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EDITORIAL

In two years, Richings Park Sports Club has achieved much; how much, the following pages will reveal.

For the first purpose of this Magazine is to record the activities of the Club.

There is a second

purpose.

We have heard people say, "Iver is so quiet!" and "There is nothing to do here!" We gladly admit the truth of the first; the falsity of the second we are concerned to prove.

It is here that the Magazine assumes its second duty—to be the medium for encouraging further forms of corporate enterprise and amusement.

So far, it is chiefly the players of active games who have been catered for; but the scope of the Sports Club is wider than its name suggests. It has already shown a tentative

interest in the "Non-playing" members, who have representatives on the Council.

Here is an unlimited field for development. On another page we suggest some of the arts and crafts whose exponents might welcome a degree of organization.

Whether or no these activities be controlled by the Sports Club, this Magazine will be eager to help.

Briefly, then, it is our duty to record and to foster Park activities; it is our pleasure to interest and to amuse Park people.

We need the co-operation of everyone. Send us your views on Estate affairs; tell us the queer facts of your job; share your interests with your neighbours; buy your Magazine regularly or—better still—join the Sports Club!

We present our first, modest issue,

with no apologies. If you would quarrel with its size, consider how your support will help it to rapid growth. If your complaint is of its literary quality—why, we have not yet received your contribution!

"It all depends on you."

Our thanks are due to the writers and artists, professional and amateur, who have sent us their work. We have not had one refusal of help. Indeed, we have had to do the refusing ourselves!

The Secretaries of the many Societies on the Estate have responded eagerly to request for

our request for news. The refrain of their message in every case is "Welcome"!

Correspondence on any matter of local interest will be welcomed by

THE EDITOR, K. B. BATCHELOR,

at Richings Park School.

Writers of letters must add their name and address, not necessarily for publication.



RICHINGS PARK & SPORTS CLUB

OME notes on the history of the Club may be of interest to those of our readers who have not kept closely in touch with it.

In 1926 the Tennis Club was formed, and was the first club on the Estate.

It was followed in 1927 by the Cricket Club, and there were rumours of a

Hockey Club.

It was then thought that, in the interests of all, a central or parent body should be formed, with a view to working together on an economical basis. At the same time it was planned to lease the recreation ground and maintain it for the benefit of non-playing as well as of playing members.

The Sports Club was born in the late summer of 1927. Its initial rules were formulated by Mr. Hobson and a provisional committee of tennis and cricket members. These rules were submitted and ratified at the first General Meeting, in October, 1927, at which the first council was elected.

Some few weeks later Mr. Friend Sykes, on behalf of his company, offered the Club a five years' lease of the recreation ground at a very nominal rental and promised that, at the end of that period, should the Club be able to maintain it, a further lease for ninety-nine

vears would be given. We have that lease!

In 1928 the Hockey section was formed, followed, in 1929, by Ladies'

Hockey and Table Tennis.

The Council, consisting of two representatives from each playing section and four from the non-playing residents, meet at least once a month under the able chairmanship of Mr. Ridgman. They will be pleased to receive any suggestions for consideration.

There is a lot of work to be done, and the Club needs the full support of all residents. Help may be given by donations and subscriptions, by gaining new members, by preventing damage and destruction, by giving shrubs for beautifying the ground, and in many other ways.

Sports Club Badges are now on sale at 28. each. They may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from any of the Sectional Club Secretaries.

By kind permission of Mr. Friend Sykes, we are again allowed to hold the Fete in the Park, and we ask for the support of yourself and your friends on Whit Monday.

SOCIETIES. CLUBS AND

The Sports Club. Hon. Secretary: F A. Berendt, "Belvoir," Old Slade Lane.

Subscription 5s. Cricket Section. Hon. Secretary: F W Elliott, "Fair Glen," Wellesley Avenue.

Subscription 25s.

Ladies' Hockey Section. Hon. Secretary: Miss Rogers,
"Rosslair," Somerset Way

Subscriptions, under 18, 7s. 6d.; over 18, 15s.

Men's Hockey. Hon. Secretary: H. J. Forty, "Northleach," Syke Ings. Subscription £1.

