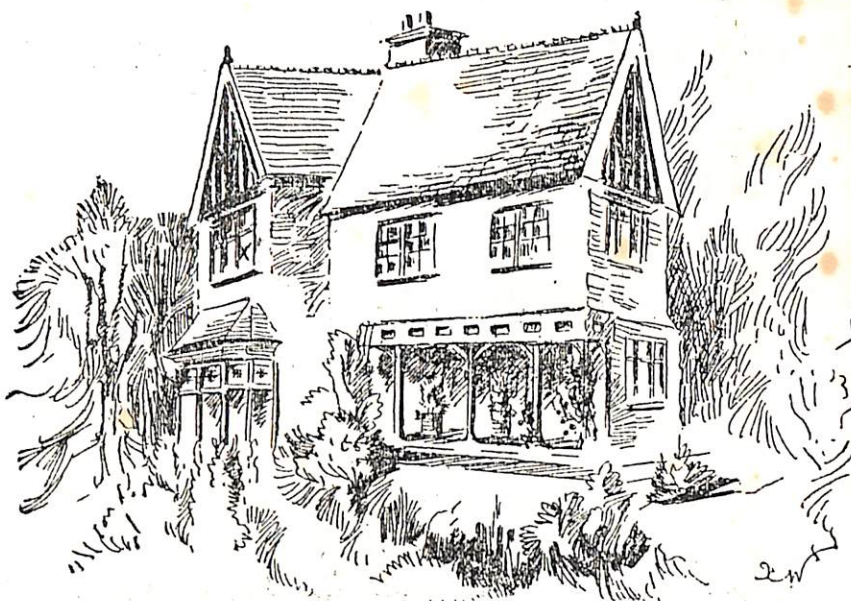
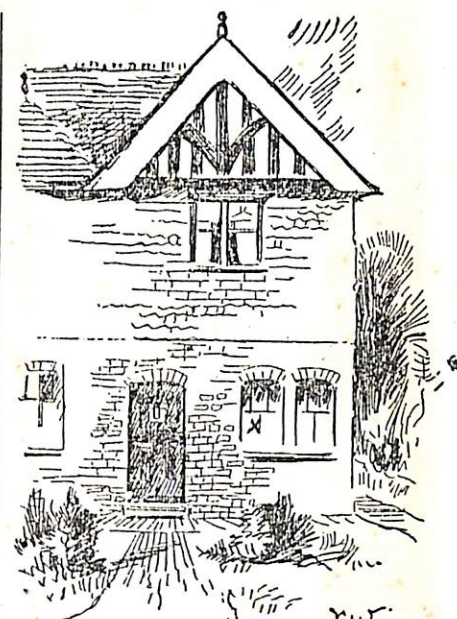




"PLUCKLEY GRANGE."

(The Window marked with a cross shows the window of the bedroom where Mrs. Berndt's body was found.



The Back of the House. The Window marked with a cross shows the kitchen where Mr. Berndt's body was found.

BETHERSDEN CHURCHES & ORGANISED GAMES

July ————— 1933

SUNDAY CRICKET PROTEST

Arising from a letter received from the Bathersden Parochial Church Council, asking the Union Church to join in a protest against Sunday cricket matches, it was unanimously decided at a meeting of the latter church on Monday that the Pastor should forward the following resolution to the secretary of the Cricket Club: "The members of this Church unanimously desire to protest against the action of the Bathersden Cricket Club in organising matches to be played on the Lord's Day. This day is set apart to 'Give unto God the glory due unto His Holy Name' in public worship; to seek one's own pleasure in playing cricket (or any other games) is to act in opposition to His Word which tells us 'Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.' As a Church we desire to abide by the Word of God, believing it to be Divinely inspired, and that each one will stand or fall as that Word is received or rejected. We would remind you of one statement therein: 'Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.' It is a reproach to our village when cricket (or any other games) are played on the Lord's Day, and we solemnly feel those who set such a sad example will sooner or later reap an evil harvest from the seed thus sown."

BETHERSDEN v. LITTLEBOURNE.—Played at Bathersden on Sunday. H. Sabbage, 4 for 15; A. Jarvis, 3 for 8.

Littlebourne.	Bathersden.
G. Summerfield, b P. Holmes	P. Holmes, b Hammond
E. Sidders, c Brencley, b P. Holmes	K. Heathfield, b Foster
D. Godden, b Sabbage	F. Jarvis, hit wicket, b Pain
A. Hammond, b A. Jarvis	A. Jarvis, lbw, b Pain
W. Foster, b A. Jarvis	H. Sabbage, st Sidders, b Pain
J. Pain, b A. Jarvis	J. Holmes, c Hammond, b Godden
B. Coombs, b Sabbage	W. Brencley, b Godden
F. Hadlow, not out	C. St. Ruth, b Hammond
S. Fuller, b Sabbage	C. Dowle, c Hadlow, b Hammond
B. Jackson, b Sabbage	P. Ring, c Foster, b Hammond
N. Holmes, b St. Ruth	W. Edmonds, not out
Extras	Extra
Total	Total

July 1933

POTTEN FARM, BETHERSDEN.

On the main road from Ashford to Tenterden and close to the Royal Standard Inn.

Notice of SALE BY AUCTION of the LIVE AND DEAD FARMING STOCK including

MARCH 12 1937

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Hay Rake by Nicholson, Double-cylinder Roll by Aveling and Porter, Wagon by Heathfield, Dung Cart, pair Harrows, Plough Chains, set Harness, Hay Rakes, Hay Forks, Feeding Troughs, Chaff Cutter, Cake Mill by Bamford, Corn Mill by Hunt, Hay Cribbs, quantity Sheep and Pig Gates, quantity Seasoned Oak Boardings, ditto Quartering, 12 Oak Gate Posts, Oak Slabs and spurs, quantity small Gates, quantity Land Drain Pipes and Bricks, 2 Oil Drums, quantity Paint, Corrugated Iron, Ash Poles, quantity New Spiles, Wire Netting and Sheep ditto, Dairy Pails and Stools, 2 Sheep Troughs by Thomas and Co., Dog Kennel, Garden Roll and Mower, Pea Guards, Dung Forks and quantity of Tools,

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LOTS OF SALE. BETHERSDEN. THIS

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VILLAGE ARCHIVES

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LATEST DETAILS.

Mr. Berndt previously to coming to Kent came from Winchester, where he was a well known as a speculator.

The brother-in-law who was the mysterious visitor will attend the inquest having been found by Scotland Yard Detectives. Last Easter he stayed with the Berndts at Pluckley Grange.

The bodies will not be buried at Bathersden, but cremated at Woking.

MAY BETHERSDEN 1929

POLITICAL.—On Friday evening the Conservative candidate, Major Steel, and Mr. W. R. FitzHugh, addressed a meeting in the Hall, Mr. A. S. Beazley, presiding.

WHITSUNTIDE SERVICES.—Whitsuntide was ushered in with merry peals on the bells soon after six o'clock on Sunday morning. The church services commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m., followed by others at 8 a.m. and after the morning service, the communicants numbering forty-five. The services were conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.). The anthem, "God is a Spirit," was exceptionally well rendered, with Miss Parker at the organ and under the superintendence of Mr. H. Paffard, M.C.O. Collections were taken on behalf of the University Mission to Central Africa, amounting to £5 5s. 7d.

LICENSEE'S BEREAVEMENT.—Much sympathy is felt throughout the parish with Mr. W. Philpott and family, of the George Inn, owing to the death of Mrs. Philpott, whose funeral took place on Tuesday. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Morris) conducted the service, and the family mourners included Mr. W. Philpott (husband), Miss Ivy Philpott and Miss Elsie Philpott (daughters), Mr. Alec Philpott (son), Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Philpott (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Philpott (son), Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Philpott (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. C. Philpott (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Scratchley, Mrs. Pavey, Mrs. Shorter, Mr. R. Fidler, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. A. C. Clapson. Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nash, Mr. Tidy, Mrs. J. Hukins, Mrs. J. Mannering, Mrs. L. Mannering, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Nickols, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. J. Link, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. F. Ring, Mr. R. Batt and Mrs. Murrell. Mrs. Philpott's favourite hymn, "Abide With Me," was sung, and the grave was lined with ivy and forget-me-nots.

IT'S KEDWARD This Time.

THE BETHERSDEN TRAGEDY.

MARCH

1911

WIFE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

THE SECRET OF A LONELY HOUSE.

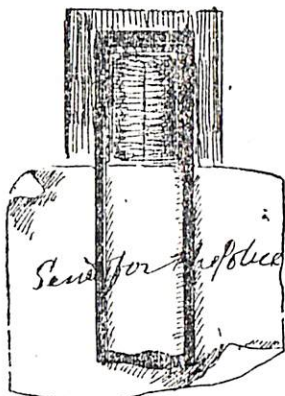
VICTIMS' LIFE IN ASHFORD.

A terrible tragedy, pointing to murder and suicide, and yet somewhat shrouded in mystery, was discovered at Bethersden on Wednesday morning. The scene of the ghastly deed was at a modern house named "Pluckley Grange," about a mile and a quarter from the pretty village of Bethersden, and just 1½ miles from Pluckley Station, and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Berndt. Here a postman found a piece of paper nailed over the knocker of the door on which was written, "Send for the police."

Glover, the postman, informed. Sergt. Payne, of the Kent County Constabulary, of the notice and he cycled over to the Grange, but failed to gain admission. The sergeant went over to Mr. Hall's house which is quite close to the Grange and together they returned to the silent house, but again were unable to get in. Fearing a tragedy, Sergt. Payne went over to Smarden for P.C. Clark.

A TERRIBLE SIGHT.

The sergeant and the constable seeing an



"The Message under the Knocker."

open bedroom window, over the drawing room, decided to make an entrance by that way. Mr. Hall and his man Miles obtained a ladder and P.C. Clarke made his way up to the window. On moving the blinds aside he recoiled in horror, for Mrs. Berndt was lying on the bed with her night attire smothered in blood, while under the bed was also a pool of blood, and by the bedside lay a double barrelled gun. He was ordered to enter the room and go down and let Sergeant Payne in by the front door. P.C. Clarke at once proceeded to carry out his instructions, but

it at once dawned on him that perhaps the murderer was concealed on the premises.

With commendable pluck the constable went downstairs, after a cursory glance at the corpse on the bed, and kept a sharp look out. Nothing, however, was seen till he reached the kitchen and there close to the door he found the lifeless body of Mr. Berndt, and close by a six-chambered revolver. He let in Sergt. Payne and together they examined the bodies. The unfortunate woman had received

TERRIBLE INJURIES.

A large gunshot wound under the right breast had made a hole large enough to admit a man's fist and the shots had travelled across and had come out under the left breast. She had also been shot in the side of the stomach where an awful wound was visible. The double barrel gun was loaded in both barrels so that the murderer had evidently intended, should not the first attack be successful, to shoot again. It is, of course, a question whether the unfortunate woman received the discharge of both barrels at once, or separately, but judging by the wounds it would seem as they are both on the right side, that both barrels were discharged at once.

The man lay as though asleep on the kitchen floor, but there was an ominous dark stain in the centre of his waistcoat. Beside him was a six-chambered revolver, one barrel having been used with deadly effect, for the bullet had gone clean through the heart.

Dr. Ballard, of Smarden, who examined the bodies, was of opinion that death had taken place some hours previously. On Thursday he held a post-mortem examination on the bodies.

LAST SEEN ALIVE.

It is probable that the tragedy occurred on Tuesday evening, as a labourer alleges that he saw Mrs. Berndt at the bedroom window at seven that morning, while Mr. Berndt was seen serenely feeding his chicken about five o'clock by Mr. H. F. Hall, whose nurseries practically adjoin the Grange.

In an interview with a representative of the *Kentish Express*, Mr. Hall gave a description of what took place on Wednesday morning.

Sergt. Payne he said "went over to his place and asked him if anything was wrong at the Grange, as the house was locked up and there was a request on the door to send for the police. In company with his man, Miles, they went over to the house and after again reading the request and finding that all was silent, the Sergeant decided to go for P.C. Clark at Smarden.

On arrival of the constable an admittance was gained by means of a ladder through a bedroom window, where said Mr. Hall the secret of the silent house was out. Mr. and Mrs. Berndt were middle-aged. Mr. Berndt might perhaps have been nearly fifty and his wife his junior by some eight years.

They were, said Mr. Hall, quiet unassuming people, and had very few, if any, visitors. They seemed to have been adverse to any tradespeople coming to the house, as they always did their own shopping, and but for the postman no one was ever seen on the drive that led to "Pluckley Grange." Mrs. Berndt has been described by several people as a very hot tempered woman. She worked assiduously on the small holding, digging and fencing and even making the trenches herself for the drainage of the house. Monday being a fine day, both Mr. and Mrs. Berndt were out rabbit shooting and that was the last occasion said Mr. Hall that I saw her.

WAS THERE A MOTIVE?

Despite many rumours nothing has yet come to light as to why the terrible deed was done. It appears, however, that Mr. Berndt

left two letters behind, one for the Coroner, the other for the police, and although their contents were not divulged before the inquest, we understand that in one Mr. Berndt stated that his mind was terribly upset and in the other he describes the killing of his wife. The letter is by no means a vindictive one, for in it he several times alludes to his wife as "his darling."

Nothing is yet known of the relatives of either of the deceased persons, but that there are some is beyond a doubt, for Mr. Berndt is known to have a niece. In the verandah of the house was a small box, on which was written in German "To Dear Auntie."

A STRANGER IN THE VILLAGE.

A lot has been made out of the visit on Tuesday to Pluckley Grange of Mr. Berndt's brother-in-law who was expected on a visit. He arrived on Tuesday from Germany and travelled from Dover by the train that arrives at Pluckley just after five.

An account of his doings was related to our representative by Arthur Edwards, a porter at Pluckley station, who stated that he arrived by the 5.2 train from Dover, and was a tall, well-dressed man. Edwards noticed the signalman and the stranger gesticulating one to the other, and on going to see what was wanted the stranger made signs that he wanted his luggage, consisting of a large dressing case, taken to Berndt's.

The stranger could not speak English, but, said Edwards, "I could understand that he wanted me to take him to the Grange. On the way he kept pointing at the house, as much as to say, 'Is this the house?'" On arrival we went to the back door, which is mostly used and under the knocker was a piece of paper with the words, "Please send for police," upon it.

"I took but little notice of it," said Edwards, as pieces of paper with such notices, "Away from home," "Return shortly," were often on the door, and also because people gave the Berndt's a strange character.

"The visitor went round to the front of the house, and I heard the bell ring, so round I went, and left the suit case at the front door. The visitor tipped me and I left, thinking he would soon get in."

"On seeing him at the station the next morning I was certain he did not obtain admission; he looked very tired and dishevelled, and remarked something about 'Berndt, no home.' He asked for cafe and afterwards left by the 8.21 for Charing Cross."

It is possible that this stranger will be an important witness at the inquest.

THE BERNDTS AT ASHFORD.

Nearly eight years have elapsed since Mr. and Mrs. Berndt came into the district. They resided for some little time in Western Avenue, Ashford, but made very few acquaintances. Mr. Berndt, who was most affable and intellectual. Being able to speak three languages, was a keen speculator, and was in the habit of buying up land and afterwards building upon it and selling the house and property as a small holding. This was his intention at Bethersden when he purchased about 17 acres on the Pluckley Court estate in 1903, after a successful stroke of business in the Folkestone district. He instructed Mr. A. E. Lacey, the Ashford architect, to design a residence for him, and this was done. "Pluckley Grange" being the name given to the residence, which was built by Mr. E. Bowles, of South Ashford. During business with Mr. Berndt it was noticed that some of his notepaper was marked, Hotel Beau Site, Lausanne, and he was, as he told an acquaintance a naturalized Swiss. His wife, however, was an English woman.

PLUCKLEY GRANGE.

Situated just off the road that runs from the Bethersden main road to Smarden, and a mile and a half from Pluckley station, is the Grange. It is an ideal building of red brick and tiles, with half-timber and rough cast gables, and is approached by a carriage drive. There are out buildings and meadows, and at the rear a newly-planted orchard, being, in fact, an ideal place in every way. There are seven rooms and a fine drawing-room, while the approach to the hall door is by a tiled verandah.

SALE ON TUESDAY NEXT.
By direction of Major The Hon. John S. R.
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ASHFORD PORTION.

Lot.	Acres.
1—Barrow Hill House and Grounds	1
2—Ripton Farm and 4 Cottages	188½
3—Accommodation Pasture, adjoining Chart Road	3½
4—Ditto. Ditto.	3½
5—Barrow Hill Cottages	1
6—Building Land adjoining Maid- stone Road	4½
7—Ditto. Ditto.	1½
8—Ditto. Ditto.	5½
9—Arable Land adjoining Maidstone Road	6½
10—Warren Sandpits and House with Possession	10
11—Part The Warren, Pasture and land	14½
12—The Keeper's Field, Potters Corner—Arable	5
13—Arable Field, Potters Corner	21½
14—Part Hoads Wood	15½
15—Ditto	15
16—Ditto	24½
17—Part Lodge Wood	55½
18—Part Eyesend Wood	21½
19—Balls Wood and Pt. Eyesend	29½
19a—Cottage at Potters Corner	¼
BETHERSDEN PORTION.	
20—Etchden Farm and 2 Cottages	178
20a—Part Hoads Wood	59
21—Accommodation Pasture	21
22—Ditto	7½
23—Frid Corner Field	13½
24—Pasture and Woodland	47
25—Ditto at Snoad Hill, with Range of Buildings	57½
26—Pasture and Arable	58
27—Part Hoads Wood	28½
28—Ditto	39½
29—Ditto	50
30—The Wildish Land	15½
31—Pasture and Woodland	8½
WESTWELL.	
32—Pasture Land, near Charing to Faversham Road	6½
VACANT POSSESSION of Lots 20 to 29 inclusive and part of Lot 30 can be ob- tained at Michaelmas.	

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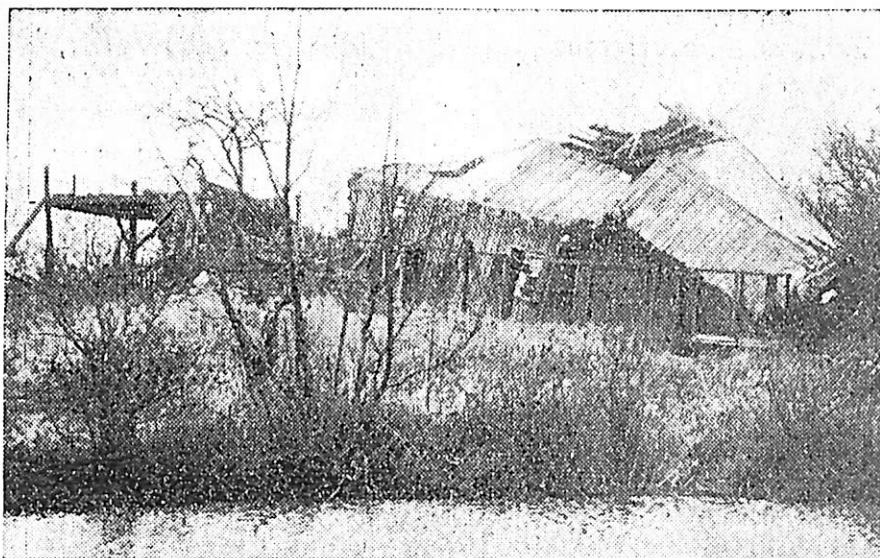
MAY BETHERSDEN 1930

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—There was quite a good attendance at the monthly meeting to listen to a lecture given by Miss M. Marshall on "Joan of Arc." After the usual business and tea a demonstration on linen embroidery was given by Miss Smyth. The monthly competition was a "Rhyme on Bethersden W.I." It was won by Miss E. Parker. An amusement competition was won by Mrs. F. A. Padgham.

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LAST OF BETHERSDEN MILL

GIANT OF THE VILLAGE BLOWN DOWN



All over the country giant windmills stand derelict and falling to pieces. Bethersden mill, which has been in disrepair for the last ten years, succumbed to old age on Monday evening, and in a gust of wind that lasted five minutes, cracked and collapsed in the mill field.

Mr. J. T. Adams, the owner, said it had been in his family for over 100 years. "It was an old mill when I was a boy," he said, "but I can remember the last miller, Mr. Wood; and we worked it ourselves at one time."

Only some farm implements were stored in the mill.

Mr. A. Moore, 74 years of age, who lives next to the mill, heard it collapse at about 9.45 p.m.

"It sounded like guns going off and our house shook like a leaf," he told a Kentish Express reporter. Mr. Moore remembers when the mill was so full of corn, that the miller had to work day and night and on Sundays. Malt was also ground there for brewing beer, and Mr. Moore, who worked in the mill for 7 years, can boast of "dressing" the wheel stones, when the local wheelwright's business died out. "Some say the mill was 200 years old, but I think, according to history books, that it was only built about 130 years ago."

"It does not seem the same living here with that old mill gone, but it's lucky for us it fell the other way, else it would have come on our house."

* 504 BETHERSDEN. 1925

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—A very successful monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the Village Hall on July 2nd, Mrs. Sabbage presiding in the absence of the President. Miss Harker gave a most interesting and instructive lecture and demonstration on leather and boot clumping, which was listened to attentively. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Harker for her excellent lecture. The competition for the best flower decorated table was won by Mrs. Taylor. A novel way of judging the competitions was by members placing a penny on the table they preferred, the table gaining the most winning the prize. By this means 3s. 10d. was added to the funds of the W.I. A number of amusing competitions, arranged by Mrs. Cameron and Miss Drysdale, were thoroughly enjoyed. An excellent tea was provided by the hostesses.

BETHERSDEN. 1894.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—Mr. Henry Link, son, of Wissenden House, Bethersden, after having been unwell for some time, passed peacefully away on Wednesday week at the

advanced age of 75. For a lifetime he has been connected with the parish of Bethersden, latterly as a farmer, and had gained the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The funeral took place on Wednesday in Bethersden churchyard. The mourners included his wife (the partner of his life for 53 years), ten sons and daughters, and other relatives, in all about 30. The service was conducted by the rector (the Rev. R. Palmer), who has kindly consented to conduct a special funeral service on Sunday. The coffin was borne by six nephews of the deceased. The family provided a handsome wreath and cross, while a wreath was sent by Mr. T. J. Chessum (of Hastings).

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1930

MUSICAL SUCCESS.—At the recent examination of the Associated Board of Music, Miss Kathleen Irene Martin was successful in obtaining honourable mention for pianoforte in the Lower School Division.

1927 BETHERSDEN 1928
SALE.—A jumble sale, arranged by the Church Council to defray part of the cost of a new boiler for the heating of the church, was held on Wednesday, when upwards of £15 was realised.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the monthly meeting on Saturday an interesting lecture on "Women's Dress Through the Ages," with illustrations, was given by Mrs. Longley, which was much appreciated. After tea, Mrs. Montgomery gave an interesting demonstration on the correct way to truss a fowl. The evening concluded with a competition, "A Hat made from a Sheet of Newspaper," which was won by Miss A. Millen.

DON'T FORGET. Garden Fete, Wednesday, May 30th, at Dashmonden, Biddenden. See Bills.—Advt.

JUNE BETHERSDEN. 1917
FOOD CAMPAIGN.—A meeting was held in the school on Wednesday week at the instance of the Food Campaign Committee of Ashford. A convincing talk was given by Mr. James Quick upon the food problems as they present themselves to the nation at the present time. A set of slides, provided by the National War Savings Committee in London, was then shown by the Rev. D. H. Creation, the running comments being contributed by the hon. secretary of the Ashford Committee, the gist of them being the duty of all to engage themselves actively in the production of a larger supply of food.

WEDDING.—A very pretty wedding took place on May 28th, at St. Nicholas Church, Guildford, the contracting parties being Edith Filmer, youngest daughter of Edward Filmer, of Bethersden, and John Ernest Philpott, second son of William Philpott, the George, Bethersden. Everything was very quiet owing to the bridegroom's speedy return to Salonica, he belonging to the Army Service Corps. The bride's dress was of grey satin with hat to match, and she was given away by a friend and supported by her sister, both wearing dresses alike. Commandant Franklin's little daughter was the bridesmaid. The presents were both costly and numerous.



