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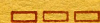
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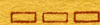


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## From the Chair

It is reasonable to assume that sufficient time has now elapsed to form some opinion as to the success of the new extension to our main Pavilion. Your Council of Management is of opinion that it has surpassed our greatest hopes, and I am quite certain that there will be few who will disagree with this decision. Visiting teams have freely commented on the beauty and comfort of our new quarters and have expressed amazement that so much could have been achieved in so short a time. It is particularly pleasing to see so many new faces in our midst and whilst we are very pleased to see them as visitors we would prefer to welcome all local residents as Members. I stress this point because our Members' Subscriptions form part of our permanent income, an important fact when endeavouring to plan ahead. Attendances have, so far, been well maintained and we are hopeful that this happy situation will continue during the winter months. It is our intention to reserve certain evenings as "Club Nights" during the winter months when we hope you will come along and meet old friends and foster new friendships.

Firstly, if you are entering the ground by car will you please drive slowly over the newly laid cinder road. (our grateful thanks to Mr Donald King for this further generous gesture) so that our immediate neighbours and good friends will not be disturbed by the rising dust during the present dry spell. Again, the hours of opening and closing are prominently displayed in the Bar and a strict adherence thereto is imperative. Please keep an eye on the newly-installed Electric Clock (thank you, Mr and Mrs. Ian Rankin, for this gracious gift) and make it easy for the voluntary Stewards to clear the building at the appropriate time. I am sure you will appreciate that they have to clear up and lock up after you have gone.

When leaving the ground will you please spare a thought for those of our immediate neighbours who like, or perforce, have to retire early. Would you, therefore, ensure that any essential noise is reduced to an absolute minimum. Finally, may I reiterate how pleased we are for you to bring a visitor to share our pleasures but will you please make quite certain that his name is inscribed in the Visitors' Book together with your own as sponsoring Member

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# CRICKET

At the time of writing, our record this year is still highly satisfactory, and halfway through August we had

Played 35. Won 18. Drawn 10. Lost 7  
Rained off 3.

We are still waiting for the Club's first century this year, but six batsmen have reached 50 or more in one innings. They are: John Rhys-Jones (four times), Barry Budden (twice), Cyril Brooks, Roy Annis, Norman Creek and Len Ford. Gordon Scott has reached 49 on two occasions and 48 once!

The brunt of the bowling has been borne by Barry Budden, Cyril Brooks, Don King, Gordon Scott and Len Ford. Rarely has anyone "coloured them," which speaks well for their consistency

Of the fielding, on the whole catching has been good, but on several occasions we have paid dearly for missed chances. Ground fielding has been better this year, but with one or two exceptions the throwing-in and backing-up remains poor. This gives encouragement (and runs) to the opposing batsmen, and to say the least of it, is a little discouraging to the wicket-keeper and bowler. Yet it can be so easily remedied with a little thought and care.

So far as the "cricket week" was concerned, we had several enjoyable matches, but our playing strength in three of the mid-week games was woefully weak; the teams were of only slightly strengthened 2nd XI standard. A cricket week can be both enjoyable to the individual and beneficial to the Club, but the organisers expect support to the extent of raising a side which will maintain the Club's prestige, whilst the visitors are entitled to reasonable opposition. However, "Cricket Week, 1956" is to be on the agenda of the Cricket Section's A.G.M. this autumn, when the subject will be fully discussed.

The 2nd XI are breaking about even with their games and good batting performances have been registered by Reg. Ford, Nigel Aves and Dick York. The recent bowling performance of John Stevens in taking nine wickets for 13 runs will certainly take some beating!

Again we offer grateful thanks to all the ladies who have organised and/or assisted at the Cricket Teas. Their efforts are appreciated by all and we repeat that nowhere are our teas surpassed.

## Results of matches to date

*A. v Old Paulines.* Won by 4 wickets.

This was a most enjoyable and interesting game. Batting first, the Old Paulines scored 136 for 7 and left us a little under two hours in which to get the runs. J Rhys-Jones 36, L. Ford 29 n.o. and N. Creek 24 contributed to our victory.

*H v Hillingdon.* Drawn game.

Played on a cold, miserable day with intermittent driving rain, the cricket matched the weather. The Park declared at 134 for 6 (Bob Norridge 41, J. Rhys-Jones 35, R. Lambert 20), but the visitors made no attempt to go for the runs and after almost two hours batting were 53 for 6. A game best forgotten.

*H v Denham.* Drawn game.

