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PAGANHILL MAYPOLE

THE re-painting of the maypole, and the celebrations to be held on re-erection, were the main items under discussion at a meeting held in the Hut, at Paganhill, on Friday. It is hoped that the maypole will play as important a part in raising funds for the new village hall as it did in raising £1,000 for the Forces Fund.

A committee to deal with the matter was formed consisting of Mr. J. W. Thompson (chairman), Mr. V. Evans (secretary), and Mr. D. Luker (treasurer), other members included Miss Annie Blanch, Messrs. Bayliss, Wheeler, Bassett, C. Birch and Powell.

The Maypole Village Hall committee had discussed the date for the celebrations, and Mr. Wheeler, a member of the committee, stated that it was proposed that the erection of the pole should coincide with the Mayor's Show to be held on September 6th. Mr. Birch explained that the committee did not think it possible to have the pole erected on the same day as the show, but that it might be possible to link the two events by raising the flag at the opening ceremony.

Regarding the building of the new hall, Mr. Evans asked if it would be possible to incorporate the fine archway adjoining the estate as an entrance. Mr. Wheeler stated that there would be no difficulty about the matter as he had already been promised the arch for the purpose. Mr. Harper stated, however, that there seemed to be some misunderstanding about the ownership of the arch, and that it was at present the property of the council. At the same time, he added, there was no reason why the committee should not apply to the council for the arch when the building of the hall began.

Erection Free

After further discussion, it was decided to take the pole down on June 21st, and the committee would settle the date of its re-erection. Mr. Evans said that it would be erected free of charge, and Mr. Jobey Bayliss promised to arrange for the labour required.

Mrs. A. W. Stanton said that she would be pleased to pay for the refreshments, and further donations were forthcoming. All other arrangements were left to the committee to decide, as well as the power to co-opt more members if required.

Others present at the meeting were the Mayor (Mr. E. Wheeler), Mr. J. W. Thompson, Mr. J. Harper, and Mrs. Birt representing Stroud U.D.C.