Rhoda Oliver, aged 11, a pupil of Bethersden County School, whose lullaby was broadcast on the National wavelength on Monday afternoon.

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FIVE GENERATIONS at Bethersden.—Standing: Mrs. H. A. Jarvis (64), Mrs. K. Thomas (46). Seated: Mrs. Caroline Burden (87), holding Derek Relf (aged two months); his mother, Mrs. V. Relf (21)

BETHERSDEN v. SOUTH ASHFORD.—Played at Bethersden on Whit Monday.
 South Ashford. **JUNE 1925**

C. Burden, c Stenning,	7	run out	7
b J. Jarvis			
M. Jeffrey, c and b	24	b Sabbago	20
Sabbago			
C. Goodfellow, lbw,	6	b Sabbago	0
b Sabbago			
R. Robinson, c Bur-			
den, junior, b P.			
Ring	6	run out	9
S. Judge, lbw, b P.			
Ring	0	b Holmes	9
E. Wenborn, not out	25	b Stenning	21
C. Grist, b Sabbago	3	b Sabbago	4
T. Wenborn, c and b			
P. Ring	1	b Holmes	4
A. Moore, b P.			
Ring	0	b J. Jarvis	2
G. Burden, lbw, c P.			
Ring	0	not out	0
Morgan, c and b P.			
Ring	0	c Burden, junior, b	0
Extras	8	Stenning	0
Total	80	Extras	8
		Total	84

J. Edmunds, b Moore	0	b Moore	0
G. Burden, senior, c			
Judge, b Robinson	6	c Jeffrey, b Robinson	1
H. Sabbago, b Robin-			
son	32	b Robinson	6
A. Stenning, b Robin-			
son	7	c Wenborn, b Robin-	2
P. Ring, b Moore	2	b Robinson	1
P. Holmes, b Moore	9	b Robinson	0
E. Ring, st. Morgan,			
b Robinson	6	b Moore	3
J. Burden, junior, b			
Moore	0	b Robinson	3
J. Jarvis, b Moore	0	c Goodfellow, b Rob-	3
		inson	3
F. Jarvis, run out	0	not out	4
A. Cowel, not out	2	b Moore	0
Extras	8	Extras	0
Total	71	Total	33

JUNE BETHERSDEN. 1925
WHITSUN SERVICES.—The parish church was tastefully decorated for the season, and the services (all conducted by the vicar, the Rev. E. H. Morris) were bright and hearty. Collections were taken on behalf of the University Mission to Central Africa, the amount forwarded being £2/15/-.

The children's service in the afternoon took the form of a flower service, the flowers being sent to the Ashford Cottage Hospital. At this service 8/4 was collected on behalf of a fund for the purchase of hymn books for the choir.

At the meeting of Court "Good Intent" (Ancient Order of Foresters) being held at the clubroom on Monday, 28th June, at 7.30 p.m., the National Health Valuation Report is being submitted and a proposed scheme of additional benefits discussed. All State members are asked to attend.—Advt.

6 Oct BETHERSDEN 1928
BAILIFF'S DEATH.—Deepest sympathy is felt with Mrs. Guess and family owing to the death, at the Ashford Hospital on Sunday, of Mr. Henry Guess, of "Robcott," who was taken ill earlier in the day. Mr. Guess, who has for the past fifteen years been farm bailiff to Mr. J. T. Adams, was sixty years of age and leaves a widow and four daughters.

BUGLERS deliver free Tuesdays and Thursdays.—Advt.

PRETTY WEDDING AT BETHERSDEN.

MR. E. J. MASTERS AND MISS R. M. MURRELL. 1927

The wedding of Mr. Ernest Jack Masters, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Masters, of Hydrangea House, Tenterden, to Miss Rose May Murrell, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Murrell, of Forge Hill, Bethersden, was solemnised at Bethersden on Saturday by the vicar (the Rev. E. H. Morris). The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. Blackford, was dressed in white crepe fuchsia with silver lace, hand-embroidered net veil, and a coronet of orange blossom. She wore silver shoes and carried a sheaf of



Photo. renfold.

lilies, carnations and fern (the gift of the bridegroom). The bridesmaids were the Misses Jenny Murrell, Lily Murrell (sisters of the bride), and Mildred Masters (sister of the bridegroom). All three wore dresses of powder-blue rex silk, panels of blue lace, silver head bandeaux and silver shoes. Their ornaments were strings of pearls and they carried shower bouquets of pale pink carnations, and asparagus fern (also the gifts of the bridegroom). Mr. A. Murrell, a brother of the bride, was best man. After the reception, which was held at the bride's home, the happy couple left by car for Hastings, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling costume was of blue; she wore also a grey fur and a mauve crepe-de-chine hat. After the wedding ceremony one of the bouquets was

placed on the War Memorial in memory of the bride's fallen brother. The presents included the following:—

Bridegroom to bride—Silver-backed hand mirror and brushes.
Bride to bridegroom—Silver cigarette case.
Bride's parents—Reception and cheque.
Bridegroom's parents—Canteen cutlery and silver.
Bridegroom's sister—Elderdown.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lusted (brother and sister)—Lace curtains.
Mr. George Lusted (nephew)—Pair silver photograph frames.
Mr. Fred Lusted (nephew)—Art flower bowl.
Miss Lily Murrell (sister)—White damask tablecloth.
Miss Jenny Murrell (sister)—Afternoon tea cloth.
Mrs. Nolan (sister)—Fancy silk cloth.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Murrell and Mrs. Ward—Linen cloth and butter dish.
Mr. Harold Masters (cousin)—Oak tray.
Mrs. A. Mercer (aunt)—Cheque.
Mrs. D. Mercer (aunt)—Cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Love (uncle and aunt)—Cheque.
Mrs. H. C. Coward—Silver tea strainer.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Millen—Breakfast cruet and brass stair rods.
Weald of Kent staff—Present.
A friend—Enamel saucepans.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Link and son—Silver butter dish and knife.
Mrs. J. Link—Glass dishes.
Mrs. Watkins—Glass cake stand.
Mrs. H. Coleman—Glass jug and d'oyleys.
Mrs. James Hukins—Bath towels.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingsnorth and Renee—Pillow cases and table centre.
Miss Rose Jarvis—Silver butter dish and knife.
Mrs. Blackford—Glass dishes.

Miss Violet Blackford—Silver butter dish and knife.
Mr. W. Blackford—Salt cellars in silver stands.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Venner—Jam dish in silver stand.
Mr. and Mrs. Hicks—Cushion cover.
Miss Grace Henty—Teapot and stand.
Miss Annie and Alice Hicks—Fruit dishes.
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Norris—Bottle of port.
Mr. and Mrs. George Vant and family—Set of jugs.
Little Jack—Towel.
A friend—Set of glass dishes.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1932

THE CHURCHYARD.—The annual meeting of the Churchyard Committee was held on Friday, when Mr. W. Jarvis presided. The balance sheet for the year showed a satisfactory income. The annual house-to-house collection will commence on April 18th, when the Committee appeal with confidence for a renewal of the subscriptions.

MUSICAL SUCCESS.—At the recent examinations of the Association Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London, Miss Marjorie Ingram passed the "School" examination in the Lower Division for the pianoforte. Miss Kathleen Martin was successful in passing the local examination in the Intermediate grade for the pianoforte.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Mrs. J. Cameron presided at the meeting on the 7th instant in the Village Hall. A demonstration of sweet-making was given by Mrs. T. Wilson and Miss Marriott. Community singing was conducted by Miss M. Drysdale. The competition was for "An article the best value from Woolworth's Stores." The large entry was judged by non-competing members, and the winners were:—1 Mr. T. Padgham, 2 Mrs. P. Ring, and 3 Mr. L. Padgham.

BETHERSDEN v. PLUCKLEY.—E.

JULY Pluckley 1937	
E. Blackman, b Mason	8
R. Jollif, c Cowell, b Ninn	11
G. Fowler, b Ninn	5
C. Jollif, c Skinner, b Taylor	13
G. Underdown, c Harrison, b Holmes	3
F. Blackman, c Buss, b Holmes	9
B. Millgate, b Holmes	2
R. Farrance, c Holmes, b Ninn	3
F. Boyce, b Holmes	14
P. Stevens, c Berry, b Mason	2
E. Tredway, not out	19
Extras	17
Total	106

Bethersden	
F. Amos, b E. Blackman	0
J. H. Ninn, c Stevens, b E. Blackman	5
P. Harrison, b E. Blackman	2
V. Skinner, b E. Blackman	12
P. Holmes, c Fowler, b E. Blackman	22
D. Taylor, b F. Blackman	5
S. Berry run out	0
Prior, run out	0
W. Buss, run out	3
M. Mason, not out	0
E. Cowell, c Boyce, b E. Blackman	0
Total	49

JAN BETHERSDEN 1932

CHRISTMAS PARTY.—The Women's Institute held their Christmas party in the Village Hall on the 13th instant. The members assembled at 3 p.m. to be ready for the final judging of the singing. At five o'clock the old people arrived, and together with the members, enjoyed a very nice tea. Some of the visitors were taken to and fro in cars kindly lent by some of the members. After tea the visitors were presented with packets of tea and tobacco. Games were indulged in and musical parcels was joined in by all. At 7.30 the members' guests arrived, and all enjoyed a very amusing entertainment given by friends from Smarden and Ashford, also several of the Institute members.

JULY BETHERSDEN. 1900

VISIT OF BAKERS.—The Folkestone bakers paid a visit to Bethersden on Wednesday, this being the second occasion on which they have visited the village. The party dined at the George, and after a stroll round the village and its pleasant lanes they started on their return journey by road at six o'clock.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1934

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The vice-chairman, Mrs. Padgham, presided and a lecture on life in British Columbia was given by Miss Nethersole, who also judged a competition—twelve best articles for the medicine chest—the winners being: 1 Mrs. Crosswell-Jones, 2 Mrs. Padgham, 3 Mrs. Ring. The social half-hour competition, guessing advertisements represented by tableaux, was won by Mrs. Murrell. After long discussion it was decided the summer outing should be to Windsor if the party is large enough.

CHURCH MEETING.—The Rev. A. N. Bligh presided on Friday when Mr. W. G. Roots was re-elected vicar's warden. Mr. H. A. Pafford was elected people's warden on the retirement of Mr. J. T. Curwen. Messrs. R. Holmes, R. H. Padgham, H. A. Prior, W. E. Carter, H. Graves and Richens were elected sidesmen. Miss Jobson was elected to the Diocesan Conference and Messrs. V. Hammond, H. A. Prior and W. E. Carter were elected to the Ruri-decanal Conference. Members of the Council elected were Mesdames Bligh Hill, Crosswell, T. A. Padgham, P. Ring, Miss L. Graves, Miss Moore, Messrs. J. T. Adams, J. T. Curwen, R. Holmes, A. Carter and W. Graves. A balance of £19 was reported. Altering the monthly choral celebration to 11 a.m. instead of 9.45 and the shortening of the matins on the first Sunday in the month were discussed and in the latter the Vicar had no objection to dispensing with the sermon.—Officers of the council have been re-elected.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1929

PARISH MEETING.—The annual parish meeting as held on Saturday, when Mr. J. T. Adams, Chairman of the Parish Council presided. As only members of the Parish Council attended, no special business was done. This was followed by a meeting of the Parish Council to pass the accounts for the year. Mr. J. T. Adams being in the chair. The accounts showed an expenditure of £10 5s. 7d. Certificates of analysis of the water supplied by the Mid Kent Company showed the water to be in every way satisfactory.

EASTERTIDE.—The Easter services at the parish church, which were very well attended, were all conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion, at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after the morning service, the communicants numbering 81. At the evening service the anthem, "Now is Christ risen from the dead," by George B. Allen, was well rendered by a full choir under the conductorship of Mr. H. Paffard, M.C.O., and with Miss Barker at the organ. Throughout the day, merry peals were, as usual, rung on the bells. Collections were taken on behalf of the Vicar's Easter Offering, amounting to £18 0s. 2½d.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING. The Hall, Bethersden, Wednesday, April 10th, at 3.0 p.m. Speaker, Lady Drury.—Adv't.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1933

WESLEY GUILD.—The monthly meeting was presided over by Miss M. Hart. A portion of Scripture was read by Mr. H. Farrow and an address was given by Mr. Marsh, his subject being "Great Stumbling Blocks."

WHIST DRIVE.—Prizes were presented by the vicar, the Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, at a drive in aid of the Council School sports fund on Friday to: Ladies, 1 Mrs. Benstead, 2 Miss G. Millen, 3 Miss Chittenden, consolation Miss D. Ingram, special Miss A. E. Millen; gentlemen, 1 Mr. Lee, 2 Mr. Carter, 3 Mr. Ninn, consolation Mr. B. Richards, special Mr. Tidy; lucky programme, Mrs. Link. Mr. V. Hammond was M.C. and the refreshments were under the charge of Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. George.

16 APRIL BETHERSDEN 1937

BAPTISTS.—In recognition of his work in the area, Pastor H. Dawson was presented with a car on Wednesday by members and friends of the Union Chapel. Mr. E. S. Hickmott made the presentation.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—The new council met last Thursday, when Mr. J. T. Adams was re-elected vice-chairman, and Mr. W. G. Rootes hon. secretary and treasurer. The ladies and finance committees were re-appointed. Messrs. V. Hammond, H. Prior and G. P. Dear were delegated to see what arrangements can be made in connection with ringing and chiming.

FUNERAL.—Workmates were bearers and members of the British Legion attended when Mr. Arthur William Heathfield (55), of Star Farm, was buried on Saturday. He was a farm labourer at Tuesnoad; served with the Queen's Regiment during the war, and was a prisoner for 15 months. Mourners were the widow, Mr. J. Heathfield, Mr. M. Heathfield, Miss M. Heathfield, Miss L. Heathfield, Mr. C. Heathfield, Mrs. F. Foord, Mr. J. Batt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mr. R. Hunter, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Pile, Mrs. Whitehead, Major C. Weston, Mr. Weeks, Mr. A. Millen, Miss Millen.

18/12/ BETHERSDEN 1936

BACK AGAIN.—Mr. Heathfield, of Star Farm, Betersden, who only three weeks ago was discharged from Ashford hospital, was taken back on Sunday, when he fell and fractured his thigh.

SLATE CLUB.—The Royal Standard shared-out on Saturday. Six members had been on the funds during the year and after £7/0/0 sick pay and expenses, £31/12/3 was divided among 27 members, £1/3/5 each. A smoking concert followed, at which songs were sung by G. King, G. H. Moore, C. Buckman and others, with G. H. Moore (pianist).

WHIST.—A drive held in the school on Dec. 9, in aid of the Church Sunday school Xmas party and Sunday school fund, is expected to realise about £4. Mr. V. Hammond was M.C. Mrs. Adams presented prizes to Mrs. Russell, Miss P. Millen, Miss L. Graves, Mrs. W. Abdey, Miss E. Woodcock, Miss R. Jarvis, Mr. W. Millen, Mr. E. J. Ninn, Mr. W. E. Carter, Mr. P. Holly, Mr. A. S. Jarvis, Mr. Wilmshurst, Mr. A. Carter. The prizes were given by Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hambrook, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Philpott, Mrs. Cooling, Mr. Paffard, Mr. Barber, Miss Millen, Miss Gower, Miss Ingram, Mr. R. Holmes, Mrs. Padgham, Mrs. Curwen, Mrs. Bligh Hill.

APRIL BETHERSDEN. 1914

RAT AND SPARROW CLUB.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Philpott provided a good spread for the members of this club on Wednesday at the George. Mr. John Adams presided and was well supported. During the evening the secretary stated that 24,881 heads had been killed in the four years the club had been going, and this year 5,610 had been accounted for. The principal prize-winners were:—1 H. Batt £1, 2 H. Hart 15s., 3 C. Ring 10s., 4 W. Millen 7s. 6d., 5 W. Philpott 6s., 6 C. Buss 2s. 6d.; for most sparrows—1 C. Buss 10s., 2 H. Batt 5s., 3 W. Millen 2s. 6d.

BURNAGE'S highly qualified Pianoforte Tuners visit this district weekly. Orders by post receive prompt attention.—North-street, Ashford.—Advt.

SINGER Treadle Sewing Machine 35s.: also a quantity of second-hand Cycles, cheap.—Jarvis, Cycle Works, Betersden.—Advt.

16/6/1928 BETHERSDEN

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the monthly meeting, a most interesting demonstration on cake-making and frying was given by Miss Prentis. The secretary was able to report that £4 had been collected for the blind of East Kent. The Institute outing was arranged for June 22nd. The prize for the best collection of wild flowers was won by Miss Parker. Mrs. Hyland was in the chair.

JAN 1937

Vicar wants Youths and Girls to Learn Bellingring

MILL HOUSE AND ROBCOT FARMS, BETHERSDEN.

SALE BY AUCTION of the LIVE AND DEAD FARMING STOCK, comprising:—

22/3/1930 31

SHORTHORN, RED POLI AND CROSS-BRED DAIRY COWS AND HEIFERS, in-milk and in-calf,

3

ACTIVE & POWERFUL CART HORSES (including a valuable Heavy Vanner, eight years old).

The AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, etc., include: Two 2-horse waggons, 2 dung carts, pony van, light cart, 2 governess cars with rubber tyres, Roberts' hay elevator, Massey-Harris hay loader, McCormick mower, heavy ring roll, tractor harrow, 4 2-horse harrows, 2 Kent wheel ploughs, foot plough, 3 share cup drill, hop cultivator, nidget, hop alley ring roll, alley bodge, 30 hop bins, 80 green bags, hop powdering machine, hop sulphurator by Drake and Fletcher, 4 150-gallon water barrels, 150 bushels charcoal, 10ft. hop pole dipping tank.

2,000 TRUSSES (28lbs.) GOOD WHEAT STRAW,

tied one bond; 13 17-gallon railway milk churns; 2 10-gallon ditto; milk pails; 30 cow chains, etc., etc., which

Messrs. W. & B. HOBBS

HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS from J. T. Adams, Esq., who has let both Farms, to SELL BY AUCTION on the Premises at MILL HOUSE FARM, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1930.

Sale to commence at 10.30 o'clock. Luncheons and Refreshments on the Premises.

Catalogues from the Auction and Estate Offices, Ashford, Kent. (Phone 44.)

BETHERSDEN bellringers have in the past complained of lack of support, of being neglected and that no one took any interest in them.

Now the vicar, the Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill has something to say about it.

"If the bellringers made more noise on their bells they would get more support," he told a Kentish Express reporter. "But apart from special occasions they only ring four times a year, at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and New Year. They chime the bells every Sunday but they don't ring. — Of course people like the ringing. Several villages have said to me how nice it was to hear the bells at Christmas and New Year."

"I am going to suggest that our bellringers go back to their old custom of holding weekly practices. I am sure the youths would come forward and the girls too. Three girls in the parish have already asked me if they could learn."

At the present time there are seven ringers for six bells. The Vicar would like to see a staff of 12 ringers—two teams, so that each could ring on alternate Sundays. He has had an offer from a Healdcorn ringer to teach change-ringing, and is seriously thinking of learning to ring himself.

THE CAPTAIN SAYS—
Asked what he thought about girl ringers, the captain of the bellringers, Mr. Link, said the bells in the Betersden steeple were not easy to ring, and were very heavy. Girl ringers would only be able to manage the second and third bells.

"Suppose I taught the girls to ring when they were about sixteen," he laughed. "By the time they were beginning to be useful they'd be courting and getting married."

He did not think weekly practices would be much use. "There are too many attractions now—pictures and dances," he said. "In the old days men used to make their own pleasures and an evening's ringing was good fun. During my time, however, the attendances fell off and we had to give up our weekly practices."

Regarding the complaints made by the bellringers in the past about the lack of interest in their work, Mr. Link said "We like to be appreciated, but we have never complained of neglect."

16 JULY BETHERSDEN 1937

THE CHURCHYARD.—The Parochial Council last Thursday agreed to share with the churchyard committee the cost of laying on water in the churchyard.

OVERCROWDING.—At the Parish Council on Friday, the chairman, Major C. Weston stated that there was a considerable number of cases of overcrowding. This would later be remedied as the Rural District Council were contemplating building six or eight more council houses as soon as it could be arranged. Steps are to be taken in the matter of overhanging hedges and obstruction to footpaths.



REV. N. A. BLIGH-HILL

TROUBLES NEVER COME

SAN SINGLY 1937

BETHERSDEN INNKEEPER'S UNLUCKY DAY

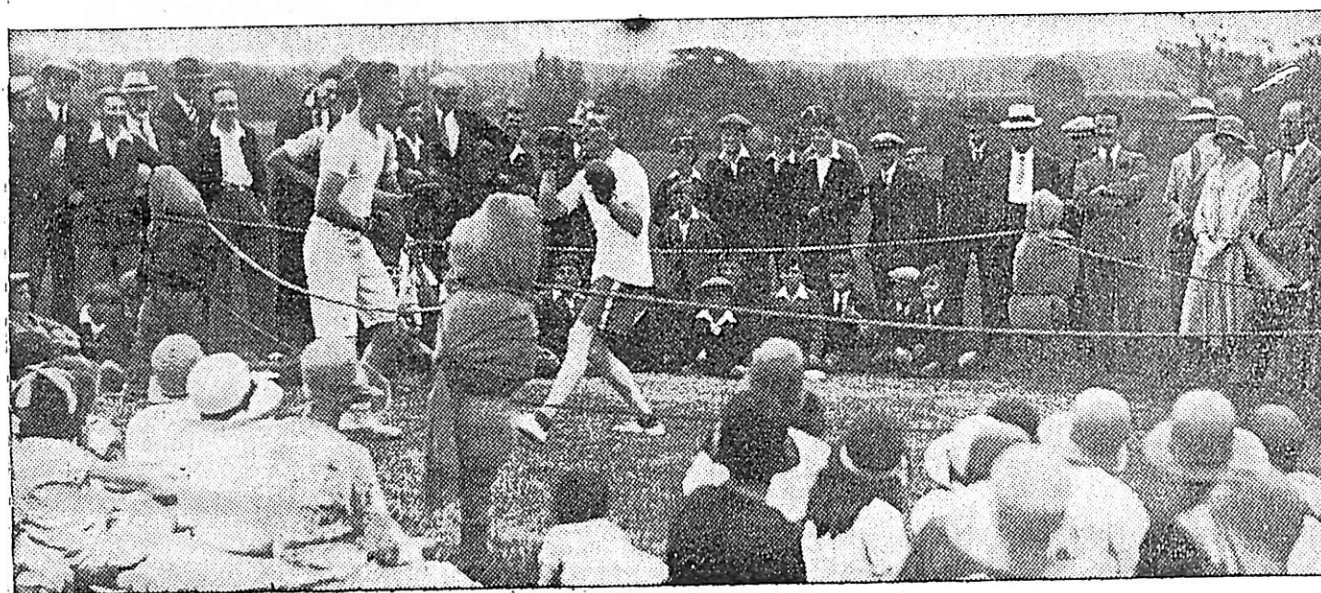
Tuesday was an unlucky day for Mr. A. Norris, landlord of The Bull Inn, Betersden.

His wife was brought home shaken and injured having been knocked down by a pedal cyclist near the village school. At the same time the chimney caught fire.

In the confusion of attending Mrs. Norris and getting the doctor, the chimney fire was allowed to burn itself out.

"Everything was smouldering when we went to bed," said Miss Norris, "I don't think any of us slept a wink all night. We were waiting for the morning to see what damage was done to the chimney."

At 7 a.m. when he rose, Mr Norris discovered smoke coming from the tiles. The local builder said that one of the old beams under the roof had caught alight and was smouldering. He could not extinguish it so the Ashford Fire Brigade was called and after two hours, managed to stop the smouldering.



