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Editorial

It is a wonderful thought that from 8.45 to 8.50 each Sunday evening all over the British Isles and wherever a B.B.C. Station is heard, listeners are asked to do something for those less fortunate than themselves. Through these broadcast appeals, the results have proved their value, but these appeals are broadcast nationally and in the main for a local Charity.

It is quite obvious that the method of broadcasting a local appeal can only be accomplished by means of local advertising and circulation. For nearly six years the Social Service Bureau have adopted this method of bringing to the notice of the readers of the Bulletin the need of financial help and gifts in kind to ensure a service for those less fortunately placed in our village.

Once again the words of Pope might apply:—

“In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all Mankind's concern is Charity.”

In January, 1939, copies of the National Service Guide were distributed to every Householder in the Country, but in May the following Statement was issued by the Home Office for the benefit of all concerned:—

Provisional Schedule of Reserved Occupations.—The purpose of the Schedule is to secure that men shall not be enlisted in peace time for some form of part-time service which would become whole-time service in war, if they are already engaged in occupations the maintenance of which in war would be essential to the life and war effort of the nation. The Schedule accordingly lists those occupations in respect of which in the general national interests restrictions must be placed in peace time on the acceptance of volunteers for certain forms of enlistment, the object being to avoid the difficulties that arose in 1914 when skilled men were enlisted in the forces and then had to be combed out in order to assist essential work at home.

There have been misunderstandings about the Schedule and its application, and it is necessary to make clear the following points:—

Nothing in the Schedule restricts

Acceptance for service which is whole time in peace, e.g., service in the Regular Armed Forces, the Regular Police or the Regular Fire Brigade. No man is prevented from changing his occupation.

Re-engagement in any auxiliary service of a man who is already in the Service. There is no suggestion that men already members of the Territorial or other Auxiliary Forces should seek to leave it, although they may be engaged in a reserved occupation.

Acceptance for whole time service in war in the volunteer's trade or professional capacity. Any man in a reserved occupation is free to join an auxiliary force or other appropriate service if there are openings for him to enlist in his trade capacity, i.e., in a category for which his special tradesman's qualifications are essential.

Acceptance for A.R.P. services at the volunteer's place of employment.

Acceptance for service which will only be part time in war, provided it is understood that in the cases of persons covered by the Schedule, their work in their several occupations will have first claim on their time. It is clear that persons in reserved occupations will have to contribute a large part of the numbers required for part time service in A.R.P.

Acceptance of women for nursing and first aid services.

It is gratifying to learn from Sir Malcolm Fraser, the Chairman of the Surrey County Territorial Army, that owing to the very satisfactory influx of recruits during the past fortnight, the Units in this area are now up to war strength.

Pending further instructions from the War Office, local recruiting is suspended for the time being.

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Guildford Cathedral

(Communicated to the Bookhams Bulletin)

You all have received during the week commencing May 1st an appeal on behalf of the new Cathedral now in the course of erection on Stag Hill in Guildford. In answer to that appeal we have already received a large number of extremely welcome gifts totalling over £135. Your editor has most kindly given me the opportunity of saying a few words in the Bulletin by way of further explanation as to our purpose in putting up this great building. In the first place it will only be the fourth cathedral to be erected by the Church of England in this country since the 16th century. A number of parish churches have been enlarged and adapted as cathedrals but the only new ones built have been St. Paul's in London, Truro and Liverpool.

What is more our new Cathedral is being built on one of the most magnificent sites in England. Those of you who have been fortunate enough to visit Durham Moor or Lincoln will realise how much these glorious cathedrals owe to their commanding sites high up above the towns surrounding them. Our Cathedral is to be built on Stag Hill, well above Guildford, commanding a most glorious view of the North Downs and will be visible for miles round as an outward token of the Church's faith. It will also be a very noble building.

To build a cathedral is one of the great prizes of the architectural world and puts the architect upon that very select roll which contains the name of Sir Christopher Wren. There was very considerable competition from the most renowned British architects for the task of designing the Cathedral and from a very large number of designs the choice eventually fell upon that of Mr. Edward Maufe. By now his plan has become familiar to a large number of the inhabitants of Surrey and it remains to translate that ideal into brick and stone.

The foundation stone was laid by the Archbishop of Canterbury just on three years ago. The foundation and the Crypt of the building have already been completed and it is now essential to build the first portion of the superstructure comprising the Choir and the Transepts. When this work has been done, although the nave will still remain to be constructed, we shall have a building complete in itself and capable of accommodating 1,000 worshippers. To carry this out the sum of £80,000 has to be raised by the end of July and it is for this sum that the Bishop is appealing.

The purpose of the Cathedral is threefold. In the first place it will be the centre of the Church in the Diocese of Guildford, next it will be the greatest and most glorious place for the worship of God in the County of Surrey, and finally it will be the abiding witness to the world of the faith of England. All who pass by on the great roads of Guildford will see beckoning to them from Stag Hill the outward and visible sign of England's faith.