The visitors batted first and declared at 117 for 9, L. Ford taking 3 for 14. The Park just failed to get the runs, scoring 113 for 4 in the time available. (R. Annis 60, J. Rhys-Jones 34 n.o.)

*H. v Harrow St. Mary's.* Lost by 7 wickets.

The Park scored 104 (R. Ford 25, B. Budden 25) and the visitors passed this score for the loss of only three wickets.

*H. v Harlesden.* Won by 5 wickets.

After being 80 for 4, Harlesden collapsed and were all out for 109, D. King taking 5 for 27 and C. Brooks 3 for 25. In reply, we made 110 for 5, J Rhys-Jones scoring 53 n.o.

*A. v Windsor and Eton.* Won by 5 wickets.

The home side were dismissed for 110, B. Budden taking 7 for 40. J Rhys-Jones with 55 contributed largely to our total of 111 for 5.

*H. v Stroud Green.* Drawn game.

The visitors batted first in this all-day game and scoring evenly, declared at 208 for 5 at 3.55 p.m. In less than an hour our opening pair had scored 80 runs, but after tea, rain stopped play with the score at 93 for 1 (N. Creek 57, I. Morton 21 n.o.).

*A. v Datchet.* Drawn game.

As close and interesting a game as one could wish to see. We scored 202 for 6 declared and at close of play Datchet were 201 for 5. Len Ford scored an immaculate 78 and John Rhys-Jones another 50. Cyril Brooks had taken 3 wickets for 15 runs when, stopping a very hard drive, he split a finger, which necessitated his retirement for hospital treatment.

*A. v Ickenham.* Lost by 5 wickets.

In this game, John Rhys-Jones scored his fourth "over 50" when of our total of 173 he made 57, backed up by Barry Budden 37 and Gordon Scott 25. The home side score of 176 for 5 was dominated by a majestic innings of 76 by Kirkham.

*A. v Denham.* Drawn game.

Denham scored 182 and in reply we were 135 for 8, of which B. Budden scored 68 and W Burch 22 n.o.

*A. v Chalfont St. Peter* Won by 7 wickets.

The home side were dismissed for 71, due chiefly to excellent bowling by Barry Budden, who returned 11-4-20-6. Bob Lawrence scored 24 n.o. in our total of 74 for 3.

*H. v Windsor Victoria.* Won by 6 wickets.

The visitors scored slowly to total 86 (B. Budden 4 for 25, G. Scott 3 for 16), and this was passed for the loss of four wickets (Bob Lawrence 34).

*H. v Sutton.* Drawn game.

A free scoring game, the Park declaring at tea-time at 185 for 9, of which G. Scott scored 48, D. King 25, M. Brining 25 and W Burch 23. In reply, Sutton had scored 150 for 7 when stumps were drawn.

“CRICKET WEEK”

*v Old Paulines.* Lost by 17 runs.

The visitors declared at tea-time at 119 for 9, but against accurate bowling this total was too high for the Park. M. Brining made a great effort to pull the game round with a grand 32, but the innings closed at 102.

*v Queensbury* Won by 3 wickets.

Queensbury were dismissed for 101, which total was passed for the loss of 7 wickets (M. Brining 27). Two Queensbury bowlers each bowled 20 overs unchanged and were the model of accuracy throughout their long spell.

*v South Kingston.* Won by 105 runs.

An all-day match in which we had a disastrous start, losing Roy Annis without a run on the board, and John Rhys-Jones with only one scored. Two further wickets fell before lunch, when the score was 55. B. Budden (60) and Jack Brooks (27) helped the score to a total of 164. The visitors were unable to make progress against accurate bowling by B. Budden (5 for 29) and C. Brooks (4 for 11) and were all out for 59.

*v Inland Revenue.* Lost by 86 runs.

Five wickets of this strong batting side were down for 41 runs, but then catches were not held and the visitors scored 141. With a weak team, we could only manage 55.

*v Old Battcocks XI.* Lost by 5 wickets.

A very enjoyable 12 a side low scoring game. Father and son Ford opened the innings and put on 29 runs. Len Muncer, the Glamorgan and Middlesex county player then came on to bowl, and as was only to be expected, proved himself too good for R.P. His 5 wickets for 20 runs was largely instrumental in our dismissal for 87. However, the visitors had to fight for the runs and lost six wickets before passing our score.

*v A Slough XI.* Lost by 4 wickets.

Thanks to a steady 46 by Reg. Ford and 18 n.o. by Don Cameron, we mustered 114 for 7 at tea-time. Slough passed this total for the loss of 6 wickets. Bill Southall (missed twice before he had scored double figures) made 69 of their runs.