CONSERVATIVE FETE AT JAKHURST, BETHERSDEN—Plaiting the maypole on bicycles and a boxing display by Mr. F. Miles, of Bethersden, and Mr. G. K. Cabban, of Wye College. [Report on another page.] *Kentish Express photo*

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1937

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.—An important public meeting is being held at the Schools, Bethersden, on Friday, April 16th, at 7.30 p.m., when Major Cole, Organiser of the Ashford Committee, will attend and explain what is necessary to be done in the parish. All parishioners, ladies and gentlemen, should attend if possible. — Advt.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Mrs. Crosswell Jones presided in the absence of the president, and Mrs. Baxendale spoke on embroidery. Competition winners:—Best patch on linen, Miss Cook, Mrs. Padgham and Mrs. Longhurst; garden plan, Miss Cook, Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Bromley; paper hat, Miss Cook, Miss B. Weeks and Miss G. Padgham.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1932

PARISH COUNCIL.—At the annual meeting on Friday, Mr. J. T. Adams was re-elected Chairman, with Major Weston vice-chairman. In reference to the distribution of 20s. received from charities, it was unanimously resolved to divide this between four deserving parishioners, each to receive 5s. The question of repairs to the George Field footpath was again brought up, but as it was estimated that to do what was suggested would cost about £40, it was decided to let it stand over for the present.

BETHERSDEN. 22 July 1911

A GRAND SWEET PEA SHOW, with classes open to the whole of Kent, and valuable prizes, including a silver cup, the gift of Walter Winans, Esq., will be held in conjunction with the Annual Flower Show on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th**. Full particulars from A. W. Buss, Hon. Secretary.

An excellent programme of Sports, including a Goal Running Competition, is being arranged; Flat, Costume, Obstacle, Cycle and Ladies' Races. Shooting Galleries, Cocoa Shies and all the latest amusements.

First-class Refreshments and good Teas at nominal charges.

Cycles carefully stored on the field.

Admission 6d., children half-price.

W. GEO. ROOTS.

Honorary Secretary.

BETHERSDEN v. HIGH HALDEN.—Played at Bethersden on Saturday.

BETHERSDEN.		HIGH HALDEN.	
T. A. Padgham, c H.		W. Judge, b Bingham	13
Judge, b E. Woodgate	23	G. Woodgate, b Lee	4
J. Cornes, c G. Woodgate,		G. House, b Lee	2
b Larkin	0	W. H. Judge, b Bingham	3
J. Padgham, c W. Judge, b		E. B. Woodgate, b Padg-	
G. Woodgate	1	ham	36
G. Bingham, b H. Judge	11	W. Larkin, b Bingham	3
J. Oliver, b H. Judge	3	S. Hoopes, b Lee	0
C. Brooker, b H. Judge	3	R. Judge, b Lee	0
H. Banks, b H. Judge	0	G. Green, b Oliver	10
J. T. Adams, c E. Wood-		H. Judge, c Adams, b Lee	5
gate, b H. Judge	5	W. Oliver, not out	0
E. Lee, c House, b Larkin.	6	Extras	8
A. Buss, c Larkin, b E.		Total	84
Woodgate	0		
J. Burt, not out	10		
Extras	4		
Total	66		

July 1900

APRIL BETHERSDEN. 1911

ENTERTAINMENT.—In aid of the cricket club a highly successful dramatic entertainment was given in the Schools on Wednesday. "The Boots at the Swan," and "Popping the Question," were capitally given, the following acting excellently:—Messrs. T. A. Padgham, Arthur Brissenden, J. Padgham, C. Jennings and the Misses Elsworth, Baker, Britton and Lucy Padgham.

THE CHURCHYARD.—At the annual meeting in connection with the upkeep of the churchyard on Friday, Mr. Dixon presented his report and balance sheet, which showed the income to be £7.7s. 10d., and the expenditure £7.8s. 11d. It was decided that the annual house-to-house collection should be taken on the 6th of May.

VESTRY MEETING.—The vicar, the Rev. D. H. Creton, took the chair at Thursday's vestry meeting. Mr. J. T. Adams was nominated as vicar's warden, and Mr. Young Hyland people's warden.

DEC BETHERSDEN 1933

CHRISTMASTIDE.—At the Parish Church on Christmas Day, there were 67 communicants. The vicar, the Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, conducted all the services, and an anthem and carols were rendered by the choir, with Mrs. P. Ring at the organ. The collections, which were in aid of the Waifs and Strays Society, amounted to £3 7s. 0d.

AUG 1928



A. CARTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, The Street, Bethersden, who won the School Sports championship at Bethersden Flower Show. This is the second year in succession that he has won the medal. (Photo, Hugh Penfold, Ashford).

BETHERSDEN v. HOTHFIELD. — Played at Bethersden on Saturday. AUG 1925

Bethersden.		Hothfield.	
J. Edmunds, c and	0	c Benton, sen., b	0
Spicer	0	Cheesman	0
G. Moore, b Cornes	2	b Briggs	6
H. Sabbage, c Ked.	0	c Cornes, b Benton,	12
ward, b Cornes	17	sen.	12
K. Heathfield, c	0		
Cornes, b Chees-	8	b Benton, jun.	15
man			
A. Stenning, b	1	c Cheesman	7
Cheesman	17	c Cornes, b Benton,	11
L. Herberts, not out	17	sen.	
G. Burden, b Chees-	0	b Cheesman	0
man			
P. Holmes, b Chees-	4	b Cheesman	7
man			
P. Ring, c Briggs, b	2	c Briggs, b Bent,	5
Cornes	0	sen.	
J. Jarvis, c Chees-	0	c Cheesman, b Benton,	4
man, b Cornes		jun.	
E. Hukins, b Chees-	0		
man			
Extras	10	not out	2
Total	61	Extras	9
		Total	78
L. Cheesman, b	6	c Edwards, b Holmes	12
Holmes			
R. Cheesman, b	7	b Stenning	0
Holmes			
H. Homewood, b	2		
Holmes			
S. Spicer, c Holmes,	5		
b Jarvis			
G. Benton, sen, b	14	not out	18
Holmes			
W. Cornes, b Sab-	12		
bage			
P. Briggs, run out...	0	b Stenning	0
C. Allmond, b Holmes	0		
G. Benton, jun., b	0		
Sabbage			
N. Kedward, b	0		
Holmes			
P. Kedward, not out	0	not out	1
Extras	9	Extras	4
Total	55	Total (3 wks.)	35

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1933

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The monthly meeting was held last Thursday in the Village Hall, Mrs. Cameron presiding. A helpful cooking demonstration was given by Mrs. Bodenham. Winners in the Silhouette cutting competition were Mrs. Bodenham, Miss Rogers and Mrs. Lonkhurst.

8/4/ BETHERSDEN. 1911

A Curiosity.—Last week a hen belonging to Mr. W. Philpott, of the George Inn, laid an exceedingly large egg, inside of which was another complete egg of ordinary dimensions, both the inner and outer one being complete in every detail.

Parish Meeting.—The annual assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in the school on Thursday evening, with Mr. J. T. Adams, chairman of the Parish Council, presiding. — A meeting of the Parish Council followed, all the members being present.—In reference to a letter sent to the Postmaster of Ashford on the 6th of January, asking for an extension of the second delivery of letters to the whole of the parish, the Clerk read an acknowledgment of the communication, but stated that he had received no further reply. Mr. Softly proposed and Mr. T. Farrance seconded, that the Postmaster be again written to asking him, if possible, to let the Council have a definite reply before the 15th of April, so that it could be considered at the next meeting. This was carried.—Mr. G. Jarvis called attention to the danger caused by a pond abutting the highway at Long's corner, not being properly fenced. Mr. T. A. Padgham also mentioned that the same danger existed at the George Field footpath. It was decided that a small committee, consisting of Messrs. J. T. Adams, G. Jarvis and G. Batt, should inspect these and report at the next meeting. —The question as to what steps should be taken for the celebration of the Coronation was discussed, it being finally decided to leave this matter open for further consideration at the next meeting.

"Doesn't Hurt a Bit."—See Ashford News.

30/12/1911 BETHERSDEN.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—On Sunday evening special Christmas services were held at the parish church, carols being sung by the choir afterwards. On Christmas day the celebrations of the Holy Communion were at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and at mid-day. 75 communicants attending. The other services consisted of morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m. and a children's service at 3 p.m. Mr. Hills (of Pluckley), presided at the organ and the singing was very bright and hearty. The task of decorating the church was undertaken by Miss Cameron, Miss Courtney, Miss Tanton and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Baker. Captain Cameron, of Lowwood, kindly sent a good supply of evergreens.

"GEORGE" SLATE CLUB.—The members of the George Inn Slate Club held their annual dinner and share-out on Friday evening, 37 sitting down to dinner. Mr. A. W. Buss presided and was supported by Mr. E. J. Ninn and Mr. C. Buckman. Among those present were Messrs. Merry and Carter (Halden), Jas. Batt, G. Holmes, R. Batt, W. Millen, Jno Barnes, E. Filmer, J. Hukins, T. Venner, H. Coleman, L. Cole, W. Benstead, S. Kingsnorth, F. Jarvis, G. W. Nash and A. Jarvis. The hon. secretary is Mr. F. Hukins, under whose management the club, consisting of 36 fully paid up members were able to take up 27s. 5d. each and leave a balance of £1 16s. 9d. to carry forward to next year. The thanks of the members are due to the Ashford Breweries, Limited, for a substantial addition to the funds as well as to other hon. subscribers. Mr. Merry presided at the piano. Songs were sung by Messrs. F. Venner, W. Hukins, O. Kingsnorth, G. Goodenough, Carter, G. Springett, L. Cole, Jno. Barnes, A. Link, G. Burden and F. Ring. The chairman proposed "Success to the Club," coupling with the toast the name of the secretary.

AUG BETHERSDEN 1932

THE LATE MRS. BATT.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Batt, wife of Mr. T. Batt, of Surrenden Farm, which occurred in Ashford Hospital on Tuesday, in her fiftieth year. Mrs. Batt was a native of Ashford, and for many years assisted her mother at the "Prince Albert" public-house, New Street, Ashford. Later, she went to live at 13, Church Road, Ashford, but some two years ago removed to Bethersden. Much sympathy is felt for her husband, who is a farmer and haylage contractor. The funeral takes place at the Old Cemetery, Ashford, on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

AUG BETHERSDEN. 1925

FLAG DAY.—A flag day was held in the parish on August 20th for the benefit of the National Institute for the Blind. The collectors were Miss Norris, Miss G. Padgham, Miss Webb, and Mrs. Caton. The proceeds, which amounted to £5 8s. have been forwarded to the secretary of the branch at Brighton.

ENJOYABLE EVENING.—Following the wedding of Miss Hyland, as reported last week, the ringers and members of the choir were invited to join the employees on the estate to a hop supper at the Bull Inn, where over thirty sat down to an excellent repast prepared by Mr. A. Norris, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After supper, songs were well rendered by Mr. T. Venner, Mr. R. Mannering, Mr. Day and Mr. Skinner, with Mr. G. Moors as accompanist. On behalf of those present Mr. Day wished the bride and bridegroom every happiness in their life together, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hyland for the opportunity of spending such a pleasant evening. Mr. Hyland suitably responded.

BAPTIST SERVICES.—At the New Year services held at the Union Chapel on Wednesday, the Rev. R. J. Morris, of Clifton, Bedfordshire, was the special preacher.

DANCE.—The Football club held a dance in the village hall on Tuesday. Mr. St. Ruth and Mr. F. W. Jarvis were M.C.'s and prizes were won by Mr. A. Carlton and Miss Hart and Miss M. Heathfield.

THE WEST ASHFORD Rural District Council hereby notifies residents of this Parish that glass, bottles, tins or other refuse or litter should not be deposited in the Parish off the premises of a resident having refuse to dispose of otherwise than at refuse dumps approved by the said Council. Persons acting in breach of this notice will be liable on summary conviction to a penalty (see Kent County Council's Bye-laws of the 15th April, 1930). In any case in which any resident of the Parish is in any difficulty in arranging for the collection or disposal of any house refuse or litter, notice by letter thereof should be addressed to the Council's Sanitary Inspector, 18, Tufton Street, Ashford.—Adv't.

DEC BETHERSDEN 1930

BARNARDO'S HOMES.—A silent film of the homes was shown at the Village Hall last Thursday. Mr. G. Perrin (deputy secretary) was the speaker, and Mr. H. Dawson presided, £5 was collected.

LATE MRS. M. SMITH.—The funeral took place on Wednesday of Mrs. Mary Smith, 78, who lived at "Renfrew," Forge Hill, Mrs. Smith, who was the widow of Mr. J. Smith, manager of Morgan and Crossleys' Mill, at Clayton, Manchester, came to Bethersden two years ago. She had been ill for many years and died on Friday.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—A good financial position was reported at the meeting on December 3, when Mrs. Cameron was re-elected president. Committee elected: Mesdames Curwen, Crosswell, Jones, Kerr, Padgham, Roots, L. Roots, Ring, Marshall, Jarvis and Batt. The coat-hanger competition winners were Miss Rogers and Mrs. Weeks.

Miss G. Padgham and Mrs. Woodcock won the "points" competition. Whist winners were Miss Hart, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Brown.

19 FEB BETHERSDEN 1937

EPIDEMIC.—Fifty-eight children were away from school at the beginning of the week, and six cases of scarlet fever have been reported. This is the first epidemic in the village for many years.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1934

M.P.'s VISIT.—Supporters of the National Government invited electors to a soiree and entertainment in the Village Hall on Friday to meet Mr. W. P. Spens, M.P., and Mrs. Spens. The Member gave an account of the Government's work and proposals in reference to tithe, whilst the company was entertained by Mr. Barnes and Mr. Grif fith, with Miss Bailey as accompanist, as well as by a conjurer.

-Advt.

JAN BETHERSDEN 1932

SLATE CLUB.—The Royal Standard Slate Club shared out 20s. 0d. to each member, after paying £11 8s. 4d. in sick benefit. An excellent dinner was provided by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Moore) and a very enjoyable smoking concert followed.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—The Parish Church was tastefully decorated for the Christmas festival by the church workers, and merry peals on the bells called the parishioners to early celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmas morning. At the service in the afternoon carols were sung by the choir. A collection was taken on behalf of the Waifs and Strays Society, which realised £3 5s. 5d. The services were all conducted by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, M.A., and were well attended. Carols were also well rendered at the evening service on Sunday.

FOWLS KILLED.—Evidence was given at Ashford police court on Thursday last, alleging that two dogs—one belonging to Mr. W. H. Colt, of Dunfield House, and the other to Mr. W. K. Macfarlane, of Botherdsden House—had killed upwards of twenty fowls belonging to Mr. J. T. Adams, J.P., who valued twenty-two at 5s. each and two at £1 each. The owners of the dogs pleaded guilty to summonses for not keeping the dogs under proper control; and Police-Sergeant Edmunds gave evidence of seeing several dead fowls scattered about Mr. Adams' orchard, half-a-mile from where the dogs lived. Mr. Colt told the Bench that his dog—an Irish terrier—was so used to fowls that they laid their eggs in the kennel. — Mr. L. E. Swann

(Messrs. Poncia, Swann and Carter) for Mr. Macfarlane, said that the latter's dog had been sent to another home. — The Bench decided that both dogs must be kept under proper control and that defendants must pay certain expenses.

APRIL 1933

MR. R. D. L. T. JARVIS AND MISS G. E. JEANES

The wedding of Mr. Roderick Don Llewellyn Taylor Jarvis, son of Mrs. Jarvis, of Botherdsden, and the late Mr. Jarvis, and Miss Grace Ethel Jeanes, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jeanes, of Easole-street, Nonington, took place at Nonington church on Saturday. The Rev. W. R. Powell officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white silk crepe dress, with veil held in position by orange blossom. Her blue and gold necklace was the gift of Mrs. Bindlos. She carried a bouquet of pink tulips and was attended by the Misses F. Harding, Rose Jarvis, Beryl Jarvis (sisters of the bridegroom) and I. Gammon (niece of the bride), who were attired in dresses of sage blue silk crepe and lace caps, trimmed with flowers, whilst they carried bouquets of daffodils. Two were crystal and gold necklaces and the others crystal and blue necklaces, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. Cyril Jarvis, was the best man. Following the reception at the home of the bride's parents the happy couple, who received about eighty presents, left for Reigate for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a bottle green silk dress, with brown coat and hat.

MARCH BETHERSDEN. 1911

Death of Miss Beazley.—Miss Dorothy May Beazley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Horton Beazley, of Wissenden Lodge, Botherdsden, and Russettins, Streatham Park, London, passed away at London on Thursday, week after a prolonged illness, at the age of 24. The interment took place at Smarden on Tuesday amidst every token of respect, the mourners including Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Beazley and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beazley, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hinds and Mrs. Hildon. The service was fully choral, the choir singing "On the resurrection morn" and other hymns. The floral tributes, some seventy in all, were very handsome.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1933

PARISH MEETING.—The annual meeting was held on March 30. There were present Messrs. A. R. Cook, H. A. Paffard, A. R. D. Cook, E. T. Moore, T. J. Jarvis, A. Stenning, R. H. Padgham, A. Norris, V. Hammond, H. J. Kingsnorth and W. G. Roots (clerk). In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Jarvis took the chair.—The Parish Council accounts for the year ending March 31, 1932, were received without comment.—On the proposition of Mr. Paffard, seconded by Mr. Kingsnorth, the Parish Council is to be asked to repair the George Field footpath.—A Parish Council meeting followed, those present being Mr. J. T. Adams (chairman), Messrs. H. A. Paffard, E. T. Moore, A. R. Cook, T. J. Jarvis, R. H. Padgham, A. Norris, A. Stenning and the clerk (W. G. Roots). The year's accounts showed a balance to carry forward of £9 0s. 2d. A call for £15 was made on the rating authority for the next six months. The Clerk was instructed to again write to the Surveyor asking that the street be swept regularly, and to point out to motorists the danger at Buck Hall bridge. In reference to the resolution passed at the parish meeting re the George Field path, the members were asked to look at it before the April meeting, and to form an opinion as to what, if anything, should

be done. The Chairman stated that it had been decided that six council houses should be built in the parish, and they should be commenced early in the summer.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1929

MOTOR ACCIDENT.—Early on Thursday morning Mr. Marchant, of Maidstone, was driving his car from the direction of Tenterden to Ashford when he failed to negotiate the dangerous bend on the Tenterden side of the Bull Inn. The car dropped into a deep ditch, and the chassis was badly damaged. Mr. Marchant was not injured.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the monthly meeting Mrs. Morris was in the chair and Lady Geddes spoke on America. The competition for the best-named variety of wild flowers was judged by Mrs. Hessey. Miss D. Laws being awarded the highest points, with Miss P. Padgham and Mrs. Harris second and third respectively. The committee competition for "Celebrities" was won by Mrs. Harris, the guessing competition by Mrs. Bear, and the games competition by Mrs. Ring and Miss Farrance.

COUNCIL.—At the Parish Council meeting, Mr. G. Jarvis presiding, the Clerk read a letter from the County Council enclosing a copy of the bye-law regarding waste paper, refuse, etc., and Mr. Webb favoured a place being provided where parishioners could dump tins, etc. As there is a probability of electricity being extended to the parish, Mr. T. J. Jarvis raised the question of the Council making arrangements for the lighting of the village, and it was resolved that the matter be further considered.

BIDDENDEN FLOWER SHOW, July 24th.—Various Sports, Dancing, Fireworks.—

MR. E. R. D. JARVIS (Bethersden)—MISS D. M. MARSHALL (Smarden)

Edward Reginald David, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jarvis, Luton House, Botherdsden, was married at the Zion Chapel, Smarden, on Wednesday to Doris Mahala, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Marshall, East End Cottages, Smarden.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a charming gown of powder blue satin and a flower-trimmed fawn straw hat. She was attended by her sisters, Marian and Jessie, in picture frocks of pink figured crepe-de-Chine and wide-brimmed pink straw hats. Their gold brooches were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. D. Parsley was best man.

After a reception at Botherdsden Village Hall, at which 50 guests were present, the couple left for Hove, the bride wearing a maroon coloured hat and coat over a navy blue skirt and pale blue blouse.

MARCH 1937

BETHERSDEN v. BIDDENDEN. — Played at Botherdsden on Saturday.

Bethersden.	Biddenden.
P. Harrison, c Long-ley, b Griggs	F. J. Griggs, c Dowle, b F. Jarvis
J. Watkins, lbw, b Powell	A. S. Farris, b F. Jarvis
A. Jarvis, lbw, b Doust	V. W. Doust, lbw, b F. Jarvis
Doust	H. Powell, b F. Jarvis
F. Jarvis, b Wood	P. Scott, not out
D. Holdstock, b Moore	E. Moore, b Holdstock
C. Dowle, b Powell	E. Wood, b Holdstock
S. B. St. Ruth, c Davis, b Doust	J. Vane, b A. Jarvis
D. Polle, b Doust	H. Payne, b J. Watkins
C. Jarvis, c Griggs, b Powell	K. Holmes, 1
L. Skinner, not out	D. Longley, c A. Jarvis, b Harrison
E. Ring, b Powell	W. Beach, c St. Ruth, b Harrison
Extras	Extras
Total	Total

JULY 1934

JAN BETHERSDEN 1932

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive, arranged by the Women's Institute was held in the Village Hall on the 6th instant in aid of St. Dunstan's. Mr. W. Weeks being M.C. The prize-winners were:—Ladies 1 Mrs. W. Murrell, 2 Miss R. Jarvis, 3 Mrs. Jennings, 4 Miss A. Millen, 5 Mrs. Watkins; consolation, Mrs. A. Luxford; sealed number, Miss Norris. Gentlemen, 1 Mr. H. Holmes, 2 Mr. Winder, 3 Mr. J. Holmes, 4 Mr. A. Jarvis, 5 Master N. Jennings; consolation, Mr. T. Vanner; sealed number, Mr. F. Birch. The prizes were presented by Mr. T. Padgham, who proposed a vote of thanks to the M.C. and to those who kindly gave prizes. The proceeds amounted to £22 15s. The following gave prizes:—St. Dunstan's, Mrs. S. R. Hyland, Mr. Tidy, Mr. A. Millen, British Legion, Women's Institute, Major Weston, Mr. Softley, Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. T. Wilson and Miss Marriott. Colonel Hessey paid for the hire of the hall.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1934

FOOTBALL CLUB.—Another of the series of dances was held on Friday. Mr. C. B. St. Ruth was M.C. and prize-winners were Miss M. Gasson, Miss H. Bailey, Mr. A. Carlton, Miss Hickmore and Mr. Wimble.

TO HELP THE SICK.—A meeting to further the local Nursing-Association was held in the Village Hall on January 25, Mr. J. T. Adams presiding. The question of obtaining a trained nurse for the village was discussed, and Mrs. Hessey stated that at a joint meeting of the Biddenden and Smarden committees it was decided to join forces, and also to invite Botherdsden to join. The rules of the unity were read by Mr. Paffard, and after a discussion the suggestion of amalgamation was adopted. The cost of the nurse would be £250 per year, each village providing £85. Officers and committee elected were: Mrs. Hessey (chairman), Mrs. Marshall (vice-chairman and treasurer), Mr. Paffard (secretary), Rev. Bligh-Hill, Mr. H. Dawson, Mrs. Curwell, Mrs. T. Padgham, Mrs. Abdey and Mrs. V. Hammond. It was announced that Mrs. R. Oliver had agreed to let a room to be used as the nurse's headquarters.

JULY 1933

BETHERSDEN v. CHRISTCHURCH SPORTS.—Played at Botherdsden on Saturday: P. Holmes, 8 for 14.

Bethersden.	Christchurch Sports Club.
D. Holdstock, c Glibins, b Giles	G. Bingham, not out
P. Holmes, b Giles	R. Boulding, b
A. Jarvis, b Burden	H. Holmes, 0
F. Jarvis, b Giles	B. Drage, b Holmes
K. Heathfield, c Burden, b Giles	W. Glibins, b Holmes
H. Sabbage, c and b Giles	D. Giles, b Holmes
C. St. Ruth, hit wicket, b Burden	B. Woolley, b Holmes
P. Ring, b Wale	Extras
C. Dowle, not out	Total
F. Polle, b Burden	Total
V. Skinner, b Wale	Total
Extras	Total
Total	Total



THE ENTIRE CAST OF "PRINCESS ROYAL"—one of the operettas presented by Bethersden Women's Institute on Friday and Saturday

VILLAGE TALENT

W.I. PRESENT OPERETTAS

May Day scenes reminiscent of those which probably took place in the village many years ago—villagers gaily dressed, laughing, singing and dancing old country measures were enacted on Friday and Saturday at Bethersden Village Hall, when the Bethersden Women's Institute presented the operetta, "Princess Royal."

