

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, A.M.Inst.T.

Vice-Chairman: Alistair Gunn, M.D.; F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Hon. Treasurer: Alex Drage, A.H.A.

Hon. Secretary:—Mrs. M. S. Holt,

13 Oakleigh Park Avenue,
Chislehurst, Kent.

No. 9

February, 1970

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Chislehurst Residents' Association will be held at Chislehurst Public Library, on Thursday, 26th February, 1970, at 8.0 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 23rd Annual Meeting.
2. Committee's Report for the year 1969.
3. Accounts for the Year 1969.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Committee.
6. To consider and, if approved, adopt the following amendment of the Rules: Rule 11 to read: "The Annual General Meeting shall be held within four months of the end of the financial year and 14 days' notice of such meeting shall be given to all members."
7. Any Other Business.

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

12th February, 1970.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Committee feels that as issues Nos. 7 and 8 of this Newsletter have given full reports of the work of the Committee up to the month of November, 1969, members will not require more than a summary of the principal proceedings.

Officers and Committee: Regular meetings have been held and a good attendance maintained. The following committee members retire under Rule 6, namely, Miss D. P. Bushell,

Miss J. L. Cunningham, Mr. G. Easden, Mr. N. Hocknell, Mr. S. W. Mack, and Mr. F. Snocken. Miss Bushell, having served on the committee continuously for many years, does not offer herself for re-election. Our thanks are due to her for such long service to the Association. The remaining members, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Nominations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, or they may be made at the meeting.

Social Evening: This was held on 16th April and was attended by the Mayor, the Member of Parliament, and other representatives of civic life. Receipts exceeded expenditure by £15 10s. 9d.

May Queen: Miss Yvonne Humphreys was crowned the 46th May Queen of Chislehurst in the present series on 3rd May in the presence of many hundreds of people on Chislehurst Common. The arrangements were made by a Joint Committee with the local branch of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men. Expenditure exceeded income by £10 11s. 0d., reducing the balance held by us on behalf of the Joint Committee to £15 13s. 8d.

Bromley and District Consumers Group: We are affiliated to this Group which has a wide circle of interests within the Borough. It has an active Footpaths Section from whose efforts Chislehurst has already benefited. Our Representative is Mr. S. W. Mack.

Bromley Civic Planning Association: This Association, to which we are affiliated, keeps a watchful eye on all matters concerning development proposals and is particularly active in matters such as the conservation of trees—an important matter in preserving the character of Chislehurst. Our Representative is Mr. S. W. Mack.

Federation of Ravensbourne Residents' Associations: Our membership of this Federation keeps us in touch with all matters of interest to Residents and Ratepayers' Associations throughout the Borough. Our Representative is Mr. Alex. Drage.

Road Safety Panel: Our Representative, Mr. F. W. Grundy, continues to press for some form of controlled pedestrian crossing at Station Approach, Summer Hill, and also for "Stop" signs at the crossing of Loop Road and Ashfield Lane, West Chislehurst. Representations to the appropriate authorities in this regard have not met with any success to date.

Planning: A major part of the committee's work consists in keeping a constant watch on all planning applications damaging to the interests of our members or likely to materially alter the character of Chislehurst. We have recently objected to a proposal to erect a School for Physically Disabled Children on an exposed site in the Green Belt at Coopers. We feel that better sites are available with less impact on the amenities and greater regard for the welfare of the handicapped children. We have asked for the Minister's intervention.

Public Library: We had several debates on the proposed extension of the Chislehurst Library which several committee-members felt would be excessive in cost, but, on finding that many of our members were in favour of a better library, we withdrew our opposition.

Water Tower Seat: We launched an appeal for £150 for the erection of a public seat incorporating a stone shield from the Water Tower and opened it with a donation of £25. The sum of £86 3s. 6d. had been received by the end of the year. We invite our members to support this appeal so that the work may be put in hand in the Spring.

Finance: A donation of £30 10s. 4d. from the Marlings Park Property Owners Association and the transfer of their members to our Association was much appreciated. The accounts for the year 1969 are printed in this Newsletter. After allowing for £15 13s. 8d. held by us for the May Queen Committee, and for an adjustment with the Water Tower Seat Fund (for which there is a separate Bank Account) the Association's net balance at 31st December was £116 11s. 5d.

Membership: This stands at 1,496 and has consistently increased over the years, as follows: 1964, 467; 1965, 550; 1966, 871; 1967, 986; 1968, 1,212.

Recruitment: New members join on the recommendation of those who have benefited from the advice and assistance given by the Association on matters arising from their residence in Chislehurst. Sooner or later a majority of residents will have occasion to share their "civic" problems with the Association on the realisation that a concerted representation to the appropriate authorities may succeed where an unsupported individual approach may fail to produce the desired result.

Subscriptions: These have remained unaltered since 1945 at 2s. 6d. per annum, but we do ask husband and wife to join, where applicable, thus making 5s. 0d. per household, but this is not a condition of membership. Old Age Pensioners pay sixpence per annum. Collection of subscriptions continues to present a serious problem. Many members wait for our Road Stewards to knock at the door, but as we cover the entire area of Chislehurst this becomes increasingly difficult. We appeal to our members to send, or take their subscriptions to the nearest Road Steward or Member of the Committee at the addresses given below, or to the membership secretary, Mr. G. Rollason, 46 Elmstead Avenue, or to Barclays Bank Ltd. (Martins Branch), 63, High Street, Chislehurst.

