

CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 18th - 25th is the week set apart each year for prayers for the unity of the church and I find myself writing these notes during this period. In New Buckenham, apart from public prayers, the week passes unnoticed. In many larger places the week is kept more actively by the exchange of pulpits and altars.

Some months ago I attempted to tell you how, through the work of a Greek monk, Theodore of Tarsus, the parish system came about. Those of you who have been watching the television series "Churchill's People" will know (roughly speaking) how christianity was brought to these shores. Without going into too much detail, and leaving aside the great Orthodox Church of the East, one might say, broadly speaking, that christianity emanated from Rome.

Although the relationship between the Church of England and Rome had been somewhat turbulent through the ages, the final break came with the reformation in the 16th century. About this time protestantism was gaining ground in Europe with Luther in Germany and Calvin in Switzerland. However, the Church of England always retained the Catholic faith with its book of Common Prayer. Because of the influence of Pope John 23rd a greater understanding now exists between the Anglican and Roman Churches. In the late 16th and 17th centuries there came into being many ultra protestant sects - their cry was "Down with Bishops and Bells".

(i) The word Methodist was a nick name applied to certain devout undergraduates of Oxford in the early 18th Century. They were called the "Holy Club" and their founder, Charles Wesley, was the younger brother of John. They gained their name from the methodical way they met and worshipped. John Wesley was, and remained, a priest of the Anglican Faith. It was not his intention to form a breakaway church, but to revitalise the Mother church. During his lifetime (ii) Wesley considered the members of his society, called Methodists, to be still members of the Church of England and they were required to attend there for Communion. After Wesley's death the Methodists did break away from the Church and afterwards subdivided to form six or more groups. Now, however, all Methodists are united in one body.

Christians have nothing to fear from unity. Divided they are vulnerable. United they are strong and strength is needed to fight those who seek to destroy the Faith.

(i) and (ii) are taken from "By Faith and Work" by Lord Mackintosh of Halifax.

LENT begins on February 12th. ASH WEDNESDAY. The Holy Communion will be at 10.30 a.m. I hope all Church people who are non-engaged will endeavour to attend.

### INVALIDS

Mrs Lucy Hanner has been ill for some time and is confined to her bed.

Mr Lebbell of Banham Road is still in hospital and reported to be very ill.

Miss Dora Haywood (St Mary's) is ill and has asked for our prayers.

Nicholas Smith is now at Mundesley hospital. He is making good progress and returns home each weekend.

Many of our readers are suffering from seasonal illnesses and we wish all invalids well.

DEPARTURE Mrs Martin has left the house in Chapel Street and has returned to Norwich.



OBITUARY. Douglas William Roberts (74 years) died on January 9th. Mr Roberts came to live in New Buckenham on retirement about 10 years ago. He was at one time gardener to Elstree Film Studios. Mr Roberts enjoyed the "Parish News" and has written for it on more than one occasion. We send sympathy to Mrs Roberts who has left the village to live with her daughter at Walton-on-Thames.

ARRIVALS Mr and Mrs Whybra and family have come to live in Saint Martins Gardens. Mr Whybra has taken over the New Buckenham Motors. This will re-open on February 1st under it's new name, New Buckenham Car Centre. Mr Whybra is interested in Stock car racing.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr and Mrs Oxley on the birth of a daughter.

CHURCH SERVICES

February 2nd (Candlemas) Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
9th (Quinq.) Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
12th (ASH WEDNESDAY) Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.  
16th. (Lent I.) Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
23rd (Lent II) Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL each Sunday at the Vicarage 10.15 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE each Tuesday at the Vicarage 8 p.m. except Tuesday February 4th when the Choir will join with others for Community Hymn singing - Parish Church 8 p.m.

BRASSES for February. Mrs Lincdln.

FLOWERS for February. Mrs Bunn.

The FLOWER LIST is now in the Church porch. Will all ladies who arrange the flowers please read it as certain alterations have been made. Mrs Smitherman has asked to be a "reserve". Mrs Hewes has said she will be responsible for the Lady Chapel flowers weekly when possible. Mrs Tofts has said she will do the porch when possible.

LESSON READERS' ROTA This is now complete and will be in use as from February 2nd. Each reader will have a copy of the rota and there will be a copy displayed in the Church Porch. A reminder will be put in the "News" each month.

February 2nd. Mr Breeze and Mr Smitherman.  
9th. Dr Hamerton and Mrs FitzPatrick.  
16th. Mrs Braine and Mr E. Smith.  
23rd. Mr A. Hamerton and Mrs FitzPatrick.

