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### DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 1st (Saturday).—Football Match v. Shorne (home).  
Feb. 5th (Wednesday).—Women's Institute at Meadow Room, 6.45 p.m. Demonstration in Smoking.  
Feb. 8th (Saturday).—Football Match v. Henleys (home).  
Feb. 15th (Saturday).—Football Club Whist Drive and Dance, 7.15 p.m. M.C.'s, Messrs. J. Dalton and W. Sargeant.  
Feb. 15th (Saturday).—Football Match v. Theatre Royal, Chatham (away).  
Feb. 21st (Friday).—C.A.D.S. Pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty or the Boy Scout's Good Deed." See special notice.  
Feb. 22nd (Saturday).—Football Match v. Coldharbour Wanderers (home).  
March 1st (Saturday).—H.M.C. Partner Whist Drive and Carnival Dance, 7.15 p.m. M.C.'s, Messrs. J. Dalton and L. K. Pye.

### HUT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee ask you to note the following arrangements:—

All monies should be paid to Mr. H. T. Gates, the Treasurer, who alone will furnish receipts. Matters relating to the hire of the Hut or as to the Caretaker, to be addressed to Mr. H. A. Barrow, The School House.

All other questions to be referred to Mr. L. K. Pye.

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## EDITORIAL.

It is satisfactory to find that the Cobham Parish Council have taken immediate action in opposition to the proposal of the Corporation of Rochester to absorb the Parish of Cobham into that area, and that other local authorities are following this example.

By an almost unforgivable oversight the name of the Chairman, Mr. W. Pye, was omitted from the list of members of the Parish Council given in our January issue. Mr. W. Pye has devoted over half a century to local government work having given service during that period as a Guardian and District and Parish Councillor.

Readers who may be retaining the list should add Mr. W. Pye's name and also substitute the name of Mr. L. K. Pye for that of Mr. T. Rouse, who has left the village.

The Editor has received one communication only in response to last month's suggestion as to War Stories, which will be published in the issue for March. He hopes that further items will be forthcoming, as our British Legion members, and maybe others, must have had experiences worth recording and preserving.

Communications should be addressed to The Editor, "The Record", Netherfield, Cobham.

THE EDITOR.

## C.A.D.S. POSTPONEMENT.

The Pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty or the Boy Scout's Good Deed," which was announced for 7th Feb. in the last issue will now be performed in the Club House on Friday, Feb. 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

Reserved seats (1/2)—tickets for which can be obtained from any of the members. Unreserved seats 6d.

The production will be presented on the usual lavish lines of C.A.D.S. Pantomimes, and will include stars new and old—many of them as yet unknown to astronomers—or the "Daily Mail."

At a General Meeting on Jan. 24th, the Society decided to increase the subscription to 3/6 (minimum). As a rent of £12 is to be paid annually to the Hut Management Committee, it is hoped that more members (acting and non-acting) will join us.

## THE PARISH COUNCIL.

A meeting was held in the schools on January 8th, when Mr. Wm. Pye was in the Chair. There were present Messrs. W. Broad, A. Davidson, G. Horton, T. Hoppe and H. T. Gates (Clerk).

The letter from the Strood Rural District Council (from which we published a few extracts last month.—Ed.) was very fully discussed, with the result that a communication which had been prepared by the Clerk, was unanimously approved, and sent to the authorities concerned, stating how very disadvantageous it would be for Cobham to be included in the Urban District of Rochester.

The Council also went into the matter of the Recreation Ground. A letter had been received from the Management Committee of the Village Club, offering to sub-let the portion situated between the Schools and the "Ship Inn" to the Council until 1983, when their own lease with the Earl of Darnley expires. It was thought advisable to find out the exact conditions that would be asked, and to then meet representatives, with whom the subject could be discussed, as it would appear to be a great benefit to the Parish, especially to mothers and children.

The deplorable state of the Village Green (?) was then brought forward by the Chairman, and opinion was unanimous that it would be preferable for this, the green, to be abolished altogether.

