

*NORTH MYMMS MEMORIAL HALL
HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE
OF THE PARISH IN HONOUR OF
THOSE WHO SERVED AND FELL
IN THE TWO GREAT WARS
1914-18 AND 1939-45*

THE LONG JOURNEY—

THE HISTORY OF THE SCHEME

SOME twenty-five years or so ago, when Welham Green began to develop into a populous community, the only buildings available for meetings and other functions were the timber-built hut (well away from the centre of the village) known as the Scout House by reason of its origin, and the Boys' School in Dellsome Lane, built on the site of the old Parish Workhouse in 1887.

Realizing that a suitable hall was necessary, a meeting of the inhabitants was called under the chairmanship of Lord Clauson of Hawkshead House; the project to build such a hall was approved, and a committee was appointed, formed in the main from representatives of the many parochial organisations. The Committee was empowered to prepare a scheme and raise the necessary funds.

The most important consideration was: where should the hall be built? The site must be in the village and it must be a suitable one. With great generosity the late Mr. James Crawford, of Potterells Farm, offered a site fronting the Station Road opposite Sibthorpe Arms. This was a generous and valuable gift, ideally situated and with all main services such as drainage, lighting and heating available nearby.

Plans were prepared and the scheme launched. After the initial enthusiasm and financial support, popularity waned—it must be remembered that the population of Welham Green at that period was barely one-third of its present figure. It looked as if the scheme would have to be abandoned.

Then came September, 1939, and the war. A meeting of the Committee was held in Mr. Crawford's house and all activities ceased for seven years, the scheme being "pigeonholed" while more important things had to be done.

Lord Clauson, the Chairman, died in March, 1946, and the revival of the scheme came under the Chairmanship of Brigadier W. A. G. Burns, D.S.O., O.B.E., of North Mymms Park, who took control with enthusiasm and generosity. The Committee was re-formed and agreed unanimously that the plans tentatively approved were hardly suitable under the new local conditions which had arisen as a result of the war and would arise in the future development planned for the village.

An entirely new type of hall was designed by the well-known architect, Mr. Philip Tilden, and approved by the Committee and a Public Assembly of the Parish. Then came another setback: owing to the post-war restriction on building a licence was refused at each periodic application.

Time passed, and we come to the year 1953. In December another blow fell in the lamented death of Mr. James Crawford, an enthusiastic supporter of the project who had been Honorary

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Treasurer from the first days. His death caused a further complication which had a far-reaching effect on the scheme, for the site had not been legally conveyed. Some time later, however, thanks to Mrs. Crawford, this difficulty was overcome, but the plot of land had to be on a narrower frontage to the road than that for which Mr. Tilden's plans had been drawn, making a further change in design necessary. The original hall was to have been parallel with the road, taking advantage of the small gradient north to south to provide storage space at the platform end.

The Hall had now to be placed at right angles to the highway. Meanwhile licence to build had at last been granted.

A little later, Brigadier Burns had to relinquish his chairmanship due to his being appointed to command the Guards Brigade in Germany, and Mr. C. W. Allison, Chairman of the North Mymms Parish Council, agreed to take over the post.

The question now was what type of building should take the place of the discarded plans, particularly taking into account the very steep rise in costs. The Committee were given details of a hall designed by Messrs. Reema of Salisbury—a firm specialising in buildings the main portions of which were pre-cast and easily erected, thus affording a cheaper and quicker method of building than the traditional brick construction. The Committee unanimously approved this type of building. Having been successful in their application for grants to the Ministry of Education, contracts with Reema were signed, after the land had been "conveyed" to the Parish Council as custodian Trustees.

Work on the ground was commenced with the ceremony of "cutting the first sod" by Mrs. Crawford in September, 1956. Additions to the building have been made in order to provide for a children's Clinic for the Hertfordshire County Council.

