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NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - SEPTEMBER 1978

Probably few of our readers see the Norwich Churchman. In last month's issue the Bishop of Thetford wrote an article on the responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council.

He asks the question - Who owns the Church? - and says that a generation ago the general opinion was that the parson was responsible for it; but for some years now, especially since the growing strength of the Norfolk Churches Trust and the Associations of Friends of individual churches, the community takes responsibility. He reminds us that just over a hundred years ago the whole local community was involved in the care and maintenance of the parish church by paying Church rates. It was because of denominational divisions that these rates were abolished - but the principle of community responsibility remains. It is symbolised by the continuing practice that all whose names are on the civilian voters list are entitled to vote in the election of churchwardens. Thus the churchwardens exercise their authority on behalf of the whole local community. The Bishop goes on to say that the Parochial Church Councils Measure of 1956 states that "it shall be the primary duty of Councils in every parish to co-operate with the Minister in the initiation, conduct and development of church work both within and without the parish".

So much for the Bishop's article. It might be appropriate here for the community to thank all who were actively involved in organising the Village fete on Bank Holiday - also all who helped with stalls, refreshments, sideshows or in any way. The proceeds are for the Church, Chapel and Village Hall.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A very jolly Cheese and Wine Party in aid of the New Buckenham Market Cross Restoration Fund was held at the Doctor's House on Saturday 19th August. It was organised by Mrs Jean Howling, and it is confidently expected that a net profit of something in excess of £200 will result.

Among the people who helped to make the evening such a success were Mrs Barbara Mackrell, Mrs Ruth Breeze, Mr and Mrs Bates, Miss Diana Penson, Miss Muriel Howes, Miss Sarah Olorenshaw, Miss Christine Lancaster, Mr Jon Kelly and Mr Fred Gilbert.

Mrs Lizzie Symonds sold tickets for a hand crocheted shawl around the village before the event and raised over £28. We are extremely grateful to her for her efforts. The shawl was won by Mrs Elizabeth Rutledge.

Many businesses and friends generously gave prizes for the Tombola, including many in Attleborough, Diss and Norwich - as well, of course, as New and Old Buckenham. Many friends also gave very generously towards the excellent refreshments.

Further activities will have to be organised in order to finish paying the outstanding balance due to the Builders. As soon as this is in striking distance the Builders will be asked to replace the carvings on the Cross.

R.A.M. Hamerton.

VILLAGE HALL

The Bingos for August made a profit of £14.

October 20th. Please book this date for the Harvest Supper. More details in next month's issue.

September bingos 6th, 13th and 27th.



## GOOD COMPANIONS

The August meeting was held at Old Buckenham. Members played Bin, and enjoyed a very nice tea. We had our annual outing to Yarmouth on August 23rd. Seventy four members and friends all had a most enjoyable day - the weather was very kind to us. The next meeting is on Sept. 21st. We are off to Hunstanton on September 20th. There are a few seats vacant if anyone would like to come - names to me please.

On September 25th we are holding our area Harvest Festival Service in New Buckenham Church - tea & biscuits will be served at the Village Hall. I do hope all members will attend.

Chiropodist: September 27th.

Jean Howling.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

JUMBLE SALE, CAKE & PRODUCE STALLS - Saturday 2nd September. 2.30 p.m. Village Hall, Winfarthing. Transport available. One of our schemes is to help War Widows and in our district we have found one first World War Widow. Please, if you know of any more let us know.

Group Meeting: Wymondham. September 6th.

Branch Meeting: New Buckenham, Thursday September 7th.

E. Powell.

## ARTICLES, NOTICES &C

MOVED IN: Mr and Mrs Bootman to Market Square.  
Mr and Mrs A. Hilton to Marsh Lane.

INVALIDS Mrs Shortis has had a spell in hospital and is now staying with her son.  
Mrs Marion Casson has been unwell and confined to her house.  
Mr Mison has continued hospital treatment after an accident to his hand.

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Mrs Elizabeth Barnes has sent in the following passage taken from the book: A Norfolk Diary.