The story is of a proud gipsy girl (Mrs. Kerr), who the butt of the villagers' jeers, by her sweet singing and wild dancing won the heart of the village squire, Lord Cullen. Mr. L. Gilbert as the hero, sang the old love songs tenderly, but as a contrast to the romantic theme running through the play, came the easy humour and nonsense delivered by Miss Evans, who made a great hit as the swaggering pedlar.

All the villagers acted with complete absence of self-consciousness, and especially enjoyable interpretations were given by the village maids, Rose and Marian (Mrs. W. Kingsnorth and Mrs. Ring), and the jolly gipsy boy, Jockie (Jim Batt). Lady Cullen (Mrs. Marshall), the hero's mother, was very distinguished, with her large and lavender silk gown, while her maid (Mrs. Weeks), if she had not been almost hidden by the villagers, would have greatly amused with her look of horror at "the goings-on."

The most finished performance of the evening was given by Miss Lukyn, who made a perfect old gipsy grandmother, and who even managed to smoke a clay pipe.

Others taking part were Miss G. Padgham, Lady Millicent, Miss E. Woodcock, a maid and the villagers, Mesdames Brown, Carter, Gasson, Green, Jarvis, W. Gasson, Luxford, Murrell, Bird, Burton, the Misses Cook, Carter, B. Jarvis and Rogers, Messrs. Crosswell Jones, V. Link, L. Mannering, P. Ring, and B. Weeks.

Another little operetta, "Enchanted Pictures, set in an old Manor House at midnight was very cleverly presented. Twelve cloaked figures, the chorus (Mesdames Batt, Bromby, Carter, Green, Jennings, Jarvis, Kerr, Padgham, Ring, Woodcock, Misses Funnell and Millen), who sang the story as the play proceeded, looked very mystical in the blue light. A fantastic scene followed, in which the Wizard (Mrs. Bord), spirited the Shepherdess (Miss G. Padgham), the soldier-boy (Mrs. W. Kingsnorth), the dancer (Miss N. Roger) and the lively elves (M. and S. Weeks, J. Hayward, G. Penfold, G. Adams, and R. Batt), from their pictures and danced before the empty frames; but as the morning came they all jumped back, and the Manor house was left deserted once more.

The operettas were produced by Mrs. S. L. Bodenham, in aid of Institute funds; Mr. F. Pinch was at the piano.

At the conclusion of Friday's performance, Mr. J. T. Adams said that the audience had before them great talent. They were proud to think that talent belonged to Bethersden.

22/7 BETHERSDEN, 1911

BAPTIST CHAPEL.—The Sunday school treat was held on Wednesday afternoon, a very enjoyable time being spent by the children, many of whom received handsome prizes. In addition to an excellent tea a good supply of cherries was provided and needless to say were much appreciated by the young people. Among the visitors present were Pastors J. T. Peters, of Whittlesea, Cambs, and D. Catt, of London.

PLUCKLEY FLOWER SHOW will be held in Rectory Paddock, Thursday, August 3rd.—Advtd.

"IT DOESN'T HURT A BIT."—See Ashford News.—Advtd.

MR. S. A. HUGHES AND MISS L. E. NOV MURRELL 1933

The wedding was solemnized on Saturday at St. Margaret's, Bethersden, between Mr. Sidney Alfred Hughes, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes, of Ashford, and Miss Lilian Elsie Murrell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Murrell, of Bethersden.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. W. Murrell, looked charming in a gown of white satin with a veil of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. The bridesmaids, the Misses Flossie Nolan and Pamela Masters (nieces) were dressed in pink silk taffeta, and carried baskets of pink carnations. Mr. E. Masters was best man.

About 35 guests were entertained at the reception held at the bride's home. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left for their honeymoon, the bride going away in a royal blue ensemble.

PRESENTS

Bride to bridegroom, wrist watch; bridegroom to bride, as requested; bride's parents, reception; bridegroom's mother, elderdown and fireside chair; bridegroom's sisters, pillows and holsters; Rose and Ern, carvers; Jean and Bill, silk cushions; Mick, cruet; Jack, bread knife; Mrs. F. Knock, blankets, quilt and cash; Mrs. H. Knock, tablespoons and cheese knives; Miss L. Gilles, half tea service; Aunt Polly, cloths and runner; Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Ernest, half tea service; Mr. and Mrs. Masters and Milly, jugs; A Friend, embroidered pillow and bolster set; Mr. and Mrs. Burch, egg stand; Staff at No. 1 and 3, New Rents, box curb; Aunt and Uncle (Margate), tea cosy; Edie and Sid, duchesse set; Mrs. Coleman, afternoon tea cloth; Mrs. Watkins, table runner; Mr. J. Watkins, cut glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Link and Vic, bedspread; Mr. and Miss Wallis, bedroom rugs; Mrs. Burton, dinner plates; A Friend, a present; Miss M. Benton, embroidered tea cloth; Rose and Bill, biscuit barrel; Friends, dinner service; Mr. and Mrs. Fidler and Miss Philpott, clock; Mrs. J. Hukins, glass dish; Fun and Fred, embroidered pillow and bolster set; George, teaspoons; Fred, wine glasses and jug; Aunt (Hastings), early morning set; Mrs. Morgan, table runner; Mary, sheets; Mr. Monk, hemstitched pillow slips; Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, table runner; Miss Alice Hicks, embroidered cloth; Miss Annie Hicks, duchesse set; Mr. Frank Hicks, teapot; Mr. and Mrs. T. Ring, tablecloth; Edith and Will, elderdown; Renee, fancy cloth; and Mr. and Mrs. Fermlinger, silver teapot stand.

BETHERSDEN v. SOUTHERN RAILWAY ATHLETIC 2nd XI.—Played at Bethersden on Saturday. Southern Railway Athletic.

G. Watts, lbw, b Sab	2	c Stenning, b Ring	1
A Long, b Holmes	9	b King	0
H. Gilbert, b Holmes	5	run out	4
G. Brown, lbw, b			
Sa: Sabage	9	lbw, b Holdstock	12
H. Mills, run out	6	c Sabbage, b Holdstock	3
L. Vaughan, b Holmes	0	not out	1
G. Fowler, b Sabbage	4	b Ring	0
H. Green, b Sabbage	0	c Reed, b Ring	0
L. Butcher, run out	0	b Herbert	2
C. Russell, not out	8	b Ring	0
A. Marsh, lbw, b			
Sabage	0	b Herbert	0
Extras	8	Extras	25
Total	51	Total	28

MARCH BETHERSDEN 1934

ACCIDENT.—Frederick Dodd, of The Bungalow, knocked down by a car driven by Lieut. A. J. Tarrant, of the Small Arms School, Hythe, on Sunday night, was taken to Ashford Hospital suffering from concussion, facial injuries and a broken arm. His progress is reported to be satisfactory.

PARISH COUNCIL.—Mr. J. T. Adams presided at the meeting on Friday, supported by Major Weston, Messrs. H. A. Paffard, A. Steuning, E. T. Moore, T. J. Jarvis, R. H. Padgham, W. S. Weeks, and A. R. Cock, with Mr. W. G. Roots (clerk).—Accounts showed receipts of £24 and payments of £22 12s. 11d., and were passed.—Certificates of water supplied by the Mid-Kent Water Company showed a high standard of purity.

DEC BETHERSDEN 1933

DR. BARNARDO'S FUND. A lecture, illustrated by films of scenes from Dr. Barnardo's Homes, was given by Mr. G. Perrin, deputation secretary, in the Village Hall. Pastor H. Dawson presided and over 200 were present. The collection was £4 8s.

VILLAGE NURSE.—A meeting, called by Mrs. Hersey, was held in the Parish Hall, to consider the possibility of having a village nurse. Among those present were Major Weston, the Rev. A. N. Bligh-Hill, the Rev. H. Dawson, Mr. H. A. Paffard, Mesdames J. T. Adams, Croswell-Jones, Dawson, Hammond, T. A. Padgham, P. Ring, R. Oliver and the Misses E. Paffard, E. Roots, L. Roots and W. Norris. The county representative, Miss Babbington (Canterbury) gave an account of village nursing since its inauguration, and Mrs. Freeland (hon. secretary, Smarden Nursing Association) gave details of the working in her parish. After a full discussion, Mr. Dawson proposed that, if possible, they should share a nurse with Smarden and Biddenden. This was seconded by Mr. G. T. Holmes and carried. A committee was elected as follows to canvass the parish and make other arrangements, Mesdames J. T. Adams, Croswell-Jones, Hammond, T. A. Padgham, P. Ring, W. Ainsley, R. Oliver and Miss E. Paffard. As about £80 was required annually an average subscription of 4s. yearly would be necessary, this amount covering all children in the family under 16. Mr. Dawson kindly offered to set aside one Sunday collection at the Baptist Chapel in aid of the fund.

ORDER YOUR PRIVATE XMAS GREETING CARDS EARLY.—Call and see the fine selection at the Kentish Express Office, High Street, Ashford. Prices more moderate than ever.

HOSPITAL BOXES.—Will Box holders please note that the suggested Parish Nurse is not connected with the Hospital, and the Hospital Boxes will still be required.—Advt.

BETHERSDEN GARDENERS' SOCIETY Grand Xmas Non-stop Whist Drive at Village Hall, Bethersden, Friday December 22nd., at 7 p.m. Lucky number tickets 1/3. Prizes from Turkeys downwards.—Advt.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1927

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The monthly meeting was held in the village hall on the 4th instant. The members turned up in force to welcome Lady Drury on her third visit to the Institute, and her very interesting lecture on "Volcanoes and Earthquakes" was much appreciated, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to her by Mrs. Caton, seconded by Mrs. Martin. After tea and the usual business, Mrs. Hambrook, as delegate, read her report of the council meeting held at Faversham, and handed to the Institute the two certificates won by their choir in the East Kent choral competition held in Ashford. A letter was read from Mrs. Martin thanking the Institute for their congratulations and gift of flowers. Miss Friend gave a very helpful and interesting demonstration on dyeing. Grateful thanks were given to Mrs. Stephenson for her gift of a bell, and Mrs. Sabbage for an easel, both of which were badly needed by the Institute. The prize for the best pair of slippers was won by Mrs. Goodman. There was a good entry for this competition, which was very kindly judged by Lady Drury. The afternoon concluded with an advertisement competition, which was won by Miss A. Millen.

FEB EVA JANE MARTIN, Deceased, (LATE OF BETHERSDEN). 1927 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

ALL PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIMS against the Estate of the above-named Deceased are requested to forward full particulars of same to us within fourteen days. And all persons INDEBTED to the Estate are hereby requested, to pay such sum to us without delay.

FORBES DALLAS & COMPANY, W.S.,
26, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.

MARCH BETHERSDEN 1927

BRITISH LEGION.—A very successful whist drive and dance, organised by the local branch of the Legion, in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, was held in the Village Hall on Friday. For the whist twenty-four tables were occupied, and Mr. G. W. H. Goodman (secretary) and Mr. W. Weeks (vice-chairman) acted as M.C.s. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—1 Mrs. T. Padgham, 2 Miss Orpon, 3 Miss Parker; scaled number, Mrs. Abdey; consolation, Miss Vane. Gentlemen—1 Mr. H. Bridgeland, 2 Mr. Claydon, 3 Mr. A. Millen; scaled number, Mr. Stenning; consolation, Mr. H. Link; lucky number scoring card, Miss Chittenden; lucky number ticket, No. 147, Mrs. Finn; winner of guessing competition, Mr. J. Martin. The prizes were presented by Mrs. R. B. Caton, wife of the chairman of the branch, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the proposition of Mr. Weeks. The hall was then cleared, and an enjoyable dance took place to the strains of the Morry Ashford dance band. Mr. G. Link was an efficient M.C. for the dance. As a result of the evening's effort a sum of £16/0/7 has been forwarded to the National Institute for the Blind.

SAD BEREAVEMENT.—Much sympathy is felt with Mr. Eric Miles, who is on his way to China, having been called up as a reservist for active service, owing to the death of his wife, who passed away on Sunday after a painful illness, at the early age of 28 years; at Summer Hill-cottage, the home of her father-in-law. Previous to being called up Mr. Miles resided with his wife at Dering-terrace, Pluckley. The deceased was a native of Ireland, where she married Mr. Miles, who was stationed there with his regiment. The funeral took place at Bethersden on Tuesday afternoon, when the mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. C. Miles (father and mother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Miles (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. C. A. Miles (brother-in-law), Miss Bessie Miles (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Ring (uncle and aunt), Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Kingsnorth (aunts), Mrs. H. Brown (aunt), Mrs. A. Coleman, Mrs. H. Coleman, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. T. Wilcocks, Nurse Buckman, and Mr. G. W. H. Goodman (representing the British Legion). Floral tributes were received from: Her loving Husband; Father, Brother and Sisters, in Ireland; Mum and Dad; Brothers and Sisters, Bethersden; Uncle Jack, Annie and family; Bethersden Branch of British Legion; Bethersden Women's Institute; Mr. and Mrs. Farrance and family; friends from Dering-terrace, Pluckley; a sympathiser. The vicar (Rev. E. H. Morris) conducted the service.

A DANCE, in aid of Hospital Appeal Fund, will be held in Bethersden Village Hall on March 16th, commencing 8 p.m.; "Merry Ashfords" dance band; lucky number tickets, 2/- each, from Miss Norris, or Mrs. Hessey, Bethersden.—Advt.

MAY BETHERSDEN 1936

JUBILEE MONUMENT.—The accounts were passed at a meeting last week of the committee which is now dissolved. The amount received from collections and donations was £31/0/9, and the expenses £29/1/8. Gifts have been received from Major C. E. Weston, the Vicar, Mr. S. B. Hyland, Colonel Cameron, and Mr. J. Curwen.

CHURCH COUNCIL.—The Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill presided on Friday, supported by Messrs. J. T. Adams, H. A. Paffard, V. Hammond, H. Prior, W. E. Carter, R. Holmes, Mesdames Bligh Hill, J. T. Adams, T. A. Padgham, P. W. H. Ring, Miss Moore and Mr. W. G. Roots (honorary secretary). The Fete sub-Committee reported on the social events arranged for raising money for the new electric organ-blower, among them an out-door whist-drive and dance at the Vicarage on July 8. The annual Parish outing and council school-children's holiday was fixed for July 17. The church is now being cleaned.

A YOUNG KENTISH WIZARD.

FEB 1928

WEIRD HAPPENINGS AT WISSENDEN.

UNCANNY OCCURRENCES BY NIGHT & DAY.

This week Wissenden Farm, Bethersden, close to the borders of Smarden, and standing not far from Romden Castle, has become famous. Suddenly the son of Mr. E. Batt, aged eighteen, found that when he was present in certain rooms articles of furniture, ornaments, pictures and many other things started to move. Subsequently when he was in the downstairs rooms pictures altered their position, pieces of wood and coal flew about, and even when he was outdoors stones would leave the ground. Equally mysterious were other happenings which are described by several of our representatives who have visited Wissenden during this week.

Wilfred Batt is the name of the lad who possesses this strange power, but it is gratifying to know that, although he is naturally embarrassed and perhaps worried by the things that happen, he is taking the whole affair in a philosophical way with a feeling that eventually they will abate altogether. Fortunately his health appears to be suffering in no way at all, but it has been difficult to spend quiet nights owing to the movements that go on in his room. These happenings have never been continuous. Of course there will be a good deal of scepticism displayed on the part of the general public, but his parents have been with him when these strange phenomena have occurred.

An electro-plated tray in the hall rolls when Wilfred passes it, and the gong on the dinner wagon sounds—exactly as though struck by an invisible hand. Even the saucepans fall from their places at his approach.

I saw with my own eyes a candlestick and a picture dance downstairs, while a piece of coal flew from nowhere into the middle of the room in which I stood.

"A curious and comforting fact about it is that my children, Barbara and Joy, seem unaffected by what goes on. They sleep at night through the biggest uproar," said Mrs. Batt.

She went on to say that just before those uncanny incidents begin she feels strung-up and nervy, and a sense of foreboding settles upon her, but if she goes into Barbara's night-nursery, with its sloping ceiling and its canary singing in the window, the feeling leaves her immediately. This room, by the way, is the only one in the house not to be visited with a single queer event.

Owing to sleepless nights and a certain amount of worry caused by the affair, Mr. and Mrs. Batt obviously wish that they knew how to end it. They are hoping to interest Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the case.

Another member of the "Kentish Express" staff who visited Wissenden Lodge the following day, writes:—

Asked on Wednesday morning how he was, Wilfred said that, except for tiredness due to lack of sleep and having made a lot of things occur for several visitors the previous evening, he was quite fit and had a feeling that nothing abnormal would take place. A little later he held a piece

The evidence of these weird happenings is to be found everywhere, including a hole in a corrugated iron roof of a coal shed through which a crowbar forced itself, and the shattered panes of a glass house through which stones flew. One feature worth noticing is that most articles fly away from Wilfred, although others come towards him, but he has never been hit, and scientists say that in similar instances the person possessing this strange power of attraction is never hit by a missile. That, at least, must be one consolation to him.

The incidents can be traced from the time that a new wireless set was installed, while they stopped when the apparatus was removed. It has now been re-installed, and as recently as last Thursday, while eating his mid-day meal, Wilfred suddenly found the fork that he was using twisting in his hand, the points almost meeting the end of the handle.

Such is the strange history of Wissenden, and the following reports by members of the *Kentish Express* staff merely give the facts, but the explanation we must leave to the scientific world.

There have been strange happenings lately at Wissenden Lodge. The house, tree-fringed, and built about fifty years ago as a shooting lodge, but now used as a farm dwelling, lies in the bend of a peaceful lane not far from Bethersden. Its occupants are Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Batt, their children—Wilfred, Barbara and Joy—and a maid.

It was a fine, fresh afternoon when I approached the lodge to learn something of the extraordinary events alleged to be taking place in and around it.

Mr. and Mrs. Batt greeted me cheerfully and, although naturally puzzled by the curious things that are disturbing the atmosphere of their home, they seemed almost resigned to them.

Mrs. Batt said that the trouble began on the evening of Saturday, January 23rd, when she and her husband visited friends, and left behind the children, Wilfred—who is eighteen—and the maid. At ten o'clock the two latter heard a noise of stone-throwing against the roof of the wood-lodge near the kitchen door. They went to investigate. Other missiles at once fell into the rain-water tank, whilst two ornamental knobs tumbled from the front gate, to which they had hurried in the hope of catching the mischievous boy, or boys, whom they thought might be enjoying a practical joke. No one was seen.

On the following Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Batt again were absent, the stone-throwing started outside at nine o'clock and continued until midnight. Since then other phenomenal happenings have been experienced inside the house by the rest of the household. They occur most frequently if Wilfred is present, but he cannot understand it at all. Indeed, he gives one the impression of being thoroughly embarrassed by the whole business. There comes a vigorous rattling at the window, stones patter on the panes, there are knockings on the roof, the lights go out suddenly and the furniture moves.

At ten o'clock on Sunday night, when Wilfred went to bed, a large piece of coal rattled down his chimney and fell into the fireplace. Ten minutes afterward a chair jumped and crashed to the ground, an un-



Wissenden Lodge.

used bedstead leaning against the bedroom wall shook convulsively and the light faded. Wilfred was persuaded to go into his parents' room, where his presence apparently caused a stuffed toy rabbit and a picture to fall from high positions and a matchbox to leap off the table. A water-jug crashed into the grate and broke, to be followed by an American cloth mat which rose in the air and then half-draped itself on the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. Batt, who were in bed. A heavy bedside table rocked and twisted, and in the morning it had turned completely, so that its cupboard door faced the wall.

On Monday a clock doubled over three times and a great lump of coal fell through the conservatory roof. A metal candlestick tumbled from the mantel-piece and a chair climbed upon Wilfred's bed, the bedclothes of which flung themselves partly across it. At the same instant two other chairs overturned and the dressing-table mirror described a somersault.

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of bar steel with his right hand at arm's length and walked across a field opposite the house. After walking about twenty yards he suddenly stood still, quivered, became rigid, and his hand was jerked down, with the end of the bar pointing to the ground. This tenseness passed off in two or three seconds and he was able to walk away from the spot. This test, if it may so be called, was repeated with the same result.

Wilfred next held the steel with both hands, and after walking to the same spot his body suddenly bent from the waist until, with his knees straight, both hands touched and were held to the ground. Again, after two or three seconds, he was able to stand erect and walk away.

It was then stated that, in addition to large pieces of stone, wood and coal performing weird tricks, a cold chisel about eight inches long suddenly flew from a bench in the barn and landed on the corrugated iron roof of a coal and wood shed about thirty feet away.

On another occasion, Wilfred went into the coal shed, picked up an iron pitcher and placed its point into a heap of coal. Immediately the pitcher flew upwards to the roof, which was penetrated by it.

Asked if he noticed anything different in the weight of the pitcher then and at other times, he showed that it was not an easy matter to hold the pitcher up to the roof, but when under this weird influence it had no weight at all.

Another remarkable thing is that if he, during one of these periods, approaches a motor car engine which is running it will immediately stop and he will be unable to restart it. When he moves away a few yards any other person will be able to start it.

Is it magnetism? Stone, metal, coal and wood are affected. Are all of these substances susceptible to magnetic influence? The three first are mineral, but wood is vegetable. The large piece, about two feet long and two and a half inches in diameter, that fell on to the glass roof had no metal in it—not even a nail.

Another visitor to Wissenden writes as follows:—Looking at Wilfred Batt, he gives one the impression of a boy who has grown rather quickly for his age. He is eighteen and not far short of six feet, with flaxen hair and even features. There is not an atom of fear about him. He laughs at his "uncanny" experiences, and yet he

knows quite well before "anything happens" that something or other will take place, and a cold shiver in the region of the back generally accompanies the forebodings.

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"It's a funny thing," he said to me, "that these happenings only began the other night, when we had a new wireless set installed in the house, yet we had had one long before, but nothing occurred. I can operate the wireless without any ill effect; so that cannot be the cause."

It has been put forward that perhaps Wilfred may have the powers of a water diviner, as in one part of a meadow, where there is known to be an underground spring, whenever he walks that way, holding a piece of steel he receives shocks of an electrical sort. Is this particular part of Bethersden rich in mineral and can it be that young Batt has such magnetic power that minerals are attracted to him? Would it be worth while to excavate? Who knows what richness the earth contains?

I remember a case very similar to Wilfred's, not so long since, of an Austrian girl who, wherever she went, attracted such things as metal pots and pans, steel knives, and even money. She was, I believe, brought to England, where she lost the "power" of attraction.

On Thursday afternoon another "Kentish Express" representative visited Wissenden and was informed that during the mid-day meal Wilfred Batt's fork twisted round his hand. At the time of the visit he was engaged in milking the cows and seemed quite well in health.

One evening during last week a party of fifteen local residents visited the house, hoping to see strange happenings, but nothing special occurred until one of them went upstairs with Wilfred into the latter's bedroom. Immediately the door was opened a chair rushed across the room. Perceptibly scored by the freakish chair, the visitor was quite satisfied and remained no longer. You must have a very practical mind to take these things coolly.

A portrait of Wilfred Batt appears on Page Five.

APRIL 1937

CHURCH NEWS.—At the Vestry and Parochial Church meeting last Thursday, the secretary to the Church Lands Trustees reported that £320 had been spent on the property. It was now in good repair, but to meet the expense some war loan had been sold; this would mean a reduction in the amount available for church expenses in the next 20 years. The treasurer reported a deficiency of £30. Mr. W. G. Roots (vicar's warden) and Mr. H. A. Paffard (people's warden) were re-elected. Mr. A. Poile and Mr. G. P. Dear were appointed sidesmen and Mr. Poile was elected to the Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Having returned me as one of the representatives for Bethersden on the West Ashford Rural District Council I would like to thank those who were good enough to support my candidature. I shall as far as I am able, look after the interests of the whole district and of Bethersden in particular.—I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, yours faithfully—C. F. R. N. Weston.—Advt.

