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KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN'S VISIT TO CAMBERWELL  
TO LAY FOUNDATION-STONE OF £30,000 YOUTH CLUB

His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan, accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Muna el Hussein (formerly Miss Antoinette Gardiner), will lay the foundation stone for the new St. Giles (Camberwell) Club, London, S.E. at 3.0 p.m. on Sunday, July 15.

The initiative which has led to the preparation of plans for this £30,000 youth club has been taken by the Rev. John G. Nicholls, who was instituted as Vicar of Camberwell in October 1960 and found that apart from a small scout troop of nine boys and a girl guide company of 17 there was little youth work going on in his parish of 30,000 inhabitants. The London Federation of Boys Clubs, to which the new club intends to affiliate, has assisted with finance, the design and equipping of the building, and guidance on staffing, constitution and organisation of the club, and has adopted it into its Duke of Edinburgh "20 new clubs scheme" for London. The Pilgrim Trust has given a grant through the Federation, and the greater part of the balance has been provided by the Ministry of Education. The building is to be erected in part of the vast St. Giles' vicarage garden, which has been leased to the club's Management Committee by the Church Commissioners for a peppercorn rent. A clergyman has been appointed to start work as youth leader on October 1, three-quarters of his salary being paid by the London County Council.

Mr. Nicholls first met King Hussein of Jordan during the Second World War, when he commanded a refugee camp at Gaza, in Palestine. Since 1956 he has regularly taken parties of pilgrims to the Holy Land, and during these visits he was able to renew his acquaintance with the King. One result of their meetings was that in 1960 Mr. Nicholls took 40 British youths to King Hussein's Youth Camp in Jordan. Last year he again met the King in London and told him of his Camberwell youth plans. It was then that King Hussein agreed to come to England to lay the foundation stone of the new club.

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# PRESS RELEASE

SPEECH OF WELCOME TO H.M. KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN  
AT ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, SUNDAY, 15TH JULY, 1962

BY

MICHAEL PATMORE

CHAIRMAN, LONDON FEDERATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, Mr. Mayor, My Lord Bishop, My Lord Mayor,  
Your Excellencies, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of everyone present today, it is my privilege and pleasure to  
welcome Your Majesty on an occasion which I know will long be remembered by  
the citizens of the Borough of Camberwell.

We are delighted also to welcome with you the most charming and gracious  
lady, your Wife, Her Royal Highness Princess Muna. I believe this is the  
first public opportunity that we in Britain have had not only of greeting Her  
Royal Highness but also of offering you Your Majesty and Her Royal Highness  
in person our congratulations on the birth of your son the Crown Prince of  
Jordan.

We are also very pleased that it has been possible for your brother His  
Royal Highness Prince Hassan to be present today and we extend our very warm  
greetings to His Royal Highness.

The building, the Foundation Stone of which Your Majesty has so gracious-  
ly consented to lay, represents a striking example of what can be achieved  
when a number of people from seemingly varied walks of life combine together  
to co-operate in the realisation of a worthwhile and common objective.

As Your Majesty is aware, the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, of  
which I have the honour to be Chairman, has as its Patron His Royal Highness  
The Duke of Edinburgh. About 2½ years ago, at his instigation and with his  
active encouragement the Federation undertook to establish twenty new Boys' Clubs

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in the Greater London Area. Although there are today nearly 200 Boys' Clubs affiliated to the London Federation, there is still an unsatisfied demand for more new Clubs that can play their part in helping the Boys of London during their most formative years.

One of these twenty new Clubs is the building which will rise from this Foundation Stone. It will we hope become affiliated to the Federation. I should like to make the point that affiliation is not an automatic privilege granted to all Clubs. Certain standards of conduct, membership and aims have been developed during the 75 years of existence of the Federation and a Club must achieve these to earn affiliation and all the benefits that flow from that status. Our knowledge of those who will guide the Club convinces us that Camberwell St. Giles will soon be one of us. But while we have as our guests today so many who must be parents of "clubbable" boys may I say this - you can do so much to turn our hopes for this Club into realities - send your boys along, back up the Management Committee and Leader and help us make this one of the best Boys' Clubs in London. The Club owes its establishment and development to many people and whilst I cannot mention every individual by name it is only right and proper that on this memorable occasion tribute should be paid publicly to some of those without whose help, support, enthusiasm and faith, today's ceremony could not have taken place.

To the Church Commissioners for granting a lease on this land for a peppercorn rent without which help the project could not have been launched.

To the Trustees of the Pilgrim Trust we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for their magnificent donation of £7,000.

To the Ministry of Education for granting our application for Grant Aid.

To the Education Committee, the Education Officer and the Youth Officer of the London County Council for their help, both financial and otherwise.

To the Mayor and Borough Council of Camberwell and to the various citizens of this Borough who have pledged themselves to serve as Members of the Management Committee of this Club once it is opened and operating in these splendid new premises.

But Your Majesty, there is another person that I and all my colleagues in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs who have been concerned with this St. Giles, Camberwell, project, would wish to pay tribute to today. He is the Reverend John Nicholls. It is no exaggeration to say that without his unquenchable faith and strength of purpose we certainly would not be here today to see Your Majesty setting the seal of achievement on all these efforts by your so welcome presence and participation.

I now have the great honour of asking Your Majesty if you would now consent to lay the Foundation Stone of this building.

SUNDAY, JULY 15th

Plan with bees

KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF YOUTH  
CENTRE, ST. GILES CHURCH - CAMBERWELL

King Hussein, his wife (1st public appearance in U.K.) and Prince Hussein will be met at Camberwell Green by the Lord Mayor of London, Mayor of Camberwell and other dignitaries. A motorcade, led by a military band, will proceed to the Vicarage Gates, inside which will be a Guard of Honour from local schools. The King will inspect.

The Royal Party will enter the Vicarage and after various introductions will process out of the garden, along a road running parallel with the Vicarage wall and into another set of gates leading to the dais.

The Chairman of the Boys Club will introduce the King, the stone will be laid, there will be an acrobatic display by boys (to be confirmed). The King will reply and the Ceremony ends.

General Notes:

It is expected the King will be in uniform  
V.I.P.s expected to include GLENN PASHA,  
FRANKIE VAUGHAN AND FREDDIE MILLS  
T.V. (BBC & ITV) & MOVISTONE TO COVER.

Coverage:

Sound:

2 Cameramen (Sound: 1 Silent)  
Events on Dais and cover (silent) inspection  
of Guard of Honour in case silent camera not  
able to reach position in time.

Silent:

Arrival of Motorcade at Vicarage; out/ins  
VIPs and STONE LAYING: G.V.s of proceedings  
(window available at vicarage)

TECHNICAL POINTS

Distance from Dais approx. 20 yards.  
4 ft. Rostrum required.  
Own sound feed - uncomplicated, straight run.  
(may be changed if BBC sound decide to cover)  
Dais to have awning, removeable if fine.

Pathe News

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the  
LONDON FEDERATION OF BOYS' CLUBS  
have pleasure in inviting

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to attend the

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE  
OF THE ST. GILES (CAMBERWELL) CLUBS  
on Sunday, 15th July, 1962, at 3.30 p.m.

by

HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN  
ACCOMPANIED BY H.R.H. PRINCESS MUNA AL HUSSEIN

R.S.V.P.—

The General Secretary,

London Federation of Boys' Clubs,

222, Blackfriars Road, S.E.1 by Tuesday, 3rd July, 1962

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SUNDAY JULY 15th, 1962

**Admit One**

All guests are asked to be in their seats by 2.45 p.m.

*General Secretary,  
London Federation of Boys' Clubs.*