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FORCES CLUB CLOSED DOWN AFTER FIVE YEARS

More Than Two Million Hot Beverages Served

MORE than two million hot beverages, mainly cups of tea, and many thousands of hot meals have been served at the Churches Club for the Forces, Folkestone, since it was opened in 1939. The Club closed down last Tuesday.

The amazing figures of beverages and meals served were given at a party, attended by by 200 voluntary workers, at the club premises on Wednesday evening, by the Chairman of the Club, the Vicar of Folkestone (Rev. D. V. Beckingham).

The oldest helper, Miss Irene M. Ellis, who recently celebrated her 83rd birthday, presented the popular caterer (Miss E. Symes), with a blue umbrella and leather handbag, a gift from the helpers.

Those present included the Vice-Chairman (Mr. G. P. Medlicott), Secretary (Rev. F. Hadkinson), Treasurer (Mr. W. J. Rumbold), Army Welfare Officer (Major C. Tuff, D.L., J.P.), Rector of Folkestone Catholic Church (Rev. C. J. Wheatley), and Alderman and Mrs. H. Hughes.

Tea was served by helpers.

BUSY YEARS

The Chairman announced that members of H.M. Forces had been served with 1,187,622 hot beverages in the two busiest years of the club, 1943-44; on the busiest Christmas day, that of 1943, 1,938 hot drinks had been served, and on VE-Day 2,136.

From June 1st, 1941, to June 2nd, 1945, 2,061,053 hot beverages were served.

In November, 1940, the club was serving an average of 12,000 hot beverages a week, and from July, 1941-42 the average was 8,500 a week. From 1942-43 the number was raised to over 11,000, and from 1943-44 it remained at nearly 13,000. From 1944-45 that number dropped to 7,500.

The highest number of cooked meals served in one year was 145,539.

"Most of you know," the Chairman continued, "much more than I, of the splendid work that has gone on in this club since its formation in 1939. It has also produced a daughter club for women of H.M. Forces in Castle Hill Avenue, of which we are all proud.

STAGGERING

"The staggering figures which I have just put to you are something for which to say 'Thank You' to God. In this service had been carried out in His name and for His sake.

"I want to tell you," he continued, "that this is not the final winding up of the club, for there will still many more details and final arrangements to be made. We hope to hold another meeting of club members, and before then you will all receive a token card thanking you for your services.

The cards will bear the following inscription: "The Churches Club for members of His Majesty's Forces, Folkestone. This is to record valuable service rendered by you in the Churches' Clubs for the Forces, during the years 1939-45 when it constantly open for the welfare of the gallant forces who brought us Victory and deliverance in Europe."

21 YEARS

"It is a matter of two and a half years," declared the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, "since I was asked to preside over the Executive Committee, and I must put in a tribute to those men and women for their active support and the spirit of co-operation which they have all shown. I have been on many committees in my time, but never have I known such a true spirit of friendliness or such happiness as has existed in this one.

"I want to thank you all on behalf of the committee for the valuable service which you have given to the club, and although on such occasions it is not usual to terminate, I am sure you will agree that it would be wrong in this case not to mention the inspiration that Miss Symes, our caterer, has been to us all, and the skill and secrecy which she has put into her job. Her work has meant everything to the welfare and success of Folkestone Forces' Club, and I hope that she realises how much you and the whole town appreciates her efforts.

TRIBUTE TO MEN

"A tribute is due to the 2½ million men who have used these premises. Their behaviour has been exemplary. They have been great companions and a great joy to serve and help. They have used the rooms at their disposal, treating them with the utmost care.

"I have a tribute which I think you will appreciate more than if it had been sent from the Minister of War or an Air Marshal. It is from a Private of the line:

"To the President and all workers, Churches' Forces' Club, Folkestone.

"I would like to say thank you so much for all your efforts on behalf of members of the Services. We all owe an immense debt to you and the thousands like you, who have worked so hard for such a long time, so that we might have hot drinks and food (other than Army issue), and the pleasure of writing and reading rooms, etc.

"Specially do I want to congratulate you on the wonderful system of service in your canteen. During my long period in the Army I have been to innumerable canteens but I have never seen any canteen to compare with your service. We realise we have now lost a friend in the closing of your club.

"We do feel you have more than earned a rest from this work, you who neither wear, nor wish to wear, any outward sign of your most essential war work, unpaid, too. In conclusion, I would like every member to accept this as a personal letter of thanks. My very best wishes go to your future health and leisure. Thank you so much.

"Sergeant, Pte. GUNN, J. C. W."

