

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

(Published Quarterly.)

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I have been looking over our old Churchwarden's accounts and comparing them with those of some other parishes, and I think you will be interested in hearing something about them.

They tell us a great deal about the parish life in the past, and show us very plainly

much of the burden of local government rested on their shoulders. They were responsible for the upkeep and repair of the roads, for the appointment of many local officials, and they were expected to keep the parish free from vermin.

They have left a wonderfully interesting record of their duties and doings in the accounts which they annually rendered to the vestry at Eastertide.



how responsible and important a part the old-time Churchwarden played in parochial affairs.

In pre-Reformation times the office seems to have been solely ecclesiastical. The custodes ecclesie were wardens of the goods of the Church. But in the reign of Henry VIII civil functions were added to their duties. They were constituted relieving officers to deal with the widespread poverty caused by the suppression of the monasteries and chantries. They had to provide arms for soldiers. And by the time of James I

There are a few parishes which possess accounts dating from the 14th Century, but the early records in most cases have perished. Our own earliest ones have been lost, but those that remain are full of interest. Some of the old-time details would appear curious indeed if rendered at a present-day parish audit. *Paid for sparrows, 2s. Paid for a badger's head, 1s. For a hedgehog, 7d. For 2 foxe's heads, 2s. For ale and wyne. For holye oyle. For two peny worth of threde for the surplusse. Paid the minister for his dinner, 2s. 6d.*

According to our old accounts the Rector was formerly reimbursed the cost of his mid-day meal on the occasion of the annual journey to Rochester for the visitation.

The Churchwardens of olden days seem, many of them, to have been very good business men, but they were often very bad spellers. Here are samples of this little weakness. *For a pulcat and a heghog. A pont of bear for the cappenter. The Clerk's waigies. Tolling the bell. The cort feas. For six haskoks.*

One Mr. Samuel Muggeridge, a former Hartley resident, suffered severely at their hands. On one page he is *Samell Muggerag*. On another *Samawell Muggerreg*. Again he appears as *Sam. Mugarige*, or *Sam. Muggerigs*. The Church seasons were perpetual stumbling-blocks, as witness: *Wetsuntide, Whyttsuntide, Wytson, Mykell-mase, Rogacyon, Ester, Crismas.*

There is quite a lot of history in these old accounts. *Paid for 2 thanksgivings for the glorious victory of Lord Nelson over the French fleet. Thanksgiving for the victory of Marquis Wellington in Spain.* This under date 1812. *Two forms of prayer for the preservation of his Majesty being shot at.* May 1800. The accounts very often tell the tale of the times. In the reign of Edward VI.: *Putting up the 10 commandments and pulling down the rood screne.* And then, in the next reign, Queen's Mary's: *Defacing the 10 commandments, and putting up the rood screne.* Once more, in the reign of Elizabeth, *Taking down the rood screen and setting up Moyses's tablets.*

In the reign of Henry VIII the royal arms were ordered to be put up in the churches. In the time of the Commonwealth they were, in nearly every church, destroyed or defaced. We find such entries as *washing out the royal arms.* At the Restoration they were reinstated. In the Hartley accounts we have an entry, 1795: *Repairing the King's arms.* They no doubt hung on the front of the gallery, in our church, which was removed in 1862. I wonder what became of them!

A frequent item is one for refreshments. Churchwardens seem to have been a

hospitable body of men. They, also, on occasion, treated themselves, at the parish's expense. *Wine and cakes at the audit* is a perennial item in some accounts. And again, *Dinner and drink, and Beere when we gave up the accounts. Seven dinners on Sacrament day.* These were for people coming from a distance. *For dynner to the suffrean that day he hallowed the altar.* Again, *Wine bestowed upon the bushopp, 3s. 1d. Four bottles of common wine when the Archdeacon came to view the church!* Perhaps Mr. Archdeacon had found fault on the last visit, and the wardens bore him a grudge. *Liquer for the curate and churchwardens. Bread and cheese and beer for those confirmed. For drynk in the rood loft upon Palme Sunday.*

In church accounts there are continual reference to the bells. They wanted new ropes, and other repairs, and the ringers, in some parishes, wanted much beer. *Bread and ale for the ringers. Five pots of beer for the ringers.*

The bells seem to have been rung on very curious occasions. This entry occurs at Salisbury: *Ringing the day that the Earl of Pembroke his horse woon the cuppe.* At Derby the church bells were rung, *on account of news of the duty being taken off tobacco.* Again, *ringing for joy when news reached us of the beheading of the Queene of Scottes.* *For bred and drynk for ryngers in the great thundering.* *Paid for ringing when the tempest was.* It was supposed in those days that bell-ringing dispersed a thunderstorm.

