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THIS MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN

ON Friday, April 30th, 1954, history was made within the Association for it was on that night for the first time that the monthly General Meeting could not be held as a meeting through lack of members attending. The quorum for a monthly General Meeting is 25. There were only, at 8.30 p.m., 23 present.

This must never happen again. We have a membership of nearly 2,000, and surely it is not asking too much for members to spend one night per month discussing the affairs that concern so many of us. **APATHY** is a word that we did not think existed in the Sheerwater Association's vocabulary, and if it has crept in it should be made to creep out as quickly as possible. We who have set such a high standard in Woking are in danger of becoming a laughing stock of the district, and I am sure that fingers of scorn will only be too readily raised towards us from without.

This need never happen again. To those who think that the work of the Association is over and that all is milk and honey on Sheerwater, may I point out that we still have several problems on our hands which require the attention of all the members. The first in my estimation is that of employment. How many of you have sat down and thought that in a few years' time we will have large numbers of our children leaving school. Where are they going to obtain employment? If we leave it until the time when they are due to leave it will be far too late. **WE MUST ACT NOW.** Attend the General Meetings and put forward your point of view. Let there be action on this matter now. This is a field that is virtually untouched as yet by the members and the Association. Are you satisfied that your children are getting the best out of the schools? Another problem that you should bring to the Association if you are not satisfied. And so one could go on. There is plenty to occupy our minds with the same energy and forthrightness that we used two years ago. Never let it be said that Sheerwater is falling down. Dispel apathy and don't forget—attend the monthly meetings, or else . . . It was reported in the "Star" a short while ago that a Community Association formed on a Council estate at Radlett (Herts) has been disbanded because of lack of support. . . That could happen to us with our work as yet unfinished. **IT MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.**

THE EDITOR.

Report of Items of General Interest dealt with at the Council meeting held on Wed., April 7th, 1954

- Supporting an application by the Residents' Association at Bydelet, a letter was sent to the L.T.E. re bus to Vickers.
- Letter to the U.D.C. re Recreation Ground.
- Letter to the Area Officer re grass verges, also asking for an appointment to discuss various problems of the Estate. Interview granted.
- Letter from M.O.F. informing us that the Food Office has now found volunteers for the selling of welfare foods.
- Letter from S.E.E.B. re lamps in Devonshire Avenue stating that these were now being installed.
- Letter from Methodist Church asking for information on affiliation.
- Letter from Customs and Excise re tobacco licence, stating that a licence is only granted for fixed premises. Application made for the Centre.
- Application by Old People's Club for affiliation approved.
- Letter from Old People's Club thanking members for their response to the appeal for funds.
- Letter to G.P.O. re stamps.
- Letter was sent to G.P.O. re telephones and telephone boxes.
- Letter was sent to Mr. Corner, Youth Officer, re netball pitches.
- Letter was sent to London Transport re bus shelters.
- "Pylon" reported that it still had steady sales and that a new cover should be on front of next issue.
- The Management Committee were going ahead with the installation of the stage and notice boards and the purchase of equipment.
- The Social Committee gave details of future plans which include "Old Time Dance," Dance in aid of Youth Club funds, and various outings, etc.
- Letter from F.I.D.S.A. answering our request for an ambulance; not possible yet as the demand for ambulances is so very great.

J. E. V. HARRIS.

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A Day in the Life of a Postman

TO most people 5.15 a.m. suggests peaceful oblivion that may be termed zero hour.

To my postmen colleagues and myself it signifies the daily commencement of duty at the sorting office. This early attendance is justified by the huge amount of correspondence to be dealt with. The arrival and subsequent unloading of mail bags from the motor coach completed, the day's routine begins. The next two hours are devoted to the task of sorting and preparation for delivery, so essential to the public service. Under the overseer's supervision, arguments and discussions are discreetly dropped.

This responsible official invariably suffers from "liver" at this hour and requires honouring. The tactful appearance of the snuff box, however, and the friendly "Have a pinch, sir," is most effectual. It is always with a feeling of relief when each man—loaded bag over his shoulder—departs from the office to his allotted destination. The outside air is far preferable to the monotonous sorting indoors.

Walking to my starting point it begins to rain. Familiar greetings of "Good morning, Postman," sound less cheery to-day. Everybody seems "weather conscious." On reaching there wet and sticky I deposit my load on the damp coping and, opening my bag, I begin searching for the first bundle of letters. Bending forward to retrieve them a trickle of rain off my hat runs down my face. I wipe it dry, accompanying this with a few appropriate remarks.

After giving my hat a vicious shake and buttoning up my coat collar, I commence delivery. The continual walking in and out of gateways tends to become monotonous especially on wet mornings. As a postman I find plenty to interest me, both in the manner of people I meet and various incidents. The difficulty experienced at times of getting a quick reply to a double knock can be rather trying.

Contrast this with other calls—the occupants already astrig greet my appearance in an appreciative manner. Their cheery calls, the homely smell of breakfast cooking, do much to dispel the prevailing gloom. An inherited affection for animals finds an outlet in my daily discourse with cats and dogs in the

vicinity. Which just goes to prove my "inferiority complex." Dogs follow me to the detriment of front flower gardens. Angry words pursue me from annoyed occupants which I tactfully ignore, also many bottles of milk have been smashed by my No. 9's whilst reaching out to "stroke pussie." If not actually witnessed, the presence of the "milky way" remains a mystery. After all, newspaper boys are prone to accidents.

My delivery completed—and giving my dripping hat a final shake—I proceed towards the pillar box. Satisfying myself with an unofficial "couple of draws," I commence my collection, and with my wet bag with its contents slung over my shoulder I gladly start back to the office, clearing other boxes in my way.

At last shelter is reached, and together with other dripping colleagues I indulge in a general moan. A pillar box, besides containing letters, also becomes a receptacle for curious odds and ends. The articles vary from religious tracts—presumably for our spiritual guidance—to fireworks dropped in by mischievous youngsters.

Our collections all sorted up and wet clothes drying we thankfully escape to breakfast, and at 11 o'clock we leave the office for the second delivery, for myself, fortified with ham and eggs, and wholly refreshed. The rain has now ceased and life and sunshine predominate in the streets and shops—a striking contrast to the deserted outlook of a few hours previous. My bag now loaded with miscellaneous packets—"a miniature C.P."—I now commence my weighty delivery. Consisting as it does entirely of shops, the next proves highly interesting to my receptive mind. It is now also that the "scale of small" becomes highly developed. The undertaker's with his sickly aroma of flowers and seasoned wood compares unfavourably with the fruiterer's close by. Then in succession a printing works, smelling strongly of "printers' ink," also a tannery unite to "hide" its own odour, to mention just a few. Observations I leave unrecorded. Finally the wireless dealer, having received his usual catalogue, delights my other complete my delivery on a rural note, as it were.

