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EDITORIAL

The new President of the Bookham Community Association is Mr. E. E. Oldershaw. We feel that he is a worthy successor to Dr. Waterfield who held this office from the inception of the Association until his death last year.

Mr. Oldershaw came to Bookham 15½ years ago and soon after this became interested in what was then a controversial idea—a village centre. Arising out of the Community Centre Development Committee the Bookham Community Association was established in June, 1947, and in 1948 Mr. Oldershaw became its secretary.

During his five years in this office his ingenuity and energy worked near miracles in its development. The Association has always been short of money but Mr. Oldershaw's persistence and the drive and enthusiasm of a small band of devoted volunteers made possible the laying of the new floor in the Hall, the provision of chairs, the installation of the Coronation seat, the planting of the cedars and many other items.

His main work, however, was the carrying through to a successful conclusion of the open air stage at Polesden Lacey, and the Theatre project, which was only taken over by the National Trust when its continuance after some years demanded more resources than the Association could muster. As a member of The Trust's Advisory Committee for the Theatre and organiser of the Box Office he still makes a magnificent contribution to this worthwhile enterprise.

In recognition of his services to the Association he was made a Vice President seven years ago, an honour which is reserved for those who have given significant support to its development.

Members of the Association will be pleased that the crowning award of Presidency has been given to him. They will also hope that Mrs. Oldershaw will feel that she, too, has been included in the gesture. For many years she has worked for the Association. She was the first Secretary of the Women's Committee and assisted in the formation of the Over Sixties Club which is now one of the liveliest clubs in Bookham.

She was also Membership Secretary for a time and, in her own quiet way, built up an efficient organisation.

We hope that they will both have good health and enjoy the period of Mr. Oldershaw's presidency.

VILLAGE DAY

Saturday, June 24th

Village Day is Midsummer Day, and it is appropriate that we are planning a Naturalists Exhibition in the Barn Hall this year together with the usual outside events, stalls and displays. With what is already promised we know already that we can produce an interesting record of local plant and animal life. We wish, however, to cover all aspects of the neighbourhood and we should be pleased to hear from any person who has a specialised knowledge of any branch of Natural History who would assist in the gathering together of exhibits.

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Several courses run concurrently, diverse in character, e.g., cake icing and psychology, bringing together women of very varied capabilities, each appreciating the others skill.

To meet and make friends with women from all over the country makes one realise that the W.I. movement is a live organisation aware of the needs of women, giving them opportunities which they have missed and contributing to fuller and happier life. M.E.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

President

Mr. E. E. Oldershaw

Vice Presidents

Miss E. Micholls, Messrs. C. V. Brayne, R. H. Kepple, C. Beddous

Secretary

Mrs. E. Harrison

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Mr. A. Marson

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Mr. J. Miller

Individual Members

Representatives

Mesdames Robinson, Everett, Cox, Gaymer, Messrs. Stockwell, Everett, Bell, Woodrow Clark, Hall, Gill and Dr. Harrison.

EDENSIDE HOUSE

Edenside House, Church Road was opened as a residential home for eight old ladies in January, 1960, and we are glad to say that it is running smoothly. We have a full complement of residents and staff. The former all seem happy and well cared for, and thanks must be given for this to our matrons and voluntary helpers.

During the year, several coffee mornings and a most enjoyable Christmas Party were held, when the singing of Bookham Choral Society was much appreciated. Both staff and residents helped to make these functions a great success.

Through the generosity of various organisations and friends, much has been done to increase the comfort of the residents.

Margery Handley,
Chairman.

ROUND AND ABOUT

Miss E. Micholls Honoured

To mark her services to the National Playing Fields Association Miss E. Micholls has been presented with a certificate by the Duke of Edinburgh. The award was one of eight recommended by the Playing Fields Association and was presented at Caxton Hall, Westminster. Miss Micholls is a Vice President of the London and Greater London Playing Fields Association and has been a member of its executive committee since its inauguration.

The certificate, which is signed by Prince Philip, acknowledges Miss Micholls' "special contribution to the work and aims of the National Playing Fields Association" and adds: "There is no adequate reward for many years' devoted service . . . but the officers of the National Playing Fields Association hope that you will accept this certificate as a mark of their appreciation. Thousands of people throughout Great Britain have cause to be thankful to the association, and therefore to you, for help and guidance freely given."