There are, of course, many entries anent the pageants which were formerly held in nearly every church at certain seasons. Quite a lot of stage property, appropriate to the particular Festival, seems to have been required. And some of the items would appear very strange in the church accounts if we did not know to what they referred.

Here are some at Epiphany time. *Makyn of a star. Penting and gylding of a star. Mkying of skaffolde to take down the mone. For the hire of an angell. Hire of a beard for a proffyt on Palm Sunday.*

At Whitsuntide the emblem of the dove was in general requisition. In a parish in Suffolk a gift towards the expenses is thus recorded: *Money to provide for the Holy*

Ghost goying upp and down with a cheyne. On another occasion for the Holy Ghost appearing in the Church roof; and again, Paide for wyre to set up the Holy Ghoste. And Gloves for hym that played God Almighty.

There seems to have been much decorating of the church at certain seasons, but this "garnishing," as it was called, had often to be paid for. *For holly and ivy against Christmas, 2s. 8d. For trimming the church, 2s. 6d. To chyldryn to gather ivy, ½d.*

The choir and music loft ran away with some of the money. In our Hartley accounts we find, *Paid Mrs. Glover for psalm singing, 13s.; John Knowles on account of the singing, 12s.; the psalm singers feast, 4s.; to a tribyll for singing in the quier, 3s. 4d.*

Here is an item from another parish: *Spent on the singers at the ale house after late Evynsong, 7d. Also, For a boye which singeth in the quire a coat and pair of breeches, 7s. 6d.*

In the reign of Elizabeth every county was required to provide a house of correction for rogues and vagabonds, and every parish its stocks and whipping-post. The wardens were responsible for finding someone to do the whipping. And in the case of strangers they were in the habit of giving the delinquent a small gratuity, after punishment, to help him on to the next parish. *For whipping a poor man, 6d. For whipping a woman, 4d. For her passage money, 2d. For whipping tow pore folk, 2d. Given to them when they were whipped, 2d. Given to a boy for whippin a man and woman, 2d.*

Trellysses to kepe out crowes. Keeping birds out of the church seems always to have been a trouble to the churchwardens. In the old days they took no half-measures, as the following entries show. *Powder and shot to kill pigeons in the church. Gunpowder to beate the starlings from ye church. For shooting sparrows in the church. Paid for bird lime to catch owles.*

Making of the butts. Bread and beare when the butts were made. The butts were for shooting practice. From the middle of the 16th century every parish was required to have its butts, and every man his long bow.

The parishioners were ordered to practice at the butts on all Sundays and holydays.

There is an item which occurs year after year in our old accounts; and I have seen a similar entry in other parish accounts. Making the *seas*. Occasionally the word is spelt *seace* or *sess*, sometimes *seace*. The amount paid was usually 1s. Sometimes 6d. *Righting, or riting, the seas* cost a little more. This entry puzzled me very much till I found that it referred to the annual assessment of rates for the church expenses.

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.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 13.—Roy Hilton, son of Frederick Harry and Rosina Jackson.
 „ 15.—Frank Hilton, son of Frederick Harry and Rosina Jackson.
 Nov. 8.—[REDACTED] of Joseph and Hilda Weller.
 „ 29.—[REDACTED] of Ralph Ernest and Beatrice Irene Day.

MARRIAGE.

- Sept. 27.—Ephraim Eli. Blackwell and Edith Louisa Cole.

BURIAL.

- Sept. 8.—Edward Isaac Chambers, aged 53.

