

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY,
Parish Magazine.
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EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.

OUR MARRIAGE.

June 30th, 1928.

Yes, it was our marriage. We were all in it. We were all there. Our venerable church was adorned with lovely flowers, skilfully arranged by the hands of lady members of our congregation. On the day every seat was filled, every inch of standing room was taken up and the Church porch was full also.

The front of the lectern was chosen for a charming floral device, in which two initials, well-known to us, were displayed. Roy Chisholm was at the organ, the choir were in their places, Hedley Symons was hard put to it to find seats for many visitors.

At the time appointed, Mabel Marianne Louise Bancks was led to the chancel by her father, our esteemed Rector. There Eric Stewart Green was waiting for her. Upon these two young people we all looked with affection. The marriage service was taken by an old friend of the family, the Revd. F. V. Baker, M.A. The hymns chosen for the occasion were sung with fervour by the large congregation.

In due time the marriage service was completed. When the bride and bridegroom left the Church, a most pleasing incident was arranged. Miss Sale had brought her Sunday School children; they lined the path and scattered rose leaves about the feet of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Green.

Here I had better state a few facts for the information of those readers of this Magazine who do not live in our midst. The father of the bride—his only child—is the Revd. Charles Gerard Winstanley Bancks, M.A. The parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. John Green, of "Brickend," Hartley. The bridesmaids were Miss Maisie Forsyth, Miss Eleanor Green, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Pamela Symons was veil bearer. Mr. Arthur R. Carr best man; ushers, Mr. Hedley Symons and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

There was another thing that pleased me. The carriage drive to the Rectory is a winding road. At proper intervals in this road Boy Scouts were posted and they regulated the traffic admirably.

The young people went to Cornwall for their honeymoon and now live at Glebe Cottage in the Rectory grounds. I have been to tea with them and I was delighted.

Now I am going to borrow from the excellent report of the local papers. These newspapers will give me the names of the guests, who came to Hartley Rectory, as well as an account of the useful wedding presents.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Borland, Mrs. and Miss Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. M. Newcomb, Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Sternroyd, the Misses L. and P.



Photo. Karise West, Rochester.

ERIC STEWART GREEN
AND
MABEL MARIANNE LOUISE GREEN.

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THE PRESENTS.

The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and artistic presents as under :

Bridegroom to bride, skunk fur stole; Bride to bridegroom, gold signet ring and old oak bureau; Bridegroom to bridesmaids, evening bags; Bridegroom to small bridesmaid, brooch (gold and aquamarine); Rev. G. W. Bancks, household linen and cheque; Mrs. and Miss Eleanor Green, pewter tea set; Mr. John Green, silver fruit dish; Miss A. K. Green, Silver fish fork and slice, silver teaspoons and linen crochet tea cloth; Miss Bancks, "Pyrex" cooking utensils, O-Cedar

mop and knife sharpener; Mrs. E. M. Nisbett, cheque; Mr. Norman Nisbett, cheque; Mr. Innes Nisbett, cheque; Mrs. Edith Bancks, bedspread; Mrs. Dunkin, eiderdown; Mis Power, leather motoring cushion; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hadlow, cushion; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Suggate, "Pyrex" cooking dish in silver holder; Lady Yate, linen crochet tea cloth; Colonel and Mrs. A. C. Yate, cheque, brass brazier and pewter mugs and mustard pot; Miss G. Yate, cheque; Miss Violet Trewby, Indian papier-mache writing table set; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Metcalf and family, Spode dinner service, breakfast service and tea service; Mr. and Mrs. Machechnie, silver salver; Miss Forsyth, breakfast service; Mr. A. R. Carr, two old ladderback chairs; Mr. Ernest Harry, stainless tea knives; Captain and Mrs. Hale, pair of candlesticks; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farrow, canteen of stainless steel knives and silver; Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, silver salt and pepper castors; Rev. and Mrs. Gibbens, Indian cloth; Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Symons, folding ironing board; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Newcombe, glass jam-pot in silver holder; Mr. and Mrs. M. Newcomb, bathroom cupboard; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ball, table silver; Mrs. Isaac, lace and Rich-leau tea cloth; Mrs. and Miss Gedney, silver vase; Rev. and Mrs. Matchett, Crown Derby vase; Mr. and Mrs. Gable, lemonade set; Miss Middlemost, lace table centre; Rev. and Mrs. Smith and family, glass pickle jar in silver stand; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Flint, silver coffee spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tate, two glass candlesticks; Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Cheque; Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Hennell, Coffee service; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Leather pouf; Hartley Sunday School Children, cheese knife; Mr. and