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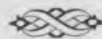
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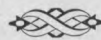
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Miss Micholls is Senior Vice President of the Community Association where she is specially interested in the provision which can be made for young people. We congratulate her on this honour.

The Surrey Photograph Federation

The Federation was formed in September last year. Our Bookham Camera Club was one of the eleven founder clubs and its secretary, Mr. P. J. Allford, was active as one of the original executive members. We are pleased to hear that he has been re-elected to the executive committee of the Federation and that the number of federated clubs is now 17. As there are only some 24 or 25 clubs in Surrey they are making good progress. We are sure that Mr. Allford's experience in the Bookham Club will be of value to the Federation. Our own club will also benefit from the wider contacts he is making which should render available more experts for local meetings.

We are all looking forward to the Camera Club's Exhibition in the Barn Hall on Saturday, March 11th. This is always one of the outstanding events of the year. Those who miss it will be able to visit it when it is transferred to the Gas Showrooms, Leatherhead, from 18th to the 25th March.

Flying to the Bulb Fields

Bookham people are getting around. Members of the Camera Club are joining the Surrey Federation in two plane trips to the Dutch bulb fields in the Spring. Members of the Bookhams Womens Institutes are also planning to join another party which is going for a day to the bulb fields and other beauty spots in Holland.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Over Sixties—

Tuesdays 2.30 p.m.

Over Twenties—

Tuesdays 7.30 p.m.

Gramophone Club—

Thursdays (alternate) 8.00 p.m.

Camera Club—

Thursdays (alternate) 8.00 p.m.

Old Tyme Dance Club—

Wednesdays 7.45 p.m.

Scottish Dancing Club—

Fridays 8.00 p.m.

For Secretaries see page 17

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Join the Community Association.

Hon Secretary, Mrs. E. Harrison,
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Eastwick Park Cricket Club

In November, 1960, a group of cricket enthusiasts announced their intention in the local press of forming a new cricket club for residents in Fetcham and Bookham. This was followed by a circular which was distributed throughout the district asking residents whether the idea appealed. The circular stated that the aim of the club was to enable players of varying ability to enjoy a game of cricket, with particular encouragement to younger members. It also suggested that there should be a social section included in the club's activities.

The response to this was immediate and most encouraging with over forty residents expressing their desire to associate themselves with this new venture. The initial meeting was held on Monday, 12th December, 1960, and the resolution that a cricket club be formed was soon adopted and the name EASTWICK PARK CRICKET CLUB was agreed upon.

Following this meeting a full and most attractive fixture list has been drawn up with other Clubs in and around the district. A complete set of cricket gear has been purchased for use of all club members thus enabling players to take advantage of good equipment. By necessity, due to lack of playing facilities, the club must be a wandering side in 1961 but application for the use of the new

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recreation ground in Lower Road, Bookham, has been agreed in principle by the Leatherhead Urban District Council for the 1962 season.

Many well known local residents, stage and sporting personalities have indicated their support and encouragement and these include Dr. J. E. Morgan as President and the following as Vice-Presidents — Councillor Lt. Com. R. W. M. Walsh, R.N., Dr. N. Hiley, Mr. Charles Bookham of the Windsor Castle, Mr. Ken Barrington, Surrey and England Cricketer, Mr. Michael Stewart, Surrey Cricketer, Mr. Jimmy Hanley, Actor, and Mr. Kenneth Wolstenholme Sports Commentator.

It is hoped that many more residents who have not already expressed their interest in this venture and now feel encouraged to do so will contact the Secretary — Mr. Brian Downing, 33 Hazel Way, Fetcham—who will be glad to furnish more details.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS
*New Copy will appear in our
next issue.*

Young People on the Move

Miss Jennifer Everett, daughter of our Editor, who joined the W.R.N.S. in October, 1959, has gone to Malta. She is secretary in the Headquarters of N.A.T.O. at Floriana, just outside Valetta.

We hear from Mrs. Smith that her son, Alan, is now in Dubai Arabia where he has been joined this month by his wife and baby daughter (born December 15th). Alan is a civil engineer and is working on the construction of new roads preparatory to the building of a town in what now is virtually desert land. They are gradually building up an English community there and he is enjoying the work and the experience.

Many local people will remember Julia Hewitt, daughter of the late Headmaster of the Howard of Effingham School, and will be pleased to have the news that she is now married (Mrs. Abbotts) to a young Cambridge graduate who is teaching at Eton.

