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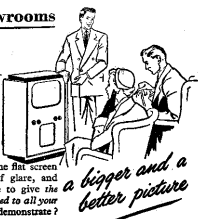
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# SHEERWATER PYLON

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No. 10

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## ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR SIR—

Sherlock Holmes was pretty good at making accurate deductions and giving them the air of the obvious, but it is not everyone who can follow in his footsteps, as is shown by the recently publicly-made assertion that, because two ladies living next door to each other in Sheerwater had had something of a clash, this obviously disclosed a rather unhappy state of affairs in the neighbourhood in which they lived. If such a conclusion were drawn as a result of every quarrel between neighbours, even the "nicest" parts of Woking could hardly escape.

This is surely not the way to encourage the great majority of a community to help solve the really important social problems of our time.

## KEEPING IT FINE

Most of the parents on this estate of ours, who strongly deplore the senseless acts of malicious damage carried out by a very small number of irresponsible youths, will wish to get together to stamp out these offences.

The amenities on and around the estate are for the benefit of all the residents and destruction of this nature is to the detriment of all. On another page you will see that those who have already heard about it are very anxious but afraid to act on their own.

Supt. W. H. Collis, of the Woking Police, is directing investigations into these matters, and he assures all who are willing to co-operate in assisting to prevent further damage being done that they will receive all necessary support from him.

Mr. Cyril H. Walker, Director of Housing at the London County Council, is also perturbed by the situation and hopes that residents will act together in impressing on the few their social responsibilities.

THIS IS A FINE ESTATE—LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.

SHEERWATER COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

NEXT

## MONTHLY MEETING

FRIDAY  
24th JULY

at 8 p.m.

in

St. MICHAEL'S HALL

Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. Clark,  
43, Bunyard Drive

### MEMBERSHIP.

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Mr. J. Martin, "Pylon" Editor.

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Mrs. Payne, 51, Lambourne Crescent.  
Mrs. Simmonds, 15, Blackmore Cres.  
Mrs. Hawkins, 17, Hanbury Path.  
Mr. Dewdney, 11, Bentham Avenue.  
Mr. Jackson, 44, St. Michael's Road.  
Mr. Cole, 120, Blackmore Crescent.  
Mr. Lewis, 71, Lambourne Crescent.  
Mr. Dunne, 18, Henslow Way.  
Mr. Levi, 5, Devonshire Avenue.  
Mr. Kelly, 232, Albert Drive.  
Mr. Clavey, 252, Albert Drive.  
Mr. Wells, 31, Albert Drive.  
Mr. O'Sullivan, 4, Wakehurst Path.  
Mr. Waterton, 31, Bentham Avenue.  
Mr. Clarke, 93, Albert Drive.  
Mr. Hart, 232, Albert Drive.

### Representatives:

Mr. Cooper, Gardening Association.  
Mr. Knowler, Sheerwater Lab. Party.

## REPORT OF ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST DEALT WITH AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18th, 1953

1. Further representations being made to the Medical Officer of Health regarding stagnant pools of water on the Estate.
2. Woking Youth Council have passed a unanimous resolution to support our petition for recreation ground.
3. Organisation being planned of the canal trip for children, kindly offered by the Basingstoke Canal Co., Ltd.
4. Representative to attend hearing by Licensing Authority of the Aldershot and District's application for an excursion feeder service from the estate.
5. Further complaints about dustbins to be made by residents involved, with the help of notices in the "Pylon."
6. Further strong letters being sent regarding lack of boundary fencing along the railway and about the problem of road traffic signs; also a letter to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and to the Committee on Road Safety.
7. Letter to L.C.C. regarding shortage of clothes lines for flats.
8. Enquiries to be made regarding problem of bicycle storage in flats.
9. Letter to Woking U.D.C. regarding Management Committee of Old People's Club.
10. Miss Monkhouse spoke on the progress and functions of the Workers' Educational Association and answered questions.
11. Reports of sub-committees and officers considered, and other business.
12. The meeting closed at 11.25 p.m.

