

# ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

(It is hoped to publish this Magazine quarterly.)

## Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The various local events that have happened since the issue of our last Magazine you will find recorded in the news columns. I propose here to speak of one or two matters connected with the parish about which I have often been asked for information.

One of these is the history of the somewhat quaint gift of coats and gowns annually

certain lands for ever." The gift was to commence after the death of his wife Dorcas, and to "continue to the end of the world".

For three hundred years the long coats and gowns have been bestowed annually upon the twelve deserving people, but for more than a century a later and smaller house has stood on the site of the old Elizabethan mansion. Till recent times the "plentiful dinner" was still provided there, or at



made at Christmas time. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth one Thomas Walter built a spacious house with a big court yard and forty rooms in Pennis, or New Fawkham, as that division of the manor was called in those days. His son John reigned in Pennis after him till the first year of Charles I. Then he died, and by his will left provision for a good dinner every Christmas Day to two poor men and two widows of Fawkham, Ash, and Hartley. They were to receive, moreover, long coats and gowns of "good russet cloth". After attending Church they were directed to assemble at his "dwelling howse" and there to receive his bounty, for the due discharge of which he had "tyed and bowned

Scudders Farm, but the chosen recipients now, in lieu thereof, receive each the sum of five shillings.

This gift of coats and gowns is not the only link between the two parishes of Fawkham and Hartley. Till 1876 the children of Fawkham came to Hartley School, as did also the children of Longfield. There was one school here for the three parishes. The old school was built in 1841 for "Children of the labouring, manufacturing, and poorer classes." In 1876 an infant room was added, and the school and management reorganised for Hartley only. In 1907 the old building was condemned, and a new mixed school built at a cost of £600.

In our last number I told you of the old Rector who rode over from Greenhithe on Sundays to take the services at Fawkham and Hartley. Although at that time Hartley Rectory, which was then near the Church, was uninhabitable, the land attached to it was not allowed to go out of cultivation. I have it on the authority of one of our oldest inhabitants that the Rector invariably arrived in time to put in an hour's work in the garden before the bell began.

That Rector's predecessor was Thomas Blomefield. A few months ago I received a letter from his great great grandson, asking me if I could give him any information about his ancestor. He was Rector here for 49 years, and was also chaplain to the Duke of Dorset. He is buried under the altar in Hartley Church. One of his sons was General Sir Thomas Blomefield, the great grandfather of my correspondent.

Surprise is sometimes expressed that the Rectory is so far away from the Church. It came about this way. The Rector appointed on the death of Thomas Bradley did not, like his predecessor, live at Greenhithe, but at Wilmington. He was a man of means, and drove over in his carriage and pair. He was quite content with his home near Dartford, but there came a time when the Bishop, to his great annoyance, said he must live in his parish. He was obliged to acquiesce, but obtained permission to exchange the glebe near the old Rectory, that had fallen into ruins, for 13 acres of Hoesland Wood. He cut down the trees and built a Rectory which was more commensurate in size with his private income than with the revenues of the living. He was a man who took to himself the prescription of St. Paul for the Bishops and was a "lover of hospitality". And he said, so the legend hath it, that he could not expect his friends to toil up the hill to dine with him, so he built his house at the bottom. If only he had left the carriage and pair to his successors in the living and the wherewithal to keep them! Yes, the hill is steep, and the distance is two miles to Church, but there are worse things to put up with in life than a good walk.

At any rate, you know now why the Rectory is so far away from the Church.

I have been asked to tell what I know about the Lich-gate. It was erected to the memory of this Rector by his son and successor. It was made from an oak tree under which his father used to sit, the carving being executed by himself.

The records of the past, by the way, supply us with yet one more link with the neighbouring parish of Fawkham. A one time Rector

of Hartley, John Potter, who died in the year 1566, made in his will special provision that to the "Parson of Faccam" should be given his "silk hatt".

There is more to tell another time. Hartley has seen heroic days as well as homely ones. One Lord of the Manor fought with Owen Glendower. Another was hung, with the King himself to look on. Once the parish was sold to raise a ransom.

