

Community life



In 1933 a new **Church Hall** was built in Elm Road. It hosted music nights, dances and parties as well as Church activities.



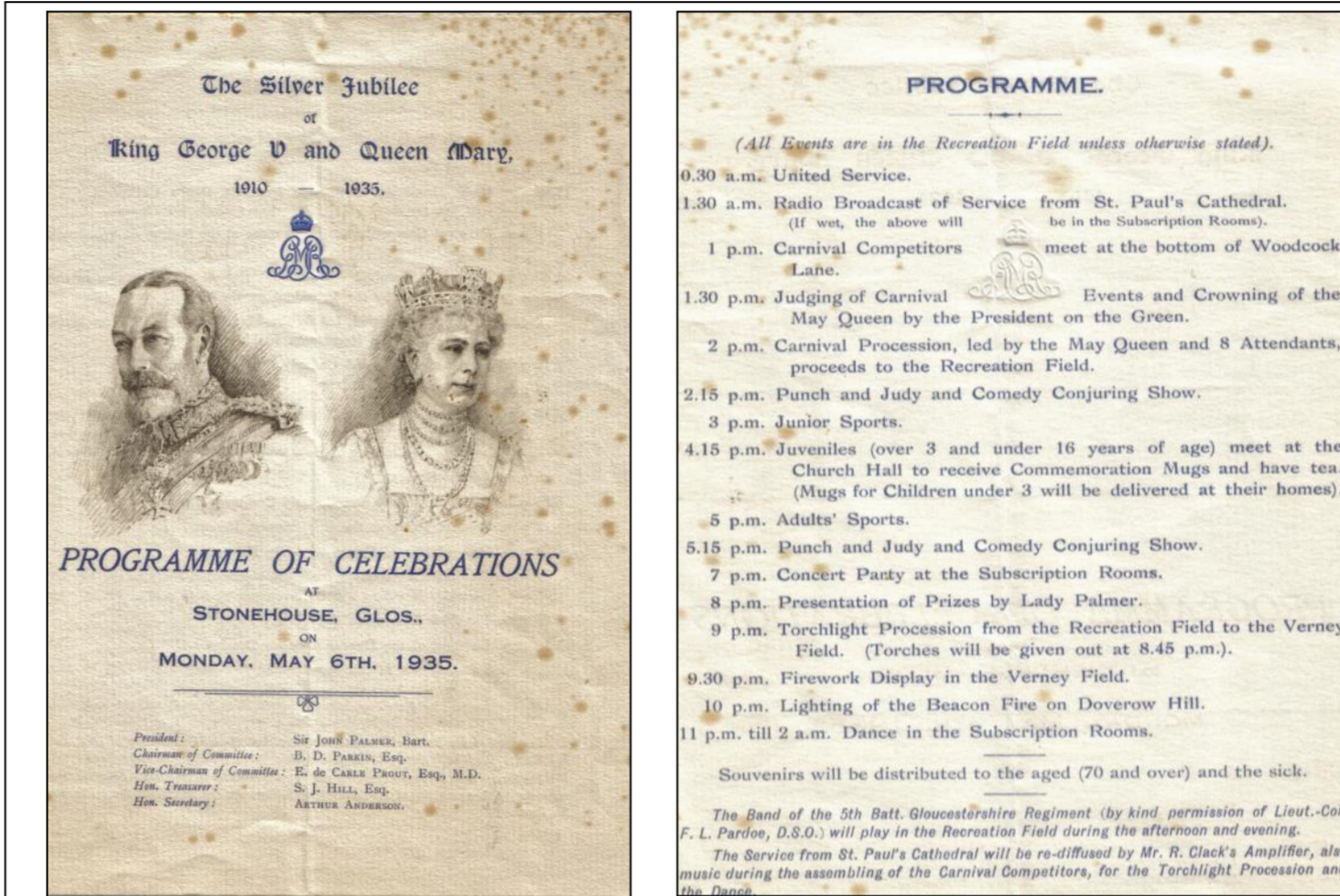
The **Subscription Rooms** were used for plays and dances, Scouts and Guides, Red Cross, billiards and games, and changing rooms for outdoor sports.



Arthur Stratford started a cinema in the former Church Institute in Laburnum Walk. After it burned down in 1936, he opened the new **Regal Cinema** in Gloucester Road in 1937. It seated 406 people with twin seats at the back.



Fancy Dress competitions were very popular and often involved men dressing up as women.



There were celebrations for the **Silver Jubilee** of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935. A full programme included a Carnival Procession, sports events, a Concert Party and a Dance at the Subscription Rooms, and a firework display in Verney Fields followed by lighting the Beacon Fire on Doverow Hill.



The Carnival Procession on Gloucester Road.



There were around 10 **pubs** in the village including the Woolpack Inn. They catered for the increasing free time of working men.



The **Police Station**, under the charge of Sgt Brotheridge and two constables, was a centre of law and order for the surrounding villages. During the 1920s, Petty Sessions were held at the Court House once a month.