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## WOMAN'S PAGE

**Day Nursery.**  
Mrs. McCarthy, of 18, Albert Drive, has suggested that it would be a good idea to try and get a children's day nursery organised on the estate. What a boon this would be to mothers who have to go to work! They are invited to send in their comments on the idea, with suggestions as to how it could best be carried out.

**Damage.**  
Housewives have been interviewed as to their views on the damage being done on the estate to fencing, trees, grass verges, gardens and unfinished flats. Their comments fall mainly into two categories.

Some did not know the extent of the damage or the severity of the problem. OTHERS SAID THAT THEY KNEW OF DAMAGE DONE LOCALLY AND WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, BUT THEY DID NOT WISH TO BE QUOTED ON THE SUBJECT BECAUSE THEY THEMSELVES MIGHT BECOME VICTIMS OF FURTHER ACTS OF VANDALISM.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

"I'm the King of the Castle," sang out Bobby triumphantly, as he successfully mastered a yet higher branch on the tall oak tree that the twins often climbed. As he heaved himself into an astride position, Tommy, a little lower down, looked up. "Hey," he said, "you'd better watch your step." Tommy was alongside now. "You're not used to climbing this tree like we are, Bob," and Tom could hear Tim agreeing wholeheartedly from somewhere below. Poor old Tim was having a spot of bother with an awkward branch, but soon he managed skilfully to reach them. "There," he said, joining the others, "that's that," and turning a wary eye on his cousin, he said solemnly, "This spot's confidential. You won't tell anyone about it, will you?" Bobby looked indignant. "Of course not, silly," and fumbling for his precious Ranger's badge he gave it a snacking kiss. "There," he said, "that's on my honour."

Tommy and Timmy were satisfied with their cousin's promise. "All right," said Tom, "that's good enough," and, doing an acrobatic cartwheel, he produced an excitingly bulgy bag. "Ooh, goody," breathed Tim and Bob. "Come along, open up and see what's cooking," they said. Tom did so and brought to light three bottles of pop, biscuits, sweets, and mum's home-made cakes. "Lovely, lovely," gleamed Bobby. "I adore your Ma's cookies; they're swell." This amused the twins, and soon all three were tucking in as fast as a jet. Their hide-out was a top-hole place for secret picnics and meetings, completely nannied in by green leaves. "I bet," announced Tim, suddenly, "Aunt Monica can't make cakes like these," holding up one for inspection. "I s'pose she can do other things," said Tom loyally. For at the moment poor Aunt Monica was a hated dragon to the three boys. Bobby's parents had decided to finish their holiday in England with her, because, as daddy tried to explain, she was his eldest sister and so merited a visit. The twins and Bobby were furious with the arrangement. "No children, no nothing, just an old lady," said Bobby rather rudely. The boys had to agree, though it was hard luck. "Coo, just when we

were enjoying Uncle Robert and Aunt Mary, too," whined the twins.

"I'm jolly well going on strike," said Bobby junior, still sitting up in the tree, and he thrust out a foot to place it on a branch. Also there were only leaves there. Poor Bobby let out a horrified shriek as he slipped. The twins, alert as usual, scrambled to the gap and, seeing Bobby clinging desperately to a jutting-out branch some feet below, Tim immediately took command. "You get to the ground quickly, Tom," he said, "and I'll help Bobby down—he's hurt." No sooner the words than the dead, down struggled Tim and, reaching his frightened little cousin, he grasped him securely and very carefully made his way down the knarled old oak—down, down, slowly, carefully, and Bobby, a dead weight by now, was safely placed into the open arms of Tommy, awaiting eagerly on the ground. Bobby, badly shaken and torn, stammered a "T-hank you," but Tom, stripping a clean hanky and bandaging wounds with expert skill, was too busy to hear. "We'll bandy-chair you home," said Tim, and, grasping each other's hands, the twins secured Bobby on to them, and away they set for home, once again a very bedraggled warrior-like trio.