My duty now finished, I am free for the rest of the day, a pleasant prospect marred only by the knowledge that next day my attendance for duty is 5.15 a.m.

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Wed. June 2	WORTHING	- - - 7/6	Fri. June 18	ASCOT RACES (Wokingham Stakes)	4/6
Whit Sun. June 6	BRIGHTON	- - - 7/6	Sun. June 20	LITTLEHAMPTON	7/6
	EASTBOURNE	- - - 9/6	Mon. June 21	BRIGHTON	- - - 7/6
	HASTINGS	- - - 10/9	Tues. June 22	WORTHING	- - - 7/6
Whit Mon. June 7	BOGNOR	- - - 7/6	Wed. June 23	WINDSOR (half-day)	3/6
	LITTLEHAMPTON	- - - 7/6	Thurs. June 24	BOGNOR	- - - 7/6
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FOOTBALL NEWS

"Revenge is sweet," or so the saying goes, and an air of grim satisfaction surrounded the Sheerwater side when they walked off the pitch after two home games against Old Byfleet and New Haw. Two very favourable results, three goals to nil and four goals to two, respectively.

On March 4th Old Byfleet arrived for the return fixture. It was a dull day, and rain was in the air. Two minutes after the start, the rain commenced, and the match was played throughout in a torrential downpour. Sheerwater, however, produced sparkling football. After several near misses, John Josey, the centre forward and captain, received the ball in midfield, broke through and, although hampered by several defenders in turn, controlled the ball and shot into the net off the far post. No further score before half-time, and the rain showed no signs of slackening. After the interval, the centre forward scored again from close range, and was unlucky to miss his last trick. He scored a third, but the outside left was adjudged to

have impeded the goalkeeper from an outside position, so a free kick to Hyfflet was given instead. In the meantime, Jewell, the right half-back, had worked the ball through to the right wing pair of Murray and Squire. After working the ball down the wing, it was crossed to the goalmouth, where Jewell, anticipating such a move, was waiting to tap the ball coolly in. Old Byfleet struggled desperately and Davies, the left back, did well to charge down a shot from their inside left, when it seemed as if a goal was certain.

Verdict: A fast, hard game, played under the worst conditions encountered this season so far. Far from spoiling the play, the wet ground and wet ball helped to produce some sparkling football and good ball control.

A week later, the New Haw team arrived. The game began at tremendous pace, both sides attacking and defending furiously in turn. It was New Haw who scored first, when the ball was bundled into the net after the Sheerwater defence had failed to clear the ball

quickly enough. Within a minute, Sheerwater had equalised. Josey, the centre forward, controlled the ball on the six yard line and opposite the left hand goal post. The back and the goalkeeper were in front of him. Quick as a flash, he aimed for the right hand post and was elated to see the ball slide by it into the net. A cool goal, since he was ready to place the ball away from the defenders and since he had little room in which to move freely. So the ball was driven up and down furiously for the rest of the half.

In the second half, Sheerwater were playing downhill—but, almost immediately, the New Haw right winger crossed a high ball for the outside left to head into the net. A lovely goal! For some reason or other, Sheerwater struck a bad patch. They were rattled and accordingly mis-kicked, passed poorly and resorted to a panicky defensive game.

The inside right, Murray, however, was playing a storming game, and was aided and abetted extremely successfully by Jewell, the right half-back. Gradually, these two got the Sheerwater forward line moving again and slowly but surely New Haw fell back.

Suddenly it happened! Willis, the outside left, ran on to a loose ball just outside the penalty area! He trapped it, got it into position and drove it into the top right hand corner of the goal. The equaliser again!

Now Sheerwater were round the New Haw goal like bees around a jam-pot. They gave the defenders no rest. Gairly, in a goalmouth scramble, Cole, in the inside left position, scored a good goal and Sheerwater were ahead. Minutes from time, Murray took a corner on the right, placed the ball perfectly across the goal mouth, for Willis to nip it in. Lucky Willis, two goals as an outside left—how happy he was!

Two things more. Mention must be made of centre half Ledger, who, with his head and clever tackling, broke up many New Haw attacks. Then the look of surprise on the headmaster's face when I told him we had won 4-2. He had been called away from the field when we were 2-2 down and had expected a defeat.

Meanwhile, Monument Hill had defeated Horsell by two goals to one and were league leaders with Sheerwater on points, although we had the better goal average. Arrangements were made to play Monument Hill on March 18th.

The eagerly awaited day approached. On the preceding Monday thirteen young footballers were advised that the selection of the team would be made from their names. On the Wednesday, eleven of those thirteen were gaily elated, whilst the remaining two, Daniels and Donovan, two hardened and experienced campaigners, offered subdued congratulations to the others.

Monument Hill won the toss and elected to kick up the slope for the first half. Sheerwater went straight away on to the attack and were rewarded with an early corner. Willis took the kick, hard and low to the half back, who passed it in to Josey, who lobbed it towards the goal, where a back put through in a desperate effort to clear the ball. Ledger, Jewell and Taylor, Sheerwater's half-back line, were playing particularly well. The Monument Hill attack found it hard to pass them, whilst, at the same time, the Sheerwater forwards were well served by that hard working trio. The second goal came as the result of a beautiful centre by Taylor. Again, a defender put through his own goal, in an effort to keep the ball out.

Monument Hill were far from disheartened, and went on to the attack. Oldfield, the Sheerwater goalkeeper, was beaten on the edge of the goal area and with the two backs beaten as well, the ball was driven along the ground to an empty Sheerwater net. However, Murray, the Sheerwater inside right, who has a thoughtful foraging style of play, dashed back to make a brilliant save at the foot of the post. An excellent effort on his part.

Our opponents, though, were not to be denied, and soon their right half-back scored with a long, raking shot which crossed the goal and entered the net near the far post.

This spurred Sheerwater on to fresh efforts. Before the interval, Josey, the centre forward, scored twice, the first with a ground shot and the second with a clever job over the heads of the defence. During the interval, Mr. Reeves, a well known local football personality, congratulated the team on the game they were playing.

The main interest in the second half, was whether or not Josey would score his third to make it a hat-trick. Sheerwater pressed continually, and he had several chances. Murray and Cole both put in good shots which were saved by a defence which was prepared to give nothing away even although they were 4-1 down. Willis, the outside left, who

nowadays qualifies for the description of a "goal hungry winger," made it number five with a hard, first time drive from close in.

Then came a disappointment. A fine shot from Jewell was saved by the back who handled the ball. A penalty was awarded, and the over anxious centre forward missed!

