

EPSOM IN 1913

The year which has just drawn to a close has seen much steady progress at Epsom both socially and municipally. Many important schemes have been considered by the local authority, some of which have been passed by them and the work commenced, and others which before the New Year has got very far will be following in their footsteps. One of the most important of these is the approval of a storm water scheme, which the Council at their last meeting decided to proceed with. Other matters are the establishment of a market in the High street, for which a committee are at present drafting bye-laws, and the taking over of the Common Fields, which Lord Rosebery generously purchased for the town as a pleasure park. A scheme for the erection of a water tower on the Downs in connection with the developments at the Water Works has been referred back to committee, as it is thought the building of a new reservoir would be a better way of dealing with the demands of the town. In many other directions the town has been going on the right lines, a new Court House having been erected in Ashley road, whilst the new Westleyan Church close by is also near completion. Appended will be found a list of the principal events occurring during the year:-

JANUARY

- 4 Epsom College staff supper.
- 8 Insurance Act, panel formed at Epsom.
- 11 "Aladdin" at Long Grove Asylum.
- 14 Epsom licensed victuallers' annual meeting.
- 15 Epsom Bill defeated.
- 17 Epsom postman's dinner.
- 18 Epsom Operatic Society in "The Gondoliers.
- 18 George Stroud, a navvy, found dead in a ditch at Greenman- lane.
- 22 Marriage of Miss V. M. Bridges, Ewell Court.
- 24 Fancy dress ball at Horton Asylum.
- 25 Railway cross country championship at Epsom Downs.
- 28 Urban Council go in for wood paving scheme in the High-street.

- 31 Epsom Technical Institute prize distribution.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Death of Mr. P. Poole after an operation for appendicitis.
- 1 Epsom Rifle Club, annual meeting.
- 3 Epsom Licensing Sessions.
- 3 Mr. Henry Keswick, M.P., appointed Chairman of Far East Section of London Chamber of Commerce.
- 8 P.C. Shield retired from metropolitan Police Force after 25 years' service.
- 11 Urban Council increase their carmen's wages.
- 12 Epsom Congregational Church Japanese fair and sale of work.
- 18 Fire at wooden shed at the back of Mr. H. Dimond's, 112, East-street.
- 19 Mr. Lloyd George's house at Walton-on-the-Hill wrecked by Suffragettes.
- 20 Angling Society smoking concert.
- 22 Epsom Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, annual meeting.
- 22 Mr. A. W. Skinner, of Epsom Homing Society, elected president of National Homing Union.
- 22 Death of Mrs. Reichardt, Ewell.
- 26 Epsom Harriers, annual supper.
- 28 Epsom Liberal Club, annual meeting.
- 29 Death of Mr. Farmer Atkinson.

MARCH

- 3 Adjourned Brewster Sessions.
- 3 Epsom Foresters, initiation of Mr. H. Keswick, M.P.
- 4 Epsom School Managers decide to have evening continuation classes.
- 4 Epsom Chrysanthemum Society, annual meeting.
- 5 Epsom licensed victuallers' annual dinner at Sutton.
- 7 Death of Mr. W. S. J. Brown, of Tadworth, a member of the Epsom Guardians and Rural District Council.
- 7 Epsom Nursing Association amalgamated with the Maternity Club.
- 7 Epsom and Ewell Cottage Hospital, annual meeting.
- 12 Anti-Suffrage meeting in the Public Hall.
- 13 Nomination day, Urban Council elections.

- 14 Mr. R. Wootton, the Epsom trainer, returned from Australia.
- 17 Parish Council elections.
- 18 St. Patrick's concert at the Liberal Club.
- 18 Epsom Dispensary decide on increased fees.
- 26 Opening of Epsom new Court House.
- 27 Epsom Literary Society conversazione.
- 28 Epsom ratepayers' Association, annual meeting.
- 28 Death of Mr. Charles Williams.
- 31 Epsom Cricket Club, annual meeting.

APRIL

- 1 Epsom School Managers appoint a Care Committee.
- 2 Epsom tradesman's dinner.
- 3 Tariff Reform meeting at the Public Hall.
- 5 Mr. A. R. Cotton's residence broken into.
- 7 Epsom Urban Council elections.
- 9 Lord Rosebery writes to the Rural District Council re the Roman road at Ashted.
- 9 R.S.P.C.A. (Epsom Branch), annual meeting.
- 10 Death of Mrs. Frank Jeffs.
- 16 Epsom traders emphatically decide in favour of a market.
- 16 Epsom Operatic Society in "Patience."
- 17 Opening of Epsom Racing Lads' Club.
- 17 Epsom Urban Council, annual meeting.
- 17 Lord Rosebery had conferred on him the freedom of the burgh of Selkirk.
- 18 Mr. Justice Bucknill 68 to-day.
- 18 Royal Automobile Club acquired Woodcote Park Estate.
- 22 Epsom Spring Races.
- 23 Epsom Board of Guardians, annual meeting.
- 24 Epsom territorials recruiting meeting.
- 30 Mr. R. G. Brooker appointed Head Master of Chessington County Elementary Schools.
- 30 Epsom new Wesleyan Church, stone-laying ceremony.

