A History of the Faringdon War Memorials as reported in the Faringdon Advertiser

Collated by Dr M L H Wise
THE OLD TOWN HALL.

As was generally anticipated, the proposal to pull down the Old Town Hall and erect a war memorial on the site now occupied by this ancient structure has been met with an outburst of disapproval by a considerable section of the community who are keenly interested in the retention of this and all other relics of bygone architecture.

At the present time, however, there is no gainsaying the fact that the building in question is unsightly, uncared for, and put to a use quite unworthy of its original purpose.

Would the good people of Faringdon who profess their love of this structural antiquity, evidence their sincerity in a practical manner, with an endeavour to restore the building to its original state of architectural beauty and utility, we venture to suggest that these frequent proposals for its demolition would cease to recur.

25 January 1919

WAR MEMORIAL.—The inhabitants of Faringdon are invited to attend another public meeting to be held in the Savings' Bank, on Wednesday evening next, at 7.30, with the object of hearing proposals as to the form a permanent memorial to the Faringdon men who have fallen in the war shall take. Permission to remove the old Town Hall and there erect a monument has not been granted and it now behoves the inhabitants of the town to put forward other schemes, the selection of which it is to be hoped will meet with general approval.

1 February 1919
An adjourned meeting in connection with the proposal to provide a memorial to those men of Faringdon and the near district who have lost their lives in the war was held at the Savings' Bank on Wednesday evening, when, despite the very unfavorable weather, there was a good attendance. Colonial Ward Bennitt, not being able to be present, Mr. J. P. Lockwood, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon. Sec. (Mr. W. Luker), and confirmed.

The Chairman then read two letters from Mr. F. C. Butler, Lord of the Manor of Faringdon, in answer to letters sent to him by the War Memorial Committee. The first courteously informed the Committee that he could not accede to the request that he should give the old Town Hall to the town and gynasium to its being demolished and the site used for the erection of a War Memorial. The second letter gave consent to a memorial being erected in another part of the Market Place.

The Chairman said that many of the parishioners had suggested to him that a very good war memorial could be provided by restoring the old Town Hall to its original structure by doing away with the top room and placing the roof on the pillars, leaving the under portions quite open, and, as he wanted to have something to put before this meeting, he asked Miss Corbett if she would write in a friendly way to Mr. Butler, and ask if he would be willing to give the Town Hall to Faringdon, on condition that it should be restored to its original condition. The reply received was that Mr. Butler would give his consent. This was very satisfactory, and he was quite sure the townpeople would like to see the Town Hall restored so that it would not be a disgrace to the town, but an ornament. He thought that a tablet could be placed there, and a better site could certainly not be found.

Mr. G. E. Liddiard proposed, and Mr. E. Heavens seconded, that three memorial tablets be placed on three sides of Port Well, in the Market Place. He thought that trying to restore old Port Well would be throwing money away.

Mr. J. P. Lockwood proposed an amendment that the Committee write to Mr. Butler asking him to give his definite decision. If he would give the Town Hall to the town to be restored to its original condition, they could then get to work. Of course a skilled architect would have to be employed.

Mr. J. Cudby seconded, saying that as they could not get rid of the Town Hall, the next best thing would be to make it as beautiful as possible, and he thought it would be a very nice looking building when restored to its original condition.

The amendment was put to the meeting, and carried by 28 votes to 4.

The Chairman remarked that no one could tell how old the Town Hall was, but it was thought that it was an old as the church. It was restored about the year 1600.

The Chairman said there was one other matter arising out of the minutes. At the last meeting it was decided that the war memorial should embrace Faringdon and an area of three miles. The Committee found that this would not be practicable, as it would take in half the village of Longcot, buscot Park Great and Little Coxwell, Shellingford and Hatfield. They therefore suggested that the War Memorial should be for the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of Faringdon which would include Littleworth, Thrupp, and Little Coxwell.

Mr. E. Heavens proposed, and Mr. A. E. Franklin seconded, that the suggestion be adopted, and this was carried unanimously.

Another meeting will be called later.

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THE OLD TOWN HALL.

To the Editor of the "Faringdon Advertiser".