Passages from the Diary of The Rev. B.J. Armstrong, M.A., Vicar of East Dereham 1850 to 1888 (Published by George Harrup)

"October 12th 1870 - To Attleborough by train to get to New Buckenham where I am to take part in the re-opening of the Church after complete restoration. Was the guest of a Mr Howard, a Surgeon, living in excellent style, and well affected to the Church.

In the evening was instrumental in settling a difference between the Rector and his Squire (a very ignorant and obstinate man) in reference to some seats in the chancel. Saw the game was not worth the candle and advised Rivett (the Rector) to concede the point, especially as the Squire had given all the oak for the restoration. Paid a second visit to him (the Squire) at 11.30 p.m. with this good news, and expressed a hope that now he and his wife would attend the opening services on the morrow, but they had not the grace to come, which proves his churlishness more than the original dispute does".

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THE CHURCH has been thoroughly cleaned by some young people who come regularly to work on Churches in the Quidenham group.

Those of us who hitherto have been responsible for this hard and dirty chore are truly grateful to be let off - at least for this year.

J. Whitwham.



Colonel and Mrs Gemmell have had a long letter from the Eitels. They send their regards to neighbours and friends in New Buckenham and appear to have affectionate memories of the Village and treasure all the pictures that they took while living here.

However they enjoy living in Europe and Colonel Eitel says his job there is much more demanding. The summer in Germany has been almost non-existent. Little Jim is doing well and has graduated from Learn and Play School (with honours). He will go to kindergarten in the Autumn.

They have all visited the U.S. (Maryland) where sadly Mrs Eitel has recently lost her father. Col. Eitel has also visited his parents. They have one more year left in Germany and do not know what is planned for the future.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 26th September 1978 in the Village Hall at 8.30 p.m.

It was pleasing to see five members of the parish present at the meeting on the 29th August.

#### POST SCRIPT TO MARKET CROSS CHEESE & WINE PARTY

As well as those who so kindly bought tickets for the Wine & Cheese evening knowing they were unable to come, we are most grateful for generous donations to the general fund from the following:-

Mr and Mrs Kevin Shortis.	Mr and Mrs John Kemp.
Mr and Mrs Donald Steward	Mr and Mrs C. Whitehouse.
Mr and Mrs Albert Cooper	Mrs Gwen Gray.
Mr and Mrs C. Hanner	Mrs Jones (Hairdresser)
Mr Steve Wright (New Zealand)	Mr John Alston (Besthorpe)
Mr and Mrs John Law (Snetterton)	Mr and Mrs T.H. Muir (Wymondham)
Wing Comdr & Mrs J. Stirling (Attleborough)	Mr and Mrs S. J. Plumbley (Quidenham)
Mr and Mrs P.J. Morton (Deopham)	Mr and Mrs Peter Easton (Bunwell)
New Buckenham Snooker Centre.	

#### CHURCH SERVICES :

September 3rd. Sang Eucharist 11 a.m.  
10th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
17th. Sung Eucharist 11 a.m.  
22nd. (Friday at 7.30 p.m.) Harvest Thanksgiving.  
24th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE begins again on Tuesday Sept 5th at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL as arranged.

BELL PRACTICE: Friday evenings.

FLOWERS FOR HIGH ALTAR:

Sept. 3rd & 10th. Mrs Hamerton and Miss Penson.  
17th. Mrs Darley.  
24th. Mrs Gray.

BRASSES: Mrs Tite.

HARVEST DECORATION for Friday 22nd September.

The following ladies have usually done the said positions and it would be much appreciated if they can do so for the Harvest Service.



WINDOWS ON NORTH SIDE:	Mrs <sup>o</sup> Gladden, Miss Ringer, Mrs Gray.
SOUTH SIDE:	Mrs Saunders, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Tofts and Mrs Cope.
LADY CHAPEL:	Mrs Howes.
BRITISH LEGION SHELF.	Mrs FitzPatrick.
LECTERN:	Mrs Whitwham.
PULPIT:	Mrs Cooper.
FONT	Mrs Lincoln.
CLOWES MEMORIAL WINDOW	Mrs Hamerton.
WINDOWS IN CHANCEL:	Mrs Wright and Mrs Braine.
TABLE	Mrs Smith.
VESTRY CORNER	Mrs Tite.