Mr. L. K. Pye was then elected to fill the vacancy on the Council, caused by the absence of Mr. T. Rouse. It was thought that the District Council representative should be a member of this body.

Since the above meeting was held, it has been definitely decided to do away with the little green opposite the War Memorial; also the Village Club representatives have arranged to meet the Council on Feb. 5th, to discuss the recreation ground.

We hope we may be excused for reiterating here some of the more important reasons relating to the proposed absorption of this Parish by Rochester, as we feel that everybody should be fully alive to the dangers of such a move. In fact, we should be neglecting

our duty to the Parishioners if we failed to do so. We had expected to receive a host of letters on the subject, but nobody has thought fit to express an opinion through the medium of this Village publication, which is run entirely in the interests of Cobham as a whole.

First and foremost, compare the rates. Strood Rural area stand at 9/3 as against about 16/3 for Rochester. Doesn't that alone speak for itself? There are many causes for this difference, chief among them being the fact that the Rural Housing schemes do not cost the ratepayers any money; the water supplies, sanitary arrangements where undertaken by the Council, the Hospital for infectious diseases, the management of the roads, etc., are all economically run, without the maintainance of unnecessary offices and separate departments. What would happen to the educational arrangements? We hesitate to say much on this subject at the moment beyond the fact that we are well satisfied at present. Then again, how can anybody compare the conditions of Town and Country life? They are absolutely different, and any proposal to amalgamate the two for the purposes of local administration, for the benefit of the latter would be, well, ludicrous. It would certainly be most distasteful and contrary to the wishes of this Parish.

### COBHAM LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

On Thursday, Jan. 23rd, a meeting of the members of the Club was held at the Village Hall, Mr. J. F. Brady presiding. It was decided to carry on during the coming season under the conditions suggested by the new Management Committee. As it will be necessary to raise an increased income a special effort is to be made to ensure the success of our Whist Drive and Dance, on St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th. Will all readers please book the date.

It is anticipated that as Sunday play, between the hours of 1 and 6 p.m., is to be allowed the membership will be considerably increased. Mr. G. E. Morris, High Street, Cobham, the Hon. Secretary, will be glad to give information and to enrol newcomers.

### COBHAM BOWLING CLUB.

A meeting of the old members of the Bowling Club was held in December to discuss the new situation that had arisen with the handing of the Club Grounds and property to the New Management Committee.

The following decisions that were arrived at may be of interest to intending members or to those of our old members who were unable to be present.

That the Club should be reformed and carry on under the new regime, twelve members guaranteeing up to the sum of one pound each should we find ourselves in debt at the end of the first season. The subscriptions should be as in previous seasons, viz.: 6/- per member, or £1 1s. per Vice-President, the latter to include Green Fees except during matches.

The Green Fees will be on the same scale as in previous seasons, except that during away matches 6d. will be charged to all playing members and that in home matches an inclusive fee of 2/6 will be charged for refreshments and green fees.

The following Officers were appointed for the year ending December 31st, 1930:— Captain and Chairman, Mr. W. J. Broad; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. Wicks; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Barrow; Auditors, Messrs. W. Purfield and F. C. Lawrence. Committee: Messrs. F. Sales, W. Day, C. Cheeseman. Rink Stewards: Messrs. W. J. Broad, W. Day, W. Purfield, F. Wood, E. J. Hole, F. Sales.

It was decided that the St. David's Cup Competition be run and that May 31st be the date for the Draw for the First Round, and that all paid up members' names will be included. Date of finish of 1st round, June 14th; date of finish 2nd round, June 30th; Final, July 31st.

