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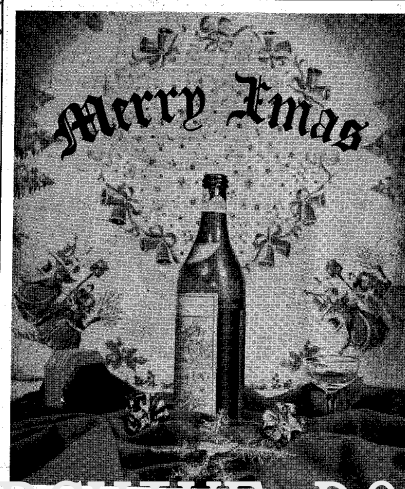
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The Chairman Writes

National Community Week.

An encouraging start was made in the planning for our week (May 7th to May 15th, 1960) at the meeting held on Tuesday, November 10th, at which representatives from the following attended: Community Association, Old Time Dancing Club, Football Club, Cricket Club, Youth Athletic Committee, and Old People's Club. Many ideas were discussed, and representatives went away to report to their various committees, and then get together at a further meeting to be held at 71, Lambourne Crescent, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, December 8th. Individual invitations are being sent out, but we haven't a complete list of addresses. If you or your organisation should get overlooked, please accept this as my personal invitation to come along and take part in the discussions. Remember, this week is being planned as an all-embracing effort, covering all organisations and activities catering for no matter what age group. A co-ordinated effort like this, on a national basis, can work wonders in focusing attention on the various groups, attracting members and in fund-raising. **JOIN IN NOW!**

Youth Athletics, 1960.

The handful of stalwarts, who have worked like Trojans over the past years to make this annual event such a success, are afraid that they will not be able to find as much time for their behind-the-scenes staff work as in previous years. I am sure that no one would like to see this grand effort grind to a standstill because of lack of support (which is guaranteed) but of help. Bill Welsh, of 90, Devonshire Avenue, would be glad to hear from any volunteers.

School Articles.

Much favourable comment has been received on reports from the schools which have been introduced recently. In this issue we feature Broadnurs Infants' School, Woodlands C.P. is next in line, and our Mr. J. Lewis Smith (Jack to his friends) will, subject to the necessary permission being obtained from the head, visit Broadnurs C.P. early in the New Year.

Greetings.

The Editor and staff of the "Pylon," in presenting this bumper 28-page issue, wish all readers the compliments of the season. A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SHEERWATER CRICKET CLUB
will be held at the COMMUNITY CENTRE
on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1960, at 8 p.m.

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With the Infants at Broadmere School

HAVING obtained permission from Mrs. J. Hollingdale, the Headmistress, I went to Sheerwater's Broadmere Infants' School. My visit lasted five hours. During that time I was both fascinated and amazed. It was one of the most enjoyable days of my life.

I arrived at nine o'clock and was received by the duty-mistress. At her request I accompanied her to the playground. There I saw about a hundred and fifty children, whose ages ranged from five to seven years, exhibiting every sign of jubilant animation.

"How long will it take to quieten these vociferous youngsters?" I asked. She smiled. Then blew a short sharp blast on her whistle. The effect was instantaneous. Each child stood motionless, not a movement discernible. Then with more orderliness than ever I saw in my school days, the children trooped into the Assembly Hall, girls entering first.

They lined-up informally, boy and girl, boy and boy, girl and girl, as they willed, and stood still. At a word from the platform, they sat themselves cross-legged and at ease upon small square mats.

The school day had begun. It commenced with a short service of prayer, followed by the singing of the school hymn, the rendering of which is worthy of special mention. Prayers are finished and there is silence.

The mistress taking the service raised her hand, the pianist struck a chord, and as the hand dropped those children's voices rose in a crescendo that literally "raised the roof." The warmth, vigour and even passion those youngsters put into the singing of that school hymn alone made by visit worth while. The singing ended. There was

silence. A slight pause, a nod from the teacher, and those children marched happily away to their respective classrooms.

Incidentally, if there was silence during prayers, there most certainly was none during the rest of my visit.

At 3.30 p.m. I said "Thank you" to Mrs. Hollingdale and her charming and capable staff, for allowing me the freedom of their school.

Everything, not only what I saw but the way it was done, gave pleasure.

No longer is school a rigid institution wherein children are grounded in the three R's alone. Readers must not imagine, however, that these subjects are in any way neglected.

