

Effingham Celebrations – the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935

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Effingham's celebration of the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935 was perhaps the the largest community event to have taken place in the village since the Peace Celebrations of 1919. It is fortunate that there survive many sources attesting to the impressive array of activities staged for the day, including the original Programme, photographs, school records, Parish Council records, newspaper reports and personal testimonies, all brought together in this article.

Introduction

On 6 May 1935 the nation and the Empire celebrated the 25th anniversary – the Silver Jubilee – of King George V's accession to the throne. It was a wonderfully sunny day and had been declared a public holiday. Celebrations were staged all over the country besides in London.



Figure 1 One of the many Silver Jubilee postcards produced for the event.

For George and his wife Queen Mary the principal event of the day was the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral. They were brought there in the State Coach past cheering crowds of hundreds of thousands of people. Inside, before their arrival, the atmosphere was quiet and suffused by sunlight streaming in through the south windows, as seen in the postcard in Figure 2.



Figure 2 Sunlight streaming down onto the attendees at the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral.

George was wearing the uniform of a Field Marshal, rich red in colour and brightly contrasting with his pure white shoulder bows signifying the Order of the Bath. Mary wore a blue Garter ribbon over a dress of light pink. They sat initially in rose-pink chairs. Along the entire Nave stood Yeomen of the Guard bearing

gleaming halberds. The King and Queen then rose and moved to the footstools in front of them where they knelt in prayer. The congregation also knelt while a voice from the choir spoke prayers for the couple, for peace and for all humanity. The congregation then rose for the singing of the *Te Deum*. The couple were then blessed, again kneeling, by the Archbishop of Canterbury Cosmo Gordon Lang. *The National Anthem* was sung and the King, Queen and dignitaries began processing down the nave. The Mayor of London bowed to the King and raised the Pearl Sword of the City of London. The procession then continued to the doors and out into the sunlight to waves of cheers from the thousands waiting outside the Cathedral.

The King and Queen were then driven back to Buckingham Palace amid glorious panoply. In Figure 3 they are seen passing along the Embankment which was festooned with decorations. It was just the first of many further carriage processions undertaken by the King in different parts of London as the month progressed.



Figure 3 The King and Queen passing along the Embankment after the service at St Paul's.

Back at the Palace, George and the Royal Family appeared on the balcony before the crowds, repeating this several times later that week.

On this Jubilee day George pressed a button at the Palace in the evening and so initiated the lighting of an immense beacon in Hyde Park; this was the signal for great numbers of similar beacons to be lit across the country, the Scouts playing the leading role in this feature of the nationwide celebrations, including those in Effingham.

Appendix I presents a very detailed account of the day's events written for the *Daily Herald* by Henry Canova Vollam Morton, FRSL. Morton 'was best known for his many books on London, Great Britain and the Holy Land. He first achieved fame in 1923 when, while working for the *Daily Express*, he covered the opening of the tomb of Tutankhamun by Howard Carter' [Wikipedia].

Appendix II provides a few short extracts about the Jubilee from other works.

The day's events in London are also presented to good effect in the *Pathé* film available on *YouTube* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cN8aR41S1o> which has the voice-over of the King's public address, although the sound quality leaves something to be desired.



Figure 4 A still, showing the State Coach, taken from the *Pathé* film referred to above.

Effingham's celebratory Programme

Preparations for the Jubilee began in earnest at an Ordinary Meeting of Effingham Parish Council on 22 February 1935 at which the following minuted decision was made:

'Silver Jubilee Celebration. This was considered a matter for public deliberation and [it] was decided that a Public Meeting be called by posting notices, & letters should be sent to the various local organizations acquainting them of the project & inviting their attendance. It was left to the Chairman, Messrs. Nottage, Butcher & the Clerk to arrange a date as early as possible.'

Accordingly a public meeting took place on 11 March at which the main aims and features were proposed and a Jubilee Celebration Committee elected to progress the matter.

At its next Ordinary Meeting on 1 April the Parish Council agreed to contribute a grant for the event, being 'the sum equivalent of a half-penny rate on the productive rateable value of the Parish'. It was further agreed that the Council should advance £10 immediately.

Two days later the Committee wrote the letter shown in Figure 5 to the parishioners setting out details of the celebration and inviting donations. Evidently the Committee consisted at least of Mr Joseph Stewart Adams, Mr Guy Meyrick Mallaby Mallaby-Deeley, Mr Ivor Alexander Whitworth McGowan and Mrs Maude (née Burgess) Whale.

Stewart Adams was the headmaster of Effingham Council School (today's St Lawrence Primary School), a position he had already held for 25 years. Guy Mallaby-Deeley lived at Slaters Oak and had played a significant part in the development of the new hall on Lower Road for the Effingham and the Bookhams branch of the British Legion, of which he was the President; in February 1937 he would become Sir Guy as a consequence of the death of his father Sir Harry Mallaby-Deeley, 1st Baronet of Mitcham Court. Capt McGowan was a barrister and had been awarded the Military Cross and Distinguished Service Order 'for conspicuous gallantry' during his service with the Royal Field Artillery in the first world war. He and his family had recently taken up residence at Beaconridge in Beech Avenue. Like Mallaby-Deeley, McGowan was much involved in Effingham's British Legion branch. Mrs Whale was the wife of a manufacturer's agent Edgar William Whale. They were living at Windy Ridge on Effingham Common, having resided there since about 1927-28.

SILVER JUBILEE
OF
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.
6th MAY, 1935.

3rd April, 1935.

To the Parishioners of Effingham.

Dear Sir/Madam,

At a Public Meeting called by the Parish Council of Effingham on 11th March, 1935, the form of the local Celebrations to be held on the occasion of His Majesty's Silver Jubilee was considered.

The general feeling of the Meeting (which was representative of the various organisations in the Parish) was that the Celebrations should primarily take the form of providing some amusement for the children and some comforts for the aged, sick and needy. A proposal that in addition, as a permanent memorial of the occasion, some steps should be taken for the provision of Playing Fields also received enthusiastic support.

With these objects in view a Committee was elected which has since decided upon the following Programme of Events, provided that by Public Subscription and a Grant from the Parish Council sufficient funds are forthcoming:—

Tea, Sports and Souvenirs for the Children of the Parish.

Tea and Sports for Adult Parishioners.

Gifts to the Aged, Sick and Needy.

It was further agreed that in the event of the moneys received being more than sufficient to satisfy the above objects, the surplus should be applied towards the establishment of a fund for the provision, equipment and maintenance of Playing Fields, of which the young people of the community stand in great need.

The Committee also expressed the hope that householders would arrange for the decoration of their houses. The Scoutmaster is kindly arranging for a Bonfire.

We feel that we can appeal with confidence to the people of Effingham to co-operate by contributing generously and supporting us on the Day by their attendance so as to ensure the success of the Celebrations.

Donations should be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Whale, Windy Ridge, Effingham Common, and the Committee will be grateful for the early receipt of contributions which will greatly facilitate their work.

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to Mrs. Whale, and crossed Effingham Jubilee Committee Account.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. STEWART-ADAMS,
Chairman.
G. M. M. MALLABY-DEELEY,
Chairman, Appeal Committee.
IVOR A. W. MCGOWAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Figure 5 The Jubilee Celebration Committee's letter to the parishioners.

From the Effingham Council School's log book we see (Figure 6) that the school was closed on both the Jubilee day and the following day. This entry was made by Stewart Adams who – as seen in Figure 5 – was also serving as Chairman of the Jubilee Celebration Committee.

May 3rd. on books 187. 91.8%.
6.4.35 School closes on the occasion of their Majesty's Silver Jubilee. A programme of the Celebrations etc attached.

Figure 6 The School log book records the school's closure.