Radcot, Feb. 4th 1919.

Dear Sir,

The proposal recently made to pull down the Old Town Hall and replace it by a new memorial seems to show great want of business sense on the part of some of Faringdon's townsman. These gentlemen evidently do not appreciate the value of our ancient buildings from any point of view.

First, as an example of beautiful architecture, then as an attraction bringing travellers among us from abroad, especially from America. These people come only to see and admire these memorials of the past, not to behold new memorials. In coming among us they spend their money —need one say any more on this score? It is to the lasting shame of all concerned that such buildings when not pulled down should be allowed to fall into such deplorable disrepair.

Very truly yours,

John da Costa.

8 February 1919
FARINGDON'S WAR MEMORIAL.
Kelscott,
March 10th, 1919.

To the Editor of the "Faringdon Advertiser."

Sir,

You have lately been considering in Faringdon the question of a War Memorial, while letters have been appearing in the Faringdon Advertiser pointing out the need for some club or reasonable place of entertainment and rest for the returned soldiers of the neighbourhood. Of course our men who happily come back are welcomed by their friends, but it does seem to me a great pity that more is not done for them in all our country towns on all sides from the civic point of view. After all, the big talk of what they were doing for their country, they are allowed to subside into private life again as though nothing had happened. Now what more suitable War Memorial to the dead could there be than some public recognition of those who have returned—some public thought for their comfort and amusements? And here, in Faringdon, is something to be done that suggests itself at once: on the one hand returned men asking for a club house or what not, on the other your Town Hall, which, when repaired and tidied up will be a pleasant and attractive centre of the town. I venture to ask whether your War Memorial Committee would not consider favourably (perhaps it has already done so) the feasibility of dedicating the Hall to the purpose suggested, with a suitable memorial tablet set into the wall somewhere, to those who have given their lives in the war.

I hope as a neighbour from "over the water," I may be excused for taking this interest in your affairs, and that these observations will not be thought intrusive.

Yours faithfully,

MAY MORRIS.

15 March 1919

TISER, SATURDAY, APRIL 5,

WAR MEMORIAL.—It will be noticed in our advertisement columns that a public meeting to discuss proposals for a Faringdon War Memorial will be held in the Savings' Bank Room on Thursday evening next, at 7.30 o'clock, when it is hoped that a definite decision for establishing a War Memorial for the town will be arrived at. Since the last public meeting the Committee appointed have, with the assistance of a competent architect, formulated a scheme for the restoration of the Old Town Hall, where it is proposed to erect a permanent memorial to the men of Faringdon who have fallen in the war. The plans of the structural alterations and memorial are on view and may be seen at the Advertiser Office.

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In a later letter, Lord Faringdon said—

"I had not carefully thought out any scheme for an Institute, but if such a thing was really considered desirable, I thought the Pump House site would be suitable. I am now, however, disposed to think that as far as a War Memorial is concerned, the restoration of the Old Town Hall is perhaps the most suitable form such Memorial could take."

Mr Lockwood said personally he thought the place suggested for the tablet was the best they could obtain, and he also thought that the reconstruction and alteration of the building to its original structure was the best war memorial that could be obtained, and it would be a memorial of Peace as well as War.

Mr A. E. Franklin said that he considered that the proposed position of the tablet was wrong; it should be in the centre and not in a corner of the building, and would not cause any more obstruction.

Mr S. W. Lucas expressed the same opinion.

The Chairman said it was a matter of detail which the Committee would bring to the notice of the architect.

Colonel Ward Bennett in thanking the Committee for the great trouble they had taken, said he thought that when completed it would be a valuable addition to the town, and would be inspected by all lovers of old buildings in the same way as the Church. He thought the kind of the country could be found in the country.

It would speak of the past, the present and the future. It would be a honour to the town and a honour to those who had given their lives for their country.

He proposed that the scheme be accepted.

Mr H. Frost asked the position indicated for the tablet was the right one. It was near the main street, where it could be seen. The architect had taken very carefully into the matter and he thought he deserved great credit for the way in which he had prepared the plans.

Sergeant Jolffe proposed that the room should be utilised as far as possible as a recreation room for Faringdon soldiers.

