

Effingham Celebrations – the Coronation of George VI in 1937

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Soon after Effingham had celebrated the Silver Jubilee in 1935 of King George V, the latter died and his child Edward briefly became King until abdicating. Edward's brother Albert then became King, to be known as George VI, and was crowned on 12 May 1937. This article describes Effingham's celebrations of this event which in some respects mirrored that in 1935 but had significant differences as well. Some local records and images are presented to illustrate the text.

Introduction

It is probable that at the start of 1937 the memory of village life still most vivid in the minds of Effingham's residents was of the celebration they had held nearly two years previously, in May 1935, of the Silver Jubilee anniversary of King George V's coronation. The King, however, had been in poor health ever since a riding mishap in 1915, this followed by years of respiratory problems together with a bout of severe septicaemia. In his last years he had had to depend for the exercise of many of his duties upon his first-born child Edward, Prince of Wales. He died just before midnight on 20 January 1936, having been discreetly euthanised with lethal injections administered by his chief physician.

Edward, being first in line, immediately became King. He had not married but had instead been embroiled for many years in affairs with various married women, one of whom introduced him in the early 1930s to the American Mrs Wallis (née Spencer) Simpson, now in her second marriage after an earlier divorce. By late 1936, less than a year into his reign, Edward had decided to marry Wallis – once she had divorced her present husband – and continue as King, but the opposition and constitutional impediments to this intention proved insurmountable, leading Edward to abdicate in the December.

Almost immediately the throne passed to his younger brother Albert ('Bertie') whose regnal name was chosen to be King George VI. His Coronation was scheduled for 12 May 1937.

The Coronation

The Royal Family, members of foreign royal families and heads of state processed in separate groups in the time-honoured way from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey. The last and largest procession was that of George and his wife Elizabeth, in the Gold State Coach, who arrived at the Abbey at 11am. The Archbishop of Canterbury then performed the Coronation Service, first crowning George and then Elizabeth. The scene is captured in the painting by Frank Owen Salisbury shown in Figure 1.

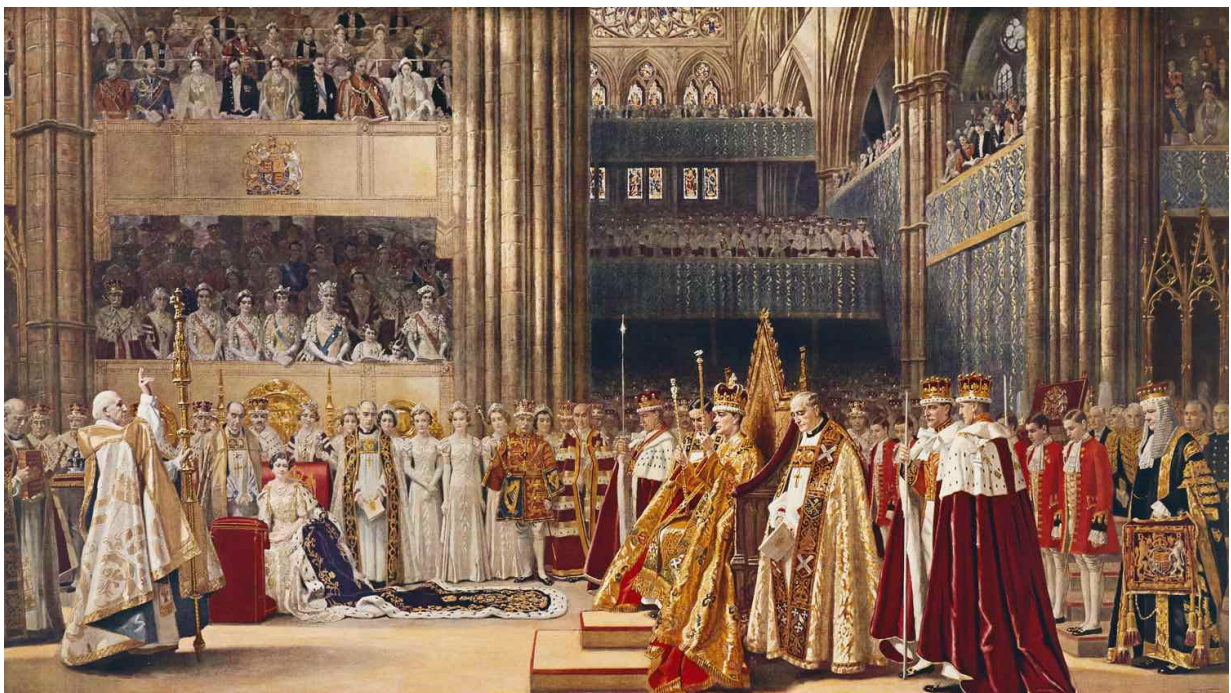


Figure 1 Coronation of King George VI (1895-1952) by Frank Owen Salisbury.