To sum up, the whole team played a fine game. The half-backs were the main strength. They attacked well and, at the same time, protected and helped the backs and the goalkeeper, all three of whom are very keen but a little inexperienced. The inside forwards played a constructive game and made the chances for the sharpshooters of the forward line. In short, I cannot find a criticism worth noting.

After changing, the visiting side and the victors discussed the match over the much-needed squash and biscuits.

Now the position in the league is as follows:—

Sheerwater	P. W. L. D. F. A. P.
Monument Hill	5 3 1 1 10 4 7
Hogsel	5 1 2 2 3 7 4
Goldsworth	3 1 2 0 6 5 2

It can be seen that Sheerwater are in a strong position and need only one point against Goldsworth to make absolutely sure of the championship. Sheerwater could be beaten out of first place if Goldsworth won their remaining three games, or if Monument Hill won their last game by a colossal score to improve their goal average. However, this is needless speculation, as Sheerwater are determined to win their last game, which was arranged to be played at Goldsworth on Monday, March 27th.

See next month's "Pylon" for final league positions, goal scorers and "pen pictures" of the players.

"SIC ITUR AD ASTRA—VAE VICTIS"

"Such is the way to fame—'vae to the vanquished.'" As the Romans celebrated their successes and victories with triumphant processions and games in the city of Rome, so I feel that such a noble language is a fitting one in which to praise and celebrate the victories of our football team and their success in winning the Championship Shield. There is the glory and the honour of the school's, a fitting end to six months of hard training and enthusiastic endeavour.

We have played three games since going to press for our April issue. All

three games were won, thus we ended our season with winning our last six games. The goal account was nineteen for and only four against. A fine performance, which successive teams will find it hard to surpass.

At the assembly of the school next morning the Headmaster congratulated the players on their efforts throughout the season. We look forward to another proud occasion when the shield is presented early next term and when the players are photographed for the "rogues' gallery."

The last game was on April 6th against New Haw, New Haw wanting a practice game before playing their Cup Final against Hersham School. We were happy to oblige.

Sheerwater approached the game in rather a light-hearted manner. They attacked from the start but considerably served up a series of gentle shots for the New Haw goalkeeper to deal with. I imagine they either were afraid of hurting his hands or their own feet. So it was a case of "After you, please," or "Take the ball if you want it." I noticed the look of pleased surprise on the goalkeeper's face when Willis kindly rolled the ball into his hands from a range of ten yards.

Then New Haw scored! True, there was more than a suspicion of offside about it, and I fancy their centre-forward was happy to get away with it. Sheerwater were shaken; that was quite out of keeping with their catfete approach. So they began to play. They equalised in a minute through Murray, scoring the winner in a further minute through Jossey. So to half-time. There was no more scoring, and after the ball-players Cole, Murray and Taylor had shown how long they could hold the ball, the game died a peaceful and decorous death.

All that remains is for me to add my congratulations and to say that I look forward to reporting more successes next year. Now for the statistics.

League and Friendly Games.
Played 12. Won 8. Drawn 1. Lost 3.
Goals for, 24. Goals against, 12.
Goal Scorers.

John Jossey (captain and centre-forward).
Roger Willis (outside-left), 4.
John Murray (inside-right), 3.
Terry Cole (inside-left), 3.
Alan Jewell (centre-half or right-half), 1.

Own goal.
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Players.

John Jossey, Alan Jewell, John Murray, Roger Willis, Terry Cole, Ronald Squires, Anthony Ledger, Herbert Taylor, George Foote, Philip Watts, Peter Oldfield, Howard Davies, Philip Daniels, Brian Donovan, Norman Kaye, Peter Gay, Barry Glasby and Michael Jansson.

All the lads mentioned above have made appearances in the side. There are many others, faithful and keen reserves, who have turned out for the daily practice game and who will surely find a place in future Sheerwater sides.

Now for King Willow, and the click of bat on ball. What will the summer hold for us? Whatever it is, we can be sure we shall meet it in a way that does credit to player and school alike.

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rey, Sir Robert Haining, the premises which the L.C.C. had provided as a Community Centre for its "out-county" estate at Sheerwater, near Woking. In the presence of many friends and well-wishers of the Community Association, Sir Robert opened the door to new opportunities and, no doubt, to many new problems for this active Community Association. In two years it has created a record of achievement on behalf of the residents which might well make an older association feel proud. Each issue of its excellent magazine tells of further progress. The fact that this is happening on a new housing estate is a special encouragement because it shows that in spite of the difficulties it is not impossible to fashion a new community life in these circumstances. This opening ceremony, in its dignity and simplicity and the interesting exhibition inside the Centre displaying the many aspects and activities of community life were thoroughly in keeping with all the Association has done.
(Reproduced from "Community News Bulletin," the organ of the National Federation of Community Associations.)

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THE COMING OF THE SAXONS

It is a great pity that nearly all history books write about the Anglo-Saxon Invasion as though it were one single event, marking the simultaneous landings all along our eastern and southern coasts of hordes of barbarians from Western Europe. Actually, the invasions were spread over a period of 200 years, and had a very different purpose than the raids of Norsemen during great part of the time that the Romans were in possession of the country. Those were piratical raids carried out for plunder, whereas the Anglo-Saxons came to settle in this country. Knowledge of the richness of the soil in Britain had spread through much of Western Europe, and scarcely had the Romans left our shores than these farmers from the opposite side of the North Sea arrived, sometimes with their families, to stake their claims in this rich land.

In every river mouth along our eastern and southern coasts, from the Tyne to Southampton Water, their long boats were to be seen, and, though the Britons everywhere resisted, they were steadily pushed back, and the invaders took possession of the land.

It is well to remember that the newcomers were not all of one race, and separate kingdoms were very soon established. Broadly speaking, the Britons occupied all the country west of a line drawn from Carlisle to Chester, from Chester to Cardiff, and from Cardiff to Plymouth. The remainder of the country was divided into seven kingdoms, viz., Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Sussex and Wessex. These kingdoms were not of equal strength, and very soon quarrels broke out between them. Woking and North-West Surrey are only intimately concerned with three of these kingdoms, Wessex, Kent and Mercia.

About 550 A.D. Wessex began a systematic and determined advance against the Britons, who were still worrying them in the northern parts of their kingdom, and after fluctuating fortunes finally defeated them at the Battle of Reading in 560 A.D. The Britons fled westwards, and the West Saxons turned southwards through Berkshire into what later became known as Surrey. Here they found that various Anglo-Saxon tribes had pushed up the Thames, notably the Vandals or Wendels of the Wandle, Wandsworth, Wandle, Brook (the northern arm of the Chobham

Bourne), Windsor and Windlesham. Wessex did not dispute possession with these, and moved further south. The King of Wessex realised that the real foe was Kent, and in 568 A.D. the first battle between two English Kings on English soil was fought at Wippandune, or Wippandune, variously placed as Wimbledon, Worplesden or Wipsedon, north of Chobham. Most modern historians favour Wipsedon as the site of the victory of Wessex over Kent.