In later times there is the story of the headless horseman, and of the smugglers' cave in Hoesland Wood; but all these must be "Continued in our next".

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

### Church Information.

*Rector.*—Rev. CHARLES GERARD WINSTANLEY BANCKS, M.A., appointed 1902.

### CHURCH SERVICES.

Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

**Holy Communion**, 8 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month; at 12 noon on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month.

### BURIALS.

Dec. 3. Maria Ray, of Swanscombe.

„ 8. Ernest Ambrose Coston.

„ 28. Anna Maud Edith Harwood.

*Churchwardens.*—Mr. William Henry Daniel and Mr. John Wells Thatcher.

*Parochial Church Council* (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1923: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Daniel, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Thatcher; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Gray, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Walklate, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

*Committees*—Standing Committee: Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens and Miss Fiddis. Tithe Rent Charge Committee: Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. F. W. Tate and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

*Sidesmen.*—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. W. H. Walklate.

*Organists.*—Mr. Chisholm, Jun., Mrs. Oldrey and Mrs. Clark.

*Choirmaster.*—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

*Members of the Choir.*—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. R. Gray, Miss M. K. Leonard, Mr. W. Macaulay, Miss N. Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, and Mr. Chisholm, Jun.

*Sunday School.*—Mr. W. H. Walklate, Superintendent. Teachers: Miss E. Rodwell, (summer), Miss A. Sale (winter), Mrs. Gray (the whole year). Number in School: 30. Course of graduated lessons: "On the King's Side." Time: 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Affiliated to C.M.S., supporting C.M.S. boxes. Two prizes each class to be given. Children's magazines circulated in the Sunday School.

*Church Parochial School.*—Miss Fiddis, Head Mistress; Miss Porter, Infant School Mistress.

*School Managers.*—The Rector, Mr. D. Elphick, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart.

*Bell Ringer & Organ Blower.*—Mr. Rogers.

*Churchyard Keeper.*—Mr. Wilcox.

*Church Cleaner.*—Mrs. Cox.

*Sexton and Grave Digger.*—Mr. J. Crouch.

#### WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

"It shall be the primary duty of the Council of every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside."  
(Section 2 of the Measure.)

#### NOTICE.

Members of the Church of England, resident in the parish, are requested to sign the parochial Electoral Roll if they have not yet done so. Miss Fiddis has copies.

#### Editor's Notes.

I attended a children's Christmas treat in Fairby Barn. Mrs. Daniel was giving it. Miss Fiddis, Miss Porter, Mrs. Gray, and others, were all helping to decorate, to serve or to do the thing needed at the moment. Such happy children, such a charming hostess, such a tea, such presents, such a Father Christmas, and such a Christmas tree!

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The children sat at little tables, each table having a candle with a shade. Their mothers

would have been proud of them if they could have seen them. Their behaviour was excellent, and they helped one another. After tea they had all sorts of games, did exactly what they liked, and they did it well. I was so sad that I was not a child. Father Christmas gave me a little black baby, whose arms and legs could be moved about.

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My wife wrote to me when I was in London to say that Mr. Gray and his party sang Christmas carols outside the Gun Station and that the music was beautiful and inspiring. These kindly singers went to many neighbours, and Mr. Gray collected about £4 10s., which he is going to spend in music books for the Choir. We do want our Choir books renewed, and our Choirmaster has shown the way to do it.

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On Sunday afternoon, December 30th, we had a Children's Service in Church, with carols. The Rector read collects and a short lesson, the Parochial Reader had a chat with the children, and Mr. Chisholm, Jun., played the organ, which Mr. Black blowed. Really everybody in Hartley is so good and kind and helpful that it makes me a happy man!

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It was such a wet day, yet the children came in large numbers, and one elder girl, a friend of mine, whom I met a day or two afterwards, said, "It was ever so nice; I did enjoy it. My little sister had a cold, and Mother would not let her go out into the wet, so she cried because she could not go." Dear little soul!