The King and Queen then processed from the Abbey through London back to the Palace. A direct route from the Abbey to the Palace is only about two thirds of a mile, but this State Procession was nearly ten times longer than that, much longer than in previous coronations. Lining the route on either side were more than fifty thousand troops and police officers.

The following photographs (both public domain) show highlights of the service and the Royal Family's appearance on the palace balcony. A lengthy *Pathé* film at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcYG9CUXceU>, presenting the entire proceedings, can be viewed on the website of Effingham Local History Group (ELHG) at <https://elhg.org.uk/discovery/village-events/coronation-1937/>.



Figure 2 *Princess Margaret; Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother; King George VI; Queen Elizabeth II* by Hay Wrightson; (detail) National Portrait Gallery Photographs Collection NPG x32327. This oddly-ordered caption is as given in the NPG catalogue – the last-named person was of course the *future* Queen Elizabeth II.



Figure 3 *Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and King George VI on the balcony at Buckingham Palace May 12, 1937 after the coronation of King George VI; from The National Archives.*

Effingham Celebrations

The topic of coronation celebrations was raised in the previous year at a meeting of Effingham Parish Council (EPC), under the chairmanship of John Thomas Bunce, on 11 September 1936 – at that date everyone was anticipating that Edward would be crowned – the Minutes stating:

‘Coronation Celebrations in this Parish. It was resolved that discussion of this stand over till the next meeting, and in the meantime information be sought as to the legality of it being made a charge on the rates.’

Mr Bunce was living at, and managing, The Stores on Woodlands Road, at its intersection with Strathcona Avenue. The Minutes of the next meeting of EPC, held on 20 January 1937, noted that:

‘Mr Carter proposed that the Clerk be instructed to approach the Jubilee Committee who it was understood was still in being & ask if they were willing to organise the celebrations for the forthcoming Coronation [of George VI]. Mr West seconded. Carried.’

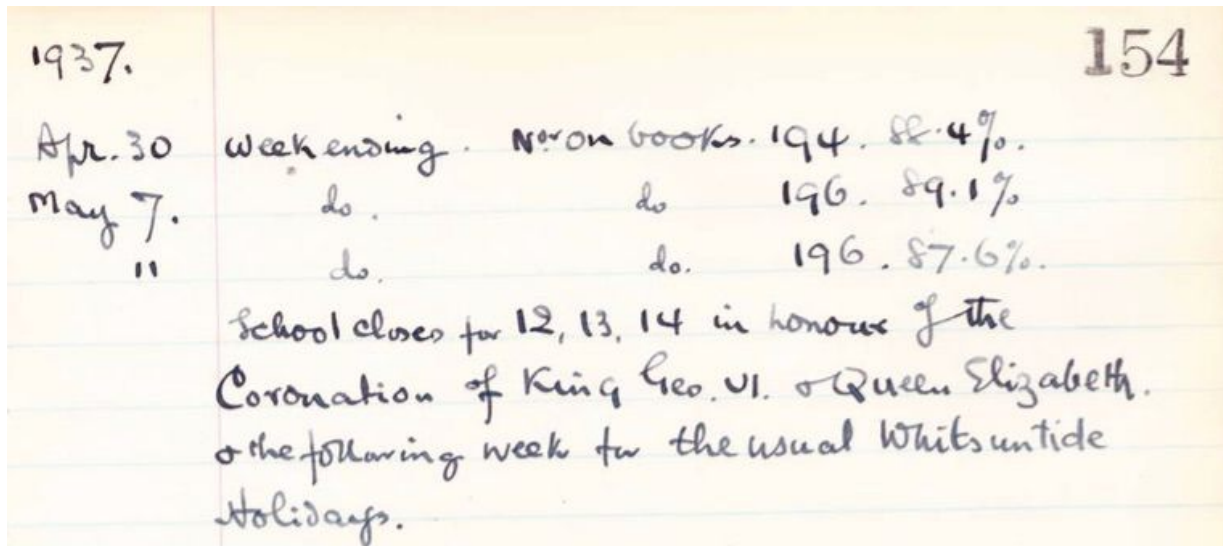
‘Mr Carter’ was Alfred William Carter, then living at The Little Lodge (located where the drive from The Lodge opened onto Lower Road); he was at this time Vice-Chairman of EPC and would take over the chairmanship from Mr Bunce in April 1937. ‘Mr West’ was EPC Councillor Thomas William Plowright West, then living at the house Sterlingworth in Norwood Road. The Jubilee Celebration Committee had been elected at a public meeting on 11 March 1935 for the purpose of organising the Effingham's celebrations, to be held on 6 May that year, of the Silver Jubilee of George V's accession to the throne.

