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EXTRACTS FROM DANEHILL PARISH MAGAZINES
March 1938-November 1939.
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Anti Gas and Air-Raid Precautions.
VITAL TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN,
AND CHILD IN THIS PARISH.

A
PUBLIC ADDRESS
Will be given in the
Memorial Hall, Danehill
on
Monday, April 4th
at *8.15 p.m.*

CHAIRMAN—
G. D. HASLAM. Esq.

SPEAKERS—
COL. W. GARFORTH, D.S.O., M.C.
(Home Office Air-Raid Precautions Department)
LT. COL. O. J. F. FOOKS.
(County Organizer)
COL. C. REED, C.B., D.S.O.
(Uckfield Rural District Council Organizer)

All are urgently advised to come and
hear about this Important Subject.

Handbooks dealing with Air-Raid Precautions, issued by the Home
Office, will be obtainable at the Meeting price 4d. and 6d. each.

THE DANEWOOD PRESS, DANEHILL.

MARCH 1938

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A
Short Series of
THREE LECTURES
will be given in the
Memorial Hall, Dane Hill
on
THURSDAY, APRIL 21st.
THURSDAY, APRIL 28th.
THURSDAY, MAY 5th
at 8.15 p.m.

THESE LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN BY A MEMBER
OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

All are welcome. Admission FREE

Come and hear how best to protect
YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR HOME and YOURSELF
from Air Raids.

APRIL 1938

29th September 1938 Munich Pact between Neville Chamberlain, the French Premier Daladier, Hitler and Mussolini over Czechoslovakia etc.



Mr & Mrs Haslam celebrate the deliverance from war with their family, staff and tenants at Danehurst (Now St. Raphaels)

We are indebted to the late Mr. G.D. Haslam, seated in the front of the group, who photographed the bomb damage of 14/4/1940, the vapour trails of the air battles over Danehill and the London Irish Rifles Parade.

October 1938 (*Notice pasted on to the cover of the Magazine in Red Ink*)

**A Thanksgiving Service for
DELIVERANCE FROM WAR
Sunday, 2nd October, at 3.15 pm.**

December 1938 (*sent out with the Parish Magazine*)

**THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE
TO EVERY SOUL IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

Dear Sir, or Madam,

Volunteers are still needed for Air Raid Precautions services in Danehill and Chelwood Gate

Perhaps you have been thinking that the crisis is now over, and that there is no further need to think of these things: or alternatively, that our Parish is so scattered and so rural in character that no enemy aircraft would choose it for a target

Well, it is true that the crisis seems to be past, and we are all thankful. But it would be very rash to say that there will not be another one; the situation is still full of danger, and, remember, the less prepared our country is to resist air raids the greater will be the temptation for any enemy to try to win a quick victory by a sudden raid on a large scale. Do not put that temptation in his way.

In regard to the rural character of this area, it is true that we are more fortunate than most places in that respect. But in the last war there was a large military camp on Ashdown Forest, and there may easily be another; and such a camp might well be regarded as a legitimate military objective.

Moreover, if an air raid should ever come, our own anti-aircraft artillery fire will be on a scale many times greater than anything previously known, and the fragments of every shell fired will travel many miles and will have to come down somewhere. We, like every area in this part of England must reckon seriously with the possibility of injuries from this source. This means that our First Aid Posts at Danehill and Chelwood Gate, which will be equipped for treating small injuries, as well as slight gas contamination, and will, in addition, act as clearing stations for more serious cases, must be fully staffed with men and women having some knowledge of first aid, and anti gas work.

The number required for our two stations under the A.R.P. Scheme of the Uckfield Rural District Council is 16, but we ought also to have a considerable number in reserve, as it is always possible that some of those on the list might, when the time comes, have moved elsewhere, or be otherwise unavailable.

Will you volunteer for this work, and attend a course of training, if necessary? Courses and lectures in first aid and anti-gas work are to be held in the neighbourhood shortly

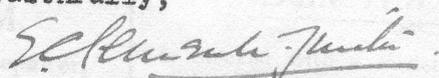
It is also probable that one-ton lorries, or similar vehicles with a flat floor large enough to hold a stretcher will occasionally be required as temporary ambulances. If you own such a vehicle, and would on occasion be willing to lend it for that purpose, will you please give in your name? Lastly, volunteers are required, preferably owners of cars, motor-cycles and bicycles, who would be prepared to act as messengers, particularly in case of any injury to the telephone system.

It is the aim of the A.R.P. scheme for the country as a whole, that every Parish should, in the above respects be, so far as possible, self-sufficient., and. we hope that you will help., if you can, to make ours so.

Please do what you can, and do not refrain from volunteering on the grounds that, if war came, you might find it necessary, or desirable to work elsewhere. No one can tell for certain what might happen in such a case; that is why we want volunteers in excess of the minimum number required.

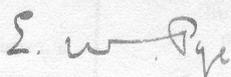
Names may be given to either of the undersigned, who will gladly supply further information, or to any Air Raid Warden, a list of whom is given below.

Yours faithfully,



CHIEF AIR RAID WARDEN.

E Clementi Smith



CHAIRMAN. A.R.P. COMMITTEE.
DANE HILL PARISH COUNCIL.

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AIR RAID WARDENS.

H. Baker. Lilac Cottage. CHELWOOD GATE.
W. J. Bird. School House. DANE HILL.
R. A. Cobby. Clover Cottage. DANE HILL.
J. B. Gardiner. 8. Rose Cottages. DANE HILL.
H. Johnson. "Quarries". CHELWOOD GATE.
M. Pettitt. "Avenings". DANE HILL.
J. Pentecost.. Shotover Cottage. DANE HILL.
G. York. "Chelcote". CHELWOOD GATE.

January 1939

DON'T MISS THIS

A Series of Lectures on First Aid will be given in the Memorial Hall, Danehill, by a qualified lecturer, beginning on January 16th, at 8 pm. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend these lectures, especially the younger people of the Parish. Ours is a scattered parish, and the more of us who know how to deal with minor cuts, wounds &c the better. It is quite impossible for the trained personnel of First Aid squads, in the event of an air raid, to help those at a distance. Come to these lectures and learn what to do in an emergency, thus helping yourselves, your families and your country.

June 1939 EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE The following have been appointed members of the Interviewing Panel for the parish of Danehill, to give advice to enquirers seeking guidance as to the branches of National Service which they can best undertake:-

Mr. G.D. Haslam, Danehurst, Danehill.
Rev. H.F.C. Kempe, The Vicarage, Danehill.
Colonel T.H. Leigh, Holly Rough, Chelwood Gate.

September 1939 A.R.P. Please read this.

A course of First Aid Lectures will begin on September 15th, at 8 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend, especially any of those who have volunteered for any branch of the A.R.P. or are willing to join now. To enable us, here in the parish, to man the local services for any length of time in the event of war, we require **double the number** who are now trained and have already volunteered.

As no help can be expected from other parishes, we will have to look after ourselves in this parish. The more of us who volunteer and get trained the less work there will be for others to do.

Many more people in the Parish can afford the time to put in an occasional spell of duty when necessary in the following branches.

- 1 First Aid and Stretcher Bearers.
- 2 Communications.

E. CLEMENTI SMITH. Chief Warden, Danehill.

September 3rd 1939 WAR DECLARED

October 1939

Advertisement In The Parish Magazine:

*A Hearty Welcome to all Residents
and Visitors to all Church Services.*



Come and join in Family Worship, Praise, Prayer, Intercession.
A place of Peace in time of War.
See List of Services on front cover.

Each month this space has been placed at the disposal of the Vicar and Churchwardens
or the benefit of any charity or notice
By the **F**RESHFIELD **L**ANE **B**BRICKWORKS.

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