Mrs Steward will be away and we need a volunteer for the arrangement which she usually does. So please if someone will kindly do this big pedestal arrangement, let either Mrs Steward or me know. Also help will be needed for the porch and if anyone would like to do an extra arrangement there will be plenty of room.

PRODUCE welcome.

Joan Whitwham.

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Sept. 3rd.	Rev. Webster	Young people from Sprowston.
10th.	Mr Mavrin	Rev. Webster.
17th.	Rev. Coggle.	Unite at Old Buckenham.
24th.	Mrs Gray.	Mr Talbot.
October 2nd.	*	
Harvest Thanks-giving.	Rev. Webster.	Rev. Colin Riches.
Womens' Fellowship at 2.45 p.m.		
Sept. 12th.	Mrs Cawston.	September 26th Mrs Dye (Hempnall)
		F. Potter.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Whatever you wish, that you are; for such is the force of will joined to the Divine that whatever we wish to be, seriously, and with true intention, we become. No one ardently wishes to be patient, modest, or liberal, who does not become what he wishes.

S. Smiles.



TRANSPORT. THE SURGERY. THE COTTAGE INDUSTRY. THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

I am temporarily without a car - my car having died from that endemic British disease - RUST. So for the first time in more years than I care to remember I am not free to come and go at will. Of course New Buckenham has a good 'bus service; that is if one wants to go anywhere that is on the 'bus route.

Earlier this year I stayed about four miles from Southampton. One day when I was walking to the town it began to rain, so I stopped a 'bus. I offered the conductor two pence, he looked at me as if I had been away for a very long time and told me the fare was 18 pence. I was only 3 or 4 stops from the town centre.

The other week I went by 'bus to Attleborough. 66 pence return!!! I was not going to the Surgery but if I had need to I would board the 'bus at 9.25 a.m. and arrive at the Surgery at 9.40 a.m. If the doctor was free to see me within five minutes or so, and then give me 10 - 15 minutes of his time, I would probably leave the Surgery at 10. a.m. approximately - and then a pleasant brisk walk to Queens Square (pleasant weather permitting) to catch the 10.25 back to New Buckenham. But supposing I suffered from heart or chest disease - or severe arthritis - or was old and infirm - that pleasant walk would be a panting labour, perhaps to miss the bus with two hours to wait and no reasonable place to shelter.

If the Doctor suggests or the patient requests a consultant's opinion the patient would have the option to see Doctor X or Mr Y privately - for the sum of £10 - £15. Why not ? that sum could easily be spent on useless trivia. The patient would visit the consultant in the cottage industry at his home, that would be equipped with diagnostic aids such as an electrocardiograph and apparatus for chest screening. Is the Attleborough health centre thus equipped ? well perhaps - I do not know.

When our National Health service started in 1948 Aneurin Bevan was reported to have said, and I repeat, reported to have said to intransigent doctors - "If you won't sign their certificates I will get someone else to do so" ....but given growing pains the N.H.S. became the best health service in the world. However, not any more. Other countries have caught up and overtaken us.

The health service is short of money - and like the Church of England - vastly over administered.

Why have health, pensions, and social security all mixed up together ? Why not separate health insurance and although it be compulsory, let the patient insure with whom he pleases, as with car insurance - and as with car insurance let there be no claims bonus. The insurance companies could pay the doctors' fees for services rendered, and the state provide the blanket through which no one must be allowed to fall.

Inflation is apparent in every department of life - but the doctor is free - even though to visit him at one central place, namely Attleborough takes, in 'bus fares, a sizeable portion of a pensioner's weekly allowance.

Joan Whitwham.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

THE VILLAGE FETE - AUGUST 28th.

This year I think the fete created more interest than usual, especially amongst the young couples. It was also nice to see the two inns open for the afternoon.

We had several new attractions such as tug of war and pram race - the former should I think add more publicity next year.

How lucky we are to have such an ideal setting on the village green and



Market Square - not forgetting Holly Lodge that worked "all out" the afternoon supplying teas.

The tidying up of the Green in such a short time after the evening have been a splendid example to all - by 7 p.m. one would not have known a fete had taken place.

I have now finished the accounts, with a net profit of £860. 82 will be divided between the Church, Chapel and Village Hall.