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

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1924: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Daniel, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells

Thatcher; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. A. L. Farrow, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

Committees—Standing Committee: The 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 J. Wells Thatcher.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox and Mr. W. Nash.

Organists.—Mr. Chisholm, Senr., and Mrs. Oldrey.

Choirmaster.—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. R. Gray, Miss N. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate and Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm.

Sunday School.—Miss Sale, 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, Headmistress; Miss Porter, Infant School Mistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. J. Green, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart, Mrs. G. B. Davies and Miss Rodwell.

Bell Ringer and Organ Blower—Mr. A. Rogers.

Churchyard Keeper.—Vacant.

Church Cleaner.—Mrs. Cox.

Sexton & 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.)

Editor's Notes.

The antiquarian articles by the Rector which appear in this Magazine are attracting wide attention. The Kentish newspapers have quoted them at some length, and have made kindly and appreciative comments upon them.

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As for the Magazine itself, it is becoming known and supported far beyond the boundary of our parish. This is most gratifying.

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I am very sorry to learn of the serious illness of our Church cleaner, Mrs. Cox; she is in hospital, and our friends go to see her as often as convenient. Her son [redacted] is very willing and helpful to us. We can always rely upon him to lend a hand to Rogers when called upon.

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Since the Church has lost the brilliant service of Mr. Roy Chisholm, L.R.A.M., his respected father helps at the organ, and when the Choir attendance is small he gives his musical, well-trained voice whilst he is playing. The congregation is equally fortunate in the devoted service which Mrs. Oldrey gives at the organ and Mr. Oldrey in the choir.

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Miss Bancks worked very hard on Poppy Day and organized a band of willing lady helpers. I have asked her to give me a short report and list of those who sold poppies on our day of solemn remembrance.

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Captain Webster's devoted work upon our War Memorial fills me with respect and admiration. With infinite labour and skill he decorated the turf with flower devices. "Lest we forget" was done in large letters. There was a cross, a heart, and an anchor, all worked in the turf with chrysanthemum flower heads. Our memorial is a credit to the County of Kent.

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It is hoped to get on with the Churchyard renovation as soon as the necessary labour can be found. We can only go as far as the collected funds will permit.

Miss Fiddis chides me for saying that the subscription for this Magazine begins with last June number. She reminds me that the first two numbers were free. I had forgotten. But I do want some money to go on with, so if you have any to spare give it to Miss Fiddis. Do encourage me. Don't let me droop like a fragile flower!

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Our harvest service was really beautiful,—reverent and beautiful. The ladies had worked so hard to make our ancient church bright and comely with the gracious produce of the earth. The Rector of Fawkham preached to an overflowing congregation. On the next day the fruit and vegetables were taken to Dartford Hospital.

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I was much touched one evening when Major Boucher brought our Boy Scouts to pay us a visit. Such bright-faced, eager boys. I heard their bugle well and truly sounded before they appeared. The Major has written me a charming letter. You will find it in another column. Do help him. Give him all he wants and more. It is a great work to which he has set his hand.

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Many members of our congregation attended Ash Church on October 2 last. It was the Harvest Festival. The Lord Bishop of Rochester preached the sermon. It was a happy service.

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That reminds me. I spent a restful Sunday afternoon recently with the Rector of Ash. There was a capital service at Ridley in the afternoon, and at Ash in the evening. Mr. Hennell made everything so easy and pleasant for me. He came and fetched me in his car and took me home again in the evening. I was reluctant to leave him and his delightful family.

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The following notes arise out of the Minutes of the last parochial Church Council:—Mr. Smith has attended to the Church heating apparatus, and Rogers says it is working all right. I can't abear a cold church.

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It is matter of general regret that Mrs.

Barton and her family have left the parish; they will be missed. Miss E. Barton has had to give up the hon. secretaryship of the Parochial Church Council. Miss Fiddis has kindly consented to resume this duty for the present.

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The Church is indebted to Mr. Gray for his devoted and able service as Choir Master. Just lately he has been interesting two or three nice boys in singing. He has taken much trouble with them, and now they sing in the choir. I fancy they are Boy Scouts. This is their special good deed on a Sunday.

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I have asked my friends who are specially concerned to let me have reports of the Hartley Women's Institute, the Parish Meeting, the Band, and the Choral Society. Look out for those reports, and read them—that is, if I get them! Yes, I've got them.

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The railway station master at Fawkham, Mr. W. E. Tapsell, kindly offered to correct the train service which appears in this issue. Was that not very decent on his part? Our station master is a good sort.

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After quoting at length from one of the Rector's interesting articles, the *Kent Messenger* of September 27 adds:—"What a volume of full-blooded Kent history could be made if all compilers of parish magazines delved into the past in this manner! At Hartley the local happenings of to-day are recorded with equal felicity."

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It delighted me to see our Magazine on the bookstall at Fawkham Station. The courteous manager, Mr. B. Redman, tells me that people buy them. I was going to shout "Hooray!" But I had better not, lest this little journal should be called too frivolous.

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Mrs. Ralph Day handed me some photographs which were taken of our Memorial on Armistice Day. I have had pictures made of two of the prints, and hope they will come out well. Thank you very much, Mrs. Day.

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Major Boucher is asking for a Scout-master. I beg some young man in our

village to take on this duty. Help these boys, help the Empire. God will bless you, my dear fellow, whoever you are, and the help you render to these youngsters will help you in a wonderful way. Mothers and fathers, who have just the son we want for Scoutmaster, persuade him! Help him! Support him! Pray for him!

very cheap. I have had some. If you want young trees, my dear readers, get some from Mrs. Costen.

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You will read with as much pleasure as I did the touching report of the children's tribute of praise and thanksgiving rendered at our War Memorial on November 11th. We



"Lest we Forget."



Their names in lasting bronze.

We had a Children's Service on one Sunday afternoon during the past quarter. The Rector and the Lay Reader helped, and Mr. Farrow gave one of his nice, helpful, simple talks to the children. These services always bring a lump in my throat when I look upon the children.

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Mrs. Costen is advertising her young fruit trees in this number. I want to help her. She is a widow. Her trees are excellent and

are all indebted to Miss Fiddis for her report and for the part which she and her scholars took on that day of Solemn Remembrance.

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The Day of Remembrance was kept at our Church on the evening of Sunday, November 16. There was a good congregation. The appropriate anthem was finely rendered by the Choir, and the Rector preached a beautiful and helpful sermon.

On Sunday morning, October 26, the Rev. Herbert S. Swithinbank, M.A., read one of the morning lessons and preached. The congregation was impressed by the deep spiritual teaching which was imparted to them. Mr. Swithinbank is a subscriber to this Magazine; it followed him to distant parts of the Continent which he has visited recently:

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The Parochial Lay Reader attended the Lay Readers' Conference at Rochester on November 22 last. There was a morning conference in the Chapter House, presided over by the Bishop, who was supported by the Archdeacon, who is Warden of the Lay Readers.

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After lunch there was a beautiful service, at which the Bishop admitted new Lay Readers, and the Rev. Edward Smith, Rector of Longfield, invested them with their badge of office. The venerable Dean, whom I knew many, many years ago, invited all Lay Readers to appear in their robes at Evensong. It was a stately but simple service in the ancient Mother Church of our Diocese.

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Finally the Archdeacon and Mrs. Tait gave us all an excellent cup of tea and other suitable accompaniments, together with a cordial and kindly welcome. Altogether a useful, helpful, pleasant day for Lay Readers. The devoted Secretary, Mr. Ash, is to be congratulated upon all the wise arrangements made by him for everybody's comfort.

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I have received from Mr. H. T. Jennings-Clark the annual report of the Ash, Fawkhams, Hartley, Kingsdown, Ridley and Stansted Horticultural and Floral Society. I had to take a deep breath after writing that long but necessary title. The committee from Hartley are: Messrs. J. Balchin, T. W. Elliott, R. Day, D. T. F. Gray, W. R. Baker and T. Hockley.

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One paragraph of the report is as follows: "The Industrial Section staged as usual their very interesting tent in a delightful manner, and the judges in both sections had nothing but praise to give for the high

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standard of exhibits." The balance sheet show receipts £128 14s. od., and the payments, £126 19s. 3d. The balance in hand is £41 4s. od. This shows good management.

