences and won very favourable Press comment. The evenings were cool for July and mostly overcast: this last, however, was not an entire disadvantage since the lighting effects were seen to great advantage than with a clear sunset. One had the impression that the village is taking more interest in its annual Shakespearian "festival", for, apart from those worthy folk who ushered and stewarded or sold programmes, there seemed to be more Bookham faces to be seen in the audience than in previous years. An innovation this year was a Wednesday evening performance (well patronised) making five performances in all, as also was the addition of two

bridges over the old orchestra pit giving alternative entrances and exits to the players.

The bus service which had been heavily subsidised by the National Trust for many years was dropped and replaced by a local coach operating a modified service: no criticism of this change was heard, which seems to indicate that it was found to be adequate.

A modest surplus appears to have been achieved on the production and a decision will shortly be made on the play for 1966.

A. H.

Bookham Commons Committee.—Most people know that the Commons are owned by the National Trust, but it is not widely realised that they are administered by a local Committee, of which Dr. A. Easton is the chairman and Dr. J. Sower-

butts the Hon. Secretary. A letter was recently sent to householders whose properties adjoin that part of the Common which borders Little Bookham Street on the west side as far as the Windsor Castle and on the east as far as Childs Hall Road. At the request of the Chairman we quote from this letter so that Bookham people generally may know the policy of the Committee in acting on behalf of the National Trust. It is pointed out that Trust property is inalienable, and it is the duty of the Committee to protect as well as administer it, but this is done in full co-operation and friendly relationship with all its neighbours, some of whom take great pride in caring for the strips of Common adjacent to them. Well-mown lawns enhance the appearance of the Street, but the planting of trees or shrubs on the common verge would not be approved. It must always be remembered that such land is always open to use by any member of the public in accordance with the National Trust By-laws which, incidentally, include the prohibition of parking. Foot access to adjacent properties has never been in dispute, but vehicular access requires a Trust licence and the payment of a wayleave. A review of all such wayleaves is being made, and it may be that some adjustments of sums payable will be necessary in accordance with present monetary values.

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Are You Tired of the Telly ?

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Red Cross.—The village and the Community Association are greatly indebted to the Red Cross for their presence at large functions such as Village Day and the Polesden Lacey Open-Air Theatre to give first aid in the event of any casualty.

Our local Detachment will hold a course of eight lectures in Home Nursing at the Congregational Church Hall, Eastwick Road, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All interested members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

The Detachment will also hold a Jumble Sale at Church House

on Saturday, October 2nd, commencing 2.30 p.m.

The Matron of the School of Stitchery and Lace has asked the Detachment to provide a team of drivers for the School's new minibus. For this purpose a Members' Group has been formed comprised of drivers from Effingham and Bookham, under the leadership of Mrs. Suffolk, of Sorrento, Leewood Way, Effingham. The Group will provide a rota of drivers in the evenings for one week in every four, in turn with three other local voluntary organisations. The School has its own team of drivers during the day. R. G.

Evening Institute.—Enrolment evenings for local classes are September 13th, 14th, 15th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Late enrolments can be taken at the classes, but this should be the exception, as it makes administrative difficulties. The main centre is the Howard of Effingham School. Amongst the new classes proposed for this session are French for travel and German for travel, a second-year course following up last year's classes. There is also a follow-up class for Ballroom Dancing. Bridge for beginners is proposed as a new venture, as well as Investment for Everyman which covers in six weeks the Stock Exchange, Income Tax, Interpretation of the financial columns and company accounts, etc. For the first time there will be a class in Child Psychology, devoted mainly to the study of the age group up to five, to help parents

to understand their development and problems. A professional has been engaged to take a course in Home Decorating, and he will give advice on stripping, preparation and making good. He will deal with interior fabric and colour matching and such problems as members of the class may bring to it. All the old favourites will be repeated, including Golf, Badminton, Cookery of all kinds, Pottery, Woodwork, etc. The Russian class is in its fourth year, but there is an intake of a few new members each year.

It is hoped that all members will join the newly-formed Students' Council. Members of the Committee will attend on enrolment evenings to answer questions and take subscriptions. The Students' Council has taken to itself the responsibility for arranging theatre trips, excursions and visits between other clubs for the playing of matches, etc. Incidentally, a canteen is available during the evening at the Howard of Effingham School, and this is of assistance in promoting the friendly atmosphere which the Head of the Institute, Mr. G. Scoble, feels should be a part of adult educational facilities.

The Samaritans. — The local Group of this worthwhile organisation is endeavouring to raise funds to extend its service in the neighbourhood and recently held a successful Jumble Sale in Bookham. The telephone is not yet fully manned, but it is hoped to

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Girls' Life Brigade.—In the summer issue of "The Bulletin" we congratulated the Bookham Branch on winning through to the Girls' Life Brigade annual rally at the Albert Hall. We are pleased to record that they tied for second place in the team competition against contestants drawn from all over the country. The winning team, trained by Mrs. L. Messer, comprised Lesley Childs, Caroline Bennett, Linda Davies, Christine Scott, Jane Alexander, Valerie Scott, Jane Buffrey and Janet Small. The "reserve", who attended all the tests and trials which took

the girls to the national finals, was Susan Leaf. Marjorie Benstead was in charge of the apparatus.

Red Cross Cadets.—At the Divisional Cadet Competition held in the summer the Bookham Cadets took second place. Groups taking part came from Effingham, Bookham, Ashtead and Leatherhead. The Cup for Nursing was won by Bookham.