The Minutes of EPC's next meeting, on 22 March 1937, contained two notes about the celebrations:

‘Arising out of Minutes. Public Meeting for forming Coronation Celebrations Committee. That the action of the Chairman & Clerk in arranging and calling a public meeting by circular letter to occupiers in the Parish was approved and the necessary expense attached to the meeting was passed.’

'Coronation Celebrations. It was resolved that the Parish Council contribute the sum of £25 towards the Celebrations in the Parish. Mr West proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Bunce the retiring Chairman – who did not seek re-election to the Council – for the able and impartial way he had during his term of Office carried through his duties. Mr Carter seconded and voiced the feeling of the Council in wishing him health & good fortune.'

By early May the coming celebrations were being noted also in the records of the local school. From the school log book we see (Figure 4) that the children would be given three days' special holiday during 12-14 May to mark the Coronation, followed by their usual Whitsuntide holiday.



1937.			
Apr. 30	week ending	Nov on books	194. 88.4%
May 7.	do.	do	196. 89.1%
"	do.	do.	196. 87.6%.
School closes for 12, 13, 14 in honour of the Coronation of King Geo. VI. & Queen Elizabeth. & the following week for the usual Whitsuntide Holidays.			

Figure 4 Entry in the school log book made in May 1937.

In this period the local school – eventually to become St Lawrence Primary School – was called simply Effingham Council School and its head teacher was Mr Joseph Stewart Adams who lived in the adjoining School House with his wife Florence, the school Governess.

One detailed account we have of Effingham's celebrations is provided in this newspaper article:

VILLAGE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES

CORONATION ENTHUSIASM AT EFFINGHAM

Residents of Effingham village entered into the Coronation celebrations with great enthusiasm.

In addition to raising three-quarters of the Coronation fund by public subscriptions, the villagers festooned the house fronts and streets with gay endeavour. Morning church services marked the opening of the festivities.

An outstanding event followed in the procession of children in fancy dress, some 120 participating. Great ingenuity and enterprise was shown in the designs of the costumes. The procession started from the school, headed by Mr. Street's drum and fife band, and paraded to Yew Tree House lawn, where the judging and presentation of prizes was carried out by Mrs. Macnair, who also gave the awards. Mrs. Stewart Adams made the procession arrangements.

Almost the whole of the remainder of the programme was staged at Carn Pit Field, where there was a wireless broadcast of the London ceremony, and between noon and one o'clock all activities were suspended to give everyone an opportunity of listening in.

TREE PLANTED

An interesting ceremony in the afternoon was the planting of a commemorative Atlantic cedar tree, given by Mr. O. C. A. Stocock, by Mrs. Macnair in the School Field. Mrs. Macnair was handed a bouquet by Miss Mary Wallace. Subsequently, a parade of decorated cycles and prams formed up outside the school, and was judged on Carn Pit Field after walking through the village.

Before the sports programme the chairman of the local celebrations committee (Mr. A. Dibdin) welcomed the parishioners. Remarking it was as a village community that they gathered there, he hoped they would do all in their power that Effingham should remain such, and that when they met at the next Coronation it would again be as a village community.

Tea for children and adults was provided on the field after the sports, and later souvenirs were presented to school children and those under school age by the women members of the committee. Miss Wood, Mrs. Stewart Adams, Mrs. Farrar, Miss Killeck and Miss Parker.

COMIC FOOTBALL

A comic football match was arranged by Mr. P. Poland, and stoolball matches were played between the Women's Institute and the School and the Old Scholars and the School. This was followed by adults' sports.

When the broadcast of the King's speech had been received, a bonfire, for which the 1st Effingham Scouts were responsible, was lit by Scoutmaster J. Gardner, and the entire programme terminated with a dance in the Women's Institute, music being by Mr. Bull's band.

A local first aid tent at Carn Pit Field was under the supervision of Miss Parker.

Any balance from the Coronation celebration fund will be devoted to the local playing fields' fund. Principal organising officials were Mr. A. Dibdin (chairman), Miss Wood (hon. treasurer), and Colonel L. d'E. Fentestey (hon. secretary).

