

our loss is Ripon's gain, and we wish him well. Edward Roberts has set a very high standard of leadership, love and care for all, and we thank him for all he has been to us as our Bishop. We pray that Bishop Peter and Bishop David may be able to follow in his footsteps.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Jubilee Celebration Report

Our week of celebration for the Silver Jubilee finally came to an end on Saturday, and what a marvellous week it was, with both young and old taking part. It did mean a tremendous amount of hard work, not only for the committee, but for the numerous people who helped with the organising, not just the ones we saw at work, but the people behind the scenes as well.

It isn't usual to thank individuals, but there are several people to whom I would like to convey my special thanks - to Tim Cook and his friends who organised and operated the Tannoy system on Jubilee Day (one of the rare occasions when one could hear what was being announced); to Pat Laws and her wonderful band of helpers, mainly from the PTA, who made the Street Party seem as if it was an everyday event for 400 children to sit in the street for tea; to our old friend Harold Holt who, as the schools' caretaker was away for the week, undertook this task, with some helpers, and made the committee's job so much easier. The last name I would mention is Wendy Brown who was the secretary to the Jubilee Committee and a better one we could not have found.

My thanks also go to the Brownies who distributed leaflets, the children who entered the poster competition and the kneeler competition - the flower arrangers who made the church look so beautiful, - the Arts and Crafts organisers who 'hung' more exhibits this year than previously, - the W.I. for organising a very enjoyable Cheese and Wine Party at Greenhedge Farm - the Vicar, organist and choirs for the very memorable Jubilee Service - to the M.U. and Young Wives for serving coffee and teas and their young helpers - to the people who opened their gardens for our pleasure and the Horticultural Society for organising them.

The 'May Ball' lived up to its name due to being very well organised; many thanks - the Cricket and Football clubs for a lively cricket match - Y.E. for a well supported Disco - the Chestnut Club for the Garden Party - the Umbrella Club for

'Good Companions' and the organisers of the Barn Dance. To the ladies who produced so many cakes, sandwiches and jellies and stitched the bunting.

On Jubilee Day - to the groups for the well planned and beautifully decorated floats, especially to the 2 tiny Blackbirds who walked the whole route - the prams and cycles and the children who wore fancy dress - it was a marvellous sight seeing so much colour and cheerfulness winding through the street. Thanks also to the committee members and Rangers who sold teas to those of us not eligible for a 'free tea'.

The races were so popular that extra ones were requested - once more thanks to the organisers - 2 sessions of Country Dancing with different callers - were well supported. What can I write to describe adequately 'It's a Knock-Out'? only THANK YOU ALL - organisers - teams - and cheerleaders and congratulations to the winners, S.A.Y.E. Our celebrations were then brought to a close with community singing accompanied by the Adult handbell group and a torchlight procession.

I'm not forgetting either the families of the organisers who had more or less to lose their Mums and Dads, wives and husbands over the last week or so.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for the sterling work they did in getting a full programme to work so well, and to the residents for participating and making it all worth while.

There were a lot of cameras being used during the week, and it has been suggested to me that it would be nice to see the films, slides and prints; so in the autumn we shall be arranging an evening to do just that, so photographers, if you would be willing to let us see the results, will you contact me at Galewood Lodge - Shelford 2519?

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