

AERE NEWS

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HARWELL AIRFIELD IN USE AGAIN

Due to bad weather on Mon. 6th June a "Comper Swift" piloted by the amateur racing pilot Mr. Quinney had to force land on the runways outside the establishment. Mr. Quinney was flying from Herne near Bournemouth to Birmingham. The Comper Swift is over 20 years old and is one of few planes of this type still in existence. Mr. Quinney continued his journey on Tuesday morning, his take-off watched by the Harwell police and an A.E.R.E. fire-engine stood by in case of trouble.

Photograph by courtesy of A.M. Mills



THE HARWELL ACCELERATOR CONFERENCE

A meeting at A.E.R.E.
On how to get some G.E.V.
With no amount of trouble you
Can do this with C.W.
C.G. has also had its fling,
A Common-Garden kind of thing.
For Awful Gamble stands A.G.
But if it works or not, we'll see.
If resonance we can't defy
The diamonds will just dot our tie.

FFAG must surely stand
For Fancy Frills are Always Grand.
Electrons I would rather leave;
They lose more speed than they
receive.
The Lineac will hardly win it;
Its house in fine, but nothing in it.
Oh microgauss, oh millithou!
Oh megaquid (if funds allow)!
I get, when I attempt to guess
the C.R. double E.P.S.

DARTS A. E. R. E. CHALLENGE CUP

The annual tournament for the above cup will be held on Friday 15th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Social Club. This is an open competition and entries will be welcome from any team of six players.

Entries on plain paper giving name of team to R.H. Drew, 1, West Drive, A.E.R.E. or H. 10.2, Extn. 2853.

Fee per team of 6 is 7/6d.

Further details later so watch the News.

A. E. R. E. CRICKET CLUB

Results:- June 18th v Abingdon - Drawn.

Abingdon 156 for 6 dec. A.E.R.E. 134 for 7. (D. Ricketts 45,
B. Hopkinson 36).

June 19th v. Uffington - Won.

Uffington 54 (D. Ricketts 6 for 10) A.E.R.E. 56 for 4.

The following have been selected to play v. Aldermaston at A.E.R.E. on Sunday, June 26th. Gates (Capt.), Reng, Crick, Ricketts, Hopkinson, Rutter, Gray, Green, Kirkbride, Hill, Morellee, Reserves, Wood, Cockbaine, Cogland. Meet outside Staff Club 'A'. 2.15 p.m.

EVENING LEAGUE

Results:- Monday June 20th.

Chemistry 38 (Hopkinson 5 for 14, Rutter 5 for 18)

Metallurgy 40 for 4.

Tuesday June 21st.

Stores 47

Engineering 50 for 8 (Hill 5 for 17)

Fixtures for next week:-

Monday June 27th Physics v. Medical

Umpires L. Salmon and M. Cloke.

Tuesday June 28th Design Office v. Admin.

Umpires E. Wood and Dr. D. Thomas

C. S. M. A.

GORING GROUP

Sunday July 10th - Driving Skill?

A Manouverability Trial will be held on the A.E.R.E. Runway on the above date. Entry fee 4/- . For entry forms and supplementary regulations, please write to the Secretary:- Miss R. Lapage, or ring C.S. Wheelock, Extn. 2995.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Members are reminded that "As You Like It", in which the Dramatic Society are collaborating with other Societies, will be presented at the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon, on the nights of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 22nd to 25th, at 8.00 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. G. Hutton, Extn. 2378.

A. E. R. E. FOOTBALL CLUB

Extraordinary General Meeting: Tuesday July 5th at 5.30 p.m. in the Social Club.

Agenda: 1. Election of Chairman, 2. Membership Fee, 3. Match Fees,
4. A.O.B.

A. E. R. E. MOTOR CLUB

The provisional results of the "June Jaunt" Rally are as follows:-

1st, John Best, Standard 9, 2nd. Frank Barclay, Volkswagen, 3rd. George Barber, Ford, Prefect, 4th. Bill Munnoch, Jowett, Javelin, 5th. M.L. Blakeston, B.S.A. 500 c.c. M/C.

In spite of the weather on Sunday last, most people appear to have enjoyed the Rally. A new feature in this event was a tea stop during the afternoon, here again almost everyone agreed that it made a nice break in the event, but the weather rather marred what should have been a very pleasant interlude.