The village drum and fife band was re-suscitated for the celebrations after a lapse of over 20 years, and so successful was it that it is expected it will be continued.

Figure 5 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 15 May 1937.

From this account it is clear that the activities were as varied and engaging as they had been in the Silver Jubilee celebrations two years previously, contrary to the recorded recollection of the late Mrs Lena Bridger that 'the Coronation of King George the Sixth was not so involved, just a tea party for the children'.

The venue for the main activities is given as Carn Pit Field. The location and naming of this site are examined in an article by Effingham Local History Group (ELHG) entitled *Madge's Field / Carn Pit Field* [*Studies in the History of Effingham*, Article 35, Vol 4, 2024].

The above newspaper article's last paragraph states that the band had been 'resuscitated ... after a lapse of over 20 years', but this is certainly mistaken: the band had featured prominently (and been photographed doing so) just eighteen years previously, in the Peace Celebrations of 1919. ELHG's archives also hold photographs showing the band assembled for some other occasion and bearing the date 1920.

We are fortunate also to have in the ELHG archives this photograph showing 'Mr Street's drum and fife band' at the 1937 celebration:



Figure 6 Effingham's Drum and Fife Band at the Coronation celebrations on 12 May 1937.

Local resident Anthony ("Tony") D F Cuckow has kindly provided for us the surnames of the persons seen here, from left to right, as follows: 'Mr Street, Mr Stovell, Mr Pole, Mr Sawyer, Mr Patten, Mr Lamb, Mr Lucas'. Their full names and addresses in 1937 were:

Ralph Edgar Street	The Lodge Gardens, Church Street – this bungalow, demolished in the 1960s, stood in the north-western corner where Church Street meets Lower Road.
Arthur Archibald Stovell	Forge House, Church Street – this property was formerly a pub, The Blacksmith's Arms, since demolished and replaced by a similar building.
Frank Pole	No. 1, Plough Cottages, Orestan Lane – this terrace of cottages, since demolished, stood just east of The Plough Inn.
Henry Sawyer	No. 3, Plough Cottages, Orestan Lane.
Frank John Patten	High Barn Cottages, High Barn Road.
Reginald Cecil Lamb	"Sunny View", Dowlans Road, Great Bookham
Alfred Lucas	"The Elms", Orestan Lane – later this would become the home of Mr Street in his retirement.

We have another photograph of the band, showing the same seven individuals, taken probably in or near the Carn Pit Field:



Figure 7 Effingham's Drum and Fife Band at the Coronation celebrations, perhaps at the Carn Pit Field.

The band was remembered in an essay *My Career in the Effingham School* composed on 1 April 1938 by a 14-year-old pupil of the local school, the late Margaret Mary Nicholls who had attended the event, and also in a much more recent article appearing in the 'Yesteryear' column of the local newspaper [*Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser*, 17 May 2012]:

In 1937 came the coronation of King George VI + Queen Elizabeth, I also helped in making the decorations. When the day came the Fancy Dress parade was led by a Drum + Fife band which ended up on Mr Macnair's lawn, where we were judged in order for our prizes. I went as Maclean's Tooth Paste + was rewarded with first prize of a real lizard skin handbag, the rest of the day was carried out similar to the jubilee.

Figure 8 extract from the essay by Margaret Mary Nicholls.

Plenty of excitement at coronation celebrations

THE Coronation celebrations in Leatherhead district will not soon be forgotten.

Some idea of the crowds that gathered can be found from the fact that 930 bottles of milk were distributed to the children.

A feature of the Effingham celebration was the resuscitation of the village Drum and Fife Band after a lapse of nearly 20 years.

Effingham is one of the very few villages with its own band.

We have not heard of anyone celebrating the Coronation in as strange a way as a Coronation was celebrated at Leith Hill a 100 years ago.

On the June morning of Queen Victoria's Coronation Day, Edward Fitzgerald, James Spedding and Sir Frederick Pollock journeyed to Leith Hill and when distant guns proclaimed that the crowning had taken place, they all flung themselves into a duck pond and sang "God Save The Queen".

Figure 9 from the local *Advertiser*, 17 May 2012.

Our best source of detail about the event in Effingham is the *Programme of Celebrations*, which is shown in full in Appendix I. Its front page names the members of the organising committee, chaired by Mr Aubrey Dibdin CIE, an accomplished senior civil servant with the India Office and living at Fair View in Beech Avenue. At this time Mr Dibdin was serving also on the Effingham Playing Fields Committee, a body that had evolved from the 1935 Jubilee Celebration Committee and was now deeply engaged in the negotiations to purchase from Mrs Dolores Pauling of The Lodge about 31 acres of her park land for the use of local playing fields. In due course he would join six others, including Barnes Neville Wallis, as the purchasing trustees of that land.

