Pony Show and Gymkhana at Wokingham

Wokingham Pony Gymkhana, organised by newly formed Wokingham Branch of the Garth Hill Pony Club, in the local St. John's Ambulance Brigade, took place at Garth Hill Field, Wokingham, on Monday.

Entries closed 10, who had joined since October, the high jump and under class were the Pony Show in the security of Ian Black jumping off with Jean Clare.

Judging for the pony show was given by Mr. H. Charlesworth, Championship Trophy, William Scammell, and most points in her pony, Lieut. B. J. Ellery, RCM (Horse Guards) and Mr. Henry, Mr. Henry, little later.

Results were as follows:

Berry jumping: 1, Ian Black (Raffy); 2, Gillian Morphew (Clare); 3, Eileen Forman (Lark's Pouty); 4, Denise Bosnwick (Bybo).

Bareback pony (open): 1, Lynn Higgs (Mandy); 2, Anna Stevens (Mary Jane); 3, Denise Bosnwick (Bybo).

High Jump (18 years and under): 1 (equal), Diana Archer (Princess), Carol Close (Lettie); 2 (equal), Sara Sawyer (Jim), Ruth Gale (Mandy); 3, Denise Bosnwick (Bybo).

High Jump (open): 1, Barrie Dawe (Top Tune); 2, Margaret Russ (Lassie); 3, Anne Vincent (Princess).

Novice jumping: 1, Clair Black (Just Jim); 2, J. Gibson (Lettie); 3, Gillian Morphew Archer (Princess) and Elizabeth Tate (Angus McGregor).

Junior jumping: 1, Virginia Hockley (Arrowhead); 2, Diana Archer (Princess); 3, Carol Close (Lettie).

Run and lead (15 years and under): 1, Caroline Washington (Brownie); 2, Carol Close (Lettie); 3, Susan Langford (Midnight). Run and lead (14 years and under): 1, Eileen Forster (Taggy); 2, Maureen Grove (Greenette of Ramsgreve); 3, Jean Gilpin (Regalia).

Sack race (15 years and under): 1, Caroline Washington; 2, Gill Burrows; 3, Anna Stevens (Mary Jane). Sack race (14 years and under): 1, Anne Page (Conquest); 2, Philipa Van Wassenaer (Pauly); 3, Marjorie Charles worth (Cream Swell).

Bending race (15 years and under): 1, Gillian Soanes (Tinker Bell); 2, Elizabeth Tate (Black Peter); 3, M. Van Bergen (Peanut). Bending race (14 years and under): 1, Sylvia Gear (Mary); 2, Caroline Jennings (Johanna); 3, Diana Gropus (Lady Regina).

Potato race (15 years and under): 1, Gillian Soanes (Tinker Bell); 2, Angela Greenslade (Abbhar); 3, Mary Gipps (Perpetual). Potato race (14 years and under): 1, Jennifer Brown (Shadrow); 2, Gillian Morphew (Clare); 3, Carol Dulieu (Gay Melody).

Musical chairs (15 and under): 1, David Hetwood (Mississippi); 2, Mary Gipps (Perpetual); 3, Anne Vincent (Jane). Musical poles (14 and over): 1, Jane Gropus (Lady Regina); 2, Claire Wightman (Grey Tudor); 3, Patricia Wright (Irish Charm).

Local Old-Age Pensioners

Mr. Cox presided at the weekly meeting of the **West Reading branch** at Elm Park Hall on Friday when entertainment was provided by the East Reading branch concert party. The programme consisted of a selection of Scottish songs, solos and a monologue, concluding with a national tableau. Mrs. Williams was compere and Mrs. Chase was at the piano.

The **Coley branch** held their weekly meeting at St. Saviour's Hall, Mr. G. Foster presiding over a large attendance. The Grange concert party, under the leadership of Mrs. Stephenson, who was at the piano, gave a programme of songs and monologues. Mr. A. Cole was a guest artist.