"ONE OF HUNDREDS"

"This is one of hundreds of letters we have received," concluded the Chairman.

Mr. Medlicott said he could not help thinking of the early meetings which the committee held in the Town Hall in 1939, and the opposition which their suggestion that a Forces' club should be started in the town had aroused in certain quarters. Moreover, they had won, though it was only by a narrow majority of votes that the club had been formed.

"I hope," he continued, "that you will not be satisfied" you will not be satisfied" now what we are doing between now and the Last Post winding up of the club, because this is much to do, with remaining funds and many items to settle. You will all be told of our activities at the next meeting."

The Treasurer said he hoped that it would be possible for him to present them with a full list of figures when they next met.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the Doxology and the National Anthem.

A Hythe resident asked permission to purchase a static water tank, and it was granted.

£70 A YEAR FOR CHILD TO GO TO SCHOOL

Taxpayers are paying £70 a year for one child to be conveyed by car to school.

At a meeting of the Folkestone, Hythe and Elham Executive Committee of the Kent Education Committee at the Town Hall, Folkestone, on Tuesday, Councillor A. Sheppard said a girl was taken to Sevenfield, Wootton and Denton School at a declared average cost daily cost of 5/-, which cost the long suffering taxpayers about £70 a year. "Could something be done about it?

Major Tuff: Does she go to three different schools?

Mr. F. W. Jessop (Assistant Education Officer) said it was one school. The smallest school in the county was generally given the longest name.

The Chairman: It certainly seems a rather expensive arrangement.

Mr. J. A. Williams (Assistant Divisional Education Officer) said if that were done, the child would probably have to go to an institution, which would be more expensive still. It was a case in which transport had to be provided.

The matter had been gone into and he would pass it again.

Mr. Jessop said if the girl was sent to a special school it would probably cost £170 instead of £70.

The Chairman: A further enquiry will be made.

Folkestone "Maquis"

IF INVASION HAD COME

IN the critical days of 1940 when the Germans were expected to attempt to invade this country a British "Maquis" was set up, the secrets of which have been disclosed this week.

It included 300 "Special Duties Organisations," to which, in the greatest secrecy, men, and in some instances women, were invited to give their services.

Such an organisation was brought into being in Folkestone about August, 1940, and Mr. Harry Rickinghotham was asked to undertake the work. He then chose Chief Constable (Mr. A. S. Beesley) and recruit six other townsmen to serve with him.

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Secret hide-outs were prepared, stocked with iron rations, explosives and caches for sabotage and members were empowered to carry arms or use weapons.

In the country round Folkestone there were secret wireless transmitters, an invaluable chain in the plan.

BY ACCIDENT

It came now be revealed that on one occasion a poacher not many miles from Folkestone located one of these radio transmitters by accident.

The discovery started an intensive enquiry that, for the presence of such transmitters in the district was unknown to the military and police.

Members of the organisation, according to the guise of ordinary citizens following their everyday jobs, communicated with their "controller" from time to time. secret trips were made, reports were submitted by the key-men.

Mr. Rickinghotham in the case of Folkestone—and their information was passed on in code to a central military H.Q. "somewhere in England."

As an added precaution had been set up the members became intimately informed as to the meanings on Nazi uniforms and the different type of tanks used by the enemy and also ourselves so that they could give vital information if the Germans came.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A part of their under cover activities, too, was to listen to Lord Haw-Haw saying. An unguarded word by somebody overheard by one of the listeners would bring reproval instant, and advice to be more discreet in future.

More suspicious incidents such as the showing of mysterious lights were reported at once.

N.1 and his colleagues also carried out special "exercises" of their own.

A month later each member received from General Sir Harold Franklyn, Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, a letter of thanks for all that they had done.

RE-OPENING OF LEAS PAVILION

The Leas Pavilion will re-open on Monday with the Arthur Brough Players. Mr. "Spider" Merrifield, by Mr. J. Parnell and John Perry, produced by Elizabeth Addyman.

Many people will remember Leo Danvers-Heron, who was a member of the company in 1939. Miss Davies, a newcomer to the Players, was in Repertory in Bristol and Portsmouth.

Other members of the cast are John Tanfield, who has performed in York and Northampton, and Arthur Mullett, promising young juvenile recently invalided out of the R.A.F. Olivia Barley and Vivienne Ellis.

Defence Obstructions Going At Last

Defence obstructions in Folkestone are at last being removed, out by crane. Right: Boring holes for small charges of explosive in one of the numerous large concrete blocks.

Left: Steel tubular defence works on the beach are wrenched

DEATH OF SANDGATE'S G.O.M.