Tennis. Hon. Secretary: A. J. Bayly,

"Brendon," Wellesley Avenue. Subscription 2 gns.

Subscription 2 gus.

Table Tennis. Hon. Secretary: R. McGregor,

"Maxhame," St. James' Subscription 6s.

In addition, there are inclusive subscriptions, entitling members to play in any or all of the present Clubs at the following rates :-

Man and Wife, £5 5 0; Men, £4 4 0; Ladies, £2 12 6.

Richings Residents' Association.
Subscription 58.

"Ranmore," Wellesley Avenue.

Townswomen's Guild. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. E. Lee,
Subscription 28.
"Cavendish," Wellesley Avenue. Subscription 2s.

Richings Players. Hon. Secretary: P L. Leah, "Strathmore," Richings Way. Subscription 58.

Iver Choral Society. Hon. Secretary: W H. Weston,

Iver Choral Society. Hon. Secretary: W. H. Weston,
Subscription 2s.

Infants' Welfare Centre. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. J. Dodson,
Subscription 2d. each meeting.

"St. Boniface," Richings Way. Subscription, 3d. each meeting.

Gardening Notes

By "PICKAXE,"

Landscape Gardening.

EDITORIAL decisions are edicts. And the Editor has decided on Garden Notes—from a new angle, you know Something quite different from that which Messrs. Carter, or the President of the Royal Horticultural Society, would provide. In fact, something homely, like the frying-pan, for instance.

Well, here it is, and the editorial staff of the journal feel sure that it will fill a long-felt want. Quite a number of our readers are under the impression that they possess a garden. The best way to dispose of any false ideas of this kind is to purchase a packet of grass seed, compare the picture on the cover with your own possession, and you will immediately realize that either the artist is a man of wild imaginings, or else you are. However, matters can be easily remedied. The best way is to start fresh. Rise early one morning and dig it all up again, or, better still, shift to a vacant plot, where the earth looks as if it wants to be made into a garden. This will give you plenty of opportunity to let yourself go.

First of all, the pictures issued by seed firms should be collected, and arranged in different parts of the proposed garden. These will encourage you if you begin to lose interest. The next consideration is tools; these are very important. A neighbour who has suddenly developed a passion for wall-papering will not miss his for a time. Do not be afraid to ask for them. Later on you'll be only too ready to get rid of them yourself. Do not try to use all the tools together; concentrate on one at a time. We suggest a pick. You will soon realize that these were not meant for use only

in coal mines. Loosen the earth well, and then get busy with the spade. After an hour or so of concentrated effort with that useful implement, you will probably find you've buried one of the other tools, but do not let this worry you. They belong to the other man, and you can always congratulate him on his wall-papering. By this time you will feel that you have done something. This is felt pretty generally all over you. But take no notice of it. You will get used to it. If you do not, well, it is a matter for the hospital to worry about, not you.

To dissipate any growing lassitude that may be creeping upon you, a change of tools is recommended. You will probably feel a trowel would be about your weight at the moment, but at this stage of the proceedings it would be out of the question, besides, it is odds on the lady of the house is using it, so you could not have it in any case. Try the fork. This is one of the handiest tools in the garden. But in regard to this, be careful in your choice of neighbours. A cheap fork will probably let you in for an apology when you have to explain why the prongs are turned the wrong way.

You can, if you wish, now direct your attention to the layout. It is a word that will appeal to you at this juncture, but, unfortunately, space does not permit us to expatiate on this phase of landscape gardening at present. We will deal with it in a later issue. Meanwhile, we would impress upon you that it is the spadework that maketh the garden, and, to use an old war-time tag, "It is the first seven years that are the worst." Fix this motto over your bed. It will be good for you.

H. O'C.

INQUIRY BUREAU.

THIS section is introduced to enable residents to submit queries regarding the maintenance of their properties and to enable us to obtain technical replies which may be useful to the residents generally. We shall be glad to publish questions and answers, but cannot accept responsibility for contributed replies.

Residents are requested to submit their queries on paper of a size easily filed, and written as legibly as possible or, better

still, in typewriting.

OF GARDENS.