GREAT CHART GARAGE. under entirely new management. Open for all Classes of Repair.—Advt.

JULY BETHERSDEN, 1900

SAVE 2D. IN THE SHILLING.—Great Clearance Sale.—Drapery, Outfits, Boots and Furniture, at 1d. in the Shilling discount; for Fourteen Days only, July 19th to August 4th.—H. BOORMAN AND Co., Tenterden, Rolvenden, Wittersham and Benenden.—Advt.

GRAND MILITARY TOURNAMENT and Clown Cricket Match at Charing, on August 8th. See front page advertisement. Ticket agent:—R. PADGHAM, Grocer.



WILFRED BATT, of Bethersden, an account of whose remarkable psychic experiences appears on another page.

4/4 BETHERSDEN, 1914

PARISH MEETING.—The annual assembly of the parish meeting was held at the Schools on Wednesday week. Mr. J. Turk Adams, chairman of the Parish Council, presided.—The accounts of the Parish Council for the year ending 31st March, 1913, were submitted and letters read from the clerk of the West Ashford Union and the Relieving Officer for the district in reference to the amount distributed for relief of the poor. This was followed by a meeting of the Parish Council, when the accounts for the year were submitted by the clerk and passed. The total payments for the year only amounted to £2 5s. 8d., this included 12s. returning officer's fee, 5s. for the audit stamp and 20s. 5d. for repairs to footbridges.

CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Schools on Monday evening, when the vicar (the Rev. D. H. Crenon) presided.—The secretary, Mr. R. Dixon, presented a very satisfactory report, and the officers were re-elected for the coming year as follows:—Rev. D. H. Crenon, chairman; Mr. R. Dixon, hon. secretary and treasurer; committee, Messrs. H. B. Hyland, E. W. Ring, J. Padgham, C. S. Baker, C. Jennings and C. Heathfield; captain, Mr. Thomas A. Padgham; vice-captain, Mr. A. R. D. Cook. Mr. P. Ring was appointed to act as groundsman at a remuneration of £2 for the season. It was decided to try to arrange matches with Biddenden, Smarden, Hamstreet and Tenterden Park. Arrangements have also been made for an all day match on Whit-Monday with a Sittingbourne club.

THE WORKMAN'S CLOTHING MART.—Women's Dresses, 2s., 3s.; Skirts, 1s. 6d., 2s.; Corsets, 1s., 1s. 11d.; Boots and Shoes, 1s. 6d., 2s., 3s.; Night Dresses, 1s. 6d.; Petticoats, 1s.—Herbert and Co., Pawnbrokers, Bank-street, Ashford.—Advt.

MAIMED FOR LIFE.

JULY — 1900

A terrible accident happened to a young fellow named George Hart, of Bethersden, early on Saturday afternoon. Hart, whose age is only 20, was returning to work, carrying a scythe, and as he was getting over a fence at Chequer Tree he fell backwards. He threw out his arms and his left wrist came in contact with the sharp edge of the implement, almost severing the hand from the wrist. As soon as possible he was conveyed to Ashford Cottage Hospital, where Dr. Coke attended to the injury, it being found necessary to amputate the hand soon after his admission into the institution. Hart is progressing favourably.

County Intelligence.

23/2/ BETHERSDEN. 1918

CONCERT.—A concert, arranged by Miss Muriel Hyland, of Beacon House, was given on Tuesday, February 12th, in aid of the fund for providing comforts for Bethersden men at the front. Those who contributed to the programme were Mrs. C. Avery, Miss M. Hyland, Mr. H. Burnage, Miss F. Williams, Mr. J. Ward, Captain F. V. Hughes-Fa'jett (whose fine reciting was a feature of the evening), Miss K. Softly and Captain P. D. Barlow. The audience included some wounded men from the Ashford V.A.D. Hospital. The takings amounted to £19.

THE Workman's Clothing Mart.—Full-size Sheets, 8/11, 11/6 pair; Toilet Covers, 1/- Towels, 9/4d.—Pawnbrokers, Ashford.—Advt..

APRIL BETHERSDEN. 1894.

BOARD SCHOOLS.—On Thursday week the children attending these schools gave a miscellaneous entertainment to a large and appreciative audience. Each part of the programme was well rendered, and it would be invidious to make any distinction where every item was so well given. At the close of the entertainment Mr. J. T. Adams in the absence of the Rev. Robert Palmer, M.A., (through sickness) kindly distributed the prizes and medals for regular attendance. In his remarks, he complimented Mr. Dixon for the efficient manner in which the children had acquitted themselves during the evening. The following is a list of the ten children who received silver medals for not absenting themselves during the year:—Percy Holmes, Harry Dixon, Nelly Holmes, Hilda Dixon, Mabel Ring, Robert Dixon, Arthur Jarvis, Emma Thomas, John Jarvis, and Lovell Woodcock.

JUNE BETHERSDEN. 1894.

BENEFIT SOCIETY FESTIVAL.

The Rev. R. Palmer (rector of the parish) took the chair at the annual dinner of the Bethersden Benefit Society, which was held in an extensive booth at the rear of the George Inn on Thursday. Amongst a large company present were Messrs. P. Ballard, of Smarden (the Club surgeon), J. Palmer (Orleston), A. Link (Worcester), Geo. Link (Strood), A. Small (Pluckley), Barnes, Goodsell, Mills, Filmer, W. M. Richardson (Ashford), F. F. Austen (Ashford), J. Hyland (Woodchurch), Jarvis (Bethersden), S. Golden (Great Chart). The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. J. Link. Host Scarff provided an excellent repast for his guests. After the usual references to loyalty came the clerical toast, proposed by Mr. BALLARD, who spoke of the Rector as a kind and sympathetic neighbour, and one who was always willing to put himself at the head of every good movement. The Rev. R. PALMER responded, and expressed his desire to connect himself in a friendly manner with ministers of all denominations. The health of Mr. John Ring, vice-president of the Club, was toasted by the CHAIRMAN, and that gentleman acknowledged the compliment, making a brief allusion to the present bad times, which, of course, had an adverse effect upon the Club. Mr. ROOFS (secretary of the Club) read the financial statement, which showed a balance to the good on the year of £14 4s. 9d., as compared with the sum of £12 2s. 4d. last year; while there is also a good substantial reserve fund amounting to no less than £620 10s. 10d. The members' contributions during the twelve months came to £113, and the total receipts comprised the amount of £145 10s. 10d. The amount paid out of the funds for sickness during this period was £69 7s. 4d. The Club shared out to its members the sum of £8 9s. in dividends of 2s. each to 76 members and 1s. each to 17. Last year the sick pay amounted to no less than £107 10s. 10d.—Mr. J. HYLAND proposed "The health of the medical officer," and Mr. BALLARD made a brief response. Mr. SMALL gave the toast of "The visitors and hon. members," coupled with the names of Mr. RICHARDSON as an hon. member and Mr. HYLAND as a visitor. Both gentlemen spoke in reply. Mr. RICHARDSON spoke of the good motive in supporting such societies as these, and wished there was a greater number of hon. members.—The CHAIRMAN gave "The Press," "The Ladies," which was responded to by Mr. JARVIS; and "The Host and Hostess" concluded the toasts.—Musical selections were performed by the Woodchurch Band, and comic songs were rendered by Messrs. Elliott and George, "The two Harrys."

MAY BETHERSDEN 1932

EMPIRE DAY.—The school children had a holiday in the afternoon, whilst in the morning they gave a song recital to their parents. The infants also gave an action song, and after an interesting address on Empire Day by the Headmaster, Mr. V. Hammond, the National Anthem was sung and the flag saluted.

JAN BETHERSDEN. 1925

OBITUARY.—The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon of Mr. Alfred Henry Luxford, who passed peacefully away on Friday, January 16th, at Green Lane, after a long and painful illness at the age of 57 years. Mr. Luxford, although a native of High Halden had resided in the parish for many years and was well known. The Vicar (Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.), conducted the service. The coffin surmounted with floral tributes bore the following inscriptions:—"In loving memory of our dear one from his wife and family; In ever loving memory from Arthur and Rose; with sincere sympathy, from Mrs. Sabbage; with deep sympathy from John, Rose and family."

VILLAGE HALL.—Conservative Association.—Grand Concert, Friday, January 30th, 7.30. Tickets 2/4, 2s., 1s.—Advt.

DEATH OF MR. J. T. WOODCOCK.—The death occurred on Monday of Mr. John Thomas Woodcock, of Tenterden Road. The late Mr. Woodcock, who was sixty years of age, was a labourer in the employ of Mr. J. Jarvis, and had lived in the village all his life, and was a bachelor. The funeral takes place to-day (Thursday).

THE LATE MISS K. TANTON.—The funeral took place on Thursday, of Miss Kate Tanton, of Brissenden Green, who passed away the previous Sunday after a long and painful illness, at the age of sixty years. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Dawson, pastor of the Baptist Chapel, of which the deceased was a member, and where the service was held with many of the congregation present to show their sympathy. The coffin was surmounted by floral tributes from Cousins Jenny and Bob, O. Chittenden and W. Filmer, and friends at Gable Hook.

FUNERAL OF OLD RESIDENT.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. C. Saxby, aged seventy-eight years, whose funeral took place on Monday at Botherdsde churchyard. Mrs. Saxby was the widow of Mr. Charles Saxby, who died eleven years ago. They had lived in Bethersden for twelve years and had kept a small confectioner's shop. It is interesting to know that Mrs. Saxby was an original member of the Christian Mission, started nearly sixty years ago by the Salvation Army. She has lived for the past four years with her daughter at Sarro. The service was taken by Ensign Nellist, of the Salvation Army, in the Wesleyan Chapel. Among the principal mourners were Mrs. Hollands, Mr. and Mrs. C. Saxby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Alec. Saxby, Mr. Hollands, the Misses Edith and Elsie Hayward, Charles Hayward and Charles Saxby (grand-children), Miss Springett and Mrs. White. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including those from: May; Charlie and Nellie; Gert and John; Fred and Bertha; Alex and Florrie; Brother Fred; Elsie, Charlie and Edie (grand-children); Charlie; Len and Herbert; Sonnie, Irene and Bernie; Rosalie and Irene; Irene and Alf; Babs; Rosie; Billie; Mrs. West (Ashford); Mrs. Carpenter; Mrs. Leggett; Mr. and Mrs. Cork; the Misses Mummery; Mr. and Mrs. Fox; Mrs. F. Marsh; May; Emily and Jess; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds (Wye); Mr. and Mrs. Hollands (Wye); Mrs. Pennells (Wye); Edie Pennells (Wye); Mrs. White (Faversham); Mr. and Mrs. Chantler (Margate); Mrs. F. Thompson (Sarre); Mrs. Yonden (Sarre); Mr. and Mrs. Food (Sarre); Nellie, Betty and Fred; Rosie; from her many old friends at Botherdsden. APRIL 1930

JUNE BETHERSDEN 1930

WHITSUNTIDE.—The services at the parish church were well attended, being all conducted by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A. The Communicants numbered 38. A collection on behalf of the Cambridge Mission to Central Africa realized £2 8s. 7d. Merry peals on the bells throughout the day reminded the parishioners of the festivity of the season.

MARCH BETHERSDEN 1930

THE TUESDAY EXPRESS. containing local and county news and week-end football, can be obtained of Miss Parker, Forge Corner.

REAL SUCCESS.—The first of a series of five social evenings in aid of a fund for purchasing new cassocks and hassocks was held in the Village Hall on Shrove Tuesday. There was a large attendance, the fancy dresses being excellent and caused much merriment. Mrs. Cathcart Bruce, Mrs. Hyland and Mr. A. Stuart Beazley kindly acted as judges. The prize for the ladies' prettiest dress was won by Mrs. T. Bird, that for the most original idea by Mrs. Hammond, who appeared as an immense brown paper parcel of hassocks and cassocks duly labeled. The men's most original costume was won by Mr. Cross, of Great Chart, who appeared as a gipsy pedlar; Mr. Venner won the prize for the most comical dress as an old peg woman. The balloon competition was won by Mr. and Mrs. T. Bird. The Orange Band was in attendance and Miss Pilleham, the pianist, who is connected with Botherdsden, very kindly gave her services. Among many helpers, thanks are due to Mrs. Padgham, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Norris, Mr. and Mrs. St. Ruth, and Miss Venner. Mrs. Tidy sang several songs very charmingly. The net proceeds amounted to £4 7s. 9d.

MAY BETHERSDEN. 1894

GARDENERS' SOCIETY.—The first monthly show was held in the Schoolrooms on Wednesday evening, when the judges were Messrs. J. Oliver and J. T. Adams, who awarded prizes as follows:—Amateurs: Lettuce—1 John Link; rhubarb—1 John Link, 2 Rev. Robert Palmer. Cottagers: Broccoli—1 Geo. Watson; lettuce—1 George Nash, 2 Geo. Watson, 3 Chas. Buckman; rhubarb—1 G. E. Possee, 2 E. G. Watson, 3 James Link.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."—Also makers of Epps's Cocaine or Cocoa Nib-Extract: A thin beverage of full flavour, now with many beneficially taking the place of tea.—Advt.

22/2/ BETHERSDEN 1930

THE CHURCHYARD.—A meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Thursday last week to discuss the question of the future upkeep of the churchyard. The Rev. E. H. Morris presided and explained that unless support was given to the fund, the alternative would be to revert to the custom of turning in sheep to feed off the grass and save the cost of cutting. It was agreed to form a new committee of representatives of the Parish Church, Wesleyan and Baptist churches, with the ministers as ex-officio members. Mr. H. Prior, Mrs. G. Link and Miss Parker were appointed to represent the church, and Mr. C. Ring and Mr. W. Jarvis undertook to secure members for their respective chapels.

FEB BETHERSDEN. 1911

Concert.—The concert given in aid of the choir fund on Wednesday realized about £4. There was a good audience at the school, and nearly every item on the programme received an encore. Those taking part were Miss Baker, Miss L. Padgham, Mr. T. Venner, Mr. W. Dyke, Mr. Woodcock, the Rev. D. H. Creaton, Mr. L. Mannerling, Mrs. Elsworth, Mr. W. King, Mr. T. A. Padgham, Miss Creaton, and Miss Baker acted as accompanist.

LENHAM LADIES v. BETHERSDEN LADIES.
—Knowler, 5 for 30; Cole, 3 for 26; D. Ingram, 4 for 15 (3wks. in maiden over).

JULY Lenham Ladies 1937	
G. Wells, b M. Jarvis	7
N. Record, run out	2
M. Coppins, b E. Barton	7
B. Smith, b M. Jarvis	1
Miss Knowler, c M. Heathfield b Ingram	10
Mrs. Cole, c D. Skinner, b Martin	26
T. Pegler, b Ingram	0
J. Carey, c Martin, b Ingram	0
J. Wheeler, c M. Heathfield, b Martin	10
D. Pegler not out	4
Mrs. Murphy, b Ingram	0
Extras	2
Total	69

Bethersden Ladies	
E. Barton, c Cole, b Pegler	0
K. Martin, c Wells, b Knowler	31
D. Ingram, b Knowler	5
G. Jarvis, b Knowler	9
M. Jarvis, c and b Cole	2
D. Skinner, not out	7
M. Heathfield, run out	0
W. Murrellier, b Knowler	0
B. Skinner, b Knowler	2
L. Heathfield, b Cole	4
K. Barton, b Cole	2
Extras	2
Total	64

MAY BETHERSDEN 1929

LIBERAL MEETING.—Mr. R. M. Kedward, the Liberal candidate for the Division, spoke at the Hall on Tuesday evening, the chairman being Mr. R. L. Hodgkinson. The candidate had already spoken at Great Chart and had a further engagement at Pluckley; nevertheless the appeal made for the support of the voters was made with his accustomed zeal and courage.

THE LATE MR. F. BROWN.—The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Frederick Brown, of Tile Barn Farm, Beckley. In addition to the family mourners, there were present Sergeant and Mrs. Anthony, Mr. A. Skinner, Mr. A. Bray and Mr. W. Stone. Flowers were sent from his sorrowing wife; Ern and Elsie; all at Beckley police station; Mr. Bray and Miss Burren; Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and family; Rose and Jim; Beat and Bill; Dougie; Mrs. Dean and family; Annie and Bert; Mr. and Mrs. Trenner; Mrs. Moore, Vera and Eve; Horace, Hilda and Con; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Skinner; Arthur and Bert; and Mr. and Mrs. Capeling.

SEND Your Commissions to Clark and Webster, Commission Agents, 90, Beaver Road, Ashford.—Advt.

JULY BETHERSDEN. 1926

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the monthly meeting held in the Village Hall on July 1st, a very interesting talk on gardening was given by Mrs. Wright. After tea, which was served by the hostesses for the month, an enjoyable demonstration on china rivetting was given by Miss Galloway. The delegate to the annual meeting at Canterbury (Miss Drysdale), gave a report of the proceedings. The meeting closed with the social half hour, games being heartily entered into by members present.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on July 1st, when the vicar (Rev. E. H. Morris) presided. The Vicar announced that the Rev. R. Cooper, rector of Benenden, was visiting the parish as "Messenger" in connection with the "World Call" Movement, and it was arranged to hold a meeting in the Parish Hall on Saturday, July 17th. Mr. Padgham was given order to overhaul the inside of the church clock, and to repaint the face and weather-vane. The Vicar and Capt. Caton were elected as delegates to attend a conference to be held on the Pier, Hastings, in connection with the Church Assembly, Central Board of Finance.

DON'T miss the Military Tattoo in Victoria Park, Ashford, on July 21st, and the Fair and Fete in the Market on July 23rd and 24th.—Advt.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1932

MAGPIE SHOOT.—The magpie and jay shoot arranged by local farmers was in every way a success, guns coming from as far away as Cranbrook and Bearsted. The bag for the day included 128 jays, 43 magpies, three owls, four grey squirrels, 2 hawks and one weasel.

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive in aid of church choir funds was held in the Village Hall on January 27th. Prizes, presented by the Vicar, were won by:—Ladies, 1 Mrs. G. Link, 2 Miss R. Jarvis, 3 Mrs. W. Abdey; sealed number, Miss G. Millen; consolation, Mrs. P. Groombridge. Gentlemen, 1 Mr. R. Holmes, 2 Mr. J. Graves, 3 Mr. W. Graves; sealed number, Mr. Carter; consolation, Mr. A. Jarvis. Mr. W. Weeks acted as M.C.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Permanent Waving. See Tenterden news.—Advt.

DEC BETHERSDEN. 1922

OBITUARY.—Two funerals took place at the parish church during the week, one being that of Mrs. Hannah Buckman, widow of the late William George Buckman, who for many years resided at High Oak, and Vine Hall, and was well known in the parish. She died at the residence of her son at Offham at the advanced age of 85 years. Many mourners attended the funeral, and some lovely floral tributes were sent. The other was Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of the late John Kingsnorth, formerly of the Street, Bethersden. She died on November 28th at Sittingbourne, being 77 years of age. Mr. J. Jarvis, of Bethersden, carried out the funeral arrangements. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was covered with flowers.

CRICKET CLUB.—The general meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the schools on November 30th, when Mr. G. Hambrook presided. The accounts for the season were passed, and were considered to be very satisfactory, the balance in hand being increased from £3/12 to £6/19/1. The season was considered to have been a good one, and the results satisfactory, as although only six games had been won out of thirteen, several were very close, only being lost by a few runs.

MUSICAL SUCCESS.—Miss Beatrice Guess, a pupil of Miss Parker, of Heather House, passed the intermediate examination of Trinity College of Music at the examination held recently at Ashford.

DANCE.—A very successful dance took place at the schools on Friday evening, having been arranged by the Entertainments Committee in aid of the fund for building a parish hall. Mr. E. J. Ninn acted as M.C.

DOG OWNERS SUED

BY MAGISTRATE

FEB ——— 1932

CLAIM FOR KILLED CHICKEN

A claim for £4 10s. for eighteen fowls, alleged to have been killed by dogs, was brought before His Honour Judge A. F. Clements at Ashford County Court on Monday by Mr. John T. Adams, J.P., farmer, of The Thorn, Bethersden, against Mr. William H. Colt, sectional builder, Dunfield House, Bethersden, and Mr. William K. Macfarlane, dental surgeon, Bethersden House, Bethersden.

It was alleged that a large terrier, belonging to Mr. Colt, and a red setter, belonging to Mr. Macfarlane, were seen in plaintiff's orchard and that seventeen chickens were found dead and another so injured that it had to be immediately destroyed. Later the same day plaintiff and P.Sgt. Edmunds called at Mr. Colt's and saw his dog, from the mouth of which a chicken's feather was taken. In correspondence with plaintiff's solicitors (Messrs. Kingsford, Flower and Pain) Mr. Colt pointed out that the dog had been reared with poultry around it and that fowls used its kennel in which to lay eggs.

Mr. William E. Marshall, Mill House, Bethersden, said that he saw Mr. Colt's dog catch two chickens, and that the setter was running about the orchard.—Plaintiff said that he saw Mr. Colt's dog standing near the fowlhouse and the other dog lying down at the bottom of the orchard.—Evidence for plaintiff was also given by Mr. Jesse Blackman, Forge Cottage, Bethersden, and P.Sgt. Edmunds.—Mr. Colt gave evidence as to his dog not interfering with poultry, and Mr. L. E. Swann (Messrs. Poncia, Swann and Carter) for Mr. Macfarlane, submitted that it had not been shown that the setter took part in the killing of the fowls.—It was stated that both defendants pleaded guilty at the police court to summonses for not keeping the dogs under proper control in connection with this case.

His Honour said that he was not satisfied that Mr. Macfarlane's dog took part in the killing. He gave judgment for plaintiff for the £4 10s., with costs, against Mr. Colt, and judgment with costs for Mr. Macfarlane against the plaintiff.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1933

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Mrs. Cameron presided at the monthly meeting and her talk on travels in the East was much enjoyed. Prizes in a competition for the four best-cooked vegetables were won by: 1 Mrs. Harris, 2 Mrs. Woodcock, 3 Miss G. Padgham. A flower competition was won by Mrs. T. Padgham. Mrs. Cameron congratulated the sports team upon their recent success, and said that she was proud that the cup had returned to Bethersden after an interval of three years.

ALL Electors of the Bethersden Polling District are invited to Oakhurst on Friday evening, 21st, 6.30—9 o'clock to meet Mr. Spens, their M.P.—Advt.

DON'T MISS Biddenden Flower Show. Wednesday, August 2nd. Sports, Fireworks, Dancing etc.—Advt.

MAY BETHERSDEN 1934

COLLECTION.—£14/16/- has been sent to the Kent Playing Fields Association, collected in Bethersden from private individuals and the following:—British Legion, £1/1/-; Boy Scouts, 10/-; Gardening Society, £1; Men's Club, £2/2/-; school sports, 5/-; sports fund, £1/5/-.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Mrs. Cameron presided and a lecture and demonstration on "Care of the hair and skin" was given by Miss Apps. The date of the outing to Windsor was altered to May 30. The competition was won by Mrs. I. Bird, Mrs. Harris being second. Bethersden were seventh in the community singing competition with 79 marks.

