

Buckhurst Hill County High  
School

Coronation  
Garden Fete

to be opened by

Lt. Col. A. C. NEWMAN

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11th July, 1953

at 2.30 p.m.

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# Foreword

The Fete commemorates, firstly, the Coronation of our Queen, and secondly, the fifteenth year in the history of the School. It is intended to be a joyous occasion for all who attend, and it is hoped to raise sufficient funds to provide the School with a sports pavilion.

The School, having been founded in 1938—to be followed so soon by the outbreak of war—has existed so far in conditions of almost unrelieved austerity; the need for national economy has deprived it of certain amenities enjoyed by older foundations. The decision to hold this Fete was born of a desire on the part of the Parents' Association and the Old Buckwellians to do something to remedy this deficiency, and thus to show their appreciation of the good work being done by the School, by the Headmaster and his Staff.

A great deal of encouragement and practical assistance have been given by the Headmaster and Staff, many of whom are taking an active part in running the several features presented for your enjoyment. All that is now needed to make the Fete a success is for all friends of the School to come in their hundreds, bringing their friends with them, to partake of the joys of the Fete.

We wish you a very Happy Day.

T. H. KNIGHT.

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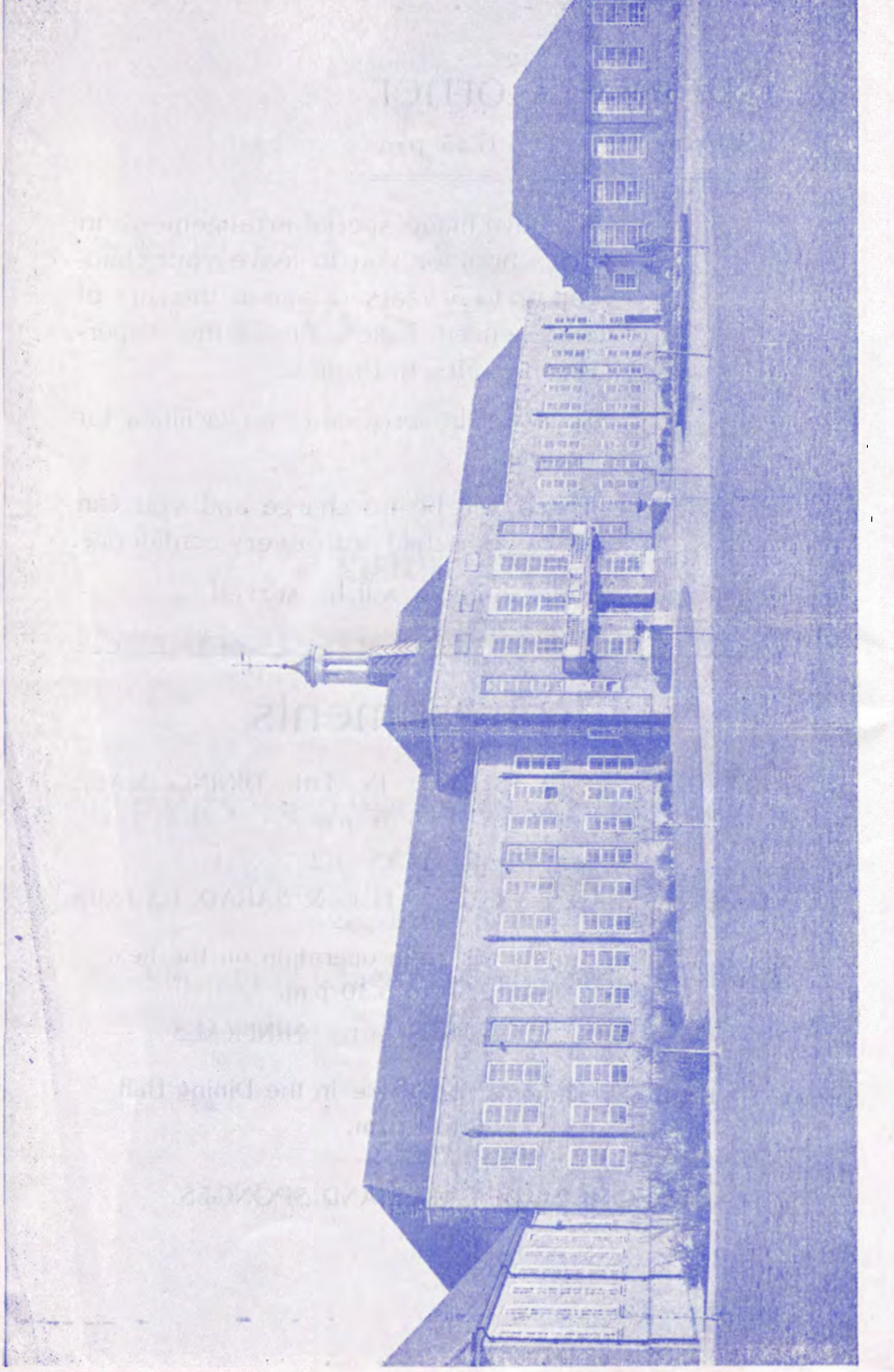
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## THE SCHOOL