Despite what he wrote in the log book, the latter does not contain the Programme, only various newspaper cuttings. However, the archives of Effingham Local History Group (ELHG) contain several original copies of the Programme, one of which bears Stewart Adams' handwriting (Figure 7) which reads:

'c [with] the Chairman's Compliments, & Good wishes. 6.V.35 J. Stewart Adams.'

We do not know to whom he sent it but it was among several items that had been found in the (new) Rectory at Effingham and donated to ELHG; perhaps he had sent it to Rev Floud, the vicar of St Lawrence Church. The full Programme is presented in Appendix III. In outline, the day's events were to be as follows:

morning

- thanksgiving service at St Lawrence Church
- children's Fancy Dress assembled at the school then judged at Yew Tree House

afternoon

- planting of a 'Jubilee Tree' (an English chestnut) in the School playing field
- procession via the St Lawrence Shrine to the Fête Ground
- parades, sports and teas

evening

- presentation of souvenirs
- stoolball match
- tug-o'-war
- bonfire, community sing-song and carnival dance

For readers unfamiliar with stoolball there is a short *Pathé* film about it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekpXrjLJeG4>



Figure 7 The Programme of Events (detail).



Figure 8 A still from the *Pathé* film about stoolball.

Figure 9 shows a section of the 1934 Ordnance Survey map highlighting some of the sites relevant to the event. Near the top is Effingham Council School (later St Lawrence Primary School) coloured green; its playing field, in which the Jubilee tree was planted, lay to the north of the building, being the plot numbered 215 on the map. The Shrine, commemorating Effingham servicemen who fell in the first world war, is marked here by a red dot near the northern entrance from Church Street ('Upper Street' on the map) into St Lawrence churchyard.

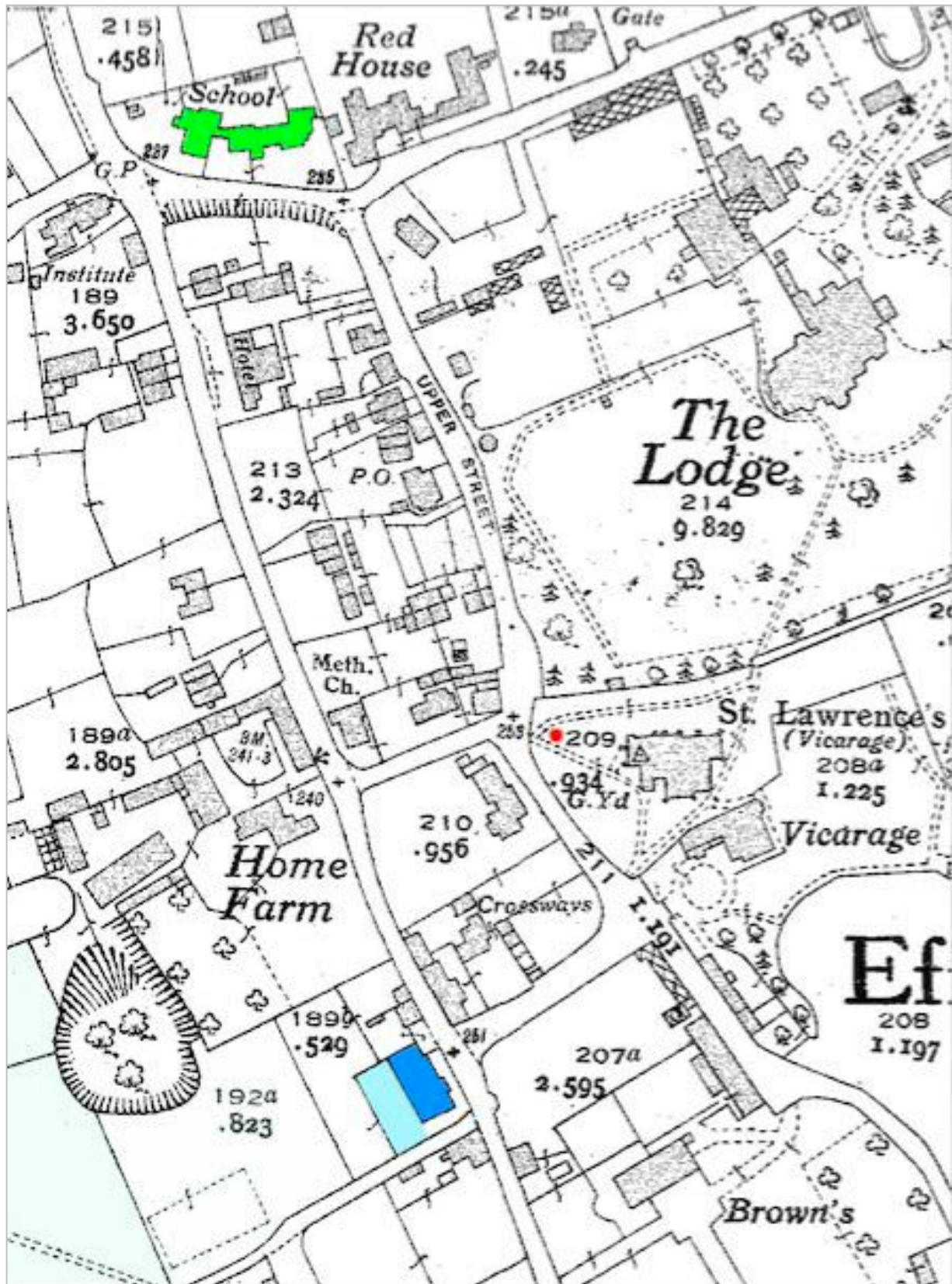


Figure 9 Section of the 1934 OS Map highlighting places featured in the Programme.

The house coloured deep blue near the bottom of the map is Yew Tree House, the home of Mrs Nina (née Lambert) MacNair. Her rear lawn, where she carried out the judging of the children's Fancy Dress competition, must have included at least the area coloured light blue and perhaps also extended over the plot numbered 189b. Beyond the latter was a larger area (plot 192a) containing a tennis court.

The 'Fête Ground' was a large field, a part of which is seen in the bottom-left corner coloured pale green. In the Programme the venue was referred to as Pit Carn Field, as it also was in newspaper articles describing the event. Two years later, however, when Effingham celebrated the Coronation of George VI in 1937, the Programme then used the name Carn Pit Field, as also did newspaper articles describing that event. However, some residents called it simply Madge's Field. A more detailed account of this field and its naming is given in another ELHG article *Madge's Field / Carn Pit Field* [*Studies in the History of Effingham*, Vol 4, Article 35, 2024].

Here is how the Jubilee celebration was remembered by Mrs Lena (née Keeling) Bridger who at that time, with her husband Harry Nathan, ran The Village Stores in the Street; this extract is taken from a tape-recorded interview of Lena's memories made in about 1970/71 by her daughter Mary Alfreda Rice-Oxley:

Lena: Then there were the Silver Jubilee celebrations for King George V, do you remember what a very hot day that was? Baking hot, everyone was so thirsty. We had a fancy dress parade around the village, with the village band led by Mr Stewart Adams as the drum major with a walking stick. Mr Street, Mr Pole, Mr Patten and Mr Stovell in the band paraded, finishing in Madge's field. Then they had a comic football match and sports *et cetera*. And everyone was so thirsty they drank gallons of lemonade.

Mary: I think it all ran out didn't it, the lemonade?

