

The King George V Playing Fields – Purchase in 1938

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In 1938 a small group of residents purchased, on behalf of the village, the 31.5 acres known as the 'Park' that had belonged to the then deceased Mrs Pauling, widow of the late Mr Pauling formerly of The Lodge. Their purpose was to establish playing fields, together with a village hall, in the heart of the village, and to achieve this they had to raise the purchase price of about £4,000. Raising the money and getting through the many formalities would prove to be an arduous undertaking, with many twists and turns along the way. The narrative below, which traces events from 1933 only as far as the successful purchase in 1938, is merely an outline. ELHG hopes in due course to produce a much fuller account of the history of the playing fields.

Playing fields and local councils

In October 1933 Effingham Parish Council (EPC) discussed a letter it had received from Guildford Rural District Council (GRDC). A new Town Planning Scheme required GRDC to seek suggestions from parish councils as to which sites should be reserved for allotments and playing fields. A month later GRDC sent a map on which EPC was asked to indicate such sites. By February 1934 representatives of both bodies had met but no decision had been reached about a playing field site. Further months passed. In June GRDC proposed that a site near Effingham Common could be reserved for both allotments and playing fields, but EPC rejected this. Finally, in September 1934 – a full year after the original request – EPC proposed that the site to be reserved for allotments should be the same as that then being used, namely a piece of land owned by Mr Willock-Pollen on Lower Road. It further proposed that the site to be reserved for playing fields should be a 6-acre area at the western end of 'Bramble Furrow' field. This field was adjacent to, and to the west of, the so-called Madge's Field (or Carn Pit Field) on the Home Farm estate and was accessible via the track called Madge's Lane. Such a site was far distant from any habitation or key resources such as water supply or toilet facilities necessary for even the most basic sporting facilities. Still, EPC had ticked a box for GRDC who had in turn ticked a box for the Town Planning Scheme.

The Effingham Silver Jubilee Committee

There then followed a period of three years during which no mention of playing fields was recorded in the EPC Minutes. Instead, during those three years the Council concerned itself mostly with issues relating to footpaths. The provision of recreational and sporting facilities for residents was not on its radar.

Meanwhile, however, a group of individuals had begun to take their own initiative in this matter. In early 1935 EPC had called for a public meeting at which to discuss the village's forthcoming celebration on 6 May of King George V's Silver Jubilee. At that meeting, which took place on 11 March, a small Effingham Silver Jubilee Committee had been formed, the elected officers of which were Joseph Stewart Adams (Chairman), Mrs Maude Whale (Treasurer) and Capt. Ivor Alexander Whitworth McGowan (Secretary); additionally, Guy Meyrick Mallaby Mallaby-Deeley agreed to chair an Appeal Committee. Some other residents were also elected to the Committee at this time.

Stewart Adams was the head teacher of St Lawrence School, living in the adjoining School House with his wife Florence, the school's other principal teacher known as the 'Governess'. By now he had lived in the village for a quarter of a century and had played prominent roles in various community activities. Mrs Whale had arrived in Effingham with her husband Edgar William in the late 1920s, residing at 'Windyridge' on Effingham Common. She was active in the Effingham branch of the British Royal Legion and was mentioned in newspaper reports for her contribution to local Legion entertainments. During the early 1930s the branch had undertaken its own huge fund-raising effort in order to purchase from Mrs Pauling a site in Lower Road near the Catholic Church on which to build its own hall.

Mr Mallaby-Deeley had been elected as President of the branch in October 1933 and had made a crucial donation to their fund enabling that hall to be built. He and his wife Marjorie Constance Lucy were living on Effingham Common Road at Slaters Oak which they had purchased in 1927 upon their first arrival in Effingham. Capt. McGowan, a barrister, had distinguished himself in the Royal Field Artillery during the Great War, earning the Military Cross and D.S.O. for conspicuous gallantry. His family had come to Effingham around 1934-35, residing at Beconridge in Beech Avenue. McGowan was much involved in the Effingham branch of the Legion, becoming its Chairman in the late 1930s.

Thus the Jubilee Committee was led by some highly committed, pro-active, capable and communally-minded people. Although their immediate task was the planning of the Celebration, a second objective had been agreed at the March meeting. This was set out in a letter sent by the Committee to all parishioners in early April 1935:

'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.'

In the event the Silver Jubilee Celebration yielded a surplus of £19-0s-1d which was duly committed to the new playing fields fund.

Minutes of the Jubilee Committee's several meetings in 1935 were summarized on a single page of foolscap, starting with the meeting on 11 March. At this time the project was conceived as providing 'a playing ground for the children'. On 26 March it was suggested that Mrs Pauling's 31-acre site known as the 'Park' was the most suitable option, and consideration was given to the possibility of the Parish Council financing the purchase through a 1p rate spread over thirty years. A sub-committee was formed consisting of Anthony Nicholas Diamantidi, Major Herbert Oliver Cundall and Mr Charles Nottage, tasked with progressing these ideas. Diamantidi reported back to the main committee on 15 April having conducted negotiations with Mr Beresford Rimington Heaton, solicitor to the site's owners (the trustees of the Pauling estate) and having established that a purchase price of £4,000 would be acceptable subject to the site being used only as an open recreational space with no buildings erected on it. The alternative 6-acre site near Madge's Lane could be purchased for £1,200, but again with no scope for erecting a building. On 21 May Diamantidi reported that the building restriction on the Pauling site had been lifted.

By late 1935 the sub-committee had evidently become named as the Effingham Playing Fields Committee (EPFC) and was using that title on headed paper for its correspondence, for which its given address was 'The School, Effingham'. At a meeting of the Jubilee Committee on 13 December it was agreed that Capt. McGowan should join the EPFC and that further members of it could be co-opted.

The latter meeting was evidently the last convening of the Jubilee Committee. Thereafter, from February 1936 the playing fields project proceeded under the remit of the EPFC until its dissolution in February 1947. All of its Minutes, meticulously typewritten in most instances, are contained within a single hard-back notebook onto whose blank pages the typed material was glued. It contains the Minutes of about two dozen EPFC meetings together with subsidiary reports and some correspondence, some of these as loose items. The Committee was dormant during most of the Second World War.

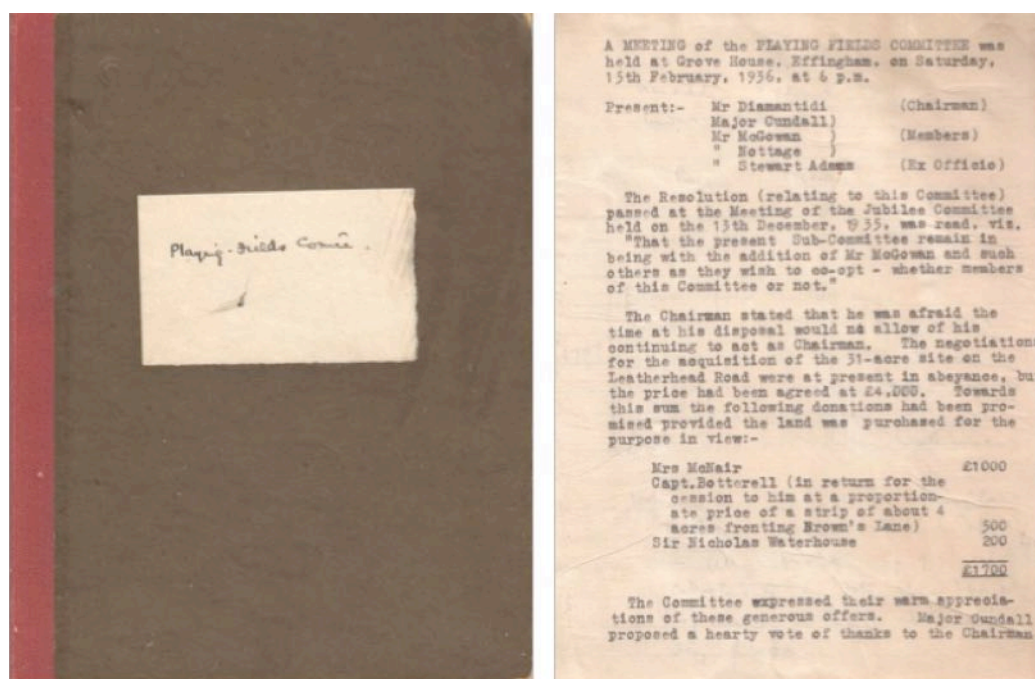


Figure 1 EPFC Minutes – front cover and first page from the meeting of 15 February 1936.

It should be borne in mind that these Minutes form only a small fraction of the surviving original documentation concerning the acquisition and subsequent development and governance of Effingham's KGV Playing Fields. By the same token, the story as related in this article should be viewed as no more than a brief synopsis of the principal players and the steps they took. The full story of just the first decade following the beginnings in 1935 is much more convoluted and would require a very much longer article to do justice to it. However, some sense of the project's complexities can be gained from perusal of the Minutes. They can be read in full on our webpage <https://elhg.org.uk/discovery/locations/kgv-playing-fields/kgv-fields-purchase>.