Various tribal groups of Wessex then occupied Surrey. Such groups were called "ingas," and were named after the head of the group. Thus "Woccingas" simply means "Wocca's people." These took the north-west, the Godemingas took the region southwards, the Aeschingas the south-west, the Tetingas the downs east of Guildford, and the Derkingas the region still further eastwards.

The Woodingas had their central point on the Neolithic site at Old Woking. Some had settled as far back on the road from Reading as Wokingham, a minor group crossed the river and settled at a south town of Woking, Sud-ton, or Sutton, while some of the more powerful earldoms set up their "worths" or "steads" at Mayford, with their retinues of freemen and serfs. The main group had their own common fields, common pastures, and common meads on the Woking alluvium, the land enriched every year by the overflowing of the river.

Beyond these common lands all alike could hunt, fish, take timber, fuel, turf, etc. Ploughing was done by teams of eight oxen, supplied by different owners. The chief men had special positions of authority, and their dependants had to fight under them, if need be, for Wessex, whilst the freemen were separately liable for service, and thus things continued for almost 100 years.

In 661 A.D. Wessex pushed too far northwards into Mercia and were defeated by Wulfhere, who overran and ravaged the country southwards as far as the Isle of Wight, the inhabitants of which he compelled to embrace Christianity and to be baptised. As no mention is made of any compulsion upon the people of Surrey to become Christians, it may be assumed that conversion to the new faith had been accomplished by Birinus and his associates from Winchester. This is borne out by the inclusion

of Surrey in the Wessex diocese of Winchester by Theodore in his division of the country into dioceses in 675. It is well to remember, however, that in the wild forest and heathland of the north-west there must still have been many pagans and others whose conversion had been at most half-hearted.

From the weapons and ornaments recovered from Anglo-Saxon graves in Surrey it appears that there was a racial difference between the early inhabitants of the county and their neighbours in Kent and Wessex, and this conjecture is strengthened by the almost entire absence of beads in the burials in this district.

Sheerwater Community Association

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

News, Views and Coming Events.

Despite many last-minute unforeseen "upsets" the dance held on Saturday, April 24th, went with a swing if not with a swig. Mr. Jimmy Cole and his band supplied the rhythm, having stepped in at short notice. Thanks, Mr. Cole.

Mr. "Gus" Clarke, our guest M.C. for the evening, was given a farewell that will remain a pleasant memory for many years to come. Bound now for his native land of Canada, we bid him good luck and thanks for leaving a bond among us which will remain firm.

One of our many needs has now been purchased, namely, a stage. No longer will "the few" of this committee have to rush around on a Saturday morning borrowing scaffolding and planks to erect this necessary piece of equipment. Given the much-needed support, our social activities will not only keep our Association solvent but will enable it to fully equip our centre for the comfort and benefit of all.

Attendance at our weekly Whist Drives has increased slightly these past

few weeks, but when one considers the great number of people on this estate, then ten tables must be adjudged as woefully poor support. Come along, you Whisters, and enjoy a really sociable drive. Old age pensioners are welcomed and pay a reduced charge.

At the Social Committee meeting held on April 28th it was agreed that a Modern Dance should be held on Saturday, May 15th, in support of the Youth Club's effort to raise funds. Having supported the Whist Drive run by our youths and noted the efficient manner in which we were served, let us make this dance the success it deserves, for the cause is worthy as are our youths.

On May 22nd our monthly Social and Dance comes round again. We can assure you all of an enjoyable and entertaining evening. A first-class band will be in attendance as usual, and if the weather is hot or cold, we hope to be able to supply you with some moisture with froth on. REMEMBER, YOU CAN HAVE 34 HOURS OF FUN AND DANCING FOR 1s. 6d., AND THE YEAR IS 1954!

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1st Sheerwater Scout Group

The Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies all took part in the St. George's Day Church Parade on Sunday, April 25th, 1954, at Woking.

A Jumble Sale was held on Saturday, April 24th, 1954, in St. Michael's Church Hall, and the sum realised from this was over £15, which was apportioned as £4½ towards the Group Headquarters and over £5 towards the Cubs' colours.

The cake competition was won by Mr. Kinch, of 15, Bentham Avenue, and the winner of the raffle for the new-laid eggs was Mr. Wilkinson, of 70, Albert Drive.

We should like to thank all those who contributed and helped to make this jumble sale such a great success.

If anybody has a good second-hand tent for sale will they please contact the Group Scoutmaster, Mr. E. R. Einn, of 86, Albert Drive.

C. L. S.

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SHEERWATER PYLON

EDITORIAL OFFICES
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Editor: Mr. S. C. B. WEST.
Please submit copy not later than May 28th for June issue.

The Editor Writes

Protection of the Greens.—Recently the Council of the Association met the Estate Officer in regard to the condition of the greens on the estate. Certain suggestions were put forward by the delegation in regard to the extension of the bus stops paving, inlet pavings where there is a continuous stretch of green, and above all the real need for the recreation ground in order that the children will have a playground. The Estate Officer undertook to put the points of view before the Council, but he did emphasise that as soon as the Woking Council took over the roads and the grass verges it would be in the interests of the residents to keep the greens as neat as possible, or else it might well be that resurfacing, etc., would cause an increase in the rates. That is a point of view, but I would like to appeal to all residents to look after the grass verges, etc., in their own interests in order that the estate will always keep that look about it that we all want. The biggest bugbear of the whole business is that of the recreation ground, and until that is settled it will be difficult to keep children from playing on the verges.

Too much by too few.—Talking to one of the oldtimers of the Association the other day he said that in his view the Council was fast becoming "cliquey" and that there were people who were holding down far too many jobs. If this is true this is a bad thing and will do the Association very much harm. The jobs should be shared around and then everyone will be able to keep a more active interest. Of course, the cry will go up that nobody will come forward for the jobs, but that is very untrue. The real reason for that cry is that the people holding down the jobs do not want others to "chip" in. One man one job should be the motto, and keep the Association alive.

Youth Club.—I was glad that the Youth Club ran the bus on the 1st 1.5.54 ever last month. Some 16 tables plus. Nice work, Youth Club, but more attention should be paid by all to this very desirable club, especially in a place like Woking. It's a badly-needed job and should receive the support of all residents on the estate. The youth of today is the Association of to-morrow.

Mock Parliament.—Will all residents who would be willing to start next autumn a mock parliament, to run once a month from September to April and to be modelled on the lines of the House of Commons, with a Government and Opposition, please submit their names in writing to the Editor.

