

## The Dorney Millennium Show Displays: June 2000

### The Old Village Hall (near Southfield Close) 1930 – 1970



#### **THIRTY YEARS OF DORNEY VILLAGE HALL (From 1960)**

If you had been in Dorney at this time of year thirty years ago you would have found one great topic of conversation - the new Village Hall, almost finished and ready for the opening on 26th July 1930.

I have before me a copy of the Programme for that day. It started at 4pm when Lady Florence Duncombe performed the opening ceremony, surrounded by school children in fancy dress, almost all the villagers, many visitors and about

thirty babies with their mothers waiting for the baby show. At 6.30 the men had a tum in the fun, for a wonderful boxing display was staged which included bouts by many Polytechnic and Metropolitan Police champions. To round off the evening there was a whist drive, concert and dancing.

There may not be many people in Dorney who remember the day as vividly as I do, for I am the only survivor of the committee who planned it all and who is still an active committee member and secretary. As such I am asking you to contribute a small sum as a birthday present to your Village Hall, so that we can put by a nest egg for the many needs which confront us from time to time. Many improvements have been made during the last two years and with your help much more can be done. During July collectors will be calling upon you for your Birthday Gift.

E.C. Bennett  
(Hon Secretary Dorney Village Hall)  
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