The *Programme of Celebrations* sets out in chronological order the many activities of the day, starting in the morning with services at Our Lady of Sorrows and at St Lawrence Church, these followed by a Children's Fancy Dress Procession. In the afternoon there was a tree-planting ceremony in the school's field and then, on the Carn Pit Field, parades of decorated cycles and perambulators followed by an extensive series of sporting races for children and youths. After teas for both children and adults there was a Comic Football Match and two Stoolball Matches. After these came Sports for seniors, including married couples 'trotting in double harness' and a Grandfathers' Race. Later in the evening visitors listened to The King's Broadcast, enjoyed a bonfire arranged by the 1st Effingham Scouts and rounded off the day's excitements with a dance to the music of Mr Bull's Band.

ELHG has so far acquired only two photographs of these events, both relating to the Comic Football Match.



Figure 10 *Programme cover (detail).*



Figure 11 Participants in the Comic Football Match.

The comic football match was timed to start at 5.45pm and had been organised by Mr Edward Philip ('Phil') Poland, born in 1914 and now working as a confectioner. His family lived at 2, Church Street, one of the pair of semi-detached cottages immediately south of the old forge. He is seen here at the centre of Figure 11 wearing a broad-brimmed hat. The man immediately left of him is Peter Edward ('Bunny') Loxley, a son born in 1918 to Ernest Albert Loxley and the latter's wife Ethel Almena (née Mills) who until the early 1920s had been tenants of Effingham's Home Farm but subsequently lived at 3, Victory Cottages on the Guildford Road. The man standing at the rear (behind the person wearing a Union Jack across his chest) is Edward Henry John ('Jim') Tyrrell, born in 1916 and in 1937 living with his parents at 6, Victory Cottages and occupied as a gardener as also was his father Edward. The left-most man in the group is Peter James ('Jim') Patrick Nicholls, born in Effingham in 1919, who was dressed as a 'groom' with the man next to him – wearing a brightly patterned dress and holding a folded umbrella – as his 'bride'. Jim Nicholls was later to die on active service in appalling circumstances aboard *HMS Chakodina* which was sunk on 5 December 1941. Two of Phil Poland's brothers also died on active service in the second world war.

Our second photograph of the Comic Football Match (Figure 12) offers a closer view of the three at the centre of the group; we see Phil Poland flanked by 'Bunny' Loxley and 'Jim' Tyrrell. In later years 'Bunny' Loxley would run the shop at Effingham Golf Club for which he would serve as the 'club professional' for 25 years.



Figure 12 The Comic Football Match – 'Bunny' Loxley, Phil Poland and 'Jim' Tyrrell.

A *Souvenir Programme of Celebrations* provides a similar level of detail about the Coronation celebrations in Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead and Ashted and some extracts are shown in Appendix II. The full version can be viewed on ELHG's website.

We can let Joseph Stewart Adams have the last word, with an entry in his school log book almost a fortnight later, on 25 May which he observes to be Empire Day. He mentions that the school has re-opened after the Whitsun break and then states that Mrs MacNair – that is, Mrs Nina (née Lambert) MacNair of Yew Tree House – had planted a 'Coronation tree' *Cedrus Atlantica Glauca* in the school field. This must surely have been a reference back to Coronation day itself since the tree had already been planted as part of the celebration, as reported in the 15 May newspaper report.

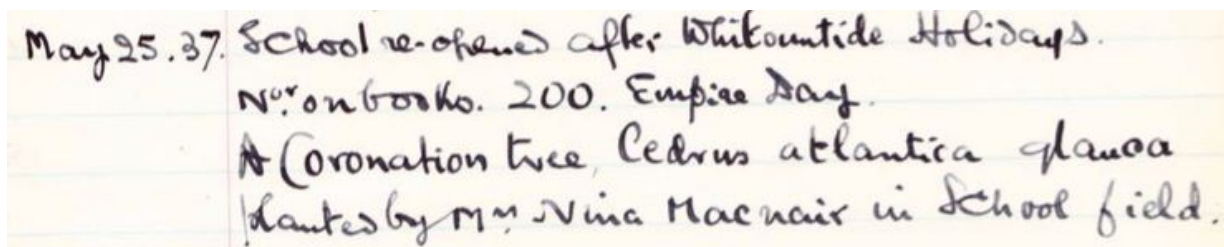


Figure 13 Joseph Stewart Adams' record of the planting of the Coronation tree in the school field.

