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11th October, 1952.

Mr. Ashwood,
News Editor,
Pathe News,
133 Oxford Street,
LONDON. W. C. 1.

Dear Mr. Ashwood,

You should by now have received the folder of notes about the coverage of the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Buckinghamshire on Tuesday.

I now enclose (a) messenger pass, and (b) the official invitation to lunch.

Yours sincerely,

P. T. EDE.
PRESS OFFICER.

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representative of

Pathé News

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on the occasion of the visit of
H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh to
Buckinghamshire on October 14th, 1952.

It is requested that he shall be given
access on foot to and from ceremonial
positions at which the Press entourage
is present.

P. J. Lee

.....
on behalf of Central Office of
Information

Authorised on behalf of Bucks County
Constabulary

A. B. Lewis
.....
A.C.C.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S PLAYING FIELD VISITS
14th October to 31st October

14th October In Buckinghamshire.

- 10.00 a.m. Opening of Ston Wick Children's Corner.
 11.15 a.m. Opening of Haddenham Playing Field.
 11.45 a.m. Opening of Gaddington Playing Field.
 12.15 p.m. Visit Southcourt Sports Ground site
and meet Mayor of Aylesbury. } **NOVIKTONK.** S.B.
 1.00 p.m. Public Luncheon at Bull's Head, Aylesbury.
 2.45 p.m. Plant a tree at Stoke Hammond new
Playing Field. } **NOVIKTONK.** S.B.
 3.30 p.m. Opening of Blotchley Playing Field.
 Unveil a plaque to commemorate visit.

20th October

- 2.45 p.m. Opening of playground at Stepney.

29th October

- 9.45 a.m. Arrive Bideford by train.
 10.00 a.m. Open Bideford "King George's Field"
 10.30 a.m. Proceed to Town Hall for refreshments
 11.00 a.m. Leave Bideford by car for Plymouth.
 1.00 p.m. Lunch with Lord Mayor of Plymouth.
 3.00 p.m. Open Elburton "King George's Field"

30th October

- 11.00 a.m. Arrive Treviso; receive from China Clay Co.
 the 99 years lease of the land for the
 proposed playing field and hand to local
 committee.
 11.35 a.m. Arrive Whitmoor; open the adult section
 constructed mainly by voluntary labour.
 12.30 p.m. Arrive Truro; lunch with Mayor
 2.40 p.m. Arrive Helston; open Gates at Helston
 and open extension at Northleven.
 4.00 p.m. Arrive Hayle; open Playing Field.
 5.00 p.m. Arrive Penzance for private visit

1st October

- 10.00 a.m. Arrive at Municipal Buildings, Taunton for meeting with Mayor and senior officials of Taunton Borough Council and Officers of Somerset Playing Fields Association.
- 10.25 a.m. Arrive Chedden Road Playing Field. Presentation of members of the Borough Council and their wives.
- 10.30 a.m. Opening ceremony (details to be arranged by Taunton Borough Council)
- 11.30 a.m. Reception at County Hotel for members of the Somerset Playing Fields Association.
- 1.15 p.m. Luncheon at County Hotel arranged by the Municipal Authority.
After lunch return to London by train.

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In addition to the above items being specially covered by Mr. Cooney, below is a list of other Royal Rota stories which we shall be receiving from Movietone.

Wednesday October 15th.

2.30 pm. The Duke of Edinburgh will unveil Naval Memorial, Chatham.

Thursday Morning, October 16th.

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Princess Margaret will attend Passing-out Parade at the Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot.

Monday, October 20th.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the "Model Engineer" exhibition at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster.

Tuesday Afternoon, October 21st.

Princess Margaret will open a new block of flats at Troy Town, Peckham Rye, and will receive purses on behalf of the Camberwell Housing Society.

~~Wednesday, October 22nd.~~

~~The Duke of Edinburgh will witness a Floodlit Charity Football.~~

Thursday, October 23rd.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will open the Ghaerwen dam City of Birmingham Waterworks in the Elan Valley (Radnorshire)

Friday, October 24th.

The Queen accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Shrewsbury school.

Monday, October 27th.

8 p.m. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a film performance in aid of the Cinematograph Trade Benevolent Fund, at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square.