New opportunities

In the following year, 1936, two major factors – one local and one national – exerted their influence upon the Committee's course of action. Locally, the park land of The Lodge had been put on the market, advertised as being suitable for housing; it had already been zoned for just that purpose by GRDC. It formed part of the estate left by the wealthy railway contractor George Craig Saunders Pauling who had died in early 1919. His Will entrusted his estate to designated trustees, these being his widow Mrs Dolores ('Lola') López Pauling, his close friend John Scott and the Public Trustee. Mrs Pauling – in consultation with her other trustees and her solicitors Rider, Heaton, Meredith and Mills of Lincolns Inn – was now strongly minded to sell part of what remained of the estate, namely the 31.5 acres of remaining park land. She had already sold her former residence The Lodge with a certain amount of its land in 1928 to The Royal School for the Blind and had moved to the magnificent mediaeval Prebendal House in Thame, Oxfordshire whilst also retaining another residence in Knightsbridge, London; unless the villagers could meet her price of £4,000 the remaining park land would be sold on the open market.



Figure 2 Lola Pauling in the garden of The Lodge with her daughter Dolores Angela and an unidentified boy; the view is southwards, with the Park (the future KGV Playing Fields) in the background.



Figure 3 Lola Pauling with her baby daughter Dolores Angela, born in 1908.

The other significant, national factor in 1936 was that the Lord Mayor of London had set up a King George V Memorial Fund (see poster at right, from 1936) with the aim of establishing playing fields around the country dedicated to the King's memory, and had invited local authorities to cooperate in this task.

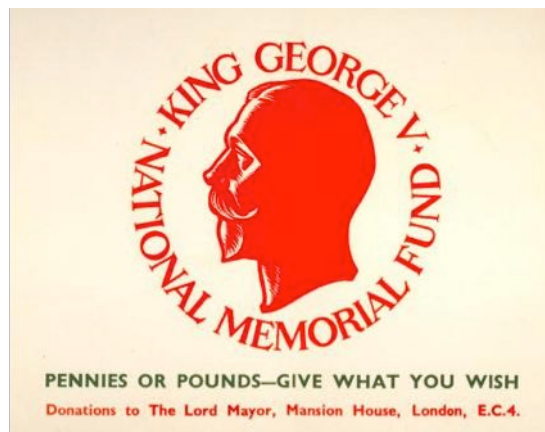


Figure 4 Memorial Fund poster, 1936.



Figure 5 The Lodge as seen from The Park, looking northwards; at right behind the trees are Mr Killick's cows.

At an EPFC meeting on 8 March it was noted that the Town Planning Committee was recommending that EPC should drop the idea of using the Bramble Furrow site and that EPC should incorporate its allotment scheme in whichever site was to be used for playing fields. A letter was to be sent from EPFC to the 'principal residents of the Village' inviting them to become members and stating that Stewart Adams would telephone each of them to make an appointment to see them. (In the margin of his copy he humorously pencilled in the remark 'a ruddy cheek'.)

By the time the EPFC met on 26 May GRDC had written to say that it could contribute to the purchase of the Pauling site and could incorporate the Committee's proposal into the Town Planning Scheme for provision of open space. Up to this date the Committee had been chaired by Mr Diamantidi but at this meeting he resigned and Stewart Adams was elected in place of him. It was agreed that GRDC's Town Planning Committee should be asked now to re-zone the site as open space for playing fields.

On 9 June Mr Diamantidi was asked by the Committee to request of Mr Heaton, the aforementioned solicitor, that the Committee be given an option on the site. A letter was sent to the King George V Memorial Fund enquiring whether help might be given, noting the intention to seek contributions also from residents.

At a meeting on 25 July Diamantidi confirmed that the understanding he had come to with Heaton was that the Pauling trustees would not be precluded from accepting a better offer from elsewhere, but in such a case would first notify the Committee. Stewart Adams said that he had met Mrs Pauling who 'was anxious to benefit Effingham' and was willing to grant an option for six months. Diamantidi said he would donate £250, bringing the purchase funds so far promised by individuals to £2,000. Furthermore, GRDC had now stated that they would give a 'substantial donation', without any condition as to control, as a contribution to the fund.

In August 1936 Heaton replied to an enquiry from Stewart Adams confirming that Mrs Pauling was willing to sell the land for playing fields at a price of £4,000. The EPFC now had a potential – and in many ways ideal – site to aim for, albeit a much larger one than needed for the purpose originally envisaged.

Appeal for funds

In these new circumstances the Committee now launched a local appeal for funds to secure for Effingham a 'King George V Memorial Playing Field'. This appeal was articulated in a four-page printed leaflet. It bore no date but its second paragraph began with the phrase 'The death of the late King in the present year', thus establishing 1936 as the year in which it was written; remarks in the EPFC Minutes indicate that it was composed in the Autumn. It is presented in Appendix I.

At an EPFC meeting on 7 October it was reported that GRDC had said they would probably agree to contribute half of the balance required once the voluntary donations total had been determined. The Appeal Fund Notice and covering letter had been drafted by Effingham resident Barnes Neville Wallis (who had joined the Committee following the invitations sent out in March). Prior to general distribution, Stewart Adams would firstly send it to Heaton and to Mrs Pauling for their approval. The former Jubilee Committee's balance of £19-0-1 was now transferred to EPFC's account.

Heaton wrote back to Stewart Adams on 20 November confirming that all was well and noting that the Committee intended to circulate it to the parishioners. The notice bears no names of those responsible for the appeal and, despite ending with an exhortation for residents to make donations, offers no practical guidance on the process for doing so. It is probable, then, that the covering letter supplied these details. It is clear that the Committee's ambitions had increased since it had been first elected. The notice sets out the intent of erecting on the future playing fields a small pavilion having changing rooms and storage space and, more strikingly, the following:

‘... a Village Hall or Club ... suitable for Concerts, Dances, Lectures, Film Shows, Whist Drives, Scout and Guide Meetings, etc., etc. ... endowing this village with opportunities for developing our communal life and social pleasures which should be unrivalled in any other Parish in the County.’

This vision in 1936 of establishing such a hall on this superb site would have been an exciting one for the Committee's members. They would not have believed that it would take thirty years to accomplish.

The Interim Report of 1937

In early 1937 the Committee produced and circulated an ‘Interim Report and Subscription List’, which can be read in Appendix II. It was dated 28 February and its covering letter was dated March. It includes a list of subscriptions already made, that is, promises of donations towards the fund.

The report lists the members at this time, most of whom had probably been members since 1935. Their original Treasurer Mrs Whale had left Effingham in 1936 and her role taken over by Mrs Nina MacNair, one of the six daughters of the late Charles Edward Lambert. She had lived among the Lambert family at Effingham House since about 1885 until marrying in 1905 to James Alexander Hill MacNair. She and James lived out their married life in various magnificent mansions in Kensington. James died in 1931 and in 1935 Nina, whilst still retaining her Kensington home, returned to Effingham and occupied Yew Tree House in The Street. She had probably been a member of the Jubilee Celebration Committee from the start and had certainly played a prominent part in that 1935 celebration.

The report also mentions that two new persons had joined the Committee. One was Aubrey Dibdin, who had pursued a very distinguished career as a senior civil servant with the India Office; he was living with his wife Sybil May at ‘Fair View’ in Beech Avenue. The other was Cecil Bramall-Jones, then living with his wife Julia Edith at ‘Two Oaks’ in Cobham Way, East Horsley. He was occupied as Mrs MacNair's general agent and secretary.

Mrs MacNair's name features prominently on an Appeal Fund Poster produced in 1937, of which a photograph is seen in Figure 6. This photograph was taken many decades afterwards when the original had fallen into a poor condition. Subsequently a faithful and full-size facsimile was made of it and is now displayed in Effingham's Parish Room.

Many of the details are hard to make out from the photograph but the words to the right of the plan at the centre read as follows:

‘The object of this appeal is to raise the sum required to purchase the 31 acres of land shown coloured green in this plan. It is the ... suitable site in the village for recreation park, playing fields, and allotments. When bought it will be declared an OPEN SPACE FOR EVER. If broken up for building it will be LOST FOR EVER therefore give now and give generously. Full particulars of the scheme can be obtained from the Hon'y Sec'y (and below).’