*v C. Bryants XI.* Won by 7 runs.

Nigel Aves made 34 and Don King 30 of our total of 79. After being 42 for 2 and 57 for 9, the visitors finished with a total of 72. D. King

and J Stevens bowled well to return 5 for 37 and 4 for 33 respectively

*v R.P Tennis Club.* Drawn game.

The Tennis Club made 176 and the Cricket Club 124 for 7. Each side has its own version of this game.

*H v Datchett.* Drawn game (rain).

Rain stopped play when Datchett were 42 for 4. G. Scott took two wickets without conceding a run, whilst M. Brining took a magnificent catch close to the wicket.

*H. v Fiddlers.* Won by 3 wickets.

Scoring was difficult on a rain-affected wicket and the Fiddlers having been put in to bat, were dismissed for 92 (B. Budden 4 for 27). After fluctuating fortunes and dropped catches, we won by 3 wickets, G. Scott contributing 22.

### Cricket Club Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion on Thursday, 29th Sept., 1955, and the Committee expect the full support of all members and their ladies. They will be delighted to see the faithful supporters, of both sexes, there also.

If you have not already done so, please complete the list now exhibited in the Pavilion as soon as possible in order to facilitate the catering arrangements.

### Jumble Sale

The Cricket Club propose to hold a Jumble Sale in October. At this time of the year there are many items for which storage space is hard to find—don't bother, just put them out for us. Should you want them out of the way now, drop them at the Pavilion when next you visit the ground, or alternatively, a word to any of the cricketers and we will arrange collection.

Our wicket-keeper Bob Norridge, fractured a finger when playing against Windsor and Eton on 2nd July, but we hope to see him in action again before the end of the season.

### STOP PRESS

CRICKET—Latest results

*v Burnham.* Drawn game.

*v Fencibles.* Drawn game.

*v Windsor and Eton.* Won.

*v Berkshire Ramblers.* Drawn game.

*v Windsor Victoria.* Drawn game.

### CONGRATULATIONS

—to Michael Brining on scoring the Club's first century of the season—a beautiful 125 *v* Berkshire Ramblers. (To save embarrassment we hasten to point out that this honour belongs to Mike Junior.)

—to Don King for scoring 48 runs in 24 minutes, also against Berkshire Ramblers.

—to Freddy Reedhead on an excellent bowling feat in taking 7 wickets for 17 runs against Windsor and Eton.

and not the least

—to Gordon Scott for scoring 72 in his first appearance for the Bucks County Colts.

## MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (DEVELOPMENT)

### A Report by Reg. Gatfield

We have nothing sensational to report this time, nor do we expect to handle another large project until we feel the benefit of the support of our last venture. For the support that has been forthcoming we are very grateful. The amount of voluntary work that has been carried out is also gratifying. None more so than that of the ladies, who are maintaining the very high standard set in the cleanliness and orderliness of the lounge, whilst the floral decorations have been the admiration of both members and visitors. It is only fair to say that the response in this direction has been beyond our expectations.

So far as contributions are concerned we are happy to acknowledge such useful gifts as the electric clock, the mirror, the door mats, wine glasses, packs of cards (for wet days or dark evenings), whilst the kitchen equipment has been supplemented by several brushes and Pyrex dishes. To the donors, the users say "thank you," as do we all to those people who have supplied us with ice during the hot weather

Improvements, some known to a few, others to many, include the repair and fitting of the electric cooker, the fitting of the tea urn with an immersion heater (boiling now takes 4 minutes), whilst electric lights have been placed outside over the steps leading to the lounge.

Plans have been approved for a building for both solid and liquid fuel, and as the target date is about now, offer an hour or so of your time. Additionally, we hope to have some permanent seats in position around the ground before next cricket season. We realise that the lack of this amenity has been a source of annoyance during the glorious weather of this year, but forgive us for saying so, permanent seats cost a deal of money, and we have very little.

By the time you read this, a liquor storage shed will be in position which will simplify the work of the sectional bar representatives who organise the bar team for the week's duty, as well as the stewards themselves.

Here we would crave your indulgence for the lack of technique or even finesse on the part of many of these willing helpers. After all, they are very much amateurs, at least in the finer points of filling the glasses. On the other hand, don't harbour a grievance—if you would prefer more lime or lemon, or even water, or if your beer has an outsize in collars, don't hesitate to mention it to the man behind the bar. We want no one to go away with a "chip on his shoulder"

Soon, at the evenings of week-ends, we hope to have "hot dogs" on sale as well as a selection of small snacks, both packeted and fresh.

