

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

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Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

You will, no doubt, have thought that we are behind the times in not presenting you in this journal with anything in the shape of a crossword puzzle.

The following is not one of the usual type, but it may make you use cross words before you get to the end of it.

Radulph fili Turaldi ten de epo Erlei puno solin se defd Tra e. In dnio sunt ii car. ix uilli cu vi cot huc iii car ibi iii serui silua x porc. Too m ualet iii lib. m.c. sol. queda mulier tenuit.

As it is the only literary scrap of contemporary evidence we possess that such a place as Hartley existed a thousand years ago, you can understand how priceless, from the antiquarian point of view, is this enigmatical record in the Domesday Survey of 1087.

I thought you would be interested to see an exact transcript—so there it is.

This is the key to the riddle:

Ralph, the son of Turald, holds Erlei (Hartley) of the Bishop¹. It was taxed at one shilling². The arable land is — (not stated). In demesne³ there are two carucates⁴. There are nine villeins⁵, with six cotters⁶ having three carucates. There are three slaves⁷. There are woods for ten hogs⁸. The whole manor was worth three pounds. Now a hundred shillings. Some woman held it⁹.



Hartley Church and Lych Gate.

- 1 Odo, Bp. of Baieux.
- 2 Money at that time was worth about 40 times its present value.
- 3 Demesne was land retained in the owner's occupation.
- 4 A carucate was equivalent to the Saxon hide—about 120 acres.
- 5 The villein held about 30 acres in return for a small rent and certain services to the Lord.
- 6 The cotters or cottagers were the labourers who worked for hire. The Norman name was borderer from bord, a cottage.
- 7 The slaves or servants could be bought or sold.
- 8 The value of oak wood was judged by the number of hogs that could be fed on the acorns.
- 9 This is all we know of the last Saxon lady of the manor.

The parish of Hartley is in the lathe of Sutton-at-Hone and the hundred of Axton. In Saxon times West Kent was divided into two lathes, a word probably derived from *laeth*, land. One took its name from its chief town *Elesford* (*Aylesford*), and the other from *Sudtone*, *i.e.*, the South town (s. of *Dartford*) in the valley (*Sutton-at-Hone*).

The lathe was divided into hundreds—probably a hundred towns or tons.

A ton or town in those days meant a homestead or farm, the home or ham of the original settler, and around which the Saxon village grew up. This very often took its name from the owner, as the *Ham of Fache* (*Fawkham*) or of *Meopha* (*Meopham*).

The *Folkmoot* or, in later times, the *Manor Court*, settled the local affairs of the village, and sent representatives to the *Hundred Court*. Each hundred had its own *Parliament*, and was responsible for self-government and self-defence; but they sent representatives to the *Shire* or *King's Court*, which was the ultimate *Court of Appeal*, and which came on circuit as it does to this day.

It is interesting to note that in this part of the county most place names, apart from the tons and hams, are associated with the forest.

Kent at the dawn of history was almost all forest. There was some marsh land, and there was an open fringe round the coast, but the *Jutes* when they came had to cut themselves in.

Each made a clearing for himself, and fenced it in, and thus established his ham or ton.

No wonder that many place names were suggested by the Forest.

There are the *hursts* in the denser parts. The *leys* (or *glades*) on the outskirts. The *dens* or wooded valleys. And the *fields*, the places where the trees were felled.

There is a mystery about the name of *Haeselholt*. In the *Textus Roffense*, a collection of old documents probably compiled in the 12th Century, reference is made to a place of this name: "*de terra illa quae vocatur Haeselholt.*"

One historian says that this was an old name for Hartley, but another claims it for the parish now known as *Knockholt*. I wonder which is right. I have appealed to our *Parliamentary Representative*, whose home is in that parish, but though so well versed in folklore and local antiquities, he cannot solve the problem.

The hazel is a native of this country, but we have no reason to suppose that the ancestor of the *Kentish Cobb* has at any time been specially abundant in Hartley.

Knockholt—*Nokeholde*—*Okolte* (the oak-wood) must once have been noted for its oaks, as it is now for its beeches, but perhaps the hazel at some time competed for first place. It is noticeable that this is the only parish in West Kent with the suffix *holt*. At any rate, I do not think that in any age the *Hazel-grove* could have been a name which Hartley was likely to have deserved.