Mrs. F. C. Dunck, brass Chinese fruit dish; Mr. E. J. King, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, Italian candlesticks; Mr. and Mrs. Boulger, hand-painted lampshade; Mrs. and Miss Davies Cooke, antique china vase; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadlow, cheque; Members of the staff of J. & E. Hall, Ltd, table silver; Hon. Mrs. Roger Hulton, lemonade set; Hartley Women's Institute, cut-glass salad bowl and servers; The Hartler Players, long glass; Mrs. Thomas, old brass candlestick; Mr. and Mrs. Borland, silver chafing dish; Mrs. and Miss Newcomb, cheque; Miss Pain, travelling rug; The Misses Meyer, silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. Wells Thatcher, wireless set and hand lamp; Miss Hassell, silver teaspoons; Miss Ray and Miss Taylor, Chinese vase; Mr. and Mrs. John Crouch, China fruit set; The Misses Armstrong and Barker, lemonade set; Miss Fiddis, Irish linen teacloth and serviettes; Mrs. Barchevitz and Madame Vernet, aluminium preserving pan; The Misses V. and E. Barton, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Snow, rose bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, brass trivet; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perry, carpet sweeper; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Brien, Japanese tray; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tate, two china vases; Mr. and Mrs. Curwen, blue pottery jug; David Curwen, brass door knocker; Mr. and Mrs. Pickering, cut-glass bowl; Capt. and Mrs. Cresswell, Jacobean cut-glass decanter, tumblers and wine glasses; Miss Drury, old brass candlestick; Mrs. E. Grant, china coffee pot; Mrs. and Miss Grant, hot milk jug; Mrs. E. Whitehead, china candlestick; Miss F. Silk, wheelbarrow and rockery ornament; Brigadier-General and Mrs. Andrus, leather blotter; Mr. and Miss Fleet, silver sugar basin; Major and Mrs. Charles Tristram,

silver sweet dishes; Capt and Mrs. Wightman and the Misses Wightman, raffia-work handbag; Miss N. and Master David Grey, three china jugs; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ball, Alladin lamp; Miss East and Miss Swann, fruit knives; Mr. and Mrs. G. Metcalf, tea cosy; Mr. and Mrs. Bayntun, portable gramophone; Miss Thomas, bookshelf; Mr. G. Jarrett, two biscuit barrels; Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. T. de Mallet Morgan, travelling clock; Mrs. Elcome, glass salt cellar; Mr. W. Wright, silver basket; Friends at the Constitutional Club, silver fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. T. Ware, Sheraton mirror; Mr. and Mrs. Balfour, silver sugar basin; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. R. Gray, sandwich sets and fruit set; Mrs. and Mr. Aleyne Foster, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Webb, linen tea cloth; Miss Joy Webb, glass jug; Mrs. Witt, sandwich set; Unknown Donor, tray cloth and silver spoon. (Will the above kindly communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Green.)

EDITOR'S NOTES.

I was so sorry that I could not attend the Hartley Pageant held on July 7th. It had to be postponed owing to the rain on Empire Day. It was most kind of Mr. Strickland to allow the function to be held in his charming grounds at The Old Downs.