God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed it is the purest of human pleasures. It is the greatest refreshment to the spirits of man; without which, buildings and palaces are but gross handyworks; and a man shall ever see that when ages grow to civility and elegancy, men come to build stately sooner than to garden finely; as if gardening were the greater perfection.—

Francis Bacon,

Rambles Round Richings

"— the country places,
Where essential silence cheers and
blesses."

OW is the time for the adventurers among us to plan our week-end walks—the charms of spring lure us from our firesides; maps, walking sticks and brogues take the place of fixture cards, hockey sticks and football boots

For a really good day's tramp, it would be hard to beat the walk to Denham, which, after leaving Iver Heath, can be made entirely by footpath through undulating fields and woodlands, crossing the Alder Bourne. A pleasant half-hour could be spent exploring the village itself, which is one of the oldest and most picturesque for miles around. This walk is equally attractive in the autumn as many of the paths lead through corn-fields.

Stoke Poges, with its famous churchpard wherein Gray composed his *Ellegy* is also well worth a visit, and main roads can be avoided by going through Langley and Wexham.

Black Park, Runnymede, Burnham Beeches, Romney Lock, Eton and Windsor are all interesting tramps or cycle rides of varying distances from Richings Park.

The roads abound in objects of peculiar and in many instances historic interest, from stocks in Eton to the original pumps on the Bath Road, where the horses were watered in the coaching days

Most of the inns are of great age, and although many of them answer to the name of The Red Lion, such titles as The Crokked Billet, The Shovel, or the Paddington Packet Boat—to name a few—offer a refreshing change.

Quite a good five-mile walk is to Iver Village, turn right by the church, straight along the lane past the Gravel Works, over the bridge and stream at Cowley Peachey, continuing straight until you come to the Paddington Packet Boat. Turn right, which will lead you into Yewsley and West Drayton, the road from the Green to the Estate being quite an attractive one.

WIP

COMMON ERRORS IN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

SPRING sees the commencement of many things, and not the least important amongst them is the amateur photographic season. Everywhere amateurs are bringing out their cameras and preparing to collect another pictorial record of the season's events. There are, however, many pitfalls for the beginner. According to statistics published in the *Photographic Almanae*, the following are the chief causes of failure in amateur work:—

Under-exposure. Incorrect focussing. Camera moved during exposure. Film not placed true in camera.

Of these, under-exposure is by far the most frequent cause of failure, and is generally due to the amateur taking chance snapshots of a variety of subjects, irrespective of the lighting and other conditions.

Let us consider a few of the chief factors which have to be considered in arriving at a correct exposure:—

First, the light. This varies considerably according to the time of year, the hour of the day, the character of the sky, and various atmospheric conditions.

It must also be remembered that the eye and a sensitive film are not affected by light in the same way. A yellow or red light that seems bright and strong to the eye has but a feeble effect on a sensitive film which is affected far more by blue or violet.

Secondly, the stop. This governs the amount of light passing through the lens, it being obvious that the larger the aperture the more light will pass to the film in a given time.

Thirdly, the class of picture. This may vary from brilliant scenes in the open like seascapes, to dull interior subjects.

These three factors do not by any means exhaust the list, but will serve to show that there are many points to consider before deciding the exposure. There are many reliable guides, such as exposure meters, to assist the amateur, but when in doubt always err on the side of over-exposure. No amount of developing will bring detail to underexposed shadows.

Finally, it will more than pay the amateur to study the principles of exposure, as when once mastered success is practically certain.

A. STALLARD, M.P.S.



HOCKEY CLUB

RESULTS -

1929-1930



THE second season of the Hockey Club ended on the 12th April with a dinner attended by a nearly complete muster of members, and well supported by members of the Cricket section. Among the visitors were Messrs. Ogilvy, of Spencer and England, and Leggett, Captain Bucks. County

Honours List, 1929-1930: Mr. Eric Sykes was awarded his County Colours for the season. We now have two "County Colours Men," Mr. Slater having gained his colours last year.

The following members also played for Bucks. County XI during the year: F Cowley, D. C. W Walsh, H. Sykes, G. V Yeabsley, H. Spence, and for the Bucks. County "A" XI, G. Gibson and E. W Sandford.

Mentioned in despatches (and incidentally railway carriages), Messrs. Smyth and T Haine for umpiring home and away games throughout the scason, also Mr Elliott for taking the whistle on many occasions.