The Sheerwater "Pylon" and the "Post."—Will all readers note that there is no connection between the "Post" and the Sheerwater Community Association. The "Pylon" is the official organ of the Association. Will you please spread this news as much as possible, especially to the newcomers.

The Sheerwater Housewife.—As promised, the sequel to the Sheerwater Housewife's story is that she has now bought a cleaner.

Fullbrook School Competition.—The winners in this competition were—
No. 401. Mrs. Phelps, 219, Albert Drive.
No. 494. Mrs. Mitchell, 4b, Devonshire Avenue.
No. 570. Christine Goodchild, pupil at the school.
The prizes were three boxes of chocolates and sweets, valued at 10s. each.

EXCHANGE

E. Pope, 35, Gilbert Sheldon House, Paddington, W.2, wishes to exchange recently completed MAISONNETTE (ground and first floors), with all amenities, rent subject to rebate scheme, 3 bedrooms, kitchenette, dining room, separate w.c., bathroom, 3 minutes from Marble Arch, for 3-bedroom house on Sheerwater Estate.—Further information from the Hon. Secretary.

EXCHANGE. Modern 2-bedroom 1st floor FLAT in small block of flats near park and Kennington Underground, in exchange for 2-bedroom Council house on Sheerwater.—Write, E. C. Saunders, 26c, Sharsted Street, London, S.E.17.

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CORRESPONDENCE

EN VOYAGE.

R.M.M.V. "Carnarvon Castle,"
April 18th.

Dear Sir,
At 9.5 a.m. the Southampton bound train pulled out of Woking station. A few tear-stained relatives waved us good-bye—our long journey had begun.

Soon we were leaving the train, and a kindly porter gathered our bags to load them on to a taxi which conveyed us—rather cheaply, I thought—to the docks.

Tickets, passports and the Customs were each dealt with in turn. The Customs officer exercised his authority and searched our large cabin trunk very thoroughly, muttering things like "false bottoms," antiques, "family plate" and the rest.

Shortly the luggage was consigned to the loading section and we were aboard and shown to our cabins. And jolly comfortable, too.

An excellent lunch followed, and we all felt much better. The afternoon was spent in anticipation of the sailing time of 4 p.m. At that time two tugs, fussing rather anxiously, pulled our ship into mid-stream, and by midnight the last of the Channel Islands were left behind.

The Bay of Biscay has been sailed through, and a smooth crossing of that notorious Bay was enjoyed. By Friday afternoon we passed the Royal yacht "Britannia," and exchanged greetings, the radio messages being displayed for all to see.

Saturday was uneventful except for the excellent meals which punctuate a sun-enlivened day. After dinner, however, a dance was held "neath a moonlit sky, and our thoughts turned to today, when we will be going ashore for two short hours.

And so until the next episode.
I remain, yours sincerely,
H. C. MOORE.

THE LIBRARY.

Sheerwater Library.

Dear Sir,
May I mention some important facts necessary for the success of our new venture?

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do so compels the librarian to charge a fine of threepence; also such thoughtlessness deprives someone else of reading a good book.

All holders of white non-fiction tickets are reminded it is not permissible to take out a novel on these tickets. We have a carefully selected collection of books on History, Travel, Sports, Nursing and Sewing, to mention only a few.

Our room is very small and for the time the best we can offer. It would be a great help if some mothers of small children could get a friend to mind their children whilst changing books. The little ones are apt to get pushed over and some cannot resist playing with the books.

Whilst my helpers and I are quite happy to be of service to you all, a little thought on your part would be appreciated.

KATHLEEN L. DEWDNEY.

ATHLETIC.

10, Hanbury Path.

Dear Sir,
May I use your columns to bring forward a sad state of affairs connected with the Association. Monthly General Meetings are being held with not even a quorum, so that in fact no meeting can be held, and this from a membership of over 2,000. Likewise the Gardening Association, with over 500 members, could not hold their last monthly meeting for a similar reason. The place to complain is at the General Meetings, not in the early morning train or on the front doorstep.

More interest should be shown and must be shown if the Associations concerned are to carry out their functions properly. Rally round, Sheerwater, and attend these meetings.

Yours sincerely,
W. WATKINS.

AN APPEAL TO ALL.

(Addressed to the Secretary.)
Post Office Telephones,
Guildford, Surrey,
29th April, 1954.
TELEPHONE KIOSK, BUNYARD DRIVE.

Dear Sir,
I understand that you are the Hon. Secretary of the Sheerwater Community Association, and, if so, your Association will probably have some means of bring-

ing to the notice of the tenants of Sheerwater the wilful damage which is being done to the above kiosk. If your Association cannot help, then I believe there is a magazine edited and published for the information of the tenants, and perhaps they would be willing to publish an article drawing attention to this fact.

Since the kiosk was erected in May, 1953, the undermentioned damage has been done:

70 panes of glass broken.
5 chrome notice frames and glasses stolen, and had to be replaced.
The wall board containing the telephone damaged and had to be repaired.

Directories torn and damaged as soon as placed in kiosk.

We have no desire to take this kiosk away and deprive the inhabitants of Sheerwater of the facility, but owing to the amount of damage which is being done we will be left with no alternative unless there is an improvement.

The tenants of Sheerwater should realise that it is part of their civic duty to look after the amenities which are provided for them and to report any case which comes to their notice to your Association or some equally responsible body.

We are aware the damage is being done by irresponsible youths who do not realise the incalculable harm they may be doing by damaging these kiosks.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

TOMMY AND TIMMY

Timmy sat very glumly, debating whether it would be better to put up with horrid toothache or do as Mummy wisely suggested and pay a visit to the dentist. "It will be out and over in no time," she said. Grudgingly he had to own up to himself that Mummy was right as usual.

Not that Timmy had any special grudge against Mr. Cole, the dentist. In fact, both boys found the tall, thin old gentleman rather a cheery character. Whenever he passed them in his super-swanky car he always waved to them.

Only the other day Tommy made a solemn declaration that Mr. Coles' car was just like the one he was going to buy Mum and Dad when he grew up, and there and then Timmy agreed to share expenses. This pact was sealed with a hearty handshake.

But now poor old Mr. Coles was suffering in Timmy's imagination. The poor man was nothing less than a monster, waving large black pincers about wildly and with a wicked grin attacking the tooth with no light touch.

In deep gloom Timmy still sat with his elbows propped on the table and his sore face cupped in his hands. Not a scrap of sympathy was he getting from Tommy, who thought he was really making an awful fuss about a little tooth.

"Would you come with me, Tommy?" Tim asked, as if he had decided now or never.