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## TENNIS

For once Finals day was not preceded by palpitations on the score of the weather 9th July was, in fact, almost *too* fine, and Mrs. Stoke, one of the two finalists in the Ladies' Open Singles, was overcome in the middle of the second set and had to retire. Happily she recovered and was able to play in the Handicap Mixed Doubles, but sensibly gave her opponent a walk-over in the Ladies' Handicap Singles. The cup winners were:—

Men's Open Singles—Len Marland.

Men's Handicap Singles—Dick York.

Ladies' Open Singles—Angela Hudson.

Ladies' Handicap Singles—Marjorie Biddle.

Men's Handicap Doubles—Len Marland and

Stanley Stone.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles—Peggy Lambert

and Diana Oldcorn.

Open Mixed Doubles—Eric and Angela

Hudson.

Handicap Mixed Doubles—Tom and Nina

Miller

The traditional American Tournament, with a draw for partners and a sealed handicap, was held on Bank Holiday. Twelve couples participated, among them a large proportion of the younger members of the Club, and the winners were:—

First Prize: Betty Roberts and Dick York.

Second Prize: Madeleine Marland and

Peter Mills.

Booby Prize: Ruth Robbins and Alan Rankin.

There was, in fact, a tie for second place, Jean Dick and Len Marland returning the same score as Madeleine Marland and Peter Mills. On the toss of a coin, however, Len gallantly called wrong, leaving Madeleine and Peter to collect the prizes. Despite the heat, everyone enjoyed themselves, and a special vote of thanks was passed at the end to Mr Stone who organised the tournament, and to Mesdames Haywood-Gibbons and Rankin who dispensed teas.

All the Bucks L.T.A. Shield matches have now been played and unadulterated success has not been our portion. The ladies have won two out of six matches, but the gentlemen in their three matches have not been quite so successful. In friendly matches, however, we have done better

The Club has arranged coaching sessions from an L.T.A. coach during the summer holidays; the lessons are chiefly for children, but one or two adult members are availing themselves of the opportunity to straighten out any little irregularities which may have developed in their strokes throughout the years.

All the children are now on holiday, and many of those not yet doing the Grand tour of Europe are to be observed brushing up their back-hand half-volleys on the courts at most hours of the day

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## OLDE TYME DANCING

Do you realise the many benefits derived from Olde Tyme Dancing? You have only to see the expressions of the people who meet every Wednesday at the Tower Arms Hall, members of the Richings Park Olde Tyme Dance Club, to know that here is entertainment, relaxation, exercise and everything that helps to keep the mind and body young and alert.

It has been suggested that this "Olde Tyme Stuff" is only fit for the elderly; but how wrong that is, you can see by the number of young people that join the clubs and it is in fact, something that can appeal to both young and old; anyway, it is said that the "Olde Tyme dancers never grow old."

It is not generally known that the dances are not of just one period, but a collection of dances covering a number of years and there are some which have been specially written or adapted to modern tunes.

When seeing a dance demonstrated, one thinks, "Good Heavens, I could never learn that," but it is surprising how quickly it is learned and before you know it, there it is, the steps and rhythm fixed in the mind, and the feet "raring" to go; having mastered one dance, the others follow naturally, and in no time at all, there you are, quite confidently taking part in any dance the M.C. puts on.

The Richings Park Olde Tyme Dance Club is comparatively young with a small but very friendly number of members; this coming season will be its fifth. It is run on the same lines as most other clubs, the first half of the evening devoted to being taught the dances by two very capable teachers, Mr Hunt, A.M.A.T.D., and Mrs. Hunt. The second half, after the interval in which refreshments are served, is usually the time when members request the dances they know and like, and thoroughly let themselves go.

A special feature of this Club is that new members are made very welcome and older members do their best to see that they participate in the fun and are not left sitting out, feeling unwanted.

This year, the committee are endeavouring to introduce new ideas into the Club. Incidentally, the committee will always welcome suggestions and ideas from members, as their thought is to try to please as many as possible.

Apart from these classes, three or four Full dances are held during the season.

Members of the Club who have cars will be quite happy to help those who have difficulty in reaching the Tower Arms.

All members and intending new ones will be welcomed at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Membership fee 1/- per season, admission 2/-.

## SPORTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

This report presents some difficulty in writing, as there are so many matters which could be touched upon, but are in fact known to most members and non-members, judging by the numerous new faces we are seeing in the Club room these days.