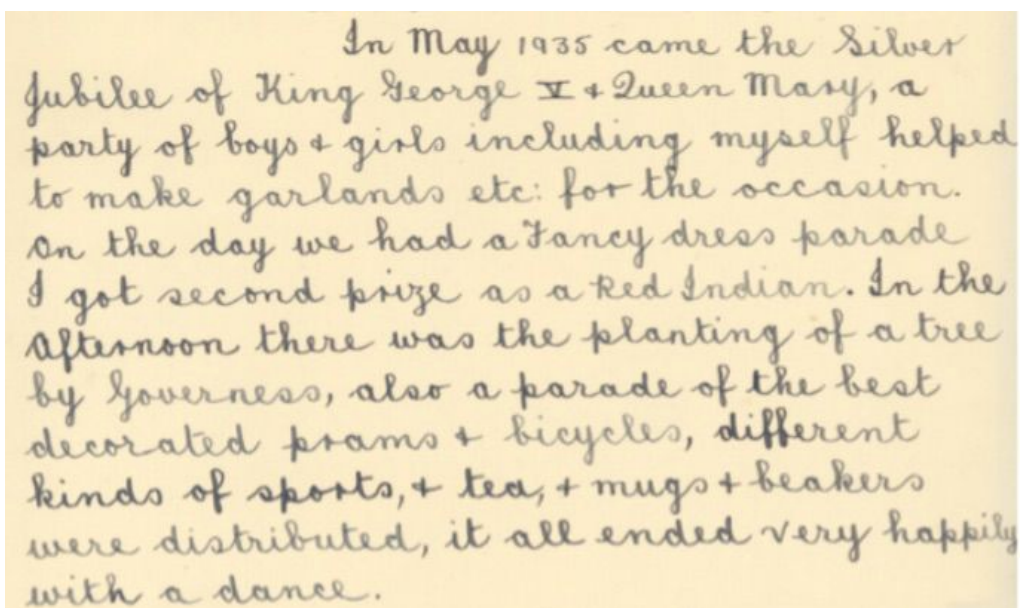
Lena: Yes, in the shop and there wasn't any. Then of course outside the school a tree was planted by Stewart Adams.

Mary: Everybody was given a mug.

Lena: Oh yes.

Lena's reference above to the 'village band' was evidently mistaken, as there is no mention of the band to be found in the Programme or in various newspaper articles about the day's activities. Nor is it consistent with the photographs we possess of the procession to the Fête Ground. The band did feature in the Coronation celebrations two years later and newspaper accounts of that occasion describe the band as having been 'resuscitated' for this purpose after a lapse of many years. Her reference to the comic football match was seemingly also mistaken. Again, there is no mention of this in the associated Programme or in the newspapers, but a comic football match did take place in the 1937 Coronation celebrations. So her recollections, recorded over thirty years later, of these two events had apparently become intermingled.

The following account was written by someone who took part in the Jubilee celebrations as a young child, Margaret Mary (née) Nicholls (later Pratley, finally Biles) who was born in 1924. It is contained in a handwritten ten-page essay entitled *My Career in the Effingham School* which she wrote on 1 April 1938, in the last year of her schooldays there:



In May 1935 came the Silver Jubilee of King George V + Queen Mary, a party of boys + girls including myself helped to make garlands etc. for the occasion. On the day we had a Fancy dress parade I got second prize as a Red Indian. In the afternoon there was the planting of a tree by Governess, also a parade of the best decorated prams + bicycles, different kinds of sports, + tea, + mugs + beakers were distributed, it all ended very happily with a dance.

Figure 10 Extract from Margaret Mary Nicholls' account of her schooldays.

The Fancy Dress Competition

ELHG is fortunate to possess several photographs of the Fancy Dress competitors.



Figure 11 Mary Elizabeth Procter, born in 1928; taken perhaps in the gardens of The Lodge before or after the official activities; she lived with her parents Thomas Maurice and Marie Charlotte in a flat on the first floor of the old stable block in The Lodge grounds, having recently come to live in Effingham in about 1934-35.



Figure 12 This photograph was taken on Mrs MacNair's lawn at Yew Tree House. The girl in the foreground may have been Sheila Rosemary Turner born in 1931.



Figure 13 The same girl seen in Figure 12 is here accompanied by Violet Edith Jane Biles (later Green) who had been born in 1928; she was at this time living at 2, Victory Cottages.



Figure 14 In this line up Violet Biles can be seen at the centre whilst second from the right is Mary Procter. ELHG has been told that the girl standing second from left (ignoring the partially-seen girl at extreme left), wearing a head band and facing towards the centre, may have been Victoria Carr who was then living at Eskdale in Strathcona Avenue, although another candidate (on the grounds of her looks strongly resembling those in later life) is Margaret Mary Nicholls, whose writings above state that in the fancy dress parade she had been dressed as a Red Indian.

The planting of the Jubilee Tree

The tree-planting ceremony began with some brief speeches. Presumably composed before the event, they were subsequently written down by Stewart Adams on three pages of the school log book. Here is a transcript of them:

'Public Speeches in Effingham on Jubilee Day. 6.V.35
at Planting of the Jubilee Tree in the School Playing Field.'

by *Mrs Stewart Adams*

'I very much appreciate the great honour which has been conferred upon me, this day, by planting this tree in behalf of the Parish of Effingham to commemorate their Majesties' Silver Jubilee. For you, boys and girls, I hope this tree – which is a symbol of Strength and Beauty – may ever remind you, that you should always endeavour to cultivate Strength in your body and Beauty of Character.'

by *Doris Moore, Secy to Head Master*

'Governess, the children would be pleased to mark your Jubilee years of service willingly rendered and of duties, faithfully fulfilled. This bouquet, please accept as a small token.'

by *Chairman of Celebrations Committee* [Joseph Stewart Adams]

'Madame, in behalf of the Committee, I offer you our thanks for graciously consenting to carry out this duty in behalf of the Parish. You are pleased to say it is an honour conferred. We regard it as an obligation from us which is your due for service to this parish, and the children who know you so well and appreciate your work, confirm this. I feel sure that the wish of all present here today is that your efforts in behalf of the young may long continue. We congratulate you upon the past and thank you, yet expectant of further honoured service.'

Appendix IV shows scans of the original speeches from the log book. 'Governess' was the title by which Stewart Adams' wife Florence was usually known. She was the other principal teacher at the school.

The bouquet was given to her by a pupil Doris Edith Moore, born in 1921 and then living with her parents Bill and Rose Edith at 4, Victory Cottages. She is described above as 'Secretary to Head Master' so may have assisted with the school administration. In her short utterance Doris alludes to the teachers' own 'Jubilee years of service', on account of their having taught at the school for 25 years since their first arrival in Effingham at the beginning of 1910.

There was evidently a professional photographer present as we have a number of photographs of identical size and quality showing the planting of the tree and the start of the procession, and one of these bears the studio logo 'A. Warren, The Crescent, Leatherhead'.



Figure 15 Here Mrs Adams is pointing to the newly-planted Jubilee Tree. In the detail shown at right, the man at far left is Father Francis Edward Bird, priest at Our Lady of Sorrows, the Roman Catholic Church. The man at far right is Capt Ivor McGowan.





Figure 16 Mrs Adams receives her bouquet from Doris Edith Moore; below – Stewart Adams at far right.





Figure 17 Here the photographer has perhaps managed to squeeze everyone (except himself) into the picture.



Figure 18 This photograph highlights the key players in the ceremony; this group standing prominently in front of the tree probably includes many of the Jubilee Celebration Committee's members.



Figure 19 Annotation of the main group seen in Figure 18.