A young man who certainly gets about is David Dunmur whose great hobby is mountaineering. He has climbed in the Alps and, during the Christmas vacation, he organised the Meet in Wales for the Oxford University Mountaineering Club. He is also a member of the

London Alpine Club. But David is not always on the mountain tops. He is at Christ Church, Oxford, where he is studying Physics and Chemistry. He was a pupil at Bookham Primary School and went from there to the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, from which he gained his entry to Oxford.

New Scout Group

The 2nd Bookham Baptist Scouts Troop has held its first Investiture for both scouts and cubs. Among those invited to the ceremony were the Assistant District Commissioner, Captain Hutchison, Mr. Thornton, the local Youth Officer, Mrs. Cook and officers of the Girls Life Brigade. Mr. Tarrington and the other officers of the Troop are to be congratulated on their initiative in providing one more facility for the young people of the neighbourhood and we wish them success.

Message from the Stoolball Club

You may, during the summer, have stood in the Dorking Road and watched the activities of the athletic types on the Recreation Ground. Amongst these will have been our young ladies in blue. They belong to the Bookham Stoolball Club which is very active from May to September.

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The rules for Stoolball are similar to those for cricket but it has eight bowls to an over and underhand bowling. This should not, however, create the impression that it is a slow, soft game. On the contrary it can be much faster than cricket. For example, in an evening match of 15 overs as much as 108 runs can be scored.

Taking an average season eight to ten of our matches will be played on a Sunday and three on week-days. We travel by coach for our away matches and so get several pleasant trips all over Surrey and into Sussex.

New members will be welcomed by the Secretary: Mrs. B. King, 12 Groveside.

BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Secretary's Report 1960/1961

In the minds of all of us this evening will be the recollection of our last A.G.M. when Dr. Waterfield was with us and gave a stirring address on the origins and growth of our Association.

In his memory the room at the rear is being redecorated so that it can be used as a small meeting hall and will be known in future as the Waterfield Room. If at some future time we are able to extend and build a new room the name Waterfield will be carried forward.

So that we could make this room more generally available and in order to relieve the pressure on the main Hall a small wooden Sub-Committee room has been erected at the side of the Barn Hall. We thank the Urban District Council for their co-operation in the planning of this.

The year has seen a strengthening of our Clubs. The Over Twenties has extended its membership, the Over Sixties continues to work to capacity, the Scottish Dancers are now meeting weekly with no flagging in their enthusiasm. The Old Time Dance Club is also flourishing and reports an excellent spirit among its members. The Camera Club and the Gramophone Club have had

a good season so far and are maintaining their high standards. Both of them have extended their links with other Clubs in Surrey.

Village Day, with its theme of The Bookhams and Youth, was again a social and financial success. This day would be impossible without the co-operation of many individuals and organisations in Bookham and outside and we are deeply grateful for this help which is so generously given year after year.

Members of the Association continue to take the lion's share of the organisation of the annual production at the Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre. We still feel that it is a good thing to keep this link with the National Trust in our area.

Owing to a poor response over the last two years we have had to cancel the Christmas Parties and New Year Dance. If there should in the future be a demand for them we would be pleased to revive them. We are, however, happy to say that our Clubs have kept the flag flying by arranging their own social functions.

It is impossible to give accurate membership figures for this year. Although the club secretaries have been diligent in collecting subscriptions from their members the collection from the general membership has proved even more difficult. Our impression, however, is that the membership must have increased numerically. More

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inquiries are coming in and there is undoubtedly a new wave of interest not only within our clubs but outside. We are pleased to report new affiliations from village organisations: the Little Bookham Conservative Association, the local Liberal Association, the Effingham and Bookham Branch of the British Legion, the Stoolball Club and the Eastwick Park Cricket Club. This makes 25 affiliated organisations and 6 clubs of our own which makes us, we feel, truly representative of village opinion.

The distribution of the Bulletin now covers the new roads in the area. We are pleased to report that a volunteer has come forward to replace our Advertisement Manager, Mr. Weller. We were sorry that Mr. Weller could not continue but we must express our appreciation of his splendid work in replanning the advertisement layout to meet the increasing costs of production.

Maintenance of the Hall continues to be our main preoccupation. Much work, often unseen, is put in by our Hall Manager, Mr. A. Marson, and our caretakers. We are grateful to them for ensuring that a building which is increasingly used and inadequate for its purpose is so well maintained.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1960/1961

The Revenue account of the Balance Sheet shows an excess of Income over Expenditure of £211.