Home at last. What would the mothers say, thought each lad when, to their surprise and relief, Daddy and Uncle Robert ran to meet them. "Men don't fuss little women," said Tim a little later, when three much cleaner and refreshed little boys sat down for tea. Admittedly poor Bobby had several plaisters stuck on, but was luckily none the worse for his fall. "Here's Mummy and Auntie coming," said Timmy proudly and felt quite happy about it. He knew Uncle Robert and Daddy were champions at explanations.

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## SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME

Let's suppose that you and I were suddenly transported to the middle of the Sahara desert, where it was reasonably flat, with time only to take a bundle of our belongings in one hand. Then we should have to set out to walk back to civilisation but, so we are told, the weight of our belongings would weigh us down on one side and we should find ourselves walking in circles. It would have to be in the desert, of course, because here there are signposts and traffic lights and policemen to keep us on the right road.

What a pity it is that when it comes to our behaviour we seem unable to do anything about this unfortunate tendency to stray off the high road. Even the nicest people sometimes do the most unexpected things. They let each other down and spoil their friendships and common activities, and we are today very conscious of the more dangerous signs—for example, juvenile delinquency and the increased number of unhappy marriages. It's as though we all had a heavy weight towing us off to one side or the other unless we are constantly struggling to keep our balance. It's of no use just to condemn those who fall. If we are honest with ourselves, we have an uneasy feeling that our own uprightness is not entirely of our own doing.

The Christian Faith, always practical and realistic, recognises that everyone is tempted in some directions to stray from the high road. We are all—all who are sane, grown-up folk—in a state of argument. "I want to do it, but I know that I ought not to do it."  
Of course, not everyone calls it by the technical name, Original Sin, as the Christian does, but we most of us know the condition in our own selves, and at times it makes us irritable and discontented, and particularly when we are in the state of knowing what we ought to do and wanting to do it, and yet of being unable to do it. We make good resolutions perhaps and they are soon broken again.

It is not enough, then, to know how we ought to behave. One after another the great teachers have told us that. What we need is to be helped to do it, and the unique position of Jesus Christ is that He came not just to teach men the right way to live but to give the en-

couragement and power they cannot do without: what Christians call Grace. After all, it is a poor kind of person who is just trying to keep out of trouble, afraid of doing wrong. Is that what folk mean when they say, "I'm just as good as those who go to Church"—that they aren't in the Police Court any more often than Churchgoers? We ought to be wanting and trying to make the most of our lives, to enjoy them to the full, because that is really the high road to heaven, and only the Grace of God can set us free from our burden and our tears and bring us there.  
R. E. FALKNER.

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**CANAL TRIP.**

The Council of the Community Association has formed a sub-committee to organise excursion trips for the school children on the estate on three consecutive days during the first week of the school holidays. They will start from Sheerwater Lock and travel about four miles along the canal to St. John's Meadows, where refreshments will be available. Many thanks are due to the Basingstoke Canal Co., Ltd., for making this grand offer.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**  
BRICKBAT.

Dear Sir,  
I have just purchased the June copy of the "Pylon" and find on page 3 that the Community Council Members' list gives Mrs. Payne's address as below. I would point out that she left this house on Friday, April 10th, this year, and we have been here ever since. I take great exception to this inaccuracy and demand an apology published in the next edition of "Pylon."  
As an Editor, it is your responsibility to make sure that facts are correct before publication.

Yours faithfully,  
MR. H. F. WILLIAMSON.  
14, Bateson Way.

*Apology is now made for the great inconvenience which must have been caused. The Editor was not informed of this change, as Mrs. Payne has been unavoidably absent from our Council meetings for the past 3 months, and it would indeed be difficult for the Editor to verify personally the current address of everyone on the Estate.*

**LADIES' CHOIR.**

Dear Sir,  
The Ladies' Choir are preparing a group of concerts to be given in the St. Michael's Hall during the winter months, the first to be held in October. We shall keep to our usual style of songs—some modern, some from light opera, a few from grand opera, as well as special favourites. We hope to present a special guest artiste at each concert, either to play or to sing.

New members will be welcome, either soprano or contralto, and we propose to ask for a small subscription for the year, starting from September, but any wishing to be with us for our October concert will be very welcome to join us now. They are invited to come on Monday evenings to the address below, the sessions being from 8 until 10 p.m.