Mr. A. J. Ramsay, 19, Homewood Crescent...	...	...	...	Homewood Crescent.
Major M. B. Koe, The Orchard, Leas Green	...	...	...	Perry Street and roads off <i>except</i> Homewood Crescent.
Mr. A. J. Newton, 7, Hollybrake Close	...	...	...	Bull Lane, Shepherds Green and Sturges Field.
*Mr. C. M. Dunn, Hoblands Cottage, Kemnal Road	...	...	...	Kemnal Road and Marlowe Close.
*Mr. A. L. Drage, A.H.A., 53, Heathfield,	...	...	...	The Meadow and roads off, and Mead Road.
*Mr. B. G. Coffin, F.R.I.C.S., Riders Way, Ashfield Lane	...	...	...	Ashfield Lane and Heathfield Lane
*Mr. E. Thompson, 1, Green Lane	...	...	...	Green Lane and roads off <i>except</i> Westhurst Drive, Belmont Lane and Green Way
*Mrs. Jarrett, 30, Chislehurst Road, Orpington	...	...	...	Belmont Lane
*Mr. F. Snocken, 18, Westhurst Drive	...	...	...	Westhurst Drive.
*Mr. T. A. Bushell, A.M.Inst.T., Poynings, 48, Green Way	...	...	...	Green Way and roads off and High Street.
Mrs. G. Kemp, 29, Ingleby Way...	...	...	...	Ingleby Way and Red Hill.
Mr. Brown, 30, Grove Vale	...	...	...	Grove Vale
*Mr. G. Rollason, 46, Elmstead Avenue	...	...	...	Elmstead Lane and Roads off and Whitehorse Hill.
*Miss J. Cunningham, 9, Lower Camden	...	...	...	Lower Camden.
Mrs. Maxwell, 2, Ivybridge Court, Old Hill	...	...	...	Old Hill and Chislehurst Road.
*Mr. S. W. Mack, M.Inst.T., Little Maxby's, Raggleswood	...	...	...	Raggleswood.
*Mr. F. W. Grundy, 27, Lubbock Road	...	...	...	Lubbock Road.
*Mrs. M. S. Holt, 13, Oakleigh Park Avenue...	...	...	...	Summer Hill and roads off and Prince Imperial Road and roads off.
*Mr. J. H. Easden and Mr. G. Easden, Easdens, Royal Parade	...	...	...	Royal Parade, Church Row, Church Lane, Walnut Tree Close, Hawkwood Lane and roads off, School Road, Camden Close
Lady Baker, 10, The Glebe; and Mrs. Payne, 13, The Glebe	...	...	...	The Glebe and Bishops Walk and Manor Park Road.
*Mr. Alastair Gunn, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., 9, Holbrook House	...	...	...	St. Pauls Cray Road.
*Mr. N. T. D. Hocknell, Manor Place Lodge, Manor Park	...	...	...	Manor Park.
Mr. T. L. Twigg, 23, Poyntell Crescent	...	...	...	Holbrook Lane and roads off.
Mr. R. J. Dowdell, Runtton, Orpington Road	...	...	...	Orpington Road.
Mrs. P. Cohen, 16, Marlings Park Avenue	...	...	...	Marlings Park Avenue numbers 1 to 30.
Mrs. Higgitt, 38, Marlings Park Avenue	...	...	...	Marlings Park Avenue numbers 31 to end.
*Mrs. T. Facer, Uppinford, Manor Park Road	...	...	...

* denotes Committee Members.

CHISLEHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account, year ended 31st December, 1969

1968		EXPENDITURE		1969		1968		INCOME		1969			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
7	3	0	To Postage	14	7	10	84	8	6	By Members' Subscriptions	119	2	6
59	14	7	Printing and Advertising	77	14	11	4	16	0	Donations	2	8	6
4	6	10	Stationery	12	2	8	—	—	—	Donation on merger Marlings Park Property Owners' Association	30	10	4
12	2	3	Hire of Halls	26	18	9	—	—	—	Proceeds Meeting	—	—	—
3	2	0	Affiliation Fees	7	13	0	11	14	3	Proceeds Social	15	10	9
46	13	4	May Queen Celebrations	57	14	0	—	—	—	Proceeds May Queen Celebrations	47	3	0
2	13	6	Honorarium	1	2	9	54	14	1	Bank Interest on Deposit Account	6	0	3
—	—	—	Sundry (Fares, etc.)	18	9	—	4	3	8	Donation to be transferred to Water Tower Seat Fund	5	0	0
—	—	—	Interest on overdraft	5	0	—	—	—	—	Excess of expenditure over Income	21	3	10
—	—	—	Donation to Water Tower Seat Appeal Expenditure recoverable from Water Tower Seat Fund	25	0	0	—	—	—				
—	—	—	Excess of income over expenditure	23	1	6	—	—	—				
23	8	9											
<u>£159</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£246</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>£159</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£246</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1969

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
111	18	8	Balance Brought Forward	135	7	5	104	3	8	Balance at Bank Deposit A/c.* 110 3 11				
23	8	9	Add excess of income over expenditure...	—	—	—	25	13	6	Less overdrawn current A/c.	14	4		
—	—	—	Deduct excess of expenditure over income	21	3	10	—	—	—					
							4	3	9	Cash with Hon. Secretary		1	6	
							1	6	6	Cash with Hon. Treasurer		4	12	6
<u>£135</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£114</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>£135</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£114</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	

*Includes £15 13s. 8d. held for May Queen Joint Committee

ALEX DRAGE,
Honorary Treasurer.

Audited and found correct
K. A. MESSETER,
Honorary Auditor

CHISLEHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

Please receive..... subscriptions to the Chislehurst Residents' Association, at 2/6d. per annum. Total:.....

Names..... If new member please tick:.....

Address.....

Subscriptions may also be sent to the Membership Secretary, Mr. G. Rollason, 46, Elmstead Avenue or to any Road Steward or Member of the Committee.