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The Church was decorated for the Harvest Festival by Miss Bancks, Miss Newcomb, Miss Green, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Farrow. Fruit and vegetables were taken to Livingstone Hospital, Dartford, by Miss Bancks and Mrs. Farrow. The Rector subsequently received a letter from the Matron expressing thanks. I happen to know that Mr. A. L. Farrow worked very hard when helping in the Church decorations.

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The Rector has received the following letter from the Matron of Livingstone Hospital, Dartford:—"Oct. 15th. Your kind present of fruit and vegetables arrived safely to-day. Please accept our best thanks. Greatly appreciated." So that's all right.

Parish Meeting.

Quite a number of interesting items came up for consideration at the Parish Meeting held in the School on November 3rd. The Chairman (Mr. F. W. Tate) reported that the Southern Railway had acknowledged the resolutions of the previous meeting urging the Company to erect a footbridge connecting the platforms at Fawkham Station, and also to provide access to the up-platform from the Ash Road.

A letter from Longfield Parish Council was read, suggesting that one afternoon delivery of letters should be discontinued in order that the postmen might obtain a weekly half-holiday. The meeting resolved, after discussion, that while it was desirable for the men to be given the half-day, the authorities should be able to arrange the matter without depriving the district of a delivery.

The same Council also called attention to the proposed widening of Hoselands Hill, pointing out that the scheme would be greatly improved if the Southern Railway permitted the inclusion of the road frontage owned by the Company at the foot of the hill. The Chairman read a petition he had drafted appealing to the Company for their co-operation, which would secure to the parish a

larger scheme at less cost to the rates, owing to the fact that the complete improvement would be assisted by a Government grant. The draft petition was approved, and a number of signatures appended.

Several parishioners complained regarding the condition of the roads in the village. The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Boucher, Hartley's representative on the Dartford Rural District Council, in which he stated that he was pressing on the Council the question of road repairs, and it was agreed to inform Mr. Boucher that the meeting considered the matter urgent. It was also agreed that the Chairman should communicate with the District Council to the same effect, and, further, to ask for action to be taken where hedges and trees overhang roads.

The housing problem was then raised, some dissatisfaction evidently being felt at the District Council's apparent neglect of the parish. It was ultimately agreed that the Council should be asked to proceed with the building of cottages in Hartley. The Chairman here drew attention to the official ruling of the Ministry of Health that Hartley is not an "agricultural" parish, and suggested that in view of the meeting's decision to apply for cottages, the Ministry of Health should be urged to re-consider its ruling. It was agreed to approach the Ministry on the matter.

A parishioner inquired whether better police protection could be obtained, as he believed that although the village was growing quickly, the number of constables in the district had recently been reduced, and several burglaries had taken place. It was agreed to apply to the Chief Constable of the County for additional police supervision in the district.

CHRISTMAS WAITS.—It is intended that the Hartley and District Band will make a tour of this and neighbouring parishes during Christmas week, and give selections appropriate to the occasion. Collections will be made in aid of the Band funds, especially for the purchasing of instruments to replace those now on hire.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals are now in progress for a Concert to be given by the Society on a date to be announced shortly.

Church Collections.

s=Sunday.

h.c.=Holy Communion. m=Morning.

e=Evening.

	£	s.	d.
s. Aug. 31.—h.c., 16/4; e, 6/1 ...	1	2	5
s. Sept. 7.—h.c., 9/3; e, £1 3/10	1	13	1
s. „ 14.—h.c., 1/-; m., 17/7; e., 4/9 (Children's Service); e., 14/2...	1	17	6
s. „ 21.—h.c., 9/2; e., 18/9 ...	1	7	11
s. „ 28.—h.c., 1/9; m., 17/-; e., 17/4 ...	1	16	1
s. Oct. 5.—h.c., 18/3; e., 5/10...	1	4	1
s. „ 12.—h.c., 2/6; m., £1 7/4; e., £2 9/4—Har- vest Festival ...	3	19	2
s. „ 19.—h.c., 3/11; e., 16/-	19	11	
s. „ 26.—h.c., 1/6; m., 12/3; e., 10/10 ...	1	4	7
Nov. 1.—h.c., 1/- (All Saints)	1	0	
s. „ 2.—h.c., 10/-; e., £1 0/6	1	10	6
s. „ 9.—h.c., 2/-; m., 17/7; e., 11/6 ...	1	11	1
s. „ 16.—h.c., 15/8; e., 19/1...	1	14	9
s. „ 23.—h.c., 1/-; m., 14/7; e., 8/- ...	1	3	7

The Children Gather Round.