Hugh Whitwham. Vicar.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Feb. 2nd.	Morning:	Supply.	Evening:	Mr Austin.
9th	"	Mr Adcock.	"	Rev. Wills.
16th.	"	Mr Woodrofe.	"	Mr Dye.
23rd.	"	Mr Fitches	"	Rev. Hughes.
		(Family Service)		

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 4th. Speaker: Mr Francis.  
18th. " Mrs Kerry.

F. Potter.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVES at Kings Head. 6th and 20th Feb. 7.45 p.m.



## PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Royal British Legion Womens' Section

The first meeting of the year will be on February 7th at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. The speaker will be Mrs Henson, who will speak about her war years in France. We look forward to an interesting talk, especially as France was one of the Allied countries overrun by the enemy.

E. Powell (Chairman).

### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

The first meeting of the year will be on Thursday February 6th in the Parish Room.

F. Smitherman (Chairman).

### PARISH ROOM FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Bingo held on January 8th made a profit of £8. We also had a kind donation of £1.20.

We have organised a dance on February 21st with music played by Ted Holden and his band. We shall be pleased to see you there.

On March 14th we are having a Mr and Mrs Contest. We do hope you will come and enjoy an evening with us. We have asked local people to compete - nothing personal will be asked - only things for fun!

The Parish room floor has been repolished. This is an improvement to the hall. The above committee respectfully ask that people should treat the floor with due care and youngsters please do not spill drink. Empty your cans before leaving them.

We have started our snowball mornings (tea or coffee). We do hope everyone will join in; just 10p a cup and any small thing out of the store cupboard to sell and purchase back.

### Forthcoming events

Feb. 5th.	BINGO
21st.	DANCE.
26th.	BINGO
March 14th.	MR and MRS CONTEST.
April 6th.	SPONSORED WALK.

Jean Howling (Chairman).

### BELL RINGERS MEETING

February 8th. The Southern branch of the Norwich Association of Ringers will meet in New Buckenham. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. This will be followed by a short service in Church to which all parishoners are welcome. The ringers will have tea at the Kings Head which will be followed by a meeting. There will be further ringing from 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

W. Saunders (Bell Captain).

### HELP THE AGED

Feb. 12.

Information about this is enclosed - see leaflet. The collection here will take place in the Church from 11 - 12.30 and from 2 - 4 in the afternoon. I appeal for good, worn, clothes and blankets and I also appeal for helpers to receive, sort and bag these. Please let me know if you are willing to help.

H. Whitwham.



## FORWARD NOTICE

The Annual Womens' World Day of Prayer (interdenominational) will this year be held at The Carmelite Monastery, Quidénham. The date is Friday March 7th - time 7.30 p.m. A 'bus is arranged and details will be in next month's issue. Meantime please send your names to me or to Mrs Potter (College Farm). This year's theme is "Become Perfectly One". The Revd Mother will give the address and the singing will be by the Attleborough Choir and the Convent Choir.

J. Whitwham.

## AN HONOUR

In the recent New Year's Honours Lieut. Col. C.T. Shortis received the M.B.E. for meritorious service. Lieut Col. Shortis is the elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Shortis, Market Place.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS to John Howes who recently celebrated his 21st birthday.

HUMOUR From A.T.V. television: "Politicians are like bananas - they come green, they turn yellow, and they are never straight."

## NOTICES

The Parish Council will meet on February 3rd at 8 p.m. at the Doctor's house.

PUBLIC MEETING (1) February 4th at 10.30 a.m. PARISH ROOM

There will be a public meeting on the above date. The purpose of which is to discuss the future of the empty cottages on Chapel Hill. The Department of the Environment has appointed an inspector to be present. The public will be given an opportunity to state their objections for or against the proposed demolition of these cottages, which are the property of Mr Peter Stimpson.

PUBLIC MEETING (2) February 19th at 8 p.m. PARISH ROOM

The Banham and District Ratepayers Association have hired our village hall on the above date for a meeting dealing with the rating situation. Various speakers will be there and it is hoped that someone from the District Council and maybe from the County Council will speak. The Association hopes that as many interested people from New Buckenham ~~are~~ will attend and questions will be invited.

## ARE YOU SELF EMPLOYED ?

If so perhaps you feel aggrieved that you will soon be expected to pay a surcharge over and above your already expensive insurance.

Maybe you feel you are entirely without representation in the collective society. This is not so. A nationwide organization for the self employed has recently been formed. Already it has a very large membership. Your area representative is Mrs J. Ball, 169 North Walsham Road, Sprowston, Norwich. Tel: Norwich 46507. She will be pleased to give you further information.