British Legion.—Thirty-five standards were lowered at the annual Duke of Connaught Memorial British Legion Service, which was held as usual at St. Nicholas' Church. The address was given by the Rev. Maurice Furlonger, chaplain of the local branch. The salute was taken at the march-past after the service by Mr. Turville Kille, chairman, L.U.D.C., and tea was served at the Barn Hall for the 180 members who attended by the Effingham and Little Bookham Women's Section of the British Legion.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sept. 16th. Scottish Dance Club re-opens, Barn Hall, 8 p.m.
 - Sept. 18th. Garden Society Show, Barn Hall.
 - Sept. 20th. Square Dance Club re-opens, Congregational Hall, 8 p.m.
 - Sept. 20th. Youth Club re-opens, Barn Hall, 7.30 p.m.
 - Oct. 2nd. B.C.A. Dance, Barn Hall, 8 p.m., 7/6.
 - Oct. 4th. Whist Drive, Barn Hall, 7.45 p.m.
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PERSONAL COLUMN

An Endurance Test?—Julian Everett, of Sole Farm Road, and Christopher Perry, of St. Nicholas Avenue, joined the marathon organised during the summer by the Epsom and Ewell Youth Hostels Group, and finished among the few who gained certificates for completing a 30-mile walk through the Surrey lanes in 10 hours. It was a stiff route with many hills, but Julian and Christopher completed it in under eight hours. They subsisted on glucose tablets, being unwilling to slacken their pace for more solid nourishment. Competing with them were police and army cadets, members of the Cygnet Youth Club, students of technical colleges, and teams from the north as far afield as Bradford and Bolton.

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.—Mr. L. Pinchen has been chosen by the Farnham Labour Party as prospective candidate for the Farnham Division. He has lived for nearly ten years in Barn Meadow Lane and is well known in the village chiefly for his activities in the Eastwick Park Cricket Club. He has held a number of posts in the local Labour Party and has stood as their nominee in a number of local elections.

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Youth Club Leaders Retire.—

Popular Leaders of the Bookham Youth Club, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Strudwick, have had to retire because of domestic commitments. They have done this work for three years, but Mr. Strudwick has found it increasingly difficult to fit a free Monday into his "duties". They have built up a good Club and have the backing of a good Committee of helpers. It would be a pity if the club should have to close down for lack of a leader. It is due to reopen after the summer recess at the end of September. The Committee is determined that it should do this, and they are prepared to share the responsibilities between them for the time being. This, however, is a situation which could not continue indefinitely. The Secretary, Mrs. Littlewood, would be glad to hear from any volunteer.

The Time-off Club, organised by Mrs. Rowe, of Eastwick Drive, is an ingenious and worthwhile baby-sitting enterprise. It started in February of this year when Mrs. Rowe broached the proposition at a meeting of the Evening W.I. of which she is a member. It now has 15 members. When it reaches 20, Mrs. Rowe says it will have reached its maximum and should then be broken into two groups for more efficient working. A new member on joining receives tickets entitling her to 16 hours of baby-sitting time. If she should drop out of the Group she must return the same number of tickets. Every member who acts as baby-sitter receives a ticket for the number of hours

of service which she in turn can use when she wants a baby-sitter. Certain rules which make for smooth working have been drawn up. Coffee or tea and biscuits must be supplied, as well as a candle, matches and an ashtray. Information must be written down of the doctor's telephone number, that of the next of kin, and, if possible, a telephone number where the parents could be contacted. The organiser asks that arrangements be made to escort the baby-sitter home, especially on dark nights if she resides a distance away. It is also wise, she says, to mention any idiosyncracies the children may have, especially if the baby-sitter is a new one.

Much thought has obviously gone into this scheme. Are there any others in the village?

A Pioneering Family. — Mr. and Mrs. K. Sprigg, of Maddox Lane, and their two young children have had a most adventurous year. Last September they went by boat to Nepal with the object of exploring, mainly by foot, this difficult country and camping wherever they could. They have described in letters home some of their interesting experiences, as, for example, the Coronation of the Crown Prince of Sikkim, to which they were invited. Mrs. Sprigg says that she found the taking of pictures of this splendid ceremony difficult as she was encumbered with long dress and veil which protocol demanded she should wear.

They spent some time at Katmandu and then moved on, with

the monsoon upon them, to Ghandrung, an area which has not previously been surveyed, where Mr. Sprigg wished to study and record the local dialect. This was not at all easy, as all the able-bodied were out in the flooded fields planting rice, which was much more important to them than money. In the end a woman was found who was able to help. This made worthwhile the journey through fields high with Indian corn where the rain had turned the paths to streams.

The family will return in late September. The children will go back to school with wonderful stories to tell, and Mr. Sprigg will have many records for the School of Oriental languages where he is a lecturer. We hope that Mrs. Sprigg may be able to show some of their pictures in Bookham.

In Memoriam. — A magnolia is to be planted in the Barn Hall Grounds in memory of the late Miss I. Freeman; friends and neighbours have contributed to a small fund which will be used to purchase the tree and also possibly one or two flowering shrubs. It will be remembered that Miss Freeman, who was 88, was killed in a road accident last May. She was well known in the village. She was a keen whist player and had assisted for many years at the whist drives held at Mrs. Kleboe's home. For a long time she had regularly attended the meetings of the Afternoon W.I., and was a great supporter of the Community Association—her enthusiasm there was the Over Sixties Club.

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