Other members listed in the Interim Report were Rev. Harold Arthur Floud, Vicar of St Lawrence Church and living with his wife Marion at The Vicarage; Rev. Francis Edward Bird, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows and living at The Presbytery; Anthony Nicholas Diamantidi, a property investor and living with his wife Gladys at Grove House on the Guildford Road; Mrs Lillian Olivia Mooney, stalwart of the Women's Institute and living with her husband Dermot Joseph at Rose Cottage in The Street; Major Herbert Oliver Cundall, Secretary to Effingham Golf Club and living with his wife Dorothy Maud at the ‘Dormy House’ in

Beech Avenue; Charles Nottage, farmer and living with his wife Agnes Louisa at 2, Brown's Cottages in The Street; Thomas Reginald Nicholson, living with his wife Jessie Winifred at The Barn behind The Street; and finally, but most definitely not least, Barnes Neville Wallis, engineer and living with his wife Mary ('Molly') at White Hill House in Beech Avenue. The former Mr Mallaby-Deeley had become Sir Guy Mallaby-Deeley in consequence of his father Harry (1st Baronet of Mitcham Court) having recently died thereby passing the baronetcy (a hereditary dignity) to his son. Within the family Guy was known by his second forename Meyrick.

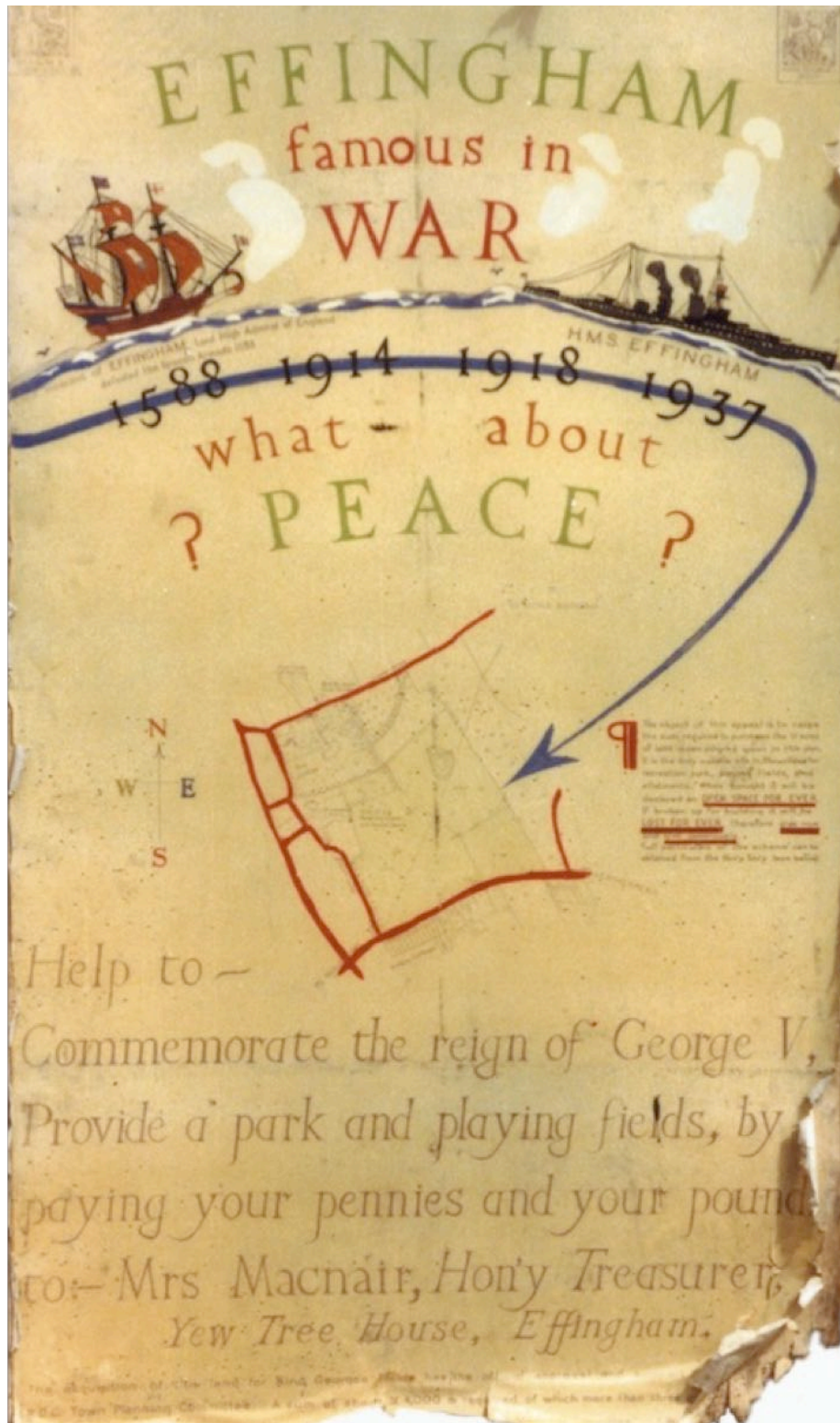


Figure 6 Appeal Fund Poster, 1937.

Thus in early 1937 there were 14 members, four of them from Beech Avenue. The Committee had renamed itself as the 'Effingham King George V Memorial Playing Fields Committee' but soon afterwards reverted to 'Effingham Playing Fields Committee'. In addition to the members, the Committee also had the free legal services, for their intended mission, of solicitor Sidney Alfred Williamson of London firm Peachey & Co. in the Strand. Williamson had long had interests in Effingham, including property development. Formerly he had been the Captain and Father of the Golf Club. At this time he was living in the village with his wife Milly in 'The Cottage' on the Guildford Road (distinct from the property of that name standing in The Street) whilst also having another home at 36, Queen's Gate in Kensington. His experience and guidance would prove crucial in the times ahead.

We have images of most of the persons mentioned so far:



Figure 7 Some of the EPFC members.

In her capacity as the new Treasurer, Mrs MacNair reported to the EPFC meeting on 13 January 1937 that promised funds now amounted to £2,714.

A small Negotiating Sub-committee was set up to steer the formalities of the purchase; its members were McGowan, Cundall, Bramall-Jones and Williamson. Their first meeting was held on 21 March. They agreed that the land should be vested in a body of trustees numbering at least five, and a list of names was drawn up of eight potential candidates. Williamson would determine whether the vesting should be done under the 1859 Recreation Grounds Act. He would also visit Heaton to see whether the purchase price might be reduced.

Mrs MacNair made a report on 7 May in which she recorded that the total money now received and promised stood at £3,273, but some of this had conditions attached. The Lord of the Manor Robert Reitmeyer Calburn had donated but had expressed to her that his earlier offer of a playing fields site on Effingham Common 'had not been appreciated'.

The Negotiation Sub-committee met again on 8 May and 27 June. The members were much preoccupied with the matter of land valuation and negotiations with Heaton. Williamson mooted the idea of vesting land in trustees with a 'committee of management'. Heaton had agreed to send them a draft contract. They held further meetings on 30 June, 4 July and 26 July. McGowan reported that he had seen Mrs Pauling on 15 July and 'had a friendly reception'. The King George's Fields Foundation had written to confirm that the Effingham scheme had now been registered as a King George's Field and that the National Playing Fields Association would be asked to see to the formalities attending that registration. It was agreed to instruct Williamson that restrictions on the use of the land should be set out in the eventual Trust Deed, not in the contract of sale. GRDC was to be advised that the EPFC now had the funds, received and promised, of £3,300 and was to be asked for further assistance (GRDC had already offered £1,000, included in that total).

The Committee met again on 13 October. GRDC had written to promise a further £700 towards the fund. Heaton had confirmed that the price would not be reduced below £4,000. Williamson expressed his wish for a contract that allowed the possibility of the fields being used in the future for other purposes, subject to certain conditions entailing the approval of a majority of Effingham's property owners and ratepayers and also of Mrs Pauling or her successors in title.

At the first meeting of EPFC in 1938, held on 19 January at Mrs MacNair's home Yew Tree House, Williamson reported that the contract had been completed and was ready to be signed. It was resolved that the purchasing trustees, authorised to enter into the contract and sign it on behalf of the Committee, would be Bird, Dibdin, Floud, Langley, Nottage, Wallis and Williamson.

Concluding the purchase

During 1937-38 correspondence flowed between the Committee, its solicitor Williamson, Mrs Pauling's solicitor Heaton, the King George's Fields Foundation, the latter's successor the National Playing Fields Association, GRDC, other potential grant providers, donors and the local Press. As noted already, in early 1937 Williamson had advised that the purchasers of the land should be constituted as:

‘... a body of trustees consisting mainly of prominent local residents ...’, recommended to be at least five in number,

and that the land then be vested by a Trust Deed in those trustees together with a body of people appointed to manage the land. By this means the Committee could meet the formal requirements concerning the vested status of land imposed by the King George's Fields Foundation for the purpose of awarding grants. Some difficulties arose in the Committee's dealings with the Foundation, to the extent that one might have thought it not worth the involvement, considering that the prospective grant (£500) was only a modest fraction of the total purchase price. But, without the Foundation and the associated dedication of the land as a memorial to King George V, the much larger hoped-for grant from GRDC would almost certainly not have been forthcoming. Furthermore, Mrs Pauling would not have been satisfied that the land would be legally constrained to the sole purpose of playing fields, which was her firm desire. Thus, the Foundation had to remain an integral element in the process.