They are taught by the modern play-way method which allows children to attain the same skill as before, only they acquire it through activity. Nowadays the teacher acts as friend and steers the child along the paths most beneficial to its own needs.

It is not possible within the space at my command to mention more than one or two things at random.

Arithmetic, for instance, is learned through practical experience. I was interested in the Cuisenaire Number apparatus, used in the school as an aid to the children's understanding of numbers. This comprises a series of wooden blocks, each of a different length and colour, graded from one to ten.

At the beginning the youngest children merely use them as bricks to build with. They acquire knowledge of their meaning as they progress from room to room.

Children in the top class demonstrated to me how they could add and subtract by means of these coloured blocks, and, speaking

truthfully, they did it quicker than I could have done on paper.

"BROADMERE BEACON"

Certainly I did not expect to find seven-year-old children producing their own newspaper. Yet they do just that, and do it very well. Naturally it contains only matter concerning themselves. The more advanced scholars act as reporters, going from class to class interviewing teachers and obtaining "copy."

Their mistress acts as editor, types and prints on a Romeo machine the finished article. A reasoned explanation is given to every child who submits matter and has it rejected. "Does this offend children?" I asked. "Quite the contrary," I was told. "It makes them more keen."

Each child takes home a copy. For those who might be sceptical, may I mention that during the recent printing strike I saw several improvised sheets sold as newspapers that were not equal to the "Broadmere Beacon."

BRIDGING THE GAP

My first introduction was to Class 5. This is the Reception Class to which all new entrants to the school come and stay for one term. Here every child is gainfully employed, but unlike the old days of rigid discipline, by doing something he or she wants to do.

This is the class that bridges the gap between home and school, and wonderfully well they do it. The room in no way represents a classroom. On the right, as I entered, is an aviary built by removing the doors from a small cupboard. It contained two Australian parakeets, known to most people in this country as budgerigars.

Opposite, and occupying the left-hand corner of the room, was a "Wendy House," complete with entrance door. This has a knocker and letter-box. It is furnished, in

miniature, of course, as near as possible to the ordinary household kitchen. Any child entering school for the first time can, on entering the "house," and seeing familiar objects, imagine himself back home.

Each classroom, except the top, has a "Wendy House." In one, I saw a boy, towel across his knees, bathing the baby (a large doll). "You believe in training the male of the species in the ways of domestic management," I said to teacher. With a smile she replied, "Why not." Well! And who am I to disagree.

Every child throughout the school is encouraged to express himself either by writing or by painting. Every facility for this is available. Naturally enough, for remember we are dealing with very small children; their efforts might need explaining to a mere adult, but I tried to see not what was actually there, but what the children meant to imply. A dash of green paint probably meant to the child who did it a green meadow, or perhaps his remembrance of the sea.

The top class, in place of a "Wendy House," have a shop and a puppet theatre. In this class they do their school lessons by practical methods. For money they use cardboard discs pictured with the requisite photograph of the coin it represents. At mid-morning break each child purchases his or her bottle of milk, giving, for example, 2s. 6d., and receiving change. The particular amount tendered depends upon the child's ability. The more advanced change 10s., while the rest vary between 2s. 6d. and that amount.

The "shop" at other times becomes a "post office." Everything is there, telephones, pillar-box, stamps, and so on.

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P.T.A. TO CONTINUE

THE Sheerwater Schools' Parent-Teacher Association at an Extraordinary General Meeting decided the Association should continue.

The probable cause of so much apathy among parents was suggested by one speaker as being due to the fact that Sheerwater Schools were so modern that they have nothing to fight for.

Since the Association was formed in 1955 support has been so lacking that, at the last annual meeting, so few parents attended that no new committee could be elected.

Mrs. J. Hollingdale, headmistress, Broadmere Infants' School, and retiring chairman, opened her address by stating that this meeting had been called to finally assess whether or not the Association could continue. Over 2,000 parents were entitled to attend, but a total of 50 or so was considered good attendance. She told the meeting that, due to the Association's instability among other things, the plan for a Sheerwater Schools' swimming pool had had to be pigeon-holed. Contributory factors were the high cost (now estimated at £1,500 instead of the original £800) and the severe requirements of the local authority. Filtration and sterilisation plant has to be provided, also adequate changing accommodation.