This age is a Cathedral Age. Everybody is interested in cathedrals and everybody visits them. Go into one of our cathedrals new or old and you will always find a crowd of reverent sightseers moved by the atmosphere of the great House of God. The cathedral has always a message to the pilgrim in each one of us. The men and women of Surrey have now the opportunity of putting up a building which will draw pilgrims from near and far, which will be the centre of inspiration and a power house of faith.

Towards the erection of this building, Great Bookham has already played a very good part. For the last few years a steady stream of gifts has poured into the Cathedral Fund. We had a most generous response for our appeal for our Gift Day on May 6th and we are organising a large Fete to be partly in aid of the Cathedral which will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Please book this date and come to the Fete at the Rectory. If there are any of you who feel moved to make a further gift to the Cathedral or who would like to know more about it, please communicate with our local representative, Mr. Ware, Merrylands Farm, near the Station, who will be very glad to give you all the information in his power. Let Bookham play far more than its part in the erection of this great monument of Christian faith.

The Nursing Association

The Bookhams, Fetcham and Effingham District Nurses are now settled in their new home on the Leatherhead Road.

Thanks of the Association are due to all those who have so kindly contributed in money and kind towards this new home for its nurses. The Committee hope that with such progress as has been made possible by generous work in the last few years, the balance of the purchase money will soon be paid off and the Nursing Association will be the owners of a property that will allow for any expansion which may be necessary in the growing districts for a very long time.

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Great Bookham Charities

One occasionally hears reference made to the Bookham Charities and a short historical account of their origin may be of interest to our readers.

No. 1 (Smith's) The basis of this was a Will about the year 1627 of Henry Smith, Esq. of London, by which a nominal sum arising out of lands (Iwood Farm) was left to the Parish. Owing to the value of these lands having increased considerably, the amount received in 1903 was $2\frac{1}{2}$ times that originally bequeathed, but since then, in consequence of heavy expenditure for repairs, etc., the sum received annually has gradually dwindled down to the original basis. This Charity is administered in other Surrey parishes, for instance Little Bookham, Leatherhead, etc., so that Great Bookham only receives a portion of the total amount available for distribution.

No. 2 (Browne's) This was founded by a Will of John Browne dated 11th July, 1625 by which a small payment yearly was charged upon a piece of land forming part of the Eastwick Estate. Eventually this land was sold and as redemption of the said yearly payment the purchasers agreed (with the concurrence of the Charity Commissioners) to purchase and transfer a certain amount of Consols, the yearly dividends on which are paid to the Trustees.

No. 3 (Frere Cottages) This was founded by Indenture dated the 10th June, 1890 and concerns only the two cottages and almshouses (the latter for occupation by four spinsters or widows) near the Leatherhead Road. These buildings were founded by Dr. Steadman, once so well-known in Great Bookham, whose family is still represented in the management, and they were named after the great Victorian Empire Statesman, Sir Bartle Frere, for whom Dr. Steadman had a great admiration. The Trustees in this particular case have to collect the rents of the cottages, pay the stipends to the almspeople and see that the buildings are kept in reasonably good condition.

No. 4 (Shiers) The origin of this was a Will of Sir George Shiers dated in or about 1689 dealing with estates in Hertfordshire, upon which this Charity was a rent charge. In 1875 the estates were sold and the said rent charge was converted into a purchase of Consols. The Parish Church possesses a most interesting book in connection with this Charity, it being a record of the distribution with some intermissions from the year 1691.

In turning over the pages one finds a hundred or even two hundred years ago names of present residents in Bookham. On one page appears the signature of Earl Effingham. The entries for the first forty years of money are peculiar in their form, for instance what to-day is £1 3 6 appears there as £01 03 06. In the year 1815 the following item of payment is recorded (the name being purposely omitted by the writer of this article) "Mr.—'s wife, his house being broke open £1."

A half sheet of paper found in the book appears to be a certificate of death in view of its wording, says "Elizabeth Nobes came to live Servant with Mr. John Jones, January 10, 1769 shopkeeper att Leatherhead in the 11th year of her age, lived Seven Years and Eight months. Signed John Jones, Jno. Aston, Jno. Lucas, Ann Jones, Jas. Bennett Surgeon."

Regarding records of charity being distributed, the writer has seen one, but not concerned with this particular Charity, which in the early part of this century mentioned that £1 had been distributed among 40 families, so that each family received 6d.

Previous to 1937 the Great Bookham Charities were administered by four sets of Trustees, numbering in all 13, but in December, 1936 the Charity Commissioners made an order by which the four Charities were put in the hands of one body of seven Trustees. This arrangement, amongst other advantages, prevents any possibility of overlapping in distribution.