MAY

- 1 Epsom Council Schools, crowning of May Queen.
- 2 Epsom Working Men's Local Government Association, annual meeting.
- 5 Ewell Licensee summoned for permitting drunkenness – case dismissed.
- 6 Queen Alexandra League concert.
- 7 Ewell Old Boys' re-union.
- 8 Automatic machines broken into at L.B. & S.C. Railway station.
- 12 Epsom Harriers' Bank Holiday sports.
- 19 Epsom Angling Society, annual meeting.
- 20 District Conservative Association, annual meeting.
- 22 Marriage of Miss Margaret Jamieson, The Wells, Epsom.
- 22 Epsom Angling Society dinner.
- 23 Electric Cable Inquiry at the Council Offices.
- 26 Big blaze at Ewell, Messrs. Goodship and Saunders' workshops burnt out.
- 29 Heavy storm at Epsom.
- 29 First inquest at Epileptic Colony.
- 30 Epsom child (Frederick Hoare, of Woodlands-road) killed by runaway horse.
- 30 Epsom Conservative Association, annual meeting.

JUNE

- 4 Derby Day, Miss Davison, a militant Suffragette, knocked down by the King's horse, after running in front of it on the course. Taken to hospital in precarious condition.
- 8 Death of Miss Davison, at Epsom and Ewell Cottage Hospital.
- 13 Epsom trainer's action (Wootton v. Sievier), judgement in favour of plaintiff.
- 15 Funeral of Miss Davison at Morpeth (Northumberland).
- 16 Destructive fire at St. John's School, Leatherhead.
- 18 Death of Mrs. Emma Wood, Bridge-road.
- 22 Coronation anniversary church parade.
- 25 Ewell Primrose League, annual gathering.

- 29 Death of Mr. J. Newton Mappin,
Headley Park.
30 Epsom Rose Show.

JULY

- 1 Parochial choirs festival service.
3 Death of Mr. John Wood, High-street.
11 Epsom Literary Society, annual
meeting.
11 Young Helpers' league, café chantant
at West Hill House.
12 Y.M.C.A., summer conference at
Hook-field.
12 Horton Asylum fete.
12 Epsom Lawn Tennis Tournament.
16 Ashtead village fete.
18 Mr. W. Dorset made a Justice of the
Peace.
20 King and Queen pay a private visit to
Epsom.
23 Ashtead flower show.
24 Councillors and Guardians' annual
cricket match.
26 Epsom College prize distribution.
28 Funeral of Mr. Sims, many years
Station master at Ashtead.
30 Tradesmen and Police cricket match.
30 Ewell flower show.

AUGUST

- 2 Marriage of Mr. H. Longhurst and
Miss A. M. Spencer.
4 Epsom flower show.
6 Haystack fire in Stone's meadow.
27 Epsom Guardians accept tender for the
erection of labour sheds at the
Workhouse.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Marriage of Miss Holmwood and Mr.
T. W. Green.
2 School Managers decide to hold
evening continuation classes.
3 Marriage of Miss E. E. Skilton.
14 Death of Mrs. S. Willson, Downs
Lodge.
16 Inquest at Epileptic Colony.
20 Aerial Derby at Epsom.
24 Juvenile Foresters' anniversary.
25 Mr. and Mrs. John Clayden celebrate
their golden wedding.

- 25 Rev. H. A. Skelton appointed assistant
curate of St. Barnabas', in succession
to the Rev. A. Coltman.
27 Rev. C. R. Waustall in a collision with
his cycle at Kingston-road.
30 Lord Rosebery's generous gift of the
Epsom Common Fields.

OCTOBER

- 1 Sudden death of Emma Hughes, 8, of
3, Church-road Epsom.
1 Rev. T. Lister accepts the pastorate of
Matlock Congregational Church.
3 Epsom Revision Court.
5 Harvest festivals.
8 Guardians drop their water scheme.
13 Epsom licensed victuallers and the
compensation levy.
15 Surrey Agricultural Association,
ploughing match and dinner.
16 Epsom Rovers C.C., dinner.
22 Epsom Harriers, annual meeting.
22 Literary Society, opening lecture.
22 Ashtead Parish meeting.
24 Sudden death of Mr. G.A. Moorcroft,
of Mill-road, at Leatherhead.
29 Epsom market, meeting of residents in
favour of it.
31 Epsom Charitable Relief Committee,
annual meeting.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Stag in Y.M.C.A. larder.
1 Children's stone-laying ceremony at
new Wesleyan Church.
4 National Service League meeting.
10 Epsom Conservative Club meeting.
12 Epsom Chrysanthemum Show.
17 Epsom Magistrates and new Licensing
Rules.
19 Epsom Bowling Club, annual meeting.
19 Grand Stand alterations decided upon
at a cost of £10,000 to £12,000.
19 Epsom Wesleyan Bazaar.
20 William Smith, 4 Leith-road, found
decapitated on the railway at Ewell.
22 Epsom Harriers ran second in Junior
Cross Country Race at Byfleet.
26 Epsom Park Bowling Club, annual
meeting.
29 Ashtead poll against motor fire engine.

DECEMBER

- 1 Epsom Horticultural Society, annual meeting.
- 3 "Alice in Wonderland" at Public Hall.
- 5 Horton Asylum staff ball.
- 7 "Last Judgment" at Parish Church.
- 9 Epsom Council pass storm water scheme; water tower scheme referred back; work of trenching and planting trees at Epsom Common Fields commenced.
- 10 Sale of work at St. John's Church.
- 10 Epsom Oratorio Society give Brahms' "Requiem."