Mr. G. Hawke, Headmaster, Broadmere C.P. School, stating the teachers' point of view, described the situation as "a minor crisis." Education as such, he said, does not end in school, and that is a basic point for parents to remember.

Mr. N. Lowe, Parent Committee member, described the Association as a useful link between parent and staff.

Mrs. Hodgson, who is both parent and teacher, expressed the opinion that people were only interested in

their own children's progress and not in the type of meetings the Association held.

After much further discussion, during which several votes were taken, it was finally decided to disband the committee and re-form it as proposed by Mr. Diamond.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, however, there was only time to elect an emergency committee of three. It was decided, however, to reopen the swimming pool project so that the target should be the opening of the pool in two years.

Mr. J. W. Batchelor represents the teachers and Messrs. R. E. MacKenzie and N. Lowe the parents. (The above is a summary of the Parent-Teacher Association meeting held on November 13th last.)

J. L. S.

A draft set of rules (summarised below) will be presented at another meeting to be held on Dec. 4th.

Sheerwater Schools' Parent-Teacher Association RULES

1. The name of the Association be as above.
2. Membership shall be open to all parents or guardians of pupils attending the schools, and to teaching staff. The annual subscription shall be 1s. per family.
3. Aims. (a) To promote close co-operation between home and school. (b) To encourage education in the neighbourhood.
4. Funds accruing from the activities of the Association be devoted solely to furthering the interests of the Association and the schools.
5. The Headmaster of one of the schools shall be President.
6. Officers and Committee of the Association be elected at the Annual General Meeting. These

shall consist of the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Committee of ten, of whom four shall be members of the teaching staff. The committee shall elect its own chairman.

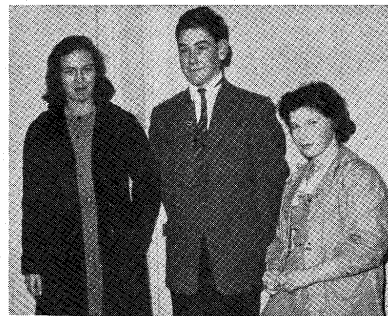
(Note.—this would give a Committee of 12 persons—8 parents and four teachers.)

7. Annual General Meetings shall be held in October.
8. No members of the Association shall incur any expense in the name of the Association without the consent of the Committee.
9. Matters not provided for in these rules, as well as any disputes, shall be dealt with by the Committee. In the event of their

decision not being accepted, an appeal to the A.G.M. or to an Extraordinary General Meeting may be made. A meeting may be called at any time at the request of 12 or more members. At least 7 days' notice must be given prior to such a meeting. Any dispute arising as to the interpretation of any rule, the Committee's decision will be binding.

10. Alteration of rules shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting. Proposals for alterations of rules shall be submitted in writing 14 days prior to the A.G.M.
11. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually

FOOTBALL CLUB SOCIAL



(Courtesy "Dobson News & Mail" Photo: A. G. Scott) The first three in the recent Poster Competition organised by the Highways Committee of Woking Council. From left to right: Brenda Goodchild (Sheerwater C.S.S. 2nd), Peter Osborne (Kingfield C.S.S. 1st) and Pauline Lindsay (Sheerwater C.S.S. 3rd).

Mobile Library Service for Sheerwater

SHEERWATER residents are to have an extension to their Library service by the addition of a Mobile Library Van. Further details will be announced shortly and the service inaugurated early in the new year.

Councillor C. J. Smith informs the "Pylon" that the new mobile service will be available once a week, probably each Tuesday evening, from 5.45 until 7.30.

The actual stopping place for the vehicle has not yet been decided upon but will most likely be near the shops in Dartmouth Avenue, this being the most central part of the Estate.

The present library arrangements will remain as usual, and the branch at the Community Centre will be open for the borrowing and exchange of books as heretofore.

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 Thursdays 6.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.
 Fridays 6.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.

The Old People's Club and School Libraries also remain unaffected.

The Community Association branch of the Surrey County Library opened in February, 1954, with approximately 500 books. After two years this was increased to 1,000. The ratio is approximately three-quarters fiction, the rest non-fiction. A complete change of all books is made every four months.

Non-fiction, although limited to some 200 volumes, includes many first-class biographies as well as books on travel and handicrafts.

