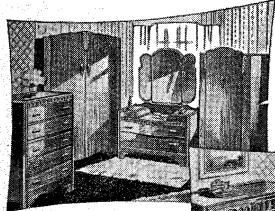
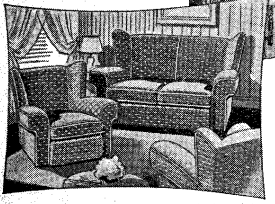


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**Sheerwater County Secondary School**

**FOOTBALL**

On Wednesday, July 21st, the school welcomed Mr. C. A. Cole, an enthusiastic parent and Chairman of the Community Association. He presented medals to the members of the successful junior school football team. The medals, made in bronze and engraved, were bought by means of generous subscriptions from interested parents. In his speech, Mr. Cole congratulated the players and urged them to greater efforts.

As for the future, the team has entered both the Woking Primary League and the Walton and Weybridge Central League for next season, as well as entering for the Hodgson Cup. In the Hodgson Cup the school received a bye into the second round and are then drawn away to Egham Manor, a Staines school. It is hoped that some of last year's side will be selected for the district Under 13 XI. next season.

R. B. BROOKS.

**CRICKET**

The Junior School cricket XI played three matches during the term and had quite a successful season. They were defeated by two wickets by a Horsell team, but were successful in two games against New Haw sides. The school was able to field a good side, strong in all departments of the game.

Of the batsmen selected, Foote, Ledger, Buckingham, Biscoe and Daniels all showed very well. Foote plays along classical lines, with a fine straight bat behind the line of the ball and a good forward defensive stroke which is forming the basis of a good attacking drive. Ledger is an attacking player, but at present is too impetuous and is too often got out by making a wild stroke to a good ball. Buckingham and Biscoe are both good; on the leg side especially.

Amongst the bowlers, Ledger and Foote are a good opening fast attack, whilst Daniels bowls more slowly and uses wiles to get his wickets. Ledger attacks the stumps all the time and has been very successful, but Foote occasionally has spots when he drops the ball short and will not pitch it up to the batsman. Daniels looks to have the makings of a clever slow bowler, varying his pace and flight well.

On the field, Biscoe and Jerred have been outstanding. Biscoe fields close to the wicket at silly mid-off and has taken some very good catches, whilst Jerred has saved many runs at cover point.

For a first season the players have absorbed quite a lot of the necessary technique for good cricket and should have a good basis on which to build next season. Again their interest and enthusiasm has been first class.

R. B. BROOKS.

**PRESENTATION OF FOOTBALL SHIELD**

On the Tuesday of the last week of term we were delighted to welcome to the school a Mr. Carter, a well-known Woking personality and a keen supporter of Woking football. Mr. Carter presented the Junior School football team with the W. G. Carter Memorial Shield which they won during the 1953-54 season. The shield is a new one and will be competed for annually. Mr. Carter, in an interesting speech, welcomed the Sheerwater schools to the Woking football scene, and felt they would bring a welcome breath of fresh air to the district. When handing over the shield to John Josey, the captain, Mr. Carter said that the shield was named in memory of his late brother and that he hoped Sheerwater's name would appear on it on other future occasions.

R. B. BROOKS.

**RAFFLE RESULT**

A raffle was organised in aid of school funds, and the prizewinners were as follows. The prizes consisted of assorted sweets and chocolates to the value of 15s. 6d., 9s. 5d., 9s. 5d., 7s. 10d., and 6s. 8d. respectively.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Bright, 19th Devonshire Avenue; ticket 107.  
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Mr. King, 209 Woodham Lane; ticket 447.  
Mrs. Morgan, 80 Lambourne Crescent; ticket 401.

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**SHEERWATER MUSICAL SOCIETY**

The Choir practices for the coming winter months will begin on September 15th (Wednesday), at 8 o'clock, in the Community Hall.

We are arranging an interesting programme of light, well-known pieces, and should be glad of some new members, especially contraltos.

Gentlemen are also welcome to join us, either tenors or basses.

During the summer we have given two concerts, one in a blind home and one in a girls' home. In each case our efforts were kindly received and greatly appreciated.

For further advice on the work of the Choir, please call at 17, Bentham Avenue.

We are always glad to receive new members. All that is needed is a love of singing and music and the willingness to work.

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**FOR SHEERWATER CATHOLICS**

Mass: Sunday, Community Centre, 9 a.m.

No Sunday School during August.