A very successful Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Club House on Saturday, Jan. 18th, by the newly formed Cobham Bowling Club. Ninety people sat down to Whist, reminding one of the "good old times," and taken as an augury of the coming season we should say the Bowling Club can look forward to a happy season. The prizewinners were:—Ladies: 1, Miss I. Wallis; 2, Mrs. Brunger; 3, Mrs. Bishop; hidden number,

Mrs. Wooldridge ; consolation, Miss G. Axten. Gents. : 1, Mr. G. Mungeam ; 2, Mr. C. Jarvis ; 3, Mr. W. Walker ; hidden number, Mr. R. Broad ; consolation, Mr. F. Cheverest. The prizes were presented by Mrs. G. Wicks, the wife of our Vice-Captain. The Committee wish to thank the following members and friends for their splendid help and generous gifts. Mrs. E. Moore, Mrs. H. A. Mott, Mrs. A. Hutchins, Mrs. H. Barrow, and Messrs. F. Wood, S. Wood, C. Cheeseman, T. Hoppe, W. J. Broad, F. Sales, H. Baker, G. Mungeam, G. Wicks, and "A Friend."

The Dance was as successful as the Whist Drive, if not more so. Good band, Crowded room, Nice people. And the last intelligible murmur of all tired members that night is recorded as "Good old Bowls Club."

### COBHAM AND LUDDESDOWNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We began the year with a Social Party on Jan. 8th, Fancy Dress or otherwise. It was a pity there were so few in Costume, but those who were added brightness and colour to the Room.

The Meeting began with Community Singing conducted by Miss Blower. Miss Shade kindly came over from Gravesend and delighted us with her recitations—some very funny and some very sad—but all appreciated. After this refreshments, which were presided over by Miss Stevens, Mrs. Hoppe and Miss Purfield.

After the Costume Parade, we had a most original Auction Sale, Mrs. Browne being the Auctioneer, assisted by Luke Sharp, Bill and and Bob (Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Travers and Miss Roberts). The Sale was most profitable from the buyers' point of view, as everything was presented by the kind Auctioneer ; so it was something for nothing and everybody went home with a pretty and useful present.

The evening ended with Auld Lang Syne, sung amid the banging of Crackers (presented by our President, Lady Baker). God Save the King ended a most enjoyable evening.

The prizes for Fancy Dress were awarded to Mrs. Browne and Mrs. Wood and Children ; and Miss P. Mayhew.

### COBHAM GIRL GUIDES.

The recent Sale realized a profit of £15, and the Officers desire to express their best thanks to all who helped to produce this satisfactory result. £5 5s. od. has been voted to the Headquarter's Building Fund and £4 to the Post Guides' Fund. The remainder goes to the Company's credit account.

The picture drawn for during the evening was won by Mrs. Francis Arnold.

The Annual New Year's Party was held on Tuesday, Jan. 21st, when nearly a hundred Guides and Scouts attended, including guests from Meopham and Higham. Among those present were Miss M. E. Arnold (Cobham Guides), Miss Whayman (Meopham Guides), Miss Edmonds (Higham Guides), Scoutmasters H. E. Windsor (Cobham and Luddesdowne) and P. Hales (Higham).

The tea was much appreciated and fully patronized. Then followed games, dancing and competitions, which were greatly enjoyed. Miss M. Dennis at the piano was a great asset.

### COBHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Jan. 4th we were fixed to play St. John's Guild, but they scratched the match and there was not time to arrange another.

On Saturday, Jan. 11th, we were home to Coldharbour Wanderers, and after a good game we ended winners by 5 goals to 2. Our victory was well deserved as the combination of the forwards was exceptionally good, helped by the good form of our defence. Our goals were scored by:—J. Walker, 2 ; T. Usherwood, 2 ; and W. Sargeant.

On Saturday, Jan. 18th, we journeyed to Lower Shorne to play the juniors. Unfortunately we were without two of our defence, and after a fast game, we were defeated by 5 goals to 1. (J. Walker).

Saturday, Jan. 25th, we were again defeated, our opponents being Cuxton. Despite the wet and muddy field the Juniors held their opponents well, half time score being 3—1. In the second half no goals were scored, but the game was full of good football. Our goal was obtained by J. Charlton.