The entry was not as large as was expected, partly due, we think, to some of our "regulars" being on holiday, and to at least two others who had sick motors. However congratulations to the winner John Best, on his first, 1st. and to Blakeston, who on a solo motorcycle, completely unaided and in rotten weather achieved 5th place.

The organizers would like to thank the marshalls and all other helpers, for their valuable assistance and for not complaining, in spite of having to be in the rain for several hours.

RIFLE CLUB

Seven members of the Club spent an enjoyable day last Saturday at the C.S.R.A. Championship Meeting at Ham and Petersham Range, Richmond. This is an excellent range having covered firing points at 25, 50 and 100 yards and is situated close to the river

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Despite the fact that the meeting was an all metric one, some very good scores were put up. Final results will not be known for a week or two but R.S. Cambray and B.E. Hull were amongst the top scorers in their respective classes. Mike and Alice Harrison were unable to attend at the last moment because of a spot of engine trouble. This also prevented their shooting at Peppard the following day.

Freddy Foxon went to Peppard on Saturday because of a full-bore engagement at Bisley on Sunday. The remaining members who had entered the Berks County Prize Meeting at Peppard chose to shoot on Sunday afternoon and got rather wet as a result. Most members were shooting in A class and were no match against the winner, an Abingdon B.L. member who scored 699 ex 700 in the pouring rain! However A.L. Roberts claimed second place in Class C aggregate with a score of 685 ex 700 and was an easy winner of the class C 25 yard event with 297 ex 300.

Official results for both events will be given as soon as they are received.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year became due on April 1st last and, if not already paid should be handed to the Hon. Treasurer or Secretary as soon as possible.

Any member of the staff interested in .22 or .303 rifle shooting is cordially invited to join the Club. Entrance fee is 10/- and annual subscription 5/-. The club shoots on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, summer and winter on the indoor .22 range in Bldg. 183 and about once a month on Sunday mornings at Churn .303 range. Excellent club rifles and telescopes available. For further information contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Biddle, Bldg. 388.1, Extn. 2251.

MIDSUMMER FROLIC

The residents of Staff Club B invite all ex-residents and friends to their Midsummer Frolic to be held in the lounge on Friday, July 8th.

Dancing from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. to Eric Potter and his Music. Admission (including refreshments) 3/6d.

Tickets from J. Sharples } Bldg. 364, Extn. 2397
P. Long }

or B Club members.

SECURE YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

GOING TO MANCHESTER?

Two or three seats are available in car going to Manchester at midday on Friday, June 24th, 1955, returning the following weekend. Apply to J. Smith, Extn. 3042.

SCHOOL BUS?

Will ALL those interested in the possibility of asking for a school bus to leave Wantage about 8 a.m. and to Oxford via Abingdon please contact Mr. Alan Davies. Hon. Sec. Charlton Estate Residents Assoc. 18, Foliat Drive or Extn. 2360.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Holidays Devon (Seaton)

Holiday Caravans, secluded site, near Licenced Inn which caters for meals, (S.A.E.) to Mr. Simmons, Box House, Axminster, Devon.

Secluded caravan on small farm - woodland and lovely walking country, Near bus route. 3 gns. weekly. Booked July 16th-30th and all August. Weir-Bushey Leaze-Beech-Alton-Hampshire. (or Cocks Extn. 2639).

REQUIREMENTS

Cleaning help required for pre-fab. one morning a week. Phone Rowstock 293.

Wanted - to buy temporary garage, minimum height 6'9", minimum length 13'6". Wanklyn 2243 or 31, Welford Gardens, Abingdon.

Wanted - to buy, single bed and mattress, chest of drawers, dining table (dark), kitchen stools, lawn mower. Wanklyn 2243 or 31, Welford Gardens, Abingdon.

FOR HIRE

Open trailer for car, 15/- per week. Full size bell tent 15/- per week. Apply Extn. 2403 or Abingdon 985.

LOST

Blue budgerigar. 13, Wayland Crescent, Chilton.

CHURCH NOTICES

HARWELL PARISH CHURCH

11 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.00 Holy Communion
Sunday Schools and Bible Classes
at appointed times.
6.15 p.m. Evening Prayer
Some questions Answered.