Many of the persons annotated in Figure 19 can be identified:

1. *unknown*
2. Ralph Edgar Street, head gardener at The Lodge and the Marshal of the Jubilee celebrations
3. Rev Harold Arthur Floud, Vicar of St Lawrence Church
4. *perhaps* Miss Betty Whale, one of the Stewards
5. *unknown*
6. Marion (née Canning) Floud, wife of Rev Harold Arthur Floud
7. Florence (née Weaver) Adams, the 'Governess' of the School
8. Father Francis Edward Bird, priest at Our Lady of Sorrows, the Roman Catholic Church
9. Nina (née Lambert) MacNair, Adjudicator of the Fancy Dress competition
10. *perhaps* Guy Meyrick Mallaby Mallaby-Deeley, Chairman of the Appeal Committee
11. *perhaps* Maude (née Burgess) Whale, Hon Treasurer of the Jubilee Celebration Committee
12. Ivor Alexander Whitworth McGowan, Hon Secretary of the Jubilee Celebration Committee
13. Walter Nicholls
14. James William Pollard
15. *perhaps* John Thomas Bunce, Chairman of Effingham Parish Council
16. Joseph Stewart Adams, Headmaster of the school and Chairman of the Jubilee Celebration Committee
17. *unknown*

Stewart Adams' notes in the School log book include these remarks about the actual planting of the tree:

'The circular hole for the Tree was dug by Alfred Lucas and John Evershed. The hole was filled in by Edward Pollard, Dennis Jackson, Ronald Tyrrell, Reginald Callen and Alfred Gleeson.'

Unfortunately the tree did not survive. On 6 November 1936 Stewart Adams recorded that on that day he had planted another horse chestnut tree, 'The Silver Jubilee tree having failed to establish itself'.

The procession to the Fête Ground

The procession followed immediately after the planting of the tree, assembling in Lower Road outside the school. The Marshal, Ralph Edgar Street, had the duty of guiding the parading villagers along the route and generally maintaining discipline.

In Figure 21 we see Mr Street, either before or after the activities, standing in the Rose Garden in the grounds of The Lodge, where he had already worked for over a quarter of a century.

He lived with his family in a house (now long vanished) within these grounds known as the Lodge Bungalow which was situated at the corner of Lower Road and Church Street. The photograph of it in Figure 20 was taken much later, in 1960. The Jubilee parade would pass within a few yards of it on the way to the Church.



Figure 20 Mr Street's Lodge Bungalow.



Figure 21 Mr Street in the Rose Garden.

We have just two photographs showing the beginning of the procession.



Figure 22a The procession is ready to start, with Mr Street as Marshal at the centre of the photograph; the time as shown by the School's clock is 2.25.



Figure 22b Detail from 22a showing the leading group.

From left to right in Figure 22b we have firstly, standing a little behind the rest, Stewart Adams. Next is Mr Street, prominent in his bowler hat, and to the right of him Nina MacNair and Arthur Wells, bearing the flowers to be placed on the Shrine.

We have been told (by his sister) that he was Arthur James, born on 23 December 1923 as the first child of Robert Wells and Lucy Violet Victoria (née Bullen) who had married at the start of that year. The School's register shows that Arthur had been admitted in October 1928. His uncle, also named Arthur, being the brother of Robert Wells, had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the first world war but had been killed in action in October 1917; his name was one of those commemorated on the Shrine, as it still is today.

To the right of Arthur is the young woman assigned No. 4 in the close-up of the tree-planting; she may have been Miss Betty Whale, standing next to the woman at far right whom we have conjectured to be her mother Mrs Maude (née Burgess) Whale, wife of Edgar William Whale. Betty was born in 1915. Besides being one of the Stewards she also had another special position on this particular day – it was her 20th birthday. The Press reported that:

'During the afternoon a hearty ovation was given to Miss Betty Whale, an Effingham girl, who celebrated her birthday on Jubilee Day.'



Figure 23 Edgar William Whale with his daughters (rear, left to right) Betty, Iris and Patricia; the two children at the front may or may not have been his.



Figure 24 The procession sets off up Lower Road, about to turn into Church Street past Mr Street's bungalow *en route* to the Shrine in St Lawrence churchyard.

After their business at the Shrine, the procession probably paraded down Crossways, with Yew Tree House standing opposite, and then crossed The Street to enter Madge's Lane and proceed to the Fête Ground.



Figure 25 This is the girl seen earlier in the Fancy Dress competition. She was clearly a participant in the 'Decorated Perambulators with Babies' parade scheduled in the Programme to take place at the Fête Ground. The tennis court behind Yew Tree House is visible in the background.

At the Fête Ground Stewart Adams made another speech, this too recorded in his School log book:

'Ladies, Gentlemen and children of Effingham and your friends – I am privileged to extend to you in behalf of the Committee and in mine, a sincere welcome. We are this day guests of the Parish of Effingham and it is the Committee's wish that we all unite thoroughly to enjoy ourselves. If we do this, it would be just what Their Majesties most would desire – to be happy and to make others happy. This is not the moment for me to say any word of the wonderful work of the King and the members of the Royal Family over a long period. There is not a small child who does not know and I venture to say it would not be possible to find a gathering whose hearts are more loyal and affectionate to the Crown than ours. Suffice it to say, they set us a lead in shewing a truly Christian example of relieving the suffering, aiding the downcast and making life less drear for weary people. I am sure you would like to know, our Committee have arranged that some measure of comfort and good cheer has been provided for the sick, the aged, the infirm and for those of this parish, who by reason of any infirmity, are unable to share in our joy this day.

We are met with a feeling of deep gratitude to the Giver of all Good things, and with the fervent prayer in our hearts of Long Live the King. Then let us endeavour to follow that example of the Royal Household, so that wherever we go and whatever we do, the world may know there is someone to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow. Thus, we can have the conscious satisfaction of making this world a little better than we found it.'

Aftermath

Several newspapers reported Effingham's Jubilee celebrations and Stewart Adams stuck cuttings from them into the School log book; their precise publication dates are not all known.

The celebrations at Effingham began with a thanksgiving service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Floud). There was a large congregation at the service. Later in the morning a Children's Fancy Dress Procession took place when there were many entries and numerous original costumes. The children assembled at the school and walked to Yew Tree House where Mrs. Macnair, who many years ago resided in what is now known as the Golf House, judged the costumes on the lawn. As they marched through the village the children were followed by a large number of parents and friends.	There were parades for decorated perambulators with babies, perambulators with dolls, and for decorated cycles. Kindergarten antics under the direction of Miss I. Dixon and Miss Whale were followed by a stoolball match between the schoolchildren and the old scholars. Junior sports were organised by Mrs. Dibden and Miss E. Killick, while Mrs. Stewart Adams and Miss Ivy Croxall were responsible for the events for the intermediates, and Father Bird and Miss Parker arranged the sports for the seniors. During the afternoon a hearty ovation was given to Miss Betty Whale, an Effingham girl, who celebrated her birthday on Jubilee Day.
A Jubilee Tree. The main event of the day, however, was the planting of a Jubilee Tree. The tree, an English chestnut, had been presented by Mr. O. Slocock (Captain of Effingham Manor Golf Club) and the ceremony was performed by Mrs. J. Stewart Adams who has rendered 25 years' unbroken service to Effingham School. Mr. A. Bunce (Chairman of the Effingham Parish Council) asked Mrs. Stewart Adams to plant the tree, and in reply Mrs. Stewart Adams said how much she appreciated the honour. In a few words to the children she said the tree was a symbol of strength and beauty and expressed the hope they would always try to cultivate strength in their bodies and beauty in their characters. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Stewart Adams by Miss Doris Moore. The procession then moved off to Pit Carn Field for the fete, stopping along the route to allow Master Arthur Wells to place a floral tribute on the village Shrine. A welcome to residents and visitors was given by Mr. J. Stewart Adams on behalf of the Celebrations Committee.	Tea was provided for children and adults and this was followed by the presentation of Jubilee souvenirs. These took the form of beakers and mugs and were presented by Mrs. Floud, Mrs. Whale and Miss Woods. There was another stoolball match, this time between the schoolgirls and Women's Institute, and at seven o'clock sports were provided for young men and women under the direction of Miss Madge. A tug-of-war between single and married men, married folk trotting in double harness and a veterans' race concluded the sports. The outdoor events terminated with a bonfire and community singing and afterwards there was a carnival dance until one o'clock in the Women's Institute Hall. The Chairman of the Celebrations Committee was Mr. J. Stewart Adams, with Mr. Ivor McGowan as Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Whale as Hon. Treasurer, while for the day Miss Parker was responsible for the first aid arrangements, Mr. A. W. Carter acted as starter of the events and Messrs. H. Bridger, F. Loxley and Miss Whale acted as stewards.