Correspondence from Williamson indicates that by April 1938 a body of potential trustees was being assembled. Most of them would be members of the Committee. At a meeting on 23 May the Committee resolved that its Secretary should write to the Foundation to explain the current position and to ask for its contribution to meet the balance of the purchase price. Accordingly, on 26 May McGowan wrote to the Foundation stating that:

‘... contracts have now been exchanged with the Vendor, and the deposit of £400 has been paid ... The Trustees are under an obligation to complete the purchase and pay over the balance of the price (£3600) not later than the 11th August next.’

On 27 May the Foundation wrote to McGowan noting that ‘The Resolution passed by your Trustees on the 23rd of May, 1938 is quite satisfactory’. The term ‘Trustees’ was being used here only in the sense of prospective trustees.

By this time the appeal fund was virtually complete. GRDC had provided a grant of £1,700. The Foundation would in due course provide £300 of the £500 they had previously offered (although this £300 would not actually be handed over until April 1939). A single resident (whom we know to have been Mrs MacNair) had anonymously donated £1,000. Six further smaller donations added in another £705. The residue of under £300 – about 7% of the purchase price – was provided by a host of minor donations, every one of them listed by donor and amount in the Committee's accounts. Many of those donors were not residents of Effingham. Only a quarter of Effingham's households contributed anything to the fund. Any notion that ‘the village (as a whole) bought the fields’ is a myth. Realistically, it was GRDC, the Foundation and a handful of individuals who ‘bought the fields’.

The complete and finalized account for the purchase, showing every single donation to the last penny and including identification of the donors (except those few who chose to remain anonymous), can be viewed in Appendix III.

Completion in August was not going to happen, however. On 16 July 1938 Mrs Pauling died suddenly at her Knightsbridge residence 23, Montpelier Row (renamed as Montpelier Walk from 1939). The purchase of the land would now have to await the conclusion of the probate process by Mrs Pauling's executors, these being her older brother Alphonsus (‘Alphonso’) John López Guibara and her solicitor Beresford Rimington Heaton. Exchange having taken place back in May, with a deposit paid, the contract of sale was legally binding upon the executors.

The contract named the following seven persons as ‘the Playing Fields Trustees’, being the purchasers:

Bird Dibdin Floud Langley Nottage Wallis Williamson

among whom the only one not previously described was (Archibald) Gordon Selwood Langley, a retired bank manager living at ‘Green Trees’ in Ripley; he had been nominated by the National Playing Fields Association, to which the business of the Foundation had been transferred. Nottage was there as GRDC’s representative for the Parish of Effingham. The purchasers thus included a representative of each body that had contributed a grant towards the purchase. In the contract Aubrey Dibdin was entered as ‘Arthur Dibden’, an error that had been pointed out to Williamson during the drafting but had gone through uncorrected.

Meanwhile, at about this time an Effingham resident and Parish Councillor, Mr James Alfred Robert Bull of ‘Wemada’ in Calvert Road, had written to GRDC querying the constitution and other aspects of EPFC. Apparently he had previously raised questions on this subject at the Annual Parish Meeting on 23 March, although the Minutes do not record that. His letter to GRDC was forwarded to McGowan who replied to it at the end of July giving a quite full account of the Committee’s actions and intentions and confirming that no money had been borrowed by it.

Another letter was published in *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times* on 23 July alleging that there had been friction in the Parish over the purchase of the fields and requesting a clear outline of the funding scheme. A slightly sharp but full reply was written by Stewart Adams, denying that there had been any such friction and referring to the author of the letter as a ‘Mr Jay’. However, the author was more probably Mr John Joy of ‘Views’ in Orestan Lane who, like Mr. Bull, was a Parish Councillor (the Electoral Register for Effingham at this time contained no male with surname Jay).

At EPC’s meeting on 9 November Mr Joy, seconded by Mr Bull, proposed that EPC should enquire of GRDC as to whether it was going to schedule land in Effingham for playing fields. The motivation behind this is not clear. Their proposal was passed with some dissent, by three votes to two.

Just one week after this, on 16 November 1938, Williamson wrote to McGowan giving the news that everyone had been waiting for:

‘I am happy to inform you that the purchase has this afternoon been completed.
The Conveyance will now have to be stamped and the Trust Deed approved.’

The Conveyance is presented in Appendix IV. It stated the parties’ intent that the land conveyed was to be used and maintained as a King George’s Field for ever. It further contained a covenant restricting the use of most of the land to ‘playing fields for outdoor sports and games’ and a small remaining part to a ‘village hall and/or social centre for the welfare or benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Effingham’. Once the Conveyance had been finalized, it would have transferred the land in fee simple to the purchasers to be held by them for the benefit of another party (the inhabitants), so establishing a trust settlement in legal terms and making the purchasers its trustees. The land would have been vested in them as trustees.

The purchasing trustees including their solicitor Williamson had intended that, following the Conveyance, the land would next be vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands, enabling the purchasing trustees to retire from their role. A Trust Deed would need to be prepared and approved by the Charity Commissioner in order to effect the transition. This had not been achieved by the time the Second World War had broken out, so the business of transferring ownership to a broader platform for future governance had to be postponed. During the war, in a letter dated 21 April 1944 to the then Vicar of St Lawrence Church, Williamson wrote:

‘Arrangements were in hand in 1939 for the completion of a Trust Deed and for vesting the land in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and for the appointment of a Council of Management who would take the place of the present Trustees ... but the outbreak of war caused all these matters to be postponed until the position could be reviewed after the conclusion of hostilities.’

Still, the first key objective of the whole enterprise had been achieved: the village had acquired land for playing fields and, for the time being, that land was relatively safe from housing development.

It is striking, as seen from our present time, that although this was the most substantial land asset that had ever been acquired in the Parish for public benefit, the Parish Council (there to serve the public) had played virtually no part in it. In October 1937 it had merely noted, in a seemingly dismissive tone,

‘... the efforts of a local body known as the Effingham Playing Fields Committee who were endeavouring to raise sufficient funds by subscription for the purchase of the Parks ... which would at no time become chargeable to the local rates.’

In brief, as far as EPC was concerned, the public might benefit from the fields but they would not be taxed in order to pay for that benefit; who was supposed to pay instead was not discussed.

In April 1938 EPC had written to GRDC to enquire of its position regarding the land that had been scheduled by GRDC for playing fields in Effingham under the Town Planning scheme back in 1934 ‘in view of the purported acquisition of 31 acres of land for this purpose by the Effingham Playing Fields Committee’. No reply had been received from GRDC by the end of July, whereupon EPC had passed a resolution ‘to deplore the fact that GRDC ignore the EPC’. Other than this, EPC had nothing to say about the playing fields. The success of the Playing Fields Trustees in November received no mention in the Minutes of ensuing EPC Meetings until six months later, by which time everything was being overshadowed by the coming war.

Soon after the war EPC, under its new leadership of Barnes Wallis, would play a more prominent role in the arrangements governing the playing fields.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Figure 1 and Appendices I to III: archives of Effingham Village Recreation Trust

Figure 2: from the Pauling Family Album No. 1, donated by George Tabor

Figure 3: from the Pauling family's ‘Baby's Album’, donated by Terry Stevens

Figure 4: London Transport Museum Poster (artist unknown), Ref: 1983/4/9938

Figure 5: courtesy of the Jim Coughlan Postcard Collection

Figure 6: original photograph taken by Tony and/or Jessica Page and brought to Effingham Parish Room

Figure 7: assembled from multiple ELHG archive images from various donors

Appendix IV: courtesy of Effingham Parish Council

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APPENDIX I

Appeal Fund Notice distributed by the Effingham Playing Fields Committee in 1936

PARISH OF EFFINGHAM.
**King George V Memorial
 Playing Fields.**

PAST.

ON March 11th, 1935, a public meeting, summoned by the Chairman of the Parish Council, acting under the authority of the Ministry of Health, was held for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of King George's Accession. The meeting proceeded to the election of a small Executive Committee, and amongst other business it was resolved that should there prove to be any surplus from the funds then raised it should be devoted to the provision of a permanent memorial of the King's twenty-five years reign, preferably in the form of playing fields, which were felt by all present at the meeting to be urgently required in this Village. A surplus of £19 0s. 1d. was in fact, realised.

PRESENT.

THE death of the late King early in the present year has drawn the attention of the whole nation to the desirability of raising memorials throughout the country. The recommendation of the National Committee that wherever possible playing fields should be chosen, confirms the view of the original Effingham Committee, and encourages its members to proceed with renewed activity to carry out the wishes not only of the original meeting but of the nation in general.

The Committee, under the style of "Effingham King George V Memorial Playing Fields Committee," has, after prolonged discussion, decided to issue a local appeal for funds, and while the public announcement made by the Prime Minister during his broadcast in June last renders it unnecessary to enter into any detailed argument in favour of the provision of playing fields, it is felt that the Committee's action in issuing a *local* appeal requires some explanation.