Many matters are, of course, dealt with under the Development Committee report, so apart from just saying that there is little prospect, at the time of writing, of obtaining the services of a groundsman, this report is to take the form of an appreciation.

One of the most gratifying sights for many a long day on the Sports Ground, was the wonderful response to the appeal made for help in digging the trench for the electrical supply. Over 30 members attended, and an excellent job of work was done in quite a professional manner. Many were the wisecracks which attended this affair, so far be it from me to add to them. It is in fact, very heartening to active members of the Council that so many offers of assistance and help have been forthcoming in relation to the Pavilion extension, but to the job of keeping the playing facilities in order, regrettably, the same cannot be said.

This is, of course, no time to sit back and think that everything has been done. A lot remains, and this venture must not become a "Nine Days' Wonder!" It is the solution to the Club's difficulties only if progress is continued.

One particular request—if any reader should know of a person who would be prepared, and able, to undertake part-time work on the ground during the winter season involving approximately 20 hours per week, in rolling, cutting, and marking out hockey pitches, and other incidental close of season work, will they please contact the Hon. Secretary

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This report would not be complete without a special word of thanks to Mr Maurice Brooks (Jack's brother) for his excellent solo effort in the redecoration of the old pavilion. He washed down, distempered and painted it without help. He was called to his new appointment before he could finish the home dressing room, but this has now been completed. Great work, Maurice!

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An unusually good crop of extra-territorial tennis balls has been retrieved from the adjacent Sports Ground and some of the gardens backing on to the courts, most of them having been returned smartly to the owners. The Hon. Secretary, while searching in the dense undergrowth at the foot of her garden, came across three genuine antique tennis balls (circa 1949) and a cricket ball; the latter will be handed to anyone who can prove good title to the property

## FROM THE CAPTAIN

We are on the brink of the 1955/56 playing season and much of this edition is devoted to our forthcoming arrangements.

We have a pre-season communication from the Secretary and also some early information on alterations to the rules from Mr. Leslie Noble. Mr Noble, who lives in Richings Park and is a Vice-President of this Club, is well known throughout the Hockey world. Among many other distinctions he is an Associate Member of the Hockey Association, a member of the Association's Training and Lecturing Team, a member of the Southern Counties Umpires Association, a life member of the Bucks Hockey Association and has been serving recently on the South of England Selection Committee. He has umpired many international and Divisional matches. We are grateful for his contribution to this magazine and hope he will be writing for us again.

Appearing elsewhere in this issue (as well as our Club fixtures) are the County fixtures for the first part of the season. We publish these because, for several seasons past, we have had a number of our players in both the County 1st XI and the County "A" XI. The County Secretary, by the way, is now Mr F H. Jones. He is a former member of this Club and played for many years in the 1st XI as left-back. We are pleased to have the latest news of County affairs from him.

We also have an article from J. Bligh who is now down at Weston-Super-Mare. It may interest anyone who may be feeling a little diffident about starting to play hockey that Bligh, and also S. Annis, were two people who had never played hockey in their lives until four years ago. Within three years they were both half-backs in the 1st XI and performing very ably

P.G.

## COUNTY NEWS

Among the plans for the forthcoming season are the following:—

(a) Under the guidance of the County coach, the County Committee intend to try to initiate both theoretical and practical coaching.

(b) Ten films have been purchased for free loan to Clubs.

(c) Efforts will be made to raise the standard of the Bucks Schoolboys' team. We want to know of all available talent both local and away at schools.

(d) The County will be arranging meetings for umpires and potential umpires, at which Mr L. H. Noble will be giving hints and advice.

F H. JONES, *County Secretary*

## BAR STEWARDS

The Hockey Club is responsible for running the bar every fifth week. Will any member who is prepared to take a turn please inform P Gardner.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been my habit in the past to send out a screed to all members just prior to the beginning of the Hockey season, but it would seem that this excellent *Review* can now be used as the medium for contacting you.

Limitations of space will necessarily restrict my words but I must say, as usual, how important it is for all our old members to rejoin for the coming season and also to endeavour to introduce new blood into the Club.

We must face up to the fact that the Sports Club, through no fault of its own, has no groundsman and the maintenance of the sectional facilities falls on the shoulders of that section. The hours of daylight available for rolling, cutting and marking the pitches during the winter months are very limited, but it must be appreciated that in order to play our game we shall just have to do it ourselves. Owing to business commitments, not all members are free on Saturday mornings, but several are, and they are the ones who must be prepared to give a hand if the emergency arises. The Club is worth working for. With the greatly improved social facilities and future plans to even improve them, we have only to improve the surfaces of our pitches to obtain an even higher standard on our fixture list.