~~Tuesday, October 28th.~~

~~The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Post Office Research and Tests Laboratories at Dollis Hill.~~

Wednesday, 29th to Friday 31st October

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Devon, Cornwall and Somerset to open Playing Fields.

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Visit of
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
to the PLAYING FIELDS of
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

14th October, 1952.

V I S I T O F
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
TO THE
PLAYING FIELDS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

GUIDANCE NOTES PREPARED BY
CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION
(Southern Region)

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Escort to Press Party :-

P. T. EDE

Press Officer, Southern Region.

AMENDED PROGRAMME

14th OCTOBER, 1952

H. R. H. will arrive by car at

ETON WICK
at
10.0 a.m.

In bowler hat

The Band of the Life Guards will play "The Queen".
H. R. H. will be received by the Lord Lieutenant's
appointed Deputy, Colonel T. R. P. Warren, C.B.E., D.L.,
who will present the Mayor of Slough (Councillor W. H.
Jennings), The Mayor of High Wycombe (Councillor G.F.
Ward), the Chairman of Eton Urban District Council
(Mr. J. T. Ireland) and Mrs. Ireland and the Clerk
to the Urban District Council Mr. G.H. Lewis.

Colonel Warren will present Lord Courtown
(Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Playing Fields
Association) who will in turn present Colonel
F. A. Charlier (Honorary Secretary) Mr. Arthurton
and Mr. Davies (members of the Executive Committee
of the Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association).

The Chairman of the Urban District Council will
present the following:-

Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee -
Councillor B. T. Wolfe
Past Chairman of the Finance Committee -
Councillor P. V. Mackinnon
Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the
Housing Committee - Councillor S. E. R. Judd
Engineer and Surveyor, Eton Urban District
Council - Mr. J. W. Smith

H.R.H. and party will walk through the Playing Field, and as they do so the teachers will marshal groups of children to the swings, etc., where they will commence to play on the equipment. The cars will have moved round the Playing Field and will be waiting for H.R.H. and party at the exit gate. As H.R.H. leaves the Playing Field, the Chairman will express a vote of thanks for H.R.H.'s visit.

H.R.H. and party will then enter their cars and proceed via Beaconsfield, High Wycombe and Princes Risborough, to Haddenham (31 miles) arriving at 11.30 a.m. at the Haddenham Playing Field. ~~(On arriving at Slough Town Hall the royal car will halt, H.R.H. will alight. The Deputy Lieutenant will present the Mayor who will greet H.R.H. on behalf of the town, and H.R.H. will then re-enter his car and proceed).~~

HADDENHAM
at
11.30 a.m.

The cars will pass through the main street of the village and will halt at the gates of the Playing Field. As soon as H.R.H. has left his car, the R.A.F. Band from Halton Camp will play "The Queen". The Chairman of the Parish Council will be presented to H.R.H. by ~~Lord Courtown~~, who will also present Mr. Hulse (Haddenham representative on Executive Committee, Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association), Mr. Agnew and Mr. Allen (members of the Executive Committee, Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association). The Chairman of the Parish Council will then present the following:-

*Colonel
Wauken*

Mr. Williams	Member of the Parish Council		
Rev. W. I. Taylor	"	"	"
Mrs. Boycott	"	"	"
Mr. G. Smith	"	"	"
Mr. J. Kerry	"	"	"
Mr. H. Symon	"	"	"
Dr. T.W.S. Patterson	"	"	"
Mr. F. Saw	"	"	"
Mr. N. Viney	"	"	"

H.R.H. will then be invited to mount a platform inside the gates. The public (children in front) will be assembled inside the Ground, behind a barrier. Two Standard Bearers of the British Legion will be in attendance. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an address of welcome to H.R.H. H.R.H. will reply. He will then step down from the platform and cut a tape and officially open the Children's Corner. H.R.H. will then walk around the Children's Equipment and generally inspect the Sports Ground, returning to the entrance gates, where he will be given a vote of thanks by the Chairman of the Parish Council. H.R.H. and party will then enter the waiting cars and proceed to Cuddington, via Kings Cross (1 3/4 miles).

CUDDINGTON
at
12.5 p.m.

H.R.H. will arrive at the main gates of the Playing Field through the new Housing Estate at 12.5 p.m. ~~Lord Courtown~~ will present the Chairman of the Parish Council, and Admiral Hamilton.

