

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The appointment of Mr. H. M. Palmer as Organiser of the Church Fête was announced in the last issue of the magazine. There is evidence in this magazine of the wisdom of the Church Council in making the appointment, for Mr. Palmer and Mr. Roderick, who is assisting him, have already got the plans well in hand. We are grateful to them for their enthusiasm in this matter, and we hope that everyone will give them their full support.

We are glad to be able to report that the proposed alterations and improvements to the Day School are now well in hand. New toilet accommodation is being provided in the first stage of the improvements and modernisation, as well as cloak rooms (heated), a staff-room, and also servery for the children's meals. The modernisation of our Day School has been long overdue, and the cost of the work has increased considerably in recent years. The School Managers and Parochial Church Council are responsible for the payment of half the total cost (excluding the servery), and this in effect means that the supporters of the Parish Church must find the money. Fortunately, due to the generosity of those who have supported the Church and our Church School in the past, we have some money in hand. The Diocese has also promised a substantial grant. The Church Council will, however, be asked to make a considerable annual contribution to the fund in order that the future financial needs may be met. The present work of improvement of the School is only a part of the whole scheme.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next class will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, June 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Any who may have been unable to attend the preliminary class on Sunday, May 10th, should be present on June 11th. It will not be possible, except under very special circumstances, to admit those who wish to be prepared for the October confirmation service at Hambledon after June 11th.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP—VISIT TO NEW CATHEDRAL

About forty members were conducted round Guildford New Cathedral on Thursday, May 14th. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and we were most grateful to Mr. Head, Senior, and Mr. Lee for so kindly making a special journey to Stag Hill to conduct our party round the Cathedral. It was particularly fitting that they should be the guides on the occasion of our visit, for they both

have very special links with Hambledon. The visit was organised by Mrs. Haviland, our "Cathedral Builder", and we wish to express our thanks to her for making all the arrangements for transport. Our thanks are also due to the friends who kindly brought people to Stag Hill in their cars. The weather was ideal for the Cathedral tour, and those who climbed the spiral staircase to the tower were able to enjoy the extensive view of Guildford and the surrounding countryside.

HAMBLEDON CHURCH FETE

at the Rectory

Saturday, July 11th, 1959, at 3.0 p.m.

Stalls	Games	Side-shows	Competitions	Displays
	Teas	Ices	Soft Drinks	
		Donkey Rides		

Admission: By Competition Programme, 6d.

By ticket at the gate, 3d.

Gifts for stalls and refreshments, prizes for games and competitions, will be gratefully received by the following (or at the Rectory, if more convenient):—

Working Party and Sewing Meeting: Mrs. Williams, Bermonde.

White Elephant, Jumble, Books: Mrs. Chapman, Tigbourne Court.

Flowers, Produce, Jam, Sweets: Mrs. Cole, Beech Cottage.

Mrs. Macrae, Malthowe Cottage.

Cakes: Mrs. Head, Hydon Farm.

Bran Tub (Young Wives): Mrs. Grillo, Beech Hill.

Household and Hardware (School): Mrs. Hutchins, 9 Hydestile Cottages.

Choir: Mr. Hutchins, 9 Hydestile Cottages.

Teas: Mrs. Goad, Court Vale.

Ices: Mrs. Vacher, Salt Lane.

Soft Drinks: Mrs. Edwards, Paddock Close.

Side-shows: Mr. Roderick, Dora Cottage.

Fête Organising Secretary: Mr. Palmer, Willow House, Hydestile Cottage.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Ayling, Hope Cottage, Lane End.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

- April 19th. Paul Halsted, son of David Halsted and Joan Mary Pearson.
Timothy Edward, son of Michael Francis and Sylvia Eileen Coleman.
May 3rd. Louise Camilla, daughter of Alan Forester and Elizabeth Jean Secrett.

Holy Matrimony

- March 25th. Francis Roger Derek Corbett and Diana Caroline Hernay.

Burials

- March 5th. Herbert Douglas Carter, aged 84 years.



ARE YOU VISITING THE CONTINENT?

If you plan to spend your holidays in Europe this year you need not be deprived of the opportunity to attend the services of your own church, for you may be staying in one of the places where Church of England services are provided. Most of the European capitals, as well as other important cities, have an English Church with a resident Chaplain. Paris, Brussels, Oslo, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, The Hague, Barcelona, Geneva, Berne, Cannes, and many other centres in Europe, have their English Churches, where there are regular services of Holy Communion and the usual Morning and Evening Services on Sundays. In addition to these permanent chaplaincies there are many places where temporary Chaplains from England take special services for tourists during the spring and summer, and also in the winter at sports centres. Seasonal chaplaincies are opened in Switzerland at such places as Lucerne, Interlaken, Grindewald, Vevey, Wengen and Zermatt, and also at certain places in Belgium, Italy and Norway.

Information about places where one may expect to find an Anglican Church or services can be obtained from the Bishop of Fulham's Office, 222, Lambeth Road, London, S.E.1 (for chaplaincies in North and Central Europe), or from the Bishop of Gibraltar's Office, 35, Great Peter Street, London, S.W.1 (for Southern Europe and the Mediterranean Area). Societies which provide for many of these European Chaplaincies are the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society, 6, Holborn Viaduct,

London, E.C.1, and the S.P.G., 15, Tufton Street, London, S.W.1. These Societies will gladly give information about the services they arrange. The Automobile Association now includes a list of places in its Foreign Touring Guide, and many hotels and travel agencies at the various centres advertise services.

There is a list of the English Chaplaincies in Europe in our own church porch.

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HAMBLEDON CHURCH GARDEN FETE
JULY 11th

At a meeting and discussion held in the Rectory on April 27th it was agreed that this year the Garden Fête would follow the broad outline of last year's programme, but some small alterations would be made in order that the effort was as rewarding as possible.

Elsewhere will be found a list of the principal stall-holders, and it will assist them greatly if any gifts for their stalls can be sent to them direct, to the Rectory or to the address below.

Providing that the weather is fine, the Rectory garden will once again be decorated for the occasion, and admission will be by either competition programme, 6d., or ticket at the gate, 3d. These programmes will be on sale before the day and a handsome prize will be awarded to the best set of answers to the competition printed on the programme. Other competitions will be for the best pair of "knobbly knees", for flower arrangements (several classes, including one for children), and of course the usual guessing competitions. If wet, the Fête will take place in the Village Hall.

The sideshows will be varied this year, and it is hoped to introduce some new games and contests. If time permits, a children's crazy sports will be held, and entries for this will be taken on the day. Once again there will be donkey rides.

The Day School will present a short display, and it is also hoped to invite an outside team of Morris dancers to give an entertainment, but this will depend on their availability. During the afternoon a colour film will be taken of various aspects of the Fête, and this will be shown later at a Fellowship meeting.

H. M. PALMER, *Organising Secretary*,
Willow House, Hydestite.

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STOP PRESS! We are glad to be able to announce that LADY ROSE BARING has kindly consented to open the Fête.