The ELHG archives hold another photograph, shown in Figure 14, which may well have been taken of Effingham's celebration of the Coronation. It was printed on a postcard on the reverse of which is written in pencil 'Madge's field Effingham 1937'. There is no other writing and no clue as to the identity of the producer of the postcard. At the centre of the picture is some kind of shelter liberally festooned with straw, laurel leaves and other vegetation and it appears that cold drinks are being served from a table in front of it; a young girl sitting in the foreground is drinking from a tall glass with a straw. A sign suspended from the roof of the shelter bears the word 'American' but if there were any other words above that then they are

too faint to discern. At the right of the shelter a tall man wearing a dress coat and top hat holds a bell, whilst standing prominently on the left is a somewhat buxom lady who bears a strong resemblance to Miss Effie Jane Ross of The Hollies in The Street. Effie was an important figure in the local community, especially in Effingham Women's Institute, 47 of whose members would enjoy a coach trip to London on 18 May 'to see the Coronation decorations' [*The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 22 May 1937].

We cannot be sure that this intriguing photograph does pertain to the Coronation celebration, but we do not know of any other significant public event taking place in Madge's Field in that year.

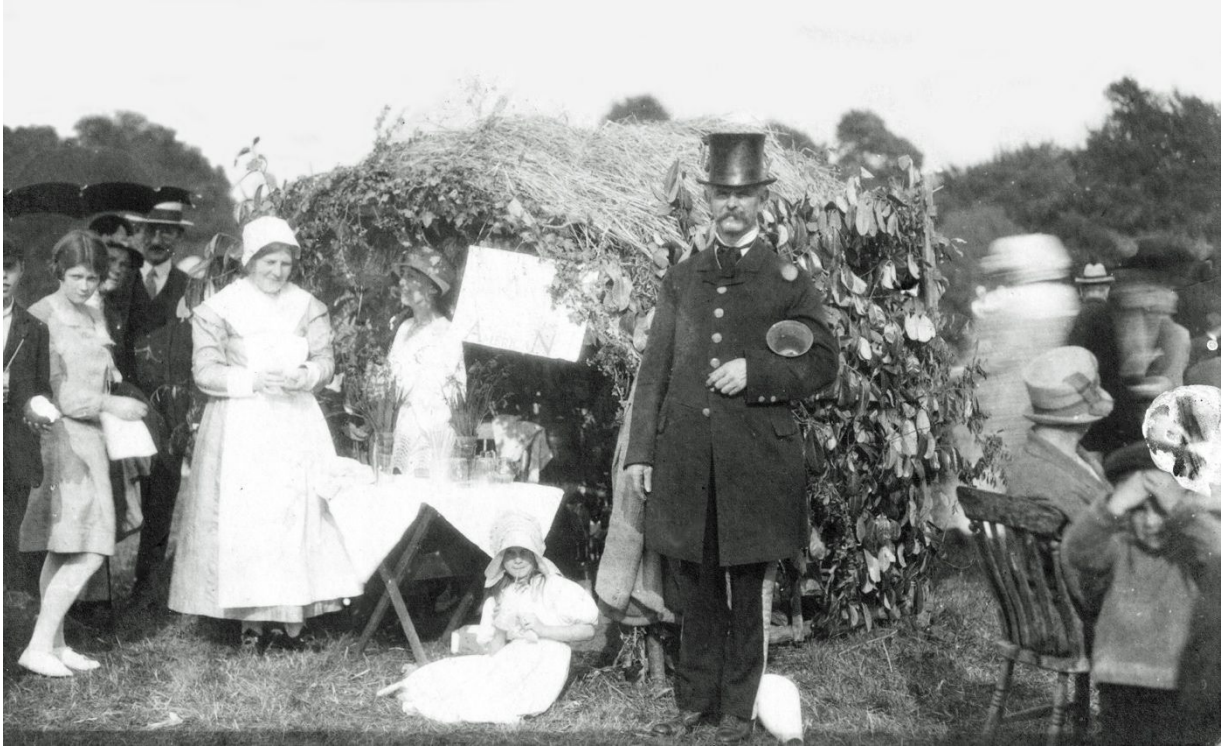


Figure 14 An event in Madge's Field/Carn Pit Field in 1937, probably the Coronation celebration.