Yours faithfully,  
K. L. DEWDNEY.  
11, Bentham Avenue.

The 5s. prize will be added to next month's prize, making 10s. to be given for the best letter received before July 22nd.

**BOUQUET.**

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of the parents of the children from our block of flats, who had such a grand time at Saturday's party, I would like to say a very sincere "Thank you." After their previous disappointment, it was grand to see them come away from a really good afternoon's fun, tired but happy.

For this we realise it was your very prompt action and the kind co-operation of Mr. Jackson that made the whole thing possible, and made us as parents feel that, apart from being in Sheerwater, we are also part of it.

So thanks again to you and all the others who made us feel at home.

Yours very sincerely,  
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The formation of a W.E.A. branch on this estate is being considered, and those interested should send in details, so that classes may be organised during the coming autumn.

**BOY SCOUT GROUP.**

A meeting will be held at the Sheerwater Primary School on Friday, July 17th, at 8 p.m., to be addressed by the Scout Field Commissioner for Surrey. It is hoped to form a Group committee and start a Sheerwater Scout Group. Cubs and Scouts, and all parents and others interested, are earnestly invited to attend. Convener: H. T. Dewdney, R.S.L.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Council of the Community Association has formed a sub-committee to organise all social activities on the estate, as a result of the dissolution of the Social Activity Organisers as a separate Group. The composition of the committee remains unaltered.

You are cordially invited to join in the following attractions:—

Friday, July 10th. Solo Drive. Prizes.  
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**DUSTBINS.**

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Mr. A. G. Davies, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, has been most helpful in the past and is always willing to look into these matters. He points out, however, that it would help if residents would ensure that no wet material is deposited in the bins unless suitably wrapped in old newspaper, thus facilitating complete emptying on collection day.

**SEEKING TALENT.**

A Variety Show has been organised for charity concerts in and around Sheerwater, but more child artistes are needed, aged 5 to 15 years.

Parents who have a child, or know of one, with any of the following talents, are asked to write for an audition to Beatrice Weighill, 287, Albert Drive:—Singing, dancing, playing piano or other musical instrument, dramatics, comedian, etc.

**FOURSUME.**

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**"I WONDER."**

Conditions were too perfect, with brilliant sunshine, tempered by a nice cooling breeze. In other words, the ideal day for a spot of digging in the virgin soil of my new garden. Did I say virgin? My ideals were shattered by the stubborn battle made by that garden to defend its honour against the advances of fork, pick and spade and brute strength. The fork was poised and then plunged into the first corner of the ground with the freshness of the newly enthusiastic gardener. It bounced back with ferocity, and I muttered imprecations about my aching wrist as round one went in favour of the garden.

From the moment of this vicious counter-attack it was obvious that it could not be a battle of tactics, but a brutal slogging match with no quarter asked or given. Needless to say, the struggle was long and very bitter (at least a couple of pints each time I dug), but I triumphed in the end, not over the virgin soil, but over the stout defences—man made—which surrounded it.

All this means that underneath the concrete beds, and the hardcore surface which should have been under the said concrete beds, and the layers of breeze slabs, broken tiles, empty cement bags, etc., I found soil.

Alas! it is virgin no more, but has, perforce, yielded the mass of foreign bodies which the invaders left behind. However, I still refuse to believe the theory advanced, that the builders lost track of the hardcore bed and put the concrete floor somewhere near, and that they then lost the floor also and built the flats somewhere near that. Nor do I believe that the concrete posts around our garden will grow, just because the soil is fertilised with concrete.

Yet, after the experience of digging it up, I cannot help but wonder!

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**SHEERWATER CONSERVATIVE BRANCH.**

A General Meeting of all members of the Conservative Party on the Estate was held on June 30th at the Woodham Church Hall to establish a Conservative Branch for Sheerwater.

The following officers were elected—

Chairman: Mr. W. Langdon, 2, Lambourne Crescent.

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Carden, 211, Albert Drive; Mrs. H. Harris, 187, Devonshire Avenue.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. Royal, 14, Albert Drive.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. Jones, 224, Albert Drive.