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Mr. Walklate wants to have this Children's Service regularly, and the Rector agrees. We can all take it in turns to help. We must look after the children and get them to love the house of God and all it stands for. Ah, yes, I'd nearly forgotten. Walklate told the children that there would be a collection; young Blackwell collected, and the amount was 5s. 2d. Going home one of the boys said to Mr. Walklate, "That Mr. Wells Thatcher is a nut!" Fancy that, now!

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The parish is much indebted to Lt.-Col. J. Waley Cohen for bringing such fine talent to the Hartley Recreation Club. Mr. Newcomb, who is a musical man, told me that the "numbers" were all first class. Don't you think that it looks quite professional for me to use the word "numbers"? I'm quite proud of it!

The Colonel is ever ready to help with purse, with advice, and in other ways to make life in our village brighter, kinder, and better. More power to him, as "T.P." would say!

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It gave me much pleasure to hear of the treat to the children given by the Women's Institute and the Recreation Club. Oh, things in our parts are humming: they really are! Mrs. F. W. Tate told me all about it in a delightful letter.

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There was a meeting in the Schoolroom on February 6th, at which forty or more land-owners agreed, by message or in person, to re-apportion their land so that each owner should be called upon to pay his own tithe rent and no other. Mr. Gray stated that the agents, Messrs. Davis & Davis, had agreed to carry out the re-apportionment at a fee of two guineas for each person.

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Mr. Ball, of Bromley, came one Sunday evening and preached a good sermon in Church. I am told that Mr. Ball was much appreciated.

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I congratulate Mr. T. F. Tate on his successful concert and on his brass band. Reports of both will be found elsewhere in this issue. We must all give a bit towards the band. It is such a fine scheme, and appeals to me for two reasons: the first being that anything which tends to make village life more cheerful for men and lads is good; the second cause for satisfaction is that the members of the band can give pleasure to so many people at the same time.

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The visit of the Lord Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Harmer caused us all much happiness. The Bishop preached in our venerable Church on Sunday evening, February 10th. He told us that we must be awake so that the Evil One should be prevented from sowing tares amongst the good wheat. The discourse was so simple, that the children present could follow it and understand the profound truth that was being stated for the guidance of old and young.

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I really do believe that the Bishop was pleased to be amongst us. He liked the way the Church had been renovated, and the simple, quiet colours chosen. He liked the way the congregation responded and sang in the service. He said he would come and see us again on some special occasion.

The Bishop had had a long day of work in parishes far apart, but I am sure that his labour was lightened by the presence and support of Mrs. Harmer. She is so kind and thoughtful for others. I remember how well she looked after all of us Churchwardens when we went to Rochester on our appointment.

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My neighbours are adding to the pleasure of my days. New advertisements are being sent in for the Magazine. I am told that advertisers are actually getting business advantage from the advertisements, although they advertised rather to help the Magazine than in expectancy of any personal benefit.

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I am so glad that Miss Fiddis is restored to health. We all missed her. Before the Christmas holidays she wrote to my wife and said: "Tell the Editor that I have 106 subscribers so far for the Magazine. Everyone is quite pleased with it." Miss Fiddis got one or two ladies to help her, and the village was well canvassed. I shall not be happy until every resident is a subscriber. I am going to give value for money, so do not stand out, anyone of you.

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The other day Miss Fiddis paid me £6 1s. in subscriptions. Splendid!

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Mr. Farrow has kindly promised to become Treasurer of Hartley Parochial Council Funds. This will be a good thing for us. Mr. Farrow and his family are taking a deep, practical, personal interest in our Church and parish. I am indebted to them for many acts of loving kindness.

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We want somebody to be Secretary of the Parochial Council—somebody, man or woman, who can spare a little time, and whose hours of work are not too long.

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Now I must stop chatting to you. But this I say in conclusion. As this number is No. 4, I shall be able, in No. 5, to give you a financial statement of Magazine receipts and payments. Then we shall all know how we stand.