No school, not even on Sundays! This month we will all be more than ever aware of the hundreds of children for whom we are each in our own way, responsible before God. There they all are, waiting to be formed into good Christians, careless blackguards or what? That very encouraging First Communion ceremony last month, and all the hard class work which went on beforehand in the home and at the Centre, directed our attention chiefly to the school age group. What about the tiny ones who can scarcely toddle even the short distance to the Centre? What a business to get them ready for Mass at 9! Need we do it at all? How on earth will they behave when we get there? I am well aware that anyone who tries to say anything about infants at Mass is handling a very explosive question—still, here goes!

I was much impressed by the story of a priest who was once trying to preach a sermon in the teeth of very loud and continual opposition on the part of a certain infant member of the congregation. In the end he gave up the unequal struggle, and shouted out bravely, "It is quite obvious that there are two people in the church to-day, both trying at the same time to preach two different sermons. One tells of a good home where a young mother has faced a great deal of trouble and inconvenience, not merely to come to Mass herself but also to bring her young family with her so that they may form from their earliest years a deep love and reverence for God's house, and a strong habit of coming to receive regularly all the good things which God provides. I think that this is a far finer sermon than the one I am trying to preach, so I'll leave the infant to carry on." "I don't want any of you to bribe a tiny tot to silence me that way! I do want you to realise how pleased I am to see (and hear) a family worshipping God as a family. After all, it was our Lord Who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me . . ." and to judge by the eagerness of the apostles to push them away and give our Lord "a bit of peace and quiet," they were by no means all well behaved little children. In this whole

matter of bringing tiny ones to Mass, let's all make a supreme effort to control our natural irritation as we try to see, and sympathise with, all sides of the problem, and act sensibly. Not all priests are as cool-headed as the hero of our story; it has been known for some, with quick tempers, empty stomachs (and a splitting headache!), to snap unkindly. "Take that baby out." They regret it afterwards. Not all mothers are so thoughtless and inconsiderate as to stay in church with an infant who is obviously a source of serious distraction to everyone. All mothers (so the experts tell me) should teach their tiny ones to be really quiet and reverent at prayer time at home; they should bring plenty of picture books or a suitable toy (please, not copper coins to clink on the floor) to keep them reasonably quiet and happy at Mass. In the plans for the new church at West Byfleet I notice that provision is made for a sound-proof "crying room," from which parents with noisy children may continue to see and follow Mass. What about the little committee room where I vest? Worried mothers please note!

We all have our own ideas about the religious training of little children, and it is undoubtedly a very personal matter, but when anyone asks me, "How soon should my child begin to learn his religion?" there is only one answer, "From the cradle." Again, to the question, "When shall I bring him to Mass?" there is only one sound answer for all those who really want to form in their children habits which will last a lifetime. "The earlier the better."

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## THE SECRETARY REPORTS

It is strange to have to admit that last month's news about the Recreation Ground was just a shade too optimistic. No sooner had work started than it was stopped. By whose hand? Information is, understandably, hard to come by. I say understandably because we have been assured from all sides that no unnecessary delay would be caused. The U.D.C. tell us that the L.C.C. will not allow Woking to take possession of the site, except on certain conditions, upon which the instructions of the Council must be obtained. The London County Council have not seen fit to reply to our letter of protest, which was sent immediately the stoppage of work became known. The conclusion which has been drawn is that Woking, from the very best of motives, "jumped the gun," and red tape has once again taken command. This is all the more serious as it is understood that the contractor, who had started operations, is so booked up that once the all clear is given, he may be unable to recommence for quite some time. Responsibility for earlier delays can be laid at more than one door, but there is no doubt where the blame for this latest effort must fall.

Negotiations are still proceeding, in close collaboration with the Residents' Association, covering West Byfleet, Byfleet and Pyrford, concerning the provision of a bus service between the estate and Vickers via Byfleet. An unexpected setback has been received in the shape of information from Vickers that their present experience is that the service from the estate to the works is adequate for the demand. It would be of value to know the reaction of our readers who are employed at Vickers to this statement.

On the subject of the Secondary School, nothing can be added except that an appointment has been made for representatives to see the Chairman of the County Education Committee on the subject.

It is good to be able to report that, since the public session on the sore point of noise in and around the Centre,

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no further complaints have been received, and, indeed, contact with some of the good folk who live opposite has told us that they are well satisfied with the efforts made to meet the complaints.

British Railways have been approached on the sometimes hopeless early morning booking office arrangements at West Byfleet Station, and have informed the Association that an early investigation will be made.