This was seconded by Rev. Legg and carried.

The Chairman said they now came to the question of funds. The architect's fees, he stated, would be about £10 per cent of the outlay. He (Mr Lockwood) was very keen on the scheme being carried out, and should be very pleased to contribute £50 towards the cost.

Colonel Ward Bennett said he and Mrs Ward Bennett would give a subscription of £100 (cheques).

The arrangements for the collection of subscriptions were left to the Committee.

Mr G. S. Willis thought the worth of the town, many of whom had fought for their country, ought to be considered, and an Institute provided for them.

The Chairman quite approved of the suggestion, and thought the question might be considered later, when the present scheme had been carried out, and Lord Faringdon might be approached on his return. He thought it would be difficult to run a big Institute, there would be a large and continual expense for the upkeep.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed.
FARINGDON'S WAR MEMORIAL.—During the past few days a number of ladies have been busy distributing circulars and soliciting subscriptions on behalf of the Faringdon War Memorial, which is to take the form of restoring the Old Town Hall, and then erecting a permanent memorial to the fallen. The returns are not in yet, but judging from reports there is evidence that the result has so far proved somewhat disappointing. There is, the collectors state, a prevailing disposition to evade contributing under various pretexts of opinion. If this is so, it can only be stated that every inhabitant of the town had more than one opportunity of expressing his opinion as to what form a memorial should take, and it is sincerely hoped that no Faringdonians, many of whom were quite recently appealing to men to go and fight for freedom, will fail to support the publicly adopted scheme for the erection of a permanent memorial to those of our gallant lads who have been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice on our behalf.

24 May 1919

MAY 31, 1919

LOCAL ITEMS.

FARINGDON COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—Week ending May 30th:—Admitted, 0; discharged, 0; remaining in hospital, 2. The Committee and Matron acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts:—Flowers, Mrs Fuller, Pusey; collection by Kingscote Lisle Band; 6 hot water bottles, 8 rugs, 24 towels, 8 pairs of sheets, 8 pillow slips, 4 bed tables, splints, and bandages from the Reading Demobilisation Committee.

FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL. — The first response to the appeal for subscriptions on behalf of the Faringdon War Memorial is encouraging. As will be seen in adjoining columns, roundly £500 of the £600 required to carry out the scheme in its entirety has already been subscribed, and we are informed that numerous other donations have been promised. These will be acknowledged in a future issue. As the balance now required may be expended on the elaboration or simplification of the monumental erection to the memory of the dead and suitably furnishing the Town Hall, it is sincerely hoped that the amount stated will be rather over than under subscribed.

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Second List of Subscribers.

The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following contributions. Further donations will be gratefully received by the Chairman, Mr. J. P. Lockwood, Bromsgrove, Faringdon; the Hon. Sec., Mr. S. W. Luker, London Street, Faringdon, or the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Belcher, Lloyds Bank, Faringdon.

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14 June 1919
FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL — A meeting of subscribers to the Faringdon War Memorial was held at the Old Town Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr J. P. Lockwood, who presided, announced that the total subscriptions received to date amounted to £654 2s. This amount would enable them to proceed with the work, and he hoped that after the renovations and alterations had been completed there would be a sufficient balance with which to create a sinking fund for the future upkeep of the Hall and the Memorial. It was now necessary to appoint trustees to the Deed of Gift, which was being prepared, and he suggested that these should be comprised of nine or ten young townsmen, with the provision that when, from one cause or another, their number was reduced to five, the remaining trustees should appoint others to fill the vacancies. As a recognition of the gift of the Hall by the Lord of the Manor, he proposed that his daughter, Miss Butler, be asked to act as a trustee. The following gentlemen were invited to represent the town as trustees:—Mr E. J. Amos, Mr W. E. Ballard, Mr W. H. Cook, Mr W. Foard, Mr A. E. Franklin, Mr Joseph Goddard, Mr Jonathan Goddard, Mr B. Haines, Mr S. W. Luker and Mr W. Tucker.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Below is printed a list of names of the men of the Parish of Faringdon, who lost their lives in the war that have returned to the Committee. In order that the list shall be absolutely correct and complete for the purpose of recording on the War Memorial, it is particularly requested that any corrections or omissions shall be notified to Mr. S. W. Lucas or any member of the Committee, at the earliest possible moment.