Special requests for books of non-fiction are dealt with in a comparatively short time, but special requests for books of fiction can only be complied with at each four monthly exchange period.

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Staffing of the Community Association branch of the County Library has, over the past years, been done on a voluntary basis, and many ladies who have given their services have earned the gratitude of all residents.

Mrs. J. McDermott, wife of the chairman, was recently appointed Librarian of our branch at the Centre. The appointment is on a part-time basis and carries a honorarium. Miss B. Somes continues as her assistant but in an honorary capacity.

May I remind our readers that the Woking branch of the County Library possesses a really good Reference Department. Here, apart from many hundreds of reference books, there is a staff, willing and happy to guide would-be searchers into the requisite channel of information required.

Here also can be seen daily copies of all national newspapers as well as many monthly and weekly magazines and periodicals.

The branch Librarian, Mr. G. R. Wells, A.L.A., and his deputy, Mr. S. Green, F.L.A., are in attendance and willing to answer any questions concerning Library matters.

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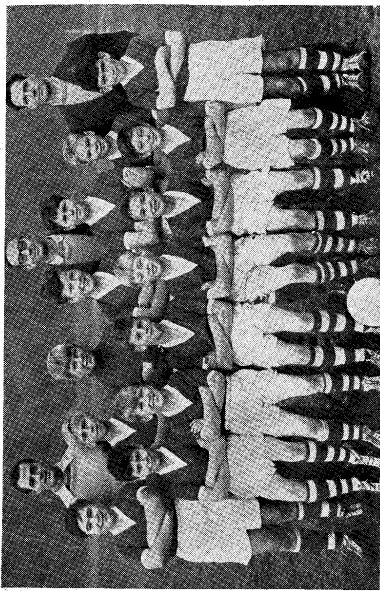
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ST. MICHAEL'S BOYS' CLUB FOOTBALLERS



Courtesy "Woking News & Mail"
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A PROUD RECORD

ST. MICHAEL'S Boys' Club have a set of youngsters in their football team who, with the help of their organisers, have overcome innumerable difficulties in their zest for the game.

The club was formed soon after the estate was opened, and has a magnificent record of the boys who played in the club's first match. One is now a professional with Chelsea, two play for Westfield Youths and two more are prominent with the Bedser youth team. Eight of their number have represented Woking Schools over the last three seasons. The present side, seen in our photo proudly displaying their first complete set of new kit, have this season

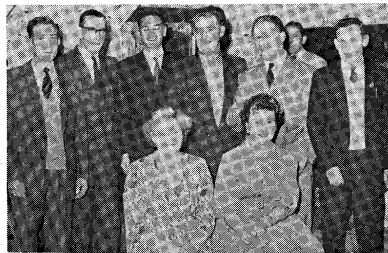
played nine games against other Sheerwater junior sides and won eight of them.

The organisers of all these clubs have now got together, and an annual competition is planned for the New Year to give the boys more incentive, and the Sheerwater Community Association have kindly donated a cup.

Working Council are considering a request for a pitch on the Recreation Ground, and the clubs themselves are going ahead with corner posts and flags, etc.

There can be few clubs in the district who are more deserving of better facilities.

ROAD SAFETY AWARDS



(Courtesy "Woking News & Mail" Photo: A. E. Scott)
 Pictured in a happy group are (from left to right): Mr. J. French (Chairman), Mr. S. C. B. West (Treasurer), Mr. K. May (Secretary), Messrs. J. A. T. McDermott and L. W. Cheeseman (Vice Presidents), and Mr. T. Coleman (Equipment Officer). Seated are Mrs. May and Mrs. French, of the Committee.

SHEERWATER BROWNIES

Sheerwater Brownies are in need of a Pack Leader. Anyone willing to assist in this capacity should contact Mrs. Kingett, 17, Dartmouth

Green. The pack is also short of skipping ropes. Lengths of rope to make them should be sent to Mrs. Kingett.

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ROAD SAFETY AWARDS

PRIZES in the Woking Council's Highways Committee's Poster Competition were distributed by the Chairman, Mr. Stanley G. Higgins, on November 3rd last.

Sheerwater County Secondary School pupils achieved a signal success in this competition. Brenda Goodchild's entry was awarded the second prize of £2 2s., and Paula Lindsay won the third prize of £1 1s. Second and third out of an entry of 500 from the whole of Woking is remarkable enough, but Sheerwater wasn't finished there. Out of ten consolation prizes, three came to the estate with successful entries being submitted by P. Franks, J. Josey and D. Chamberlain.