A full Saturday fixture list for both elevens has been arranged for next season. It is a good deal stronger than last season, and includes the following new teams: High Wycombe, R.A.F. Halton, R.A.F. Uxbridge, Surbiton, Windsor Works, London Scottish. A series of Sunday games for both elevens will also be arranged.

There is plenty of room for about half a dozen new members for the coming season, all of whom can be sure of

plenty of games.

RESULTS, 1929-1930.

					Goals.		
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Scratched.	For.	Against.
1st XI 2nd XI Sunday Games	23	15	6	2	6	85	64
	22	8	10	4	5	57	61
	15	3	7	5	6	30	42



TENNIS CLUB

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THE Lawn Tennis Club is now commencing its fifth season, and it is confidently anticipated that 1930-31 will prove to be a very enjoyable and successful one.

There are a number of vacancies, and residents wishing to join the Club may be assured of a warm welcome. Application should be made at once to the Hon. Secretary, from whom full particular

may be obtained.

A few matches have been arranged, with a view to fostering enthusiasm, and it is hoped that strong teams will be fielded. The Club Championship (Mixed Doubles, Ladies' Singles and Men's Singles) for which Cups have been presented, will be held early in June, and all members are invited to compete American tournaments (the Tennis "Paul Jones"), usually so popular and helpful in bringing all players together, will be arranged periodically.

At the Annual General Meeting on the 10th April last, the question of the social side of the Club was discussed at considerable length, and it will be one of the chief aims of the Committee to cater for this and to make the Club a "happy family."

Teas will be provided on Saturdays, and the support of members in this

direction is earnestly desired.

There may be no "Tildens" or "Lenglens" amongst us, but in joining the Club residents can be certain of enjoying for a very moderate subscription unlimited play on good courts, clean sportsmanship, and good comradeship.

The new "all-in" subscription, covering membership of all existing Sectional Clubs, should be especially attractive to Cricket and Hockey players, who will be able to get Tennis for themselves and their wives, at very little addition to their present subscriptions. We hope to welcome many of them this season.

S. H. WICKS (Captain).



CRICKET CLUB

NOTES



THE Club is looking forward to a good season, and judging by the fixtures arranged by Hon. Sec. Elliott they should not be disappointed. A glance at the matches set out below shows that we are meeting considerably stronger sides than last year.

The Club is fortunate in retaining almost all its old members. We were

hoping that one or two good "change" bowlers would have come along, but up to the time of writing none have been discovered.

Mr. Yeabsley is again Captain of the 1st XI, and is assisted by Mr. Welch as Vice, whilst the 2nd XI this year has been entrusted to Mr. Bull, Captain, and Mr. Williamson, Vice-captain.

		IST XI.	FIXTURES.		2ND XI.	
Date		Opponents.	Ground.	Date.	Opponents.	Ground.
May	3	Ickenham	Home	May 3	Ickenham 2nd XI	Away
-	10	Langley Park	Away	,, 10	Iver	Home
	17	L.M.S. Rly.	Home	,, 17	Harlington 2nd XI	Away
	24	Park Royal Hospital	Away	,, 24	Power Plant	Home
	3 I	Southall Gas	Home	,, 31	lver	Away
	I	West Drayton	Home	June 7	Poly. 4th XI	Home
22	7	G.W.R.	Away	,, 14	G.W.R. 3rd XI	Away
	14	Brentham	Home	,, 2 I	Power Plant	Away
	15	Mr. Shephard's XI	Home	,, 22	Gillette	Home
	21	Brentham	Away	,, 28	Hayes 2nd XI	Home
	28	Haves	Away	July 5	St. Giles', Ickenham	Away
	29	West Drayton	Away	,, 6	Evening News,	
. 1	12	Ickenham	Away		Editorial	Home
,,	19	Haves	Home	,, I 2	Ickenham 2nd XI	Home
	20	Harlesden	Home	,, 19	Hayes 2nd XI	Away
"	26	Poly. Students	Away	,, 26	G.W.R. 3rd XI	Home
,,				,, 27	Lloyds Bank	Home



Ladier HOCKEY CLUB

NOTES



Since the Ladies' Hockey Club was only formed at the commencement of the season, we were mostfortunate in being able to arrange twenty matches, of which five were scratched owing to rain. We have been at a disadvantage in the small number of members, to most of whom the game was new If we could get enough members for two elevens we should be able to get better practices. However, all things considered, we should not be despondent

over our results, and we are looking forward to achieving something next season, for which we have already booked a number of matches. We shall heartily welcome any new members. It's a great game.