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Miss Fiddis is to be congratulated on the great skill, taste, and care which she gave to the various episodes. Her pupils did splendidly.

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On May 30th the Editor of this impressive organ of public opinion was taken charge of by Mr. and Miss Fleet, of Darenth Grange. He was asked to assist at an afternoon outdoor meeting of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The function was held in the garden of Mrs. Percy Smith, Mount Pleasant, Farningham. Mr. A. M. Fleet, J.P., presided. It was a pleasant, useful function.

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On July 8th the Lay Reader was invited to speak to men at their quarterly service in the ancient church of Darenth. It was a hot afternoon and it says much for the zeal which is shown in this parish when so large a number of men were ready and willing to come to church.

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The Vicar, the Rev. Canon H. T. Powell, conducted the service and Mr. A. M. Fleet read the lesson.

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The Lay Reader desires to thank Mr. and Miss Fleet for their great kindness to him. In fact they made him so happy that he did not want to leave them.

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When the girl guides came to dedicate their colours as reported in the last number, I could not get the names of the principal officers. Miss Clarke has now supplied me with them. Here they are: Miss Grant, District Commissioner; Miss Hornby, District Captain; Miss Arnold, Divisional Secretary; Miss Wallis, 1st Meopham Rangers, Lieut.; 1st Hartley, Miss N. M. Clarke; 1st Meopham, Miss G. Whayman; 1st Ash and Ridley, Miss Hornby; Colour Bearers, Hartley, King's Colour, Miss Anne Robson; Company Colour, Miss Rosie Glidewell.

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I was delighted on one Sunday morning in June to see the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides in Church. These young lads and maidens are a credit to our parish and to all those officers who render such devoted service to them.

At evensong on September 2nd a musical service was given by the choir. Mr. Roy Chisholm was at the organ having kindly given up to us the last Sunday of his vacation.

Somewhat of a busman's holiday for him, but a cheerful sacrifice which brought pleasure to singers and hearers.

The three special numbers given were: "God be in my head," Walford Davies; "As the heart pants," Mendelssohn; "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace," Lee Williams.

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The Rector is indebted to the "Gravesend and Dartford Reporter," and to the other newspapers published in Kent for their admirable reports of his daughter's marriage.

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When the Editor saw the account of the parish meeting at which remarks were made upon overgrown footpaths he blushed. So he spoke to his friend, Arthur Rogers. "Rogers," he said, "brush my footpath." The technical term by Kentish hedgers is "brish" but the Editor did not want to be pedantic. So Arthur "brished"—brushed, I mean. Whereupon the parish meeting passed a vote of thanks upstanding, and T. Fleetwood Tate and his capable band played "Get off the grass."

Church Information.

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

Churchwardens—Mr. A. L. Farrow and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

Holy Communion, 9 a.m., on the 2nd Sunday in each month; at 12 noon on

October.	November.	December.
7th—18th Sunday after Trinity.	1st—All Saints' Day.	2nd—1st Sunday in Advent
14th—19th Sunday after Trinity.	4th—22nd Sunday after Trinity.	9th—2nd Sunday in Advent.
18th—St. Luke, Evangelist.	11th—23rd Sunday after Trinity.	16th—3rd Sunday in Advent.
21st—20th Sunday after Trinity.	18th—24th Sunday after Trinity.	21st—St. Thomas A. & M.
28th—St. Simon and St. Jude, A. & M.	25th—Sunday before Advent.	23rd—4th Sunday in Advent.
21st Sunday after Trinity.	30th—St. Andrew, A. & M.	25th—Christmas Day.
		26th—St. Stephen, First Martyr.
		27th—St. John, A. & E.
		28th—Innocents' Day.
		30th—1st Sunday after Christmas.

other Sundays which will be duly announced.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1927-8: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mrs. Adams, Miss Sale, Mr. R. Adams, Miss Green (Hon. Secretary, Miss Rodwell, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Miss Newcomb, Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Keen, Mr. Eric Green (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. B. Alexander, with the the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

Committees—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens, the Treasurer and Miss Green.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. J. Green, Mr. B. Alexander, Mr. Eric Green, Mr. R. Adams, and Mr. Wakeford.