N.B. — The Parish of Faringdon referred to above comprises the Ecclesiastical and Civil Parishes of Faringdon, and includes the villages of Little Coxwell, Littleworth, and Thrupp.

Barnbury, Capt. Charles Wilson, Coldstream Guards.
Burchall, Pte. Frank, Royal Berks Regt.
Burgee, Pte. Harold Darwin
Burge, Pte. George Gladstone, Oxon and Bucks L.I.
Cobden, Lieut. Frank Pargeter, R.A.
Counsell, Staff-Sgt. Albert Edward, A.O.C.
Claydon, Capt. James, Royal Berks Regt.
Dodd, Pte. Edwin William, Royal Warwicks
Davies, Pte. Reginald, Royal Berks Regt.
Ford, Pte. Sidney Harold, Lancashire Fusiliers
Fuller, Pte. Albert John, Royal Berks Regt.
Gray, Pte. William George, A.S.C., M.T.
Godwin, Pte. James, Hanover Regt.
Haines, L-Cpl. Frederick, Royal Berks Regt.
Harvey, Gunner Wilfred George, Canadian Artillery
Hibbard, Tpr. John Horace, Royal Berks Yeomanry
Higns, A. D. William, A.S.M. B.A., H.N.D.
Horne, Pte. Thomas James, Duke of Cornwall L.I.
Hayes, Pte. George William, Oxon and Bucks L.I.
Haynes, Pte. Oliver Mark, Royal Berks Regt.
Hambling, Pte. George Benjamin, Royal Berks Regt.

In like manner:

Indug, L-Cpl. Walter Ernest, Royal Berks Regt.
Kibble, Bombardier Harry, R.F.A.
Kipp, Pte. Albert Ernest, Royal Berks Regt.
Lewis, L-Cpl. Thomas, F.I., Royal Berks Regt.
Lardner, Pte. Thomas Richard, Royal Warwicks
Lovelock, Pte. George Harold, Royal Fusiliers
Muldur, Chief Petty Officer Bernard, H.M.S. Queen Mary
Merchant, Sgt. Sidney, Machine Gun Corps
Mohy, Rifleman Frederick Arthur, Queen's Westminster Rifles
McDonald, Gunner Gordon, R.G.A.
Mulock-Fantling, Pte. George J. Machine Gun Corps

Naish, Sgt. Frederick, Royal Berks Regt.
Pearsay, L-Cpl. Frederick George, Oxon and Bucks L.I.
Prout, Tpr. James, Royal Berks Yeomanry
Perry, Pte. Roy House, Royal Berks Regt.
Patmore, Pte. Frank, Worcesters Regt.
Peake, Stoker Albert Victor, H.M.S. Sirius
Ryan, Pte. George Edward, Dragoon Guards
Richings, Pte. Frederick, Gloucester Regt.
Richings, Sapper Percy, R.N.
Rogers, Pte. Walter Vincent, Gloucester Regt.
Sail, Sgt. William John, Royal Berks Yeomanry
Shill, L-Cpl. Harry, Royal Berks Regiment
Simms, Pte. Stephen, Royal Berks Regiment
Steepe, Pte. George, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt.
Tabbot, Pte. Walter John, Machine Gun Corps
Thomas, Pte. Benjamin, Royal Berks Regt.
Wills, Rifleman Cecil George, London Regt.
Whiting, Pte. Percy John, R.E.
Walker, Sgt. Harry, Machine Gun Corps
Walker, Pte. Ernest John, Oxon and Bucks L.I.
Wiggans, Rifleman Ernest Cyril, London Regt.
Winks, Pte. Alfred, Canadian Expeditionary Force
Wiltshire, John
Yates, Pte. Thomas

28 February 1920
Faringdon Institute and Services Club

NOTICE.
The above newly formed Club will be opened by LORD FARINGDON, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1920, at 3 o'clock.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony, and at the same time inspect the Premises, which will be closed to the public at 5 o'clock, and re-opened as the Faringdon Institute and Services Club.