We give a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sykes for our ground, and to Messrs. Elliott and Morris for the refereeing they have done for us.

J. HADDON (Captain). G. THORP (Secretary).

TABLE TENNIS

THIS is the first and, so far, the only indoor activity of the Sports Club.

There have been two playing nights every week throughout the winter.

Occasional tournaments have attracted large entries, and the final one brought the season to a close.

In March a very successful dance was held.

Matches are being arranged for next season, when we hope to entertain some "Internationals" among other players from London. This should improve our play, which seems rather to have reached a level and there to remain.

A welcome is extended to new members, who may rely on some good fun next season.

"CRICKET AHOY"



SOME SUGGESTIONS.

"You press the trigger; we do the rest!" That sums up, for most of us, the gentle art of photography.

Yet with simple apparatus and no great skill, home and holiday snaps

may be made really beautiful.

Even "Aunt Emily Bathing" or "High Tide at Bognor" will respond to a little delicate "touching up."

A look at "Photograms of the Year" or any exhibition of photographs will show us the infinite possibilities.

Why not a Camera Club?

The high roads become daily more crowded. Life is one incessant rushing hither and thither.

The bye-ways, the ancient tracks, the pleasant water meadows, beckon us

and offer repose.

The day of the flying "Gin-Palace" may pass. Our atrophied legs may yet again be pressed into unaccustomed service.

Shall we walk?

By choice or by necessity, we are all gardeners at Richings Park.

Already, a cup is offered for the

best garden.

Every year, the Sports Club is allowed to hold a Fete in the beautiful grounds of the Hall.

Surely here are the makings of a Garden Club, with a modest, little annual Show!

Lack of space forbids more than mention of Chess, Rotary, Swimming, Wireless. The Editor will be glad to bring together any enthusiasts who write to him.

OUR COMPETITION.

A book, value 10s. 6d., will be awarded for the best article on "My Job." The articles, which must not exceed 350 words, must be received before 1st July, 1930.

The Editorial Committee will act as judges, and their decision will be final.

THE RICHINGS PLAYERS

ANY Residents, who enjoy the various productions of the Richings Players, probably know but little of this Society's history. The Society was formed in December, 1925, and the first effort was a varied entertainment, consisting of three one act farces and choral items by the newly formed Choral Society, the Richings Singers, who have since amalgamated with the Iver Choral Society. It was abundantly clear from the audience's reception that the Society was a welcome innovation on the Estate. Progress was made in the following year by presenting the two three-act plays, "Tilly of Bloomsbury" and the "Sport of Kings."

There being no accommodation on the Estate, productions up to this time had been given at St. Martin's Hall, West Drayton. These plays were very successful with full houses, which speaks well for the enthusiasm of the Residents. when it is realized that a train journey had to be made. Both these plays were repeated in Iver Village Hall for the benefit of local charity.

In the autumn of 1927 the Society were able to avail themselves of the newly built Tower Arms Hotel Hall for the production of "The Thirteenth Chair," which was also performed on invitation at Teddington, for charity. All other productions to date have been presented at the Tower Arms Hall with the exception of "The Happy Ending," with which the Society was asked to open the Plaza Theatre on Saturday, 4th August, 1928.

From the commencement the Society has been self-supporting, and in addition has given donations to charity The Society is affiliated to the National Operatic and

Dramatic Association.

The sixth season commences following the Annual General Meeting at the Tower Arms Hotel on the 14th May. residents interested in acting are invited to apply for membership, and those not wishing to take an active part will be very welcome as honorary members.