Great credit is due to these youngsters for their magnificent showing, and also to their art master, Mr. R. F. Copping, of the Secondary School.

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SHEERWATER CENTRE FOOTBALL CLUB

CLUB NOTES.

DUTIES OF Treasurer are being taken over by Stan West. Former Treasurer Bill Hilleard found that his Fleet Street work was taking more of his time, and that he was unable to devote the time required towards the financial duties of the club. Bill will remain as the club's representative to attend C.A. meetings.

Who is Sheerwater's most versatile footballer? Well my choice is Mike Boot, outside-left, centre-forward, centre-half and most recently right-back. Only two weeks ago our Reserve side found themselves short of a goalkeeper. A player unfamiliar with this position came forward to offer his services—which were accepted. Who was he? Yes, Michael Booth! Well done, Mike; you are a credit to the club, not only as a player, but also for the earnest way you have indulged in your duties as assistant treasurer. The subs are coming in at long last.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SHEERWATER CENTRE FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC CLUB

Not many people are aware of some of the minor difficulties faced by referees. I am indebted to the "Football Referee" for the following points, which appeared in a 1956 issue, which spotlights "Shoulder Arms".

"Most referees will have experienced the difficulty arising when a player kicks, controls, directs or propels the ball by shoulder movement. Did he use his arm or chest, or achieve his aim by a combined movement of his anatomy; was it 'hands' or was it not? Whatever the decision of the referee, doubt will usually be expressed by players on one side or the other. In modern

fashion the referee may convey his opinion to those interested by vigorous physical effort. He may smack his other arm to indicate it really was hands. Or he may lay one hand across his chest to declare the action of the player permissible. (When he does this he usually assumes such a posture, and takes on such a look of righteous indignation that to the imaginative spectator he only needs a blood-stained rag about his forehead to bring back memories of the pictures of the gallant officer making a last stand against hordes of assegai flinging 'Impis'). The troubles of the referee will not decrease if the plans of a certain club (who shall remain nameless, although when on the goal trail they are usually described as 'ravenous') who spent last winter searching to the bottom of libraries and records trying to find whether a manual had been published on his particular skill. They thought, and still think, there are considerable possibilities and that practised development of a shoulder movement might provide fresh scope for the discomfort of opponents both at home and abroad. At first sight there may seem little in this prospect, but to-day when topnotchers approach parity it is the little things, rightly used, that may mean the difference between a draw and a win."

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MATCH REPORTS.

SHEERWATER (0) 1—HEATHFIELD (0) 0
(League Division 31A)

Sheerwater—five league matches without a point—that is until they met Heathfield—quickly subjected their opponents to a great deal of pressure.

It took the home side 80 minutes before centre-forward Roy Brown was able to beat Heathfield's brilliant goalkeeper, Johnny Forster. Not surprisingly, Forster played for Walton and Hershman last season. Stevens, Kelly and Brown all went near to scoring, but the ever alert Forster took care of their opportunities, even to the extent of saving a penalty from Jim Kelly.

SHEERWATER (3) 4—ASH VALE (2) 4
(Surrey Lower Junior Cup)

Sheerwater set a rare pace, scoring within three minutes through Roy Brown. Nevertheless, Fuller scored for the visitors within minutes. In the 22nd and 23rd minutes, Don Stevens added a further two goals to give Sheerwater the impressive lead of 3-1.

A minute from the interval, Stanley beat Wedge with a dazzling run, which ended in him scoring the best goal of the match.

Obviously inspired, Ash Vale continued their territorial advantage. After 65 minutes, Fletcher broke away to equalise.

Now came extra time. After only two minutes, Roy Brown put Sheerwater in the lead, but just before the final whistle, Derek Dell saved Ash Vale by scoring direct from a corner.

The main feature of the match was the undoubted strength of the Sheerwater half-back line. Johnny French, making a welcome reappearance after injury, played a superb game. Colman continues to improve

every game, whilst young Taylor is beginning to appreciate the requirements of positional play.

ASH VALE (1) 2—SHEERWATER (4) 7
(Surrey Lower Junior Cup—3rd round—replay)

Sheerwater, improving every match, had very little difficulty in overcoming Ash Vale on their own ground. True, Sheerwater should have easily reached double figures, but their methodical play reduced the normally efficient home defence into befuddled paths.

Within two minutes, Brian Payne, playing his first game on the right wing, swung a glorious cross pass to Don Stevens, who netted easily. Two minutes later, Payne gave a repeat performance for Roy Brown to baffle the net.

Using all their footballing resources, Sheerwater piled into the attack, with Kelly playing a leading part.

Further goals were added by Brown in the 26th and 47th minutes, Brian Payne in the 13th minute, French in the 52nd minute, and Herbert Taylor in the 87th minute.

For Ash Vale, Jackson scored in the 22nd minute and Howarth in the 50th minute.

In particular, Jackson's goal was a shock. It resulted from a penalty awarded after a doubtful handling offence. Derek Dell's kick hit the post. It rebounded to Jackson, who hit it home. Referee J. Whicker awarded a goal, although the ball did not touch a Sheerwater player.

Apart from this, Mr. Whicker's handling of the game deserves the highest praise.

GOAL SCORERS (1st Team)
Roy Brown 13, Don Stevens 6, Jim Kelly 3, Brian Payne 2, Jim Emmerson 1, Derek Bloom 1, Tom Colman 1, Johnny French 1, Herbert Taylor, jun., 1.

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FOOTBALL SOCIAL

The Sheerwater Centre Football Committee held their second monthly social on Wednesday, October 28th last.

There was a full attendance and music was supplied by Fred Hailstone and his boys.

L. W. Cheeseman was there, and the youngsters were well catered for. A word of thanks is due to members' wives for wonderful help.

The club records its gratitude for the kind assistance given by Mr. and Mrs. Groom, of Sheerwater Fisheries.

SHEERWATER CENTRE F.C.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS
(WOKING & DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIV. IIA)

DATE	OPPONENTS	GROUND	FOR	AGAINST
Sat., Aug. 29.	Research Institute	Away	0	2
Sat., Sept. 5.	Maybury Old Boys	Home	2	5
Sat., Sept. 12.	West End	Away	2	6
Sat., Sept. 19.	Knaphill Rangers	Home	1	3
Sat., Oct. 3.	Pyrford	Home	3	5
(Woking Charity Cup)				
Sat., Oct. 17.	Ottershaw	Home	2	5
Sat., Oct. 24.	Ripley	Away	5	1
(Surrey Lower Junior Cup)				
Oct. 31.	Heathfield	Home	1	0
(Surrey Lower Junior Cup)	Ash Vale	Home	4	4
Sat., Nov. 14.	Ash Vale	Away	7	2
(Surrey Lower Junior Cup—Replay)				
Sat., Nov. 28.	N. Farnborough	Away	2	1
(Orphanage Cup)				
Sat., Dec. 5.	Woking Rangers	Away		
Sat., Dec. 12.	Research Institute	Home		
Sat., Dec. 19.	Pyrford	Away		

RESERVE TEAM RESULTS

(WOKING & DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIV. II WEST)

DATE	OPPONENTS	GROUND	FOR	AGAINST
Sat., Sept. 12.	Worplesdon	Home	0	15
Sat., Sept. 19.	Lightwater	Away	0	15
Sat., Sept. 26.	Knaphill	Home	1	1
Sat., Oct. 3.	St. John's Res.	Away	0	7
Sat., Oct. 17.	North Farnborough	Away	3	6
Sat., Oct. 24.	St. John's Res.	Home	1	5
Sat., Oct. 31.	Horsell	Away	2	15
Sat., Nov. 14.	West End	Home	3	2
Sat., Nov. 21.	Knaphill	Away	1	3
Sat., Nov. 28.	Pirbright Sports	Home	2	4
(Orphanage Cup)				
Sat., Dec. 5.	Gresham Press	Away		
Sat., Dec. 19.	Northway O.B.	Away		

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 Yours sincerely,
 J. BROCKHOUSE.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM A FOUNDER MEMBER
 The Manor House,
 Galmington Road,
 Taunton.

Dear Sir,
 May I, through the "Pylon," send to all my old friends at Sheerwater, and especially the Community Association, our very best wishes from my wife and myself for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

To the three schools, hearty congratulations on their successful year, also to the C.A. on its continuous success in launching new ventures—cricket, football, etc.—and especially the continued publication of the "Pylon," which keeps absent friends in monthly touch with all activities.

All my old friends of the Old People's Club are still very dear to me, and I trust all are keeping as well as age permits.

Personally, I have joined The League of Friends of Taunton Hospitals, and now each Wednesday visit the Old People's Hospital, where many have been for years, and a happy time it is, chatting and laughing and, I trust, bringing a little cheer to many who have few to visit them. My visits to Thursday Whist Drives are sometimes successful, the last a rite.

Does the Guild of Old Scouts branch

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still function? Here we have a membership of 200, a very lively branch, and I have now been elected on to the committee. To all Scout Groups of Sheerwater, good Scouting.

Yours very sincerely,
 HAROLD T. DEWDNEY.

GREETINGS

Dear Sir,
 I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your staff of the "Pylon" and all the thousands of friends in Sheerwater and Woodham a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours, etc.,
 COUNCILLOR E. J. SMITH

BROADMERE SCHOOL— continued from page 5—

As I crossed from the school to my home, escorted by half a dozen children demanding to know what I thought of their school, I was forced to the conclusion that what I think of little consequence. What really matters is what they make of it? This wonderful new heritage. Will they grasp the golden rod of opportunity held out to them or just let it slip by, only to realise, when it is too late, that opportunity knocks but once.

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C.A. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

THE grand Christmas Whist Drive this year will be run at the Centre on Thursday, December 17th, at 8.15 p.m. sharp. Come along and join in the fun, with the prospect of winning one of the many prizes of Christmas fare. Admission is 3s. 6d.

The traditional New Year's Eve Dance on Thursday, December 31st, is expected to be the usual big success. Owing to the demand, admission is strictly by ticket only, obtainable from any member of the Social Committee, price 3s. 6d. Licensed bar has been applied for. Dancing will go on until the small hours, and

there will be plenty of spot prizes, novelties, etc. This is the way to see the old year out and give a rousing reception to the new—among your friends!

On behalf of the Social Committee, I would like to thank all our friends who have supported us throughout the year at our many functions. We look forward to your support in the coming months and extend a warm welcome to those who have not yet enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the Centre.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all!

W. F. L.

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Santa arrives by helicopter

ALMOST the whole estate turned out to welcome Santa Claus when he arrived by helicopter at the Recreation Ground to officiate at the 1st Sheerwater Scout Group's Christmas Fair on November 14th last. The benevolent old gentleman brought with him Billy Fury of T.V.'s "Oh, Boy!" and recording fame, and Alexander Gage, genial Friar Tuck of the Robin Hood saga. Councillors Chessman and Smith and Group Scoutmaster Pumphrey were there to welcome him.

Before entering the fair, Santa toured the estate in a decorated sledge, with an escort of Cubs, and on arrival at the Centre was kept busy the whole time in his rocket with lucky dips for the hosts of children. Two thousand people, no less, passed through the doors that afternoon, a magnificent response to the terrific amount of work put in

by the organisers and their Chairman, Mr. D. Barnes.

It is understood from one committee member that the net profit will be in three figures, allowing for a surplus sale which was held the following Saturday.

Competition Results:

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Santa Claus keeps up with the times



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Santa abandoned his traditional reindeer sledge for the modern way of dropping in from the skies by helicopter to officiate at Sheerwater Scouts' Christmas Fair. He is shown here attended by TV Stars Billy Fury (from the show "Oh Boy") and Alexander Gage (Friar Tuck in the TV Robin Hood series).

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Sheerwater Old Time Dancing Club

Committee Spotlight No. 1.

OUR instructors, George Griffiths and his wife Kathleen are employed at the Brookwood Hospital as electrician and head seamstress respectively.

These two versatile dancers can be described as near perfection, switching from the straight and austere to the kind you know as the "Old Kent Road" style, with effortless ease.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths are in great demand as adjudicators and demonstrators.

Besides performing the daily task of earning a living and carrying out their professional duties as teachers of dancing, they still find both time and pleasure in coaching the youngsters on the Sheerwater Estate.

Their achievements in dancing can be summarised as follows:

George is a Fellow and Examiner of the U.K. Alliance of Professional Teachers of Dancing, and a Member of the Dance Teachers' Association of G.B.

Kathleen is a member of the U.K. Alliance of Professional Teachers of Dancing and an Associate Member of the Dance Teachers' Association of Great Britain.

George and Kathleen were winners of the Surrey Federation Professional Demonstration Cup, 1953-1954, second prizewinners of the Inventive Dance Competition at the 1957 Annual Conference at Blackpool with "The Alliance Waltz," and third prizewinners at the 1959 Annual Conference in London with "Waltz Amanda."

They are resident M.C.s and Instructors at Brookwood Hospital O.T.D.C., West End O.T.D.C., and Sheerwater O.T.D.C.

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ness, our own George and Kath.

How fitting it would be if they were able to produce two or three pairs from our juniors who could come up to their standard later on.

They are two people worth coming to meet, and as chairman of the club, I extend to you an invitation, with no strings attached, to come along to any of our long nights on the fourth Friday of the month to watch the proceedings.

Club Notes.

Our junior section is well under way, and George thinks we have some very promising youngsters.

Practice nights for seniors are well supported, but we can still find room for some more.

On behalf of the Centre committee I wish all members and others all you would wish yourselves for a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Happy dancing! A. S. P.

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Tuesdays, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Jan. 5th: County Library, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Jan. 5th: St. John Ambulance Brigade, Sheerwater Section, 6.30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Jan. 6th: Afternoon Whist, Old People's Club, Bunyard Drive, 2.30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Jan. 6th: Social Evening for all Sports Sections, Table Tennis, Snooker, Darts, etc., 8 p.m. Refreshments.

Thursdays, Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, Jan. 7th: County Library, 6.30 to 7.45 p.m.

Thursdays, Dec. 3rd, 10th, Jan. 7th: S.C.A. Grand Whist Drive with wonderful prizes; miniature, etc. Refreshments, 8 p.m. Reduced admission for Pensioners.

Thursdays, Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, Jan. 7th: Weekly Whist Drive, Old People's Club, Bunyard Drive, with Tombola, etc., 7.30 p.m.

Fridays, Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th, Jan. 1st, 8th: County Library, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

N.B.—The County Library will not open on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Year's Eve.

Fridays, Dec. 4th, 11th, Jan. 1st, 8th: Sheerwater Old Time Dancing Club. Practice Nights: Juniors, 7.30 p.m.; Seniors, 8.30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5th: Grand Dance in aid of the Sheerwater Labour Party. Licensed bar applied for, 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11th: Sheerwater Amateur Boxing Club. Open Tournament, Byfleet Village Hall. Seats, 2s. to 5s. Transport from Birch and Pines, fare mouth Green.

Saturdays, Dec. 12th, 19th, Jan. 2nd: C.A. Social Evening with short Whist Drive, Tombola, etc., 8 p.m. Refreshments.

Thursday, Dec. 17th: Grand Christmas 3s. 6d. (reduction for pensioners). Refreshments, 8.15 p.m., sharp.

Friday, Dec. 18th: Sheerwater Old Time Dancing Club. Long Night Ball, 8 p.m.

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SHEERWATER OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB

ON Tuesday, November 10th, the old people were entertained in a social held at their club by Ted Luddington at the piano and Mrs. T. Crowley on the violin.

The old folk thoroughly appreciate anything like this that is done for them, and the committee would be pleased to hear from any other entertainers who would like to give their services in such a worthy cause. Phone Byfleet 4154 or 3979, or contact the warden, Mrs. Hodson, of 43, Bunyard Drive.

The Community Association are staging their annual Old Folks' Party at the Centre on January 9th, and, as in previous years, appeal to those generous-hearted folk who have provided cakes, sandwiches and dry ingredients, to come forward in their usual manner. We know we can rely on you.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those who support the various competitions in aid of the Old People's Club funds, and invite your support for the Christmas Competition. Make sure that the tickets you buy are genuine. The Old People's Club official stamp is impressed on the back of every one of our tickets.

The club committee wish all members and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
W. F. L.

Saturday, Dec. 19th: Sheerwater Scouts' Grand Barbecue, Sheerwater Rec., 7 p.m. Torchlight Procession. Admission free. Refreshments available.

Wednesday, Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve Dance. Licensed Bar applied for. Refreshments, 8 p.m. Spots, Novelties, etc. See the New Year in convivial company.

Monday, Jan. 4th, 1960: Sheerwater British Legion A.G.M., Club Room, Birch and Pines, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 1960: A.G.M. Sheerwater Cricket Club, 8 p.m.

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