Mr. A. H. Ullyett's Long And Varied Life

MR. Arnold Henry Ullyett, of Salisbury House, Sandgate Hill, Folkestone, whose death at the age of 69 occurred on Sunday, had had a very interesting and versatile career. He was generally regarded as the Grand Old Man of Sandgate.

Mr. Ullyett was born in Battersea, and received his early education at the Culham Diocesan Training College for Teachers, Oxford. He received the highest class of certificate (First Division) for teaching, and in two successive years passed the Queen's Scholarship examination in the college.

For five years he was a pupil teacher, under his father, at St. Mary's School, Folkestone, where he met his future bride who was a pupil teacher there. Each year he passed the Diocesan Scripture examination, and in 1885 he was finished third for the whole of Kent.

HEADMASTER

From St. Mary's School he was appointed Headmaster to the Sandgate Central Schools, an appointment he held for 37 years until his retirement in 1923.

Mrs. Ullyett, in the meantime, had been asked to become certificated governess at the school, and she remained in that capacity until she retired with her husband.

Whilst headmaster at Sandgate Mr. Ullyett was also science lecturer to most of the private schools in Folkestone, and it was in connection with his scientific research that his name became known in the early part of the century.

DISCOVERY

The discovery of the property of X-ray he began to make experiments and, with the discovery of radium, carried out further experiments. Much interest was displayed in many parts of the country over his then unique photographs, and in connection with his experiments he lectured in Folkestone, Hythe, Dover, and Sandgate on various occasions.

It is estimated that he gave over 10,000 lectures on various subjects.

He made a close study of flora in the Folkestone district, and also lectured on such scientific subjects as "Halley's Comet," "Mystery of the Atom," and "Is Mars Inhabited?"

He was a pioneer in wireless research and experiments.

FOREIGN DECORATIONS

Mr. Ullyett was a Member of the Royal Society of Teachers, and one of the oldest Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society. He passed with success the Examination of the College of Preceptors, which entitled him to wear the hood and gown.

He was a life member and medallist of the Societe Astronomique de France, and also received the Diplome Superieur, marked "Bien," of the University of Lille, France, by examinations; and was holder of the medal and diploma presented by the French Government for the assistance he rendered to French and Belgian refugees in the last war by lecturing to them in their native tongue.

FREEMASONRY

Mr. Ullyett's association with Freemasonry must have been unique. His mother Lodge was the Castle Lodge, Sandgate; he had held the following offices: W.M., Castle Lodge 1902, W.M. Commemoration Lodge 1922, P.M.W.S. Hubert de Burgh Chapter, I.P.M. East Kent Masters Lodge, P.Z. Temple Castle and Hythe Royal Chapters, P.M. Amherst Mark Lodge, P.P.G. Supt. Works 1913, P.P.J.G.W. Kent 1920, P.G. Std. Br. (Grand Lodge) 1926. Bro Castle Lodge till 1935 (40 years). Charity Rep. of Castle Lodge till 1938. P.P.G.W. of Kent Mark Masons, P.P.I.M. of Supreme Council No. 14.

He was a life governor of the Freemasons' Hospital and Nursing Home, and of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone.

Mr. Ullyett's religious knowledge was profound. He had been a lay reader in the Church of England since July, 1918, and on many occasions read the Lessons. He preached nearly 1,000 sermons in various C. of E. Churches and frequently took Sunday School services. Only a few weeks ago he was elected People's Warden at Sandgate for the 45th consecutive year. He was a former Vice-President of the Sandgate Parochial Church Council, and for 25 years was Church treasurer.

He was a Vice-President of the Folkestone Natural History Society, and a trustee of the Morris Free Library and Museum, Eddie Wood's Memorial Soldiers' Institute, Sandgate.

Mr. Ullyett yet found time for municipal work, and was for 12 years a member of the Folkestone Town Council and the Sandgate Urban District Council.

Mrs. Ullyett, formerly Miss Frances Elizabeth Wright, was also born in Sandgate. She died in July, 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Ullyett celebrated their golden wedding in December, 1933. They were married at Folkestone Parish Church.

Mr. Ullyett is survived by two sons and one daughter. The younger son is serving in the Army in the Middle East. The daughter, now Mrs. Chapman, was formerly a teacher at Sandgate School.

Some 18 months ago Mr. Ullyett fell in his bedroom and fractured an arm; from that time he had had to curtail many of his former activities.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. A service was held at Sandgate Parish Church, and the interment followed at Folkestone Borough Cemetery. Hawkings, The Vicar of Sandgate (Rev. A. E. Bloore) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon Hyla Holden, Rector of Stowting and a former Vicar of Folkestone.