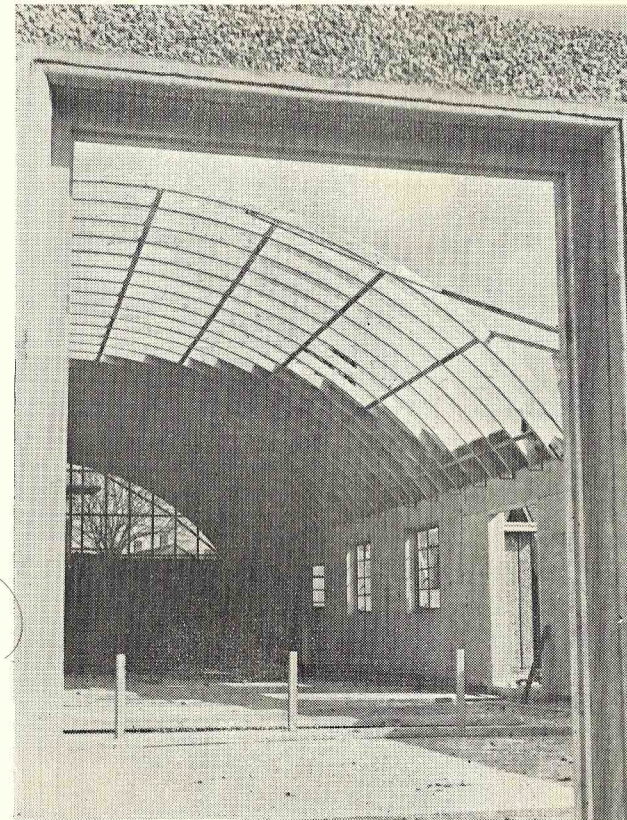
The Committee have been fortunate in having the services of Mr. Thompson of Brookmans Park in the capacity of voluntary Clerk of Works; and supervision of the electrical equipment work has been kindly undertaken by Mr. Atkinson.

Thus, after years of unexpected delays, frustrations and disappointments, North Mymms has a hall second to none in its amenities and accommodation, for the use and enjoyment of the Parish.

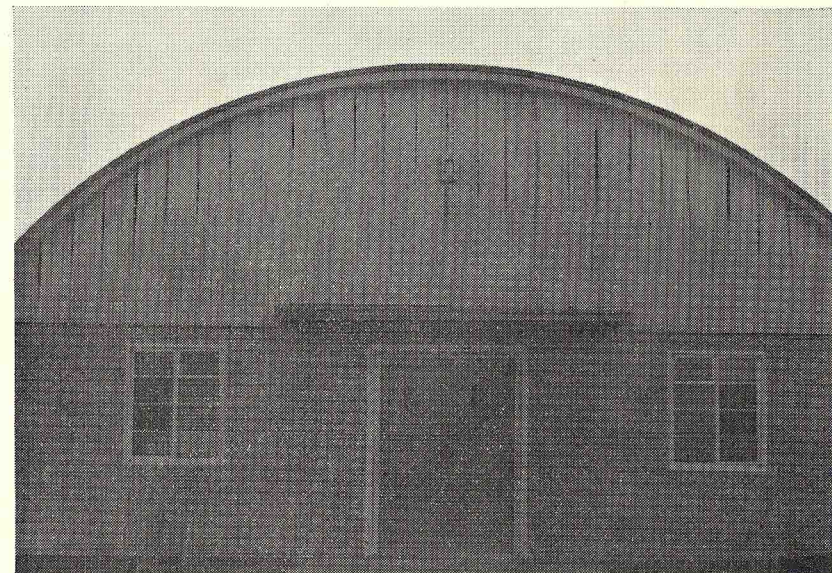
To those who have laboured over the years to bring the scheme to a successful conclusion may we say,

FINIS CORONAT OPUS.

H. M. ALDERMAN.



... TO COMPLETION"



NORTH MYMMS MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

responsible for the erection and equipping of the building

Mr. H. M. Alderman	Mr. T. G. Nash (<i>Assistant Hon. Treasurer</i>)
Mr. C. W. Allison (<i>Chairman</i>)	Mr. W. G. Papworth
Mrs. E. Burns	Mrs. D. Salmon
Brigadier W. A. G. Burns, D.S.O., O.B.E. (<i>Past Chairman</i>)	Mr. W. B. Prettyman
Mrs. L. Charkham	Nurse Sadler
Mrs. A. Crawford (<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>)	Mr. H. J. Shadbolt (<i>Chairman of the Building Sub-Committee</i>)
Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith	Mr. W. C. Thompson
Mrs. L. F. Hamel-Smith	Major A. T. Todd
Mr. G. T. Jackson	Mrs. P. M. Todd
Lt.-Col. E. M. Kent-Lemon (<i>Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee</i>)	Mr. L. F. Vine (<i>Hon. Secretary</i>), 13, Bradmore Way, Brookmans Park
Mrs. T. J. Lock	
Mr. H. Nash	

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(*Elected at General Meeting, 2nd July, 1957*)

President : Brigadier W. A. G. Burns, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Representing Local Organizations—

- *Mr. H. M. Alderman
- Mr. T. Catlin
- Mrs. L. Charkham
- *Mr. J. Cooper
- Mrs. R. O. Geekie (*Hon. Secretary*), 75, Holloways Lane, North Mymms
- *Miss I. Jackson
- Mrs. T. J. Lock (*Hon. Booking Secretary*), 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms
- Mr. J. Merritt

