

# Harefield History Society

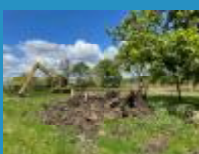
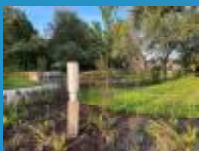
## NEWSLETTER No.10

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Staying in touch with members and friends of the Harefield History Society around the world.

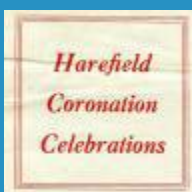
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### Editorial

In the last newsletter (June 2021), I set the expectation that we would probably be able to restart our regular monthly meetings after the summer break at the beginning of the 2021/22 season in September. However, I regret to say that this will not be possible.

Many of you will know that in June, very sadly, we lost a valued member of our committee, **Peter Clare**. Now, as some of you may have heard, **Lorraine Piercy**, our Chairman, has been very ill for several months and, after a stay in hospital, is now at home but remains very unwell. Consequently we have not yet been able to arrange a new programme of events and have taken the decision to defer the resumption of physical meetings until at least the new year.

As I sit here writing this newsletter, many of us have been queuing in the rain in the Church Hall car park for our winter flu jabs. Also, the Prime Minister has announced the plans for Covid vaccinations for 12-16 year olds and told us that Covid booster jabs will shortly start for Health & Social Care Workers, the vulnerable and the over 50s (which probably encompasses most members of the Harefield History Society!) He also set out the prospects for the coming winter with a plan A and a plan B.

Personally, being a confirmed optimist, I am very hopeful that we will be able to get through this winter without the need for any draconian lock-downs or other deprivations. However, I am also happy to continue all the simple measures like hand washing, wearing a mask in shops and crowded places, and by avoiding unnecessary mixing. I hope you feel the same.

**Stop Press:** - Just been invited to book my Covid booster jab!

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## Images from the Lock-down Summer

The Village Pond attracted many visitors, human and of the feathered variety.

Can you see the “fisherman” standing in one of his favourite spots in the shade of the first tree on the left? He came nearly every day and on two occasions I saw him catch a fish (unfortunately he was too quick for me to get a photo).

Here he is again in another of his favourite perches.



I was very pleased to see that the wild flowers planted by the council last year came up again this summer. Hopefully they will continue to reseed themselves for many years to come.

I was particularly happy to see so many bees taking advantage of the nectar on offer. The bumble bee on the lovely cornflower was completely oblivious of my presence.





The new HEALING GARDEN at Harefield Hospital is now looking lovely in the sunshine.



A special event was arranged to show the sponsors around the garden and HHS was invited to conduct the visitors around the hospital grounds and explain the history of the site.



(left) Rosie Pope introduces the Healing Garden to the guests before the tour.

(right), the group is shown another (secret) garden. It is only accessible by staff and patients from inside the hospital.



(below) The refurbished lake behind the mansion is now looking great.



(right) The second lake is now getting the same treatment.



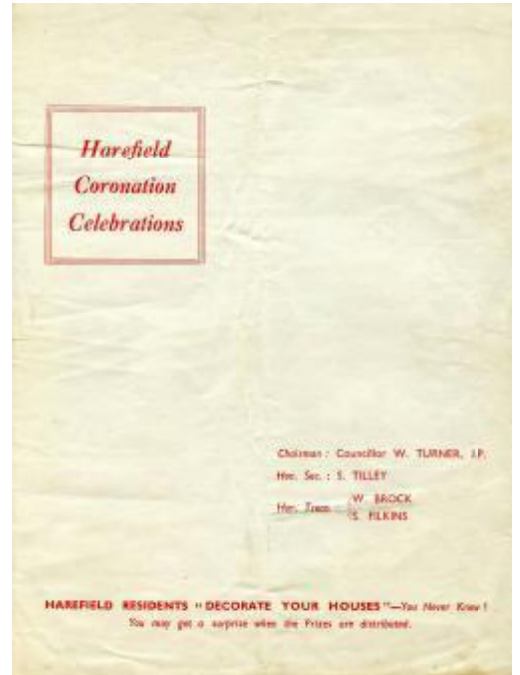
Looking ahead to 2022, I am mindful that, in February, it will be the Queens Platinum anniversary (that's 70 years) since she ascended the throne. I wondered whether I could find anything in the archives vaguely relevant on which I could use as an excuse for mentioning this fact. And low and behold, I came across a the document shown here.

It is a program for "Harefield Coronation Celebrations". Perfect (or so I thought). On the front is exalts "Harefield Residents 'Decorate your Houses'".

However, when I turned the page, I was surprised to discover that this document is for an earlier coronation, that of her majesty's father, King George VI. In fact, it makes quite amusing reading so I decided to put it in the newsletter anyway.

The coronation was on May 12<sup>th</sup> 1937 and the celebrations in Harefield continued for three days. Items that caught my attention amongst the sporting events is the Bun and Treacle Fight and the gift of a Golden Sovereign for the first baby born on Coronation Day.

(If you know who that baby was, I would love to know. Ed.)



*Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.*  
**HAREFIELD CELEBRATIONS**

If you fill our Church on the Afternoon of Sunday, May 9th, an excellent commencement will have been made. SERVICE at 3 p.m.

**12th MAY WEDNESDAY 12th MAY**  
 Events continuous from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
**SERVICE ON THE GREEN**  
 Attended by the Chairman of The Uxbridge Urban District Council, H. A. LEINO, Esq.  
 Speakers—Rev. LUTHER BOUCH, Rev. R. G. M. DAVIDS, M.C.