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NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - APRIL 1975

OUR INSTITUTIONS - the Crown, Church and law are under pressure and sometimes under attack. The cost of the crown has recently been attacked by some politicians, and others who would not claim to be "republican" have been pressing for financial accountability. The law has been strained by the utterances of those in high places, in support of lawbreaking councillors and others. The Church is badly squeezed by inflation but this is not its worst enemy - its worst enemy is the apathy of some of its members and others of its supporters who purport to love it and want it to continue. I include not only the established church but all the free churches whose problems are much the same. When we think of the Church we must always be aware of its need for future supporters. I occasionally hear it said "What a pity there are no young people in Church" and it occurs to me that the people who make this observation never look in the chancel where there are a number of teenagers and young adults singing in the Choir. The fact that we, a small village, have a choir when larger neighbouring villages do not, is no accident. We are fortunate in having in Mr Burrows, a regular, good, organist and in Mrs Thomas a keen, patient, choir mistress.

Each Sunday morning the Vicarage is a hive of activity - our young Sunday School is here and the fact that we have a Sunday School when neighbouring parishes do not, is because of the long dedicated service of Miss Bird. I also want to praise the Mothers who make the effort to bring their children - and this often means a car journey. It is often said by those who want to "rationalize" the Church that Sunday Schools are old fashioned and of little value - but nothing which seeks to provide moral training for the young can be called valueless. The Methodists from their earliest days realized the importance of Sunday Schools and these were organized with vigour. Before we allow ourselves to be persuaded that what we do and stand for is out dated we must heed the words of the late Dean Inge who said "A Church that marries the spirit of the present will find herself a widow in the future".

So where is the apathy in New Buckenham? We have people who work hard to raise money for the village and for wider charities. We have people who interest themselves in the youth of the village such as the youth club and junior band - we have the bell ringing. All these people need your support, not always your monetary support, but always your moral support and your blessing.

INVALIDS We wish a complete recovery to Mr Silk who suffered a heart attack some weeks ago. He is reported to be doing well at home. Mr T. Shortis is still housebound - we send him our sincere good wishes, we miss his presence in Church and among us. Mrs Gray suffered an unfortunate accident at home some days ago, but is "soldiering on".

ARRIVALS Welcome to Mr and Mrs Ellingham who were married in this Church on August 3rd last year and have come to live in one of the Rookery Cottages.

MARRIAGE On March 15th. Cynthia Mallott to Derek Kemp. We wish them happiness together. They plan to live at Hepworth.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Harper who have recently celebrated their golden wedding.

OBITUARY At the time of going to press we have just heard of the death of Mr Reginald Robins. We extend our sympathy to Mrs Robins and the family.



## OBITUARY continued

Henry Herbert Howard died on March 7th aged 74. Mr Howard came to live and work in New Buckenham 22 years ago. Some 17 years ago he had a serious accident at work and from then on his health broke up and for the last few years he was an invalid. During the early part of his disablement he was able to live a fairly active life and attended to several gardens. For many years he was caretaker of the Parish Room. Mrs Howard has been his devoted nurse through all his illnesses and we extend to her our sympathy.

John Stimpson died on March 12th aged about 84. Although never resident in New Buckenham, as a one time local farmer he was well known in the village and district. He married first Elsie Westgate of Castle House, who died some years ago. An energetic man, he remained active to the end and visited people in New Buckenham a few days before he died - driving himself as always. He leaves a widow and son.

## CHURCH SERVICES

April 6th. Low Sunday. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
13th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
20th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
27th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

Sunday School on April 13th, 20th and 27th at the Vicarage. No Sunday school on April 6th.

ALTAR FLOWERS - April 6th Mrs Smith.  
" 13th, 20th and 27th. Mrs Tofts.  
Brasses - Mrs Leverett.

LESSON READERS April 6th. Dr Hamerton and Mr Saunders.  
13th. Mr L. Breeze.  
20th. Mr A. Hamerton and Mr E. Smith.  
27th. Mr L. Breeze and Mr K. Mace.

Hugh Whitwham. (Vicar)

## METHODIST CHURCH

April 6th.	Morning.	Supply.	Evening:	Rev. Blount.
13th.	"	Mr W. How.	"	Mrs Coggall.
20th.	"	Mrs Harvey.	"	Mr C. Davidson.
27th.	"	Mr Humphreys	"	At Old Buckenham.

## WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

April 1st. Miss Barnard will speak at Old Buckenham.  
15th. Members go to Long Stratton.  
22nd. There will be a service at Attleborough for the dedication of the Easter Offerings - these are gifts which are ear marked for Missions.