So long as funds permit necessitous cases are assisted during the year and possibly a distribution at Xmas time takes place, but the latter always in the form of gifts in kind only.

It is not long since that no collaboration existed between the various distributing agencies and consequently a certain amount of overlapping took place. Efforts have been made the last two or three years to avoid this and the Charity Trustees now work together with the Social Service Bureau and other similar institutions, and last December was the most successful in this respect.—R.A.

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Fetcham's Story

A period of nearly 3,000 years is covered by the known history of Fetcham. Relics of Celtic and Anglo-Saxon times have been found in many places. On the summit of Hawks Hill, in the course of making up the road an Anglo-Saxon burial ground was uncovered. In 1900 a large number of skeletons were discovered in the hill, many spearheads were dug up, presumed to have been the remains of a company of Danes destroyed by the Saxons of Leodride (Leatherhead). Roman coins, bricks and pottery have also been found at the ford over the Mole. After the Saxons came the Normans.

The Domesday Book mentions three individual Manors of the name of Feicham, which were held by the King, Odo of Bayeux (the Bishop) and Oswald the Thegn. The whole estate was held in dower by the widowed queen of Edward the Confessor till her death in 1074 when it escheated to the Crown. At an early date two of these Manors were included in the estate of the D'Abernon family. In the 17th Century the Bishop's Manor was in possession of the Howards of Effingham. In 1801 Richard the last Earl of Effingham conveyed this Manor to James Laurell of Eastwick Park, Great Bookham. Later he in turn sold the property to the family of Hankey of Fetcham Park.

The King's Manor described in the Domesday Book was valued at 60/- per annum and included four mills worth 4/- each yearly.

The Manor held by Oswald (Canons Court) was valued at £4 yearly and a mill yielding 6/6 yearly. This mill stood at the head of Fetcham Lake. Part of this Manor were conveyed to the Convent of Austin Canons of Merton Abbey, of which we have a reminder to this day, in the Monk's field opposite Fetcham Park entrance.

At the corner of Fetcham Street stands a charming old house, built in the early days of Queen Elizabeth, known as the "Salt Box." This was the guest house of the Priors of Merton Abbey, and is now one of the antiquities of the County of Surrey. Close by is Ballans Hall, now much altered, the old home of many famous people of history and romance. Fetcham Park House was partly erected by one of the Vincent family (an offshoot of the D'Abernons) who sold it to Arthur Moore, Esq. M.P., a Commissioner of Trade and Plantations, also a Director of the South Sea Company, in the reign of Queen Anne. In 1718 he enlarged the property by taking in some of the Common fields enclosing and planting the Park with trees, of which many beautiful

examples still remain. In 1788 it was purchased by Mr. Thomas Hankey, and remained in the possession of his family until purchased by the Percy Harvey Estates Company. The house is now known as Badingham College. A large portion (32 acres) of the beautiful grounds of Fetcham Park is still retained with the house. The Cockfighting pit of Georgian days, a natural amphitheatre still remains in the grounds. In the centre of the Park lies that fabulous monster the "Ha Ha," just as keen to shock the trespasser as it was two centuries ago, but still more merciful than the man traps and spring guns set down by some of those gentle Fetcham squires in those so-called good old days. The "Ha Ha" is a moat about 10 feet wide and eight feet deep, built to the turf level to keep sheep and cattle in the grounds from reaching the mansion. The name is derived from the surprised ejaculation "Ha Ha, Whats this?" on suddenly meeting the obstruction. There is a tale of two Bishops wandering over the Park deep in argument, suddenly dropping into the moat half full of water, but the name they gave it has not been recorded.

Fetcham Church was built in the 12th century but many alterations have taken place. The tower was altered and rebuilt in the 17th and 18th centuries. In 1877 the South Aisle was pulled down and rebuilt. In 1877 the Chancel was restored, and a reredos erected.—ANON.

(To be continued.)

British Legion Surrey County Tattoo

A very ambitious programme has been organised by the Surrey County British Legion for a Torchlight Tattoo to be held at the Wimbledon Stadium on 28th & 29th June and 1st July in aid of Legion Charities.

The Tattoo commences at 9 p.m. and continues until 11.30 p.m. Prices range from 1/- Unreserved to 10/6 Reserved seats. From the 2,000 performers, only a few items can be mentioned here,—the Band of H.M. Irish Guards, a Physical Training Display by Boys from the Training Ship "Stork," Display by Recruits of the Brigade of Guards, Demonstration of modern infantry battle, a Pageant "The Citizen Soldier," and the Grand Finale the March of the Legion Torches.

Full information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary whose address can be found in the List of Local Organisations in the "Bookhams Bulletin."

