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Newspaper cutting about Coronation Day 1937 and the unveiling of the clock, a 'permanent Coronation memorial of Reepham'.

1935 Reepham.

At the united service the lesson was read by Mr. G. Faircloth. Addresses were given by the Rector and Mr. A. G. Beaver. Prayers were taken by Pastor J. Hickson, Capt. N. Hazell (S.A.), and the Rev. B. P. Luscombe.

Following the service in church the whole congregation, led by the choir, went to the base of St. Michael's tower for the dedication and unveiling of the clock, which is the permanent Coronation memorial of Reepham. The Rector, Pastor J. Hickson and Capt. N. Hazell dedicated the clock by repeating the words: "To the Glory of God and the service of this town and parish we, together, dedicate our Coronation clock."

The clock was then veiled by Mr. E. Gibbs, senr., who was accompanied by two servers (Messrs. F. Alford and G. Newstead), people's warden (Mr. H. Temple-Owen), deputy warden (Mr. C. Turner). Mr. Gibbs then unveiled the clock saying "I feel it a great honour and privilege to have been selected by my fellow townsmen to unveil this clock. This clock has been erected by public subscription to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI. Long may he live to reign over us. God Save the King."

The united choirs and congregation then sang two verses of the National Anthem, and as the strains of the last words were dying away the clock struck eleven.

The Rector then gave the Blessing.

Adults were entertained to a buffet tea in the Methodist Hall and the children to a tea in the Town Hall. Excellent arrangements had been made by the catering committee; Mesdames Owen, Luscombe, S. P. Eglington, Bircham, Thompson, C. V. Watson, Laskey, and Symonds.

Owing to the downpour of rain in the afternoon the sports programme had to be postponed. In spite of the terrible conditions there was a large number of entrants in the carnival parade. The dresses showed great ingenuity and originality. Judging took place in the Sun Extension Room. Results:—Fancy dress (under 16): 1 June Cullum, 2 S. Barrow, 3 D. Lawn. Ditto, over 16: 1 Miss Owen and Miss Essencourt, 2 Miss Fuller. Perambulators: 1 Mrs. Randell. Cycles: 1 Miss Joan Abbs, 2 C. Bircham, 3 Miss Hensman. Cars: 1 Mrs. Carman. Trade vehicles: 1 E. Gibbs, 2 Collier and Sons.

The King's Speech was broadcast to all.

The last two events of the day proved popular, the people trying to forget the weather and make up for what they had lost. The whist drive was well attended with Messrs. H. G. Neale and W. J. Morris as M.C.s.

The dance was the outstanding feature, and was a great success. Music was supplied by the Harmony Dance Orchestra.

Had it not been for the weather conditions Reepham would have had a gala day. As it was, although nearly "washed out" they made the best of a bad job and enjoyed themselves as far as they could.

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