F. Potter

## PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Dinner of the Royal British Legion was well attended - over 100 members and friends were present. The catering was by Mr Baker of Harling - the bar was run by "The King's Head" and the entertainment was by Mr Benton. The event was held in the parish room.

E. Powell.

The Bell Ringers' Annual Dinner was held in the Parish Room. The catering and bar as above. The 70 members and friends present were entertained by hand bells - ringers were from St Michaels, Aylsham. Mr Nolan Golden (President) gave a talk.

W. Saunders.



### PER VILLAGE CONTEST

A quiz team from New Buckenham competed against Old Buckenham Wine Circle on March 13th in the Village Hall, Old Buckenham. This resulted in a win for Old Buckenham Wine circle. Everybody had a most enjoyable evening and much appreciated an interesting set of questions compiled by Mrs J. FitzPatrick.

Afterwards we enjoyed the hospitality provided by the Wine Circle.

V. Cowdery.

### WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This was held on Friday March 7th at the Carmelite Monastery, Quidenham - a fine service in which we all took part. The singing and readings were from booklets provided. We listened too. The message "Become perfectly one" was read by members of the Carmelite Monastery in several languages - such sweet voices and the choir sang so sweetly and delicately - a joy to listen to. This was the impression we all had. At the end we all sang the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest".  
Next Year this day of Prayer is to be on March 5th.

G. Hull.

### THE FLOWER FESTIVAL COFFEE EVENING

A profit of approximately £23 was made after expenses. The committee would wish to thank all those who came, those who sent cakes, produce, gifts, plants etc and those who donated money. We also thank Mrs R. Mackrell for her work in the kitchen and Mrs King and Miss Ada Bird for helping on the stall. Those present very much enjoyed the slides shown by Mr and Mrs Evans.

NEXT EVENT Dress Show on May 7th.

P.S. Thank you to Mr K. Mackrell for music and Mr P. Taylor for carrying crockery and table.

J. Whitwham.

### CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Whist Drives. April 3rd. King's Head, New Buckenham 7.45 p.m.  
11th. Bunwell Village Hall. 7.45 p.m.  
Bingo Drive - Parish Room, New Buckenham. April 23rd. 8 p.m.

TRIP TO LONDON There are still a few seats for the Coach trip to London on April 29th. We are making an early start at 7.30 a.m. to enable everybody to have as much time in London as possible. Anyone interested please contact the undersigned.

V.L.Cowdery, King Street Tel. New Buckenham 332.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

Next Meeting April 3rd in Parish Room. - Flower Demonstration.  
Prize Bingo: April 9th. Parish Room 7.45 p.m.

E. Powell.

### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Coffee Morning at Kenninghall Grange. April 17th.

M.Taylor (Bury's Hall) ~~and~~ R.N.L.I. Committee.

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## GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

April 2nd. Area Social at Watton.  
April 10th. Outing to Sudbury.  
17th. Birthday Party.  
23rd. Whist Drive at Hockham.  
Forward notice - May 29th. Sale.

Gwen Gray.

## PARISH ROOM FUND

On March 14th our Mr and Mrs contest made a profit of £15. We would like to thank everyone who took part in making this an enjoyable evening.

On April 6th we have a sponsored walk; we welcome young and old to join in. Will they please get a card from me. Tea will be provided on return.

April 25th we have a Cheese and Wine Party where we will be pleased to see everyone.

We have planned a 50-50 Clothes Mart on Saturday May 3rd. If you have clothes furniture or anything you wish to sell, we will be pleased to receive it. Please put your price on each article.

Forthcoming Dates Sunday April 6th. Sponsored Walk. 1.30 p.m.

May 25th. Cheese & Wine.  
3rd. Clothes Mart.

Jean Howling.

## INFORMATION CAT LOVERS. Please note.

Over the past few weeks a number of New Buckenham cats have disappeared without trace. All of the "known" cats were sleek and had good coats, thus one is led to assume that the cats are taken for their fur, and also that the takers know their cats. I am given to understand that the sum of about £1 is paid for a cat skin.

This is a particularly unpleasant facet of our modern life, as people love their pets and a lot of heartache is caused if they disappear especially if the pet belongs to one of our senior citizens living alone. PLEASE if you notice or know of anything suspicious do inform the police. They are most understanding and are only too pleased to know of any suspicious circumstances. Perhaps such information may seem trivial to us, and we say "It's none of my business" but it could be a tiny link in the chain of solving crime.

Elizabeth Barnes.