J. WALKER, Hon. Secretary.

### COBHAM CRICKET CLUB.

The Whist Drive and Dance of the Cricket Club, usually held on New Year's Eve, was postponed until Saturday, Jan. 4th. Mr. J. Dalton acted as M.C. for the Drive, twelve tables being in use. The prizes, which were kindly given by Mesdames Browne and Eve, and Messrs. W. Pye, A. Latter and J. Dalton, were handed by Mrs. L. Travers to the following winners:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. G. Baker (173); Miss F. Dalton (171); consolation, Miss V. Morris (146). Gentlemen: 1, Mr. P. Burrows (183); 2, Mr. S. Wood (173); consolation, Mr. F. Penfold (133). Dancing to music supplied by Charlie Swaisland's band was much enjoyed and we are looking forward to hearing them again in the near future. The Editor has been favoured with a copy of a report of the Jubilee match of Cobham Cricket Club and he believes that many readers of the "Record" will welcome the opportunity to peruse a reprint of the scores of the original and Jubilee matches, as shown below. It will be seen that two of those who played in the first match in 1850, Hon. H. Bligh and T. Cuckney, were able to don their flannels in 1900 and the sons and nephews of several of the original players kept the good old names to the fore.

The members of the present Cobham Club who figure in the 1900 match are Messrs. P. T. Baker and W. W. Walker, though the former only plays occasionally.

#### 1850.

##### COBHAM HALL v. COBHAM VILLAGE.

Played on August 7th.

##### COBHAM HALL. 1st Innings.

Chandler, c Whiffin, b Shearman .....	10
Kibble, b Shearman .....	10
E. Cole, b J. Broad .....	4
Hon. E. Bligh, b Cuckney .....	52
Collins, run out .....	9
Baker, b J. Broad .....	1
Hon. H. Bligh, c Shearman, b J. Broad ...	0
Bennett, T., b J. Broad .....	28
Wells, J., b J. Broad .....	0
Waterman, not out .....	0
Wells, E., run out .....	1
Extras .....	25

Second Innings—146.

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##### COBHAM VILLAGE. 1st Innings.

Humphrey, b Cole .....	7
Dawes, b Collins .....	0
Cuckney, b Cole .....	6
W. Broad, b Cole .....	16
J. Broad, b Collins .....	2
W. Shearman, run out .....	14
Whiffin, b Cole .....	2
Hills, run out .....	7
Bowra, Jun., b Collins .....	0
Bowra, Sen., b Cole .....	2
Broad, not out .....	7
Extras .....	22

Second Innings—38.

Cobham Hall won by 163 runs. 85

##### 1900. COBHAM HALL v. COBHAM VILLAGE.

Played on August 7th.

##### COBHAM HALL.

Botting, S., b P. Baker .....	0
Accleton, C., b P. Baker .....	26
Wickens, C., c Hulkes, b J. Collins .....	0
Cuckney, T., Jun., b J. Collins .....	4
Rev. Hon. H. Bligh, b J. Collins .....	5
Baker, W., c J. Collins, b P. Baker .....	9
E. H. S. Bligh, b J. Collins .....	1
E. Rosher, c J. Collins, b W. Walker .....	50
Waterman, J., c P. Baker, b J. Collins ...	4
Russell, W., b W. Walker .....	3
Ansell, W., not out .....	8
Shearman, C., c C. Collins, b Walker .....	0
Stevens, A., b E. Baker .....	1
Extras .....	12

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##### COBHAM VILLAGE.

H. Baker, b W. Baker .....	0
C. J. G. Hulkes, lbw, b Wickens .....	14
Collins, C., lbw, b W. Baker .....	31
A. W. Booth, b Wickens .....	7
J. Sanger, b W. Baker .....	5
P. T. Baker, b Wickens .....	12
Collins, J., b Wickens .....	7
J. F. Edmeades, b W. Baker .....	19
J. Scratton, b W. Baker .....	1
Walker, W., b W. Baker .....	0
General Edmeades, c Accleton, b W. Baker	12
E. L. Baker, b Wickens .....	5
Walker, A., b Wickens .....	0
Cuckney, T., Sen., not out .....	0
Extras .....	13

Cobham Village won by 3 runs.

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