Organists—Mr. W. H. Chisholm and Mrs. Oldrey.

Choirmaster—Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

Choirwarden—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Miss Boorman, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mr. C. E. Cuff, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Gray, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Keen, Miss M. Marrington, Miss Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. Frank Tate, junr., Mr. G. G. Marrington, Miss Phyllis Tubb.

Choir Boys.—Frederick Crouch, David H. Gray, John Rose, Ronald Maggs, Jackson.

Licensed Lay Reader.—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sunday School at the Church Parochial School.—Miss Sale, Superintendent. Teachers: 1st Class, Miss Sale; 2nd Class, Mrs. Gray; 3rd Class, Miss Parkin. Time 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Church Parochial School.—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress; Mrs. Nickalls, Infant School Mistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. J. Green, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart, Miss Rodwell and Miss Harry.

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

Churchyard Keeper.—Mr. A. Rogers.

Church Cleaner.—Mrs. Hoadley.

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MARRIAGE.

June 30th.—Eric Stewart Green and Mabel Marianne Louise Bancks.

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Walker.

February—Miss Bancks.

March—Mrs. Boulger.

April—Mrs. Isaacs.

May—Mrs. T. J. Clark.

June—Miss Green.

July—Mrs. Elliott.

August—Mrs. Andrus.

September—Mrs. Chisholm.

October—Miss Robertson.

November—Mrs. Ralph Day.

December—Miss Harry.

OUR CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

This was a beautiful and touching rite and was holden in our ancient church on Wednesday, June 27th last. The solemn duty was undertaken by the Right Rev. Bishop King of Rochester in the absence of

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the Bishop of the diocese, who was only prevented from being amongst us by a call of high consequence elsewhere.

Our church was filled to overflowing. We all followed, not without emotion, the Bishop's simple, fatherly, and deeply spiritual advice to the young people upon whom he, afterwards, laid his hands in blessing.

The Clergy present were: Our Rector, the Rev. G. W. Bancks, M.A., the Rev. Edward Smith, M.A., Rector of Longfield, and the Rev. J. Trevor Matchett, M.A., Rector of Fawkham. Mr. Roy Chisholm was at the organ assisted by Mr. Sidney Black. The young people admitted to full membership in Christ's Church were:—Hartley: Nellie E. Gray, Mary Sale, Joan Alexander, Peggy Boucher, William Sale, Percival S. Harris; Longfield: Doris Fuller, Kathleen Fuller, Violet Wraight, Constance Wraight, Rene Cooper, Rosetta Sims, Donald Crouch, Fred Crouch, Allen Crouch, Ernest Longhurst, John Bennett; Fawkham: Ivy Florence Ayling.

THE PAGEANT OF EMPIRE.

Picturesque scenes were enacted by the children of Hartley School on July 4th, in the grounds of the Old Downs (kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stickland), when a Pageant of Empire was shown. Led by Britannia (Mrs. Nickolls), a procession of representatives of Empire lands, appropriately dressed, marched across the lawn. Britannia then took her stand to receive homage from each Empire State.

England, Annie Robson; Scotland, Olive Hockley; Ireland, Evelyn Day; Wales, Hazel Barlow; Canada, Beatrice Bromley; Newfoundland, Marjorie Harris; Australia, Edith Frances; New Zealand, Irene Sims;

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South Africa, Norah Foster; India, Maisie Glidewell; Union Jack bearer, George Glidewell; Britannia's Standard bearers, Tom Crouch, Edward Barlow.

Patriotic songs were sung during the approach of the young empire builders, and a very effective finale was reached when tiny performers, representing small British possessions, and carrying their flags, grouped themselves round the Mistress of the Seas.