The three firms who developed the habit of using Albert Drive as a short cut for those mammoth coal lorries delivering to Woking have very kindly agreed to instruct their drivers to avoid using the Estate in the interests of road safety. Opportunity is taken to express our thanks for this public-spirited action—a stitch in time always saves nine or thereabouts. I have been asked to report vehicle numbers of any offenders, but we do not wish to become snoopers, and confidently expect that there will be no further cause for complaint, as personal observation has shown that alternative routes were used immediately instructions were issued.

The Head Postmaster has informed us that the mechanics of postal deliveries on the estate have been carefully overhauled, and that as a result of changes shortly to be introduced there should be a material improvement in the times of delivery.

Following the tragedy last month, urgent representations were made to all the responsible bodies, and it is sincerely hoped that the fence will shortly be repaired and extended where necessary.

The Centre Secretary and I attended an excellent summer course run by the National Council of Social Service under the sponsorship of the Wiltshire County Council. Acknowledgment is made to the Surrey County Council who voted 50 per cent of the cost. We shall strive to pass on all that we have learnt for the benefit of the Community. If we can successfully put these ideas into practice, the Association will be able to serve its membership much more fully, especially in the field of social and educational recreation, while Ralph Weston assures me that he will work with might and main to make the Centre and its surroundings as attractive as possible.

We are all with him in spirit, and I am confident that any appeal he makes for help will not go unanswered. A full report on the course will appear next month.

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**Deputy:** Mr. R. BROOKS, 133b Dartmouth Avenue, Sheerwater, and a member of the staff of the Sheerwater County Secondary School.

About the middle of September the above-named Institute will begin classes in many subjects at its two main centres. The centres are at New Haw Primary School, Woodham Lane, and at St. Paul's

School, Addlestone. Both centres are easily accessible to the Sheerwater Estate by means of the Staines bus service No. 436

At New Haw School the classes include Dressmaking, Handicrafts and Motor-Car Maintenance.

**Dressmaking.** This subject is taught by Mrs. A. Pearson, a well-known local dressmaker, and classes are held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students can make anything they like and should provide their own materials, but sewing machines are available.

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At St. Paul's School, Addlestone, classes are held in Arithmetic, English, Shorthand, Typing, Woodwork, Metalwork, Leatherwork, and Boot Repairing. The Cobbling class is a new venture, and will be instructed by Mr. Bills, a local expert. Students will be taught how to do the repair jobs and will be able to work on their own shoes and boots during the course.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

TOMMY AND TIMMY

"What wretched weather, to be sure," grumbled Daddy one evening as he was shaking his drenched hat before he came into the hall.

"It's a jolly good thing we haven't made any plans for the holidays this year, my dear," he went on.

Mummy nodded thoughtfully. She had been thinking the same.

"What shall we do now, that my holidays have started?" he asked Mummy. "She was always full of bright ideas."

"We know, Dad," said two eager voices from the doorway. "Couldn't we paint our house?" This said, Tommy and Timmy waited to see how their suggestion went down.

"Oh, my giddy aunt," giggled Mummy, for she knew the twins must have overheard her conversation with Miss Tate a few days ago.

Daddy rubbed his chin, saying, "You know, young 'uns, that a pretty good idea, and looking across at Mummy he asked her what she thought about it."

"Right, then; it's settled. We'll spend our holiday money decorating the house," said Daddy, making it final.

"Smashing, Dad," glowed the twins on the colour schemes for each room.

"To-morrow, then, we'll decide upon the colour schemes for each room. So now, boys, off to bed," and with a furore how Daddy sat back thoughtfully. He'd not done an awful lot in house decorating, but he mustn't let the family down.

The next day brought forth a quaint collection of colour schemes.

The twins let their imaginations rip. "I'd like our room fire engine red," said Tommy stoutly.

"Rubbish," said Tim. "Let's have it grey like a battleship, with guns an' portholes an' . . ."

"Here, hold on, fellows; I'm only a beginner," pleaded Daddy. "Let Mummy choose."

"Since you have asked me," laughed Mummy, "I vote for primrose yellow walls and pretty bright blue paint-work."

"Ugh!" echoed Tommy and Timmy; "it would show up all finger marks. Murn," hoping they would put her off. "Wash them more," teased Daddy with a grin.

It was fun purchasing the paint. Mummy was so fussy, and Daddy and

the boys really became impatient with her at times, but she was so enjoying it they had to forgive her.

It was more fun when the job began. Daddy wiped the windows over with whitewash and Tommy and Timmy drew funny little men with their fingers over it.