An open meeting for a post mortem will be held in the Chapel Room October 16th at 8 p.m. (Monday) in order to discuss any further improvements for next year and I hope as many people as possible will attend.

In conclusion the Committee would like to thank every one who helped to make the day such a success.

Donald Steward.

#### OLD & NEW BUCKENHAM GUIDES.

On Saturday September 23rd a sale was held - produce cakes etc on the Market Place. The sum of £30 was raised. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped and all who came to buy. We 'sold out' in a very short time.

#### GOOD COMPANIONS.

Our September meeting was well attended. Mr and Mrs Groom from Bressingham came and demonstrated spinning and weaving, which was very interesting.

We had a most enjoyable day at King's Lynn and Hunstanton - the weather was most kind to us.

Our October outing is to Bury St. Edmunds on October 4th. There are a few seats left if anyone wishes to go:- price 60 pence. The bus leaves New Buckenham at approximately 9.45 p.m. I hope you will come and support us.

The next meeting is Thursday October 19th - which is voting day for the new Committee. If anyone wishes to offer to help this Club, please let Mrs. Cowdery have your names by Monday October 9th.

Chiropodist October 25th.

Jean Howling (Secretary)

#### VILLAGE HALL

The Bingo on September 13th made a profit of £2 only, as many of our regular players were on holiday. We welcome you to our fortnightly sessions.

The Harvet Supper - is on October 20th at 7.30 p.m. - price £1.50 under 12s - 75p.

We should be pleased with anything you have to spare for our auction. If it needs collecting we will come round on Thursday 19th please let us know. We do not mind what it is - large or small, we will be most grateful. Please let Mrs. Smith (St. Martins Gardens) Mrs. D. Mackrell or me have your names by October 17th please.

Bingos October 11th Carleton Rode Owls - and October 25th.

Jean Howling.

#### TUPPAWEAR PARTY.

I am sure all interested parties would like me to sincerely thank Mrs. Partridge for having a party to raise money for the Market Cross and Village Hall. £30 was raised to be divided between the above.

Jean Howling.



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BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

As we were asked not to have our usual stall at the Annual Fete on Bank Holiday, we held a jumble sale with additional stalls at Winfarthing Village Hall and in 1½ hours raised £60 for the disabled.  
Thanks to all helpers and those who gave so generously.

Next meeting October 5th.

On September 21st at Blackfriars Hall our president, Mrs FitzPatrick competed with 12 contestants (representing groups from all over the County) in a Quiz. She was the clear winner and will receive the trophy for our Group (10). This will be presented to her by The Duchess of Kent at the County Conference at St Andrews Hall on November 22nd.

E. Rowell (Chairman)

SILVER BAND SOLO CONTEST

This will take place at the Village Hall on October 21st at 8 p.m.  
Everybody is welcome.

Arthur Bailey.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING EVENSONG on September 22nd.

About 60 people attended the service which was conducted by the Rev. Anthony Lathe. The collection of £16.50 will be sent to Night Shelter in Norwich.  
Thank you to the ladies for decorating the Church so beautifully and also for the produce.

Wilfred Saunders.  
Church Warden.

NOTICES, ARTICLES etc.

A message from the Retreat.

We are moving on September 25th to the West Country. We shall greatly miss our friends in the village and having lived in Norwich, Reedham and New Buckenham we shall always have a very soft spot for Norfolk.

We hope to return from time to time - perhaps at key times like the August Fete or the Harvest Supper and we thank everyone in the village for all the many kindnesses we have received, particularly during Barry's illness last year.

The new owners of the Retreat are Steve & Rosemary Day from Harleston, who have two children Magnus (age 3) and Emily (6 months).  
We shall indeed miss the village, our friends and The Retreat - goodbye or rather au-revoir to everyone and God Bless.

Lorah and Barry Stamp.

Miss Christine Bowditch has left the village and the new owners of Hill House are John and Alison Underwood who will teach at Old Buckenham Primary School.

Mr Spencer who teaches at Wymondham College has moved into a cottage in Church Street.

Into a recently built house in Marsh Lane - Mr and Mrs West.

Into Mr Cowdrey's house until November - Mr and Mrs Debenham.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Lloyd Barnes who have recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding and to Mr and Mrs Lancaster (Banham) who celebrate their Ruby Wedding on October 1st.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 24th October at 8.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.

