

Bridge and Patrixbourne

The villages of Bridge and Patrixbourne will long remember the Jubilee. For, under a cloudless blue sky, a brilliant carnival procession proved a fitting prelude to nearly 12 hours of joyous celebration at Highland Court—festivities on such a scale made possible only by the generosity of Mr. W. K. Whigham and the energetic efforts of a Committee, of which Mr. J. Friend was the Chairman. After



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MR. W. K. WHIGHAM

the mile-long carnival procession had made its way from Bridge up the hill and through the gates of Highland Court, it was estimated that some 1,000 villagers had entered the spacious grounds to take part in the service of thanksgiving, conducted by the Rev. H. Knight, which followed the crowning of the Jubilee Queen, Mrs. Whigham performing the ceremony. Followed laughs, and not a few thrills, when Capt. Maslin's Riding School gave an appreciated musical riding display. One of the high peaks of the afternoon's entertainment was a display by the Bridge Fire Brigade, whose members

extinguished a burning house in a very workmanlike manner, quelling the flames in a few moments. It was not without its humorous aspect, however, and many laughs were provided by the clever fooling of Mr. L. J. Williams and a certain "female" in a startling, if old-fashioned, negligée, who was seen to emerge from the smoking building, while the efforts of several members of the Brigade to rescue a dummy in the face of two powerful jets from the hoses proved most enjoyable—to the spectators!

Still more amusement was occasioned by the staging of a comic football match, the game being characterised by the "friendly" spirit in which it was played—the contestants were in fanciful costumes, and the referee was knocked out and finally borne away by the ambulance squad. The fun increased as the day wore on, and it was a large gathering which sat down to tea and supper. During the afternoon, members of the Bridge Boys' Club gave an exhibition of boxing, including a blindfolded and simultaneous bout between two pairs, while the band of the Church Lads' Brigade, who had headed the carnival procession, gave a number of selections. Girls of the Bridge Schools provided a delightful contrast with their country dances, and the tug-of-war was rousingly and wholeheartedly pulled.

All those residents who were too infirm to follow the procession on foot were conveyed from the village to Highland Court in a special 'bus and during the evening the King's speech was broadcast.

As darkness came, the eagerly awaited display of fireworks commenced, and their brilliant beauty was much appreciated. After the prize-giving, Mr. J. Friend, in proposing a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, said, although he had witnessed many brilliant functions of that day's nature, he had to confess that he had never seen, or enjoyed, such a day as on that occasion. Their host had not only provided every one of those good things that they had had, but he had also been responsible for the greater part of the arrangements. He felt that they should

make the day the occasion for expressing universal congratulations to Mr. Whigham upon his election to the position of High Sheriff of the County of Kent—(applause)—and he hoped that both Mr. and Mrs. Whigham would enjoy the best of health. The proposition was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Whigham made an appropriate response.

After the lighting of the monster beacon, on top of which was a Belisha of that ilk, dancing was enjoyed on the lawn to the strains of "Daisy's Band."

The Prize-Winners

Tradesmen's vehicles: 1, C. West; 2, H. G. Price; 3, B. W. Edwards; specials, Messrs. Burniston's and P. Richards.

Private cars.—1, C. Prickett; 2, Harvey Price; 3, Harry Hawkins.

Tableaux.—1, W. Hamilton & Co.; 2, L. Cowell & Co.

Cycles (adults)—1, M. Honney. Special, A. Wass.

Cycles (children)—1, R. Andrews; 2, K. Cobb; 3, B. Honney.

Prams and push-chairs.—1, Mrs. F. Hogben; 2, Mrs. Crampton.

Prams (children)—1, P. and G. Webb; 2, D. Vinten.

Humorous (adults)—1, Mr. Woodcock; 2, Mr. Down; 3, Joy Berry. Specials: Misses G. and B. Ovenden (double), and Mrs. R. Castle.

Picturesque.—1, Miss Richardson; 2, Miss W. Hogben; 3, Miss Croft. Specials: B. and E. Stockwell (double), and Mrs. Miles (adults).

Humorous (children)—1, R. Wonfor; 2, A. Pope; 3, R. Williams. Specials: N. Hogben, K. May.

Picturesque (children)—1, D. Fenn; 2, R. Webb; 3, B. West; 4, Miss Mullinger; 5, D. Williams.

Light mounted.—1, D. De Cent; 2, G. Jarrett.

The Sports

High jump (boys, under 11).—1, T. Pope; 2, D. Fernaugh; 3, F. Hopkins. Under 14: 1, F. Hogben; 2, H. Price; 3, D. Norman.

Flat races (boys and girls).—Under 6: 1, S. Ovie; 2, G. Willett; 3, J. Driver. Under 8: 1, H. Neaves; 2, J. Fernaugh; 3, W. Packman. Girls.—Under 10: 1, M. Culver; 2, B. West; 3, E. Packman.

Under 12: 1, J. Crawley; 2, C. Driver; 3, F. Neaves. Under 14: 1, C. Hopkins; 2, J. Mullinger; 3, M. Goldup. 14 to 18: 1, M. Honney; 2, A. Wass; 3, F. Beadle.

Boys.—Under 10: 1, F. Hopkins; 2, G. Price; 3, J. Stevens. Under 12: 1, J. Culver; 2, S. Willett; 3, V. O'Connell.

Under 14: 1, R. Sneller; 2, D. Norman; 3, F. Hogben. 14 to 18: 1, R. Norman; 2, M. Taylor; 3, R. Edwards. 18 and over: 1, J. Friend; 2, V. Stockwell; 3, Mr.

Matthews. Men (40 to 50).—1, Mr. W. Bishop; 3, Capt. Maslin. Ladies (18 to 40).—1, Miss Williams; 3, Nurse Lawless. Mrs. Machin; 2, Mrs. Wass; Old soldiers' race.—1, Mr. H. G. Price; 3, Mr. A. Harvey. Half-mile.—1, F. Down; 3, R. Edwards. Tug-of-war.—1, King's team.

The darts cup was won by Mummery, and the special went to Miss Hope.

The catering was by Mr. the County Hotel, Canterbury. The Committee wish to express their thanks to Mr. Taylor, foreman of the Court, and his staff for their ground arrangements.

The responsible Committee formed by Messrs. R. Friend, A. Taylor, C. West, F. Hogben, J. Friend, H. Knight, J. Pope, L. J. Williams, F. R. W. Berry, S. Wagholinger, together with Miss Stockwell, Miss Bell, Mrs. West and Mrs. Money.

F. Hogben; 2, in. Wass; 2, Miss Over 50: 1, Mrs. Down. Moyes; 2, Mr. kins. W. Willett; m; 2, Daisy's by Mr. S. ladies' prize

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mittee was end, C. Wills, ben, H. Price, Carpenter, E. —. Goldup, orn, P. Mul- s Hope, Mrs. Friend, Mrs.