"Course I will," offered his brother generously. "We'll go together and let Mum see how brave we are."

"Hum—I like the we," grumbled Timmy.

"Shut up moaning and feeling sorry for yourself," said Tommy heartlessly.

Mummy was delighted with the boys' idea of going alone. She knew, of course, it was nothing serious, and if they wished to be independent so much the better.

"Hurry then, my dears," she urged, knowing anything might change Tim's mind. "I'll find a lovely shining shining

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for you when you come home," she promised.

"Off they both set out for the dentist, Tim with a big white hanky in his pocket for when coming home. Very far from looking alike now they were. Tim's face was twice its size and thunderous Tommy's was quite normal, except for a smug pompous little smirk.

Timmy hadn't realised what a dreadful long journey it was to the General and lagged a little. "His feet ached," he declared. "It's only because you don't want to go," said Tommy. "Let's get a move on—the quicker the better."

"Hello," said a small little voice belonging to an equally small boy with so many freckles on his face it almost looked like dirt. But no, I must give the little lad the benefit and say they were freckles.

"Play you marbles, uh?" he tempted.

"This was too much for our twins to resist, and so meekly fumbling in their pockets for any spare ones they soon produced three each.

Soon an exciting game of marbles was in session. All that could be heard for the next ten minutes was "Illey alley" and "Stupsy." Tim or Tommy coming in with a loud "Jumpers." "This one's a two'er." Freckles would mumble, with his nose level to the ground, eyes fixed on a beautiful glass masterpiece with the look of an expert. "Bounbers," he said, springing like a tiger. "Chest" shot the twins together. "Oh, all right. Baby's Rollsey's." No passing adult could understand a word of this very fast game; it was just beyond them.

It was really just as well that the twins found themselves no match against their small opponent, who they soon discovered knew all the tricks of someone twice his size and half the amount of freckles.

Only when they had lost their all did they remember the dentist.

"We must be off," said Timmy.

"See you again," grinned the small urchin as he pocketed six more marbles.

Inside the waiting room Tim got the jitters again, but luckily soon a nurse appeared. "This way, my lady," she said coaxingly. "Which one first?"

Both clung to each other's hands desperately now. "We're both together," got out Tim. "Yes, t-that's right," added poor Tommy.

"Oh, dear me," said Mr. Coles, "what a nasty tooth to carry around. Let me release you of it." And so saying, Tommy's tooth was soon held up for close inspection. "There it is, a horror, eh?" Tim agreed.

"Now," said Mr. Coles, turning to Tommy, "let me see your pet bad one." Tommy stepped back, but not fast enough for Mr. Coles sat him in his chair and opened his mouth wide.

"Dear me! It's the same one. Well, I'm flattered." He smiled, and soon a close inspection was being made on Tommy's tooth.

"That's your Daddy's calling for you," said Mr. Coles, looking out of his window as Daddy's old car drew up.

Did Daddy see the joke when the twins told him their tale of woe?

But poor old Tommy and Timmy failed to see the joke. They each sat nursing an empty space where once lodged a bad tooth. But their saddest loss was six glass marbles.

"You wait," thundered Tommy, "we'll win them back." "I'll say we will," backed Timmy.

A TEST FOR THE TIGERS

BY PHILIP B. DANIEL.

Bob Williams, John Fields and Mike Adams sat round the fire reading. Bob was 12, John was 11, and Mike was 9. John looked up. "I say, you chaps," he said. "I've been reading about football. How about making a team ourselves?" "Yes," said Mike. "I've never thought of it myself."

So they began to form a football team called the Tigers. A month later they played their first practice match. Day by day the team grew stronger and stronger. Soon they were the best in Lapton, the town in which they lived. One day a man came to see them and told them that they were to play Hacktown, the next town. So on Saturday they set off.

When the team arrived they were greeted by the Hacktown team captain. Five minutes later they were playing on a hard pitch. There was still no score at half-time. Soon after half-time Bob broke away and went pounding down the pitch with the ball. Nearer and nearer to the goal he came. He steadied himself. He took a shot. A great roar went up! He had scored! That night the Tigers went home triumphantly, holding a shield. Good old Tigers!

THE END.

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THE RUNAWAY ROCKING HORSE

BY D. MEAD.

There was once a little boy called John. John was not always a good boy. He played in a nursery which was at the top of his house. There he had his rocking horse. It was a very nice rocking horse, with a big flowing mane and tail. John played with his rocking horse every day. He sat in the saddle with his cowboy suit on and his six-shooters. He whipped the poor rocking horse and said, "Faster, faster!" He pretended to shoot the bandits, and his six-shooters went "Bang! Bang!"

The rocking horse soon got tired of this, so one night when everybody was asleep he went out; fortunately the little boy had left the window open. Out jumped the rocking horse and ran along the road as fast as he could. His mane was flowing in the night breeze. Soon he came to a farm. He thought there would be some horses there that he could make friends with. He looked over the hedge and there in the field were some real live horses. The rocking horse did not waste much time. He jumped over the hedge and into the field beyond. All the horses laughed at him and said, "Ha, ha, ha, you can't work on this farm. You're only a wooden horse; you can't pull ploughs over the fields. Ha, ha, ha, be off with you." So the poor rocking horse jumped over the hedge and went on down the road. After a little while he came to a mansion. "There may be some horses here that I can make friends with," the horses laughed at him again and told him to go away.

By this time the rocking horse was getting tired. Soon he came to a place where the horses pulled carts. He went up to one of the horses, but it said, "Go home; you have to be tough to pull carts." At last the rocking horse went home. He jumped through the window just as the dawn was breaking through the sky. That morning, when Johnny woke up, a great change had come over him. He never whipped the horse again and they lived happily ever after.

THE END.

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SHEERWATER GARDENING ASSOCIATION

New Hut.

The new Hut is now open for the sale of fertilisers, packet seeds, bedding plants, etc. Lime is still very hard to obtain, but we are doing our best to get regular supplies. A new arrival at the Hut is N.O.M. This is an organic wool waste manure, and is highly recommended. Each sack has a booklet giving full instructions for use. The price is 5s. 3d. per 28lb. bag and 10s. per 56lb. bag. Please note that the Hut will only be open on Sundays from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meetings.

Owing to the extremely poor attendance it has been decided to cancel all General Meetings and only hold an A.G.M. in June. It may interest some members that at the last meeting called for May 24th the members present, excluding committee members, were seven out of a total of nearly 500. The cost of hiring the hall is 50s. I would ask once again for just a little more support at the A.G.M. Remember, it is a waste of time making suggestions or complaining to neighbours, so come along and let's hear your views.

Show.

As I said in the last edition of the "Pylon," I will give more details this month.