The first session of the Buckhurst Hill County High School was held on the fourteenth of September, 1938, with a roll of eighty-nine boys and four members of Staff, including the Headmaster. The School was formally opened by Lt.-Col. S. S. Mallinson, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P. on the twenty-third of November of the same year, under the Chairmanship of Miss M. E. Tabor, J.P., Chairman of the Essex Education Committee, supported by Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governing Body, and many other persons distinguished by their service to the County of Essex. The highest number on roll in any one year has been 548, with 74 boys in the Sixth Form, and the Staff of Assistant Masters to-day numbers twenty-eight. One thousand five hundred and sixteen boys have been admitted to the School during the last fifteen years. The School enjoys a site covering an area of some twenty acres and the only objection to its splendid but isolated position was removed when the first London Transport omnibus officially ran down Roding Lane on the 10th May, 1948.

During the second World War the School was officially just within the 'neutral' area in respect of evacuation and, save for ten weeks when the buildings were used for a small military contingent guarding the R.A.F. Establishment adjoining, the School retained full possession of its buildings until the 11th July, 1944, or nine years ago to-day precisely, when a flying bomb exploded in the road outside the Caretaker's cottage. As a result, apart from the grievous injury wreaked on Mr. Beresford, the Caretaker, the cottage was almost demolished and some seven thousand panes of glass had to be replaced, amongst much other fabric.

The academic and sporting record of the School can be briefly summarised. Eight Open Scholarships or Exhibitions have been won; seven State Scholarships, two State Science Bursaries, twenty-three County Major Scholarships and three Special Place Entries to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, have been gained. Over eighty boys have proceeded to the Universities of whom forty-two have already graduated, and fifteen have gone to other institutions of further education. Former pupils have gained first-class Honours Degrees at



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Oxford, Cambridge and London, and three boys have achieved their Doctorate of Philosophy. It will be borne in mind that nearly half of the span of school life or seven years had to pass before our first entrants could sit for university scholarships of any kind.

Sixteen Essex Junior Athletic Championships have been won by members of the School and one English Southern Junior Championship. Two former pupils have been awarded their half-blues for representing Oxford University at Athletics and one 'old' boy has won two Essex Senior Athletic Championships. On two occasions in the last three years three pupils of the School have been members of the Essex team in the National Schools' Athletic Championships. In the 'Burn' Cross-Country Cup, open to all Essex Grammar and Public Schools, the School has won one first place and two seconds and has three times provided the first man home. The 'Smeed' Cup, competed for by local and invited Grammar Schools, the School won for three years in succession and once has won the Essex Youths' Cross-Country Cup in which junior members of Athletic Clubs compete with schools. In the 'Russell' Cup for athletic competition between twelve extra-Metropolitan Grammar Schools Buckhurst Hill has been placed second once and third twice. Last year was won the 'Herring' Cup, open to all Essex Grammar and Public Schools for competition in a medley relay. Four boys have played in Essex Grammar Schools' Cricket Elevens, one of whom has captained the Young Amateurs of Essex, and one boy for the Soccer Eleven first formed in the current school year.

The Old Boys' Association, known as the Old Buckwellians, was formed on the 9th June, 1945, and the Parents' Association on the 28th March, 1946. Both Associations have been of the greatest value to the School and it is certain that they will continue to be the essential buttresses of the School throughout its history.

We realise how impossible it is to list the worthy attainments, 'unheralded and unsung,' of the many boys who in their various ways have brought distinction to their School but we do most strongly assert that without their contribution no school can possibly achieve a good all-round standard. We take this opportunity of thanking all Governors, parents, Staff and pupils for their service to the School in the last fifteen years and ask them that this day they will, in the spirit of the School motto 'rejoice to repay' what they may have received from the Buckhurst Hill County High School.

J. H. TAYLOR. M.A. (Oxon.).

*Headmaster.*

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# Programme

2.30 p.m. The Fete will be declared open by LT. COL.  
A. C. NEWMAN, V.C., T.D., D.L.

2.45 p.m. Competition Parade of Decorated Bicycles. Open to  
all. Entries free on the field.

First Prize £1 10 0. Second Prize £1 0 0.  
Third Prize 10/-.