At Tuesday's meeting of the **East Reading branch**, at Park Church Hall, with Mrs. Hodswaite presiding, entertainment was arranged by Mrs. Mary Richards and members. Mr. Purley Women's Institute choir, assisted by Miss Barbara Avery. In addition to songs by the ladies' choir, items were given by a trio, Barbara Avery (piano), Mary Richards (violin), and Gordon Hodswaite (violoist), and duets in costume by Pat Winters and Jean Buckmaster. Guest artistes were Mr. Clive Hopkins (solos), Pat Bailey and Elise Hawker (character songs and dances). Mrs. Richards compered the programme and accompanied at the piano, assisted by Miss Barbara Avery.

Mr. J. Atkins presided at the weekly meeting of the **New Town branch**, held at St. Luke's Hall on Thursday last, when 150 members were welcomed. The concert party of the Caversham branch entertained with songs and monologues. The compere was Mrs. Smith, with Mrs. Paice at the piano.

Silver Street branch members met in the Youth Club for their meeting on Friday, when Mrs. Elsie Payne gave two recitations and two visitors from the New Town and Redlands branch contributed songs. The afternoon ended with community singing. Mrs. Cook was the pianist.

Tuesday's meeting of the **Southcote branch** took the form of a social, and items were given by members. Mrs. Cook presided and Mrs. Turner was at the piano.

CRAFTSMEN WILL DISPLAY THEIR WORK

Village Blacksmith Comes to the Show

Village industries where craftsmen are keeping alive ancient trades, are to be represented in force at the Royal Counties Agricultural Society's Show at Windsor on June 18-20.

The Hampshire Council of Social Service from Winchester will be in charge of a big exhibit at which those craftsmen will be not only displaying their work but demonstrating it. Village business men will be showing the crowds how they do it—thatchers, saddlers, bricklayers, potters, handle wrought ironwork, tails for furniture, wheelwright crafts, demonstrate stone masonry, dry walling, bowl turning, thatching and water engineering.

The village blacksmith of tradition will also be there giving a demonstration of modern farriery—but the crowds at the display is not on the past, but on the present and all the village trades taking part are giving demonstrations regularly needed in their communities.

A complete village hall with suggested equipment will be included in the rural industries' display.

The South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board mass radiography centre from Southampton are to show a mass X-ray unit and the general public will be invited to be X-rayed—free.

Work of Disabled

The Hampshire branch of the British Red Cross Society will exhibit handicrafts made by the disabled in their homes and a variety of rosettes and badges and other goods including artificial flowers will be shown by the British Legion Poppy Factory, of Richmond, Surrey.

The Southern Regional Office of the Ministry of Labour from Reading will show amongst other things how the Ministry's employment service puts workers and employers in touch with each other and members of the staff of the Winchester Employment Exchange will be on duty to answer questions and give advice. The display will also draw attention to the Youth Employment Service and to the Ministry's facilities for the resettlement of the disabled.

The Winchester June Dairy Festival have an exhibit designed to show visitors the work being done by the dairymen of the country. There will be laboratory demonstrations covering every test carried out on local milk from the time it leaves the cow until it finds its way into the milk bottle.

WOKINGHAM ART GROUP'S NEW SHOW

Opened by Mr. Joe Lee

MR. JOSEPH LEE, *Evening News* cartoonist, opened Wokingham and District Arts Group's second exhibition at Ye Olde Rose Inn, Wokingham, on Saturday morning.

Mr. Lee, who told his audience that he had been interested in art since the age of 11, spoke of the "violent controversy going on in art" between classic and modernistic styles. He urged the group to study modern art "more than you do."

Mr. Garry Farnham (vice-president) proposed a vote of thanks to him.

The show, on till June 13, contains 73 pictures—oils, water colours, drawings, engravings and miniatures. The subjects are mainly landscapes, flowers and portraits. It is the group's first show of the year.