<p><b>10.30 a.m.</b>  <b>COMIC FOOTBALL MATCH</b>                  On the Green. Four teams, 8 a side. Prizes for the two Winning Teams.</p> <p><b>12 midday</b>  <b>LADIES' FOOTBALL MATCH</b>                  SUNDERLAND                  v.                  PRESTON NORTH END                  FINAL TIE.                  Entries to and in charge of Mr. J. Curriall.</p> <p><b>Have you the Carnival Spirit? Then enter and support your Carnival Queen. The many Sections offer you a wide choice.</b>                  8th May last day for Entries.</p> <p><b>SECTIONS</b>                  TRADE HOMERS                  BOYS' COSTUMES (5 to 8)                  BOYS' COSTUMES (9 to 13)                  GIRLS' COSTUMES (5 to 8)                  GIRLS' COSTUMES (9 to 13)                  JUVENILE CYCLES (MIXED)                  COSTUMES PAIRS (Under 14 Years)                  COSTUMES PAIRS (14 and Over)                  CHILDREN'S GARDENS (3 or Over)                  BEST DECORATED HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE                  BEST DECORATED TRADE CYCLE                  BEST DECORATED MOTOR CYCLE                  BEST DECORATED CYCLE                  BEST DECORATED PERAMBULATOR                  BEST LADIES' FANCY COSTUME (14 to 18)                  BEST LADIES' FANCY COSTUME (18 and over)                  BEST GENT'S FANCY COSTUME (14 to 18)                  BEST GENT'S FANCY COSTUME (18 and over)</p> <p><b>At 5 p.m.</b> <b>PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY</b>                  By HAREFIELD BOYS' BRIGADE <i>Leader: RAY SMITH</i></p>	<p><b>4 p.m. Sharp</b>  <b>BABY SHOW</b>                  Baby or Babies—have you these? Then enter them for the above.</p> <p><b>SECTIONS</b>                  UNDER 6 MONTHS                  OVER 6 MONTHS AND UNDER 12 MONTHS                  OVER 12 MONTHS AND UNDER 18 MONTHS                  3 Prizes for each Section if Entries permit</p> <p>An engraved Cup will be given to the Winner of each Section. Entries to Councillor Bishop by May 8th.</p> <p><i>In the Prime of Life!</i></p> <p><b>HAREFIELD'S 65 AND OVER</b>                  Be our Guests at Dinner in the old School.</p> <p><b>12.30 p.m.</b>                  Quick Service to our Customers with politeness.</p> <p>Get your cash from Mr. G. C. Filkins. Music by Miss Doy. Brown during Dinner, and you may Dance if you so choose.</p>	<p><b>11 a.m. to 12 midday</b>  <b>DAGENHAM GIRL PIPERS</b>                  will give a Display on the Green.</p> <p><b>12.30 p.m.</b>  <b>TUG-OF-WAR</b>                  8 a side.                  Entries and in charge of Mr. J. Catrall.</p> <p><b>CARNIVAL</b>                  Now you have decided to enter, hand your names to Councillors Clark or Jeffery.</p> <p>Minimum Prizes—                  3 Entries 1 Prize 5 Entries 2 Prizes</p> <p>Assemble at Cross Roads.  <b>1.30 for 2 p.m.</b></p> <p>Many a bachelorship has been won at a pennance-wag.</p> <p>No time fixed for this Event . . .</p> <p><b>SUN . . .</b>  <b>The First Baby born on Coronation Day will receive a Golden Sovereign</b></p>
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THE COMMITTEE HAVE OBTAINED THE EXCELLENT  
**PINNER SILVER BAND**  
 who will head The Carnival Procession and discourse Sweet Music during the day.

**4 p.m. (approx.)** **MARATHON RACE**  
 From Cross Roads via Harefield Grove, Strules, Northwood Road. Finish on Green. Open to both sexes.  
 Don't throw things at the Clovers "Give them a Biscuit"

**3 p.m.** **SPORTS**  
 Ms. W. WOOD in charge.  
 Entries by May 8th to Messrs. Wood, Jeffery, Jackson, Filkins and Crooks' Shop.

<p><b>BOYS</b>                  UNDER 6 YEARS                  OVER 6 YEARS AND UNDER 10                  OVER 10 AND UNDER 14</p>	<p><b>WOMEN'S BLINDFOLD RACE</b>  <b>BUN AND TREACLE FIGHT</b>  <b>VETERANS' RACE</b>                  (50 YEARS AND OVER)</p>
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To the Winner of each Event. . . . . Prizes will be worth your labour.

Mrs. Jeffery invites you to the **TEA TENT**  
 where you can purchase any Refreshments. Get your Ticket from the Cashier's. Don't all go together. All the Milk at the Tent will come from Contented Cows and all the Sandwiches will be made from the Eggs who did happy!

**At 7 p.m.** **DANCING**

**At 10 p.m.** **THE BONFIRE**  
 Mr. BOURNE and the Scouts in charge.

**THURSDAY, MAY 13th**  
**ROTARY CLUB TEA AND OUTING**  
 For those 70 Years and Over. All Septuagenarians give in your names to one of the Councilors.

**FRIDAY, MAY 14th**  
**CHILDREN'S DAY**  
 Mr. W. WOOD entertains all Children of School age in Harefield to Tea, etc. Children under School Age to be entertained at a date to be arranged.  
*God Save the King*