### OBITUARY

Mrs Marna Shortis died in the West Norwich Hospital following a short illness.

Marna as she was affectionately known, was born in Freemantle, W. Australia but came to this country when she was seven years old, to be educated. She spent much of her married life in the far east. She and her late husband retired to New Buckenham in the early 1960s. She was a one time member of many of the village organisations. Having fought a losing battle with bad eyesight, her last years were marred by near blindness which she bore cheerfully and bravely.

Joan Whitwham.

### CHURCH SERVICES

October 1st.	SUNG EUCHARIST	11 a.m.
8th.	HOLY COMMUNION	8 a.m. MATINS 11 a.m.
15th.	SUNG EUCHARIST.	11 a.m.
22nd.	HOLY COMMUNION	8 a.m. MATINS 11 a.m.
29th.	GROUP SERVICE.	OLD BUCKENHAM 10.30 a.m.

Rev. Norman Shellock.

CHOIR PRACTICE each Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL each Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

BELL PRACTICE each Friday at 8 p.m.

FLOWERS FOR HIGH ALTAR:

October 1st: Mrs Gray. 8th and 15th. Mrs Spall and Mrs Ecart.  
22nd and 29th. Vacant. Please will someone fill in  
(List in Church Porch).

BRASSES: Mrs Hamerton and Miss Penson.

### METHODIST CHAPEL

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
October 1st.	Harvest. Rev. Webster	Rev. Colin Riches.
2nd.	(Monday at 7.15 p.m.)	Mr Clifford Davison.
8th.	Mr G. Ward.	Mr Tye
15th.	Supply	Mr Fitches.
22nd.	Miss Taylor	Rev Grewer
29th.	Mr Sheldrake	Mr Mayhew

Womens' Fellowship:

October 10th: Members afternoon. 24th. Rev. Webster.

DONATIONS TO MARKET CROSS have been received from Mr and Mrs J. Darley, Mr and Mrs Tofts and Mr Foreman (King Street).

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Write it on your heart that everyday is the best day in the year.

R.W. Emerson.



A MESSAGE TO NEWCOMERS FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Many people have moved to the village during the past 5 or 6 years. New houses have been built and old ones restored. We see new faces among young marrieds, retired couples, single people and children. New Buckenham is an attractive village. It has an atmosphere of the past with its old buildings, monuments and history - but also it provides for the present with its many shops and services. Even so it is sometimes difficult for new comers to achieve a sense of belonging.

This is where the Church has a part to play. From its early days the Church has been the centre of community life. Many of the Church's secular duties have disappeared but its caring attitude for the whole community remains. The Church in New Buckenham is always open in daylight hours and all are welcome to enter at any time.

Because they have many parishes to serve our Clergy may not be known to you, but you may be known to them if you come to Church on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. Perhaps you haven't been to Church since childhood - or perhaps not at all... It doesn't matter, you will always be welcome.

If you have any problems you would like to discuss with the clergy, you will find their names and telephone numbers in the group magazine, or if it is easier, contact one of the P.C.C. members who will get in touch with the Clergy and arrange a visit for you.

If you like singing why not join the Church Choir. Our organist and choir mistress will be pleased to welcome you to Choir practice on Tuesday evenings. Perhaps you are a bell ringer, or would like to become one - there is bell practice on Friday evenings. There is Sunday School each Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

Over many years the Church has been associated with village events such as the annual fete, flower festivals and house parties of all kinds.

The Church needs you - it is your Church.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Miss E. Bird, King Street. (Sunday School Superintendent)  
Mr L. Breeze - Market Square.  
Mrs C. Braine - Banham Road.  
Mr J. Darley, Boosey's Walk.  
Mrs Davidson, Church Lane.  
Mrs FitzPatrick, Queen Street.  
Mrs Hamerton, Market Square.  
Dr. Hamerton, Market Square (Member of Diocesan & Deanery Synod).  
Mr Keith Mace, King Street.  
Mrs E. Powell, Chapel Street.  
Mrs D. Steward, The Grange.  
Mr Donald Steward, The Grange (Church Warden)  
Mr Wilfred Saunders. King Street (Church Warden and Bell Captain)  
Mrs E. Smith, St Martins Gardens.  
Mr F. Smitherman, Pickwick Cottage (Secretary P.C.C. and Member of Diocesan Synod).