To Members only at 8 o'clock on the above date.

Application for Membership should be made to the Secretary, H. S. EOND, Bromsgrove, Faringdon, who will be at the Club Premises on Thursday, December 16th, from 7 to 8 o'clock for the purpose of enrolling members.

Comrades of the Great War and members of other Soldiers' and Sailors' Organisations may apply for membership to H. LINSCOTT, Secretary to the Local Branch of the Comrades of the Great War.

Faringdon War Memorial.

The dedication and unveiling Service of the above will be held at the OLD TOWN HALL, on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1921, at 2 p.m.

The unveiling ceremony will be performed by The Right Hon. Lord Faringdon.

The Residents of Faringdon, Little Coxwall, Littleworth and Thrupp are cordially invited to be present.

HENRY PROCTOR
Hon Sec.

11 December 1920

29 January 1921
FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL.
THE DEDICATION AND UNVEILING.
AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.
ADDRESS BY LORD FARINGDON.

The dedication ceremony of the Faringdon War Memorial was held on 12 February 1921. The event was attended by Lord Faringdon, who delivered an address commemorating the sacrifices of the war. The memorial, located in the town centre, serves as a tribute to the fallen soldiers of World War I. The ceremony was marked by the presence of the local community, who gathered to pay their respects.

The memorial stands tall, a symbol of remembrance and honor. It is surrounded by a path leading up to the monument, inviting visitors to approach and reflect on the pageantry of the past. The dedication was a solemn occasion, with prayers and speeches highlighting the importance of remembering those who served.

The Faringdon Advertiser, Saturday, February 12, 1921
To the Editor of the "Faringdon Advertiser."

Dear Sir,

Since the balance sheet of the above was published in your paper accounts to the amount of £5 10s. have come in. Thanks to the kindness of Lord Berners and Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. H. O. Henderson, who each contributed £25, and Captain Clifton Brown, A. T. Loyd, Esq., and Miss Morris, who subscribed £5 each, with local subscriptions and remittances from accounts, the amount now owing is £120. To defray this the Committee have decided to have a house-to-house collection at an early date and they hope that the appeal will be well responded to by the inhabitants of Faringdon. Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J. PARKER LOCKWOOD.
Chairman.

Faringdon.
May 28th, 1921.

AN APPEAL.

We this week take the opportunity of calling the attention of our readers to a Grand Fete that is announced to take place in the gardens and grounds of Faringdon House on August 16th. It is a combined effort to raise funds to discharge the debts outstanding against the Faringdon War Memorial and the Faringdon Institute and Services Club, the expenses connected with which, owing principally to the abnormal conditions prevailing at the time they were undertaken, have far exceeded the estimated cost.

In respect to the War Memorial there is no gainsaying the fact that in executing the adopted scheme criticisms and diversity of opinions were freely expressed. That, however, is not our concern at the moment. The memorial to our fallen heroes has been completed and the outstanding accounts connected therewith must be met.

As regards the Institute and Services Club, which by the way has proved an acquisition to the town far exceeding original anticipations, there is also a heavy debt to be met. What better then, than to combine forces and set to work with a unity of purpose on all sides, in one enthusiastic effort to discharge these undertaken responsibilities. It is with this end in view that the promoters of the Fete appeal for the generous interest and support of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood, and we are confident that the appeal will not be in vain.

These lines will be read by many old Faringdonians scattered over the face of the earth, who for old times sake will no doubt like to associate themselves with the undertaking. Their assistance we assure them will be doubly appreciated.

Faringdon.
August 6, 1921.
“Honour to whom Honour is due.”