Hartley school children marched in silence to the War Memorial on 11th November, shortly before 11 a.m., where they were joined by many of the villagers. All waited reverently until the signal for silence was given, and earnestly was it observed, even by the tiny tots. At its conclusion, "Oh, God our help in ages past" was started, and all joined in the singing, the voices rising sweetly in the crisp, frosty air. The prayer for those who "are in joy and felicity," followed by II. Cor., xiii., was read by the Head Mistress, and then the tension relaxed, and everyone departed, feeling the better for joining together in the great Empire Remembrance.

Among those present were: Captain Webster, to whom a deep debt of gratitude is due for the beauty of the Memorial decorations; Mr. Officer-Moore and Mr. H. Fox, veterans, as testified by their array of medals.

The laurel and poppy wreath, the school children's wreath, and many bunches of flowers lay around the base of the Memorial, and testify that they are "ever remembered by what they have done."

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Leicester National.

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(Two Firsts & Two Specials.)*

LAYING TEST AWARDS, 1924:—

1st & Silver Cup, Tottenham N.U.P.S.
(Wyandotte).Wye College, N.U.P.S. Diploma
(Buff-Rocks).

NOTE.—We are now booking Orders for Hatching Eggs in these breeds—prices on application.

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Farrow.
 February—Miss Bancks.
 March—Miss Newcomb.
 April—Mrs. Chisholm.
 May—To be fixed.
 June—Mrs. Green.
 July—Mrs. Elliott
 August—Mrs. Farrow.
 September—Mrs. Isaacs.
 October—Miss Bancks.
 November—Mrs. Ralph Day.
 December—Mrs. Snow.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Parish Magazine.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I am certain you will be very pleased to hear that I have had two bugles given me, and also one drum promised and a set of first aid. To finish this last item I want a stretcher. This last will be a great asset to the village. I found it so at Cobham with my last troop. We had several calls for first aid. What I also want is a Scoutmaster. I will give him all necessary instructions, and help him to the best of my ability in every way.

Some Gravesend friends of mine have promised to help in a concert at Hartley if we get one up, to help our Scout movement. To rig a Scout out will cost about £1 os. od. each lad. I hope in some cases the parents will be able to rig them out, but there are cases where they will not be able to do so, hence the necessity of concerts, etc., to help in the equipment generally. I am very keen as to making a good start. I have ten lads on the list at present. Mr. Gray has kindly given me the use of his hall. I also shall want dumb-bells and clubs, but they will come later, no doubt, when they find we are in earnest.

Sincerely yours,
 W. T. BOUCHER.

24th September, 1924.

ORIGIN OF NAME OF FAIRBY.

A SECOND SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Parish Magazine.

DEAR SIR,—The remarks of the Rector on "place names" are, in my opinion, exceedingly interesting.

SITTINGS OF EGGS

from my Pedigree Light Sussex Fowls are now available. Price 7/6 per doz. Infertiles once replaced, Eggs may be set at any time from now to March. My Pullets, hatched in March 1924, commenced to lay in September, and are now producing an abundance of large brown eggs. Inspection of my stock birds is invited.

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 ROCHESTER.

F. C. ROBERTSON,
 HARTLEY HILL COTTAGE,

"My son, eat thou honey, because it is good."

On page 2, col. 1, September, 1924, he says the name of Fairby "is shrouded in mystery," and later suggests its derivation from the name of a family, which seems a reasonable view to take. If so, it has become much corrupted since then. As an alternative, might I suggest the possibility that the annual village open-air entertainments or fairs were held on pasture land near the site of the present house; and that the name (whether corrupted to its present form, as it must have been, if called after a family as suggested by the Rector, or whether originally given in its present-spelling) was to mean "the house near or by the Fair."