*Colonel
Wauken*

* MR ATKINS

H.R.H. will enter the ground in which the public and children are already assembled. H.R.H. will pass through a Guard of Honour formed from the Scouts and Cubs of the Cuddington Troop. The Chairman of the Parish Council will then present Rev. Crawley-Bovey, Chairman, Playing Field Committee, who will present:-

Mr. Forster	-	Member,	Playing	Field	Committee
Mr. Ferris	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. Woodford	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. Waghorn	"	"	"	"	"

H.R.H. will then be asked to mount a small platform. As H.R.H. ascends the stage "Three Cheers" will be called for, followed by the singing of "The Queen". The Chairman will give an address of welcome to H.R.H. H.R.H. will reply. H.R.H. will then plant a tree and officially open the Playing Field. H.R.H. will tour the field and see some games in operation. The Vicar, as Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, will thank H.R.H. as he is about to depart, at the entrance gates. H.R.H. and party will then enter their cars and proceed through the Village to Southcourt (5.7 miles) via the Aylesbury Road.

SOUTHCOURT
at
12.45 p.m.

* Councillor
Mrs. K.M. White

H.R.H. will arrive at Churchill Avenue in the new Housing Estate, at a site that is being prepared for a Playing Field and Sports Ground, at 12.45. Colonel Warren, acting for the Lord Lieutenant, will present the Mayor of Aylesbury (Mrs. White) who will then present:-

The Deputy Mayor	...	...	Mr. Holland
Chairman, Recreation Grounds			
and Open Spaces Committee			Councillor Latimer
Housing and Town Planning			
Committee	...	...	Alderman Mrs. Paterson
The Town Clerk	...	...	Mr. Crookes
The Borough Engineer and			
Surveyor	...	...	Mr. Dugdale

The Mayor will make an address of welcome (see attached). H.R.H. will reply?? Councillor Latimer will explain the layout, with Plan.

H.R.H. will proceed through the Housing Estate, entering Aylesbury by the Wendover Road. H.R.H. will pass round the square to the entrance of the Bull's Head Hotel.

AND PRESS CARS

The Mayoral car will lead the party from the inspection point, but will accelerate and draw away so as to enable the Mayor to reach the forecourt of the Bull's Head in time to be with the Lord Lieutenant and Reception Committee before the Duke arrives.

AYLESBURY
at
1.15 p.m.

As soon as H.R.H. alights from his car, the Band (from Hazell's Club) will play "The Queen". There will be a Guard of Honour consisting of members of the British Legion (all three Services).

N.W.

H.R.H. will be received in the forecourt of the Hotel by the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Cottesloe, who will present Mr. Gurney, the High Sheriff and Colonel Crouch, D.L., acting as A.D.C. to the L.L.). H.R.H. will inspect the Guard of Honour. Lord Cottesloe will then conduct H.R.H. into the Hotel.

Guard of Honour formed by British Legion: Lt. Col. R.D.R. SALE
in Command.

LUNCHEON AT AYLESBURY.

H.R.H. and party will be conducted upstairs to a private lounge and suite. Drinks will be served in this lounge. Members of Executive Committee (9 or 10) who have not yet been presented to H.R.H. will then be presented, together with some 30 other guests. These guests will be assembled in readiness in "The Cabin" and will be brought upstairs, one at a time, to meet H.R.H. The majority of the guests will have assembled in the Dinton Room, on the ground floor. At 1.30 p.m. the guests will move to the Luncheon Room and take their seats.

H.R.H. will be announced and with his party will descend, pass through the main lounge, enter the Luncheon Room and take their places at the top table.

~~The Bishop of Buckingham~~ will say Grace?

The luncheon will commence at 1.45 p.m.

As soon as coffee is served

1. Lord Cottesloe will propose the Loyal Toast
2. ~~A. N. Other~~ will propose "The National Playing Fields Association" coupled with the name of H.R.H. the President. H.R.H. will respond.
3. Lord Cottesloe will thank H.R.H.

AFTERNOON.

At 2.30 p.m. (or soonest after) H.R.H. and party will enter cars at the entrance to the Bull's Head and move off through Aylesbury to Stoke Hammond (15 miles) via the Leighton Buzzard Road.

STOKE
HAMMOND
at
3.0 p.m.