£5 REWARD

APRIL LOST 1934



**PEDIGREE
BLUE
PERSIAN
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Early Sunday
Evening April 15

Anyone finding
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Miss KING
Robscott Farm,
BETHERSDEN

AUG BETHERSDEN. 1930

The Bethersden Gardeners' Society held their annual show on Saturday, and the event proved well up to standard. The weather was unkind, but the side attractions such as the sports, fair and goal-running were carried out successfully. The Tenterden Military Band was in attendance. Major C. T. Weston presented the goal-running cup to the winners (Sellindge), and Mrs. Weston presented the other prizes. A Women's Institute committee served the teas, under Mrs. Padgham, who had the assistance of Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Hambrook, Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. Venner, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Luxford, Miss Parker, Mrs. G. Link and Miss L. Padgham. The officials were: Flower show, Mr. A. Stenning (secretary); sports, judges: Messrs. J. T. Adams, J.P., A. S. Beazley and Colonel H. C. Hessey, Major C. T. R. Weston, the Rev. E. H. Morris, Messrs. H. A. Paffard, C. E. J. Weston, H. Webb; starter, Mr. L. Mannering; referee, Mr. N. Russell; clerks of the course, Messrs. G. T. Holmes and T. F. Smith; stewards, Messrs. G. Burden, Julius Jarvis, W. Benstead, T. Venner, P. Ring, P. Andrews, W. G. Roots; hon. secretary, W. Abdey. The prize-winners were as follow:—

Cottagers.—P. Ring, 1 first, 5 seconds, 5 thirds; C. B. Miles, 2 firsts, 6 seconds, 3 thirds; A. Stenning, 4 firsts, 3 thirds; T. F. Smith, 6 firsts, 4 seconds, 2 thirds; J. M. Birt, 1 first, 1 third; G. T. Holmes, 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds; W. Benstead, 1 first, 1 second; H. H. Prior, 3 firsts, 1 second, 1 third; Mrs. Buss, 1 first, 1 third; A. W. Harris, 1 first, 1 second; J. Jarvis, 1 first, 2 thirds; H. Farrow, 2 seconds; D. Bait, 1 third; Mrs. Miles, 1 third; D. Holdstock, 4 firsts, 1 third; W. Abdey, 1 first, 1 second, 1 third.

Amateurs.—T. A. Padgham, 4 firsts, 5 seconds, 2 thirds; W. Jull, 2 firsts, 4 seconds, 3 thirds; J. Barber, 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 2 thirds; E. J. Morris, 1 first, 1 second; A. Norris, 1 third; C. Seekings, 3 firsts, 1 second; A. T. Wilson, 2 firsts, 1 second, 1 third; Mrs. Salbidge, 1 first, 2 seconds; S. H. Philpott, 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 3 thirds; S. Bodenham, 3 thirds; W. Bentley, 2 firsts, 2 thirds; C. Pickings, 1 second; W. Philpott, 1 second; E. Jobson, 1 first, 1 second, 1 third; W. S. Weeks, 2 thirds.

Open.—F. Poord, 7 firsts, 3 seconds; T. Bird, 1 second; Weston, 1 first, 1 third; T. Smith, 1 second; W. Harris, 1 third; A. Stenning, 1 second, 1 third; C. B. Miles, 1 second; W. Jull, 2 firsts, 1 second, 1 third; T. A. Padgham, 1 first, 4 seconds; Mrs. St. Ruth, 1 second, 2 thirds; E. J. Norris, 1 third; T. Bird, 1 first, 3 seconds, 2 thirds; E. Jobson, 1 first; W. Bentley, 1 third; C. Seekings, 3 firsts; Mrs. Buss, 1 third; A. S. Wilson, 3 firsts; H. Pafford, 1 second, 1 third; Mrs. Padgham, 2 firsts; Mrs. Abdey, 1 second; Mrs. Jull, 3 thirds; Miss A. F. Parker, 1 first; Mrs. Harris, 1 first, 1 second; Mrs. Prior, 2 seconds; Mrs. Bird, 1 third; E. J. Mills, 1 first; E. J. Briggs, 1 second; Harold Abdey, 1 third; S. L. Bodenham, 1 second; W. Weeks, 1 third.

Children's wild flowers.—1, Gladys Holmes; 2, Beryl Jarvis; 3, Vera Miles.

Sports results:—60 yards (boys 7-10): 1, H. Abdey; 2, B. Holmes; 3, L. Mackelden. 60 yards (girls 7-10): 1, Jean Carter; 2, Beryl Jarvis; 3, M. Abdey. Egg and spoon (girls 10 and under): 1, M. Abdey; 2, F. Meurs; 3, G. Holmes. Egg and spoon (girls 11 and over): 1, E. Barton; 2, D. Mason; 3, K. Marten. 80 yards skipping (girls 10 and under): 1, F. Meurs; 2, M. Abdey; 3, G. Holmes. Boot race (boys 10 and under): 1, D. Holmes; 2, R. Bridgeland. 100 yards (boys 11-14): 1, L. Martin; 2, B. Holmes; 3, A. Abdey. 100 yards (girls 11-14): 1, L. Filmer; 2, K. Martin; 3, D. Mason. Three-legged race: 1, P. Harrison and G. Padgham; 2, R. Holmes and K. Martin; 3, P. Andrews and W. Norris. Sack race: 1, L. Martin; 2, R. Holmes; 3, P. Weeks. Skipping: 1, L. Farrance; 2, W. Norris. Mile: 1, Link; 2, Bryant; 3, Weeks. Obstacle: 1, Mannering; 2, Bryant; 3, Weeks.

GARDEN FETE, 1929

OAKHURST, BETHERSDEN,

SATURDAY, JULY 20th,

3 p.m.

Admission: 6d. Children: 3d.

DISPLAY BY BOY SCOUTS.

American Tennis Tournament.

Entries (2/6 a couple) to Miss Norris, The Bull, Bethersden.

Children's Fancy Dress Competition.

MME. HELGA. Various Sideshows.

BRITISH LEGION BAND.

Dancing, 7 p.m.

FIREWORKS, 9.30 p.m.

APRIL BETHERSDEN. 1902

EASTERTIDE.—The church for Easter was prettily and tastefully decorated by Miss Cameron, Mrs. H. Cameron, Miss Tanton, Miss A. Millen, Miss Morris and Mr. J. T. Adams. In consequence of the vicar being indisposed with influenza, the Rev. J. Forbes, of Shadoxhurst, kindly officiated.

BOARD SCHOOLS.—The annual prize distribution and entertainment in connection with these schools was held on Wednesday evening. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Watts, treasurer to the Board. There was a good attendance of parents and friends and all seemed to be highly entertained and amused by the efforts of the juvenile performers. The programme, which consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs and cantata, was gone through in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on the youthful performers, as well as on Mr. Dixon and his assistants, who must have expended much patience and time in getting the youngsters to such perfection. Miss Score accompanied throughout most efficiently. The following was the list of prize winners:—1st prizes.—Class I—Allan Dixon, Fanny Kingsnorth, Millicent Dyke, Marion Clapson, Percy Murrell, Ashley Woodcock, Kate Jarvis, Caroline Hicks, Edith Bird. Class II—Bertha Baldwin, Daisy Scarff, Ethel Terry, Edith Jarvis, Clarence Treadwell, Frederick Terry. Class III—Louise Kingsnorth, Elsie Link. Class IV—Jas. Coleman, Arthur Bourne, Albert Hicks, Arthur Murrell, Hilda Terry, Hilda King, Agnes Kingsnorth. Class V—George Fagg, Sydney Link, Harry Jarvis, Annie Buss, Edgar Scarff. 2nd prizes.—Class I—J. W. Watts, Polly Hart. Class II—Ada King, Alice Atkins, Sarah Buss, Dorothy Nash. Class III—Frederick King, Dorothy Hukins, William Jarvis, Evelyn Denne. Class IV—Oscar Kingsnorth, Kate Batt, William Kingsnorth. Class V—George Ring, Harold Link, Harry Hook, Charles Atkins. 3rd prizes.—Class I—Ernest W. Ring. Class II—Kate Hukins, Albert Atkins, Walter Cook. Class III—Ernest Coleman, Robert Link. Class IV—Bessie Ring, Richard Fagg. Class V—Ivy Ring, Kate Coleman, Mary Murrell, Ada Link, Sidney Batt. 4th prizes.—Class I—Ashley Millen, Arthur Link. Class II—Annie Hicks, Percy Ring. Class III—Spencer Millen, Annie Bourne. Class IV—Ethel Barton, Florence Hicks, Arthur Ring. Class V—Horace Hicks, Emily Clark, Ellen Tyrell, Georgina Moore. 5th prizes.—Class I—William Murrell, Arthur Brown, John Reeves, Gilbert Coleman, Annie Tyrell. Class II—Sarah Reeves. Class III—Charles Perigo, Charles Link, William Tyrell, Alice Perigo, James Mannering. Class IV—Albert Ring, Lewis Moore, Emily Fagg, Roland Batt, Annie Adams. Infants—Edith Hukins, Winifred Terry, Lilian Moore, Mary Kingsnorth, Nellie Jarvis, Emma Perigo, Edith Murrell, Ida Batt, Alice Springett, Rhoda Springett, Elizabeth Perigo, Frank Cowell, Herbert Kingsnorth, Sydney Hukins, John Briggs, George Buss, George Adams, Tom Bird, Alfred Hook.

MARCH BETHERSDEN. 1902

MEET.—The Mid Kent Stagbonds met at the George on Saturday and breakfasted with the Master (Mr. A. Leney), after which Brookland Lass was liberated in Mr. Bronger's meadows near Pluckley. The deer went away through Pluckley, on to Shadoxhurst, thence to Kingsnorth, and Chilmington, then on to South Ashford, along by the line to Great Chart, through Godinton Park, towards Hothfield Place and eventually to Surrenden, where it was taken.

80/51 BETHERSDEN. 1911

ACCIDENT.—As two men were driving along the Ashford road on Monday afternoon the horse, which belonged to Mr. Jno. Carter, roundabout proprietor became frightened, probably by the approach of a motor, and shied, throwing the men from the cart. The driver, in falling, caught his leg in the wheel, breaking it just above the ankle. Mr. T. A. Padgham, who at the time was occupying his place in the choir during the confirmation service at the parish church, was sent for to render first aid, which was very quickly and skilfully done, the sufferer being conveyed in the motor car to the Ashford hospital.

CONFIRMATION.—A confirmation service was held in the parish church on Monday afternoon by the Lord Bishop of Dover, when there were 42 candidates confirmed. Of these 25 belonged to the parish, 16 came from Shadoxhurst and one from Ashford. The Bishop robed at the Vicarage and was met at the gate of the churchyard by the choir, the service opening with the processional hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to War." The clergy present, in addition to the vicar (Rev. D. H. Creton, M.A.), were the Rev. Canon Tindall, vicar of Ashford; Rev. Jno. Forbes, rector of Shadoxhurst; and the Rev. E. Railton, of Ashford. After the service the Bishop and clergy, together with the newly confirmed and a large number of the parishioners, about 90 in all, met at the schools, where they partook of an informal tea at the invitation of the Vicar.

H. J. GOULDEN, 39 and 40, High-street, Canterbury, allow 3d. in the Shilling Discount off New Books in stock for cash.—Advt.

"IT DOESN'T HURT A BIT."—See Ashford News.—Advt.

JAN BETHERSDEN 1930

LAST YEAR'S RAIN.—A very interesting record has been compiled by pupils of the Bethersden School, who have kept an account of the year's rainfall. Taking the summary of J. P. Watkins, one of the pupils, his reading shows 25.42 inches of rain for the year. The number of fine days were 222, while those wet were 143. The greatest rainfall for twenty-four hours was recorded on November 16th, when 1.5 inches were experienced. The wettest month was December, with 6.47 inches.

CONSERVATISM.—A well-attended and very successful smoking concert was held in connection with the Bethersden branch of the Conservative Association at the George Inn on Saturday, when the chair was taken by Mr. A. S. Beazley. The party agent attended and gave some valuable advice as to the future working of the branch, impressing upon all the members the need to settle down to hard work. He expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped to have the opportunity of meeting them often in the future. The following contributed to the evening's entertainment:—Messrs. E. J. Softly, F. Ring, G. Ring, A. Farrance and A. Chapman. The pianist, Mr. Amos, Mr. Turvey and Mr. Bavanee, of Ashford, also added greatly to the enjoyment.

GARDENING SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Gardening Society was held at the Bull Inn on Friday, with Mr. A. S. Beazley in the chair. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, spoke of the success met with last year, when the membership, now standing at fifty-nine, was increased by the admittance of twenty-four new members. Officers and committee for the coming year were elected as follows:—President, Major C. E. R. N. Weston; chairman, Mr. A. S. Beazley; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Alston Paffard; secretary, Mr. A. Stenning; treasurer, Mr. H. A. Paffard; committee, Messrs. H. Prior, P. Ring, D. Batt, C. B. Miles, A. R. D. Cook, C. F. Seekings, W. Abdey and T. E. Smith. It was decided to hold the annual show on Saturday, July 26th, when the committee hope to be able to put up a challenge cup for a goal-running competition.

BETHERSDEN SCHOOL

7 July SPORTS 1933

The thirteenth annual sports day of Bethersden Council School was celebrated on the Bull Green, Bethersden, on Saturday. Tea was given to the children and there were side-shows. The results were:—

Infants' 40 yards, class I.—Girls: 1 Joyce Barton, 2 Everal Jarvis, 3 Betty Bugden; boys: 1 D. Buckman, 2 J. Cowell, 3 C. Millen. Class II.—Girls: 1 J. Filmer, 2 K. Kingsnorth; boys: 1 D. Manwaring, 2 T. Buckman, 100 yards, 11 years and over, boys: 1 V. Skinner, 2 B. Beeken, 3 H. Abdey; girls: 1 J. Carter, D. Ingram, 3 V. Ring, 9 to 10 years, boys: 1 F. Millen, 2 C. Jull, 3 W. Morris; girls: 1 K. Barton, 2 J. Farrance, 3 C. Woodcock, 60 yards, 7 and 8 years, boys: 1 H. Jarvis, 2 A. Batt, 3 K. Barton; girls: 1 B. Lee, 2 W. Oliver, 3 J. Lonkhurst, 440 yards, boys, 11 and over, 1 V. Skinner, 2 B. Beeken, 3 H. Abdey, 60 yards, girls, 7 and 8, 1 B. Lee, 2 W. Oliver, 3 J. Lonkhurst; boys: 1 H. Jarvis, 2 A. Batt, 3 K. Barton. Three-legged race, girls: K. Martin and C. Woodcock, J. Farrance and D. Everett, C. Hills and L. Solly; boys: F. Millen and C. Jull, G. Woodcock and P. Millen, K. Burton and G. Batt. Mixed drum race, K. Woodcock and D. Ingram, W. Tyler and V. Gasson, E. Aldworth and G. Holmes. Mixed thread-needle, 8 years and under, D. Dunster, K. Burton, J. Brown and N. Hogben, P. Burchell and A. Batt; 11 and under, H. Gasson and J. Farrance, M. Lonkhurst and R. Filmer, F. Lonkhurst and E. Dodd. Sack race, boys, 1 B. Beeken, 2 K. Woodcock, 3 G. Farrance; girls, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 D. Ingram, 3 J. Bugden. Egg and spoon, girls, 10 and under, 1 K. Barton, 2 M. Philpott, 3 J. Farrance; 11 and over, 1 J. Morris, 2 G. Holmes, 3 W. Marrillier. Slow bicycle race, mixed, 1 G. Buss, 2 W. Tyler, 3 H. Beeken. Relay, girls, Beatty House; boys, Haig. Potato race, boys, 10 and under, 1 C. Jull, 2 F. Millen, 3 H. Jarvis; 11 and over, 1 B. Millen, 2 N. Jull, 3 H. Abdey; girls, 11 and over, 1 M. Abdey, 2 D. Ingram, 3 B. Jarvis. Boat race, girls, Beatty House. Skipping race, girls, 13 and under, 1 J. Farrance, 2 K. Barton, 3 C. Hills; 11 and over, 1 G. Holmes, 2 B. Jarvis, 3 V. Ring. High jump, boys, 10 and under, 1 F. Millen, 2 R. Bridgeland; 11 and over (tie), H. Abdey, M. Mason and V. Skinner. Obstacle race, boys, 10 and under, 1 C. Jull, 2 F. Millen, 3 R. Holmes; girls, 1 J. Farrance, 2 K. Barton, 3 J. Brown; boys, 11 and over, 1 B. Holmes, 2 R. Filmer, 3 V. Skinner; girls, 1 V. Ring, 2 G. Holmes, 3 W. Marrillier. Tug-of-war, boys, Haig House. Junior Championships for cups: Boys, Frank Millen; girls, K. Barton and J. Farrance (tie). Seniors' medals, V. Skinner; girls' cup, G. Holmes. High Jump cup, H. Abdey, M. Mason and V. Skinner (shared). Inter-House cup, Haig. Old scholars' contest winners were:—100 yards, boys under 20, 1 R. Holmes, 2 R. Jordan, 3 A. Abdey; girls, 1 R. Crocker, 2 M. Bridgeland, 3 P. Millen. Sack race, men, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Bridger, 3 J. Graves; ladies, 1 E. Barton, 2 Mrs. S. Ring, 3 E. Woodcock, 4 L. Filmer. Fathers' race, 1 Mr. Ellis, 2 Mr. Abdey, 3 Mr. Stennings; mothers, 1 Mrs. S. Ring, 2 Mrs. Burton, 3 Mrs. Abdey. Scholars' fancy dress, 1 J. Mitchell, 2 D. Everett, 3 M. Buss, consolation D. Ingram, L. Solly, C. Woodcock and M. Weeks. Shoe race, boys, under 15, 1 B. Millen, 2 R. Jordan, 3 L. Mackelden; girls, 1 R. Crocker, 2 V. Ring, 3 P. Millen. Pig-sticking, single ladies, E. Barton; married ladies, Mrs. J. Ring. Balloon race, men, 1 B. Filmer, 2 Colonel Heasey, 3 Mr. Holmes. Gretna Green race, Mr. Gasson and Miss Filmer, Mr. Holmes and Miss Crocker. Obstacle race, men, 1 Mr. Ellis, 2 Mr. Gasson, 3 Mr. Pile. Tug-of-war, married men v. single, single. Other prize-winners included Miss Aldworth and Mrs. O. Kingsnorth (cake); Mrs. W. Kingsnorth (programme number); Mr. W. Barton (bowling board); Mr. Jack Jarvis (darts); and Mr. Cyril Jarvis (step-a-chain).

BETHERSDEN v. KINGSNORTH. — Played at Bethersden on Saturday.

Bethersden.	Kingsnorth.
E. J. Edmunds, run out	F. Slingsby, lbw, b Hammond
G. Moore, c W. Mills, b W. Crust	W. Crust, c L. Taylor, b Holmes
G. Summerfield, b E. Weeks	G. Weeks, b Cowell
F. W. Jarvis, b W. Crust	F. Crust, c Edmunds, b Hammond
A. Cowell, c Lennard, b W. Crust	E. Weeks, b Buckman
E. Hammond, b E. Weeks	B. Burden, b Hammond
L. Taylor, c G. Weeks, b E. Weeks	G. Lindsay, not out
P. Holmes, c E. Weeks, b W. Mills	A. Stennings, b Hammond
A. Lennard, b W. Mills	W. Mills, b Hammond
C. Buckman, not out	L. Sinden, c Summerfield, b Hammond
G. Burden, c and b W. Mills	Extras
Extras	
Total	Total
59	77

AUG 1928

JULY BETHERSDEN'S GAY DAY 1937

All the village took part in the 51st flower show at Bethersden on Saturday in Mr. S. B. Hyland's field. Other items on the programme were sports, and goal running for a silver challenge cup.

In a fancy dress parade for the children the winners were most original dress — Ruth Batt, Peter Pincrole; and the prettiest dress—J. Filmer, B. Pincrole. Amusements were provided by Body's Amusement Fair and the Ashford Military Band was in attendance. Prizes were presented by Mrs. J. T. Adams.

Bethersden Ladies' Cricket Club made a fine success of their first dance which was held in the Village Hall after the flower show.

Mr. P. Ring repeated his success of last year, by winning the Cottagers' Cup for the highest number of points (93). The cup for the best show of cut garden flowers went to Mr. T. Padgham.

Other winners were W. Abdey, G. T. Holmes, A. Stennings, E. J. Miles, J. Jarvis, T. F. Smith, H. A. Prior, E. Wilms-hurst, W. Benstead, H. C. Marrow, Rev. Bligh Hill, V. Hammonds, Adams, W. S. Weeks, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. P. Ring, Major C. Weston, P. H. Pelling, Miss E. Cook, Beazley, Miss G. Padgham, Cook, C. J. Miles, Mrs. Padgham, Mrs. Woodcock, Miss Stennings, Mrs. Wilms-hurst, Mrs. Weeks, Miss O. Prior, Mrs. H. A. Mills, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Bromley, Miss E. Padgham, Mrs. Longhurst, Miss Cook.

Mother and daughter took the first two places in the cake competition, Miss G. Padgham first, Mrs. T. Padgham second, and Mrs. Ridler third.

In the school section, George Woodcock and William Morris won the school managers challenge cup for the best school garden. Other winners were Betty Abdey, Flossie Nolan, Ruby Farrance (wild flowers); Rona Seymour, D. Buss, D. Buchman (handwriting); Sylvia Head, Pamela Dear (11 years and over needlework); Joyce Draper, Stella Weeks, Grace Jarvis (10 years, needlework); P. Dawson, G. Woodcock, B. Bugden (wood-work).

THE SPORTS

60 yds. boys (7-10) — D. Buckman, D. Mannering, W. Wratten. Girls—R. Farrance, G. Adams, J. Bugden.

Egg and spoon, girls (10 years and under) — G. Bugden, C. Jarvis, M. Weeks. (11 years and over)—D. Everet, J. Brown, F. Nolan.

80 yds. skipping race (girls)—R. Farrance, H. Bugden, J. Filmer.

100 yds. (boys, 8-11)—D. Buckman, G. Batt, W. Wratten. Boys (11 years and over)—D. Possee, R. Bourne, J. Clarke. Girls (11 years and over)—R. Farrance, J. Vine, S. Head.

Boys race (4-7)—M. Willcocks, B. Batt, A. Wratten. Girls—M. Farris, A. Stennings, A. Wratten.

50 yds. sack race (boys, 14 or over)—W. Marrillier, L. Vennor, E. Barton.

100 yds. three-legged race, mixed — G. Woodcock and C. Woodcock; F. Millen and B. Batt; J. Barton and E. Jarvis.

Band race — J. Stevens, C. Barton, A. Small.

100 yds. blindfold race (mixed) — F. Millen and B. Batt; G. and C. Woodcock; Mrs. Abdey and L. Farrance.

80 yds. egg and spoon (ladies)—W. Marrillier, K. Barton, E. Barton.

60 yds. balloon race (ladies)—E. Barton, C. Woodcock, W. Marrillier.

1 mile flat—H. Hill, J. Nunn, B. Burton.

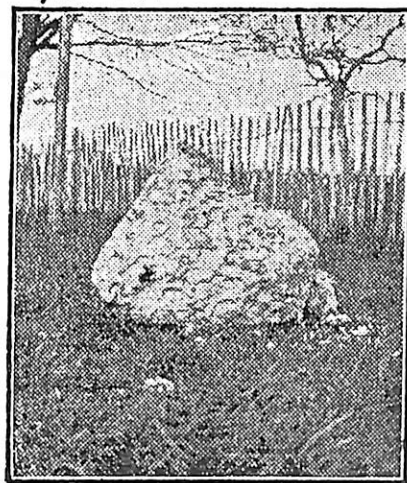
100 yds. flat (open)—W. Burton, B. Burton, H. Cladd.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1932

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive was held on Friday in the Village Hall in aid of the Gardeners' Society. The M.C. was Mr. L. Mannering, and the prize-winners were:—Ladies, 1 Mrs. G. Link, 2 Miss Chittenden, 3 Miss Padgham. Gentlemen, 1 Mr. R. Jarvis, 2 Master V. Skinner, 3 Mr. Smith.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Permanent Waving. See Tenterden News.—Advt.

APRIL 1930



WASP'S NEST discovered by Mr. F.

J. Jarvis, while laying electric wires of Bethersden. The nest was 18 inches high and 60 in circumference.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1927

MOTOR CYCLE TURNS TURTLE. — While proceeding home to London after a holiday at Portsmouth, a motor cyclist was injured on High Halden hill on Monday, his machine turning upside down in a ditch.

CAR IN DITCH.—A car driven by Mr. E. J. Heppell, of Hastings, on Monday night came into collision with a car driven by Mr. T. A. Hibden, of Ashford, on the Ashford-road, and swerved into a ditch. Mrs. Heppell and a Miss Tidy, who were in the former car, were slightly injured and taken on to Hastings by friends who were following in another car. Both the cars were damaged.