FREDERICK D. WELCH, M.R.C.S.
Hartley Green, November 5th.

Hartley and District Band.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

At a public meeting held at Hartley School on 13th November, 1923, it was decided to form a Brass Band, and the first general meeting for the enrolment of members, election of officers and committee, and passing of rules took place at Hartley Recreation Club Room on 29th November, 1923.

Negotiations were entered into with Messrs. Besson & Co., Ltd., for the hire of second-hand instruments, and these were received on 14th December, 1923.

A bass drum and two side drums were purchased later out of the Band funds.

Miss Hilda Green was engaged as music teacher, and Mr. H. G. Green undertook the preliminary work of instructing the Band in the use of the instruments.

In March, 1924, the Band played in public for the first time, giving a selection of hymns at Hartley. This was followed by visits to neighbouring villages, where similar selections were played.

Other performances given by the Band were:—

Unveiling of Longfield War Memorial,
27th July, 1924.

Longfield Church Fête, 9th August, 1924.

Longfield Flower Show, 23rd August,
1924.

Longfield Football Match, 18th October,
1924.

These performances have been the means of augmenting the Band funds.

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New Laid Eggs.

The Hartley Women's Institute have kindly promised to give to the Band one half of the profits of a Bazaar to be held by them in December next.

The number of playing members who have joined the Band since its formation is 33, of whom 19 have since resigned or left the district, leaving a total of 24.

The thanks of the Band are due to Messrs. Besson & Co. for supplying free of charge 250 printed circulars of appeal for funds in support of the Band. Most of these have been distributed, but the response has not reached expectations.

The Band also desires to express its thanks to the subscribers and honorary members who have contributed to its funds during the past year.

It is hoped that the number of such subscribers will be largely increased, so that a sufficient sum may be raised to enable us to pay the necessary deposit for a set of new instruments.

The thanks of the Band are also specially due to Mr. Cuff, for his gift of uniforms and caps.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

T. F. TATE,

Hon. Sec. and Conductor.

Poppy Day Collection.

On Remembrance Day, November 11th, poppies were sold in Hartley and Longfield in aid of Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Ex-Service Men. £8 13s. 7d. was collected in the two parishes. The sellers in Hartley were Miss S. Dashwood, Miss P. Boucher, Miss T. Elphick, Miss N. Newcomb and Miss L. Bancks; and in Longfield: Miss G. Smith, Miss W. Marchant and Miss H. Green. The sum of 17s. 6d. was also collected in Hartley by Miss Newcomb for a laurel and poppy wreath, which was placed on our War Memorial.

Hartley Women's Institute.

Interesting meetings have been held recently in the Old Downs Pavilion under the auspices of the Women's Institute. During October a lecture and demonstration on Folk Singing was given by Miss Berkeley, whose

beautiful, cultured voice was heard to perfection in these old-time melodies.

Skin curing was the subject for the November meeting, and the easy method shown by the lecturer — Miss Emerson — and the splendid results obtained even from the homely rabbit skin, made one and all decide to go home and keep rabbits.

The great event of the year will be the Sale of Work to be held on December 6th, which Mrs. Jurgens, the present occupant of the Old Downs, has kindly consented to open.

Women interested in the Institute movement are heartily invited to the Old Downs Pavilion (near the War Memorial), Thursday afternoons, 3 o'clock. Subscriptions for the year, 2/-.

Cheap Railway Tickets

to London, on Wednesdays, by 10.25 a.m. and 2.22 p.m. trains, 3/- return. To Bromley South, Thursdays and Saturdays, all trains after 12 noon, 1/7 return. Rochester and Chatham, Saturdays, all trains after 12 noon, 1/5 return. Generally, parties of 12 or more can travel at about single fare for

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A Village Hall for Hartley.

Readers of this magazine will be interested to hear that a scheme is on foot for providing a Village Hall for Hartley, where all the various clubs and societies in the parish can meet, and where dances, whist drives, concerts and other entertainments can be held. The essential feature of the proposal is that the Hall should be as free from restrictions as possible, and that no person or society should be debarred from using it merely because of their opinions. The matter is in quite a preliminary stage at present, and before any definite step is taken it is intended to call a public meeting of all the parishioners, when the question can be fully discussed and such action taken as the meeting may decide.