On arrival at the Playing Field, H.R.H. and party will dismount from cars outside the Field, and walk up the slope into the Playing Field. The slope will be lined with school children. The Standard Bearer and his two escorts of the local branch of the British Legion will be in attendance and also an R.A.F. Band. As H.R.H. alights from his car, the Band will play "The Queen" (6 bars).

Inside the Playing Field Lord Cottesloe will present the ~~the~~ Chairman of the Parish Council who in turn will present:-

Mr. J. Davies, Secretary of the Playing Field Committee			
Mr. P. Smith Member	"	"	"
Mr. F. Bonner "	"	"	"
Mrs. P. Smith "	"	"	"
Mr. J. Forsyth "	"	"	"

The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an address of welcome to H.R.H.

LORD JUSTICE
BIRKETT PC

* MR I GADSDEN

H.R.H. will then be asked to plant a tree in commemoration of his visit and subsequently inspect the Children's Corner equipment and other developments still in progress.

H.R.H. will return to his car where he entered the field and proceed to Bletchley (4½ miles).

BLETCHLEY
at
3.40 p.m.

H.R.H. and party will approach the Housing Estate from the town of Bletchley and will alight from their cars at a Children's Corner in Sycamore Avenue. Lord Cottesloe will present the Chairman of the Urban District Council, Councillor E. J. Fryer, and the Clerk, Mr. R. L. Sherwood. The Chairman will conduct H.R.H. between the houses to the Children's Corner, sited in a quarter of an acre, reserved and partially equipped for the children of the surrounding houses. H.R.H. will declare the playground open. H.R.H. and party will then re-enter cars and proceed to the Manor Farm Sports Club. The cars will pass into the Sports Field and draw up to the front of the new Pavilion.

The Lord Lieutenant will present Brigadier E. G. Earle, D.S.O., President of the Bletchley Town Sports Club, and Brigadier Earle will welcome H.R.H. on behalf of the Sports Club.

Brigadier Earle will present

The Chairman of the Sports Club -
Mr. J. F. Ramsbotham

The Vice-Chairman of the Sports Club -
Mr. S. Maycock, J.P.

Five Guarantors:-

Mr. R. B. Tompkins, Mr. C. Drabble, Mr. J. F. Smithie, Mr. R. Pollard, and Mr. E. Holdom.

The Treasurer - Mr. D. C. Garner.

Brigadier Earle will request H.R.H. to unveil a commemoration tablet and officially open the Sports Ground and Pavilion.

H.R.H. and party will then inspect the Ground and Pavilion.

Tea will be served in the Pavilion.

Lord Cottesloe will express a vote of thanks to H.R.H.

H.R.H. will leave for London via Watling Street.

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Projects to be Visited, 14th October 1952

Project No. 1

ETON WICK

Children's playground
2.1 acres

Population: 1,800

ETON URBAN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Total cost of scheme .. £1,726
Financed by rates
Grant by National Playing
Fields Association . .. £300

Facilities:

Children's equipment
swings, slide,
rocking horse,
ocean wave,
 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre hard surface.

The Clerk to the Council, Mr. Lewis,
the Chairman of the Recreation
Committee and the Members of the
Council have been extremely keen
and energetic in bringing the
project to completion.

Note: The expenditure on this
scheme was planned to be spread
over three years. Pressure by the
Buckinghamshire Playing Fields
Association and the honour of H.R.H's
visit resulted in its completion in
six months.

Project completed.

Project No. 2

HADDENHAM

Playing field and
children's corner
 $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres

Population: 1,854

HADDENHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

Total cost of scheme .. £2,566
Financed by Parish Council
~~No~~ rates
Grant by Ministry of
Education £500
Grant by National Playing
Fields Association . .. £100

Facilities:

Football, cricket,
children's equipment

Tennis courts and bowling green
still to be provided.

Due to the visit of H.R.H. the
equipment was delivered six months
before the promised date, in
response to an appeal by the
Buckinghamshire Playing Fields
Association.

Projects to be visited (continued)

Project No. 3

CUDDINGTON

Playing field and children's corner
6½ acres

Population: 350

PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE

Total cost of scheme .. £761
Raised by Village Playing
Field Committee £488
Grant by Ministry of
Education £168
Grant by National Playing
Fields Association . .. £105

Facilities:

Cricket table, tennis court and children's further equipment still to be provided.

Football and children's corner (partially equipped)

No loans, no rates involved.
Entirely voluntary effort.