Your Secretary (or any Committee members) is waiting—PENCIL IN HAND—to add your name to the "Ground Maintenance Gang."

J. C. BROOKS, *Hon. Secretary*

## AUTHORS WANTED

Up to now, contributions for the Hockey section of the Richings Park *Review* have come almost entirely from members of the committee. This is only because the *Review* is a new project and all the editions to date have appeared during our "close" season when we have been rather out of touch with Club members.

Now, however, all members will be seeing the magazine and we would like contributions from our President, Vice-Presidents, players and anyone else interested in hockey.

Would you please send material to P Gardner, 41, Syke Ings.

## POACHERS

All official Hockey Club fixtures are played on Saturdays. Sunday hockey is an informal business. Many clubs that field a Sunday XI call that team by a different name to indicate that it is not necessarily representative of that club's official strength. Richings Park will be adopting this practice for the coming season and, on Sundays, will play as the "Poachers"—the title used by the Easter Hockey Festival team in recent years.



# KEY

## ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES OF THE GAME OF HOCKEY

At the beginning of this year the Midland Counties Hockey Association proposed certain amendments to the Rules of Hockey and in accordance with the powers of the International Hockey Board these were considered in May last. As a result the International Hockey Board decided to make the following alterations to the Rules of Hockey

### Rule 8—Boots, etc.

It was decided to re-write the rule entirely, viz.: "No player shall wear anything, either in footwear or otherwise, which in the opinion of the umpires, may be dangerous to other players."

Penalty: Umpires shall forbid the wearing of anything which does not comply with this rule.

Comment: This will allow the wearing of metal studs, which are not dangerous, but will not allow such articles as metal badges clipped to the shirt.

### Rule 9—Bully

It was decided to re-write the Penalty Section, viz.: "Penalties—(a) For any breach of this rule, the bully shall be played again; (b) For persistent breaches of this rule, the umpire may award a free hit to the opposing team; or, for such breaches in the circle by a defender, a penalty corner"

Comment: This gives additional power to the Umpire, as previously he could only penalise a player for persistent breaches of the rule under 10(k), i.e., Misconduct. Now the penalty is made clear

### Rule 10—General Details, Clause (c).

It was decided to re-write clause (c), viz.: "The ball shall not be undercut, nor shall it be played in such a way as is either dangerous in itself, or likely to lead to dangerous play. The scoop stroke, which raises the ball, is permissible provided that it complies with the foregoing provision of the Rule and except as specially provided in Rule 13 (b). The ball may be hit whilst it is in the air provided that the player does not contravene paragraph (b) of the rule.

Comment: Additional power is now given to the Umpire to penalise any ball played in a dangerous way, or likely to lead to dangerous play

There are also minor amendments to Rules 13 and 14.

LESLIE H. NOBLE.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

It's a long way off, but make a note of the date:—

New Year's Eve—Hockey Club Dance at the Tower Arms Hotel.

## MEMORIES

Having hibernated to the depths of Somerset, I feel sure that a few words from a well and truly established country bumpkin on the arts of hockey would not be amiss, especially if they concern the Richings Park Club. At first it was difficult to find a title—"My Hardfought Games" or "70 Minutes of Agony" or even "Always Play to the Worthington" came to mind but I felt that my final choice would cover a multitude of sins.

Seriously though, what a happy and enjoyable time can be spent both on and off the hockey field with ten other individuals, and how easy it is to recall incidents that leave an indelible print on one's memory. How many times have we heard our goalkeeper John Stevens shout "MINE"—sometimes it really was his—right in the back of the net! Perhaps Nigel Aves is waiting anxiously for next season when he can again perform his circus acrobatics on the seven-yard line. Maybe John Rhys-Jones will still be using his stick as a flail—or could it be that the Captain will have had a cautious word with him in the meantime.

I have chosen but a few from the worthy playing members of the Club but let us not forget the spectators who spur the players on to greater efforts with words of wisdom! I remember, too, one of our immaculate inside forwards shouting "GET RID OF IT"—actually it was half-time and I was eating an orange, so that invaluable remark was a wasted effort. However, whatever advice or knowledge was imparted by player or spectator, I am sure it was all well meant—even if we did occasionally have an inquest in the dressing-room after the game. In fact, it used to be a regular occurrence for members to state that they were definitely "hanging up their boots," particularly after a really hard match.