Among the mourners were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chapman (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. G. Ullyett (son), Mrs. C. Ullyett (daughter-in-law), and Mrs. F. W. Goddard (granddaughter).

During the service the 23rd Psalm and the hymns "Lead, Kindly Light," "The Lover of my Soul" and "Abide with me" were sung. Mr. E. Boshier, a Sandgate resident, who was at the Schools, was at the organ. The Lesson was read by Councillor F. Greenstreet.

LARGE CONGREGATION

The large congregation included the following:—

Representing Castle Lodge: W.Bros. R. Harman, W.M., A. E. Sellen, Secretary, G. O. Cornwell, A. Wallace, D. F. Ludlow, H. Bentley, Bros. A. Cassell, Secretary, P.M., F. P. Hopkins, F. Davies, J. W. Twigg, F. Brown, N. O. Baker, J.P., W. Gibbons, Windy Leigh, H. J. Scott and C. Johnson, Castle Chapter; R. Comp. W. Harman.

Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge: W.Bro. A. Hinton, Temple Lodge; Bro. Capt. Simpson, representing the Queen's Chapel, Comp. P. G. Std. Br. (Grand Lodge) W.M.) Bro. T. J. Jarman, Temple Chapter, Comp. P.P.G. A. Baker and E. Comp. L. J. Ocice, Commemoration Lodge; W.Bros. A. S. Rumney, W.M., R. H. Bonniface, A. V. Wells, H. E. Marks, Bros. J. Stammers, J. Kitching.

East Kent Masters Lodge: W.Bro. C. P. Medlicott (representing the W.M.), Shorncliffe Lodge: W.Bros. A. Cook and C. E. Lister, Royal Art Mariners Lodge: W.Bro. S. E. Goodger, Folkestone Lodge: W.Bro. C. C. Cargill, W.Bro. Jenkins, W.Bro. Hyde, Bro. Gough, Lt. R.S.R.M.: W.Bro. T. H. Jones (Canterbury), Amherst Mark Lodge: W.Bro. S. C. May.

Representing the Folkestone, Hythe and Sandgate Building Society: Mr. F. Gore (Chairman), S. C. Neale, G. H. Cooper, A. H. Davis and W. J. Hide.

Representing the Folkestone Saving (Mutual Aid Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society): Mr. A. E. Mott (Trustee, also Secretary of the Folkestone, Hythe and Sandgate Building Society).

Representing the James Morris Dwelling, Mrs. Barlow (Trustee); Mr. J. T. Lusted (Clerk to the Trustees).

Mrs. E. G. Neale (representing Mr. E. G. Neale, Deputy Mayoress), Sandgate); Mrs. W. J. Benson, Mrs. H. O. Bonner, Mrs. F. Brown, Mrs. Bagot, the Misses Fortune, Mrs. Cargill, Miss D. Palmer, Mrs. G. Bridgeland, Mrs. Bridgeland, Gordon Gillbourne, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Charles, Mrs. H. A. Cassell, Mrs. Bagot, Mrs. Dear, Mrs. Jennings Brawn, Mr. J. Walton, (representing Mr. Walton, Deputy Mayor), Mrs. G. C. F. Burrowes, Miss E. B. Burrowes and Mrs. Hutchinson.

FRIEND AND ADVISER

In a brief address Canon Hyla Holden referred to Mr. Ullyett's many activities in Sandgate and its neighbourhood, and said they all knew what a faithful member of the Church he was. Nothing that came to him was too great or too little for his advice. He was a friend and adviser to the clergy, and he (the speaker) had never failed to receive from him very best service and counsel.

The children of Sandgate came to look upon him as the pattern of their life. Canon Hyla Holden said that Mr. Ullyett was one whom we knew represented something we could always revere, something we could rest upon.

"God bless him for ever."

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Floral tributes were received as follows:—

In loving memory, from his daughter and son-in-law, Daisy and Bert, to dear Grandpa in everlasting remembrance, from Phil and Arthur, in deepest sympathy, from Gordon and Lil; loving memories of a dear friend, from Cyril, Connie and David; with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Bill, with deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Bill and Peter, in loving memory, from Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Jack and Fred; with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson; to my old neighbour, from Mrs. Wilkinson and love from Sylvia; in loving remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baker; with sincere sympathy, from the Misses May.

With kindest sympathy and thoughts, from Fred and Stanley (West Drayton); remembrance, from the Officers and Brethren of the Royal Oak Lodge, Hythe; from Folkestone; with deepest regrets