I have a few more suggestions respecting some of our field names.

Not many *Kentish* words can be traced to the *Celts*, but *Hoesland* seems to be one of them. Have you noticed that *Hoesland Wood* runs along a ridge of high land? It is the wood on the horse's back.

I am told that this word is found in many *Cornish Celtic* names with its variants *hoe* and *ou* and *o*. *Hoseland* appears in old deeds and maps as *Hoes*, *Hose*, *Hows*, *Ose*, *Ouse* and, I believe, *Ooze*.

Culvey Downs is where the *cowslips* grew. *Culveykeys* is an old *Kentish* word for that flower. *Roundabout* is land requiring to be ploughed on the curve. I am told that *Pickle* is a common corruption of *Pightle*, a small enclosure. *Chuckle Field* is said to have been originally *Chuck-ley*, *i.e.*, *Chuck's* pasture. *Gossy land* was where the *gorse* or *furze* grew.

Some of our field names are duplicated in *Longfield*. We find there, as well as in *Hartley*, *Roundabout*, *Kitchen Field*, *Stocks*, *Cherry Orchard*, and *Gunnersland*.

Other curious names in neighbouring parishes are *Boses*, *Buster*, *Shoulder-of-Mutton Field*, *Seven Wents*, *Robsacks*, *Ladylands*, *Great Hope*, *Gallows Field*, *Fury Field*, *Cream Crox*, *Double Dance*, *Doles* and *Dinas Dean*.

In Hartley Church there is a marble mural monument to James Burrow, who died in 1728, Elizabeth, his wife, and two sons, surmounted by the family coat of arms. They are described as late of Kingsdown, but the home of the family was Longfield.

The ancestral mansion, dating from the 16th century, called Longfield House, fell into ruins, I believe, about 150 years ago.

This reminds me that I can tell you one or two things about Longfield parish.

These digressions need no apology, for the histories of the adjoining parishes are so inextricably mixed up with our own that we very often cannot understand the one without the other.

If you look at the map you will see that Longfield is a long strip of land running half-way round Hartley like the rim of a plate. It was the long land where the trees were felled, probably when Hartley was still nearly all wood.

The Saxon name was Langafel—at least that is the name as it appears in Domesday. But the Domesday names do not represent the Saxon orthography. They are simply the Norman version of the current pronunciation.

The history of Longfield Manor reaches back into Saxon times. A hundred years before the Conquest it was given to the Church of Rochester by one Birtrick and Aelfswithe, his wife. Later on it was seized by the Danes, but at an assembly held at Pinenden, near Aylesford, in 1076, it was restored to Bishop Gundulph.

The ancient Court Lodge was for many years used as a house of retreat by the Archdeacons. In the 16th Century the Manor was let on lease.

The Church, which dates from Norman times, possessed in the reign of Edward VI, among its treasures, a "chalis and paten of silver," "two cushings of grene sattin," "a cross of tumber and led," "another of tumber and latten," also "latten candlesticks," which latter, by the way, were sold "with the consent of the parishioners, and the money employed about necessary reparacions of the parish church."

I have an interesting item about the bell, which is the same age as the Hartley treble bell. It bears, I believe, an inscription: "Welelmus Revel me fecit." Wm. Revel was a London bellmaker in the middle of the 14th Century. A contemporary of Robert Rider, the maker of the Hartley bell.

A last century writer says: "Two bells were made by this founder for Kent. One of them is the solitary little tinkler at Longfield. The fellow bell at Stanford has disappeared."

Our author was perhaps a bit of a humourist, for he adds: "The Longfield bell probably owes its preservation to its inaccessibility—access to the belfry is very difficult; but the descent is easy, namely, by sliding down the roof of the Church. The bell," he adds, "is rung or tolled when convenient, as the clerk lives at a great distance"!

I leave you to puzzle out the transcript from Domesday relating to the parish of Fawkham.

I think our Editor ought to offer a prize for the best solution.

*Isde eps ten Fachesham p ii solins se defd
Tra e. In dnio e una car xv uilli cu iii bord.
huc vii car. Ibi eccla iii serui ii m de xv
cot iii ac pa silua xix porc. T.R.E. post ua
libac vii lib modo viii lib.*

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.

BAPTISM.

