

THE COCKPIT

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHISLEHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Cockpit, on Chislehurst Common, has been the traditional meeting place for Chislehurst people on all great occasions from time immemorial.

Chairman: T. A. Bushell, M.C.I.T.
Vice-Chairman: H. T. A. Sharpe, C.Eng., F.I.E.E.
Hon. Treasurer: R. W. Oblath

Hon. Secretary:—Mrs. M. S. Holt,
13 Oakleigh Park Avenue,
Chislehurst, Kent.

No. 13

March, 1972

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Chislehurst Residents Association will be held at the Chislehurst Public Library, Red Hill, on Thursday, 13th April, 1972, at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting.
2. Committee's Report for the Year 1971.
3. Accounts for the Year 1971.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Committee.
6. Any Other Business.

By Order of the Committee,
MARY S. HOLT,
Hon. Secretary.

23rd March, 1972

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Officers and Committee: Regular meetings have been held throughout the year with good attendances. We suffered a great loss in the passing of Mr. Frank Grundy on 11th March, 1971, as reported in the last issue of this Newsletter. Mr. G. Rollason resigned on leaving the district at the end of the year. His services as Membership Secretary were much appreciated.

The following Committee members retire under Rule 6, namely: Mrs. Jarrett and Messrs. Brown, Easden, Kinsella, Mack and Vivian, all of whom offer themselves for re-election. There is an additional vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Rollason.

Social Evening

PRINCE GEORGE, DUKE OF KENT COURT,
Shepherds Green
(by kind permission)
Wednesday, 19th April
7.45 for 8 p.m.

Tickets from any member of the Committee **50p**

Water Tower Seat. We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £100 from the Chislehurst Garden of Remembrance Association and are now in a position to erect the seat, but until we receive a reply from the Town Clerk to our request of nearly two years ago for clarification of the legal position concerning the site, we cannot proceed.

Conservation Area. Although they were somewhat tardy in implementing the Civic Amenities Act, we must thank Bromley Borough Council for designating a great part of Chislehurst as a conservation area. Indeed, this is the best news for Chislehurst for many years. It means stricter planning controls with particular regard to the preservation of the rural aspect for which this Association has worked so hard over the years. There will be a more stringent control over the cutting down of trees which will undoubtedly help in preserving the High Street. It means that there will be greater care in the provision of street furniture from telephone poles to waste bins. It should also mean an attempt to control the illicit bill-posting that has for so long disfigured the former premises of White & Bushell Ltd. There is an old adage that



"one should be thankful for small mercies" and this we accept. At the same time we have asked that the conservation area be slightly extended to include the Holbrook Lane area.

It is pleasing to learn that members of the Chamber of Trade are likely to implement a Civic Trust Scheme which will further enhance the appearance of the High Street. It was said at a recent meeting that the best interests of the residents are also the best interests of the traders.

High Street and Royal Parade Verges. In an attempt to preserve the trees, we applied, two or three years back, for these verges to be registered as common land not under the jurisdiction of our Commons Conservators. The Borough contends that these verges are highway and the Commissioners appointed under the Registration Act have accordingly rejected our application. We have given notice of appeal. We are happy to report that in our preparations for this we have the support of the Commons Conservators and of the Chamber of Trade, with both of which bodies joint consultations will shortly be held.

Bus Shelters. With the proposed longer intervals in bus services and the delays caused by "pay-as-you-enter," we have approached the Authorities for the provision of at least two additional bus shelters, one on the west side of Centre Common Road near the War Memorial and another outside the "White Horse" Hotel. The former, if provided, would have to conform to conservation requirements.

Planning Applications. We have continued to watch these. We were represented at a recent public enquiry at Bromley concerning houses proposed to be built between Whyte's Woodlands and the Walden Open Space. We are in no way opposed to the excellent work of the Holy Child Nursery, the owners of the site, but feel strongly that this narrow strip of land between two recreation grounds should preferably be acquired by the Borough, or at least retained as woodland. We are currently opposing an application which could mean the loss of approaching 200 trees in the Elmstead area.

Telegraph Path. This much-used footpath, from the top of White Horse Hill to Green Lane, crosses the site of an Admiralty Visual Telegraph Station of 170 years ago and we have asked that it be suitably marked.

May Queen. The joint committee with the Men of Kent & Kentish Men hope to continue the traditional May Queen ceremonies at Prickend on Saturday, 6th May, at 3.00 p.m. Our gramophone record "Tunes for Maypole Dancing" (HMV 7 EG 8559) is worn out and is no longer produced. Can any member present us with a usable copy?

Social Evening. We look forward to the Social Evening which, by kind permission of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be held at Prince George, Duke of Kent Court, Shepherds Green, on Wednesday, 19th April. The Mayor of Bromley, the Member of Parliament, the Councillors and other leaders of civic life have been invited (see inset notice).

Road Stewards. We are glad to record the following, who have kindly agreed to act as Road Stewards, and their "territories" i.e. Mr. H. B. Blandford-Baker, of Tudeley House, Royal Parade (Royal Parade, Church Row, Walnut Tree Close, Hawkwood Lane, Crown Lane, Camden Close and School Lane); Mr. E. L. May, of 52 Green Way (Green Way); Major E. J. Smith, M.B.E., of 118 Woodside Avenue (Green Lane and roads off, less Belmont Lane, Westhurst Drive and Green Way); Mr. J. L. Williams, of 23 Berens Way (Berens Way). We have over 1,000 members fully paid up to 31st December, 1971, and hundreds more who would renew their subscriptions if we could but find sufficient road stewards. Volunteers are urgently needed. Will you help?