Hockey festivals, of course, provide a great deal of amusement and only when you have joined Richings Park at the Easter festival at Clacton-on-Sea can you appreciate the vast amount of experience that is gained on those trips. Not only are the games well fought but it seems that a tremendous spirit of comradeship is in evidence throughout.

And finally, may I endorse Peter Gardner's words in the last edition of the *Review* "It doesn't matter if you have never played before—you will find many people in the Club who are anxious to help you." To new members who are thinking of joining, these are words to be remembered for they are truly significant of the Club's aims—to further the interests of hockey and to promote a spirit of sincere goodwill amongst all members. Believe me, there is never a dull moment.

J. L. D. BLIGH.  
Weston-Super-Mare.

## RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The largest membership on record! Since the last issue of the *Gazette* the membership of the Association has continued to increase and now it boasts the highest ever

How much of the new-found membership has been attracted by the bait of a ladder and a hedge-trimmer for hire and how much by a realisation of the value of the Association's work it is impossible to say

Whatever be the cause, the continued growth ensures that the Association can speak with a more authoritative voice and has at its command—when circumstances require their use—greater financial resources.

Calls on the hedge-trimmer in July were heavy. Many people, failing to take the precaution of reserving the tool in advance by telephone, were disappointed on the day they had planned to use it.

During September the trimmer will be held by Mr E. L. Carlisle of "Luccombe," 32 Syke Cluan (IVER 767) and in October by Mr T. A. Oxley of Carbery, 55 Syke Ings (IVER 576).

In July a spirited protest was made by the Association to the British Railways regarding the Summer Train Schedules. Attention was drawn to the unusual dependence on rail travel facilities suffered by the residents of Richings Park, a dependence which, in the view of the Association, warranted more generous treatment in the provision of fast connections.

The hope was expressed that in drawing up their Winter Schedules British Railways would bear the special claims of Iver in mind.

The Association plans to distribute to all residents of Richings Park a Progress Report showing the matters attended to so far in the current year. This Report should be in your hands by mid-October.

The recent statement by the Government on the urgent necessity to retain Green Belt Areas around large towns has been well received. It is the firm intention of the Committee of the Residents' Association to do all they can to keep this objective in the minds of the many authorities, local and distant, who may be tempted to tamper with the Park and its surroundings.

One of the outstanding mysteries of the Richings Park Estate is the paucity of members of the Bowling Club. Here for a paltry two and a half guineas you can polish up your wits against some of the keenest minds in the district.

Portly gentlemen may be heard telling the world they are too thin whilst others may be heard declaiming they've no legs. Then there is a mythical person called "Jack High" who is being continually questioned as to whether he is or is not.

Besides these public announcements there is all the back chat and merry banter round the mat centering particularly on the tricky question as to whether it should be left for the next player or kicked into the ditch. Both schools of thought have their exponents, but for the "into the ditch" school, our Jo is the recognised master and demonstrates regularly—Mind his arm. All this for 2½ gns. In a school of dramatic art or elocution it would cost double, and besides all this intellectual fodder, one gets the Bowling.

Quite a lot of the members are really good and know where their "woods" are going. The few who don't are allowed to blame the Green.

The Club is fortunate in having a band of "brothers" from Langley and The Village who will take on all-comers, preferably on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Recently another band has appeared calling themselves "The Rabbits," ready and willing to bowl all and sundry for Beer: Beer being a recognised adjunct to the game by most members.

You never see a cricketer swiping the ball with a glass in one hand, but it can be seen quite often on the Bowling Green!

This is of course all on the lighter side of the game. The Club plays the usual matches against other prominent clubs with a reasonable amount of success. Individual members carry the Club's name with distinction into the county competitions. In addition we are blessed with the presence of our charming ladies who are always ready to hand out cups of tea on Sundays and other occasions.

Well there you are, you not-so-young gentlemen of Richings Park. How you can afford to throw away all the advantages of membership of the Richings Park Bowling Club for the sum of Two and a half guineas beats Banagher



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION Iver Parish Council

At the Iver Parish Council Election held in May this year, the following members were elected for the Richings Park Ward: Mr F. A. Fairweather, Mrs. D. E. A. Rhys-Jones, Mr H. W. Rowland, Mr A. J. Seal.

### Eton Rural District Council

Iver Parish is a constituent parish of the Eton Rural District and has six members on the District Council. The member for the Richings Park Ward is Mr H. W. Rowland. Mr O. Stott is one of the members for the Iver Village Ward.