## WHAT IS THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN SECTION ?

This was formed in 1921. It is an organization of women with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother as President. It's aim is to promote the welfare and safeguard the interests of ex-service women and the widows children and dependents of those who have served in any of H.M. Forces. It also assists the Royal British Legion in raising funds for the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal.

Money raised by the Womens' section at Branch level is given to their National schemes which are Rest Homes, Flatlet Houses, Widows' Allowance fund and Welfare fund (to be continued).

E.Powell.

## BRECKLAND COUNCIL

Trees have been planted along the New Buckenham straight on the Common and near the Dambrig.

DON'T FORGET ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH CHURCH APRIL 1st IN THE VESTRY.



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CHURCH SERVICES:

May 4th. Matins and Litany 11 a.m.  
" 8th. Ascension Day - Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.  
11th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
Special Service 3 p.m.  
18th. WHITSUNDAY. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
25th. TRINITY SUNDAY. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at the Vicarage on May 8th, 11th 18th and 25th.  
No Sunday School on May 4th. Children may attend Matins.

CHOIR PRACTICE. Tuesdays 8 p.m. in the Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS. May 4th and 11th. The Misses Bird.  
May 18th and 25th. Mrs Whitham and Mrs Breeze.

BRASSES: Mrs Cooper.

LESSON READERS: May 4th. Dr Hamerton. Mr Smitherman.  
11th. Mr Steward. Mr Saunders.  
18th. Mr A. Hamerton. Mr E. Smith.  
25th. Mr N. Noyes-Lewis.

INVALIDS We send our good wishes for better health to Mrs Salt (Market Place), Mr. T. Shortis, Mrs Ernest Smith and Mr and Mrs Revell.

ARRIVALS We welcome to the village the new residents in Church Street (at Beagles Burrow).

BIRTH On Friday 11th April to Mr and Mrs David Gladden a daughter.

OBITUARY Mrs Martin - lately resident at St Mary's, Mr Robins as reported in last month's issue. Mr C. Hanner sends the following tribute:-

"I would like to pay tribute to one of my closest friends, the late Mr R.G. Robins. I found in him a very nice gentleman, one who was obliging in everyway. He had a smile and a joke for all his customers. Born in the village he is the last of our oldest tradesmen. He learnt his trade from his father, and was one of the best boot repairers around here for miles. He was a barber as well. When I first started work he made my first pair of boots and he was also the first to cut my hair. It did not matter what sort of job was taken to him, he would always have a go at it. Some things were in a bad state, i.e. horse harness, ladies handbags, pouffes, motor cyclists leather outfits and he would even patch up blacksmiths' bellows - all sewn by hand. He was the Verger in our church for many years. He, his wife and two sons were in the choir. He was a great lover of gardening. He took many prizes at the annual flower and vegetable show which used to be held in the Rookery grounds on August Bank Holiday. A keen athlete he ran at Norwich, Diss and Attleborough with Mr H. Titlow and Mr A. Murray who lived in the village. He left his business in the first world war to serve in the Royal Horse Artillery.

I had a nice talk with him in the morning of the day he was taken with his last illness. He will be greatly missed in our village and surrounding parishes".

SPECIAL SERVICE

May 11th at 3 p.m. The new Standard of the Royal British Legion will be dedicated. Preacher: W. Ives (Hon Chaplain to the Forces).

Hugh Whittham. Vicar.



## METHODIST CHURCH

### SERVICES:

May 4th.	Morning:	Mr Francis	Evening:	Mr Goodrum
11th.	"	Miss Taylor	"	Rev. Hughes.
18th.	"	Mr Gray.	"	Rev. Foster
25th.	"	Mr David Potts.	"	Sister Jacqueline

### WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

May 13th.	Mr Goodrum.	May 27th.	Rev. Hughes.
			F. Potter.

### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

Thursday May 1st. Monthly meeting in the Parish Room.  
The recent Bingo made a profit of £37.

E. Powell (Chairman)

#### DRESS SHOW IN AID OF FLOWER FESTIVAL FUND

May 7th at 7.30 p.m. in the Vicarage. Admission 50p. Coffee,  
Sherry, Raffle.  
Ladies and Mens' Wear by Rodney Williams of Attleborough.  
Please come and bring your husbands.

J. Whitwham.

### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Monthly meeting May 15th.  
Spring Sale May 29th at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Gwen Gray (Secretary)

### PARISH ROOM FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Cheese and Wine arranged for April 25th was cancelled for  
unavoidable reasons.

May 3rd. Clothes Mart: Good used Clothes (50-50) to  
Committee members: Mesdames Howling, Gedge, Mackrell and Smith.