Mr. Farnham told a *Reading Standard* reporter that the standard of members' work was "growing and getting more of a professional class," but he noted that the group had no "abstractionist" members. "We welcome them—we welcome all artists," he said. He mentioned that the show included more portraits than last year, and added: "We want the younger members to take more interest in the actual organisation. We want to inject with them new blood and new ideas."

The group, which has grown in two years from 23 members to 62, holds its annual meeting in September.

Slage and film star June Laverick, who appeared with Tommy Steele in the film, "**The Duke Wore Jeans,**" is to open a garden fete on Saturday, June 7, at 2.30 p.m. at "The Hay," Murdoch Road, Wokingham, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee.

The fete is being run by Wokingham and District Art Group to raise funds towards the acquisition of permanent headquarters.

'MYSTIQUE AND BALLYHOO'

Mr. Mikardo Lashes out at Aircraft Industry

THE charge that there was too much mystique of specialization, too much ballyhoo, too many rose-coloured boys and too few production engineers was made by Mr. Ian Mikardo, MP for Reading, in the House of Commons during the debate on the aircraft industry.

"As one who has worked in the industry, and in more than one factory in the industry, said Mr. Mikardo, "I say that British aircraft manufacture would have done a great deal better than it has done, would have been a great deal more competitive than it is, if we had got rid of this mystique and had realized that once the aircraft has been designed, developed and production started, that point onwards there is no such thing as aircraft manufacture; there is only engineering."

One of the defects of aircraft manufacturing was that it had been left to the aircraft people, by the people who were brilliant designers but bad organizers of production, to work out the qualities required from a chief designer were very different from, and sometimes diametrically opposed to, those required in a production engineer.

Mr. Mikardo contended that aircraft manufacture was the first that wanted to be a bull and blew itself up all the time. This was nonsensical. British engineering was "tops" in the world before the first plane ever flew, and if the money poured into aircraft manufacturing were devoted to extending technological education we should see far more results in terms of increasing our competitiveness and our export potential, not only in aircraft manufacture but over the engineering industry as a whole.

Declaring that the aircraft industry had been the most "feather-bedded" industry, compared with which farmers were tough as a permanent bed of sharp nails, Mr. Mikardo said that aircraft manufacturers had been given the best of all worlds. Excepting a small number of private ventures of no great magnitude, whatever they had undertaken they had started on the basis that if the venture turned out to be a winner they would take the profits and if it turned out to be a loser the taxpayer would cover the losses.

He believed that rationalization of the industry, streamlining, not just a contraction, but a contraction out of the duplication of overlapping, was absolutely essential if we were to meet foreign competition. The fact had to be faced that rationalization was made extremely difficult because the industry was notoriously non co-operative.

"The question arises whether it will ever be possible to get enough rationalization to make the industry efficient and competitive with foreign manufacturers unless we have a single ownership of the major units of the industry and such a single ownership can only be a public ownership," he added. "If the next Labour Government nationalizes the major units, as I hope and expect they will, then because of the rundown in the industry we shall not have to pay out very much in compensation."

Concerning diversification of the industry, Mr. Mikardo put forward seven possibilities: bubble cars, coal washing plant, atomic energy equipment, standard kitchen units, light rolling stock, electronic equipment, and transfer machines.

He said he appreciated that a changeover from present production to new lines would not be easy, but made it was better to tackle the difficulties of retooling than to continue sitting still, as most of the industry was doing.

Esperanto Club Activities

The May meeting of the Reading and District Esperanto Club took place at "The High," Reading, last Saturday. There was a full and interesting programme, of which the chief item was the singing by members of a number of songs in Esperanto. These included "La Espero," which might be described as the National Anthem of Esperantists everywhere.

Many of the members recently sat for examinations in Esperanto arranged by the Royal Society of Arts. It is expected that another course in Esperanto will begin next September in Reading, when it is hoped that many new students will enroll.