British Legion

Effingham & The Bookhams Branch

The Annual Conference of the British Legion was held at Queen's Hall, London from 28th to 30th May, when about 800 delegates from all parts of the country were present including one from the local Branch. It should be made clear that these Conferences are held in order to define the policy of the Legion and to pass resolutions which benefit the ex-service community. Although the Legion have undertaken the responsibility of maintaining fair play for these ex-service men, those outside the ranks of the Legion are not aware of the immense amount of work that is done on their behalf, not only at these Conferences but also by local Branches throughout the year.

It should be a natural inclination for all ex-service men to join the ranks of the British Legion, to perpetuate the memory of their comrades in the Great War and to establish and maintain a spirit of comradeship in promoting peace and goodwill.

For a future attraction the Effingham and The Bookhams Branch of the British Legion will hold their Annual Fete on Saturday 8th July, in the field at the junction of Oreston Lane and High Street, Effingham. Mr. F. A. Bishop, the Branch Vice-Chairman, has again kindly undertaken the organisation, and with his Committee hope to surpass the success of previous years. Through these Annual Fetes, funds have been provided to meet the obligations in building the Legion Hall, and as an extension of the present premises is urgently needed, your support will go along way to relieve these requirements.

As a special feature this year a film will be taken, so you may have an opportunity of seeing yourself on the Silver Screen. Sports for Children and Adults will provide part of the programme besides the usual Fun of the Fair, so look out for posters and handbills and—come to the Fete.

The Surrey County British Legion are laying up the old County Standard at the Guildford Cathedral on July 23rd. It is hoped that as many Branch members as possible will attend. Further details will be circulated to members.

Let's see what's on!

REGULAR WEEKLY FIXTURES.

Sundays—

Brotherhood, 3 p.m., Congregational Hall.

Mondays—

Women's Thrift Club.

Coal and Clothing Club, 12 o'clock, School.

Women's Fellowship, 2.30, Church House.

Women's Meeting, 3 p.m., Congregational Church Parlour.

Women's Own, 3 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Girls' Life Brigade Cadets, 5.30 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Junior Club, 7 p.m., Church House.

Boys' Brigade, 7.15 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Girls' Friendly Society & Girls' Club, 7.30 p.m. Church House.

Bookham Choral Society, 8 p.m., Congregational Church.

Rovers, 8.15 p.m., Scout Hut.

Little Bookham Boys' Club, 7 to 9.30 p.m.

Girls' Club (14 years and over) Church House, 7.30 p.m. including Physical Training Classes.

Tuesdays—

Life Boys, 6 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Blue Birds, 6.30 p.m., Congregational Hall.

Camp Fire Girls, 7.30 p.m., Congregational Hall.

Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m., Church House.

Wednesdays—

Little Bookham Boys' Club, 7 to 9.30 p.m.

Thursdays—

Cubs, 5.30 p.m., Scout Hut.

Girls' Life Brigade, 6 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Scouts, 8 p.m., Scout Hut.

Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m., Church House.

Bookham Women's Constitutional Association

Monthly Meetings at the Barn Hall.

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Leatherhead Cottage Hospital Linen Guild, 10 to 12.30.

Fridays—

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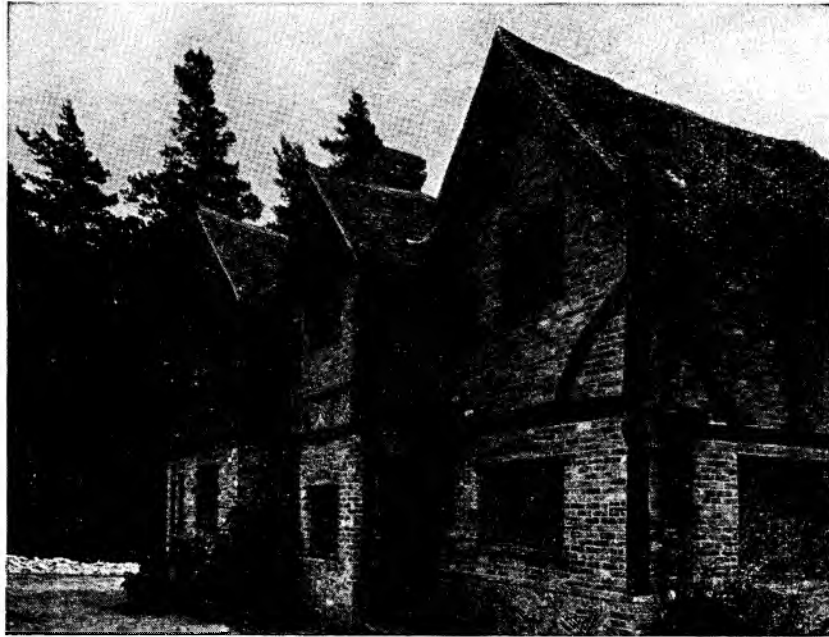


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