J. Howling (Chairman)

### BANHAM AND DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

May 7th. Annual General Meeting, Banham Hall, 8 p.m.  
The Draw for the Spring Draw will take place at this occasion.

W. Lloyd Barnes.

### NEW BUCKENHAM PLAY GROUP

Saturday June 28th. Jumble Sale at Old Buckenham Church Hall  
at 2.30 p.m.

### HUMOR - and more about cats -

A horrid old lady from Wymondham  
Caught peoples pet pussies and skinned 'em  
She made lovely fur hats from the skins of the cats  
Then stewed 'em and sliced 'em and tinned 'em.

(East Anglian Magazine) L. Addison.



#### INFLATION PROOF

A correspondence reports spotting a sign outside a church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

"Jesus saves.....and at today's prices that's a miracle".

Sent in by V. Cowdery.

#### ARTICLES, APPRECIATION, NOTICES etc.

##### A letter from Mrs R. Robins.

On behalf of my son, family and myself I would like to thank most sincerely all neighbours and friends for the many kind messages of sympathy received during our recent bereavement. I also wish to thank all friends who visited him during his illness.

Flora Robins.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

Rest Homes Two are owned by the Womens' Section: "Quensmead" in Bridlington Yorkshire and "Glenthorne" in Dorset. These are open throughout the year and accommodate 44 guests at a time, for a period of two weeks. Those eligible to stay, free of charge, are the wives and widows of ex-servicemen - also ex-servicewomen and close dependents of both ex-service men and women.

Glenthorne Home is beautifully equipped, the sea breaks at the foot of the cliff at the end of the garden, where a private path leads to the foreshore. The grounds overlook Portland Harbour where H.M. Ships often lie at anchor.

Queensmead is on the front at Bridlington with a wonderful view of the bay. The shops and town are within easy walking distance.

E.Powell.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

May 5th. 8.15 p.m. Parish Room. All electors are entitled to attend.

W. Saunders.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING which took place on April 1st. The following is the full text of the Vicar's report:

During the last year our Church life has been sustained. The Accounts are in a reasonably healthy state. We have incurred some expense by taking timely action in having the roof repaired. We have also had the floors sealed. I would like to thank the many people who have helped with the work of the Church.

The Officers - these include the Wardens, Mr D. Steward, for his help as my warden and P.C.C. treasurer, also for his continued work and interest in the Churchyard - and I include with this Messrs Deeks, Self and Gedge. Mr W. Deeks for his work as peoples' warden and the many tasks he does for the Church and most particularly his regular attendance, he never misses a service.

Mr F. Smithman for so efficiently performing the work as P.C.C. Secretary. Mr C. Cowdrey for consenting to be vice-Chairman.

The Sidesmen, Our representatives on the Deanery Synod, Dr Hamerton and Mr W. Saunders.



I would also like to thank those who help me with the Spiritual work of the Church. Miss E. Bird for her untiring efforts with the Sunday School. This I consider a most important work. Mr Keith Mace for the immense help he gives me as my devoted Altar Server. Mr N. Noyes Lewis for assisting me at Christmas and Easter and deputising for me from time to time. All the Lesson readers - I am pleased that so many men and women do this. The Choir - Mr Burrows for his continued service as organist. Mrs Thomas for the interest she takes in the choir - and this has born fruit. Mr Saunders for teaching so many new recruits to the bell tower, and his continued work as vergier. Mr and Mrs Smith for arranging concerts. I now come to those who help with the money raising. The Flower Festival Committee, and here I make special mention of Mrs Bunn as the organising secretary. We have come to look upon the Flower Festival as a regular source of income, as well as an advertisement for our Church, Churchyard, and village. Mr Noyes-Lewis for arranging the 1974 Fete which brought us £130. Mr and Mrs Steward for last year's Wine & Cheese Party. Mrs Jean Howling for arranging a barbeque and my wife for the money raising events she has at the Vicarage.

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Some months ago it was put for future discussion: What can we do to increase the congregation on Sunday? The Church has been through good and bad attendances since the days when Churchgoing was compulsory. There was a mass exodus from the Church in the late 18th century when Methodism was beginning. Parson Woodford in an entry in his diary recalls going to Church on Christmas morning and finding only 25 souls to communicate. However the good parson brought some old and poor folk back to dinner at the Vicarage. Throughout it's history, the Church had an overall influence on morality and public thought. This in turn affected non church goers as well as church goers. The difference today is that the Church is retreating and the secular society is advancing. This is why church members must be prepared to give witness to their faith. It is important for church members to attend Services, encourage others to do so, and refrain from putting minor pleasures first. It is simply a question of discipline. The Church of England like all institutions and most people is suffering from money problems. P.C.C's will probably be asked to raise their Quota's. If you think our Quota is already too much, I must tell you that our Methodist brethren in this village have to find an annual sum of £248 and next year it will be £328. I would like you to take more interest in how the money is spent. Our Secretary has obtained fairly detailed accounts of the expenditure of the General Synod. We must always scrutinise the Diocesan accounts. I see no one has taken the information regarding the Church Commissioners income and expenditure in the Church.