It was agreed that, in future, for the sake of convenience, all meetings should be held on the second Saturday of each month rather than that the dates should be fixed individually at each preceding meeting. The next meeting will therefore be held on Saturday, June 14, when the main item will be a quiz to be conducted in Esperanto.

Remarkable Year

When reports of the various clubs were given, it was said that the youth club had had a remarkable year. There were 88 members, a high proportion of them over 14.

The Scout Troop, with 83 members, had celebrated its jubilee. During the year two members had Queen's Scouts.

The Camping Club hoped that the site at Peppard would be put in greater use this year. Already there had been many outside enquiries about the site.

Welcoming Mr. Briggs, who recently took over from Mr. W. F. Cubush, Mr. A. E. Millward (president) said the association was wholeheartedly behind him.

If they worked as a team, he felt sure the YMCA would accomplish much in the future.

MORE FULL MEMBERS OF YMCA NEEDED

THE YMCA is not only a club for boys and young men but good facilities for sport.

At the annual meeting on Wednesday, Mr. C. Briggs (general secretary) said that the specifically religious work of the association was a low ebb.

The great need was to strengthen membership, which now stood at 222. There were a number of associate members who were not churchgoers, but had not become full members.

Question decisions affecting the future of the YMCA in Reading would soon have to be made, said Mr. Briggs. There were two courses open, either to "tick over" or to adopt a bold, forward policy.

Mr. W. E. Gallon (hon. treasurer) reported a deficit on the year of £1,000. The hostel had made a profit of £418, but the buffet has lost £82. The youth work showed a deficit of £209.

Robert Beatty Crowns "Miss Penn" at Twyford

MORE than 3,000 people attended the Whit Monday fete opened by Lady Remnant in the grounds of Grove Hall, Twyford, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Howe.

The fete was organized by the Penn Foundation in aid of the fund to build a village hall for the villages of Twyford and Ruscombe to be named the Penn Hall in memory of William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, who died in Ruscombe.

Lady Remnant wished success to the scheme and after the fete had been opened more than 100 balloons were released.

There were also, numerous competitions, no fewer than 28 side-shows, races for children and others, a baseball match arranged by members of the American forces, a Judo display, Morris, sword and country dances, a display by the Women's League of Health and Beauty, a comic football match and a fun fair.

Twenty entries were received in the cake competition, the winners being Mrs. N. S. Dunn, Mrs. A. Baker and Mrs. D. Lewis. The Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Association arranged a competition for bowls of flowers, won by Mrs. Motteershead, Mrs. A. G. Phillips and Miss G. Motteershead.

In the evening a dance was held in the large marquee, with an all-star cabaret by the Hill Toppers, a US Service team. The big attraction was the crowning of the beauty queen, "Miss Penn," by the actor, Mr. Robert Beatty, who was accompanied by his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty had a rousing reception and a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Beatty.

Mr. Beatty crowned Miss Askrill as the beauty queen, for which title she had been chosen at a carnival dance held in the New Hall, Twyford, the previous Saturday, the judging being carried out by members of the US Air Force from High Wycombe. Mrs. Martin was second in the competition and Miss Benham third.

This was the biggest Whit Monday fete seen in the district.

Commander Henry S. A. Gerson, chairman of the Penn Foundation, recently returned from a visit to the United States. While in Philadelphia he was interviewed on the Frank Frost programme, and mentioned the building of the Penn Hall for Twyford and Ruscombe. By coincidence, the broadcast took place in "The Penn Room."

Answering a question by Mr. Ford, he explained that William Penn died in Ruscombe, whereupon Mr. Ford remarked that every time he drove from home to the studio he passed Ruscombe Street.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Minister of Health has made the following appointments to the Oxford Regional Hospital Board to fill vacancies caused by the statutory retirement of one-third of the members:

Re-appointed: Mr. G. T. Willoughby Cattell, Mrs. L. Davies, Mr. Wm. Ogden, Sir Frederick Hale Puckle, Mrs. D. J. Walley, Mr. E. Trevor Williams.