EASTER SERVICES. — There were two services daily in the parish church throughout the Holy Week, and four on Good Friday, the one hour's devotion in the afternoon being conducted by the Rev. R. Cooper, vicar of Benenden. Easter was ushered in with merry peals on the bells on Saturday evening, and the church was prettily decorated by ladies of the congregation, including Mrs. C. S. Baker, Mrs. H. Guess, Miss Parker, Miss Roots, Miss Norris and Miss Webb. The celebrations on Easter Day were at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after morning prayer, the communicants numbering ninety-four. The attendance at all the services was well up to the average. At the evening service the anthem, "Break Forth with Joy" was exceptionally well rendered for a village choir, with Miss Parker presiding at the organ. Collections were taken for the Vicar's Easter Offering, £16/10/6 being realised.

CHURCH COUNCIL.—The annual meeting in connection with the Parochial Church Council was held on Tuesday, when the vicar, Rev. E. H. Morris, presided. All the officers were re-elected as follows:—Mr. J. T. Adams, vicar's warden; Mr. A. S. Beazley, parish warden; sidesmen, Capt. Caton, Mr. R. H. Padgham, Mr. C. A. Clapson, with Mr. H. Paffard to take the place of Mr. C. S. Baker, who is now too ill to carry on the work. Capt. Caton, Mr. P. C. Stephenson and Mr. T. A. Padgham were appointed representatives to the Ruridical Conference, Mr. A. S. Beazley representative to the Diocesan Conference. The retiring members of the Council were re-elected, with Mr. Paffard to fill the vacancy caused through the death of Mr. G. Hambrook. Mr. Adam's presented the accounts for the year, the balance in hand at the commencement of the year of £9/3/5 having been increased to £22/15/6. The Vicar reported that the total amount collected in church for the year was £90/19/1, about £50 of which was for outside objects. The Vicar's Easter offering amounted to £16/10/-. It was decided to have the sheets bearing the names of all those who served in the war framed and hung in the church.

22/3/1930 BETHERSDEN

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the women's branch was held on Monday, when Mrs. Morris presided, supported by Miss Davies (organiser) and Mrs. Pryce Davies (London). The following were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mrs. Morris; secretary, Miss Roots; treasurer and magazine secretary, Miss Jobson; committee, Messrs. James Curwen, Abdey, Hyland, Colt, J. Jarvis, Sharpe and Sabbage, and the Misses Norris, Jobson, Millen, L. Padgham and Millen. An excellent address on the political situation was given by Mrs. Pryce Davies.

SOCIAL EVENING.—The men's section of the Conservative Association held a successful whist drive and dance at the Village Hall on Tuesday. The winners of prizes in semi-partner whist were—Ladies, 1 Mrs. A. Stenning, 2 Miss W. Norris, 3 Mrs. G. Burden; consolation, Mrs. A. Luxford. Gentlemen, 1 Mr. P. Barton, 2 Mr. A. Farrance, 3 Mr. R. Millen; consolation, Mr. T. F. Smith. The lucky numbered ticket prize was won by Miss S. Webb and the spot waltz prizes by Mr. R. Jarvis and Miss R. Jarvis. Captain the Hon. M. Knatchbull, M.C., who attended with the Divisional Agent, after presenting the whist drive prizes, gave a brief speech on Empire Free Trade, which was received with applause. He was thanked by the branch President, Mr. A. S. Beazley. Mrs. Hessey with a staff of ladies admirably carried out the refreshment arrangements, also the decorations. A system of coloured lights was installed for the occasion by the A.U.D.C. Electrical Department under the supervision of Mr. Waters.

SUDDEN DEATH.—The funeral took place at Bethersden on Thursday week of the late Mr. Alfred Venner, of Lenham, where he was employed on Lord Chilton's estate as a carpenter and wheelwright. Mr. Venner, who was forty-nine years of age, passed away quite suddenly on Monday. He was found unconscious at his bench and died on reaching home. The deceased was well-known in Bethersden, where he had formerly carried on business as wheelwright. The principal mourners were Mrs. A. Venner (widow), Mr. and Mrs. W. Baker (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. J. Venner (brother), Mrs. Hopkins (daughter), Mr. F. Hopkins (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Venner (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. T. Venner (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. R. Venner (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister) and Mr. and Mrs. Robins (brother-in-law and sister).

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On view Morning of Sale.
Catalogues of Messrs. Ward, Bowie & Co., Solicitors, 7, King Street, Cheapside, E.C.; the principal Inns in the neighbourhood; and of the Auctioneers, Bank Street, Ashford.
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APRIL 1931 BETHERSDEN'S BELL- RINGING BOTHER

A VILLAGE STRIKE

There has been a little bother in the village of Bethersden, over the bellringing. The ringers, who give their time and services voluntarily, have always at the annual confirmation been given a small gift of money as recognition of their work. Recently this gift has been regarded as a wage and reduced, and the bellringers have refused it.

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday, the sub-committee, Messrs. V. Hammond, H. A. Prior, G. P. Dear reported that they had met the ringers, who said they were willing to return to their duties on condition that the reason for their stopping was made public. The Council expressed their regret that the old custom connected with the ringers and confirmation had been broken. They wished for its revival, and hoped the ringers would be back to their duties in the near future. The matter was then left in the hands of the Vicar, the Rev. N. Bligh-Hill.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1930

FIRE S.O.S.—Mr. and Mrs. Fondam, of Deptford, had arrived at Long's Corner Farm, to stay with Mr. Holmes over the holidays when the police informed them that Mrs. Fordam's parents and brother had been injured in a fire at Old Kent-road, London. They returned immediately.

THE EASTER SERVICES at the parish church were well attended, the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.) conducting the whole of them. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion, the communicants numbering eighty-four. The church was tastefully decorated by lady members of the congregation. The collections, which were for the Vicar's Easter offering, amounted to £15 7s. 6d.

PARISH COUNCIL.—The annual meeting was held on the 16th instant, when Mr. J. T. Adams was unanimously re-elected as chairman, and Mr. G. Jarvis vice-chairman. Messrs. A. R. Cook and T. J. Jarvis will still represent the parish on the Rating Authority. The small amount received from charities was distributed the same as last year. The question of finding a dump for rubbish was again discussed, and the clerk was instructed to write to the rural District Council asking if they would allow the spare ground at the sewerage works to be used for the purpose.

THE LATE MR. J. T. WOODCOCK.—The remains of the late John Thomas Woodcock, whose death took place at Bull Hill on the 14th inst. were interred at the parish church on Thursday week, the vicar (Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.) officiating. The family mourners included Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. R. Woodcock, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. F. Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holmes, nephew and niece; Mr. and Mrs. J. Holmes, nephew and niece, among others present being Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. R. H. Padgham, Mr. Luxford and Mr. Capeling. Floral tributes were sent by Dick and Edith, Cousin Min., Gladys, Kathleen and Stanley, Lizzie, George and family, Mrs. A. Jarvis, employer and workmen. The funeral arrangements were carried out by his late employer, Mr. J. Jarvis.

OCT BETHERSDEN 1937

RUMMAGE SALE.—Nearly £23 was raised for the general church funds at the rummage sale on Saturday.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT.—The Archbishop is to preach at the parish church on Sunday evening. This is the first time for many years that an Archbishop has visited the village.

WHIST DRIVE, Village Hall, Wed., Oct. 20th, 7.15; 1/- refreshments obtainable.—Advt.

MAY BETHERSDEN. 1925

COUNCIL SCHOOL.—A successful whist drive in aid of the summer outing and sports day funds of the school was held in the Village Hall on May 20th. Mr. Martin and Mr. Goodman were the M.C.'s and the prizewinners were:—Ladies, 1 Mrs. G. Goodman 177; 2 Miss A. Millen 172; 3 Mrs. Barton 172; sealed number Mrs. Roberts; travelling prize, Miss K. Millen; consolation, Mrs. Bridger 139. Gentlemen, 1 Mr. Laws 180; 2 Mr. W. Millen 176; 3 Mr. C. Parks 169; sealed number Mr. Stenning; travelling prize, Mr. A. Summerfield; consolation prize Mr. F. Hukins 134. The headmaster thanked those present for their support and also the prize-givers and subscribers. He then called on the captain of the school, Robert Barton, to present the prizes. The drive resulted in £7 12s. being added to the funds.

APRIL BETHERSDEN. 1925

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Oliver, of Bethersden, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday, March 25th, when a goodly gathering of children and grand-children assembled with them at Rose Court, the residence of Mr. John Oliver. There were present Mr. and Mrs. George Oliver (Ilk-hurst), Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver (Bethersden), Mr. and Mrs. G. Buss (Charing), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oliver (Egerton), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oliver (Egerton), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oliver (Ashford), Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie Oliver (Smarden), and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oliver (Egerton), being seven sons and their wives, and one daughter and her husband, making, with their parents, a complete family. In addition to this, sixteen grand-children and one great-grandchild were present. Three grandchildren were absent, or the total number of the family gathering would have been forty. The time was spent in a pleasant social way, old days being recalled to mind. Mr. Oliver and all the family being musicians a number of melodies of earlier years were played, and hymns and anthems were sung. A family presentation was made during the

course of the afternoon, Mr. George Oliver (eldest son) voicing the desires and wishes of the whole family. Mr. Oliver, responding, expressed his pleasure and gratitude in being spared to meet on such an occasion. After tea Mr. H. Dawson, pastor of Union Street Baptist chapel (where Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and several members of his family are regular worshippers), gave a brief address. After speaking of his heartfelt pleasure at being present at such a time of rejoicing, he called the attention of those gathered together to the goodness of God which had followed Mr. and Mrs. Oliver through fifty years of wedded life. He spoke of a time which came into the life of the Apostle Paul, when he "thanked God, and took courage," and on such an anniversary day Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and family could enter into Paul's experience. In reviewing the goodness of God in providing for the needs of everyday life, and in contemplating His preserving care through life's changing scenes, and delivering the children from the dangers of war, and in gathering them at such a time with one heart, and one mind, to acknowledge God's mercy toward them—could they not "thank God and take courage" that the Lord, having been their Helper in the past would be their God and Guide unto death. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and their family attended the week-end service at Union chapel, when the pastor made a public acknowledgment of the goodness of God toward them, and preached a sermon from the words: "I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord" (Isa. 63, 7).

VILLAGE HALL.—Grand Easter Carnival Dance. Balloons, Streamers, etc. Prizes. Smith's orchestra. Friday, April 17th, 8.30 to 1.30. Admission 1s. 6d.—Advt.

AUG BETHERSDEN 1930

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. R. MANNERING.

—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Margaret Rose Mannering, who died in Ashford Hospital at the age of twenty-nine years. The deceased was the wife of Mr. Lewis Mannering, of Prospect Cottage, and came of an old Bethersden family, being the daughter of the late Mr. J. Hukins. The funeral service on Saturday was choral, the Rev. E. H. Morris being the officiating minister. The principal mourners were:—Mr. L. Mannering (husband), Mrs. J. Hukins (mother), Bubbles (son), Mr. and Mrs. J. Mannering (father and mother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. B. Mannering (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. D. Mannering (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Hukins (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hukins (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. Hukins (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. S. Hukins (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Hukins (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Jarvis (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. R. Chaney (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. F. Pilbeam (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. A. Hukins (London) (sister-in-law), Mrs. L. Baldwin (sister), Mrs. B. Coleman (sister), Mrs. S. Judge (sister), Miss M. Hukins (niece), Mr. W. Hukins (brother), Mrs. C. Buckman, Aunt Kate, Mrs. Ralph (cousin), Nellie and Kath. (cousins). There were also many friends present. The floral



MR. and MRS. G. G. PAGE, "Homelands," Botherdsden, who celebrate their golden wedding this Friday.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1932

FUNERAL OF MRS. G. HOWLAND.—

Bethersden loses another of its oldest and most respected parishioners by the passing away of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann, widow of Mr. George Howland, who for many years successfully carried on Chequertree Farm. Mrs. Howland was eighty years of age and a native of Kingsnorth. The funeral took place at Botherdsden on Thursday, when the vicar, the Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, conducted the service, at which a large number of relatives and friends were present. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R. Howland, Mr. A. Howland, Miss M. Howland, Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. J. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barten, Mr. G. Crust, Mrs. A. Crust, Mrs. R. Crust, Mrs. H. Crust, Mrs. Jordon, Mr. A. Crust, Mr. and Mrs. Rootes, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Padgham, Mrs. Guess, Miss Philpott, Mr. S. Philpott, Mrs. Brazell, Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Milliner. Flowers were sent by Emily, Janie, Bill and Abe; Mary Howland and Mary Barten; Richard and Louie; Polly and Archie; John and Flossie; Robert, Nance and family; Annie and Jim; George and Ernest; Jane and Hetty; Arthur and Robert; Bert and Rose; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rootes; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson; Mr. S. and W. Philpott, Elsie and Ivy; Mr. and Mrs. Hart and family; Mrs. Guess; Mr. and Mrs. Brazell and family; and Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Milliner.

DON'T FORGET Biddenden Flower Show, Wednesday, July 27th. Usual Attractions. Advt.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1937

PATRONAL FESTIVAL.—Special services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday. The Rev. W. F. Cobb (Pluckley), preached in the evening.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—A mime, the "Moon Man," was presented by the entertainments committee at the garden party held Wednesday at Low Wood, by permission of Mrs. Cameron.

LATE MRS. THOMAS.—The funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. Helen Thomas (78), widow of Mr. F. Thomas, who lived at Maple Cottage. She had lived in the village all her life and was for many years a church cleaner. Mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Batt, Mrs. J. Jarvis, Miss G. Batt, Miss W. Batt, Mrs. Mannering, Mrs. Prior.

SMARDEN GARDENERS' SOCIETY.—Annual Show and Sports, Aug. 4th, 2.30 p.m. Dance 9.30-1-1/2. Whentley's Orchestra.—Advt.

JAN BETHERSDEN 1934

PARISH COUNCIL.—A meeting was held on Monday, with Major Weston (vice-chairman) in the chair, others present being Messrs. T. J. Jarvis, R. H. Padgham, A. Stenning, H. A. Paffard, E. T. Moore, A. R. Cook, A. Norris and Mr. W. G. Rootes (clerk). It was decided that nothing further could be done in regard to opening up the paths in Lamberden Woods as it was uncertain to whom the woods belong at the present time. Colonel Cameron had done what was necessary in his wood.—There being eight applicants of equal merit for the six Council houses it was decided to settle the question by private ballot.—A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. T. J. Jarvis, R. H. Padgham and E. T. Moore, with the chairman and clerk as ex-officio members was appointed to mark all public footpaths on a map.

CHURCH COUNCIL.—A meeting on Jan. 11 was attended by the Vicar (in the chair), Messrs. H. A. Prior, V. Hammond, H. A. Paffard, E. W. Carter, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. T. A. Padgham, Mrs. Ring, Miss Jobson and Mr. W. G. Rootes (hon. secretary).—The chairman explained that it was not now necessary for them to consider the formation of a boy's club, as the boys had formed their own.—Mrs. Adams and Miss Jobson were elected to represent the parish at the service in Canterbury Cathedral in connection with the Archbishop's church building fund.—It was decided to distribute the Finance Committee's balance of £19/17/10 as follows:—Parish quota, £10; New Churches fund, £2; C.M.S., 10/-; Y.M.C.A., £2; Cambridge Mission to Delhi, £1; Moral Welfare, 10/-; and to carry forward 7/10.—The Vicar reported a gift of a valuable pair of cut-glass vases for the altar flowers.—The annual meeting will be held on the Thursday in Easter Week.

GRAND DANCE.—Bethersden Football Club, January 26th. Puck-a-Pu Band.—Advt.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1937

LATE MRS. SOFTLY.—Mrs. Mary Ann Softly, aged 65, wife of Mr. E. J. Softly, of 4, Essella-road, Ashford, was buried at Botherdsden on Wednesday. She had lived at Botherdsden many years, first at Wissen-den Farm, and later at Pimphurst Farm, and moved to Ashford two years ago.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1933

HOME MISSIONS.—Services in connection with Home Missions were conducted in the Methodist Church on Sunday by the Rev. H. G. Arnold, who also gave a Lenten lecture on Tuesday evening on "Mission Work in the Shetlands." The lantern was operated by Mr. Banks.

NOV BETHERSDEN 1933

A MEETING will be held in the Village Hall, on Thursday, November 23rd, 1933, at 2.30 p.m. To discuss the possibility of starting a village nurse. It is hoped that all interested will come.

MAY BETHERSDEN 1933

NATIONAL NEEDLECRAFT.—Winners in the recent competition were:—Vera Gasson (honourable mention); plain needlework certificates—G. Holmes, D. Sumerfield, B. Jarvis, J. Carter, J. Morris, D. Ingham, M. Weeks and P. Millen (seniors) and M. Lonkhurst (juniors).

FLOWER SHOWS.

AUG BETHERSDEN. 1927

One of the very few shows favoured with good weather was that at Bethersden, in a field kindly loaned by Mr. S. B. Hyland, under the auspices of the local Horticultural Society, on Wednesday. It is the first since the beginning of the war and owing to the fact that the Society did not decide to hold it until a meeting in May, the members had little chance of growing things for exhibition. Nevertheless, a good show was staged and the judge (Mr. W. P. Wright, of the Kent Education Committee) expressed his pleasure of the standard of the exhibits. The officials were Captain J. D. Cameron (president), Mr. T. A. Padgham (chairman), Mr. C. W. Martin (hon. secretary and treasurer). In connection with the show a large sports' programme was carried out, under the charge of a committee of which Mr. G. W. Roots was chairman. The Tenterden Town band, under Conductor A. Blanch, played selections throughout the afternoon and for a dance in the evening, Mr. G. Link being the M.C. Messrs. Abnett's fair was also in attendance. The teas and refreshments, which found plenty of patronage, were managed by the Women's Institute, of which Miss Drysdale is secretary. Beside the exhibits for competition shows were staged by Messrs. G. and A. Clark, of Dover, and Mr. S. B. Hyland, gardener to Mr. T. Bird, while marrows and beans (not for competition) were also exhibited by Mr. F. Smith, Colonel Cameron and Mr. S. A. Tidy. The prizes were presented in the evening by Mrs. Cameron. The awards were:—

COTTAGERS.

25 pods peas—1 H. Prior, 2 A. Buss.
Six winter onions—D. Batt.
12 spring onions—1 A. Stenning, 2 H. Prior.
Two cos lettuce—1 F. Smith, 2 A. Stenning, 3 H. Prior.
Marrow—1 S. Birt, 2 J. Day, 3 A. Stenning.
Six carrots—1 H. Prior, 2 A. Stenning, 3 A. Buss.
Six turnips—1 D. Batt, 2 H. Prior.
Two cabbages (winter grown)—1 F. Jarvis, 2 A. Stenning, 3 F. Smith.
Dwarf beans—2 A. Stenning.
Potatoes (white, round)—1 A. Buss, 2 C. B. Miles. White kidney—1 A. Buss 2 C. B. Miles, 3 H. Prior.
Cucumbers—D. Batt.
Collection hard fruit—F. Jarvis.
Flowers.—Best pot plants—Mrs. A. Buss. Cut garden flowers—1 Mr. A. Buss, 2 Mrs. Pinner. Cut roses—Mrs. Pinner.

AMATEURS.

25 pods peas—1 J. Barber, 2 Miss E. Drysdale, 3 C. W. Martin.
Six winter onions—1 Mrs. Sabbago, 2 Colonel J. S. Cameron.
12 spring onions—1 S. Philpott, 2 A. Norris.
Marrow—1 T. Padgham, 2 C. W. Martin, 3 Miss E. Drysdale.
Six carrots—1 Colonel J. S. Cameron, 2 J. Barber, 3 W. Philpott.
Six turnips—1 C. W. Martin, 2 Colonel J. S. Cameron.
Two cabbages—J. Barber.
12 dwarf beans—1 T. Padgham, 2 Miss E. Drysdale, 3 C. W. Martin.
Potatoes (white, round)—1 G. Goodman, 2 J. Barber, 3 C. W. Martin. White kidney—1 G. Goodman, 2 J. Barber, 3 Miss E. Drysdale.
Flowers.—Pot plants—1 T. Padgham, 2 C. W. Martin. Cut garden flowers—1 T. Padgham, 2 C. W. Martin, 3 J. Barber. Cut roses—1 S. A. Beazley, 2 C. W. Martin, 3 S. L. Bodenham.

COTTAGERS' SPECIALS.

Best collection vegetables—1 H. Prior, 2 W. Benstead, 3 C. B. Miles.
Best six bunches sweet peas—1 D. Holdstock, 2 H. Prior, 3 C. B. Miles.
Box cut flowers—Mrs. Pinner.

AMATEURS' SPECIALS.

Best collection vegetables—1 Colonel J. S. Cameron, 2 J. Blackman, 3 J. Barber.
Open:—Two cos lettuce, F. Smith, 6 dahlias, 1 S. A. Beazley, 2 Mrs. Pinner, 3 C. W. Martin; best table marrows, 1 Mrs. Pinner, 2 J. Day, 3 T. Padgham; collection potatoes (two varieties), 1 Colonel J. S. Cameron, 2 G. Goodman, 3 J. Blackman; shelled peas, 1 J. Barber, 2 C. B. Miles, 3 J. Jarvis; spring sown cabbage, 1 J. Blackman, 2 C. B. Miles, 3 J. Barber; boiled potatoes, 1 Mrs. Padgham, 2 Mrs. Prior; cucumbers, 1 Mrs. Sabbago, 2 Colonel J. S. Cameron, 3 C. W. Martin; collection runner beans, 1 F. Jarvis, 2 J. Blackman, 3 T. Padgham; dwarf beans, 1 W. Philpott, 2 S. Philpott, 3 J. Day; pod peas, 1 Colonel J. S. Cameron, 2 H. Prior, 3 C. B. Miles; carrots (six stump and six exhibition), 1 Colonel J. S. Cameron, 2 J. Blackman, 3 A. Stenning; bunches sweet peas, 1 S. Birt, 2 T. Padgham, 3 C. W. Martin; best butter (two half pounds), 1 Mrs. Birt, 2 Mrs. J. Cameron; plate heavy potatoes, 1 G. Goodman, 2 H. Prior, 3 F. Smith; wild flowers, 1 Elsie Summerfield, 2 Beryl Jarvis, 3 Vera Miles, 4 R. Jarvis; best collection vegetables (school-boys), 1 R. Staff and J. Oliver, 2 B. Penfold and C. Jarvis, 3 G. Clayton and J. Jarvis; table decorations, 1 Mrs. T. Padgham, 2 Miss E. Drysdale, 3 Mrs. Carter; collection cut flowers, ly (presented by Mrs. Morris), Mr. C. W. Martin; prize for most awards in one family (presented by Mrs. Morris), Mr. C. W. Martin—12 awards.

SPORTS RESULTS.

Skipping race for girls under 12—1 A. Filmer, 2 N. Staff, 3 P. Birden.
Foot race for boys under 12—1 G. Graves, 2 B. Holmes, 3 J. Murrell.
100 yards race for girls 12 to 14—1 E. Summerfield, 2 D. Millen, 3 J. Day.
440 yards race for boys 12 to 14—1 E. Carter, 2 E. Tredway, 3 R. Holmes.
75 yards ladies' skipping race—1 Mrs. Norris, 2 Miss J. Day, 3 Miss L. Farrance.
Half-mile flat race—1 L. Martin, 2 C. C. Bridger, 3 E. Tredway.
Ladies' egg and spoon race—1 Miss Farrance, 2 Mrs. Stenning, 3 Mrs. Martin.
One mile flat race—1 Turner, 2 Williams, 3 R. Luckhurst.
Band race—1 H. Batt, 2 W. H. Blanch, 3 J. Drury.
Thread-the-needle race—1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Miss Farrance, 3 Mrs. Summerfield.
Slow bicycle race—1 Turner, 2 Miss Perigo, 3 A. Luxford.
Pillow fight—1 Turner, 2 Austin.
Tilting the bucket—1 Turner and Arnold, 2 Ludford and Luckhurst.