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I thought I had finished, but I haven't. On February 17th the Rector was quite ill.

He got through the morning service with difficulty. Mr. Walklate read the lessons, for the Parochial Reader was ill, too. In the evening the Rector of Fawkham, the Rev. J. Trevor Matchett, M.A., who is always welcome, took the service.

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Wilcox has a complaint against me. With great labour he set upright all the tombstones in the Churchyard which were toppling over. He thinks we ought to have a new picture, as the present one shows the stones as they used to lean.

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I am much beholden to Mr. Pullen, who has started a barber's hut amongst us. On two occasions he has come to my house to shave me after I have been ill. Pullen was gassed in the war, and has to be in the open air as much as possible. He lives with his widowed mother at Stanstead.

### Church Social.

A delightful party was held at Fairby barn on December 8th last. The object was two-fold: first, to bring neighbours together, and, secondly, to raise a little more money to pay off the debt for the Church reparations. It was a cause of much regret to me to be absent from such a happy and successful function.

Mrs. Daniel promoted the gathering, and is to be congratulated in getting together so many kindly, willing, and able helpers who, at their own cost, provided the tables with such nice things to eat and drink. I am not quite sure who did what, but Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. Weymss and Mrs. Daniel were all in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark looked after the Whist Drive. Mr. Newcomb was Director of Music. The vocalists were Mr. Newcomb, Mrs. Weymss, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Gray and Mr. Oldrey.

Mrs. Oldrey played accompaniments and danced music most of the evening. My informant writes of Mrs. Oldrey: "She was splendid." So that's all right. Mr. and Mrs. Gray lent all sorts of things and helped Mrs. Daniel out of many difficulties.

Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Clark provided the prizes for the Whist Drive. The sum of £7 9s. 2d. was taken for the object aimed at. There. If anything is left out or wrongly stated, now is your chance to get into the Editor, poor fellow!

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### Sunday School Tea Party.

It was with high spirits, long pent up for the occasion, that the Sunday School met on January 16th at 4.30 in Fairby Hall (by kind permission of Mr. Gray) to enjoy their Christmas and New Year Party.

The first item of note, being, perhaps, the most important, was tea; after the reverent singing of Grace, the children enjoyed such a variety of cakes, etc., perhaps never before seen in the Parish. The children's concert displayed much talent. Games followed, during which Santa Klaus made his appearance; each child received a present from his Christmas tree, and having wished us a Happy New Year he said good-bye (amid loud cheers) until Christmas, 1924.

Mrs. Farrow presented the prizes—Class I.: 1, Nellie Gray; 2, Doris Parkin. Class II.: 1, Mary Sale; 2, Rosie Glidewell. Class III.: 1, David Gray; 2, George Glidewell; 3, Maisie Glidewell (awarded special prize), being third by the loss of only half a mark. Many cards were presented for good conduct and attendance. The School will take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mrs. Gee, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Day, The Rector, Miss Bancks, Miss Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, for this never-to-be-forgotten Party.

From these few words I hope that the Parish will be led to prayerfully remember the Sunday School, one of the most important parts of our work; it is where we look for the mainstay of our future congregation. In due season we shall reap "if we faint not."

SUPERINTENDENT.

### Hartley Musical Society.

The first concert of the season was given on February 1st in the Schoolroom, and a large audience assembled to listen to a splendid programme given by the members of this Society, under their conductor, Mr. T. F. Tate. The concert opened with a gavotte, beautifully played on the pianoforte by Mr. Roy Chisholm, who subsequently also contributed a Beethoven sonata, both items being heartily applauded. Miss G. White proved to be the possessor of a very sweet soprano voice, which she used to good effect in her songs, "Love's a Merchant" and two of Liza Lehmann's "Bird Songs." The humorous element was provided by Mr. Chas. G. Middleton, who caused roars of laughter by his songs and short stories. Miss O. Knight contributed "The Arrow

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and the Song" and "The Ragman," which suited her resonant contralto voice admirably, and a duet sung by her and Miss G. White, "Beyond the Meadow's Gate," was also a most attractive number. A euphonium solo, "The Lost Chord", by Mr. H. G. Green, was also highly appreciated. The Choir (not quite so numerous as usual on account of sickness) rendered a selection of part songs of varied character, and displayed good tone, confidence in attack, and control of light and shade. Their most successful number, perhaps, was Dudley Buck's well-known "Hymn to Music," although all the pieces were excellent. Encores were numerous throughout the evening, and many of the audience would have liked every item repeated.