The Committee has decided to proceed at once instead of waiting for action on the part of the Lord Mayor of London's Committee for the following reasons:—

(1) The Lord Lieutenant and the Chairman of the Surrey County Council have been invited to co-operate with the Lord Mayor of London in connection with the National Memorial, and in a circular letter addressed to the Parish Councils of the district the Chairman of the Guildford Rural District Council suggests that it may be thought desirable for a playing field or recreation ground in a particular Parish to be associated with this memorial, the amount collected being ear-marked for the particular purpose. Contributions in respect of playing fields or recreation grounds of this nature could be retained by the Parish, the amount collected being notified to the Lord Lieutenant of the County for inclusion in the record of the total amount of contributions towards the Memorial Fund. The action of the Committee is thus fully endorsed by the National and County Authorities who are dealing with the memorial.

(2) Effingham stands in a country district, and the Prime Minister clearly indicated that towns and suburban districts would receive first consideration when the national funds came to be distributed. The Committee understands his remark not as meaning that country districts are any the less in need of proper facilities in this respect, but that the fund being limited, consideration should first be given to those districts where unemployment or poverty naturally give a prior claim. It is unlikely, therefore, that any assistance could be received from this source *in time to prevent the loss of the only piece of land in the village which is pre-eminently suitable for playing fields.*

(3) The peculiar planning and situation of our own village does, in the Committee's opinion, render the provision of playing fields a special necessity in Effingham. The narrowness of "The Street" and other thoroughfares which have to carry a heavy motor traffic, particularly at holiday time when children are most in evidence, combined with the rapidity with which the whole district is being built over, have resulted in a complete lack of open spaces available for the playing of organised games, and the Committee feels strongly that should action be any further delayed, irreparable loss to the communal life of the village will ensue.

(4) It happens that at the present time there is for sale some 31 acres of park land adjacent to The Lodge, having a long frontage on the North side of the main Leatherhead Road opposite Victory Cottages and forming part of the Pauling Estate. This site, now in the market for building land, would form an ideal situation for playing fields, but its extent and the fact that it has been already scheduled for building development by the Guildford Rural District Council, render its acquirement by the normal process of purchase under authority from the Ministry of Health an impossibility, the approved area of playing fields to be purchased out of funds provided from the Rates being based on 4 acres per 1,000 of the population. This regulation has the effect of restricting the size of any rate-provided fields for this village to approximately 6 acres, a size which the Committee feels, in view of the rapid residential expansion now taking place, to be wholly inadequate. Fields of this area situated between Orestan Lane and the Guildford Road and to the West of "The Street" have already been scheduled by the Guildford Rural District Council for playing fields, but the Committee is happy to say that the authorities are willing to modify the present arrangements to those now suggested should the Committee be successful in raising the necessary funds to put its plans into effect.

It may be thought that the Committee's plans in attempting to purchase 31 acres when 6 would be officially considered sufficient are extravagant and impracticable, but the members feel that they are justified on the following grounds:—

(1) The playing fields now contemplated are not merely a rate-provided minimum intended to carry out the recommendations of the Ministry of Health in the economical manner properly practised by a public authority, but are intended to form a great and lasting memorial to a beloved Sovereign, whose reign must form a landmark in the history of this country for many generations.

(2) It is not proposed to attempt to finance any part of this undertaking from the Rates, although no reason is seen why contributions from the Town Planning Committee of the Rural District Council and the King George National Memorial Fund should not be accepted should these be available.

(3) The destruction of the park land in question would mar the beauty and rural charm of this once secluded village, while its preservation in the form of an open space would form a permanent addition to the amenities of the district. The site is well timbered, consists of fine land having a magnificent frontage to a main thoroughfare, is crossed by a footpath, and would in time come to form the centre of village life. While not wishing to appear to criticise the plans of the Guildford Rural District Council in this connection, the Committee feels justified in pointing out that the ground at present scheduled for playing fields consists of waste land with no road frontage, difficult of access, and situated some distance from the more densely populated and poorer parts of the village.

(4) The provision for allotments scheduled by the Guildford Rural District Council has the disadvantage of being situated at some distance from the land scheduled for playing fields by the same authority. The area of the new grounds would permit of a large portion along the Northern boundary being allocated for this purpose.

(5) The land, if sold in one piece for breaking up, is expected to realise over £5,000, but the Committee has been fortunate in enlisting the sympathy of Mrs. Pauling, and the Trustees of the Estate are therefore, as a result of her interest in the Parish, prepared to sell the land for the specified purpose of playing fields for the sum of £4,000. Towards this sum promises have already been received amounting to some £1,500, and it is hoped by the present appeal to obtain sufficient support to enable the Committee to enter into negotiations with the Solicitors to the Trust.

FUTURE.

THE Committee feels that if any further justification of their policy is required it is to be found in the manner in which their present scheme fits into the broad outlines of the general plan on which any attempt to secure recreation grounds and playing fields should be based. The complete plan falls naturally into four stages, each one of which forms a separate and finished step by itself.

STAGE ONE—PURCHASE OF THE GROUND.

When the purchase is completed it is intended that the land should be declared an open space vested in a body of Trustees.

STAGE TWO—(a) LAYING OUT THE GROUND.

(b) ALLOCATION OF ALLOTMENTS.

The acquisition of this land forms only the first step in its development as a centre of village life. This step will be followed by laying out the ground with Tennis Courts, Bowling Greens, Cricket Pitch, Football Pitches, and so forth, in which task assistance can be obtained from the National Playing Fields Association. It is hoped that sufficient surplus will be realised in STAGE ONE to provide a fund for a small endowment which, with the addition of subscriptions and annual contributions, will be used for the purpose of maintenance.

STAGE THREE—PROVISION OF PAVILION.

While it is possible on completion of Stage One to take immediate advantage of the recreation grounds and playing fields, the provision of changing rooms and storage for gear, etc. will naturally follow, these facilities being most conveniently provided in the form of a small pavilion.

STAGE FOUR—THE ERECTION OF A VILLAGE HALL.

The site is large enough to provide for all village activities, and looking to the future, the Committee hopes that it will be possible eventually to erect a Village Hall or Club. All those who are at present responsible for organising any social function will appreciate the pressing need which exists in this village for a suitable hall for Concerts, Dances, Lectures, Film Shows, Whist Drives, Scout and Guide Meetings, etc., etc. The possibility of combining all the various activities outlined in this scheme on the one site appeals to the Committee as endowing this village with opportunities for developing our communal life and social pleasures which should be unrivalled in any other Parish in the County.

IN CONCLUSION.

IT is usual in such appeals to stress the importance of small contributions, but while realising the value of the support of the small contributor, the Committee feels that in the present instance a special case arises where it is not only the privilege but the duty of those who are in a position to make *large* contributions to come forward with open-handed generosity to provide the means of rendering the lives of others, not so fortunate as themselves, happier and pleasanter in

this village for all time to come. It is scarcely necessary in these days when social service of all kinds is so freely preached, to emphasise this point, but the Committee feels that the present occasion offers a special opportunity for donors to take a great personal interest in the results which their gifts will help to achieve. The administration of charitable funds is so often a matter so remote and impersonal as to give the donor little sense of playing any active part in the fulfilment of his object, but in this case the result of *your* gift will be at your very doors; and as long as you are a member of this village community you will be able to witness with satisfaction the outcome of your generosity. A splendid lead has already been given by two or three well known residents. If you are in sympathy with this project may we ask you to do your utmost to help us to bring it to a successful conclusion?

Think for a moment! How much do *you* spend in one year on the maintenance of that lovely garden of which you are so justly proud? Ten pounds? Fifty pounds? A hundred pounds?

Would it be too much to give what you spend on your own to ensure the same pleasure in perpetuity to hundreds of your fellows, and to generations of little children yet to come?

APPENDIX II

Interim Report and Subscription List of 1937, with covering letter

Effingham King George V Memorial Playing Fields Committee.

	J. STEWART ADAMS -	Chairman.
	MRS. MACNAIR -	Hon. Treasurer.
	I. A. W. MCGOWAN -	Hon. Secretary.
MRS. MOONEY	A. N. DIAMANTIDI	T. R. NICHOLSON
THE REV. F. E. BIRD	A. DIBDIN	C. NOTTAGE
C. BRAMALL JONES	THE REV. H. A. FLOUD	B. N. WALLIS
MAJOR H. O. CUNDALL	SIR GUY MALLABY-DEELEY, Bart.	

THE SCHOOL,
EFFINGHAM.

March, 1937.

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with feelings of great encouragement and gratitude that I am able to send, for your information, the enclosed Interim Report on the response to our Appeal in connection with the EFFINGHAM KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS, which was issued last November.

You will see that, towards the required total of some £4,200, contributions or promises amounting to upwards of £2,530 have already been received.

The very generous contribution of the GUILDFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, which I am now at liberty to announce, shows that this scheme is backed by the enthusiastic support of the authorities concerned. The land in question has been officially valued, and the valuation confirms the information previously given to the local Committee that the purchase price, for the specific purpose of playing fields, lies well below the value of the land if sold in the open market for building purposes.