3.00 p.m. Physical Education Display by the School.

3.45 p.m. School Boxing—Finals.

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## THE EPPING SILVER BAND

Under the direction of their Hon. Bandmaster, Mr. B. Hiscott,  
will provide music during the afternoon.

5.00 p.m. Basket Ball Match.

The School v. The Old Buckwellians.

6.00 p.m. "Safety Sam" Display of Riding by the Road Safety

Team 'J' Division Metropolitan Police.

7.15 p.m. Variety Entertainment in the School Hall.

Reserved Seats 2/-. Unreserved 1/-.  
Full details on Page 17

**CHAIRMAN FETE COMMITTEE :** Mr. A. J. Langford.

**MARSHAL :** Mr. T. H. H. Leek.

**ANNOUNCERS :** Mr. H. B. Samways. Mr. C. R. H. Buckley.

Mr. D. K. Slade

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*Hon. Treasurer:* C. BRADLEY,  
32a, Park View Gardens, Woodford Avenue, Ilford, Essex.  
*Phone:* Wan 8262.

*Hon. Secretary:* P. J. ALDRIDGE,  
9, Greenstead Gardens, Woodford Green, Essex. *Phone:* Buc 6033.

When one thinks of an Old Boys' Association, one usually brings to mind a collection of aged gentlemen with long grey beards, who club together once a year in order to try to recapture the days of their long-lost youth. Nothing could be further from the truth as far as the Old Buckwellians are concerned. To start with, we have, as yet, no long grey beards and, secondly, it has been suggested that we have no gentlemen, either.

Then, too, we meet much more frequently than once a year. Our football, cricket and hockey teams serve, of course, to bring ex-members of the School together very regularly, but the Association also caters for those of us who feel that our bodies can no longer tolerate such violence. Perhaps soon we shall be able to organise a Bowls Club, but, in the meantime, we offer frequent dances and other social events, a regular News Letter, and, our one concession to more venerable organisations, the extremely popular Annual Dinner.

Full membership costs 5/- a year and for this small outlay, you are entitled to a copy of the School Magazine, and you are informed of, and can take part in, all our activities.

We are a thriving organisation, but if we are to thrive fully we do need every Old Boy of the School to join us. If there is an Old Boy of the School reading this who is not a member, may I appeal to him to walk over to our tent on the field, if not to join, at least to see some of his old friends who will be there.

For the benefit of all people who are here to-day, may we invite you to come to our dances which will be held at the School on the last Saturdays of the months of September, October and November, and, in particular, to our combined Christmas and New Year Dance on the Saturday before Christmas.



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## THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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*Vice-President:* J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., M.A. (Oxon.)

*Hon. Treasurer:* J. B. SLEIGHTHOLM.

*Hon. Secretary:* L. W. FARMER.

The Parents' Association was formed in 1946 with the object of providing a link between the Headmaster, his Staff and the Parents. The founder-chairman of the Association was Mr. R. Chapman, father of Tony Chapman, the first Captain of the School.

During the winter season meetings are held at the School, some being designed for their social or entertainment value, and others of a more serious nature. Of the latter, one of the best attended in recent years was the talk in January, 1952, by Dr. John Burton, Chief Medical Adviser to the Central Council for Health Education, who chose as his subject: "Some Problems of Adolescence." In January, 1953, Mr. F. A. Scott gave us a demonstration of educational films, when parents were able to see some of the films shown to their boys in the course of their school work.

From time to time debates have been held, and of the purely social events the most popular has been the annual social and dance, held at the School on the first Saturday in December; in fact, so popular has this become, that in recent years it has been necessary to limit the number of tickets sold.

During the Summer season it has become traditional for the parents to play a cricket match against the Staff, and another against the School.

Parents of boys commencing at the School in September next will have an opportunity of joining the Association on New Parents' Evening, towards the end of July. The subscription is purely nominal—2s. 6d. per annum, or a lump sum of 10s. 6d. to cover the whole period of the boy's school life.

It has always been the wish of the Parents' Association to make some positive contribution for the welfare of the School. A step was taken in this direction when the Association made a substantial donation towards the cost of the School trophy showcase. This Garden Fete is a much more ambitious project, towards which every member of the Association has made a contribution in one form or another. This one hundred per cent. effort therefore deserves the support we know it will enjoy from all friends of the School. We hope to raise sufficient funds to provide a sports pavilion more in keeping with the School than the wooden hut which was overturned by the gales last January. Should it be found, however, that the amount realised by the Fete is not sufficient for this purpose, we reserve the right to use the money for some other object for the benefit of the School.

H. GREENWOOD, *Chairman*  
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