Apr. 5.—[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] of Charles and Gladys Bignell.

BURIAL.

„ 27.—James Balchin, aged 62.

Churchwardens — Mr. Alfred Lambert Farrow and Mr. John Wells Thatcher.

July.	August.	September.
5th—4th Sunday after Trinity.	1st—Eammas Day.	6th—13th Sunday after Trinity.
12th—5th Sunday after Trinity.	2nd—8th Sunday after Trinity.	13th—14th Sunday after Trinity.
15th—St. Swithun.	6th—Transfiguration of our Lord.	20th—15th Sunday after Trinity.
19th—6th Sunday after Trinity.	9th—9th Sunday. after Trinity.	21st—St. Matthew.
25th—St. James.	16th—10th Sunday after Trinity.	27th—16th Sunday after Trinity.
26th—7th Sunday after Trinity.	23rd—11th Sunday after Trinity.	29th—St. Michael and All Angels.
	24th—St. Bartholomew.	
	28th—St. Augustine Bp.	
	30th—12th Sunday after Trinity.	

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1925: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher, Miss Green, Hon. Secretary; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

Committees—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens and Miss Green. 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. Macaulay and Mr. W. Nash.

Organists—Mr. W. H. Chisholm 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.

Licensed Lay Reader—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

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. 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—Vacant.

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.

There were one or two gaps in the ranks of the Church Parochial Council. They were filled up at the Council meeting, the minutes of which are quoted in another column. The new members of the Council take a deep interest in our Parish Church, and will do good service when called upon.

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Miss Green agreed to become Hon. Secretary in place of Miss E. Barton, resigned.

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I was delighted to hear that Mrs. Oldrey had agreed to welcome new residents on behalf of the Council. This is a happy selection to a happy office

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I was privileged to see a charming letter from our Rural Dean, Rev. F. J. Everitt. He wrote and told the Rector that he liked our Parish Magazine much, but he was surprised to notice that the name of the licensed lay reader was not included amongst the parish workers. I have severely reprimanded the Editor for this oversight. The Editor told me in confidence that the lay reader is such a shy, retiring fellow. He even blushes if spoken to by a lady! However, the name shall be added to the list.

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A lady has claimed the necklace which the Editor picked up in the road. Really, this Magazine is a valuable asset to the parish!

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The lay reader lent a hand to Mr. Hennell at Ridley and Ash on March 29th last. The Rector of Ash delighted the Hartley official by giving him a guinea towards the Parish Magazine Fund. The Editor was tremendously pleased when he heard about it.

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Useful and practical work was done at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, March 23rd last. I am indebted to the *Kent Messenger* for an accurate report of the proceedings, which I have copied elsewhere in this issue.

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The Hartley and District Band was resplendent, brazen and melodious on March 11th. You will see why in another place.

On the 2nd March Miss Fiddis sent me more subscriptions for this journal. She reminds me that she has collected 9 guineas, mostly in shillings, up to that date. This means much labour, but it is undertaken with cheerfulness and acknowledged with thanks.

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The Hartley Musical Society was successful again on April 17 last. Really, we are a talented parish!

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The Hartley Women's Institute did a fine thing. They collected and sent 22 dozen eggs to Gravesend Hospital. I take off my hat to you, ladies, one and all. Mrs. Frank Tate, the President, took the eggs in to the hospital herself.

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I omitted to bring the circular of the Rochester Diocesan Welfare Council under the notice of the Church Parochial Council. Mrs. Cromer, of Merton House, is the representative for Cobham Deanery. I'm so sorry, Mrs. Cromer, but I am making amends. It is a valuable and instructive circular, and I hope that it may be considered at the next meeting.

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The Easter Services in our ancient Church of All Saints were a source of much joy to the congregation. There were large attendances. The Rector was prevailed upon to accept the Easter Offering, which amounted to £3 12s. od. Mr. A. L. Farrow, Churchwarden, read the lessons.

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The Evening Service on May 3 was really beautiful and helpful. [redacted] sang two solos, the Choir sang two anthems. The Rector preached a sermon so appropriate to this special musical service. The congregation is indebted to a new resident, Mrs. Harker, who persuaded the boy with the lovely voice to come and sing. Afterwards [redacted] drove [redacted] and his parents to their home at Gravesend. Very kind of you, young Mr. Farrow.