New members: Mr. A. W. Henderson, Mr. O. Kingerlee.

One appointment is outstanding.

Children's Society Flag Day Needs Collectors

To-morrow (Saturday) is an important day for the small inmates of Reading's two homes belonging to the Church of England Children's Society.

On that day, the annual flag day is being held when funds are raised over £250 for these two homes.

It is not generally realized that although the society is a national one with headquarters in Kennington, S.E.1, all the money collected locally goes to benefit the two homes situated in Wilton Road, Reading, and Emmer Green.

The society owns 107 other similar homes scattered over the country and has 4,500 children in its care. It costs 25s. every minute of every day to maintain this large family.

It is hoped that last year's total may be exceeded. The hon. organizer, Mrs. Abburrow, still needs street collectors to make this possible and she would welcome volunteers at 50, Western Elms Avenue, Reading (Tel. 2929), or at St. Mary's Church House on Saturday morning.

Whit Monday Fete at Purley

Mr. B. Theobald opened a successful fete held in the grounds of Purley Memorial Hall on Whit Monday in aid of hall funds. The many attractions included side-shows, competitions and a white elephant stall.

The children's fancy dress competition was judged by Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Waldon, and the winners were Linda Wright (artist) and Susan Tickle (the sack).

After tea, Mrs. Richards Children's Choir entertained with singing and sketches, and Miss Margaret Leppard's pupils gave displays of Russian and ballet dancing.

Competition winners were Mr. Pennellick (bowling for a pig) and Mrs. Parr (ladies' bowling). The day ended with a dance in the hall.

Junior Branch of Chartered Surveyors

At the annual meeting of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Junior Branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Caversham, the following officers and committee were elected for the 1958-59 session:

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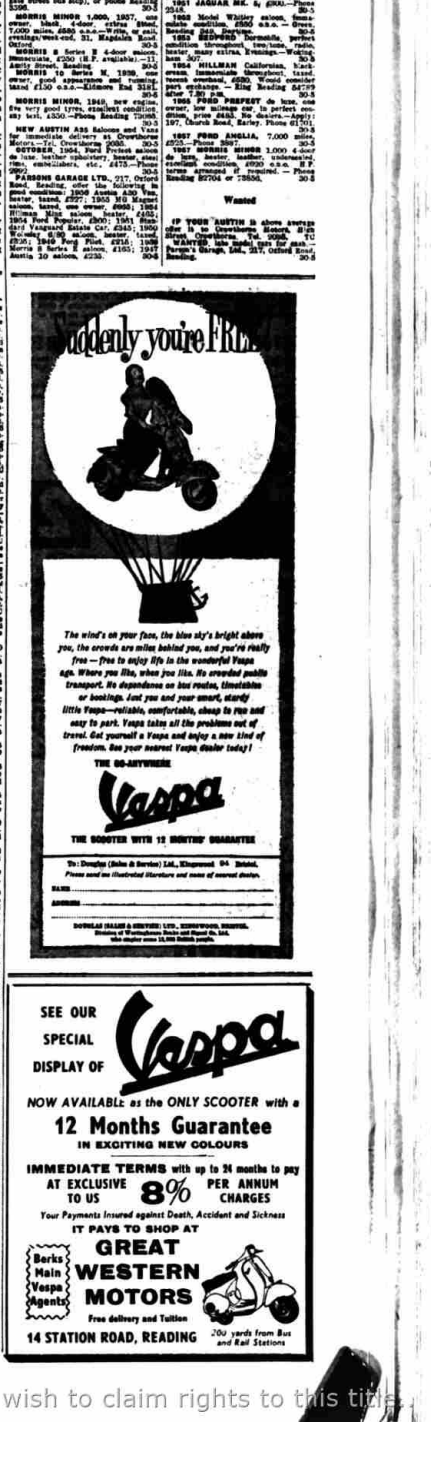

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