Other Elected Members—

- Mr. C. W. Allison (*Chairman*)
- Mrs. A. Crawford (*Hon. Treasurer*)
- Mr. R. O. Geekie

- Rev. L. Hamel-Smith
- *Lt.-Col. E. M. Kent-Lemon (*Chairman of Executive Committee*)
- Mr. G. Money
- *Mr. P. Nash
- *Mr. W. Papworth (*Vice-Chairman*)
- Nurse Sadler
- Co-opted Members—**
- Mrs. E. Burns
- Mr. G. T. Jackson
- Mr. W. Rogers
- Mr. C. H. Warwick
- Building Advisors—**
- Mr. W. C. Thompson and
- Mr. E. K. Atkinson
- **Member of Executive Committee.*

OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1957 AT 3.30 P.M.

The National Anthem

The Chairman of the Hall Committee (C. W. ALLISON, Esq.) will welcome friends and guests

Mrs. E. BURNS, of North Mymms Park, supported by Mrs. A. CRAWFORD, of Potterells Farm, will declare the Hall open, after an introductory address by Lt.-Col. E. M. KENT-LEMON.

Mr. W. PAPWORTH will propose a vote of thanks.

After the Opening Ceremony an opportunity will be given to any guest who wishes to speak.

The Hall will then be open for inspection until 5.30 p.m. Stewards will be on duty to provide information.

At 6.30 the Hall will re-open for its first public variety concert at 7 p.m., consisting of items given by organizations in the Parish. Admission free. Programme overleaf.

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION and UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL TABLET will be held in the Hall on a date to be announced later.

"OPENING NIGHT"

Saturday, 2nd November, 1957—7 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

A Concert given by the various organizations of the Parish.

Compère: Mr. C. H. Warwick

1. *Dancing Display* N. Mymms Girls' School
2. *Short Recorder Recital* N. Mymms Church School
3. *Songs* ... Mrs. Bramley (Brookman's Park Choral Society)
4. *A Short Play* Friends and Neighbours Club
5. *Hand Bells Ringing* N. Mymms Women's Institute
6. *Songs* Mr. W. Childs (Brookman's Park Choral Society)
7. *A Short Play* Townswomen's Guild
8. *Excerpts from the Operas* Risley Operatic Group

Interval

9. *Lancers* Brookman's Park Women's Institute
10. *Choral Singing* N. Mymms Women's Institute
11. *Songs* ... Miss Wagstaffe (N. Mymms Youth Club)
12. *Monologue* Lilian Harrison (N. Mymms Dramatic Society)

ADMISSION FREE

During the Interval Light Refreshments will be available.

HALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Please make a note of the dates : Come and bring your friends

NOVEMBER 7th, 8th & 9th Thursday, Friday and Saturday

"TREASURE HUNT" (By M. J. FARRELL and JOHN PERRY)

will be presented by the North Mymms Dramatic Society at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. Tickets 5/- & 3/- can be obtained from members of the Society and the Hall Secretary.

There will be a Special Invitation Performance on November 6th for the Friends and Neighbours (7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.)

Subsequent shows by North Mymms Dramatic Society on

JANUARY 16th, 17 & 18th "DEAR OCTOPUS"

with Special Invitation Performance on January 15th.

NOVEMBER 16th Saturday

FIRST CARNIVAL DANCE

in aid of the Hall Building Fund, at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets 5/- Light Refreshments available

DECEMBER 14th Saturday

"PATIENCE"

an Opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, will be presented by
THE RISLEY OPERATIC GROUP at 7 p.m.

Tickets 5/- and 3/-, obtainable from members of the
Group and the Hall Secretary.

There will be a SPECIAL MATINEE at 3 p.m.

Tickets 2/6 and 1/6.

HALL ACTIVITIES

Child Welfare—Clinic—every Thursday at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Cinema Shows—7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, unless Hall otherwise engaged.

Dances on Friday evenings—Collins and his Orchestra—unless Hall otherwise engaged.

North Mymms Women's Institute on the second Tuesday each month, 2.30 p.m.

North Mymms Women's Institute Choir—every Monday and Wednesday alternately (Games Room), 2.45 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting—on last Friday of each month (Committee Room).

North Mymms Dramatic Society—each Wednesday, with exception of third Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

British Legion (Women's Section)—third Wednesday each month at 7.30 p.m.