"Now, come along, don't stop the good work," said Daddy, flourishing a big brush dripping with primrose distemper.

All were thinking the same, that Daddy put as much on himself and the floor as he put on the walls, so in one big clonk they sang. "When Father papered the parlour, you couldn't see Pa for paint."

The song was going in full swing when suddenly a loud rat-a-tat-tat came on the door.

Imagine poor Mummy's embarrassment when, opening the door, there stood, very spick and span, Aunt Monica from London.

"Oh, M-Monica, how do you do?" stammered Mummy. "Come in, dear; I'm sorry we're in such a pickle, but we are decorating the place."

"So I see," twinkled the Aunt. "Don't mean to intrude, so just carry on. Catching sight of Tom and Tim, she did laugh."

"Why my pets, I still can't tell you apart. You've even got the same yellow spots," she teased, just like Daddy, for she was his eldest sister.

"Is it a new child's complaint?" she asked.

"Of course not," Tom explained. "It's just that Daddy kind of splashes a bit."

Mummy and Aunt Monica were laughing heartily when Daddy sheepishly made a quiet approach.

At the sight of him Aunt Monica broke into a fresh peal of laughter.

"Have you any left for the walls, dear?" she asked, keeping her face as straight as she could.

"Now, look here, old girl," he began, then, thinking better of it, joined in the fun, too.

"Now," said Aunt Monica, as she settled for another delicious home-made cookie, "I've really come to invite you all to stay with me next week."

"Hooray," shot out the twins unthinkingly.

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"A week in London—how heavenly," sighed Mummy.

"Right in the middle of my painting," muttered Daddy.

"Look here," said Aunt Monica, "what do you say to me staying this week and helping?"

This generous offer was quickly accepted by all.

Tommy and Timmy helped a lot with the clearing up.

"How wonderful," they agreed; "we'll be able to see the Horse Guards again and the Tower of London."

Yes, Tommy and Timmy were going to enjoy themselves all right. An unusual holiday, perhaps, but then, so refreshingly unexpected.

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"A week in London—how heavenly," sighed Mummy.  
 "Right in the middle of my painting," muttered Daddy.  
 "Look here," said Aunt Monica, "what do you say to me staying this week and helping?"  
 This generous offer was quickly accepted by all.  
 Tommy and Timmy helped a lot with the clearing up.  
 "How wonderful," they agreed; "we'll be able to see the Horse Guards again and the Tower of London."  
 Yes, Tommy and Timmy were going to enjoy themselves all right. An unusual holiday, perhaps, but then, so refreshingly unexpected.  
 E. W. E. HAWKINS.

THE BRANCH OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY, RUN BY VOLUNTEERS UNDER MRS. DEWDNEY, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, IS IN URGENT NEED OF SOME MORE LADY HELPERS SO THAT THOSE NOW SERVING CAN BE RELIEVED AT INTERVALS. THIS MEANS JUST A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK IN A WORTHWHILE CAUSE. COME ON, LADIES! MRS. DEWDNEY WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE A CHAT WITH YOU ABOUT IT, AT ANY TIME THE LIBRARY IS OPEN, OR AT HER HOME ADDRESS, 11 BENTHAM AVENUE, BY APPOINTMENT.

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Date	Destination	Adult Fare	Date	Destination	Adult Fare
Sat. Aug. 14	LITTLEHAMPTON	7/6	Wed. Sept. 1	WORTHING	7/-
Sun. Aug. 15	PORTSMOUTH	7/-	Sun. Sept. 5	EASTBOURNE	9/6
Wed. Aug. 18	BRIGHTON	7/-	Sun. Sept. 8	HASTINGS	10/9
Sun. Aug. 22	LITTLEHAMPTON	7/6	Sun. Sept. 12	WORTHING	7/-
Wed. Aug. 25	WHITENADE ZOO	7/6	Wed. Sept. 15	BOGNOR	7/6
Sun. Aug. 29	BOGNOR	7/6	Sun. Sept. 19	BRIGHTON	7/-

Picking up point: Albert Drive, opposite Hanbury Path: 9.5 a.m.  
 AGENTS: Maybury, Mr. Boardman, 154, Maybury Road, Woking; Woking, Conway Luxury Coaches, Bath Road, West Byfleet; Horace Marshall and Sons, Ltd., Newsagents, Station Approach; New Haw, Woodham Electric, 290 Woodham Lane, New Haw.

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**THE CONQUEST AND AFTER**  
 William was as fond of hunting as the Conqueror had been, and he kept all N.W. Surrey, outside the actual manors, as part of the Forest of Windsor. This wild forest portion stretched from Brookwood through Fighbright, Windlesham and Bagshot to Windsor itself, and he even reserved part of Pyrford Manor as forest.  
 Within the manors the English tenants were left in possession, free to speak their own language and entitled to all their customary rights. Tenants independent of Lords of the Manor had to do homage to the King civil and military lord over all. William then sent out commissioners to survey the results county by county and hundred by hundred, and their reports were summarised in 1086 in the Domesday Book. In the Surrey portion of this book, Woking hundred stands first, and Woking proper is the first manor described.  
 In Woking the King's Manor had never paid "geld" (tax). There were six ploughlands of arable land, probably 120 acres each, and one of these was worked to the King's profit, by tenants holding other lands. Of these tenants 33 were "villains," or superior men, holding about 20 acres each, and nine were "bordars," or inferior men, each holding about five acres. There were no "serfs," or men who passed from lord to lord when lands changed hands, and there were no domestic slaves. The manor must have been extensive, for the tenants had no less than 20 plough teams of eight oxen each, capable of keeping ten ploughs constantly at work. There was a great mill, almost certainly on or near the site of Messrs. Unwin's printing works. No hand-queens were allowed; all corn had to be ground in the lord's mill, one-tenth being left in payment, but the lord had to maintain the mill and pay the miller. There were only 33 acres of meadow in the manor. The King's Wood, near Kingfield, fed 33 of the King's hogs, and altogether

1,330. Brookwood, the Hermitage and Bridley were not included in the manor. Sutton had been granted away, and was dealt with separately in Domesday, as was Harehill in Pyrford Manor. The Church Manor, held by Osbern, was not assessed for Domesday. Osbern had let the whole to two homagers, under whom were 30 villans, 6 bordars and 3 serfs. There were only 14 acres of meadow; the woods fed 23 hogs for the homagers and probably 280 in all, but by ancient custom the homagers could send 120 to feed in the King's Wood. William died in 1087, and the Royal Manor passed to William Rufus, and on his death in 1100 to Henry I. In 1103 Osbern died childless. He had held East Woking and Woking Church in his personal capacity, and not as Bishop of Exeter, and all his Woking properties should have reverted to the Crown. From later evidence it appears that, although a great part of East Woking did so pass, various scattered lands there and in Woking proper, and certain appurtenances, including advowsons and tithes, remained with the monks of St. Peter, and later became known as the Manor of the Rectory of Woking and Runcley.  
 After Osbern's death, the task of rebuilding St. Peter's Church was taken in hand. The earliest part of the present church dates from the beginning of the 12th century. It consists of an aisleless nave—the present one—and a chancel smaller than the present one, which was a rebuilding of about 120 years later. The lower part of the existing tower was added about 1240, and may have had a timber upper stage until the present stone addition over it was made about 1340. The west doorway of the nave is part of the original work. The door itself is very old, and with its ironwork is probably contemporary with the doorway. It is made of oak planks 1 1/2 in. thick, bound together on both faces with iron straps of ornamental design, the hinge straps being the least important part of the work. There are also five large horizontal bands, three being attached to large C-straps. All bands and straps have forked an curved ends and small sprigs of iron spring from them at irregular intervals. The ironwork on the door is considered to be amongst the finest examples of 12th century ironwork in the kingdom.

AT SHEERWATER COMMUNITY CENTRE

**MASS X-RAY**

This will take place from September 27th to October 15th, 1954.  
 Please book these dates.  
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**PROPOSED SCALE OF REVISED HIRE CHARGES FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS**

	£	s.	d.
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*As above and using Committee Room as Licensed Bar	1	12	6
Amplifying Equipment	5	0	0
*Whist Drives, including kitchen	1	10	0
Meetings and Lectures, etc., excluding kitchen	1	5	0
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For any purpose, Monday to Friday, Mornings and Afternoons. Per hour	3	6	
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For Rehearsals, etc., the Hall may be hired at the following charges, on the understanding that, given reasonable notice, the Hirer will step down for a more remunerative booking—			
MAY to SEPTEMBER	5	0	
OCTOBER to APRIL	7	6	
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	£	s.	d.
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As above and using Committee Room as Licensed Bar	2	5	0
Amplifying Equipment	5	0	0
Whist Drives, including kitchen	2	2	0

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	Per Hour
Up to 6 p.m.	7 6
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	10 6

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