Figure 26 From *The Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser*, date of issue not known.

JUBILEE TREE PLANTED

EFFINGHAM'S FORM OF COMMEMORATION

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PROCESSION

The planting of a Jubilee tree was a feature of Effingham's Jubilee celebrations on Monday. The tree—an English chestnut—was presented by Mr. O. Slocock, captain of the Effingham Manor Golf Club, and planted in the school grounds by Mrs. J. Stewart Adams, who has been connected with Effingham school for 25 years.

Mr. G. Bunce, chairman of the Parish Council, formally introduced Mrs. Adams, who, in reply, described the tree as a symbol of strength and beauty. She hoped the children of the village would always try to cultivate strength in their bodies and beauty in their characters.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Adams by Miss Doris Moore, and Mr. J. Stewart Adams, as chairman of the Jubilee Celebration Committee, thanked her for performing the ceremony.

Earlier in the day a thanksgiving service was held at the Parish Church, the vicar (the Rev. H. A. Floud) officiating. A children's fancy dress procession followed and created much interest, the costumes being both numerous and original. The judging was carried out by Mrs. McNair.

After the tree planting ceremony, the procession moved off to the fete ground—the Pit Carn field—a halt being made to allow Master Arthur Wells to place a floral tribute on the shrine. At the fete ground Mr. Adams gave a patriotic address, and added that the committee had arranged that some means of comfort and good cheer was provided for the sick, aged and infirm of the parish.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY

A warm ovation was given Miss Betty Whale, an Effingham girl, who celebrated her birthday on Jubilee Day. There followed parades of decorated perambulators with babies, perambulators with dolls, and decorated bicycles, the judging being carried out by Mrs. McGowan, the Misses Biggin, Mr. A. Hole and Mrs. Diamantidi. Kindergarten antics, arranged by Miss L. Dixon and Miss Whale, followed, and a stoolball match was played between past and present scholars of Effingham school.

A programme of sports events for juniors, intermediates and seniors was arranged by Mrs. Dibden, Miss E. Killick, Mrs. Stewart Adams, Miss Ivy Croxall, Father Bird and Miss Parker. Tea was provided for children and adults, after which Jubilee souvenirs in the form of beakers and mugs were presented to the children by Mrs. Floud, Mrs. Whale and Miss Woods. A second stoolball match followed between the schoolgirls and members of the Women's Institute, and subsequently there was a programme of gymkhana events, including a tug-o-war, single versus married.

The festivities concluded with a bonfire, at which there was community singing, and a carnival dance at the Women's Institute Hall. Mr. Ivor A. W. McGowan acted as hon. secretary of the organising committee and Mrs. Whale hon. treasurer.

Figure 27 From *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 11 May 1935.

A MEMORABLE DAY

Effingham's Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Day celebrations at Effingham on Monday began with a thanksgiving service at the church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Floud). The service was well attended.

At 11 o'clock there was a children's fancy dress procession, for which there were numerous entries and many original costumes. The children assembled at the school and walked to Yew Tree House, where Mrs. McNair judged the costumes on the lawn. As they paraded through the village the children were followed by a large number of parents and friends.

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

The main event of the day was, however, the planting of the Jubilee tree. This tree, an English chestnut, had been presented by Mr. O. Slocock, captain of the Effingham Manor Golf Club, and the ceremony was performed by Mrs. Stewart Adams, who has rendered 25 years' unbroken service to Effingham School.

The chairman of the Parish Council (Mr. G. Bunce) asked Mrs. Adams to plant the tree. Addressing the boys and girls, she said that the tree was a symbol of strength and beauty. She hoped they would always try to cultivate strength in their bodies and beauty in their characters.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Adams by Miss Doris Moore. Mr. Adams, chairman of the Jubilee Committee, thanked her for planting the tree, and expressed the hope that her efforts on behalf of the young would continue.

WREATH PLACED ON SHRINE

The procession then proceeded to the fete ground, stopping en route to allow Master Arthur Wells to place a floral tribute on the shrine. On behalf of the Celebrations Committee, Mr. Stewart Adams welcomed the residents and visitors to the ground. The committee, he said, had arranged that some means of comfort and good cheer was provided for the sick, aged and infirm of the parish.

Much interest was evinced in a decorated perambulator parade. Some of the perambulators contained babies and others dolls. Decorated bicycles also joined in the parade, which was judged by Mrs. McGowan, the Misses Biggin, Mr. A. Hole and Mrs. Diamantidi. Kindergarten antics followed, and a stoolball match between past and present scholars of Effingham School was played.

Sports preceded teas for children and adults. Beakers and mugs were presented to the children by Mrs. Floud, Mrs. Whale and Miss Wood.

Another stoolball match, between the schoolgirls and members of the Women's Institute, was followed by sports for demoiselles and youths. A tug-of-war between single and married men, married folk trotting in double harness and veterans' race were other events. A memorable day wound up with a bonfire, at which there was community singing, and a carnival dance at the Women's Institute Hall.

Mr. J. Stewart Adams was chairman of the Jubilee Committee, Mr. Ivor A. W. McGowan secretary, and Mrs. M. Whale treasurer.

Figure 28 From *The Surrey Times*, date of issue not known.

After the event Stewart Adams, in his capacity of Chairman of the Jubilee Celebration Committee, evidently sent out the letter of thanks shown in Figure 29 to persons who had played key roles in the event. In early June he also sent the more personal letter (signed also by Florence) shown in Figure 30 to Mr Street's daughter Rosa Helen.

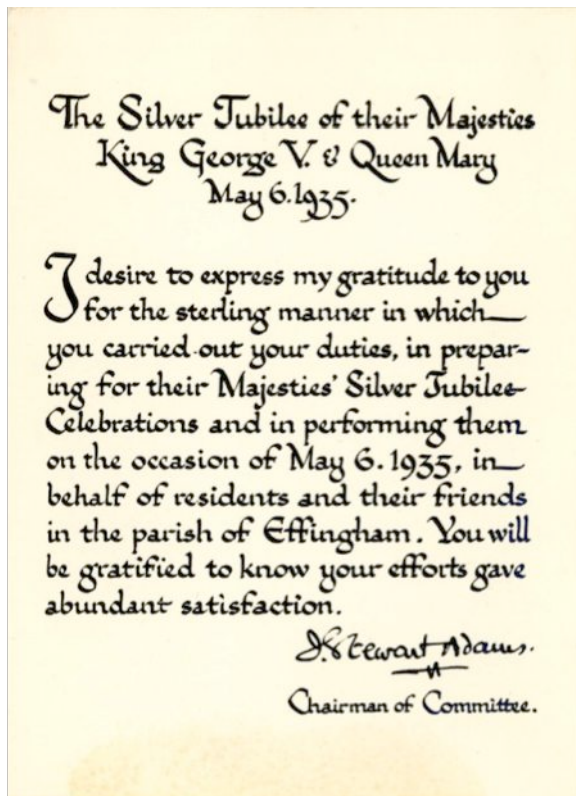


Figure 29 Letter to key participants.