ILLUSTRATIONS

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Figure 6: from the late Winifred Annie (nee Stovell) Hall

Figure 7: from Ralph Frank Wallace, grandson of Ralph Edgar Street

Figure 8: from Linda Ann (née Pratley) Reid, daughter of Margaret Mary (née Nicholls) Biles formerly Pratley

Figure 10: from Barbara Henry

Figure 11: from the late James Louie Nicholls

Figure 12: from Elizabeth Ann (née Tyrrell) Wheeler

Figure 14: from Jeremy Palmer

Appendix I programme: from Barbara Henry

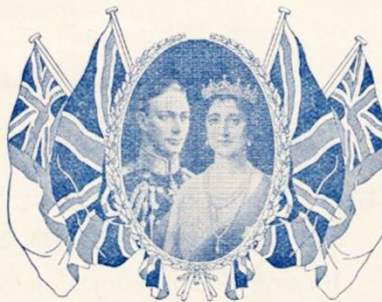
Appendix II programme: from the late Angela Putland

APPENDIX I

Effingham's 'Programme of Celebrations'

EFFINGHAM VILLAGE

12th MAY, 1937



Coronation
of Their Majesties
King George VI
& Queen Elizabeth

PROGRAMME OF CELEBRATIONS

Committee :

A. Dibdin, Chairman.
Miss Wood, Treasurer.
Col. L. d'E. Lenfestey, Secretary,
J. Stewart Adams, Mrs. Stewart
Adams, Rev. F. E. Bird,
H. N. Bridger, J. A. R. Bull,
W. Butcher, Mrs. Farrar,
Rev. H. A. Floud, F. Forehead,
J. Forehead, A. Hill, Miss
Killick, F. Loxley, I. A. W.
McGowan, C. Nottage, Miss
Parker, P. Poland, R. E. Street.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion—Parish Church
and Catholic Church.
- 9 a.m. Parish Church—Special Service.
Catholic Church—Sung Mass and
Te Deum.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PROCESSION.

- 10 a.m. Start from the School, headed by
Mr. Street's Drum & Fife Band.
- Judging and presentation of prizes by Mrs.
Macnair on Yew Tree House lawn.
Prizes kindly given by Mrs. Macnair.
Procession arranged by Mrs. Stewart Adams.

BROADCAST.

There will be a wireless broadcast on Carn Pit Field which will include the King's broadcast at 8 p.m. and, as far as possible, the description and broadcast of the procession and the Abbey ceremony from 10-30 a.m. to 3-15 p.m. The local programme contains no other item between noon and 1 p.m., so that all who wish to do so may have an opportunity of listening in to a part of the ceremony.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE.

- 2 p.m. Planting in the School Field by
Mrs. Macnair.
- Tree kindly presented by O. C. A. Slocock, Esq.

PARADES.

1. Decorated cycles (prizes by J. B. Evershed).
 2. Decorated prams with babies.
 3. Decorated prams with dolls.
- Judging on Carn Pit Field.

3 p.m.

SPORTS.

South Pitch.

Boys, 7—9.

Flat Race, 50 yds. Sack Race, 50 yds.

Girls, 7—9.

Flat race, 50 yds. Skipping race, 50 yds.

Boys, 9—11.

Flat race, 75 yds. Three legged race. Sack race. Wheelbarrow race.

Girls, 9—11.

Flat race, 75 yds. Three legged race.

Egg and Spoon race.

Boys, 11—13.

Flat race, 100 yds. Bun race. Three legged race.

Girls, 11—13.

Flat race, 100 yds. Bun race. Three legged race.

5 p.m.

Boys, 13—15.

Flat Race, 100 yds. Flat race, 220 yds.

Three legged race. Bun race. Sack race.

Girls, 13—15.

Flat race, 100 yds. Bun race. Egg and

Spoon race (11—15).

North Pitch.

3 p.m. Infants.

Bunny-Hop, Boys and Girls 5—6. Flat race,

25 yds., Girls 5—6. Flat race, 25 yds., Boys

5—6. Flat race, 30 yds., Girls, 6—7. Flat

race, 30 yds., Boys, 6—7. Horses and Driver,

Boys and Girls. Skipping race, Boys and

Girls. Sack race, Boys. Toddlers' race,

Children under school age.

3-30 p.m.

Youths, 15—17. (Prizes by T. Flack).

Flat Race, 440 yds. Flat race, 100 yds.

Obstacle race.

Girls, 15—17. (Prizes by T. Flack).

Flower-pot race. Flat race, 150 yds.

Obstacle race.

4 p.m.

Youths, over 17.