A study of the subscription list however, shows that the total of £2,531 18s. 0d. promised to date, is due to the generosity of only 58 contributors.

I think that this obvious lack of response from the very considerable number of residents who are in a position to help has arisen less from their disapproval of the project than from a feeling that, in the first instance, its very magnitude rendered the successful issue a matter of such grave doubt that they did not feel justified in supporting a cause that was doomed to failure.

This feeling can no longer operate. The scheme is, I had almost said, an assured success; but it does in fact require just that support which those who have been holding back are able to give. IT IS THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS THAT WILL SPELL SUCCESS OR FAILURE! YOUR contribution has the added importance, that it may be the deciding factor that determines whether the scheme can proceed or not.

May I beg all those who have not yet contributed to send their gift to Mrs. Macnair, remembering that this is one of those RARE OCCASIONS when you are justified in spending more than you can afford! And to those who have already so kindly sent, now is the time to send up your reserves; when the battle is so nearly won; when you have had time to recover from that feeling of extravagance which always comes over us when we have been asked to spend our money on anyone but ourselves!

If each one of us gives what he can reasonably afford, success is indeed assured; and you may rest content that you have fairly borne your share in the creation of this great memorial.

Yours very gratefully,

J. Stewart Adams,
CHAIRMAN.

Effingham King George V Memorial Playing Fields.

INTERIM REPORT AND SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

28th February, 1937.

The Committee responsible for the issue of the Appeal on behalf of the above beg to give the following report on progress made up to the present date:—

1. In response to the November appeal for a sum of £4,200, contributions amounting to £2,531 18s. 0d. have been received or promised.
2. The site of the playing fields has been inspected by the Chairman and other members of the Guildford Rural District Council. The Council have expressed their strong approval of this proposal, and have generously promised to contribute £1,000 (one thousand pounds) towards the purchase price, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.
3. The Treasurer, Mrs. Whale, has resigned her post on leaving the district. The Committee have great pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Macnair, of Yew Tree House, has very kindly consented to act as Treasurer, and all contributions should be sent direct to her in future.
4. Mr. A. Dibdin and Mr. C. Bramall Jones have joined the Committee.
5. It is not generally known that a part of the grounds situated in the North West corner was originally laid out as bowling green and tennis courts, being levelled and drained for this purpose. Although badly neglected, proper surface treatment should soon render the courts fit for use, thus enabling the playing fields to be utilised at an early date. A football pitch is already in use, by private arrangement with the present lessee of the grazing.
6. The Secretary of the Committee has been in communication with the National Playing Fields Association, King George's Fields Foundation, and other bodies. The Surrey County Playing Fields Association have already kindly promised £50 and it is hoped that further grants will be forthcoming when the Scheme is in being.
7. The Committee have been fortunate in enlisting the sympathies of Mr. S. A. Williamson, a Director of the Effingham Manor Golf Club Ltd., who has most generously consented to act as honorary solicitor to the Committee for the purpose of acquiring the land. The Fund will thus be freed, to a great extent, from the heavy legal costs involved in transactions of this nature.
8. It is earnestly hoped that all who are intending to subscribe to the Fund will do so at the earliest opportunity, as the Committee hope to be in a position to take definite action in time for some formal announcement to be made at the time of the Coronation in May next.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST OVERLEAF.

Effingham King George V Memorial Playing Fields.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

	£	s	d
Guildford R.D.C. (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health) ...	1,000	0	0
" Anonymous " ...	1,000	0	0
A. N. Diamantidi ...	250	0	0
Sir Nas and Lady Wadia ...	100	0	0
Surrey County Playing Fields Association ...	50	0	0
Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Floud ...	25	0	0
Sir G. M. M. Mallaby-Deeley, Bart. ...	25	0	0
A. Dibdin ...	21	0	0
I. A. W. McGowan ...	10	0	0
Mrs. McGowan ...	10	0	0
Effingham Village Golf Club ...	5	5	0
Miss Earle ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Stewart Adams ...	5	0	0
H. and P. Payne ...	3	0	0
G. P. Gooch ...	2	2	0
S. A. Hankey ...	2	2	0
Dr. Waterfield ...	2	2	0
Miss Dixon ...	2	0	0
E. H. Boxall ...	1	10	0
H. N. Bridger ...	1	1	0
Major Burne ...	1	1	0
T. Flack ...	1	1	0
J. Hutton ...	1	1	0
G. C. Touche, M.P. ...	1	1	0
Dr. Walker ...	1	1	0
N. Priest ...	1	0	0
Mr. and Miss Speed ...	1	0	0
Effingham Village Golf Club (Raffle) ...	12	6	
J. G. French ...	10	0	
Mr. and Mrs. Callen ...	7	6	
F. and W. Bartlett ...	5	0	
Miss Campbell ...	5	0	
Mr. and Mrs. Dench ...	5	0	
Miss Parker ...	5	0	
Mrs. Severne ...	5	0	
A. Ranger and Family ...	5	0	
T. A. Woods ...	5	0	
E. A. W. Cresser ...	2	6	
W. F. Edwards ...	2	6	
Mrs. Hall ...	2	6	
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison ...	2	6	
Mrs. Osborn ...	2	6	
H. Tyrrell ...	2	6	
H. E. Tyrrell ...	2	6	
Mr. and Mrs. Ede ...	2	6	
Mr. and Mrs. Edwards ...	2	0	
Mr. and Mrs. Goddard ...	2	0	
T. Dench ...	2	0	
	<u>£2,531</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis have promised £100 if four others will each contribute the same sum. One such contribution has already been received and is included above.

EPFC Receipts and Payments Account for 1936-46

PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE.

for the PERIOD from

15th OCTOBER, 1936 to 19th NOVEMBER, 1946

DAVIES, WATSON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
DORKING.

BANK CHAMBERS,
DORKING

WITH
DAVIES, WATSON & CO.'S
COMPLIMENTS.

EFFINGHAM KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE.D O N A T I O N S .

Adams, J. Stewart	5. 0. 0.
Allman, H.	10. 6.
Anonymous	1,000. 0. 0.
Anonymous	250. 0. 0.
Anonymous	1. 1. 0.
Anonymous	10. 0.
Arbuthnot, Mrs. J. E.	50. 0. 0.
Ayling, A. and family	5. 0.
Bailey, G.	2. 6.
Barnett, W.	5. 0.
Baron, W.	1. 0. 0.
Bartlett, Mrs. F. W.	5. 0.
Biles, Mr. and Mrs. J. and family	6. 0.
Bird, the Rev. Father	2. 2. 0.
Bird, Mrs. L.	1. 1. 0.
Boxall, E. H.	1. 10. 0.
Bradbeer, Miss B. A.	1. 0. 0.
Bridger, H. N.	1. 1. 0.
Burne, Major F. O. N.	1. 1. 0.
Butcher, Mrs.	5. 0.
Calburn, R. R.	26. 5. 0.
Callin, Mr. and Mrs.	7. 6.
Campbell, Miss E.	5. 0.
Coombe, Miss A.	1. 1. 0.
Covey, H. A.	2. 2. 0.
Covey, Mrs. W.	2. 0.
Cresser, E. A.	2. 6.
Cripps, F. E.	1. 1. 0.
Cox, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Essem and family	11. 6.
Dearling, Mr. and Mrs.	4. 0.
Dench, T.	2. 0.
Dench, Mr. and Mrs. W.	5. 0.
Dibdin, A.	21. 0. 0.
Dixon, Miss J.	2. 0. 0.
Eade, Mr. and Mrs.	2. 6.
Earle, Miss	5. 0. 0.
Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. E.	2. 0.
Edwards, W. F.	2. 6.
Effingham Coronation Committee	10. 12. 2.
Effingham Village Golf Club	5. 17. 6.
Ellis, Mr. and Mrs.	7. 6.
Elmes, C.	2. 6.
Evershed, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.	1. 1. 0.
Farrar, Mrs.	10. 0.
Flack, T.	1. 1. 0.
Floud, the Rev. Harold and Mrs.	25. 0. 0.
Forster, Perkin	5. 0. 0.
Freeman, Mr. and Mrs.	2. 6.
French, J. G.	10. 0.
Friary, Holroyd and Healy's Breweries, Ltd.	5. 0. 0.
Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. W.	2. 0.
Gooch, G. P.	2. 2. 0.
Guildford Rural District Council	1,700. 0. 0.
Hall, J. E.	2. 0.
Hall, Mrs. J. E.	2. 6.
Hampton, Mrs.	2. 2. 0.
Hankey, S. A.	2. 2. 0.
Hansard, Mrs.	5. 5. 0.
Harrison, Mr. and Mrs.	2. 6.
Harrison, Mrs.	1. 0.

Carried forward £3,145. 5. 8.