Friends and Neighbours—every Friday at 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS—A DIRECTORY

THE NORTH MYMMS PARISH COUNCIL—Trustees of the Memorial Hall

Members—Brookmans Park Ward—C. W. Allison, (Chairman), W. G. Humphreys, G. T. Jackson, R. Tingey.

Little Heath Ward—C. G. Hurry, W. Russell-Smith.

Welham Green and Water End Ward—H. M. Alderman (Vice-Chairman), E. J. Evans, R. O. Geekie, W. H. Prettyman.

Clerk—Mr. M. G. Woodend, 5 Holloways Lane, North Mymms.

<i>Voluntary Organizations</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
North Mymms Ratepayers' Association	Mr. D. O. Short, 3, Westland Drive, Brookmans Park
North Mymms British Legion.	Maj. A. J. Hughes, Far End, Travellers Lane
North Mymms British Legion (Women's Section)	Mrs. I. Nash, 4, Parsonage Road, North Mymms
Brookmans Park British Legion ...	Mr. G. Harper, 20, Brookmans Avenue, Brookmans Park
Little Heath British Legion.	Mr. L. W. Halsey, 23, Whaley Road, Potters Bar
Little Heath British Legion (Women's Section).	Mrs. R. Castle, 40, Thornton Road, Little Heath.
North Mymms Men's Institute ...	Mr. B. W. Prettyman, 18, Parsonage Road, North Mymms
North Mymms Horticultural Society	Mrs. B. Sampson, Burwood, Moffats Lane, Brookmans Park
North Mymms Mothers' Union ...	Mrs. E. Nash, 36, Holloways Lane, North Mymms
North Mymms Young Wives' Group	Mrs. Thomas, Huggins Lane
North Mymms Boys' Club ...	Mr. A. J. Bradbeer, "Winton," Huggins Lane, North Mymms
North Mymms Dramatic Society ...	Mrs. L. Ullett, Gilwell, Bell Lane, Brookmans Park
North Mymms Parent Teachers' Association	Mrs. Hart, 7, Huggins Lane
North Mymms Women's Institute ...	Mrs. R. O. Geekie, 75, Holloways Lane
North Mymms Bowls Club ...	Mr. A. Howe, 90, Crawford Road, Hatfield
North Mymms Cricket Club ...	Mr. G. Nash, 46, Holloways Lane
North Mymms Football Club ...	Mr. S. King, Alma Cottage, Station Road
Welham Green Labour Party ...	Mr. Burrow, Marshmoor Bungalow

Welham Green Conservative Party	Mrs. A. Todd, Welham Manor
Brookmans Park Conservative Party	Mrs. D. M. Bowick, 9 Bluebridge Rd.
Brookmans Park Young Conservatives	Miss C. Clarke, 29, Mymms Drive
Brookmans Park and District Boy Scouts	G.S.M., Mr. F. Wagstaff, Oaklands Avenue, Brookmans Park
Brookmans Park Women's Institute	Mrs. K. Copson, 50, Georges Wood Road, Brookmans Park
Brookmans Park Lawn Tennis Club	Mr. Hammer, Hame, Kentish Lane
North Mymms Tennis Club ...	Mr. J. Mitham, 95, Holloways Lane
Welham Green Friends and Neighbours	Mr. J. Newton, Dixons Hill Road
St. Michael's Youth Club ...	Mrs. Perry, 17, Moffats Lane, Brookmans Park
Congregational Youth Club ...	Mr. Clifford, Bluebridge Road, Brookmans Park
Brookmans Park Choral Society ...	Mr. E. P. Wright, Bridge Cottage, Warrengate Road
North Mymms Guides and Brownies	Mrs. Hagen, 26, Holloways Lane
Brookmans Park Girl Guides	Mrs. Lewington, 7, Calder Avenue
Brookmans Park Brownies	Miss I. Jackson, 49, Holloways Lane, North Mymms
Civil Defence.	Mr. P. G. Smith, Civil Defence Officer, Hatfield R.D.C.
Brookmans Park Young Wives' Group.	Mrs. Moore, 60, Peplins Way
Little Heath Conservative Party.	Mr. J. Morgan, Heath Road, Little Heath
Little Heath Football Club	D. Brimley, Frampton Road
Brookmans Park Golf Club.	Mr. Vivian Joyce, Golf Club House
Little Heath Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society.	Mrs. B. Donaldson, 77 The Causeway, Potters Bar
Little Heath Guides and Brownies	Miss Rushbrooke, Queenswood

An endeavour has been made to include all organizations. If any are inadvertently omitted, please accept the apologies of the Hall Committee.

The Hall is available for Wedding Parties, Dances, Meetings (large and small), etc. For information and charges apply the Hon. Booking Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms.