

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from July 1915

Lieutenant John Matthews



After landing at Le Havre, Lieutenant John Brice Matthews, with the rest of the 7th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, are now fighting at the front.

Reverend G.H. Green Returns for Presentation

The Rev. G. H. Green and Mrs. Green who had left for Whitfield, Dover, were the recipients of some handsome presents, as souvenirs of their thirteen years' work in Harrietsham, including being editor of the Parish Magazine since it was started in 1908. The chief testimonial was a massive silver tray, accompanied by an album, illustrated by Mr. E. J. Miller, containing the names of the two hundred subscribers. Another present was a bicycle which is being specially built. Mr. Green suitably responded, and said what a pleasant time he had spent in Harrietsham, and how well he had been received. He also spoke eulogistically of the assistance he received from the late Rector, the Rev. C. D. B. Marsham.

School Examinations

Another highly favourable report by the Diocesan Education Society on the Prayer Book Prize Examinations for 1915 has just been received. Harrietsham has always done well in these examinations, but it has never done better than on this occasion. Kathleen Young is top of the whole diocese in the Elementary Schools winning 1st prize and Lena Tong, Ruth Hedges, Kathleen Couchman, Mabel Tong, Jessie Collyer and Muriel Collyer were not only placed in the first class but were also awarded the additional half-crown for superior excellence.. Robert Cloke, Matilda Drury, Ada Firminger, Philip Palmer and Muriel Reynolds were also placed in the first class, and Sylvia Crump and Ernest Young in the 2nd class.

In their detailed report the examiners in referring to Public Baptism say "The best papers came from Kathleen Young and Jessie Collyer, of Harrietsham, who obtained 96 and 93 respectively out of a possible 100." And in summing up the results of the whole examinations and selecting schools for special praise Harrietsham is mentioned first, "Where the work was of quite remarkable merit."

Baptism of Violet Payne

We are pleased to announce the baptism of Violet Elsie Marcia Payne, daughter of Harold William and Charlotte Payne. The family have recently moved from West Street into Birchalls Cottages. As reported last month, Harold landed at Boulogne on the 1st June and is presently fighting at the front.