COMMITTEE

H. T. G. Brown, 30, Grove Vale; T. A. Bushell, M.C.I.T., 48, Green Way (Chairman); B. G. Coffin, Rider's Way, Ashfield Lane; C. M. Dunn, Hoblands Cottage, Kemnal Road; J. H. Easden, 1, Paddock Way; Mrs. T. Facer, Uppinfold, St. Paul's Cray Road (Minutes Secretary); Mrs. M. S. Holt, 13, Oakleigh Park Avenue (Hon. Secretary); Mrs. O. Jarrett, 90, Chislehurst Road, Orpington; A. T. C. Jones, 10, Farmland Walk; J. Kinsella, Crayside, Rectory Meadow, Manor Park Road; S. W. Mack, F.C.I.T., Little Maxbys, Raggleswood; Mrs. A. J. Maxwell, 2, Ivybridge Court, Old Hill; R. W. Oblath, 36, Lower Camden (Hon. Treasurer); Rev. R. C. Pilgrim, 2, St. Paul's Cray Road; H. T. A. Sharpe, C.Eng., F.I.E.E., 37, Westhurst Drive (Vice-Chairman); D. Vivian, 30, Highfield Road; P. Young, Unicorn Lodge, Prince Imperial Road.

CHISLEHURST CAMERA CLUB

meets every Friday at
The Public Library, 8.0 p.m.

All aspects of Amateur Photography,
Monthly Competitions,
&c.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Scroggs,
21, Farmland Walk (467 6716)

CHISLEHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account year ended 31st December 1971

1970		EXPENDITURE		1971		1970		INCOME		1971	
£	s. d.			£		£	s. d.			£	
9	13	8	To Postage	10.97		114	17	0	By Members' Subscriptions	117.04	
47	13	6	Printing	85.64		1	2	6	Donations	3.61	
8	3	4	Stationery	3.68		57	1	7	Proceeds of May Queen Celebrations	95.39	
23	8	10	Hire of Halls	23.26		6	2	3	Bank Interest on Deposit Account	3.54	
2	8	0	Advertising	5.60		9	6	6	Proceeds of Social Evening	—	
6	18	0	Affiliation Fees	5.85		18	1	6	Transfer from Water Tower Seat Fund	—	
51	1	9	May Queen Celebrations	91.88		—			Excess of expenditure over income	78.28	
			Loss on Social Evening	8.22							
3	1	6	Honorarium	4.76							
9	6	6	Donations: Water Tower Seat Fund	50.00							
2	0	0	Goods Yard Fighting Fund	5.00							
			Royal Masonic Hospital	3.00							
4	4	0	Wreath	—							
1	1	0	Expenses, Social Evening	—							
37	11	3	Excess of income over expenditure	—							
<u>£206</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£297.86</u>		<u>£206</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£297.86</u>	

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1971

£	s. d.		£	£	s. d.		£
114	3	7	Balance Brought Forward	151.74	116	6	2
			Deduct excess of expenditure over income	78.28	30	9	3
37	11	3	Add excess of income over expenditure	—	2	0	2
					2	19	3
<u>£151</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£73.46</u>	<u>£151</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
							<u>£73.46</u>

*Includes £25.18 held for May Queen Joint Committee

R. W. OBLATH,
Honorary Treasurer.

Accounts audited and found correct
K. A. MESSETER,
Honorary Auditor, 18.1.72

CHISLEHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

To..... Member of the Committee/Road Steward

OR

To the Manager, Barclays Bank Ltd., (Martins Branch), 63, High Street, Chislehurst.

Please receive subscriptions to the above Association (Household 30p, Individual Member 15p, O.A.P. 5p.)

Name..... If new member please tick.....

Address.....

Subscriptions may also be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer at 36, Lower Camden.

CHISLEHURST MAY QUEEN JOINT COMMITTEE
(Chislehurst Residents' Association and Chislehurst and Sidcup Branch Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men)
Statement of Receipts and Payments 1971

1970	PAYMENTS	1971	1970	RECEIPTS	1971
£ s. d.		£	£ s. d.		£
5 0 0	Hire of Halls	6.00	4 15 0	Donations	8.10
7 17 9	Prizes and Sweets	9.00	20 4 0	Sale of Programmes	21.97
13 13 6	Postage and Printing	13.75	26 2 7	Collections from public	32.32
2 0 0	Advertisements	8.00	6 0 0	Refund of hire deposit	6.00
5 5 0	Hire of Sound Equipment	5.50	—	Refund from organisers of Biddenden Spectacular	27.00
8 0 0	Hire of Field Equipment	8.00			
2 10 0	Insurance	3.00			
2 5 0	Transport	27.20			
—	May Garland80			
—	Children's Tea	5.00			
10 6	Performing Rights53			
2 0 0	Affiliation Fee, Hayes	3.10			
—	Donation, Boys' Brigade	2.00			
2 0 0	Donation, Girls' Brigade	—			
5 19 10	Excess of receipts over payments	3.51			
<u>£57 1 7</u>		<u>95.39</u>	<u>£57 1 7</u>		<u>£95.39</u>

Balance at 31st December 1971

	£		£
Balance brought forward from 1970	21.67	Balance in hand General Account	35.18
Excess of receipts over payments	3.51		
	<u>£25.18</u>		<u>£25.18</u>

CHISLEHURST WATER TOWER (COMMEMORATIVE SEAT APPEAL FUND) A/C.
Statement of Receipts and Payments 1971

PAYMENTS	£	RECEIPTS	£
Expenses incurred in initial work on seat62	Balance brought forward from 1970	86.35
Balance in hand on 31st December, 1971	235.73	Donation from Chislehurst Garden of Remembrance Association	100.00
		Donation from Chislehurst Residents' Association	50.00
	<u>£236.35</u>		<u>£236.35</u>

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