AERE SUNDAY SCHOOL

No morning school. Buses leave Carters Stores at 2 p.m. and West Drive at 2.5 p.m. for service in Chilton Church.

Sunday Schools Summer Outing to Chessington Zoo on Saturday 25th June. Coaches leave Harwell Church, Carters Stores, West Drive, Wayland Crescent and Chilton Church at approx. 8.15 a.m.

Mothers Union Outing to the West Country on Tuesday, 28th June.

LUNCH HOUR PRAYERS on Wednesdays at 12.55 in the AERE Chapel.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE Tuesday evenings in Social Club from 6 o'clock.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (R.C.) EAST HENDRED Sundays Mass at 8.30 and 10.30 (also at East Ilsley at 11.15). Evening Service at 6 p.m. This Sunday, 4th in the month, the special bus will leave Avon Rd. at 10.05, calling at West Drive, Staff Clubs A & B and Carter's Stores. Fare 6d. return.

LUNCH TIME ROSARY (R.C.) Every Thursday in Room I of the Social Club.

A.E.R.E. CATHOLIC SOCIETY June 29 - SS. Peter and Paul. Mass will be in Room 1 of the Social Club at 12.30 p.m. Fasting dispensation for Holy Communion as before i.e. from solid food since 9.30 a.m. - from beverages since 11.30 a.m.

A. E. R. E. CHOIR

There will be no further meetings of the Choir until the A.G.M. on Monday, September 26th.

HOUSING ALLOCATION

Abingdon

Oxford Road Estate - 3-bedroomed house

J.N. Wanklyn, Metallurgy Division

Sellwood Road - 3-bedroomed house
(Local Authority)

G. Murray, Isotope Division

Fitzharris Estate - 3-bedroomed house

A.E. Reeves, Admiralty

Didcot

Queensway Estate - 4-bedroomed house

J.W.C. Jenner, Administration

Newlands Estate (Local Authority) -
4-bedroomed house

G.J. Hackett, Skilled Craftsman

Wantage

Charlton House Estate - 4-bedroomed

R.J. Sherwood, Health Physics

Charlton House Estate - 3-bedroomed

W.P. MacDonald, Ministry of Works

H.F. Knott, Technical Grade

B.H. Parks, Isotopes Division

G. Page, Commonwealth

Site

South Drive

B.B. Kinsley, Nuclear Physics

Prefabricated bungalows - Aldfield
and Chilton

H. Morris, Skilled Craftsman

A.G. Loveday, Contingency

M.E. Young, Skilled Craftsman

W.E. Gardner, General Physics

E. Wait, Harwell Fellow.

"PLAIN RIDING"

The illustrated Journal of the 'Oxonian Cycling Club' is produced on the latest 'Roneo' equipment, and we are able to accept all kinds of Duplicating at low rates, no order too small no order too large. Let us produce a small magazine for your organisation, have a chat anyway. Details from Editor, N.W. Parsons, Main Stores, 404, or ring East Hendred, 249.

THE PINK ELEPHANT

In the great back parts of Australia there once lived a Digger called Bill. Bill was in many ways an excellent bloke. He looked after several thousand acres of land on which lived a few sheep, a kangaroo or two and a lot of rabbits. He fulfilled his role very well on the whole, but he would drink too much. In fact he used to leave his home, and making his way around the various saloons in the neighbourhood, live in a state of inebriation for several weeks, returning to base only when his money ran out.

After a particularly sustained binge, he returned home one day very late. On opening the door of his hut he was mildly surprised to see a Pink Elephant sitting on his bed, which was shewing distinct signs of wilting under the load. Bill, although the fine edge of his alcoholic friendliness had by now worn off, was still sufficiently merry to greet his unexpected visitor as a welcome guest.

Bill and the Elephant, who was called Mervyn after an uncle by marriage of his, chatted amicably enough about this and that, until Bill finding his throat dry from so much vocal effort, produced a large bottle of whisky from his pocket. He offered Mervyn a drink from it, being a generous host, but the Elephant was a little dubious about accepting because he had been brought up to eschew strong drink in all its forms, being assistant branch secretary to the Band of Hope in his spare time.