Fixed Assets in the form of Stock and Equipment show an increase of £110 after an allowance for depreciation of £53. The increase is due to the purchase of a new shed for £140. The position is fairly satisfactory with liquid funds of almost £700. The qualification is made because of essential repairs and decorations required for the Barn Hall which requires urgent attention, and will use most if not all of this balance.

Barn Hall

The cost of running the Barn Hall has again increased slightly and in spite of increased rents from outside lettings the deficit for the year is £56 making the accumulated shortfall £83. General lettings are very much in demand and it is hoped will eventually enable the Hall to pay its way.

General Account

A record profit from Village Day of £208, and donations from the Olde Tyme Dancing and Scottish Dancing Clubs has produced a surplus of £265. This in spite of a further fall in subscriptions of £11. I would like to record my appreciation and thanks to all those who helped to make Village Day such a success for without the funds which this function produces the Association would find it difficult to carry on.

BOOKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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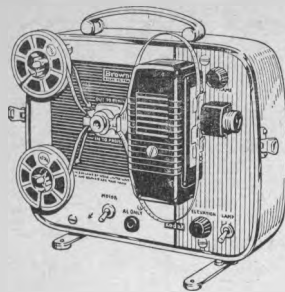
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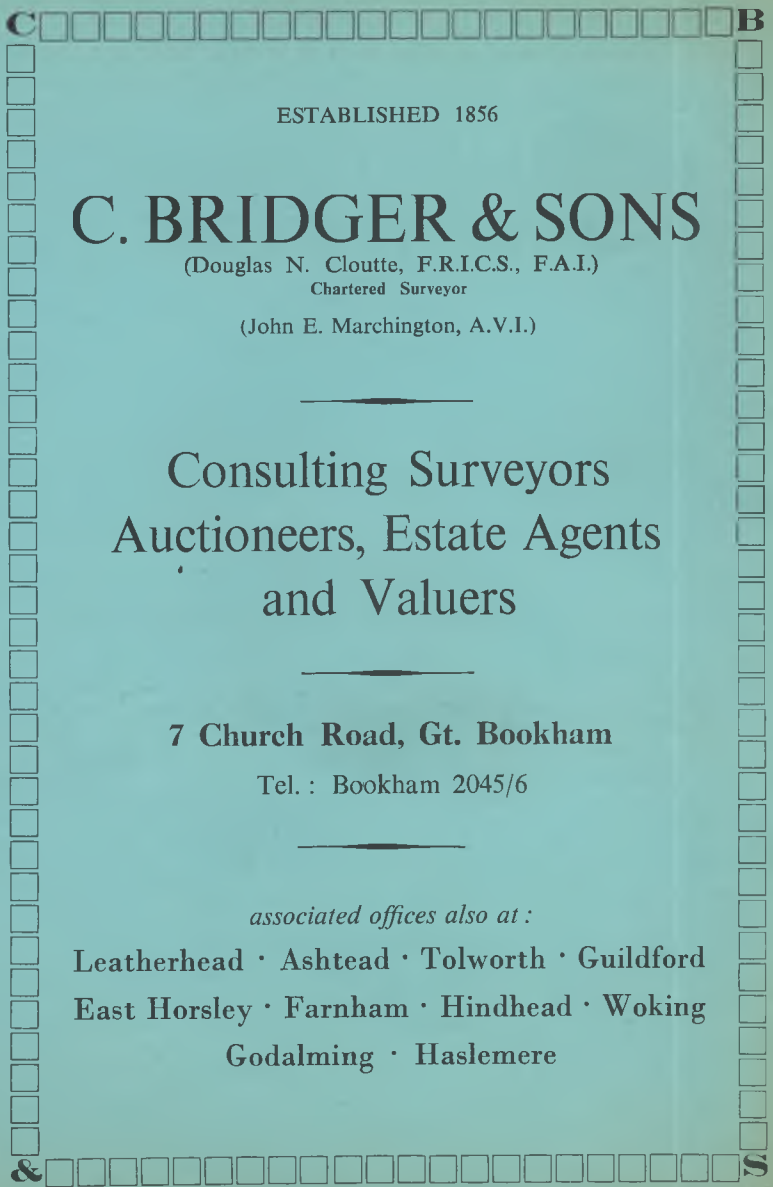
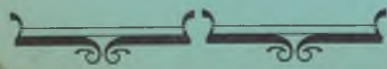


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