IVER CHORAL SOCIETY

T may not be generally known that the Iver Choral Society has been in existence for several years. In 1926 there was a possibility of the Society dying through lack of support. However, a number of residents on the Estate, who had previously worked together under the style of "Richings Singers," decided to join forces with the Society. Since then, under the able conductorship of Miss Betty Buchanan, A.R.C.M., the Society has taken on a new lease of

Its present membership is about forty to forty-five, of which nearly so per cent is from the Estate. A concert is given every January, held, through lack of larger accommodation, in the Village Hall. It is customary to devote the latter part of the season to sacred work, which is rendered about Easter in the Parish Church. The Society would welcome new members (especially tenors), and it earnestly solicits greater support from the residents on the Estate at its performances.

If suitable accommodation could be obtained on the Estate, the concerts and also a number of the practices would

undoubtedly be held here.

RICHINGS PARK WELFARE CENTRE

ANY differences of opinion exist on the subject of the upbringing of a child, and the young mother is often harassed by the variety of advice poured upon her from all quarters.

Much of this advice is good and beneficial, but is usually so conflicting that she is driven frantic to know what to do for the best for her offspring.

The existence of Infant Welfare Centres, capably managed and run under the auspices of the County Council, do

much to alleviate this kind of anxiety. There one receives the services of a qualified medical attendant and nurse as well as lectures and talks and what is all-important, "Peace of mind."

The local branch meet at the Hall

attached to the Tower Arms Hotel, on the second and fourth Friday in every month. Threepence is charged for each attendance, and tea is also provided.

This branch is confined to the residents

on the Estate.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE question has been asked, "What is a Townswomen's Guild?"

It is an organization which shall serve as a common meeting ground for all women irrespective of creed or party, for educational and social intercourse.

The dictionary will show that a "Guild" is an association of people for mutual aid.

The Richings Townswomen's Guild endeavours to keep these ideals, and invites women to join.

The meetings take place on the first Thursday in every month, at 2.45 p.m., in the Tower Arms Hall, unless otherwise

advertised

There have been six successful meetings since inauguration, with lectures on interesting subjects and demonstrations of popular handicrafts.

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

T is nearly five years since the Richings Estate Residents' Association was formed, and since then it has always supported any new activities which have been for the benefit of its members.

For the latest venture we offer our congratulations to the Sports Council, and offer them our whole-hearted support, as we realize only too well the great need

of a publication of this nature.

To those who are not members of the Residents' Association the committee desire, through the medium of this Magazine, to bring to your notice the various advantages accruing from membership.

During the years since its inception considerable work has been performed in regard to improvements on the Estate, such as street lighting, dust collection, train service, fire hydrants, roads,

etc., and during the past twelve months attention has been given to the re-assessment of the property of members, and where necessary properly conducted appeals have been taken to the re-assessment committee.

The committee realize that the time is rapidly approaching when this Association will be compelled to act merely as a watchdog in view of the success of their endeavours in the past, but it will be appreciated that, although passing through a period of apparent inactivity the necessity for a strong and united membership is ever present.

The Association is affiliated to the Property Owners' Protection Association, Ltd., and the subscription is only 5s. per annum. The secretary will be only too pleased to give any information

desired.

PERSONATA

MANY have written of Utopia; to write it on cheque forms and to build it in brick requires more courage and ability.

The subject of our cartoon in this issue is our President, Mr. Friend Sykes, who hopes to make "Utopia" synony-

mous with "Richings Park."

He has not succeeded yet; but we like to think that in the activities of the Club he sees some degree of realization of his ideals.

Mr. Sykes has travelled widely, he is a keen yachtsman and motorist; but perhaps his greatest interest is in

horses

He rides beautiful hunters, and the "Sporting Page" has an additional appeal for us when we see Reverentia or Willsboro among the winners.

Most Club members know Mr. Sykes best as an eloquent speaker, and our one complaint is that we do not see and hear him more often!

Our congratulations to Mr. Rogers, a very loyal supporter of the Cricket and Hockey teams. Suffering from appendicitis, he was given a few hours to live. He decided, however, quite rightly, that the Clubs could not afford to lose a good friend.

A duplicator became necessary for Sports Club Magazine purposes. Mr. Scott heard and produced the cash.

That's the spirit!

Mr. Slater, our first representative in County Hockey, had his jaw broken in two places during a county match. He had only just started playing again after a long rest due to a broken wrist!

Some people have all the luck!

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