A special word of praise is due to Miss Burr for her excellent work as accompanist.

### Children's Tea.

The Women's Institute and the Recreation Club joined forces to provide a children's tea and entertainment at the Old Downs Pavilion (kindly lent by Lt.-Col. J. Waley Cohen) on Wednesday, January 30th.

Seventy-five small guests accepted the invitation and did ample justice to the good things provided. Following the tea, Mr. Arthur Sheed entertained the young folk with a ventriloquial and conjuring display. Mr. Sheed's doll-nephew made "back answers" of wit and impudence which enchanted the children; and sent them home with a "Good Night" song, received with mingled admiration and regret.

### Hartley and District Band.

As briefly announced in our last issue, a Brass Band has been started at Hartley, and the scheme has been taken up with the greatest enthusiasm. Following a public meeting in the Schoolroom, a provisional committee was formed to go into details of ways and means, and a further meeting was held, at which no less than 25 men and lads from Hartley and neighbouring villages gave in their names as members and paid their entrance fees and subscriptions. This number has since grown to over thirty. Instruments were obtained on hire from Messrs. Besson & Co., who have agreed to deduct the cost of hire from the price of new instruments when the latter are purchased. Rehearsals were at once commenced, also music lessons for the

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beginners, and excellent progress has already been made. On several occasions a contingent of the more experienced players has given selections at Hartley and Longfield, and the learners will join in these performances as they attain sufficient skill.

Lieut.-Col. J. Waley Cohen has agreed to be the first President, and the Vice-Presidents are W. H. Daniel, Esq., Rev. H. B. Hennell, H. S. Knight, Esq., and F. T. Hicks, Esq. Mr. T. F. Tate has undertaken the duties of Secretary and Conductor, and Mr. W. G. Benson is Treasurer.

An appeal is now being issued to all residents in Hartley and District for funds to enable the Band to purchase its own instruments, as the present ones are only on hire for a limited period. The promotion of the Band is a splendid thing for the village, as well as for the members themselves, and we have no doubt that all who are interested in the provision of opportunities for musical recreation for our men and lads will give it their hearty support.

#### **Hartley Recreation Club.**

A concert was given at the Club House on January 10th by members of the Stock Exchange Operatic and Dramatic Society.

There was a full and enthusiastic audience, who much appreciated the very excellent and artistic entertainment. The solos of Mrs. Trehearne and Col. Joseph, and the duets of Mr. Priest and Miss Nannie Kelham were all rapturously encored. The dry humour of Messrs. Queckett and King in their impromptu with local touches was very much appreciated, and the recitations by Mr. John Cohen were accorded a warm welcome. The final playlet given by Mr. and Mrs. Queckett and Mr. Marryat produced much merriment. In short, the concert was a great success and much appreciated by all who braved the elements to attend. The village of Hartley showed its appreciation of the visitors' kindness in coming to give the concert by turning up in large numbers.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Davis Cooke (President of the Club) to the company, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Oldrey, who very kindly lent their piano.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hartley Recreation Club, on December 12th, the report and balance sheet were adopted. It was decided to try and enlarge the membership by reducing the subscription to 4/-.