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The children assembled at Church on Ascension Day. It was a happy little service, conducted by the Rector.

The little boy from Gravesend with the charming voice was to have sung on a recent Sunday evening. He could not be present, so Mr. Gray sang a solo, "The Blind Ploughman." The words were beautiful, and Mr. Gray rendered them in a way that affected me profoundly. Let us hear your fine voice as a soloist a little more often, if you please, Mr. Gray.

Mrs. Clark took the solo in an anthem at the morning service—admirably done!

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On Sunday evening, May 17, the Rev. Canon H. T. Knight, of Bromley, preached. The collections for the day amounted to £2 9s. 2d., and were given to the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance, in which the Canon takes a deep personal interest.

Hartley Parish Matters.

THE WATER RATE.

A Parish Meeting, held in Hartley School, discussed a number of local topics. The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Tate, read a reply from the Dartford Rural Council agreeing to provide a signpost at Hartley Hill, and to obtain a report from the Surveyor as to the condition of Church Road. The request for a cross road to be constructed between Hartley Church and the Ash Road could not be entertained.

The Mid Kent Water Company wrote that the existing charges for water were levied under the Mid Kent Water Order, 1920. Mr. Gray, who moved a resolution suggesting that the Rural District Council should approach the Board of Trade with a view to securing a substantial reduction in the Company's charges, thought it was time the water rates were lowered.—This was carried.

In order to relieve the postal staff at Longfield, the Saturday afternoon delivery and collection of letters will be made two hours earlier.—Approved.

The dumping of road material on Hartley Green was strongly criticised, it being stated that lorries had been run on to the grass in wet weather and that when the stones were cleared the green would be an eyesore. It was agreed to renew the protest against the depositing of stones there, and to urge upon the Council the necessity of making good the

damage done, after the road material had been removed.

A further resolution was adopted, condemning the alterations recently carried out at Hoselands Hill, and expressing the opinion that the road requires widening at this point.—*Kent Messenger*, May 23.

Hartley Parochial Church Council.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE

SCHOOLROOM, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1925.

1. **PRESENT**—The Rector (Rev. G. W. Bancks, M.A.), Miss Bancks, Miss Sale, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Green and Miss Green, Miss Green, Mrs. Gee, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. A. L. Farrow, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. J. Wells Thatcher, and Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

2. **PRAYER** was said.

3. **MINUTES**.—Owing to the minute book not being available, it was decided that the minutes of last annual meeting should be read at the next ordinary meeting.

4. **HON. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS**.—Mr. Farrow presented his accounts and report for the year 1924. He stated that all bills were paid. Old accounts of long standing had been wiped off, and there was a balance in hand of £1 1s. 10d.

CHURCH RESTORATION.

Mr. Farrow further reported that the amount received towards this work was £19 15s. 8d. The sum of £16 8s. 6d. had been already expended. The old shed would be re-built, the lych gate would be painted, and the cost of these items would be defrayed by a friend.

Mr. Wells Thatcher moved that the Hon. Treasurer's report be received and accepted. Mrs. Oldrey seconded. Carried unanimously.

The report and accounts gave great satisfaction to the meeting.

5. **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**.—The Rector nominated Mr. J. Wells Thatcher as his Warden.

Mr. Gray moved that Mr. A. L. Farrow be elected as People's Warden. Mrs. F. W. Tate seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Churchwardens elect signified their willingness to serve.

6. ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—The following were elected as the Council for 1925-6:—The Rector (*ex officio*), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher, Messrs. A. Blackwell, A. Cox, D. T. R. Gray, W. Nash, F. W. Tate, W. H. Chisholm, and the Churchwardens (*ex officio*).

7. COMMITTEES.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE consists of the Chairman and Churchwardens.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Gray moved that this Committee do consist of the Churchwardens and the Hon. Secretary. Mrs. F. W. Tate seconded. Carried unanimously.

TITHE RENT CHARGE COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Farrow moved that the members of this Committee, namely: Messrs. Gray, F. W. Tate and Wells Thatcher, be re-elected. Mrs. Green seconded. Carried unanimously.

SIDESMEN.—Mrs. Farrow moved that the following be elected Sidesmen: Messrs. A. Blackwell, A. Cox, W. Nash, and W. Macaulay. Mrs. Green seconded. Carried unanimously.