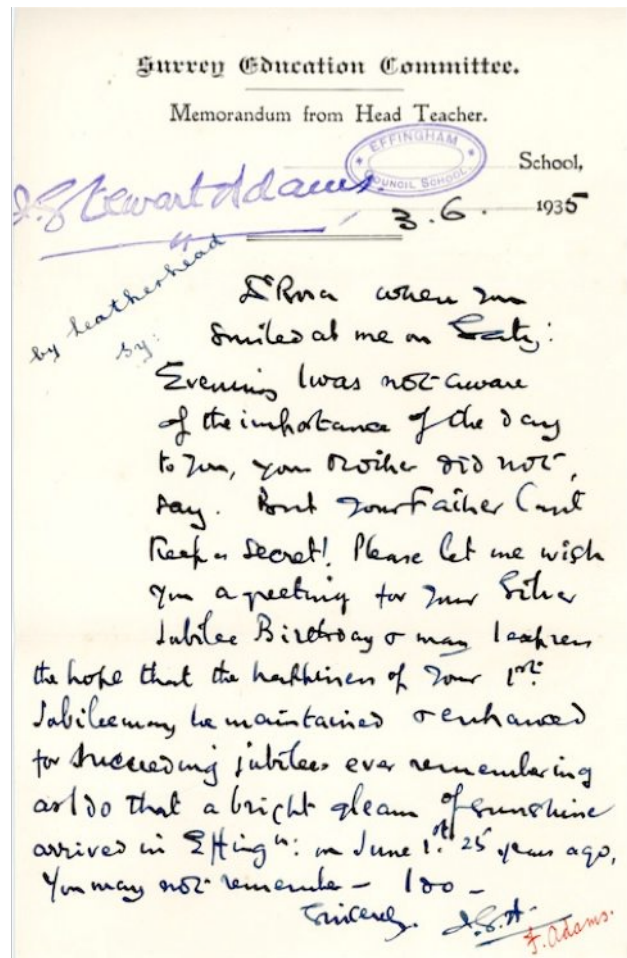


Figure 30 Letter to Rosa Helen Street.

The letter to Rosa Helen Street reads as follows:

'Dear Rosa, when you smiled at me on Saturday evening I was not aware of the importance of the day to you, your mother did not say. But your father can't keep a secret! Please let me wish you a greeting for your Silver Jubilee Birthday and may I express the hope that the happiness of your 1st Jubilee may be maintained and enhanced for succeeding jubilees ever remembering as I do that a bright gleam of sunshine arrived in Effingham on June 1st 25 years ago. You may not remember it – I do. Sincerely, J.S.A. / F. Adams.'

Rosa Helen had indeed been born on 1 June 1910, thus arriving in Effingham in the same year that Stewart Adams had.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Figures 1, 2: postcard images from the internet

Figure 3: from the internet, source unrecorded

Figure 4: still taken from the *Pathé* film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aN8aR41S1o>

Figures 5, 6, 26-28: from the St Lawrence School log book for 1923-58

Figure 7: detail from the Programme of Events donated to ELHG by Barbara Henry

Figure 8: still taken from the *Pathé* film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekpXrjLJeG4>

Figure 9: adapted from the Ordnance Survey County Series 25" Map, National Library of Scotland

Figure 10: detail from her mother's original essay lent to ELHG by Linda Ann (née Pratley) Reid

Figure 11: from Mary Elizabeth (née Procter) Dyer

Figures 12-14, 25: from Violet Edith Jane (née Biles) Green

Figures 15, 16, 18, 24: from Margaret Mary (née Nicholls) Biles, formerly Pratley

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Figure 19: annotated detail from Figure 18

Figures 20, 21, 30: from Ralph Frank Wallace, grandson of Ralph Edgar Street

Figure 23: from *Ancestry*, family tree

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/family-tree/person/tree/64236774/person/400142328504/facts>

Figure 29: from Mary Alfreda (née Bridger) Rice-Oxley

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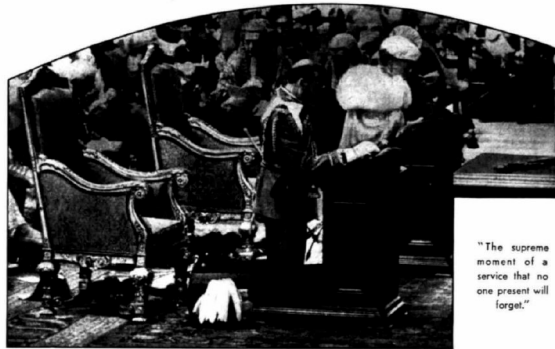
APPENDIX I

From the Daily Herald, 7 May 1935

The KING and QUEEN Kneel in Prayer

by
H. V.
MORTON

King George V and Queen Mary kneel together in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday and give thanks to God for twenty-five years of their tremendous reign. The supreme moment of a service that no one present will forget.



"The supreme moment of a service that no one present will forget."

I SAW King George V and Queen Mary kneel together in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday and give thanks to God for twenty-five years of their tremendous reign.

It was the supreme moment in a service that no one who was present will forget until his dying day. It was a moment when one became conscious of the past and the present and of the bonds that link them; and one's heart went out in hope towards the future.

The sun was shining outside. It was sending bright spears of light through the South windows of the great church. Outside also were hundreds of thousands of excited people. They were waiting and longing for the moment when the sun would glitter again on the breastplates of the returning escort, when the State carriage would come back with its prancing greys, giving them a brief glimpse of the man and the woman who have been closer to the hearts of the people of this country than any other monarchs in the history of our nation.

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Inside St. Paul's it was very quiet. It was very solemn. The organ notes went softly through the great church, feeling their way into the stillness of the high arches. And in this stillness the King and Queen left their rose-pink chairs and dropped down on their knees on the footstools before them, their heads bent in prayer.

The dim light beneath the dome lay over the brilliant uniforms of statesmen, of soldiers, of sailors, and of representatives of foreign Powers. Native rulers knelt, with jewels glittering in turbans or with long plumes falling from their helmets.

The Yeomen of the Guard, grasping their halberds, stood the length of the nave; the gorgeous Gentlemen-at-Arms rose like scarlet statues above the kneeling congregation, snowfalls of cocks' feathers cascading from their gold helmets. But one noticed only the two figures bent in prayer.

Although the King was dressed in the scarlet of a field marshal, with the white bows of the collar of the Order of the Bath at his shoulders, although the Queen, superbly regal, wore across her pale pink dress the blue ribbon of the Garter, these two, as they knelt side by side, were at this solemn and appealing moment in their history never more expressive of the dignity and the simplicity which have been the keynote of their lives.

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A voice from the choir echoed through the church, intoning the prayer for the King and Queen. Again the voice rose, this time uttering a prayer for peace and the fellowship of mankind.

It rarely happens that a man can say to himself: "This is an historic moment. This very moment will be talked of, and written about, in years to come; it will go down in history books and take its place among the landmarks of a nation's destiny."

Yet this moment yesterday in St. Paul's, when the King and Queen knelt together, with the memories of twenty-five eventful years in their hearts, was such a moment.



The congregation rose from its knees, the organ whispered again through the church, and the Te Deum was sung; then once more the King and Queen knelt, while the Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing.

Starting, it seemed, from somewhere in the air beneath the dome, came the opening bars of the Anthem, played very softly and gaining gradually in strength, and the sound of "God Save the King" must have been heard by some of the thousands who thronged the streets near St. Paul's.