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ec. 9—Holy Communion, 2/6; Morning, £1 1s. 3d.; Evening, 11/10 .....	1	15	7
ec. 16—Holy Communion, 11/10; Evening, 11/1 .....	1	2	11
ec. 23—Holy Communion, 2/-; Morning, 18/-; Evening, 13/-..	1	13	0
Christmas Day, Dec. 25—Holy Communion, 17/-; Morning, £1/14/8	2	11	8
Sun., Dec. 30—Holy Communion, 9/7; Afternoon Children's Service, 5/2; Evening, 13/3 .....	1	8	0
Jan. 6, 1924—Holy Communion, £1 11s. 2d.; Evening, 16/3.....	2	7	5
Jan. 13—Holy Communion, 2/6; Morning, 16/2; Evening, 15/8..	1	14	4
Jan. 20—Holy Communion, 15/4; Evening, 12/- .....	1	7	4
Jan. 27—Holy Communion, 2/6; Morning, 16/10; Evening, 16/4	1	15	8
Feb. 3—Holy Communion, 14/10; Evening, 11/10 .....	1	6	8
Feb. 10—Holy Communion, 3/6; Morning, 9/9; Evening, £1/7/6	2	0	9
Feb. 17—Holy Communion, £1/0/5; Evening, 12/- .....	1	12	5

**EDITOR'S FINAL NOTES.**

This Magazine is becoming so big that I am getting nervous. The Rector says that he will stand by me, and that has soothed my anxious soul.

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Mrs. Butler kindly supplied the music for the carols which the Choir sang on the last Sunday in the year. Her kindly thought was much appreciated.

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I am so sorry to hear that Mrs. Clark has given up her duty at the organ. The congregation is much indebted to her for her singing and able service. She says she will lend a hand again when the need arises. Her kindly assurance comforts me.

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Young Mr. Robertson gave me 5/- the other day for the Magazine. I did appreciate it. Thank you, Sir.

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The new postal pillar box at Hartley Hill will be a great convenience to our neighbours living at that end of the village.

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It was told that the members of the Hartley band have presented a silver plated

baton to their conductor, Mr. T. F. Tate. This is a graceful and appropriate act.

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The Concert arranged by the Hartley Football Club for February 28th last will be reported in the next issue.

**Parish Information.**

*Chairman of Parish Meeting.*—Mr. Francis William Tate.

*For the County.*—Mr. George Day, J.P., K.C.C.

*Rural District Councillor and Poor Law Guardian.*—Rev. Edward Smith, M.A., Rector of Longfield.

*Overseers.*—Mr. A. Humphrey and Mr. W. T. Boucher.

*Assistant Overseer.*—Mr. Clifford W. Nairn.

*Parish Nurses.*—Nurse Weaver and Nurse Brennan.

*Women's Institute.*—President, Mrs. F. W. Tate; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Clark.

*Hartley Musical Society.*—Conductor, Mr. Tom Fleetwood Tate. Secretary, Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

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P.S.—MAKE IT NEXT THURSDAY.

**ELIZABETH TATE, President.**  
**HELEN CLARK, Secretary.**

*Hartley Recreation Club.*—President, Miss Davies-Cooke; Hon. Treasurer, Lt.-Col. J. Waley Cohen, D.S.O.; Secretary, Mr. A. Humphrey.

*Hartley Football Club.*—Mr. H. G. Green, Secretary; Mr. A. Humphrey, Hon. Treas.

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Weekdays—A.M. 7.10, 7.26, 8.14, 8.48, 10.20.

P.M. 12.27, 2.22, 4.11 (not Sats.), 2.27, 4.11 (not Sats.), 5.48 (not Sats.), 7.3 (Sats. only), 8.42, 10.28.

Sundays— A.M. 8.21, 10.15, 11.57.

P.M. 5.16, 10.25.

*Train Service between Longfield Halt and Gravesend (West).*

*Longfield Halt to Gravesend West:—*

Weekdays—A.M. 7.12, 7.47, 8.35, 10.12.

P.M. 12.47 (Sats. only), 3.30 (Sats. only), 3.22 (not Sats.), 4.44 (Sats. only), 4.46 (not Sats.), 6.5 (Sats. only), 6.3 (not Sats.), 6.41, 8.20, 9.24 (Sats. only).

Sundays— A.M. 8.42, 9.30.