The future generations of inhabitants of Faringdon will be able to point with pride to the efforts made by their forefathers, who lived in the town during the Great War—1914–1918—to commemorate the memory of the gallant lads who gave their lives for their King and country, and also in a manner, to the best of their ability, to recognise the patriotism and the bravery of those who fought and returned, by providing a suitable place in which they could spend their leisure time in recreation and amusement. Although the two objects are separate they are, in order to carry out the maxim, “Honour to whom Honour is due,” combined, and each sill form lasting memorials. The nature of the memorials has been previously fully described—the renovation of the ancient Town Hall, and the placing thereon of an oak tablet containing the names of the fallen; and, for the benefit of the ex-service men and at the same time for the use of any of the inhabitants who desire to become members—the converting of the Pump House in the Market Place into a large and commodious building and now known as “The Faringdon Institute and Services Club,” which is a great asset to the town, and is being run with a success which is highly satisfactory.

When these schemes were entered upon it was confidently expected that the donations and subscriptions obtained from residents and friends in the town and neighbourhood—together with the generosity of Lord Faringdon, who not only subscribed handsomely, but generously gave the Pump House to the town on conditions that it should be used as a Club for the use of the inhabitants and for ex-service men especially—would meet the expenses, and probably these hopes would have been realised but for the unforeseen and rapid rise in the price of materials, and in labour. Unfor-

Committee, and Chairman of the Faringdon Institute and Services Club, presided, and in the course of a few remarks said that as they were aware the fete had been instigated in aid of the Faringdon Institute and Services Club and the Faringdon War Memorial, an occasion which, unfortunately, there was a debt on the former of £300 and on the latter of £200, which they hoped by their kind help to wipe off to-day. He wished to thank all the various helpers of the Committee who had worked so hard, especially the ladies. The Faringdon ladies always turned out bricks, and they had done so on this occasion, and had done their best. They were very grateful to them for the hard work they had done. He also thanked Dr. Barnford for filling a breach, in arranging a concert. Last, but not least, he thanked very heartily their worthy host and hostess, Colonel and Mrs. Ward Bennett, for so kindly placing their park and gardens at the disposal of the Committee, for without this the fete could not have been held. Colonel and Mrs. Ward Bennett were always willing to assist anything in the town in any way, and their help on this occasion was very valuable, and they were extremely grateful to them (cheers). They also were grateful for the fine weather, and he felt sure the fete would be a success. He now had pleasure in asking Mrs. Ward Bennett to open the fete (cheers).

Mrs. Ward Bennett said she had great pleasure in declaring the fete open, and she hoped it would be a great success (cheers).

Little Miss Betty Cook presented Mrs. Ward Bennett with a beautiful bouquet. Col. Ward Bennett thanked Mr. Lockwood for the kind words he had spoken. It was a great pleasure to Mrs. Ward Bennett and himself to do what they could for the fete. During the war they regretted it had not been possible to throw open their grounds, but they hoped to make up for it to-day, and that the fete would be a success (cheers.)

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Real business then commenced. A good many of the lighter amusements were located on the lawns in front of the house. There also were the various stalls, and in addition to which numerous young ladies were fitting about seeking customers for all sorts of things which would help the cause, and soliciting entries for draws. Here also was the band stand occupied by the Great Western Prize Band, and praise must be given them for their excellent performance of selections, and for dancing in the evening. They gave every satisfaction.

Adjacent to the lawns, under the shady trees, tea tables were daintily arranged, and these were well patronised. On the ground on the

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LAWN TENNIS.

The lawn tennis tournaments for mixed doubles and ladies' doubles were a great success, there being upwards of 50 couples engaged in play. The large number of entries occasioned the use of seven courts, viz., the Faringdon House Courts, the Faringdon Tennis Club Courts (Church Path), and the Sudbury House Courts (Mr. H. C. Rose). It is needless to say that the games were well contested. The finals were played on the Faringdon House Courts, and the winners in the mixed doubles were Mr. A. V. Arkel and Miss Weaving, who beat Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and in the ladies' doubles Mrs. W. R. Gantlett and Mrs. Patterson.

Madam Sirrah, the fortune teller, had her boudoir near the tennis court, and was well patronised, necessitating at times the would-be patrons standing in a queue.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

The prize winners in the draws and competitions were as follows:

**STOPPING WATCH.**—The time at which the watch stopped was 7 h. 57 min. 55 sec., and the winner was Mr. S. Swan, of Chapel Square, Faringdon, who was the purchaser of the ticket bearing the time 8 h. 0 min. 0 sec., this being the nearest time after that at which the watch stopped.