Brought forward	£3,145.	5.	8.
Hodgkins, E.		6.	0.
Hopkins, Miss E.		2.	6.
Hutton, J.	1.	1.	0.
Illingworth, Mr. and Mrs. G.	100.	0.	0.
Johnson, G.	3.	0.	0.
Kingham, Mr. and Mrs. W. G.	1.	1.	0.
Lambert, C. E. W.	100.	0.	0.
Love, E. F.	1.	1.	0.
Luckham, J. B.	6.	6.	0.
McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. W.	20.	0.	0.
McLellan, H.	1.	1.	0.
Mallaby-Deeley, Sir Meyrick, Bt.	25.	0.	0.
Meadows, S. J.	1.	1.	0.
Micholls, Miss M.	1.	1.	0.
Micholls, R. M. B.	1.	1.	0.
Mooney, D. J.	25.	0.	0.
Murrell, J.		2.	6.
Nicholson, T. R.	10.	10.	0.
Ogilvy, Mrs.	2.	2.	0.
Osborn, Mrs. M.		2.	6.
Ottaway, Mrs. A.		1.	6.
Parker, Miss S.		5.	0.
Payne, H. and P.	3.	0.	0.
Penfold, Mr. and Mrs.		5.	0.
Perreau, Mrs.	5.	0.	0.
Perrin, H.		2.	6.
Perry, R. V.	1.	1.	0.
Pollard, J. W.		5.	0.
Priest, N.	1.	0.	0.
Procter, Mrs.		2.	0.
Ranger, A. and family		5.	0.
Ranger, E.		2.	0.
Ranger, H. and family		3.	6.
Read, Mrs. I. M.	3.	3.	0.
Read, Miss J. H.	1.	1.	0.
Robertson, L.	5.	5.	0.
Robinson, F. P.	1.	1.	0.
Ronaldson, T. M.		10.	0.
Ross, Miss	5.	5.	0.
Ross, Miss (Proceeds of Bridge Drive)	23.	0.	0.
Scott, Mrs.		2.	6.
Severne, Mrs.		5.	0.
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T.		2.	0.
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W.		2.	0.
Speed, Mr. and Miss	1.	0.	0.
Street, Mr. and Mrs.		10.	6.
Surrey County Playing Fields Association	50.	0.	0.
Teesdale, Miss	10.	0.	0.
Touche, G.	1.	1.	0.
Turner, Mrs.		2.	6.
Tyrrell, H.		2.	6.
Tyrrell, H. G.		2.	6.
Veness, Mr. and Mrs.		10.	0.
Wadia, Sir Ness and Lady	100.	0.	0.
Walker, Dr. R.	1.	1.	0.
Wallis, B. N.	105.	0.	0.
Waterfield, Dr.	2.	2.	0.
Winfield, Miss J.		2.	6.
Wood, Miss A. S.	1.	1.	0.
Woods, T. A.		5.	0.
	£3,769.	13.	8.

PAYMENTS.

BY Purchase of Land	4,000	-	-	
" Legal Charges and Stamp Duty in connection with purchase	40	-	-	
" Printing, Stationery and Postages	11	13	7	
" Bank Charges and Cheque Stamps	5	5	3	4,056 18 10
" Balance at 30th June, 1939, carried down				39 13 2
				£ 4,056 12 -

BY Bank Charges and Cheque Books	6	-		
" Public Liability Insurance	8	-	-	
" Fencing and Maintenance thereof	48	5	-	
" Signboard	2	9	6	
" Valuer's Fees re arbitration on rental value	1	11	6	
" Land Tax	4	11	-	
" War Damage Contribution	4	3	9	69 6 9
" Balance transferred to Trustees of Effingham King George V Memorial Playing Fields at 19th November, 1946				153 2 4
				£ 222 9 1

18th FEBRUARY, 1947.

RECEIPTS.

TO Balance from Effingham Jubilee Fund 15th October, 1936	19 - 1	
" Grant from King George's Fields Foundation	300 - -	
" Donations per schedule attached	3,769 13 8	
" Deposit Interest	7 18 3	4,096 12 -
		£ 4,096 12 -
TO Balance at 30th June, 1939, brought down	39 13 2	
" Rents of Land received	176 15 11	
" Sale of Sundry Building Material	6 - -	222 9 1

We have prepared the
above Account of Receipts and
Payments from the Books, Vouchers,
Receipts and Bank Pass Books of the
Effingham King George V Memorial
Playing Fields Committee and now
certify the same to be in accordance
therewith and correct to the best of
our knowledge and belief.

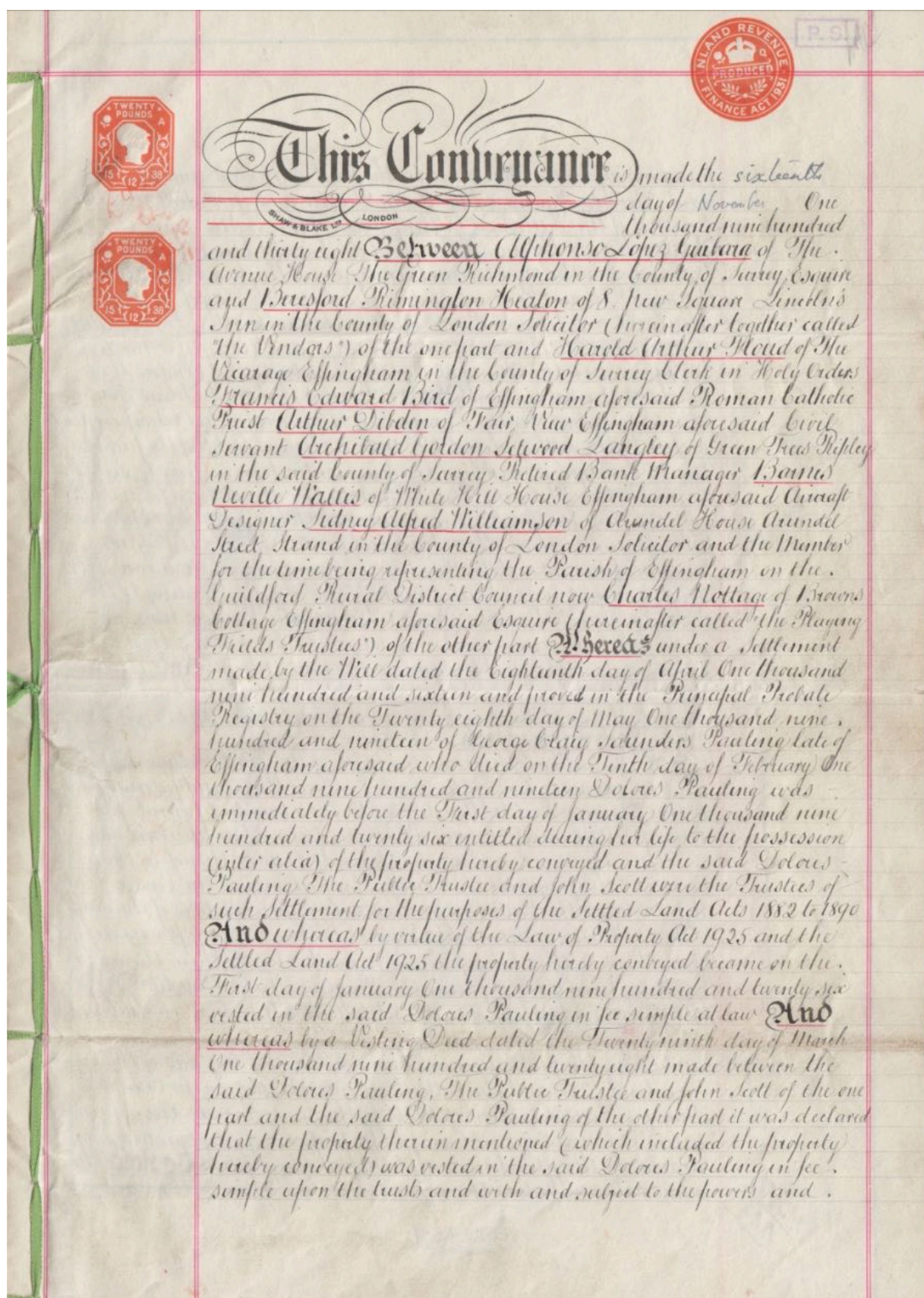
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Daniel Watson & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