P.M. 12.31, 2.17, 3.26, 7.41.

*Leave Gravesend (West Street):—*

Weekdays—A.M. 7.33, 8.23, 9.15, 9.54, 11.25.

P.M. 1.15 (Sats. only), 2.2 (not Sats.), 2.46 (Sats. only), 3.50 (not Sats.), 4.1 (Sats. only), 5.15, 6.32 (Sats. only), 6.44 (not Sats.), 7.22, 8.20, 9.0, 9.44 (Sats. only).

Sundays— A.M. 9.50.

P.M. 12.52, 2.37, 4.50, 8.45.

*Motorbus Services:*

*Longfield to Dartford:—*

Weekdays—A.M. 9.55; P.M. 12.25 (Saturdays only), 1.55, 4.25, 6.55, 9.10 (Saturdays only).

Sundays— P.M. 1.55, 4.25, 6.55, 9.10.

*Longfield to Gravesend:—*

Weekdays—A.M. 11.10; P.M. 1.25 (Saturdays only), 3.5, 5.45, 7.55, 10.10 (Saturdays only).

Sundays— P.M. 3.5, 5.45, 7.55, 10.10.

*Ash, Hartley and Longfield Bus Service to Dartford:—*

Leaves White Swan, Ash, on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 1.30 (not Wednesdays). Fare, 1/3.

Leaves Black Lion, Hartley, daily at 9.15; Tuesdays and Saturdays at 1.35 (not Wednesdays). Fare, 1/-.

Leaves Railway Tavern, Longfield, daily at 9.30; Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1.45 (not Wednesdays); Saturdays only, 6.20. Fare 8d.

Leaves White Hart, Green-Street-Green, daily at 9.40; Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1.45 (not Wednesdays); Saturdays only, 6.45. Fare, 6d.

Leaves Fox and Hounds, Lanes End, daily at 9.45; Tuesdays and Saturdays, 2.0; Saturdays only, 6.35. Fare, 4d.

Arrives Dartford (Two Brewers), daily at 10.0; Tuesdays and Saturdays, 2.15; Saturdays only, 7.0.

Leaves Dartford (Lowfield Street), daily at 12.30; Tuesdays and Saturdays, \*5.0 (not Wednesdays); Saturdays only, 9.0.

\* Waits at Fawkham for train from London at 6.25 p.m.

### Postal Information.

HARTLEY POST OFFICE (FAIRBY STORES).

*Business transacted.*—Stamps, registered letters, parcels, National Health Insurance, issue and payment of postal orders, Old Age and Army pensions.

*Letter Boxes cleared:*

Black Lion— 8.0 a.m., 3.10 p.m. Sundays: 3.45 p.m.

Fairby Stores—10.0 a.m., 4.0 p.m. Sundays: 3.50 p.m. Bank Holidays: 10.0 a.m.

Hartley Hill— 8.15 a.m., 3.15 p.m. Sundays: 3.35 p.m.

Stocks Farm— 9.0 a.m., 3.30 p.m. Sundays: 3.35 p.m.

North Ash— 8.15 a.m., 4.40 p.m. Sundays: 3.15 p.m.

Longfield Post, Telegraph and Money Order Office— 5.35 a.m., 12 noon, 3.15 p.m., 5.40 p.m. Sundays: 5.30 p.m.

### POSTAL RATES.

*Letters* not exceeding 2 ozs. 1½d., every additional 2 ozs. ½d.; *Postcards*, 1d.

*Printed paper rate.*—½d. for every 2 ozs.

*Parcel rate.*—Not exceeding 2 lbs. 6d., lbs. 9d., 8 lbs. 1/-, 11 lbs. 1/3.

*British possessions, H.M. ships of war abroad, United States of America, Egypt and Tangiers.*—Letters not exceeding 1 oz. 1½d. every additional oz. 1d.

*Foreign Countries.*—Letters not exceeding 1 oz. 2½d., every additional oz. 1½d.

*Early Closing Day.*—Hartley and Longfield, Wednesdays.