As the Anthem died away, we heard the sound of cheering from the crowds on Ludgate-hill. A slow procession marched down the nave. I saw the clergy in vestments of crimson and white and gold. I saw the four Heralds in their ancient embroidered satin tabards—Richmond, Chester, Somerset and Lancaster—and I saw the Lord Mayor of London, in the scarlet and white-caped mantle of a peer, bow before the King as he took up, from the table in front of the royal chairs, the pearl sword which Queen Elizabeth gave to the City of London.



The Lord Mayor held the sword point up—as the Lord Mayor of London is entitled to do, even in the presence of the monarch—and, with this symbol moving above the heads of the congregation, the royal procession prepared to leave the church.

The King and the Queen—and never in the history of royal ceremonies have the Queen's dignity and her superb poise made so deep an impression—walked together towards the west door through one of the most brilliant gatherings of their reign.

They passed out into the sunlight, the miraculous sunlight of this backward spring, to the loud acclaim of a great multitude of their people. They left behind them the memory, not of court splendour, but of a man and a woman on their knees before God.



Looking back on the crowded tapestry of the St. Paul's service, one remembers, among many things, the magnificent background of the ceremony. The high arches and the classic pillars rose up stone grey and undecorated. All the colour was concentrated on the ground level. For hours before the royal procession arrived, the nave and the transepts filled slowly with a gathering drawn from the ends of the earth.

The seats on each side of the royal chairs of state were reserved, on the right for the corps diplomatique, and on the left for the Government and the Privy Council. Ambassadors and military attachés in the uniforms of foreign countries filed to their places with a chink of spurs.



The King's Indian orderlies stood with their backs to the choir, in a stiff row facing the royal chairs, tall, turbaned men, their hands, in white gauntlets, on their swords.

The Speaker, who had trundled through London in his ancient coach drawn by a pair of dray horses, came solemnly down the nave with the Mace carried before him.

He found a seat near Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Neville Chamberlain. It was obvious that he must have whiled away the time of waiting by telling them what it felt like to see London through the windows of a coach built for William of Orange.



A notable couple in the front row of the Government seats were Mr. Lloyd George, in blue and gold uniform, and Mr. George Lansbury, in plain evening dress. Mr. Lansbury carried the stick which helps him since his recent accident.

Not far away sat the Prime Minister in uniform, sword at hip, gazing at the rising climax of colour through horn-rimmed spectacles. Behind him sat the judges in their brindle, full-bottomed wigs and their scarlet and ermine. Mr. Lloyd George, his spectacles on the end of his nose, missed nothing and nobody, and frequently turned to talk rapidly with Mr. Lansbury and to adjacent members of the Cabinet.

What a lovely contrast to the statuesque Gentlemen-at-Arms were the Boy Scouts in their khaki shorts and their bare knees, earnestly and busily dodging here, there and everywhere distributing forms of service.

There was tragedy, too, in that astonishing assembly. Into the dimness of the south transept came about twenty men in hospital blue, twenty men broken in the War, twenty men who for over seventeen years have worn the heart-rending badge of the wounded, and may wear it until the end of their days.



The royal procession came up the nave to the sound of a triumphant voluntary on the organ. Gold Stick-in-Waiting, Lord Allenby, led the way to the chairs of state. No sooner had the King and Queen taken their places than the organ played the National Anthem and the whole congregation joined in singing the first verse.

So the splendid scene was set for the first Silver Jubilee service in our history. It was a scene that could not happen in any other country on earth. One looked at it and marvelled at the paradox that made it possible: the strange paradox that an epoch of change should only have deepened the significance of the Crown.



The first great moment came when, from the west door, sounded a fanfare of trumpets. We looked down the nave, where the slow approach of the royal procession was marked by the glint of a herald's tabard, the white flash of an usher's wand, and, between a line of bowing men and women, came the Lord Mayor of London holding the pearl sword.

The Queen's white fur and her turban of silver tissue shone out among the uniforms. She bowed slightly to left and right as she advanced side by side with the King.

The Prince of Wales, in Guard's uniform, the Duke of Gloucester in full dress uniform, followed. Then came the Duke and Duchess of Kent, the Duke in naval uniform, the Duchess in beige, with a large Ascot hat, the Duke of York in naval uniform, the Duchess of York in blue.



As the service continued, I felt that it had two aspects: one, the outward show of State ceremonial, the other, the inner significance of historic continuity. But more precious than either was the knowledge that the nation, with a full heart, abandoning for a day politics and the cries of party, had joined together in paying tribute to a man and woman who have stood at the head of the State for twenty-five years, and have never once in all that time failed to inspire the nation by the force of their example.

Something entirely new, and hitherto undreamt of, in the relationship between the British throne and the British people has come into being during the last quarter of a century. Everyone knows what that relationship is: it is the influence of a man and a woman lifted high above politics, yet symbolic, as no other persons can be, of this nation; a man and a woman who, by the gifts of sympathy and understanding and a knowledge of common things, have managed to step down from their thrones and know their people. This has never been accomplished before by any crowned heads.



The two small princesses, in hats and dresses of pink, rather wide-eyed and hushed by the overpowering scene in which they were taking part, came slowly down the nave with their father and mother. A chair had been provided for Princess Elizabeth, but a low stool had been set aside for Princess Margaret Rose.

These, the youngest members of the royal family, attracted almost as much attention as the King and Queen. Princess Margaret Rose sat at the end of the row, immediately behind the King. She was given a printed order of service which she solemnly opened and, apparently, read. Her sister, from the height of the next chair, gazed down at her frequently and once or twice whispered to her.

The remaining royal chairs were occupied by the Princess Royal, Lord Harewood, and their sons; Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught; the Queen of Norway; Princess Victoria and other members of the Royal Family.



That is why, when I saw our King and our Queen at prayer yesterday in the cathedral of St. Paul's. I saw them also in the houses of humble people, in the dreary distressed areas, whose sufferings they know and deplore, and in the hospitals and the clinics throughout the land.

And there was no man in that great church yesterday, or among the thousands who filled the streets, who, knowing this, did not cry from his heart, "God Save the King."

APPENDIX II

Extracts from other works

From: *St Paul's Cathedral online:* <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/royal-jubilees>

'For Georges V's Silver Jubilee celebrations in May 1935, there was a busy programme of events, commencing with a service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's on 6 May.

The day was declared a public holiday and parties were held across London in the glorious sunshine, as well as up and down the country with fêtes, pageants and sports events. Later that day the King and Royal Family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to floods of cheers from the crowd below. Due to popular demand, the King even waved from the same balcony for a few consecutive days later in the week.

George V continued to mark the Jubilee throughout May by taking carriage rides through London as well as one through north London for Queen Mary's birthday, on which they were accompanied by their two granddaughters: Margaret and the future Queen Elizabeth.

During the celebrations the King received an extensive number of telegrams from across the globe with good wishes, both from heads of state and ordinary people. The public's reaction to George V's appearances over the celebratory period only confirmed the popularity of a Jubilee celebration as well as the esteem in which the King was held.'

From: *Jubilee-ation: A History of Royal Jubilees in Public Parks*

by David Lambert, publ online for ©English Heritage, 20 April 2012

'One commentator remarked that the London celebrations were markedly different in character from those of the 1887 and 1897 jubilees. In 1887, relaxed drinking hours had turned the West End into "a perfect Pandemonium". In 1935, by contrast, "Never had one seen so much general unloosening of conventions and class decorum, and never had one seen in a season of rejoicings so little drunkenness, rowdiness or bad temper. Perhaps the novel beauty of the floodlighting on the public buildings and on the trees in the park, and other wonderful signs of the new era made us more conscious that week that our manners should be attuned to it." A sign of the times, perhaps, was that the London Vegetarian Society wrote to the Bishop of Manchester to protest about "public ox-roasting for amusement". The mood is captured in press reports of the celebrations in Hyde Park:

"The King last night initiated a spectacular act of celebration of his Jubilee Day by pressing an electric button at Buckingham Palace and lighting the huge beacon in Hyde Park, which was the signal for a chain of fires to sweep round the British Isles. When the time for the lighting of the beacon approached the crowd became so dense that it was impossible for traffic outside the Hyde Park to move. Inside the park Jubilee revellers who could not get near the beacon danced to the strains of all sorts of instruments – mouth-organs, accordions, portable gramophones, and bugles. Others joined in community singing. Rockets were fired from buildings gaily lighted with red, white and blue lights. As the first flames leapt from the beacon at 9.55 cheer upon cheer sounded through the park. Crowds of people ran towards the beacon from all parts of the park, and many people climbed the railings in order to obtain a view of the spectacle."