### School Management

Two Richings Park residents are members of the Iver County Primary School Board of Managers. They are Mrs. D. E. A. Rhys-Jones and Mr H. W. Rowland.

### Iver and Richings Park Sick Poor Fund

This scheme was approved by the Board of Charity Commissioners in April, 1952, and after the appointment of the Trustees, the scheme came into operation in September, 1952. The Fund consists of Charities and Endowments for the benefit of the Sick Poor of the Iver Ward and the Richings Ward of the Parish of Iver. The duty of the Trustees is to apply the yearly income of the Fund for the benefit of sick poor persons in these Wards. Some of the ways in which help may be given are by supplying special food and medicines, medical comforts, extra bedding, fuel, medical and surgical appliances, provision of domestic help, grants of money to help defray expenses of convales-

cence, including domestic help during convalescence. Bed linen and sick room essentials are available on loan at very short notice.

Two of the appointed Trustees are residents of Richings Park: Mr F. A. Fairweather and Mrs. D. E. A. Rhys-Jones. All enquiries, requests, and grants, are strictly confidential.

### Street Lighting

On August 27th the lights of Richings Park will shine again, and this year more brightly than before. The wattage per lamp will be 100 instead of last year's 60. If you notice that a lamp refuses to shine when it should, please inform the lighting contractor (F. W. Jones, Iver 181) immediately, or report the fault to one of your local Parish Councillors. Prompt attention will then be given to lighting faults.

### COUNTY HOCKEY FIXTURES

|          |                             |              |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 16.10.55 | Sunday                      |              |
|          | First County Trial          |              |
| 23.10.55 | Sunday                      |              |
|          | Final County Trial          |              |
| 30.10.55 | Sunday                      |              |
|          | Bucks Wanderers v Scorpions | Hampton Wick |
| 6.11.55  | Sunday                      |              |
|          | Bucks Wanderers v Mohicans  | Richmond     |
| 9.11.55  | Wednesday                   |              |
|          | County 1st XI v Berks       | Reading      |
| 13.11.55 | Sunday                      |              |
|          | County "A" XI v Herts.      | In Bucks     |
| 7.12.55  | Wednesday                   |              |
|          | County 1st XI v Middlesex   | In Bucks     |
| 18.12.55 | Sunday                      |              |
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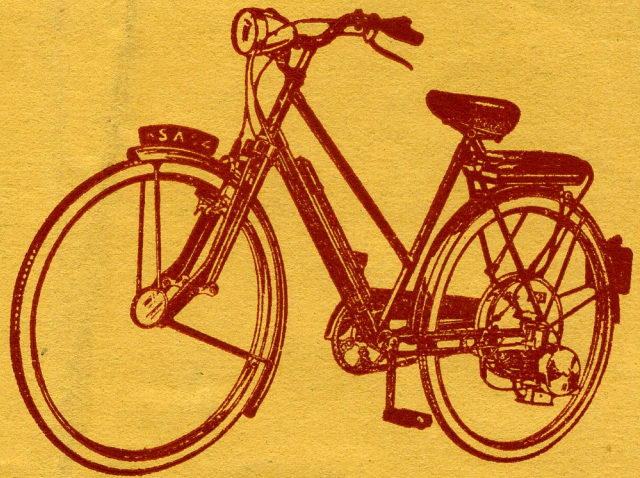
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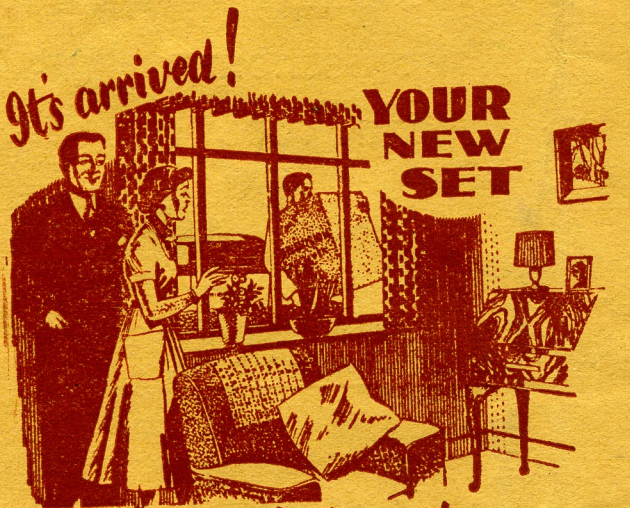
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