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THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH is silent in these troubled times, so said the Rev. W. Ives, in his address to the Royal British Legion on May 11th. Not one Church leader has spoken on any of the present serious problems which afflict our country he said. And what of this month's referendum? It may interest you to know that I have recently received a circular letter signed by the Bishop of Leicester, Fr. T. Corbishley S.T. and Rev. Alan Booth. The letter was sponsored by many other Bishops and notable Christians and contained a memorandum which reads as follows:-

"Christians for Europe"

Is there a specifically Christian interest in Britain's membership of the European Community? We do not suggest that Christians are necessarily bound by their faith to be committed to supporting the continuation of Britain's membership of the community, but the following are some of the reasons why a number of individual Christians believe that they must do all they can to ensure it.

- (1) In a world increasingly given to judge on purely materialistic and economic grounds, it is important that ethical, spiritual, cultural and religious values should assume their due place. A Europe that can rediscover its historic vision is the best guarantee that this will happen. A larger Europe, in which each partner brings its own specific insights, will be better able to defend those cultural and spiritual values which, in the past, have been an inspiration to mankind and which can still influence men to realize that they do not live by bread alone.
- (2) A Europe striving to forget its past quarrels and united to meet the threats that face it today will also help to reunite the separated churches and restore that Christendom which broke apart in the 16th Century (if not earlier) as much because of political and social factors as because of purely theological considerations.
- (3) The Community has already overcome the age old hostilities in Western Europe which, in the past, led to destructive wars. It is surely a British responsibility to maintain this movement towards peace, and help to extend it throughout the whole of Europe and to a still larger world.
- (4) A continuing British presence concerned with social justice in Europe and inspired by a sense of responsibility towards the world beyond, can help to ensure that the community does not become a "rich man's club" but will serve the larger interests of mankind. "Christians for Europe" include men and women of many Churches and religious traditions united in a common conviction that the British people should be encouraged to realise the immense potential for good in the growing unity of Europe, and, consequently, the great loss to our country, the commonwealth and to the whole world that would ensue if we were to withdraw from the Community"

INVALIDS

Our best wishes for better health to Mrs Mary Revell who has recently undergone an operation. Also to those at St Mary's who are poorly.

Two of our young people who recently sustained accidents (Vincent Braine and Georgina Fisk) are soldiering on.

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Miss Christine Bowditch who has come to live at Hill House, Chapel Street and to Mr Jeremy Haywood at Hunts Farm.

BIRTH on May 21st to Mr and Mrs Johnson of Chapel Street - a Son.



OBITUARY on May 18th. Rupert Lionel Revell. Aged 71. We send our sincere sympathy to Mrs Revell, who is at present in hospital.

### CHURCH SERVICES

June 1st. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
8th. Holy Communion 8.30 am. Matins 11 a.m.  
15th. Childrens Matins followed by Holy Communion.  
22nd. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
29th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

Sunday School 10.15 a.m. at the Vicarage except June 15th.

ALTAR FLOWERS - June 1st & 8th. Mrs Tite.  
June 15th. Mrs Saunders.  
June 22nd & 29th. Mrs Steward.

BRASSES - The Girl Guides.

LESSON READERS - June 1st. Mr Hinrich and Mrs Braine.  
8th. Mrs Braine & Mr Smitherman.  
15th. Children.  
22nd. Mr Saunders and Mr. E. Smith.  
29th. Dr Hamerton and Mr Saunders.

Hugh Whitwham (Vicar).

### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

June 1st.	Morning	Rev. Hughes.	Evening: Mr Betts.
8th.	"	Supply	" Mr D. How.
15th.	"	Miss Beslee.	" Mr Ward.
22nd.	"	Mr Reeve.	" Rev. Hughes.
29th.	"	Mr T. Dunning.	" Mr Barker.

### WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

June 3rd. Circuit Rally at New Buckenham 3 p.m.  
10th. Meeting with members from Long Stratton 2.30 p.m.  
24th. at New Buckenham 2.45 p.m. Speaker Rev. Richardson from Tibenham.