HON. SECRETARY.—The resignation of Miss E. Barton, Hon. Secretary, was reported. Mr. Wells Thatcher moved that Miss Green be elected Hon. Secretary. Mr. Farrow seconded. Carried unanimously.

Miss Green signified her acceptance of the office.

VOTES OF THANKS.—The Rector moved from the chair votes of thanks as under. The votes were carried with acclamation.

(a) To the ladies who look after the Church.

(b) To Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Mr. Roy Chisholm, L.R.A.M., and to Mrs. Oldrey for their services at the organ.

(c) To Mr. S. P. Black for his general services. A letter was to be written to him wishing him success in his new post on the Niger.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.—Mr. Farrow pointed out the importance of opening a Restoration Fund. It was agreed that such a fund should be opened, and the matter was left in Mr. Farrow's hands.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.—Mr. Gray moved

that it be a recommendation to the Council to meet once a quarter, on the Monday following quarter day. Mr. Wells Thatcher seconded. Carried unanimously.

VISITOR TO WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS.—It was unanimously agreed to ask Mrs. Oldrey to call upon all new residents and give them a warm welcome to the parish on behalf of the Council.

Mrs. Oldrey signified her acceptance of this office.

THE CHURCH CLEANER (MRS. COX).—It was stated that Mrs. Cox would not be able to continue her duties.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Rector, and the meeting stood adjourned.

Note.—In the absence of Miss Fiddis, Mr. Wells Thatcher acted as Hon. Secretary (*pro tem.*) to this meeting.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1923	29	17	4
„ Weekly Offerories received by Treasurer	47	16	11
	£77	14	3

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Accounts unpaid at 31st Dec., 1923:			
Organ Repairs	£3	8	6
Choir Music	2	18	9
General	2	18	10
Coal and Coke	5	3	7
		14	9
Labour—General	17	16	0
Cleaning and Renovation of Curtains	2	15	6
Coal and Coke	4	7	6
Erection of Tank in Churchyard	1	15	6
Insurance Premiums	8	1	11
Church Renovations (balance)	15	3	0
Repairs to Organ	5	2	6
Curtains at West Window	1	3	10
Contribution to Diocesan Board of Finance	1	13	2
Subscription to Diocesan Association	5	0	
Subscription to Diocesan Conference	5	0	

Delegates Fees—Diocesan Conference	...	...	10	0
Archdeacon's Visitation Fees	...	...	18	0
Lay Reader's Conference Fees	...	...	6	10
Curtain Fittings in Chancel	...	1	10	0
Sundries	...	...	9	0
Balance in hand	...	1	1	10
			<u>£77</u>	<u>14</u>
				<u>3</u>

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.

Church Collections.

s=Sunday.

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

1925.		£	s.	d.
s. Mar. 8.—h.c., 1/6; m., 11/-;				
	e., £1	1	12	6
s. „ 15.—h.c., 12/9; e., 18/7...		1	11	4
s. „ 22.—h.c., 1/3; m., 11/4;				
	e., 11/6	1	4	1
s. „ 29.—h.c., 8/7; e., 13/6...		1	2	1
s. Apr. 5.—h.c., 11/5; e., 11/1...		1	2	6
s. „ 12.—Easter Day, h.c.,				
	17/6; m., £1 16/3;			
	e., 18/3	3	12	0
s. „ 19.—h.c., 8/9; e., 13/10...		1	2	7
s. „ 26.—h.c., 1/6; m., 12/6;				
	e., 13/6	1	7	0
s. May 3.—h.c., 9/1; e., £1 17/3		2	6	4
s. „ 10.—h.c., 1/6; m., 11/8;				
	e., 10/8	1	3	10
s. „ 17.—h.c., 14/10; e.,				
	£1 14/4	2	9	2
s. „ 24.—h.c., 1/-; m., 17/7;				
	e., 10/11	1	9	6
s. „ 31.—Whit Sunday, h.c.,				
	6/7; m., 16/1; e.,			
	15/10	1	18	6

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.

Hartley Housing.

AND OTHER SUBJECTS AT PARISH MEETING.

The Annual Parish Meeting in the Schools on Monday was largely attended.