Goal posts and other football equipment provided by Langley Aerodrome

Project No. 4

SOUTHCOURT

Site only.
16 acres

Population: 5,600 (on housing estate)

AYLESBURY
BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Running track, community centre, general playing field.

In planning stage.

Project No. 5

STOKE HAMMOND

Playing field and children's corner
4 acres

Population: 250

PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE

Total cost of scheme .. £742
Financed by voluntary effort
and grant from Ministry of
Education £167
Grant from National Playing
Fields Association . .. £70

Facilities:

Tennis court still to be completed. All turfing, mowing and general preparation of the ground done by voluntary labour. Tennis courts being laid down by voluntary labour.

Football, cricket, children's equipment

This is a very striking example of self help, shared by the whole village.

No loans, no rates involved.
Entirely voluntary effort.

Projects to be visited (continued)

Project No. 6

BLETCHLEY

Children's corner and
general sports ground
and pavilion
28 acres

Population: 10,961

BLETCHLEY TOWN
SPORTS CLUB

Total cost of project .. £1,770
Cost of pavilion 6,150
Heating 650
£8,570

Loan from the Urban District
Council £5,300 repayable in
21 years.

Grant from Ministry of
Education £550

Grant from National Playing
Fields Association for
children's equipment applied
for (~~£304 paid~~)

Facilities:

Cricket, football (2
pitches), rugby
(1 pitch), hockey (2
pitches), badminton
(indoors)

Project not complete.

Tennis courts, swimming
pool and race track in
new project.

All money has been raised by
voluntary effort and the loan
has been guaranteed by six local
residents. Mr. Smithie (a
member of the Buckinghamshire
Playing Fields Association
Executive Committee) is one of
these, and was responsible for
the design of the pavilion and
for obtaining a building licence.
He is Engineer and Surveyor to
the Bletchley Urban District
Council. The layout plan was
"vetted" by the technical
adviser to the National Playing
Fields Association.

Brigadier E. G. Earle, D.S.O.,
is one of the Guarantors and is
President of the Sports Club.

C

TRANSPORT

Official transport for the holders of Buckingham Palace passes will be provided by the Central Office of Information for the period of the validity of those passes

RENDEZVOUS

9 - 9.15.a.m.

Slough Railway Station

Press Association
Exchange Telegraph
Pathe Newsreel
Star photographer
Planet News photographer
Slough Observer photographer
Slough Observer reporter
Windsor Express photographer
Windsor Express reporter

11.15.a.m.

Haddenham Playing Field

Bucks Herald photographer
Bucks Herald reporter
Bucks Advertiser photographer
Bucks Advertiser reporter

will make their own way and enter the enclosure on their Buckingham Palace passes, remaining with the party to Aylesbury.

2.45.p.m.

Stoke Hammond Playing Field

Leighton Buzzard Observer photographer
Leighton Buzzard Observer reporter
Buckingham Advertiser photographer
Buckingham Advertiser reporter

will make their own way to Stoke Hammond and enter the enclosure on their Buckingham Palace passes, remaining with the party for the rest of the day.

ROUTE

Members of the Press Party are reminded that their cars are part of the official procession and it is essential that there should be no delay in re-entering their assigned cars after each stop.

The Press Cars will form part of the official procession except after the ceremony at SOUTH COURT Aylesbury. After H.R.H.'s car has moved away the Press Cars will follow the Mayor's car at speed by another route so that the Press Party will be in position at the Bulls Head Hotel to see the arrival of H.R.H.

Official transport cannot be used after the departure of H.R.H. at Bletchley but every effort will be made to ensure that the Press representatives are within easy reach of public transport.

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CAR PLACES

FIRST PRESS CAR

- 1 Pathe
- 1 Star
- 1 Planet News

ALL DAY

SECOND PRESS CAR

- 1 Press Association
- 1 Exchange Telegraph
- 1 Central Office of Information

THIRD PRESS CAR

Slough - Eton Wick - Slough

- 2 Slough Observer
- 2 Windsor Express
(To be dismantled after procession turns into High Street, Slough)

Haddenham - Cuddington - Southcourt - Aylesbury

- 2 Bucks Herald
- 2 Bucks Advertiser

Aylesbury - Stoke Hammond

Empty

Stoke Hammond - Bletchley

- 2 Leighton Buzzard Observer
- 2 Buckingham Advertiser

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L U N C H E O N

All members of the accredited Press Party holding passes valid for Aylesbury are invited to the official luncheon. (The Playing Fields Association has additionally issued a limited number of Press invitations). Tickets will follow.

A special table for the Press Party has been arranged opposite the centre of the high table.

Extracts from Lord Justice Birketts speech are attached. (Notes may be available at table of H. R. H's brief). These should of course be checked against delivery.

Photographers are reminded that photographs are not customarily taken during meals at which Royalty is present and will not be permitted on this occasion.

Members of the Press Party are asked to be in the Dinton Room with other guests at 1.30 p.m. in order to be at their table before H. R. H. enters.

T E A

The Press Party will be invited to buffet tea at the last ceremony (Manor Farm Sports Club, Bletchley).

F

Extracts from speech to be delivered by LORD JUSTICE BIRKETT, P.C., (who lives in Buckinghamshire), proposing at luncheon the toast of The National Playing Fields Association coupled with the name of H.R.H. the President.

"We are met here to-day to do two things. The first is to proclaim the immensely valuable work of the National Playing Fields Association, and to invite the support and the co-operation of everybody in this county. It needs no words of mine to emphasise the vast importance of the work of the Association. Stated in its simplest form, the supreme object of all the activities of the Association is to provide adequate playing fields, properly equipped, for the present and future generations of every county in the land. What that means in pure enjoyment to millions who would otherwise be deprived of one of the chief pleasures of life is not to be measured in any words that I could employ to-day. But there is something more than enjoyment, important as I believe that element to be. The existence of adequate playing fields, in places where they are most needed, means a great accession of the true wealth of the nation in the health and physical well-being of the citizens, and in the building-up of a strong and virile race, ready to meet the challenging needs of the present day, and the still more challenging needs of the future.

"In this county, the Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association, under the presidency of our distinguished and well-beloved Lord Lieutenant, Lord Cottesloe, is now well established. The financial stringency of the times has made the work of the Association increasingly difficult. The Ministry of Education has been compelled to reduce the amounts of its grants and indeed, to withhold the making of any new Grants, although the parent Association has striven nobly to fill the breach. I am glad to say that 70 Local Authorities in Buckinghamshire are members of the County Association, and I would venture to make this three-fold appeal to-day. I would ask that ALL Local Authorities should become members; that every public-spirited organisation, particularly those concerned with the welfare of Youth both in work and play should do the same; and that all residents in the county

/should

should support the Association in carrying out the splendid work that is now being done.

"It is not often that I wish to be other than I am; but at this moment I could wish that I were either BING CROSBY or BOB HOPE or preferably both of them, with the power of appeal they both possess for the great work of the National Playing Fields Association; but that is not possible, I must rely on the innate generosity of all those who live in this delectable county.

"The second thing we are met here to do is to pay tribute to the inspiring work of His Royal Highness as President of the Association, to thank him for fulfilling the rather laborious programme of to-day, and to assure him that his visit is widely and deeply appreciated, and to pledge our whole-hearted support of him in his great work.

"..... I am sure that this gathering would wish me to say with what pride and admiration they follow the great public work of His Royal Highness. He has made it abundantly clear that for him, public service is the test and the goal. His work for the National Playing Fields Association is of course the work we particularly honour to-day; but we remember also how widespread are his manifold and multifarious activities. But whether it be with the Navy, or with the scholars and men of science, or in the mines, factories and workshops, gaining knowledge and understanding of the work of the nation, or taking his part in all those activities designed to exalt and stimulate the national spirit, or displaying the national sporting spirit as Cricketer or Polo Player, or making, be it observed, all these things serve his supreme purpose in the discharge of the duties of his exalted position - he exhibits the same human and attractive qualities which have so endeared him to the heart of the nation, and bound him to the people by the closest of bonds. He is, in the highest and best use of the words, a great public servant, and this country is exceedingly fortunate in having as a great Leader one of such versatility and of such devotion to the public welfare. He can "talk with crowds" and he can "Walk with Kings", but he remains the exemplar of all that is best and worthiest in our national traditions with a sure hold on the affections of all sorts and conditions of men."

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TELEPHONE FACILITIES

The following telephones have been placed at the disposal of the Press on condition that the charges are reversed.