F. Potter.

### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Flower Festival will take place on July 11th, 12th and 13th. There will be 62 positions. If any lady who has been asked to do an arrangement has any queries, please will she see Mrs Bunn.

THE DRESS SHOW which took place at the Vicarage on May 7th was well attended and brought a profit of approximately £45. Many thanks to those who came and those who helped. A very special thanks to the models. I am very grateful to the ladies who brought flower arrangements.

THE WINE AND CHEESE PARTY will take place at The Grange by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Steward. Please make a note in your diary for the evening of June 21st. Tickets 75p. are on sale at The Family Shop or from Committee members. Please come and make this evening the success it was last year. The tickets have not been increased in price in spite of the increase in the price of wine. Funds from all these occasions are to help cover the expenses of the Flower Festival.

The money raised at the Flower Festivals for the past two years has been very necessary to help the Church in these inflationary times. Recently the roof was repaired at a cost of £250 and we are awaiting a visit from the diocesan architect who may well find expensive trouble.

J. Whitwham.



## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The sponsored walk on Sunday April 13th made a profit of £60. Many thanks to all who walked and helped on the day - also to the sponsors. Our clothes mart on May 3rd made a profit of £48. A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Evans for giving us a slide show. All who attended had a very enjoyable evening. There was a profit of £5. There will be a dance on June 14th. We do hope a few people will attend. If you are unable to dance, you will enjoy the music and of course there is always the bar.

Saturday June 14th. Dance. 8 p.m. to Ted Holden & his Band.  
Wednesday June 11th. Bingo  
" " 25th. Bingo.

Jean Howling (Chairman)

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

The monthly meeting will take place on June 18th at the home of our branch president, Mrs Gilmour of Old Buckenham. The meeting will be in the evening at 7 p.m.

There will be a Whist Drive on June 13th at 7.30 p.m.

The County Rally at Cromer on June 15th.

Group meeting at Thetford on June 19th. 7.30 p.m. A coach will be arranged for those who need transport.

E.Powell (Chairman)

## GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Monthly meeting. June 19th.

Outing to Kings Lynn - June 17th. Depart 10 a.m. New Buckenham.

G. Gray (Secretary).

## BUCKENHAM GUIDES

The sale which took place in the Parish Room on May 17th brought a profit of £12 +. Many thanks to all who supported this effort.

L. Gedge.

## NEW BUCKENHAM PLAY GROUP

Saturday June 28th. Jumble Sale at Old Buckenham Church Hall at 2.30 p.m.

## NOTICES, ARTICLES, REPORTS ETC.

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on May 5th the Chairman praised the efforts of the Village Hall Committee for all the work they had put in during the year. I do not think it is generally realised how this has benefited the village.

By the efforts of Mrs Jean Howling, the Chairman, and her Committee they have not only raised enough money by various fund raising events, to modernise and greatly improve the Hall, but have also helped to turn a liability into an asset.

The upkeep of the Hall until recently has not been met by receipts from lettings but now that it is modernised the receipts have greatly increased and now show a profit over upkeep. This increased revenue, of course, helps the village with the financing of its other liabilities. I hope everybody will continue to support them in their efforts, as they still have ambitious plans to improve the Hall and to make it an even more attractive place to increase the receipts.

V.L.Cowdery (Parish Councillor).



### DAY TRIP TO LONDON ON APRIL 29th.

This was arranged by Mrs Cowdery and, at £1 per head return, was a very cheap outing in these days of high cost travel. Although the outing was to enable people to visit the Houses of Parliament, passengers were free to use the day as they pleased - to shop, visit other places of interest or visit friends. Those who availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting parliament and listening to the debates had tickets arranged for them.

J. Whitwham.

### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

#### FLATLET HOUSES

In 1963 a London property was converted into 12 flatlets to be let unfurnished to widows of ex-servicemen and to retired ex-service women. This successful venture was followed by the conversion of property in Southport and Belfast, in a similar manner, providing 22 more flatlets.

The three houses have gas fired central heating, electricity and constant hot water. All flatlets are wired for television and radio reception and an electric panel fire is fitted.

As well as bathroom, toilets and luggage storage cupboard, there is a separate locker for each tenant in which trade orders can be placed. In 1972 a purpose built block of 22 flats was erected at Haslemere, Surrey and was officially opened by H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and was named Castle of Mey House.

E. Powell.

### LATE NEWS:

At a recent meeting of the Flower Festival Committee it was decided that a TOMBOLA instead of the usual raffle will be held at the Cheese & Wine Party on the 21st June. If anyone would like to donate a small prize would they please contact either Mrs Tofts or Miss D. Penson.