

**Parish of Effingham
Diamond Jubilee Celebration, 22nd June 1897**

To consider the question of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, a Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday Evening the 19th day of May 1897 when the following Gentlemen were appointed on various Committees to confer together and make arrangements for carrying out the said celebration in a fit and proper manner

Finance and General Committee

Mr F. Muir Chairman

“ Uriah Loxley

“ Samuel Brown

“ George Bristol

“ Alfred Alderman

“ James West

“ William Richards

“ Frank Edwards

“ Arthur Dilley

Refreshment

Mr A. J. Killick Chairman

“ C. E. Lambert

“ Edward Jefferies

“ William Butcher

“ ?Arthur Hamlin

“ Andrew Bonsey

“ Frank Hills

“ [blank] Griffith

Sports Committee

Mr J. G. Bristol Chairman

“ John Ottaway

“ William Barnett

“ Ernest Loxley

“ Walter Mac.neil

“ Frank Edwards

“ Joseph Tyrrell

Fireworks Committee

Mr C. E. Lambert Chairman

“ John Ottaway

“ William Butcher

“ Henry Booker

“ Daniel Tyrrell

“ Walter Mac.neil

The Committees met and arranged accordingly, & issued a Notice inviting all Parishioners to meet on Tuesday June 22nd at 1.30 o'clock in Mr Brown's home field, which was kindly lent for the occasion, when various sports and entertainments would be provided. Subscriptions were invited from everybody and the response admirable, over £68 being subscribed sums varying from £10 to 3^d.

On the 22nd of June the Parishioners duly assembled to the number of about 400. Swings and cocoanut [sic] shies were provided, and music was contributed at frequent intervals by the Byfleet Brass Band. Sports were organised for the youths and children, prizes being provided in the shape of Jubilee medals & money.

At 4 o'clock the children were entertained to tea in Mr Brown's barn, after which every child was presented with a Jubilee mug by Mr F. Muir.

From 5 o'clock to 7 the Adult Parishioners were served with a substantial meal in the barn, after which dancing and games were indulged in until [sic] dark.

Shortly after dark a display of fireworks was given under the direction of Mr C. E. Lambert, and at 10 o'clock a torchlight procession was formed, and headed by the Byfleet Band marched up the Guildford Road to Standard Hill where a large bonfire had been erected which was fired to the strains of God Save the Queen and after giving three cheers for Her Majesty the gathering gradually dispersed.

The best thanks of the Parish are due to Mr. Brown for his generosity in lending his field and barn for the occasion, & it was a subject of deep regret to everybody that he himself was prevented from being present by the illness which unhappily soon afterwards had a fatal termination.

Thanks are also due to the following Ladies who voluntarily worked very hard at preparing & serving the various meals –

Mrs Killick, Mrs West, Hamlin Payne Reeves Richer Tyrrell

Bixley Dench Barnett Sen. Miss Smith.

And many thanks was [sic] due to the Misses Lambert for the decorations, and assistance, also to Miss Lightfoot, Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Loxley.

And to the Gentlemen who served on the Committees and who have the satisfaction of knowing that their arrangements met with absolutely universal approval.

The celebration as a whole was entirely satisfactory, both as a display of loyalty to our Gracious Queen and as an entertainment which will dwell in the memories of all who were present. There was no hitch in the proceedings & nothing whatever occurred to mar the sense of enjoyment and good fellowship which prevailed.

Statement of Accounts

<u>Dr.</u> [Drawn]	£. S. D.			£. S. D.	£. S. D.
Prizes	2-13-0		By Subscription		
Swings & Tent	2-17-6		Mr C. E. Lambert	10-0-0	
Byfleet Band	10-0-0		" F. Muir	10-0-0	
Refreshments for Band	1-1-4		" J. A. Ross	10-0-0	
Medals	1-7-0		" C. Czarnikow	10-0-0	
Flags & Sticks	1-0-0		Miss Teesdale	3-0-0	
		18-8-10	Adml. Maxse	2-2-0	
Fireworks	15-10-9		Wm. Schwabe	1-0-0	
Faggots for Bonfire	1-10-0		Mr Alderman	1-12-6	
			List (19)		
		17-0-9	" Dilleys (62)	5-9-0	
Printing	0-4-6		" Edwards (32)	2-14-3	
Rubber stamp	0-4-6		" Loxleys (5)	7-11-0	
Policeman	0-5-0		" Wests (4)	2-0-0	
Watchman	3-0		" Bristols (10)	2-5-6	
		0-17-0	" Richards (4)	0-16-0	
Conisbee bill	8-19-3				68-10-3
West "	4-16-8		Takings at swings	1-3-0	
Coopers "	3-7-8				<u>1-3-0</u>
Richards "	3-4-2				69-13-3
Tiddyments	13-0-0		Mr C. E. Lambert	1-6-3	
Butter Labour etc	1-16-5		½ deficit		
Paid to invalids	0-15-0		" F. Muir <i>do.</i>	1-6-3	
		35-19-2			<u>2-12-6</u>
Total		<u>£72-5-9</u>			<u>£72-5-9</u>