AT AYLESBURY

(a) Municipal Offices. (lower end of the Market Square)

2 lines (Aylesbury 104)

Pass through arched building at right angles to the Bull and turn right.

(b) County Council Offices. (lower end of the Market Square).

(i) 2 lines - ascend main steps from The Square, turn left inside and enquire at General Office for the room of either Mr. Hazell (ground floor), or Mr. Davis (first floor).

(ii) 2 lines - Pass both the main steps and the Court steps to Registration Office and ask for the rooms of either Mr. Mellor or Mr. Hughes.

All four lines are on Aylesbury 1470 - 1485.

AT BLETCHLEY

Bletchley Urban District Council Office

3 lines (Bletchley 275-6 and 27)

This office is in Bletchley Road, a few minutes from Manor Farm Sports Club.

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PICTURE POSSIBILITIES

A party from reception ceremonies at each point the following may be noted as possible picture subjects.
(see official programme for details)

ETON WICK

- (a) H. R. H. with children playing
- (b) H. R. H. unveiling plaque

HADDENHAM

Children playing

OUDDINGTON (Population 350)

- (a) Boy Scouts & Clubs guard of honour
- (b) H. R. H. will plant tree

SOUTHCOURT (An Aylesbury housing estate)

H. R. H. inspecting map & model of 16-acre playing field site.

AYLESBURY

- (a) Reception by Lord Lieutenant at forecourt of picturesque hotel.
- (b) Inspection of British Legion guard of honour.

STOKE HAMMOND

H. R. H. will plant a tree

BLETCHLEY

- (a) Childrens Corner on housing estate, Sycamore Avenue
- (b) Tablet unveiling at Manor Farm Sports Club

ADDENDUM TO PRESS GUIDANCE NOTES

The following representatives of the National Playing
Fields Association will be present :-

The Rt. Hon the Lord Luke of Pavenham,
(Chairman)

Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Browning, K.B.E., O.B., D.S.O.,
(Vice-Chairman)

Admiral Sir William Agnew, K.C.V.O., O.B., D.S.O.,
(General Secretary)

In attendance on H.R.H. -

Lt. Cdr. M. Parker, R.N. (Ret'd)
(Private Secretary)

For reference

OFFICIALS OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

President: The Rt. Hon. Lord Cottesloe, C.B., H.M.L.
Chairman: The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Courtown, O.B.E.
Vice-Chairman: Capt. C. Stratton, J.P.
Hon. Secretary: Colonel F. A. Charlier, M.C.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. F. Serby

Executive Committee

Mr. J. P. Smithie	Mr. F. Adams
Mr. J. Manning	Mr. C. Franks, B.A.
Mr. M. W. Bennett	Mr. D. Allen
Mr. A. J. Sage	Mr. A. W. Arthurton
Mr. S. H. Beal	Mr. W. Jackman
Mr. P. Davies	Mr. E. Mobbs
Miss G. M. Wood	Councillor N. M. Eschle

PRESENTATION LIST

To be presented before the Luncheon

Lieut. Col. William D. Marshall, T.D.,
Major Sage.
Mr. J. F. Smithie.
Miss Wood.
Mr. W. A. Cummins, J.P.,
Mr. F. Sheffield.
Mr. A.N. McKelvie.
Mr. Franks, B.A.,

Members of the
Executive Committee

Others

The Hon. Mrs. Jennings (daughter of Lord Cottesloe)
Lady Courtown.
Mrs. Crouch.
Lord Justice Birkett, P.C.
The Mayor of Buckingham
The Rt. Hon. Lord Chatfield, P.C., G.C.B., O.M., K.C.M.G.,
C.V.O., Admiral of the Fleet,
Colonel O. V. Viney, T.D.
Major Sir Everard P.D.P. Duncombe, Bt., D.S.O., G.O., J.P.,
Colonel F. W. Watson, M.C., T.D., J.P., C.A.,
Air-Vice Marshal D.C.T. Bennett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Mrs. Charlier.
Mr. W. Little

To be presented outside the Bulls Head on arrival of H. R. H.

Lt. Col. R.D.R. Sale, O.B.E., G.M., T.D. (in command of the
Guard of Honour).
Mr. N. W. Gurney, J.P., C.A. - High Sherriff
Colonel G. R. Crouch, M.C., T.D., LL.B., D.L.