First of all, let me inform you that the date of the Show is on August 21st and will be held at the Community Centre.

We have been contacting various suppliers of gardening equipment to send us special prizes. These are proving to be quite helpful, and there is every reason to believe that we shall have quite a collection of prizes to award.

A local newspaper has promised to award a trophy and to sponsor a Baby Show, so start getting the baby dressed, Mum; it may be your baby elected as Sheerwater's loveliest.

Further news will be published at a later date. There will be a Sheerwater Gardening Association Challenge Cup for the highest number of points awarded at the Show in the members' section.

Also there are certificates of merit and diplomas from "Popular Gardening," and we are awaiting delivery of medals from "Amateur Gardening." Also

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"Woman's Own" are sending us medals for the ladies' section for cookery, fruit bottling and needlework.

We are organising a section for the children in the nature of a painting and crayon competition.

A list of classes, entry forms and rules of the show will be available at the Hut as soon as possible.

You will all appreciate this show means a great deal of work for the organisers, so if you can spare any time to help or have any suggestions please contact the Secretary.

Resignation.

I regret to say that our Chairman, Mr. Cooper, has had to resign owing to pressure of work. On behalf of the committee I should like to say how sorry we are to lose him, but like so many of us he has to work for a living, so we do wish him every success and sincerely hope that it will not be too long before he is able to assist us once again. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Cooper who so readily allowed us to use her home for committee meetings.

PLEASE NOTE.

The bedding plants, etc., that are on sale outside the allotment gates in Albert Drive are in no way connected with the Sheerwater Gardening Association.

Sheerwater Labour Party

The next Ward meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26th, 8 p.m. sharp, at 8, Albert Drive.

This meeting will hear the report back on the elections to the Working Urban District Council. It is also hoped that there will be a full discussion upon German Re-Armament. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

At the April Ward meeting members heard a report from the Social Committee.

Their Chairman, Mr. Jackson, said that the socials were proving a success. One was to be held at the Community Centre on June 25th, and on June 15th there would be a children's outing to Littlehampton, for which there were still a few vacancies.

Details could be had from 169, Devonshire Avenue.

CHURCH NEWS

FOR SHEERWATER CATHOLICS

Mass Every Sunday, 9 a.m., at the Community Centre.

Catechism: Every Sunday, 3 to 3.30 p.m., at the Community Centre.

Now that we have passed the greatest landmark in the Church's year—Easter—we would do well to look back to that other great landmark, Christmas Day, the day when we first met round the altar as a Catholic Community on Sheerwater, and see how we are getting on. Those of you who can look back to that Christmas Mass will certainly notice a few improvements. Then we had to manage with a very makeshift altar—an ironing table raised on four bricks! Now, thanks to Mr. O'Sullivan's patient labours, we have an attractive little portable altar with crucifix and (before long anyway) candlesticks to match. When the back cloth is hung and all is in position on the newly-erected stage, we can be justly proud of our Mass Centre. I want to thank again all those who have helped towards these and many other improvements. Many who have lodged in "to see how we are getting on," and maybe have not found arrangements quite to their liking, will, I think, be agreeably surprised if they look in again.

Progress, however, is painfully slow. There must be hundreds of parents and scores of children who have not yet found their way to the Community Centre for Mass or Sunday School; in fact, I am still meeting Catholics who do not know where the Community Centre is! Before many months are out work may well begin on the permanent Church at West Byfleet; but we must give up wishful thinking and face the fact that it may be years before a permanent Church appears on our site. If we are each determined to do our bit, mere lack of a building will not prevent the steady, healthy development of our Catholic way of life. In the years of patient waiting which lie ahead, we would do well to remind ourselves that the word "church" in its deepest and

truest sense does not mean a special (and rather expensive) kind of building; it means a special kind of gathering. The word church comes from a Greek word meaning an assembly (not of bricks and mortar) but of PEOPLE. If we don't learn now to make an effort and gather together regularly in an orderly and reverent way to take part in our Lord's supreme offering at Mass and receive His holy Sacraments, then we will undoubtedly miss the heart and soul of our Catholic Faith, and no building, however magnificent it may be, will ever make up for it.

As these notes go to the editor, I have before me our Lord's words in the Gospel for the second Sunday after Easter: "I am the good shepherd. . . I know mine and mine know me. . . I lay down my life for my sheep. . . I can't imagine any priest reading those words without feeling at least a little uneasy. He does not know all his sheep; he is quite aware that he does not work and sacrifice enough for them. If there has been a slip-up, and some of you have been overlooked, please give your name and address to Mr. Conway, 120, Albert Drive, or Mrs. Eycham, 223, Albert Drive. I hope that all of you will keep Sunday afternoon, June 13th, free for a social and tea party we hope to hold at the Community Centre. There will be plenty of room to park the prams, and games will be organised for the children. This will be a good opportunity of knowing one another better, and I hope you will all take it with both hands.

G. T. BURKE
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THE SHEERWATER YOUTH CLUB

I am glad of this opportunity to bring to the notice of the general public the struggles, the plans and the achievements of our Youth Club.

So far it has been a struggle in several ways. We can only find accommodation for two evenings a week and that accommodation itself is rather unsuitable for a large club of both sexes. However, we thank the Community Association for putting up with us so happily and for helping us so readily and for forgiving us so pleasantly when boisterous youth has its fling and damage results. Still we hope the schools will be ready soon and then we anticipate operating on more evenings.

This brings me to struggle number two. We badly need the help of some assistant youth leaders, and especially we need an active open-air assistant leader for the girls. Mr. Duplock, the leader, and his wife, Mrs. Duplock, the girls' leader, and Mr. John Dunne have done an excellent job, and I have no intention of stating my praise for their efforts. But their time is well filled with camps, rambles, courses, etc., and if anyone feels that they would like to help as an assistant leader on an occasional evening or at a week-end camp, we should welcome them gladly.

And so to struggle number three. Our members must have occupations when they come to the club. If you have any games, books or sports equipment which you don't need please give them to us. Slowly but surely we shall raise the cash and get a grant towards equipment, but we need some now, and you can never have too much. So, after this meeting away to your cupboards, sheds, attics, etc., and see if there is anything that will be useful to us. Any footballs or cricket gear? My eyes sparkle greedily at the very thought.

Now enough of struggles and something instead about achievements and what we have done. A Whist Drive was held with the blessing of the Community Association on April 22nd. It was held in aid of funds, and in all ways it was a great success. We feel that it

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set a new high level of Sheerwater entertainment. We don't wish to boast, but you may as well know that we intend all Youth Club activities to be nothing but the best. There is another Drive on May 7th, and they will be monthly throughout the summer. You will expect good companionship, good prizes, good refreshments and good service. We will see that you get it. Decide now to come along and support us. On May 15th there will be a Dance; why not come to that as well?