The Chief Constable of the County wrote that owing to the shortage of men in the Force consequent on the Government economy scheme, he was unable to station a man at Hartley, but the Superintendent at Dartford had been instructed to arrange the duties of the surrounding constables so that Hartley should receive as much police protection as possible with the men available.

The Minister of Health, replying to the request of the parish that Hartley should be regarded as an agricultural parish, qualified to receive an additional subsidy on new cottages built, stated that "As the net annual value of the agricultural land in Hartley is less than the required 25 per cent. of the total net value of the land in the parish, the Ministry cannot regard Hartley as an agricultural parish."

The Southern Railway wrote that the provision of a footbridge between the platforms at Fawkham Station was still under consideration.

Letters from Dartford Rural Council with regard to Hartley's housing problem stated that "owing to the lack of the necessary amount of labour the Council's housing schemes can only develop gradually, and the claims of Hartley will be given full consideration."

On the motion of the Rector, Rev. G. W. Bancks, Mr. F. W. Tate, the retiring chairman, was re-elected. Four nominations for the overseers were made, the successful candidates being Mr. D. T. Gray and Mr. J. Green.

Mr. Nairn, Assistant Overseer, called attention to the increased demands from the

County and Rural Councils. He said it seemed certain that the rates would be substantially higher in the new financial year.

A resolution protesting against the use of the Green as a dumping ground for road material was moved by Mr. T. F. Tate, and seconded by Mr. Benson. Mr. Chisholm said heaps of stone were frequently placed on land at road junctions, and became a danger to motorists. The resolution was carried.

Road repairs recently made in the parish were criticised, and a resolution proposed by Mr. Chisholm, and seconded by Mr. Sims, was carried calling the attention of the Rural Council to the bad condition of Church Road. Notwithstanding the work already done, this road required further treatment.

The need for a new cross road between the Parish Church and Ash Road was urged by Mr. Gray, whose motion that the Rural Council be asked to inquire into the matter was seconded by Mr. Chisholm. The making of a firm footpath was suggested as an alternative. Ultimately the resolution was carried.

Mr. Benson pointed out that the increased charges levied by the Mid Kent Water Company were payable under an Order which expired in 1926. It was decided to ask the Company under what conditions the present charges were levied. — *Kent Messenger*, March 28.

Hartley Musical Society.

The Schoolroom was crowded out on April 17th last, when the Hartley Musical Society gave another of their successful performances. Miss Hetty Webster and Mr. Legrand were vocalists of distinction. The violin was in the able hands of Mr. Hector Lister. Miss Oldrey was the accompanist to the part songs rendered by the Society, and Mr. T. F. Tate conducted.

Miss Bancks, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Symons presented a sketch, "Between the Soup and the Savoury." The clever acting of each of them was beyond all praise.

The net proceeds of the Concert will be divided between the Churchyard Restoration Fund and the Schools.

It was a delightful, free and easy, neighbourly evening. Young men and maidens,

C. W. NAIRN,

BUILDER AND DECORATOR.



GOOD WORKMEN.

GOOD WORK.

PERSONAL SUPERVISION.



HARTLEY, LONGFIELD.

H. T. PARRETT

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One final word must be said. The writer noticed how hard Mrs. Tate worked at the commissariat. Ever smiling, swift and able, she was a tower of strength to her husband (a great glory in a woman), both on the important night and on the days which preceded it.

The Band gets New Brass.

There was a large gathering at Fairby Hall on the evening of March 11th last. The Band was to receive new brass instruments. Mr. T. F. Tate, the conductor, stated that Mrs. Hicks, of Longfield, had lent the Band £100. This enabled the Committee to purchase the new instruments for cash at a saving of £50.

Mr. W. G. Benson made a witty speech concerning his office, and proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hicks for her public spirit. This was seconded by Mr. Wells Thatcher, and carried with enthusiasm.

At the proper moment the conductor called out the name of each bandsman in turn, and Mrs. Hicks handed to each musician his new instrument. The Band then played several pieces admirably. The ladies and gentlemen of the Choral Society sang several numbers under the energetic and skilful leadership of Mr. Tate. Miss Bancks told a most apt and laughable story of a bandsman who was practising on his trombone in the kitchen of his sweetheart.