However, he was at last persuaded to try some whisky, and found, like many other people, that what he had been led to regard with horror was in fact extremely nice. He and Bill emptied the bottle that evening, and finished up the best of friends, and so Bill persuaded him to stay at the sheep farm indefinitely. Soon they became inseparable companions, and always went drinking together. No party was complete without them, and it was hard to say whether Bill drank more than Mervyn or 'vice-versa'.

One day Bill came in with a great thirst, and suggested to Mervyn that they should go to the saloon. Mervyn agreed with alacrity, and they set off. Every thing went well, until Mervyn suddenly stopped drinking and gazed fixedly at an apparently empty seat at the bar. He seemed really frightened and refused to touch another drop. In fact quite soon he rose, and announced that he was going home to his mother and would never drink again. Nobody could understand such a decision, and Bill asked him what it was that had caused him to break up such a happy friendship. Mervyn explained. He had just seen a pink man.

FOR SALE

Two 8" extension loudspeakers in cabinets with volume control (no o/p transformers) 12/6d. each.
Rolls razor, new hone and strop, spare new blade. 25/-. Randall, Extn. 2378.
Table model radiogram. As new £18. Ring Ext. 3098, or 110, Kynaston Road, Didcot.
2 Lounge chairs, 1 Writing desk, Piano, German make. Mrs. Dansie, 11, Park Close, Didcot.
Mobo Bronco, 50/-, Papier Mache Baby bath on stand, 25/-, Twin pram canopy, green lined, 25/-, Pair Budgerigars, 35/- (Bird lovers please note). Ring Extn. 2207.
Hi-dome "Ekomatic" pressure cooker with set of separators - never been used, £3. X. 2801.
Pair of good quality armchairs, very good condition, £5 each, or offers. Bradley, X. 2876
Grass-cutter and box, 12/6. Cot and mattress, £2, child's high chair, £1 - all in good condition. Apply 39, Wayland Crescent.
0" to 2" Pipe cutter, 25/-. 7/16" and 1/2" B.S.F. Dies 2/- each. Axe, Wood Vice, and T square. R.G. Fowler, Extn. 2334.
Twin bedsteads with oak ends (3' width) any reasonable offer, Extn. 2483.
Lightweight 2 Berth Caravan. Calor gas, double-wall-insulation. Ideal for touring, in excellent condition. £80 o.n.o. Mulvey, 98, Spring Rd., Abingdon. or Ext. 2086.
Table cockerals, large 13s. 9d., small 9s. 6d. Boiling hens, large 12s. 6d. Please ring Ext. 2004.
Plants: Winter cabbage, Savoy cabbage, and Brussel Sprouts, 3/- per 100, or 1/- per 30. Round, Building 338.4, Ext. 3170.
Breeding: Pair breeding geese - with goslings, magnificent birds - what offers? Banister, 2474 or Blewbury 333.

SALE OF WORK AND DANCE

There will be a Sale of Work in the Corn Exchange, Abingdon on Saturday, 18th June, at 2.30 p.m., and afterwards an Old Time and Modern Dance at 8.00 p.m. Admission to Sale by lucky programme, price 6d. Admission to dance 2/6d.

In aid of St. Edmund's School Building fund.

W H A T'S O N

A.E.R.E. CINEMA (Rec.Ass.Members only)

Sun. 26th "THE MASTER OF BALLANTRAE"

NEW THEATRE, OXFORD

Mon. 27th "WEDDING IN PARIS"

SUPER CINEMA, OXFORD

Sun. 26th "THE FLEET'S IN"

Mon. 27th "THE PRISONER"

also "THE BLACK DAKOTAS"

RITZ CINEMA, OXFORD

Sun. 26th "STREETS OF LAREDO"

Mon. 27th "THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS"

also "THE SILENT WITNESS"

REGAL CINEMA, ABINGDON

Sun. 26th "THREE STEPS NORTH"

Mon. 27th "A STAR IS BORN"

(6 days)

NEW CORONET, DIDCOT

Sun. 26th "FRENCHIE"

Mon. 27th "RAISING A RIOT" (Tech.)