Early in July we are going to hold a Dog Show. There will be events to suit all requirements and an exhibition by the R.S.P.C.A. as well. We shall be advertising the show very shortly. And our aim? To raise funds to equip our club and to make it a club we can feel proud of.

On Good Friday a club ramble to Godalming and Guildford was held. Mr. Duplock set the pace, and they covered fourteen miles, even if they did get lost at Compton. There are plans for a week-end at Wanborough Camp and for a party to attend the Whitsun Youth Rally at Guildford as well. Ah, the plans for a caving week-end in Somerset fell through, but it was no fault of ours.

It is rumoured locally that the youth of Sheerwater have tendencies and leanings towards hoodlumism. We don't believe it and we are out to prove the rumours wrong. We can do so by running an efficient and useful Youth Club, so please help us all you can.

Now some acknowledgments. To Mrs. Harris, for those girls' Keep-Fit classes; to Mrs. Jackson for those excellent cakes; and to our members, who are so patient in these early experimental days.

The Management Committee consists of Mrs. Jerred, Mr. Cole, Mr. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Duplock, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Murtough, Mr. Hendon and myself.

Well, that's the lot. I hope it has given you a reasonable picture of what we are doing and what we want to do. Anyway, have a look for that stuff you don't want, and come along to our functions. And if there are any potential leaders about, well, come right in!

R. B. BROOKS.

Calling ALL Young People Between
Fourteen and Twenty-One

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has been formed and will be meeting

Every Tuesday and Friday

at the following times:—

TUESDAYS	-	7.30-10
FRIDAYS	-	5.45-7.45

TABLE-TENNIS : BOXING
DANCING : FOOTBALL etc., etc.

The Club is YOURS—

Come along and take advantage of it

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THE SECRETARY REPORTS

On Friday, April 30th, the Monthly General Meeting had to be cancelled as not enough members attended to form a quorum. This is the first time that a meeting has had to be cancelled, and possibly the real reasons are the intense activity going on with regard to the local elections and the appearance in Woking of our M.P. I feel, however, that members would like to know what is going on, and I thank the Editor for the opportunity and space.

Negotiations are under way for the attendance on the Estate of the Mass Radiography Unit during the autumn. No progress on the recreation ground, despite constant pressure. The U.D.C. have the authority of the L.C.C. to go ahead before final terms have been agreed.

The Area Officer of the L.C.C. promised consideration of our requests for the grass in Hanbury and Woburn Paths to be removed, for the grass verges in Albert Drive to have adequate crossing places, for paved footways to be constructed where pedestrian traffic warrants such action, and for the old people's gardens in St. Michael's Road to be attended to. (These are the Council's responsibility, and the tenants have been told conditions.)

The stamp licence for a mobile sales man was refused.

Question of rolling the centre car park for netball being considered by the U.D.C.

Insurance cover for the Centre and the users thereof now fully effective.

The L.T.E. have accorded full priority to the Estate for bus shelters.

School signs will be erected as soon as the Local Authority. (This question of "adoption" is being pursued.)

The Chief Education Officer has writ-

ten to say that, in his opinion, the time for coming down to parents of 13-year-old pupils is not ripe in view of the small numbers so far involved.

Applications for affiliation have now been received from the Sheerwater Musical Society and the Youth Club.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting in the Centre to launch a British Legion branch in Sheerwater.

The Secretary and the Centre Secretary have been nominated to attend the National Council of Social Service Summer School, and County have been approached for grants towards the cost.

During the course of a pleasant exchange of views with the representative of the County Surveyor, the defects prohibiting the grants of a music and dancing licence in the Centre were discussed, and action is being taken to ensure the early award of the licence.

Despite constant pressure, it has not yet been possible to expolite the inaugural meeting of the governing body.

Parkside Social Association have thanked us for officiating at their Easter Fayre, and the Addlestown C.A. have requested assistance. (Our skill in selecting "queens and princesses" is obviously appreciated.)

The funds of the Association are in a healthy condition. The central fund stands at £31 14s. 14d., and the building fund at £133 7s. Profit made by the Social Sub-committee in March was £13 6s. 7d., and the "Pylon," when all liabilities were met and moneys received, was about £10 to the good.

DON'T FORGET

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Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. McDermott, 14 Hanbury Path

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
FRIDAY, 28th MAY.
at 8 p.m.
at the COMMUNITY CENTRE

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Mr. McDermott,
Dear Sir,

I thought I would write and tell you my opinion of the organisation of the Community Association. I consider it most unfair the way things are run. When we came down here the Vicar told us what a beautiful place it was and what lovely people. That is a matter of opinion. My children wanted to go to the Christmas Party. We wrote to one of your members (his address was in the "Pylon"). He ignored our letter.

We were told by Mr. Williamson that the Tory Party was going to give a Christmas affair for the children, but they decided against this, as you were catering for all the children of the Estate.

You opened the library, and my girls are not allowed to join because they are not sixteen. On the form C.L.8 you state story books for children; so a person of sixteen is a child. Also this Estate caters for nothing. My youngest daughter wanted to join the Brownies, but she could not do this because the waiting list is too long. I stated when I came down here to one of your committee members that I had a public address equipment that you could borrow free of charge. But the way we have been treated, this offer no longer stands good. I am an invalid and I have quite a lot of time to see how peculiar people try to run an organisation.

Yours faithfully,
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Sheerwater Conservative Association

This has been a most entertaining and encouraging month, with membership increasing slowly and preparations for the May 15th elections going ahead with smooth precision.

The women's section continues to hold its weekly get-togethers and to progress satisfactorily. As usual their programme, together with the social programme of the branch, can be found in "Common Sense".

As the majority of our members know, our Chairman, Mr. W. A. V. Langdon, has left the estate to take up residence in Hertfordshire. As a pioneer member of the branch and as our first Chairman he will be missed. Best wishes, Bill, and thank you for returning on the

15th to assist our candidate, John Royal, in his campaign.

The Annual General Meeting of the Woking Division Conservative Association was held on April 30th, and was a most entertaining evening for all who attended. As is usual, our Member of Parliament, Mr. Harold Watkinson, gave a most illuminating address. For a fuller report, once again read your "Common Sense".

There is a most agreeable increase in the number of Young Conservatives who are showing interest in the branch functions. If there are others among our readers between the ages of 15 and 30—and interested—then please contact our Secretary, Mr. John Royal, 14, Albert Drive.

WRIGHT—SMITH

Elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith, of 56, Albert Drive, Miss Hazel Smith was married on Easter Monday to Mr. John Ralph Wright, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, of South Norwood, at All Saints' Church, Woodham.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Association.

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