Hartley and District Band.

Statement of Account for year ended 8th Nov. 1924.

Income.—Members' subscriptions, £35 19s.; Donations, £14 13s. 6d.; Collections, £2 3s. 3½d.; Sale of band parts, 14s.—£53 9s. 9½d.

Expenditure.—Hire of instruments, £22; Purchase of instruments, £4 10s.; Tuition fees, £1 16s.; Purchase of music, £4 7s. 3d.; Music stands, 15s.; Rent, £3 15s.; Stationery, £1 4s. 9d.; Printing, 17s. 6d.; Postage, 2s. 6d.; Balance in hand, £14 1s. 9½d.—£53 9s. 9½d.

W. G. Benson,
Hon. Treasurer.

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—Mr. W. T. Boucher.

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.

Overseers—Mr. W. T. Boucher and Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Assistant Overseer—Mr. Clifford W. Nairn.

Parish Nurses—Nurse Weaver and Nurse Bishop.

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.

Hartley Football Club—Mr. H. G. Green, Secretary.

Hartley Cricket Club—Mr. H. Sims, Secretary; Mr. Clifford W. Nairn, Hon. Treas.

Hartley and District Brass Band—Mr. T. F. Tate, Conductor; Mr. W. G. Benson, Treasurer.

Train Service to London from Fawkham:

Week-days—7.9, 7.26, 8.14, 8.47, 10.25 A.M., 12.5 P.M. (S.O.), 12.29 (N.S.), 2.22 (N.S.), 2.44 (S.O.), 4.6 (N.S.), 6.5 8.38 (S.O.), 8.58 (N.S.), 10.26.

Sundays—8.21, 10.15, 11.57 A.M., 5.16, 10.49 P.M.

Longfield Halt to Gravesend W. Station.

Week-days—7.11, 7.48 (N.S.), 8.0 (S.O.), 8.37, 10.7 A.M., 12.48 P.M. (7 mins. later Sats.), 2.21 (S.O.), 3.23 (N.S.), 3.38 (S.O.), 4.41 (S.O.), 4.47 (N.S.), 6.6 (S.O.), 6.4 (N.S.), 6.44 (S.O.), 6.56 (N.S.), 8.22, 9.26 P.M. (S.O.)

Sundays—8.38, 9.30 A.M., 12.32, 2.18, 3.27, 7.43 P.M.

Gravesend W. Station to Longfield Halt.

Week-days—Leave Gravesend 7.31, 8.23, 9.15, 9.54, 11.25 (N.S.), 11.42 A.M. (S.O.), 1.22 P.M. (S.O.), 2.2 (N.S.), 2.48 (S.O.), 3.45 (N.S.), 3.55 (S.O.), 5.15 (N.S.), 5.23 (S.O.), 6.36, 7.22, 8.15, 8.58, 9.50 (S.O.).

Sundays—9.50 A.M., 12.52 P.M., 2.37, 4.50, 8.52.

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

Sundays P.M. 1.55, 4.25, 6.55, 9.10.

Longfield to Gravesend:—

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

Sundays— P.M. 3.5, 5.45, 7.55, 10.10.

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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, 1.55 (not Wednesdays); Saturdays only, 6.40. Fare, 6d.

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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.

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Early Closing Day—Hartley and Longfield, Wednesdays.

Cate News.

Mr. Gray made two useful suggestions in the Vestry on a recent Sunday evening (a very good place to make good suggestions). One was that the Hartley Brass Band should play hymns and carols in our Church on the Sunday evening after Christmas Day. The Rector and Churchwarden agreed, and decided that the collection should be given to the Band funds. The other suggestion was that the children should have a children's gift service in church on the same Sunday afternoon. The children can bring vegetables and fruit, which the Rector will receive at the altar, and will devote the gifts to a hospital. Potatoes, carrots, turnips and parsnips must be nicely washed. Date of both events, Sunday, December 28th.