Miss Fiddis was heartily cheered at the close of the performance which was given in capital style.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

First Thursdays at the Institute are always enjoyed by the members, and lectures on health, cookery and renovations which have been held during the last few months have proved no exception to the rule.

The questions of improving the Institute has been before the members, as the building is in great demand for meetings of all kinds, and cloakrooms and a kitchen are now being added. A bazaar will be held early in December to meet the expense of this addition.

The whist drives held in July and August in aid of the Women's Ward of the Gravesend Hospital were a great success, prizes and refreshments all being given by well wishers of this very deserving cause.

The third whist drive for the same object, will be held in the Institute on Saturday, September 1st, at 8 o'clock.

HARTLEY AND DISTRICT BAND.

By the time these notes appear the Band will have resumed their programmes in public, which have had to be suspended for unavoidable reasons. We are sincerely glad to hear that one of the members who recently

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underwent a serious operation is making a good recovery, and we hope will soon be restored to complete health. A further instalment has been paid off the debt on the band instruments, which now amounts to £20. Annual subscribers who have not yet sent in their contributions for the present year are kindly requested to send them as soon as convenient to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. Tate, junr., "Amphion," Hartley.

PARISH MEETING.

Interest in parish affairs appears to have fallen off lately, and the last two meetings held were attended by a small number of parishioners.

At the March meeting, legally styled the "Annual Assembly," the chief business was the election of parish officers. The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Tate, was re-elected, and

the two rating representatives, Mr. C. W. Nairn and Mr. P. Newcombe were also re-appointed. The work of the rating representatives demands a good deal of time, and probably few Hartley people are aware of their obligations to Messrs. Nairn and Newcombe in connection with assessment of property.

Two additional fire hydrants were reported to have been installed in Ash Road in answer to the request of the parish meeting, but the Dartford Rural District Council stated that no provision of this kind could be made in Church Road owing to the small main which supplies this road.

Mr. Ralph Day pointed out that this fact meant that householders in Church Road must evidently shift for themselves as regards fire protection.

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The Chairman read the award of the District Auditor on the question of the parish credit balance, and the decision proved very favourable, as £440 was declared to stand to the credit of the parish. This settlement of what some parishioners at one time considered a serious matter appeared to the meeting to be quite satisfactory.

A suggestion from the Chairman that a small committee should look into the subject of parish footpaths failed to gain support.

The June meeting was occupied chiefly with considering an outbreak of scarlet fever, and after full discussion the Chairman was directed to ask for a report from the Dartford Rural District Council on the steps taken in dealing with the case.

Complaints of overgrown footpaths were made, and the meeting took the view that owners of land crossed by public footpaths should keep them clear, without requiring any pressure from the parish meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 24th September, and any parishioner who has suggestions for local improvements, or grievances to ventilate, will then have an opportunity to be heard.

HARTLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

It is hoped to have weekly meetings during the coming season for the study and rendering of part songs and folk songs for community singing.

Members are asked to bring along any friends who are interested in partsinging, and newcomers to our neighbourhood who would like to join will please give their names to the conductor, Mr. W. H. Chisholme, "Restharrow," Church Road, or to Mrs. Keen, Ash Road, the Hon. Treasurer, or to Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Bank Buildings, the Hon. Secretary.

A WIRELESS EXPERIMENT.

With the approval of the Rector the Lay Reader installed a wireless apparatus in our church. The following were received from the B.B.C.—Morning prayer at 10.15 a.m., Organ recitals from Southwark Cathedral and other famous London Churches, Even-song from Westminster Abbey and other special Church Services. All these were beautiful and inspiring.

Mr. Henry Myers, engineer and electrician, erected the aerial, fixed the wires and gave much valuable service free of cost. After due experiment had been made it was decided to discontinue for the present, but, in the event of anything of great interest to the Church being broadcast in the future, the experiment will be further tried.



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