Mrs Taylor, Carleton Rode.  
Mrs J. Thomas, Haugh Road (Choirmistress)  
Mrs Whitwham, Boosey's Walk. (Secretary, Deanery Synod)  
Mrs Wright, Carleton Rode.

CHURCH SERVICES: See Group news.

High Altar Flowers: Mrs FitzPatrick 1st and 2nd weeks.

Please will someone fill in until Advent when there will be no flowers



## PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### NEW BUCKENHAM SILVER BAND

The Solo contest held in the Village Hall on 21st October resulted as follows:-

Junior Class C. Jonathan Sowter 1st. Matthew Phillips 2nd

" " B. Joshuna Phillips 1st. Alison Leverett 2nd

" " Matthew Simpkins 3rd

" " A. Andrew Wright 1st. Andrew Stevens 2nd. Robin Cossay 3rd.

Seniors: Wilfred Bailey 1st. Colin Wear 2nd Denis Bailey 3rd

The adjudicator was Mr W.R.Emms of the Watton & District Band.

The accompanist, Miss Johnston of Dereham a teacher at Old Buckenham High School.

Mr Donald Steward, President of the Band presented cups and trophies to the winning contestants. The Band is to be given a cup for Class C ready for next year's contest.

Refreshments were served by Mrs P. Gedge and Mrs A. Wright.

Raffle winners were: Mrs Evans, Miss Herbert, Mrs Barber, Miss Leverett, Mr Phillips, Robin Cossay, Peter Wear and Mr Stevens.

A.E.Bailey (Hon.Sec.)

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

Annual General Meeting: Thursday 2nd November at 2.30 p.m.

County Conference: November 22nd. St Andrews Hall at 10.45 a.m.

The Duchess of Kent will present the awards.

Ticket holders only.

E.Powell (Chairman)

### GOOD COMPANIONS

Our October meeting was to elect our new Committee, all members having avote. The Committee selected are Mrs Askew, Mrs I. Bailey, Mrs R.Frost, Mrs H.Saunders, Mrs E.Woodrow, Mrs P.Scott, Mrs M.Wright, Mrs J.Howling, Mrs V.Cowdery, Mr J.Bilham and Mr R. Ashton.

We give a welcome to Mrs P. Scott - a new member. We are sorry to lose our President Mr D. Steward, but very pleased to welcome our new president, Mr Bill Silk. Mrs E. Symonds presented Mrs Steward with a boquet and we all wished her better health in the future. Mrs Steward introduced Mr Silk to members. Thanks to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Whitwham for being our tellers.

Members did a quiz and played Bingo and then a thank you to the tea ladies - we all enjoyed a good tea.

Next Meeting: November 16th. Chiropodist: Nov. 22nd.

Jean Howling.

### HARVEST SUPPER

It was really disappointing to have to cancel our harvest supper this year through lack of support. I should like to thank the 45 people who booked - several of these from neighbouring villages. Several months ago it was written that New Buckenham was a dying village. I am beginning to think this is right. I am so pleased we did not think of building a new hall as Old Buckenham, Carleton Rode and Banham are trying to do.

Our Bingo was supported better this month, making a profit of £6.50 thanks to the people who came.



held a fete meeting which six people attended - the Church, Chapel Village Hall each had £287. leaving a float in the Bank for next year.

BINGOS: November 8th and 22nd.

Jean Howling.

### NOTICES ARTICLES etc

Welcome to Mr Cecil Cowdery who has returned to the village after a long illness.

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Harold - Marsh Lane.

### INVALIDS

Mr W. Green is in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital recovering from a hip reppacement operation.

Mr J. Gedge has returned from the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital where he underwent an operation.

Mr P. Savory has returned from the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital where he was treated following a road accident.

Mr C. Hanner, Mr G. Tite and Mrs Addison have been unwell.

Mrs Gray (Rosemary Lane) is indisposed.

### FORWARD NOTICE

Mrs Margaret Wright and Mrs Jean Howling would like names sent in for the Annual Pantomime outing. It is necessary to book at once - so names please by December 1st.