Thur. 30th "BROKEN LANCE" (Cinemascope)

REGAL, NEWBURY

Sun. 26th "THE GREAT MISSOURI RAID"

Mon. 27th "UNCHAINED"

Thu. 30th "SVENGALI"

FORUM, NEWBURY

Sun. 26th "VENDETTA"

Mon. 27th "THE LOVE MATCH" (6 days)

also "INVADERS FROM MARS"

REGENT, WANTAGE

Sun. 26th "WILD BILL HICKOK RIDES"

Mon. 27th "MAN WITHOUT A STAR" (Tech.)

Thu. 30th "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY"

REGAL, WALLINGFORD

Sun. 26th "THE BIG SKY"

Mon. 27th "FOXFIRE" (Tech.)

Thu. 30th "WOMEN'S PRISON"

F O R S A L E

Motor Cars

- 1954 Standard 8 saloon: Grey, 12,500 miles, heater and other extras. H.P. arranged if necessary. £445, ring afternoons, Hardy, Extn. 2571.
- 1953 Prefect 10 H.P. Saloon, Green. 18,000 miles. H.P. arranged if necessary. £440 Ring afternoons, Quarmby, Extn. 2571.
- 1946 Morris 8 Series "E". Black, excellent condition, Upholstery good. 2 owners 33,000 miles. Extn. 2607, Wantage 45.
- 1938 Model Vauxhall 12. Engine recently overhauled, economical, good condition, £195 o.n.o. 39, Courtenay Rd., Wantage. Extn. 2385.
- 1938 Morris 8. 2 door saloon, reconditioned Engine, Good condition. £175. J. Mackill, Extn. 2907.
- 1937 Model B.S.A. Tourer, New Mains and Brake Liners. Re-upholstered, re-painted, re-waterproofed Hood. £105. Kingston 3170.
- 1936 B.S.A. Scout, 4-seater, Good mech. cond., £60. Crabtree, Extn. 2080.
- 1936 Austin Ruby Saloon (Grey), Excellent condition - engine overhauled, 45 m.p.g. £120. Apply evenings. 22 Drake Avenue, Didcot.
- Late 1933 Morris Minor in good condition, Body work good, four new tyres, engine in good running order. £60 o.n.o. 7, Fairacres Rd., Didcot.
- 1932 Austin 7 (Saloon), good running order, £45 o.n.o. Seen on site. Haddrell, Ext. 2655.

MOTORCYCLES. PEDAL CYCLES (ATTACHMENTS)

- 1954 B.S.A. Bantam Springer 125 cc. In perfect condition, 3900 miles, wind shield and Pillion seat, Taxed and insured, £78 o.n.o. Contact Miss Botwood, Ex. 2800 or Staff 'B' Club.
- 1947 350 cc. G3L Matchless, 7000 miles since major overhaul including all bearings, Batt, tyres, etc. £65 o.v.n.o. Ring Appleton, Extn. 2405 or 2177.
- Royal Enfield, 350 cc. sports combination. Reg. 1947. Reliable, good condition, £30 o.n.o. Will consider separate sales. Genuine reason for selling. Evenings or weekend. 4, Church Lane, Harwell.
- Matchless 350 cc. O.H.V. regd. 1947, new rings, lighting, Lucas magdyno, speeds. £32 o.n.o. N. Hardy, Extn. 2182 or Portway House.
- 250 cc. Velocette, £25, Sidecar chassis £4-10-0. Triumph Thunderbird and s/seat sidecar £135. Ext. 3098, or 110, Kynaston Road, Didcot.
- B.S.A. Sidecar, £17-10-0, offers. Please ring Ext. 2004.
- Hetchins light weight cycle, new condition. Apply J. Leng, Ext. 2010 or Portway House.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Prismatic telescope, 25X, 35 mm. diam. objective, in leather case. 50/-.
- International Time Recording Co. clock, 8" dial, less pendulum. 6/-.
- Enlarger spherical lamphouse, 8" diameter. 7/6. Pair 30" slide rails, suitable sash ramps. 5/- each. Hand tools motor, 18V, 1A, 15000 R.P.M. 9/- . N.A. Faull, Ex. 3065.
- Solida III, f/2.9 lens, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " camera, with built in rangefinder, 8-speed shutter and B.R.C. In mint condition, a bargain at £25. Extn. 2499.

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