

*AMERSHAM CORONATION FESTIVITIES.* In accordance with resolution passed by the Amersham Parish Council a public meeting was held :at the Amersham Town Hall on Thursday evening in last week to decide in what way the Coronation should be celebrated in that parish. Mr G. Darlington was voted to the chair, and amongst those present were :—Rev W. B. Ferry, and Messrs I. H. Wainwright, R. H. Hubbell, W. Bight, J. E. Mead, B. T. King, J. Williams, F. Read, J. J. Gray, I. Ayres, A. H. Haddam, H. Andrews, Hayward, W. Garters, O. M. Chosen, F. A. Bryan, H. A. Death and J. A. Tunks.

Mr Gray, on behalf of the " squire," reported that though he could not attend they could depend upon his cordial supporting anything they might undertake. The Chairman read a letter from Captain Drake, who was confined to his room. This expressed regret at his absence and stated he would do anything the parish wished. He hoped the children would not be forgotten.

Mr Cheese enquired whether the festivities would be paid for out of rates or voluntary contribution:

The Chairman: That is a matter for the meeting to decide.

Mr Cheese: I believe the Local Government Board would permit a rate being made.

The Chairman: Personally I should object to it being paid for out of the rates (Hear Hear) I feel very strong on the matter. If we don't raise sufficient subscriptions I think it should be left alone.

Mr Rushforth pointed out that they had not decided to celebrate the Coronation.

Mr Cheese said he hoped they would do something for others besides children and old people "Because we shall not come in there, said he (Laughter)

Mr Gray said the "squire" was of opinion that the children should not be forgotten and would like to see a bonfire and fireworks at the end of the day. Mr Wainwright moved a resolution to the effect that Amersham celebrate the Coronation and that the extent of the festivities be according to the amount of money subscribed

The Rev W B Ferry seconded and the resolution was put to the vote carried with unanimity. The Rev W B Ferry proposed that the money be raised voluntarily. That, he said, seemed to be the popular idea. Mr Rushforth seconded and it was agreed to without dissent.

Mr Gray proposed that the children under 14 yrs+, of age be provided with a tea. Mr Cheese seconded, and said he was of opinion that they should have something of a permanent nature. One of the parish councillors had suggested a beer fountain in the High Street, but he was afraid that would not meet with the approval of all. However, they might improve the baths, or erect seats in the highways—bye-ways if they were more appreciated.

Mr Reed agreed that the children should have a feed, but he also thought they should have something of a permanent nature : improved swimming bath, or such like. The proposition that the children be provided with a tea was put and carried, and some discussion that ensued it was agreed that all resolutions that were passed should go as suggestions to the committee.

Mr King proposed that the Parish Council form a committee, with power to add to its number. Mr Brazil seconded and that resolution was adopted. It was also agreed that the festivities take place on Thursday 26 June.

Mr Edwards suggested that the old people be not forgotten and that they be given a meal or something of that kind.

Mr Fuller suggested that the committee approach the Sports Committee with a view to obtaining a grant towards the festivities from their fund. This suggestion was put forward in the form of a resolution by Mr Brazil and was carried unanimously.

Mr Rushforth, as a trustee, reported that there was a balance £100 at the bank. he should object to taking anything from the fund unless it was for a memorial of a permanent nature.

*Mr Ayres said Amersham was about one hundred years behind the times in the way of permanent 'memorials. As a memorial they might have a drinking fountain or a water trough in the centre of the main thoroughfare.*

*Mr B. Atkins asked whether it would be possible to have a Coronation rifle club, but Mr pointed out that there probably would be such a club*

*Mr Williams said the old people who could not attend should be given something.*

*Mr Macpherson said they seemed to be leaving the working classes, the rank and file, out of it altogether. They might have sports for all, irrespective of age or creed.*

*Mr Clifford thought they might trust the committee to spend the money to the best advantage.*

*Mr Cheese said he hoped they would not spend it all in feeding.*

*In reply to Mr Edwards, Mr Rushforth said £120 was raised at the Diamond Jubilee.*

*A suggestion that a vote should be taken as to whether the whole of the money be spent in feeding the inhabitants or whether it should be divided up and part go to a permanent memorial and part in feedings carried out and 60 voted for the money being divided and 2 for feeding only. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.*