From: *The Lady online:* <https://lady.co.uk/now-thats-celebration-or-200-years-royal-jubilees>

'Some 38 years later, King George V wrote rather poignantly, "I remember so well both Queen Victoria's Jubilees and can't yet realise that I am having one now." His Silver Jubilee occurred in very different times from those of his grandmother. Unlike the heady days of imperial glory in 1897, by 1935, Britain was a country still scarred by the Great War and suffering from a severe economic depression. There was some doubt, not least from the King himself, about whether anyone would want to celebrate. In the event, he was dumbfounded by the rousing reception he received on 6 May, when he left Buckingham Palace to drive to St Paul's Cathedral for the service of thanksgiving.

In the weeks afterwards, he and Queen Mary, occasionally accompanied by their granddaughters Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, visited many deprived areas of London. Here they were greeted by cheering crowds and patriotic banners, at least one of which read "The East End – Lousy but Loyal". The King was astonished, "I'd no idea they felt like that about me," he said, "I am beginning to think they must really like me for myself."

APPENDIX III

The Programme of Events for Effingham's Silver Jubilee Celebrations

*to the Chairman's Compliments,
Good wishes. S. V. 35
J. Stewart Adams.*

EFFINGHAM VILLAGE

MAY 6th, 1935



Celebrations to commemorate Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee will take place in Pit Carn Field.

Judges—Mrs. Macnair, The Rev. H. A. Floud and Committee Members.

Marshal—R. Street.

First Aid Arrangements—Miss Parker.

Starter—A. W. Carter.

Stewards—Members of Committee and H. Bridger, Miss Whale, F. Loxley.

Chairman—J. Stewart Adams.

Hon. Sec.—Ivor A. W. McGowan.

Hon. Treasurer—Mrs. M. Whale.

PROGRAMME of EVENTS

Dyer the Printer, Leatherhead.—2840 Phone 100.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

9 a.m. Morning Prayer.
(The Official Thanksgiving Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 12th.)

11 a.m. Children's Fancy Dress Procession.
Assembly at Effingham School at 10-30 a.m.
Adjudication by Mrs. Macnair on Yew Tree House Lawn.

2 p.m. Planting of Jubilee Tree,
(presented by O. Slocock, Esq., Captain of Effingham Manor Golf Club), by Mrs. Stewart Adams, who has rendered 25 years unbroken service to Effingham School.

Procession to Fete Ground.

Floral Tribute placed on Shrine.

Parades—

1. Decorated Perambulators with Babies.
2. Decorated Perambulators with Dolls.
3. Decorated Bicycles.

2-30 p.m. Kindergarten Antics.
Miss I. Dixon. Miss Whale.

3 p.m. Stoolball. Scholars v. Ex-Scholars.

JUNIOR SPORTS.

age 7-10.

Mrs. Dibden. Miss E. Killick.

3-45 p.m. INTERMEDIATES.

Age 10-12.

Mrs. Stewart Adams.

Miss Ivy Croxall.

4 p.m. SENIORS' CONTESTS.

Age 12—14.

Rev. Bird. Miss Parker.

4-30 p.m. Tea for Children.

5 p.m. Tea for Adults.

6 p.m. PRESENTATION of
JUBILEE SOUVENIRS

by Mrs. Floud, Mrs. Whale,
Miss Woods.

6-15 p.m. STOOLBALL MATCH.

School Girls v. Members of
Women's Institute.

7 p.m. Demoiselles. Youths.

Flower Pot Race. Slow Bicycle
Potato Race. Race.

100 yds. flat. Throwing the
Obstacle Race. Cricket Ball.

Sack Race. Obstacle Race.
Kicking Football.

Dressing Race.

440 yds. flat.

Miss Madge.

8 p.m.

Tug-o'-War.

Single v. Married.

Jim Forehead v. A. Poland.

Married Folk Trotting in Double
Harness.

H. Bridger.

VETERANS' RACE.

60 yrs. + Handicap.

H. Bridger.

9 p.m.

BONFIRE and Sing-Song
(Community.)Carnival Dance at W.I. Hall 10 p.m.
to 1 a.m.

APPENDIX IV

Silver Jubilee Celebration speeches entered into the school log book

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Public Speeches in Effingham on Jubilee Day, G.V.35

No. ① at Planting of the Jubilee Tree in the School

Stewart Adams Playing Field -

'I very much appreciate the great honour, which has been conferred upon me, this day, by planting this tree in behalf of the Parish of Effingham, to commemorate their Majesty's Silver Jubilee. For you, boys & girls, I hope this tree - which is a symbol of Strength & Beauty - may ever remind you, that you should always endeavour to cultivate strength in your body & Beauty of Character.'

by Doris ② Governor, the children would be pleased to mark your Jubilee years of service willingly rendered & of duties, faithfully fulfilled. This bouquet, please accept as a small token.

③ by Chairman of Celebration offer you our thanks for graciously consenting to carry out this duty in behalf of the Parish. You are pleased to say it is an honour conferred, we regard it as an obligation from us which is your due for service to this parish, & the children who know you so well & appreciate your work, confirm this.

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I feel sure that the wish of all present here to day
 'is that your efforts in behalf of the young may
 'long continue. We congratulate you upon the
 'past & thank you, yet expectant of further
 'honoured service.'

④ 'honoured service.'
 to chairmans
 the Village ' Ladies, Gentlemen & children of Effingham
 at the Fête ' & your friends - I am privileged to extend to you
 'in behalf of the Com^{ee}. & in mine, a sincere welcome.
 'We are this day guests of the Parish of Effingham &
 'it is the Com^{ee}'s wish that we all unite thoroughly to
 'enjoy ourselves. If we do this, it would be just what
 'their Majesties most would desire - to be happy & to make
 'others happy. This is not the moment for me to say any
 'word of the wonderful work & the King & the members
 'of the Royal Family over a long period. There is not
 'a small child who does not know & I venture to say
 'it would not be possible to find a gathering whose
 'hearts are more loyal & affectionate to the Crown
 'than ours. Suffice it to say, they set us a lead
 'in shewing a truly Christian example of
 'relieving the suffering, aiding the down cast
 '& making life less dreary for weary people.
 'I am sure you would like to know, Our Comm^{ee}.'

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'have arranged that some measure of Comfort & good cheer
'has been provided for the Sick, the Aged, the infirm &
'for those of this parish, who by reason of any infirmity,
'are unable to share in our joy this day.

'We are met with a feeling of deep gratitude
'to the Giver of all Good things, & with the fervent
'prayer in our hearts of Long live the King - Then
'let us endeavour to follow that example of the Royal
'Household, so that wherever we go & whatever
'we do, the world may know there is someone to
'whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow.
'Thus, we can have the conscious satisfaction of
'making this world a little better than we found it."

The Circular hole for the Tree was dug by Alfred Lucas,
& John Evershed. The hole was filled in by
Edward Pollard, Dennis Jackson, Ronald Tynell,
Reginald Callens & Alfred Gleeson.