Flat race, 220 yds. Flat race, 100 yds. Sack

race. Obstacle race. Three legged race.

Slow cycle race (open).

Girls, over 17.

Flat race, 100 yds. Egg and Spoon race.

Flower-pot race. Potato race.

Note:—Considerations of time necessitate races being started in quick succession. Competitors must therefore be ready to start when their race is called.

TEA.

4 p.m.

Children (under 15).

5 p.m.

Adults.

SOUVENIRS.

- 4-30 p.m. Presentation to school children and those under school age by the Ladies of the Committee.

GAMES.

- 5-45 p.m. Comic Football Match.
(Arranged by P. Poland).

Stoolball Match.

Women's Institute *v.* The School.

- 6-30 p.m. Stoolball Match.
Old Scholars *v.* The School.

SENIORS' SPORTS.

- 7 p.m. Trotting in double harness for married couples.
(Prizes by Miss-Bright).

Grandfather's Race.

(Prizes by J. A. R. Bull)

Tug-of-War.—British Legion,
Married Men, Single Men.

- 8 p.m. **THE KING'S BROADCAST.**

BONFIRE.

Arranged by the 1st Effingham Scouts.

DANCE.

- 10 p.m. A dance will be held at the Womens' Institute Hall from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music by Mr. Bull's Band. Admission by ticket (limited to 120) price sixpence, to be obtained from members of the Dance Committee.



The Committee desire to convey their hearty thanks to all those friends who have helped by donations to the funds, by the loan of the field, by the provision of prizes, and by assistance in the arrangement of the celebrations.

APPENDIX II

'Souvenir Programme of Celebrations: Ashtead, The Bookhams, Fetcham and Leatherhead'
(Here showing just the front cover and the section for Bookham)





By Courtesy of *The Daily Sketch*.

Their Majesties leaving Great Bookham Church when on their honeymoon at Polesden Lacey.

Bookham

OFFICIALS:

Chairman:
H. BOSTOCK.

Hon. Treasurer:
MRS. E. E. GRIFFIN.

Hon. Secretary:
R. BISHOP.

BOOKHAM

CORONATION DAY
12TH MAY

- 9-15 a.m. PARADE of Local Organisations at the Old Barn Hall, followed by March to Recreation Ground for:—
- 10-0 a.m. UNITED RELIGIOUS SERVICE under the Oak in the Recreation Ground.
- 10-45 a.m. NATIONAL BROADCAST: Relay of CORONATION PROCESSION and SERVICE in the Recreation Ground.
- 11-0 a.m. THE CORONATION SERVICE: Relay of Broadcast in the Parish Churches of Great Bookham and Little Bookham.
- 1-30 p.m. CARNIVAL PROCESSION forms up at Preston Cross Roads.
Prizes will be given in each of the four following classes:—
1. Tableaux, (vehicular and pedestrian).
 2. Decorated Private Cars.
 3. Tradesmen's Decorated Vehicles.
 4. Children's Decorated Bicycles, Tri-cycles, Scooters, Perambulators, etc.
- Points will be awarded for originality, artistry and skill.

 BOOKHAM

2-0 p.m. CARNIVAL PROCESSION starts from Preston Cross and will proceed by way of Little Bookham Street, Station Road, Church Road, High Street and Dorking Road, to the Recreation Ground where at approximately :—

3-0 p.m. JUDGING OF ENTRIES in each Class will take place in the Top Field.

3-45 p.m. ATHLETIC SPORTS in the Recreation Ground. Races of all kinds for Old and Young. Entries taken on the Ground. (No entry fees).

*Teas and refreshments of all kinds
will be obtainable on the ground.*

7-0 p.m. FLIGHT OF FIRE BALLOONS and DAYLIGHT FIREWORKS in the Recreation Ground.

8-0 p.m. COMMUNITY SINGING and Musical Programme in the Recreation Ground.

9-0 p.m. CARNIVAL DANCE in the Church House.

10-0 p.m. BONFIRE in the Recreation Ground.

BOOKHAM

FRIDAY
14TH MAY

4-0 p.m. TEA will be given to the Children living in the Parishes of Great and Little Bookham, who are between the ages of 5 and 16 years and who attend any School. This will be provided in the Church House and the Baptist Hall, and will be followed by an Entertainment and Presentation of a Souvenir Book.

FRIDAY
21ST MAY

7-0 p.m. SUPPER and ENTERTAINMENT FOR OLD FOLKS over the age of 65 years will be given in the Old Barn Hall.

CORONATION MUGS will be distributed to every child living in the Bookhams under five years of age.