The committee consists of up to 20 members (in addition to officers), with powers to co-opt, and will meet within a few days.

The opening remarks were made by Sir Eric Conna-Smith, and an apology for absence was received from Mr. H. Watkinson, M.P. for Woking. There followed a Variety Show of Mirth, Melody and Music, composed by Arthur Crane.

**SHEERWATER LABOUR PARTY.**

The monthly meeting of the Sheerwater Labour Party will be held at 39, Lambourne Crescent, Sheerwater, on July 20th, at 8 p.m.

It is important that members make a special effort to get to this meeting. In attendance will be Councillor Davey, Councillor Young, Mr. F. Amies and Mr. V. Taylor, Secretary of the Woking Labour Party.

Voting by membership card will determine the names to be forwarded for the panel of candidates for local elections.

**Women's Section.**

Chairman: Mrs. Lewis, 36, Blackmore Crescent.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Nunn, 57, Blackmore Crescent.

The following events have been arranged. Please come along and bring the children with you; they are well looked after. Refreshments are available and prizes are given every week.

We still need members to come forward and help make the Autumn Fair a success by providing articles of any description. Please do your utmost to attend our weekly meetings. Thank you.

July 7. Business, Financial and Delegates' Reports, etc.

.. 14. Knitting and Sewing for Autumn Fair, and a discussion on "Challenge to Britain," the Labour Party's policy statement.

.. 21. Speaker: Mrs. Elliott, from Chertsey Labour Party, on her activities as a Labour Agent.

.. 28. Whist Drive. Admission 1s. Three prizes to be won.

Aug. 4. Business, Financial and Delegates' Reports, etc.

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Wed. .. 15	Bognor .. 7/6	Sun. .. 9	Littlehampton .. 7/6
Sun. .. 19	Eastbourne .. 9/6	Wed. .. 12	Whipsnade .. 7/6
Sun. .. 19	Windsor (Ex. tour) 3/6	Sun. .. 16	Eastbourne .. 9/6
Wed. .. 22	Brighton .. 7/-	Wed. .. 19	Brighton .. 7/-
Sun. .. 26	Portsmouth .. 7/-	Sun. .. 19	Bognor .. 7/6
Sun. .. 26	Whipsnade .. 7/6	Sun. .. 23	Littlehampton .. 7/6
Wed. .. 29	Littlehampton .. 7/6	Wed. .. 26	Brighton .. 7/-
Wed. .. 29	Bognor .. 7/6	Sun. .. 30	Brighton .. 7/-
Sun. Aug. 2	Brighton .. 7/-	Sun. .. 30	Worthing .. 7/-
Sun. .. 2	Worthing .. 7/-		

Children: Half Adult Fare to nearest 3d. above  
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Picking up time: 9.5 a.m. (except Windsor Tour)  
Agents: MAYBURY: Mr. Grinstead, 154, Maybury Road, Woking  
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WEST BYFLEET: Honore Marshall and Son, Ltd., Newsagents, Claremont Road and Station Approach  
NEW HAW: Woodham Electric, 290, Woodham Lane, New Haw.  
OTTERSASHAW: W. S. Hunt's Coaches, Ltd.

**GARDENING ASSOCIATION NOTES**

**Lime.**  
We regret to announce that the Government subsidy on lime has now been removed, and the Association has had to increase the price to 2s. per 84lb. bag. However, this is still approximately half the normal retail price and offers great advantage to members.

**Tomatoes.**  
Fison's Tomorite fertiliser is now on sale at the hut at 6d. per lb., a most economical price for this popular brand. Stimulawn Fertiliser.

Members who have used this report very successful results within ten days of actual dressing. The price is 4d. per lb., and it should be applied at approximately 14oz. per square yard.

**Subscriptions.**  
Members are reminded that subscriptions can be paid at the hut at the following times:—  
Sunday: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Thursday: 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

**Membership Cards.**  
Please note that Gardening Association Membership Cards should be produced at all times when making purchases at the hut. No person will be supplied with goods who is not in possession of such card or equivalent receipt.

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