The ladies had worked very hard in preparing very good sandwiches, cakes and coffee for the roomful of people. (I had two sandwiches—excellent, and an equally good cup of coffee). There was no charge for this pleasant entertainment, mental and physical. That fact prompted Mr. Wells Thatcher to ask permission to tell a story, which was a feat on his part so that he might support a collection at the end of the proceedings, and thus save the band funds from a burden which they could ill bear.

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[Editor's Note.—This charming story has been written specially for all the children of Hartley.]

The Magic Glasses of Fairy-Make-You-Good.

BY
G. A. BRAY.

"Kiss me, Doris, and say you are sorry."

"Shant," said Doris.

"Very well then, dear," replied her Mother, "run into the Woods until you feel better tempered."

The Woods were at the bottom of the garden. You had only to open a green gate and you were there. Doris was too bad tempered to play, so she sat on a fallen tree, an ugly scowl spoiling her pretty face.

"What is the matter with you, my dear?" said a sweet voice.

Doris was about to say something rude when she noticed that she had shrunk so much she did not think she could be more than a foot high. The tree trunk looked enormous. How could it have happened. She had not drunk anything out of a bottle, like Alice in Wonderland.

"I am Fairy-make-you-Good, at your service," said the voice.

Doris was still bad tempered, so she said rudely, "I don't want to be made good, *thank you.*"

The fairy did not seem to hear. "Would you like to look through my glasses," she said; "they are magic ones."

Doris took them very ungraciously.

"Oh," she said after a while, "why are all those brownies crying so bitterly? I thought fairies were always happy."

"Dear me, no," said the Fairy. "All the brownies you saw crying are the fairies of children who are naughty. When a mortal baby is born a fairy is born at the same time. The fairy has to help the baby to grow up good. Children never see their fairies, but they hear them every day. When you said 'Shant' to your Mother a tiny voice somewhere inside you was urging you to go and kiss your Mother and say you were sorry. Now wasn't it?"

"Yes," said Doris in a whispery voice.

"Fairies do not mind," went on the Fairy, "if children get into mischief or accidentally tear their clothes; but they get

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dreadfully unhappy when they hear children say 'I shant' or 'I can't' or telling tales, or being rude to Mummy or Daddy. If you do not heed them when they speak to you they go on getting more unhappy until they cry. Then of course they cannot stay in Fairyland, because as soon as a Fairy begins to cry he is banished to the Land of Tears."

"Was my fairy one of those I saw in the Land of Tears?"

"Certainly."

Doris's cheeks burned with shame. To prevent herself crying she held the glasses to her eyes again.

"Some of them have stopped crying, Fairy-make-you-Good," she cried excitedly. Oh, they do look so happy."

"That is because their children have said they are sorry," said Fairy-make-you-Good. Then she blew three times on a silver trumpet which she carried at her side, and the brownies who had stopped crying flew towards her. They all kissed the Fairy's hand and said altogether in voices that sounded like tinkling bells:

"Thank you very much, Fairy Mother," and away they flew to Fairyland.

"Why did they thank you and call you Fairy Mother?" asked Doris.

"Because I am the Queen of all the children's fairies, and when I know a fairy has really been trying to make his child good, then I help him. I am not so gentle as the fairies. I always make naughty children so unhappy that they cannot bear being naughty any longer. Sometimes, though, even I do not succeed until bedtime, when the child gives Mother a good-night kiss and whispers, "I'm sorry, Mummy."

"Fairy-make-you-Good, I am so sorry I spoke so rudely to you, and thank you so much for lending me your magic glasses."

The Fairy put her hand on Doris's tiny one and pressed it gently. "Look once more through the glasses," she said.

Doris did so, and saw the brownies enter Fairyland and take off their ugly brown dresses. These they all put, carefully folded, under a big toadstool. That's so they know where to find them, she thought. I will try hard not to have my fairy banished to the Land of Tears again.

The Fairy-make-you-Good could read

Doris's thoughts, so she touched her with her wand, and a minute later Doris was running up to her Mother, who was standing at the green gate.

"Mummy, darling, I'm sorry now—really and truly." As she said these words her fairy flew back to Fairyland.

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3. That's all, this time.
4. No it isn't. Mr. Tapsell tells me, just as we are going to press, that there will be many train alterations on and from July 13th. At an early date all business morning trains to London from Fawkham will be fast to Bromley.