

A General Meeting of the Parish was held in the Hut on February 2nd 1953 to discuss what arrangements should be made to celebrate the Coronation in the Parish.

1. There were about 45 members of the Parish present and Mr Moyle took the chair.
2. The Chairman asked for suggestions which were made as follows:-
 - a) Bonfire and fireworks in the evening
 - b) Sports
 - c) Coronation Mugs and nuts (?) for children under school age
 - d) Old age pensioners to be taken to see the Coronation film
 - e) Beer to be free
 - f) A pageant to be held
 - g) Flowering trees to be planted
 - h) Dancing on the lawn
 - i) A cricket match to be held
 - j) A television set to be hired
3. The Chairman said that Capt Hervey had offered the grounds of The Grove for anything that might be arranged and Mrs Hervey had offered to provide tea for the village.
4. After some discussion the following proposal was carried unanimously:-

“The outline of the programme should be an early tea at about 4pm followed by sports in conjunction with Great Bealings at The Grove, presentation of mugs and co-operation with Great Bealings in the evening with a bonfire and dancing.”
5. After discussion the Rector suggested that the service should be about 3pm and this was agreed to be the most suitable time.
6. It was agreed unanimously that no expense of the celebrations should fall upon the rates but should be borne by subscriptions.
7. The following were elected to the Committee to make all arrangements with complete powers to act and to co-opt any other members. The Committee elected the Rev Jervis as chairman. The Committee were as follows: -

Rev Jervis (Chairman)
Mr Dickinson
Capt Hervey
Mrs Hervey
Mrs Daniels
Mr Cyril Ramsay
Mr John Ward
Mrs White
Mrs Dunnett
Mr Dunnett

J.R. Moyle
30/3/53