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SCHOOL SPORTS

JUNE BETHERSDEN 1932

The twelfth annual meeting of the Council school was held on the Bull Green on Saturday. Besides the inter-house events visitors were able to take part in several open events. There were several side-shows and maypole dancing. The results were:—
40 yards (infants)—Girls, 1 I. Adams, 2 R. Oliver; boys, 1 G. Batt, 2 W. Kingsnorth, 3 R. Jordan; class II. (girls), 1 R. Farrance, 2 J. Filmer; boys, 1 C. Miles, 2 J. Cowell, 3 H. Ellis. 100 yards (11 and over)—Boys, 1 H. Burton, 2 A. Venner, 3 H. Abdey; girls, 1 N. Brown, 2 J. Lloyd, 3 J. Carter. 60 yards (7 to 8 years)—Girls, 1 L. Solly, 2 B. Lee; boys, 1 R. Brown, 2 W. Morris, 3 R. Holmes. 100 yards (9 and 10 years)—Boys, 1 L. Daniels, 2 C. Jull, 3 R. Filmer; girls, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 M. Abdey, 3 G. Holmes. 440 yards—Boys, 1 C. Bridger, 2 H. Burton, 3 H. Abdey. Three-legged race—Girls, 1 M. Lonkhurst and B. Batt, 2 V. Buckman and K. Barton, 3 V. Miles and M. Abdey; boys, 1 R. Filmer and E. Aldworth, 2 K. Moore and F. Kingsnorth, 3 C. Jull and F. Miller. Sum race (mixed), 1 C. Bridger and M. Weeks, 2 H. Burton and J. Carter, 3 A. Venner and J. Lloyd. Thread-needle (mixed, 8 years and under), 1 B. Lee and G. Woodcock, 2 P. Miles and P. Lonkhurst, 3 D. Everett and R. Bourne; 11 years and under, 1 V. Ring and K. Moore, 2 K. Brown and H. Gasson, 3 K. Barton and W. Ring. Sack race—Boys, 1 C. Bridger, 2 J. Mackleden, 3 D. Luxford; girls, 1 N. Brown, 2 J. Lloyd, 3 V. Ring. Egg and spoon—Girls (10 and under), 1 B. Jarvis, 2 V. Miles, 3 G. Holmes; (11 and over), 1 D. Ingram, 2 P. Millen, 3 N. Brown. Slow bicycle (mixed), 1 G. Buss, 2 C. Bridger, 3 N. Brown. House relay—Girls, Beatty; boys, dead-heat between Haig and Beatty. Potato race—Boys (10 and under), 1 F. Millen, 2 C. Jull, 3 E. Aldworth; girls (11 and over), 1 N. Brown, 2 D. Summerfield, 3 D. Ingram; boys (11 and over), 1 H. Burton, 2 C. Bridger, 3 D. Luxford. House boat race (girls), Haig. Skipping—Girls (10 and under) 1 G. Holmes, 2 M. Abdey, 3 K. Barton; (11 and over), 1 D. Summerfield, 2 D. Ingram, 3 P. Millen. High jump—Boys (10 and under), 1 R. Filmer, 2 H. Gasson, 3 G. Laws; (11 and over), 1 H. Burton, 2 A. Venner, 3 A. Bridger. Obstacle (10 and under)—Boys, 1 L. Daniels, 2 S. Mason, 3 K. Moore; girls, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 M. Abdey, 3 V. Miles; (11 and over), boys, 1 H. Burton, 2 C. Bridger, 3 G. Farrance; girls, 1 D. Summerfield, 2 J. Lloyd, 3 N. Brown. Tug-of-war, Haig house.
Open Events—Mothers' 50 yards, 1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Mrs. Tyler, 3 Mrs. Skinner. Decorated Pram Parade—1 L. Solly, 2 D. Ingram, J. Farrance and J. Mitchell, tied. Shoe race—Boys under 15, 1 H. Abdey, 2 G. Oliver, 3 R. Filmer; girls, 1 K. Martin, 2 P. Millen, 3 M. Abdey. Old Scholars' 100 yards—Boys under 18, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Roots, 3 D. Burton; girls under 20, 1 K. Martin, 2 E. Barton, 3 A. Seekings. Gentlemen's sack race—1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Roots, 3 G. T. Holmes; ladies, 1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Miss Farrance, 3 Miss Weeks. Fathers' race—1 B. Wilcox, 2 Abdey, 3 Elso and E. Miles tied. Pig-sticking (Ladies)—Singles, 1 Miss Filmer, 2 Miss Sharp, 3 Miss Aldworth; married, 1 Mrs. Leonard, 2 Mrs. W. Ring, 3 Mrs. Skinner. Balloon race (gentlemen)—1 Elso, 2 Gasson, 3 Filmer. Gretna Green (mixed)—1 Miss Filmer and Mr. Gasson, 2 Miss Farrance and Mr. Filmer, 3 Miss Chaney and Mr. Groombridge. Obstacle (gentlemen)—1 Elso, 2 Lloyd, 3 Abdey. Married v Single tug-of-war, married won.

SPECIAL TROPHIES

Inter-House Sports Cup—Haig with 142 points against Beatty 124. Senior Boys' Medal, H. Burton. Senior Girls' Cup, N. Brown. Junior Boys, L. Daniels; Junior Girls, B. Jarvis. High jump, H. Burton, who retains the cup as he has won it for three years.

The vicar, the Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, presented the prizes, and other officials were:—Major C. F. R. N. Weston, Colonel H. C. Hessey, the Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, Messrs. J. T. Adams, A. S. Beazley, W. E. Marshall, J. Allright, T. A. Padgham, C. E. J. Weston, A. R. D. Cook, W. Lee and H. Webb (judges), Mr. W. S. Weeks (starter), Messrs. V. Hammond and R. G. Holmes (clerks of course), Mrs. Buss and Miss E. E. Weeks (seconders), Miss F. G. Earl and Mrs. Lee (marshals), and Mrs. W. G. Roots (enclosure steward).

AUG BETHERSDEN 1929

The Bethersden Gardening Society held their annual show in a field lent for the occasion by Mr. S. B. Hyland. The exhibits, as a whole, were well up to the standard of former years, and the entries were numerous. The big marquee was considerably brightened by the show of pink and white carnations exhibited by the Rolvenden Nurseries. Interest was added to the show by a fair and athletic sports. The British Legion Band was in attendance during the afternoon and evening.

The officials were as follows:—Show Committee, Messrs. H. Prior, P. Ring, D. Batt, C. B. Miles, J. Day, A. R. D. Cook, W. Philpott, and honorary secretary and treasurer, A. Stenning; Sports' officials: judges, Mr. J. T. Adams, J.P., Mr. A. S. Beazley, Colonel H. C. Hessey, Major C. T. R. Weston, Rev. E. H. Morris, Messrs. H. A. Paffard, C. E. J. Weston and H. Webb; starter, Mr. L. Mannering; clerks of the course, Messrs. G. T. Holmes and W. Abdey; stewards, Messrs. A. Luxford, W. Carter, W. Benstead, Julius Jarvis, G. Burden, T. Venner, P. Andrews, and W. G. Roots; honorary secretary, Mr. V. Hammond. The awards were:—

Cottagers.—J. Link, 4 firsts, 5 seconds and 3 thirds; C. B. Miles, 5 firsts, 1 second and 2 thirds; P. Ring, 2 firsts, 5 seconds and 3 thirds; A. Stenning, 2 firsts and 2 thirds; H. Prior, 2 firsts and 3 seconds; W. Abdey, 1 first and 1 second; T. Smith, 1 first, 2 seconds and 1 third; Julius Jarvis, 1 first, 1 second and 1 third; D. Butt, 1 first and 2 thirds; G. Holmes, 3 seconds and 2 thirds; W. Carter, 1 first and 1 third; A. Harris, 1 first; D. Holdstock, 1 first and 1 third; W. Bankstead, 1 first; J. Jarvis, 1 first; S. Birt, 1 first; Mrs. Buss, 1 first and 2 seconds; F. Jarvis, 1 second.

Amateurs.—Major Weston, 3 firsts, 1 second and 3 thirds; J. Barber, 5 firsts, 2 seconds and 2 thirds; F. Foord, 8 firsts and 3 seconds; T. A. Padgham, 3 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third; P. Andrews, 2 seconds and 3 thirds; N. Weeks, 2 firsts; Johnson, 1 second, 2 thirds and 1 fourth; S. H. Philpott, 3 seconds and 1 third; Stevenson, 1 first; W. Jull, 1 first; H. Paffard, 2 seconds; Sabbidge, 1 first; Miss Drysdale, 1 second; S. Bodenham, 2 thirds.

Open to Classes A and B.—F. Foord, 3 firsts and 3 seconds; T. Smith, 1 first and 1 third; B. Miles, 2 seconds and 1 third; P. Ring, 1 second and 1 third; D. Holdstock, 1 first; P. Andrews, 1 third; J. Link, 1 third; W. Abdey, 1 first; A. Stenning, 1 first.

Members' wives and members of the Women's Institute.—Table decorations, 1 Mrs. Bird, 2 Mrs. Hammond, 3 Mrs. Harris. Vegetables, 1 Mrs. Prior, 2 Mrs. Padgham, 3 Mrs. Webb.

School children.—Bouquet of wild flowers, 1 Peggy Miles, 2 Vera Miles, 3 Tom Elsey. Vegetables, 1 Gordon Vernon, 2 Geoffrey Millen, 3 Cyril Bridger.

Junior boys.—Collection of vegetables, 1 R. Holmes, 2 W. Weeks, 3 J. Watkins. Potatoes, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Watkins. Lettuce, 1 B. Watkins, 2 R. Holmes, 3 W. Weeks. Carrots, 1 J. Watkins, 2 R. Holmes. Spring onions, 1 J. Watkins, 2 R. Holmes, 3 W. Weeks.

Open Classes (anyone within 10-mile radius).—Collection of vegetables, 1 C. Summers, 2 R. Martin, 3 T. Bird. Soft fruits, 1 W. Jull, 2 T. Bird, 3 Mrs. Buss. Tomatoes, 1 Mrs. Austin, 2 T. Bird. Garden flowers, 1 A. Padgham, 2 T. Bird, 3 V. Hammond. Greenhouse plants, 1 T. Bird. Basket of flowers, 1 Mrs. Webb, 2 T. Bird, 3 W. Jull.

Open to Other Gardening Societies.—Vegetables, 1 S. Marden.

Open to All Parishioners.—Largest number of Queen Wasps, 1 A. Abdey, 2 J. Watkins.

SPORTS.

The sports winners were:—60yds. race, boys 7-8, 1 H. Abdey, 2 L. Luxford, 3 K. Woodcock; girls 7-8, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 J. Morris, 3 M. Abdey. Egg and spoon, girls under 10, 1 M. Weeks, 2 G. Holmes, 3 S. Huntley; girls over 11, 1 H. Morris, 2 P. Burden and D. Mason. 80yds. skipping race, girls under 10, 1 K. Martin, 2 D. Ingram, 3 M. Weeks. Boot race, boys under 10, 1 W. Holmes, 2 L. Hukins, 3 Chris Bridger. 80yds. egg and spoon race, ladies, 1 Miss Farrance, 2 Miss Goodwin, 3 Mrs. Stenning. 440yds., boys 11-14, 1 R. Holmes, 2 C. Bridger, 3 G. Graves. 80yds. skipping race, ladies, 1 Miss D. Laws, 2 Miss M. Webb, 3 Miss W. Norris. 100yds., girls 11-14, 1 E. Filmer, 2 H. Morris,

3 A. Seekings; boys 11-14, 1 A. Abdey, 2 J. Watkins, 3 R. Holmes. Band race, 1 Mr. Barnes, 2 Mr. Newman, 3 Mr. Clark. Thread the needle race, mixed adults, 1 Mrs. Watkins, 2 Mrs. W. Ring, 3 Miss Webb. 20yds. flower-pot race, ladies and gentlemen, 1 Miss Padgham, 2 Mrs. W. Ring, 3 Miss Farrance. 50yds. sack race, ladies, 1 Miss Goodwin, 2 Mrs. W. Ring, 3 Miss L. Farrance. 100yds. three-legged race, mixed, 1 Miss Goodwin and Mr. Andrews, 2 Miss Padgham and Mr. R. Holmes, 3 Miss Hart and Mr. Brown. Greta Green race, mixed, 1 Miss Goodwin and Mr. Grombridge, 2 Miss Padgham and Mr. R. Holmes. Pillow fight, 1 J. Filmer, 2 W. Burton. Tilt the bucket, 1 P. Andrews and G. Holmes. One mile flat race, 1 J. Turner, 2 E. Bourne, 3 E. Weeks, consolation A. Vine and M. Martin (boys received £1 1s. 11d. each, collected on the field). 50yds. sack race, gentlemen, 1 P. Andrews, 2 R. Holmes, 3 C. Bridger. 880yds. obstacle race, 1 R. Holmes, 2 G. Weeks, 3 J. Turner. Relay race (teams of four), 1 G. Week's team, 2 W. Burton's team. Tug-of-war, married v. single, won by single (F. Jarvis). The sports prizes were presented by Mrs. B. Brandell.

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AUG BETHERSDEN 1929

SCOUTS AT THE JAMBOREE.—Nine Scouts of the 1st Bethersden Troop joined the Kent Scouts at the Jamboree at Arrowe Park, namely, Patrol Leaders K. Allright, R. Holmes and A. Carter, and Scouts C. Bridger, J. Graves, E. Day, S. Davies, S. Jarvis and S. Summerfield. The boys are quartered next to the Dutch and South Africans, with whom they join in camp fire songs every evening.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the August meeting, Mrs. Cameron occupied the chair, and a pleasant afternoon was opened by a patient from St. Dunstan's, who gave his story of the many ways blinded men are trained in different trades at the institution. A dressmaking demonstration was given by Miss Noble, which was very useful. There was a large number of entries in the competition for the best pennyworth, some of which were very amusing. Miss Drysdale was judged to have produced the best pennyworth.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1929

FORESTERS.—At the meeting of Court "Good Intent" Ancient Order of Foresters on Monday the balance sheet of the voluntary section for the year ending December 31st was submitted, showing that forty-five members had received sick pay amounting to £219 11s. 2d. The total value of benefit funds at the end of the year had increased by £186.

AGED LADY'S FALL.—On Monday evening Mrs. Chainey, an aged lady living at Bull-lane, had been to visit friends about a mile from her home, and missing the bus, decided to walk. On the way she fell, either through being overcome by the cold or by slipping on the road, fracturing her thigh. She was found by Mr. Daniels, of High Halden, and was carried into the house of Mr. A. J. Farrance, where she was attended until she could be conveyed to the Ashford hospital.

SCOUTS' FUND.—A whist drive was held at the Council Schools on Friday in aid of the Boy Scouts' fund and resulted in a profit of over £4. Mr. Harold Webb was M.C. and the prizes were won by the following:—Gentlemen: 1 Mr. C. Buss, 2 Mr. W. Filmer, 3 Mr. A. Millen, 4 Mr. F. Moore, consolation Mr. G. Batt, and travelling Mr. A. Stenning. Ladies: 1 Miss Martin, 2 Mrs. Heathfield, 3 Miss Laws, 4 Miss Heathfield, consolation Mrs. Watkins, travelling Miss S. Webb, and lucky number Mrs. Watkins. The prizes were presented by Mr. V. Hammond (Scoutmaster).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The monthly meeting was held on the 7th instant, Mrs. Cameron (president) being in the chair. An interesting and educative lecture was given by Mr. W. J. Wright on the "Pruning of Fruit Trees." A good entry was made in the half pound toffee competition, the award going to Mrs. Wilson. Miss Morris (assistant secretary) read letters of thanks from St. Dunstan's for the ten guineas sent by the Institute in connection with the special whist drive. Mrs. Kingsnorth, delegate to the Council meeting at Sittingbourne, read her report. The four gold and seven silver stars which were awarded to members at the 1928 produce exhibition were distributed. The hostesses, Mrs. Sabbage, Mrs. W. Ring, Miss G. Padgham, Miss Springett, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Venner and Mrs. Webb provided an excellent tea. The meeting ended with community singing and a games competition, the latter being won by Miss Padgham.

OCT BETHERSDEN 1929

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—The quarterly meeting was held on the 17th instant, when the vicar, Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A., presided. The Vicar asked for suggestions as to the choice of a subject for Bible study during the winter months, explaining that this was being done at the request of the Archbishop in nearly every parish. It was decided to hold weekly meetings in the Schools on Tuesday evenings. The question of electric light for the church was fully discussed, the Vicar speaking strongly in favour of its being installed at once, and reporting that Mr. S. B. Hyland had kindly promised £5 towards the cost, providing that other subscriptions were forthcoming. It was decided to form a sub-committee, consisting of the Vicar and Churchwardens, with Major Weston and Mr. T. A. Padgham, to prepare a specification and invite tenders for the cost of wiring the church. The question of the future upkeep of the churchyard was again discussed. Mr. Hammond, the hon. secretary of the Churchyard Committee, stating that he found it quite impossible to raise sufficient funds by a house-to-house collection as had been done in the past, and suggested that each of the Nonconformist churches in the parish be asked to raise their share of the amount required annually (£12) and have equal representation on the Committee. This was thought to be a reasonable suggestion, and the Vicar promised to try and arrange this with the Nonconformist ministers.

A LINTON MARVEL.

WOMAN OF 87 DIGS HER
OWN GARDEN. 1922
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In a little four-roomed cottage at Linton, near Maidstone, there lives Mrs. Charlotte Reader, who although 87 years of age, is an expert needlewoman and does all her own gardening and housework. Notwithstanding the fact that she has worked hard all her life the years have dealt kindly with this good lady, and although her hair is silvery white she looks far short of her actual age and her cheerful disposition and truly hearty laugh show that she takes life in its happier mood and that there is no room in it for grumbling or grumbling. Indeed she is never better pleased than when cracking jokes or in the company of young people.

Born at Bethersden in 1834 she was the first of a family of 11 and it does not seem that education could hardly have been looked upon as of primary importance in her early life. As she informed a representative of the "Kentish Express" the other day, that she only had one day's schooling in her life. That was on one occasion when her mother wanted to go to Ashford and so sent her to Bethersden school for the day, that being her first and last appearance in that educational establishment. In spite of this early drawback she can now, not only read, but also write, for in addition to doing all her own correspondence she reads the daily papers and is a constant reader of the "Kentish Express."

In response to the natural question as to who taught her to read and write she replied



Mrs. C. Reader.

that she taught herself. She said she learned her letters from the tin plates with the alphabet stamped around the rim, which were used by the poor people in her young days. The rich had pewter utensils. Tin and pewter were very much in use then as earthenware was too dear for the poorer people to buy. She then by means of papers and books and a goodly amount of perseverance learned to read and write.

Mrs. Reader remained in Bethersden until she was 18. At 25 she married and it was then that she went to Linton to reside. There were five children, four daughters and a son. Her husband predeceased her some 30 years ago, and for many years Mrs. Reader has maintained herself and her home by her own exertions and perseverance. She receives the old age pension, which she augments by means of needlework at which she is extremely clever.

At the age of 87 this wonderful old lady can and does turn out a lady's blouse equal in style and finish to many which adorn the shop windows. She works her sewing machine with unerring eye and evidently intends to do so for some time yet to come for only the other day she remarked that she thought she should have to get a new machine as hers was getting worn out. She is also an adept at tailoring and does some really excellent work. For neatness and strength her work would be difficult to beat, she says when she sews she does not expect it to come undone—and it does not.

This, although a most important branch of her work and one which aids her exchequer, is by no means the sole channel of her efforts, for the house and garden also claim their share of interest and attention. It seems absolutely impossible to find the wrong job for this capable and energetic old lady, who though within three years of 90 does all her own house work and also everything required to be done in the garden. She digs it, plants it, sows the seed and removes the crop. She also prunes the fruit trees and cuts the hedges—and her garden is in a condition that would be a credit to any young fellow in the district. Neither is there anything that comes amiss to her in the house, and last summer, standing upon a table, she whitewashed the scullery ceiling.

She also, with some assistance, papered one or two of the rooms. She likes to feel independent and is averse to being waited upon. Mrs. Reader enjoys excellent health and never takes medicine.

Mrs. Reader has just been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Cross, of Greystones, Biddenden, and in order to undertake the journey walked 1½ miles to Loose to catch the train to Maidstone. It was at her daughter's house that a representative of this journal saw her. She was then about to take another little trip to Tenterden, to see her sister, Mrs. Crutenden, who is two years her junior. She wore a stylish bonnet trimmed with old gold lace and bronze flowers and was also wearing a feather boa and a warm black velvet cloak. She laughed and chatted freely with our representative while waiting for the motor bus and assured him that the only reason she had a walking stick was owing to a little rheumatism with which she was troubled. On his remarking that she seemed to have been born about the right time she retorted that she was born in hard times, and they were hard times now, for although many people were getting plenty of money she could not get much work to get any, but she added with a merry laugh, "I get my pension, though."

Speaking of her early days she said she remembered when living at Bethersden Queen Victoria was on a visit to Eastwell. The Queen was one day passing through the village and as there was every appearance of a heavy rain sent her coachman to one of the residents to borrow an umbrella. The cautious housewife asked, however, that they would take great care of it as it was her "hopping" umbrella. She was assured it would be all right and the precious umbrella was safely returned the next day with a pound of tea. This reminiscence evoked one of Mrs. Reader's hearty laughs and a complimentary remark upon it heralded another.

By this time the motor bus had come in sight, and with a cautionary injunction to our representative not to cross the road in front of it the old lady got aboard and was continuing her round of visits. Before leaving she informed her daughter that she should be returning home to Linton that week as she wanted to get her broad beans in.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1934

COUNCIL SCHOOL.—The scholars made their annual collection of eggs for Ashford Hospital last week and were able to send 1,247 eggs to the Matron during the week. The Matron has acknowledged Bethersden's gift, thanked the scholars for their splendid work for the hospital and congratulated them on breaking all records for school egg collections for the hospital.

PARISH COUNCIL.—At the annual meeting on Friday there were present Messrs. J. T. Adams, A. S. Beazley, A. R. Cook, R. H. Padgham, H. A. Paffard, T. J. Jarvis, W. S. Weeks, A. Stenning, E. T. Moore, and the Clerk (Mr. Rootes). Mr. Adams was re-elected chairman and Major Weston vice-chairman. £1 received from charities is to be divided between five deserving parishioners.

BETHERSDEN FARMERS' FEB DINNER. 1922

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Bull Inn, Bethersden, on Thursday, the occasion being the annual dinner and smoking concert of the local sub-branch of the National Farmers' Union. Those present included Major C. R. Weston (chairman), Dan Batt, A. R. D. Cook (hon. secretary), C. Buss, T. Ashbee, C. Moore, J. Moxley, A. Millen, E. J. Nunn, T. Mason, A. S. Lucas, A. J. Ingleton, G. and H. Batt, G. Goodman, J. M. Bainbridge, H. Roseveare, C.C., N. V. Bowater, Captain T. D. Bowater, Jas. Kenyon (Secretary, Ashford Branch), and others. The chairman gave the loyal toast and expressed his pleasure at the good company present.

Mr. D. Batt proposed "Success to the N.F.U." and said that they in Bethersden were making every effort to still further strengthen the ranks of the Union, believing as they did that it was out to assist farmers and agriculture as an industry. Mr. Roseveare in responding, referred at some length to the present organization and compared the Farmers' Union of to-day with its standing twelve years ago. Time had passed for individual effort and it was the duty of every farmer to join and so strengthen an association which was the one representing the agricultural interests of the whole country. The speaker also made reference to the forthcoming County Council Election and said he had done his very best to faithfully discharge the duties of his office and hoped he had deserved the confidence reposed in him.

In proposing the Bethersden Branch, Mr. Bainbridge, re-called his old associations and the up-hill work entailed in getting the branch a real start off. However, thanks to the energies by many of those present, including in particular the capable honorary secretary, their efforts had succeeded and events augured well for the future. Mr. Cook replied.

The toast "Our Visitors" was in the capable hands of Major Weston, who said that in Mr. Roseveare they had a most worthy

capable and conscientious representative on the County Council, and should there be a contest, he felt sure all members of the local branch would give him their support (applause). Mr. Bowater replied in appreciative terms and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, also to Host Morris for the splendid dinner served.

The harmony of the evening was excellent, the artistes being Messrs. T. Ashbee, G. Goodman and D. Batt (Bethersden) and Mr. G. Stevenson (Ashford) with Mr. W. Garner as pianist.

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