The outing will be on Friday 19th January at 7.30 p.m. Price £1.75. Children £1.50.

STILL UNCLAIMED after Wine & Cheese Party. Beige Cardigan. Tupperware strainer, at Doctor Hamerton's house.

### WILFUL DAMAGE

If the stones are displaced from my shop wall or any further damage caused, I shall have no option but to bring legal proceedings.

R. Lovell.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Alfred Brown formerly of St Martins Gardens who celebrate their Golden Wedding on November 17th.

### MARKET CROSS

We are extremely grateful for a most generous donation of £100 which will be a tremendous boost to the fund. The donor wishes to remain anonymous - very many thanks.

R.A.M. Hamerton.

The following is a copy of a letter dated the 21st September 1978 sent to me by the Department of the Environment:-

Dear Dr Hamerton,

I promised you a further reply to your letter of 27 July about what to do with the carvings from New Buckenham Market Cross. I have discussed the problem with colleagues here and we are agreed that:-

1. the panels are too valuable to go back up treated or untreated;
2. they ought to be treated and placed in a museum;
3. replicas should be put back on the cross.

To deal with your first question, I am not sure why the panels were not grant aided with your original Historic Buildings grant. If, as I suspect, they were considered as "moveables" and therefore not grantworthy, the same would apply to an Ancient Monument grant. There is no harm in trying again for an HB or AM grant provided you agree not to put the original back on the



outside. We could not grant-aid the cost of replicas but our area superintendent of works at Cambridge (tel: 58911 ext 2240) could give the name of a firm that could make them (after conservation). You could either put the originals inside the building or place them on indefinite loan in a museum. If your villagers don't like Norwich Castle Museum, you could try the Victoria and Albert whose conservation resources must be considerably greater. Besides the pilgrim trust etc, you could ask the National Art Collections Fund.

If you would like to discuss this further please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

David Sherlock

Inspector of Ancient Monuments.

#### A VISIT TO ROME

It seems difficult to comprehend that only last Sunday 22nd October Jimmy & I were standing in St Peter's Square, Rome watching the newly elected Pope John Paul II blessing the Cardinals.

That morning after a continental breakfast of rolls and coffee, we made our way by bus to the Piazza Cavour. A short walk by the Tiber down the Via della Concillagious to St Peters.

An atmosphere very difficult to describe had filled the city. All traffic and all people were slowly, slowly, converging on the square. As one neared, the souvenir sellers, the professional beggars and balloon seller (one guesses the latter to keep the children happy) were well established. Still the people flowed - almost mesmerised - to St Peters. As we walked through the enormous colonnade - singing rings and lifts one to witness that great occasion - so many people, yet all so vast that the square was by no means crowded - there was no jostling or discomfort, everyone could see as the ground is dished for an all round view.

We stood and watched and listened for 2½ hours. After the blessing of the Cardinals, complemented by superb choirs, Pope John Paul II gave his first address to the people of Rome.

Such an orator, with much inflection and strong passages of speech; everyone cheered, clapped and waved flags. The atmosphere changed to that of great warmth and so through 11 languages, each received with clapping and cheering, truly great speaker.

We left the square having witnessed history in the making.

Marion Casson.

#### BELL RINGERS TOUR 1978

After our trip to the Isle of Wight in 1977, we decided to stay nearer home this year and spent the afternoon and evening of 30th September ringing at 6 towers in Norfolk & Suffolk. We were joined as usual by our friends from Bunwell, Garboldisham and Walsham-le-Willows and Nick Noyes-Lewis travelled from a sailing ship in the Channel Islands to be with us.

The first tower was Palgrave where some of us had rung earlier this year. We found the Church beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival. There was a slight delay at Yaxley while we discovered the whereabouts of the Church key. We were pleasantly surprised to find an excellent ring of five at Stoke Ash, although we had to remove some furniture from the ringing chamber before we could start!

Bacton our fourth tower was also decorated for Harvest. We visited there in 1976 and we renewed acquaintance with the bells and the Vicar.

And so to Walsham and a very welcome cup of tea provided by Mr and Mrs Pollard and Audrey. Another beautiful Church ornamented for the festival with most skilful flower arranging and some giant size vegetables.