Cake competitions.—For the best cake (ingredients not to cost more than 2s.)—1st, Miss Nancy Lane; 2nd, Mrs. Read. Ingredients unlimited—1st, Mrs. F. W. Porter; 2nd, Mrs. Read. The judge was Mrs. Dillow.

Hidden treasure.—Mrs. Slatter, Uftington, who was the lucky winner of a free trip to Weston-Super-Mare (presented by Mr. Collins, station-master), and £1; whilst Mrs. Chilling, Fernham, won the 10s prize.

**DRAWS, Etc.**

- White satin cushion (presented by Mrs. W. H. Cook)—Winner Miss Wentworth
- Black satin cushion (presented by Miss Cooper)—Miss Isabel Obourn
- Fancy needlework bedspread (the work of Miss A. Calver, presented by Godfrey Phillips and Co.)—Miss Owen
- Two ducks (presented by Mr. A. V. Arkel)—Mr. Radbourne

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Cake Competition, Mrs S. W. Luker, Mrs E. Lane and Misses Lukey.

Lot, Mrs Tighe.

There were many others who had some little scheme or other for swelling the revenue.

The memorial committee worked hard and strenuously, and amongst the chief attractions superfinted by them were the following:

Tennis Tournament, Mr W. Tucker.

Cocoa and cakes, Mr W. H. Cook.

Rifle range, Mr J. J. Auld and Mr C. Smith.

Football competitions, Mr H. Linnsott.

Deck quoits, Mr B. Edmonds.

Hidden Treasure, Mr H. Collins.

Fortune Telling, Mr E. Obour.

Ladder Golf, Mr B. Haines.

Swimming Boats, Mr A. E. Baker.

Lawn Games, Mr S. W. Luker.

Bowling, Mr H. S. Bond.

Bed Spread (draw), Mr H. S. Bond.

Aerodrome, Messrs Graham and White.

Watch stopping competition, Mr S. W. Luker.

Names of flowers—Mrs F. White and Mrs Graham.

Punting on the lake—Mr A. H. Pullen and Mr E. Phillips.

There were many special features, including a draw for a bed spread, worked by Miss Calvert of Faringdon, gaining a first prize in B.D. competitions, and presented to the Committee by Messrs Godfrey, Phillips and Company—manufacturers of B.D.V. cigarettes. A novel feature, and one which attracted a great deal of interest, was the sale of tickets for a five guinea watch, which went to the owner of the ticket showing the nearest time printed therein to that at which the watch stopped. After being drawn up in presence of the company by Colonel Ward Bennett, who said he had taken a ticket, and jocularly remarked that he had set the hands for the watch to stop at the time corresponding with his ticket. The watch was then placed in a case which was sealed.

THE FETE.

Thursday, August 14th, was the day fixed for the fete, and the only thing required for its success was fine weather. The day proved a disappointing one to the Committee. During Tuesday night more rain fell in this district than has been experienced for months, and on Wednesday the sky was overcast with thunder clouds, heavy storms of rain came at intervals, and rain was falling late at night. The prospect of a fine day on the morrow was indeed gloomy, but "all well that ends well," and on Thursday morning there was a clear sky, the sun shone brilliantly, and these happy conditions continued throughout the day, making the hearts of the promoters rejoice exceedingly.

THE OPENING.

There was an opening ceremony at 3.30, when a good company had assembled. Mr J. F. Lockwood, Chairman of the War Memorial Committee, expressed his appreciation of the efforts which had been made by the Committee in the past year. He also extended his congratulations to Mr E. Phillips, who had been elected the President of the Committee, and to Mr W. H. Cook, who had been elected the Vice-President. He then introduced Mr H. S. Bond, who read a paper on the history of the Faringdon War Memorial.

Mr H. S. Bond

Mr Radbourne

Rabbits—presented by Miss M. Ballard and Mr Reid; Master J. Taylor.

Two chickens—presented by Mr E. Phillips.

Mr E. Bobey

Quarter-pound tobacco—presented by Mr J. F. Lockwood.

Mr W. Ford.

Picture—presented by Miss E. K. Tucker.