APPENDIX IV

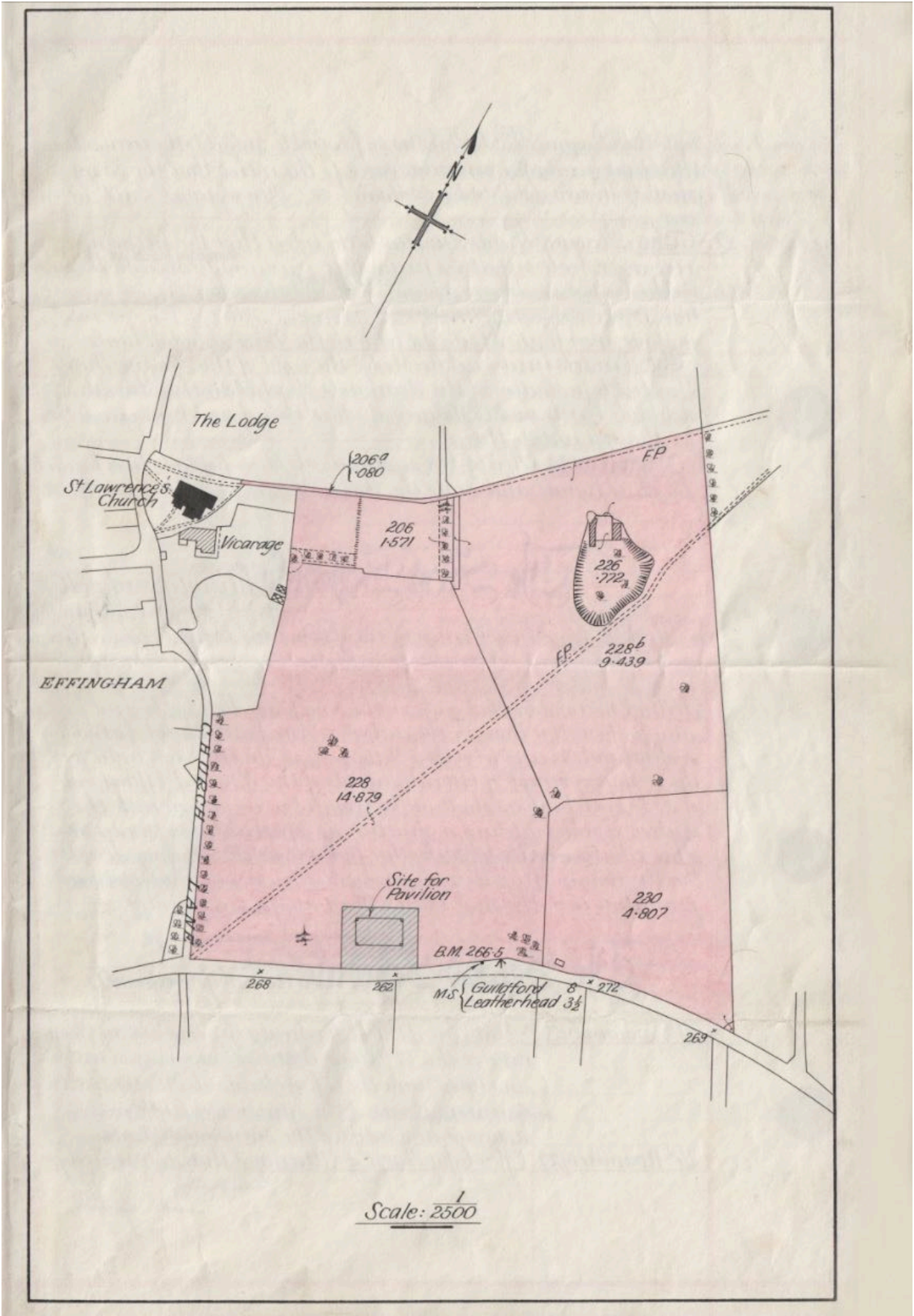
Conveyance of the Playing Fields site to the Purchasing Trustees, dated 16 November 1938



provisions applicable thereto under the said Settlement and that the said Dolores Pauling, The Public Trustee and John Scott were the Trustees of the Settlement for the purpose of the Settled Land Act 1925 And whereas the said John Scott died on the Eleventh day of February One thousand nine hundred and thirty six And whereas the said Dolores Pauling died on the Sixteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty eight and on the Twelfth day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty eight her Will was proved in the Principal Probate Registry by the Vendors the Executors therein named And whereas the said Dolores Pauling previously to her death in exercise of the powers in that behalf conferred on her by the Settled Land Act 1925 as tenant for life of the property hereby conveyed agreed by a binding contract in writing to sell the same to the Rayning Fields Trustees for an estate in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances at the price of Four thousand pounds and received Four hundred pounds part of the said purchase price as a deposit but no conveyance in pursuance of the said Contract was executed by the said Dolores Pauling to the Rayning Fields Trustees And whereas the Vendors have not given or made any assent or conveyance in respect of a legal estate in or affecting the said property or any part thereof And whereas the Vendors have agreed with the Rayning Fields Trustees to complete the said Contract in manner hereinafter appearing Now his Need witnesseseth as follows:

For effectuating the said Contract of the said Dolores Pauling and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand pounds paid by the Rayning Fields Trustees as to Four hundred pounds part thereof to the said Dolores Pauling deceased as aforesaid and as to Three thousand six hundred pounds residue thereof to the Vendors (the payment and receipt of which sums the Vendors hereby acknowledge) the Vendors as Personal Representatives of the said Dolores Pauling deceased pursuant to the Statutory powers conferred upon them in that behalf and of every other power them therunto enabling hereby convey unto the Rayning Fields Trustees All these pieces or parcels of land situate at Effingham in the County of Surrey containing in the whole 31.548 acres or thereabouts and being the fields numbered 206, 226 and 230 parts of the field numbered 228 and the footpath numbered 206^a on the Ordnance Survey (Revised Edition of 1937) for the said Parish All which pieces or parcels of land are for the purposes of identification only drawn on the plan herein and thereon edged pink To Have the same as to such portion thereof as is hatched green on the said plan

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unto the Playing Fields Trusts in so simple subject to the covenants on
their seal hereafter contained and to the intent that the same
shall be known used and maintained as "King George's Field" for-
ever.

2 The Planting Fields Trustees to the intent that the following
covenants shall subject as hereinafter mentioned ^{respective parts of the} land
~~hatched green on the said plan~~ ^{thereby affected} and bind the same into whosoever
hands the same may come hereby covenant with the Vinders in
manner more specifically set forth in the First Schedule hereto. —

3. The Vendor hereby acknowledge the right of the Playing Fields Trust to production of the documents specified in the Second Schedule hereto and to delivery of copies thereof and hereby undertake for the safe custody thereof.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto
set thur hands and seals the day and year first above written &c.

The First Schedule hereunto before referred to

(n) That the land hereby conveyed (except the land hatched green on the said plan) shall not be used for any other purpose than as playing fields for outdoor sports and games,

(2) That the land hatched green on the said plan shall not be used for any purpose other than for the erection on some portion thereof of a building or structure to be used for a as a Village Hall and for a social centre for the welfare or benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Essingham or as to such part as shall not be required in connection with the erection of such building or structure as a parking place for cars or other vehicles and for for such other purposes as the Playing Fields Trustees may in their discretion consider necessary or advisable in connection with the said Village Hall and for social centre. —

The Second Schedule *heretofore referred to*

19th January 1926 Dnd Poll of this date whereby the said Delores Pauling who on the 12th April 1921 had intermarried with and had become the wife of Frederick Charles Booth renounced the use of the surname of Booth and assumed and adopted the surname of Pauling.

24th November 1927 Office Copy Power of Attorney of this date whereby

the said Debra Pauling appointed Berisford R. Heaton to be her Attorney in regard to the before mentioned Will of the said George Craig Saunders Pauling and to do and execute all deeds documents ads and things required to be done in exercise of the trusts of the said Will.

15th Septmbr 1938

The heretofore recited Probate of the Will of the said Debra Pauling deceased.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Alfonso Lopez
Quilara in the presence of

Signature of
Witness
Address

J. E. Rudd

96. Harbison Avenue.

Kingston Hill.

Surrey.

Description

Company Secretary.

A. L. G.
H. Quilara

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Berisford R. Heaton
in the presence of

C. D. Bailey

8 New Square

Lincoln Inn

London

Berisford R. Heaton

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Harold Arthur
Heaton in the presence of

Harold A. Heaton

36. Rosary Gardens

S.W. 4.

Widow.

Harold A. Heaton

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Francis Edward
Bird in the presence of

Tom Martin

Tyke Burn

Effingham

Married Woman

F. E. B.
Frank E. Bird.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Arthur Tilden }
in the presence of
Ivor A. W. McGowan.

A. Tilden.

Beccunidge, Effingham.
Barrister-at-law.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Archibald Gordon }
Selwood Langley in the
presence of.

A. G. Langley

Ivor A. W. McGowan
Beccunidge, Effingham.
Barrister-at-law. Surrey.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Thomas Neville }
Watts in the presence of

T. N. Watts.

A. Tilden

Lawyer, Beccunidge
Effingham, Surrey.

and Servant.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Sidney Alfred }
Williamson in the presence of

S. A. Williamson

G. Gordon
Clerk to Messrs Jearey & Co
John, Russell House
Hundred Green, Sand. 1872

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the said Charles Nottage }
in the presence of

C. N. Charles Nottage.

Ivor A. W. McGowan
Beccunidge, Effingham
Barrister-at-law.