Miss Mary Clark

Opening name of doll—presented by Mrs A. W. Smith.

Mr D. Graham; and the doll's name was "Michael."

Feeling-competition—Miss Olive Chamberlayne.

Gassing number of sweets—Miss Adams.

Smelling competition—Mrs Anderson, Bristol.

Memory competition—Mrs A. M. Curran.

Gassing amount of cash in bottle—Master J. Grey.

BOWLING.

Pig—presented by Mr W. Reynolds.

Handbag—presented by Mr John Goddard.

Mr Walford, Appleton.

Two ducks—presented by Mr Robert Hughes.

Mr Reginald Hughes

SPORTS.

At 5.30 a long programme of athletic sports was commenced, and run off in good time. The sports committee were Mr H. S. Bond, Mr W. H. Cook, Mr J. Goddard, Mr H. Linnsott, Mr S. W. Luker, and Mr E. Obour. The judges of the various events were Colonel Ward Bennett, Mr A. G. Haines, Mr H. C. Rose, Mr A. Kindersley and Mr C. Smith. Starters, Mr F. Lane and Mr E. E. Haines, Course Steward, Mr H. Linnsott.

The sports provided two hours good enjoyment, the events being well contested. The race between men over 40 was an excellent one, and a close finish. The mile relay race was also good, and well contested throughout.

There were several close finishes in other races. The tug-of-war was well contested, the teams being as follows:—Faringdon Police Division beat Haremore; White Hart beat Thrusp; Polleo beat White Hart; Polleo beat Haremore by 5 points.

At the close the prizes won at the sports were presented by Colonel Ward Bennett.

The following is the list of events:

Tug-of-war, teams of 5 and capt., weight of 8 men not to exceed 10 stones; 7 entries—1.

Faringdon Police Division beat Haremore A. 100 yards flat race, boys under 16; 11 entries.

1. J. De Bank; 2. S. Clifton.

100 yards flat race, girls under 14; 5 entries.

1. L. Willis


200 yards flat race, boys 13 to 18 years; 7 entries—1. V. Shalash; 2. A. W. Westall
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All Saint’s and Baptist Church War Memorials

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War Memorial—A meeting in connection with the proposed Church War Memorial was held in the Old Town Hall on Sunday evening immediately after Evensong at All Saints, when the Vicar, the Rev. F. E. Lock, presided over a very good attendance. The Vicar explained what had happened since the last meeting in January, and said he was afraid that some must have thought that nothing was being done, but they had had to submit to a higher authority, who would not be hurried. The memorial approved at their last meeting had been rejected by the Advisory Committee on the grounds that in both shape and design it resembled a large grave stone, and that governing body recommended that the advice of an expert architectural artist should be sought. They also strongly advocated the use of stone in preference to marble. Mr. Harold Rogers, of Oxford, had been engaged, and after a careful inspection of the Church, prepared a fresh design for a memorial in stone which he advocated should be erected on the wall of the South Aisle. The design (a sketch of which was exhibited in the room) had been approved by the Advisory Committee, and it now remained for him to lay it before the subscribers previous to applying for a faculty. Some of those present expressed opinions in favour of marble, after which a resolution, proposed by Mr. R. Hughes and seconded by Mr. F. H. Liddiard, “That the design as prepared by Mr. Rogers be proceeded with and carried out either in Portland or Hoptonwood stone, whichever proved the most suitable,” was put to the meeting and carried. The Vicar announced that the total cost of the memorial would be about £100, towards which £83 had been paid into the bank, and an additional £30 had been promised, but that the work would not be proceeded with until the actual amount required was in hand. He appealed for the promised subscriptions to be paid in, and for further gifts, particularly small amounts. He earnestly hoped that the relatives of every man whose name would be inscribed on the tablet would contribute something, and so have a personal interest in the memorial. It should also be made clear that the names of all Faringdon men who fell in the war will be inscribed on the memorial, irrespective of their religious adherence.

10 December 1921

War Memorial—A special Memorial Service will be held at the Baptist Church, Faringdon, on Sunday evening, December 16th, when the newly erected War Memorial will be unveiled. Further particulars will be announced later.