

I should like to thank all those who have been, and are being, such a help and comfort to me at this present time of my husband's illness. Having spent three weeks resting at St Lukes Nursing Home, it was an unexpected blow for him to be taken ill a week after returning from London. I do not intend to mention any names, but I am indebted to those who have helped me to nurse, lift and move him - an impossible task for me to do alone. To those who have regularly visited him, allowing me to do my Christmas shopping. To those who have sent him food and other delicacies - things to interest him such as a television set. Also those who have moved and erected his bed. To those who have sent cards and messages.

Recently I asked one of our relatives if on her husband's retirement and their removal from the town where she had led such a full life and had so many interests - would she not miss her friends? Her reply was, "We never lose our friends because they never give us up - we may miss our acquaintances but we also find others". My husband, daughters and I are eternally grateful for the many kindnesses shown to us by our friends in New Buckenham.

### OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow that I record the death of our beloved Church Warden, Mr Walter Deeks. Having lived a long full life, he died quietly and without fuss on Christmas morning. When I visited him earlier in the week, he told me he was afraid he would not be well enough to attend the midnight service. As a Church Warden he was exemplary. He would not like to think of himself as being irreplaceable, as his love for the Church was such that he wanted it's work to continue.

It was a matter of regret to my husband that his illness prevented him from taking the funeral. Many years ago the father of the late Rev. Christopher Heigham officiated at the funeral of a loyal church warden, the father of one of my husband's friends, at the funeral service he said "This is the first time I have entered the Church without the support of my Church Warden by my side". What more can be said of a Church Warden.

Walter Deeks attended every service - weekdays and Sundays - most funerals, weddings, all meetings, money raising events and festive occasions. A plain spoken man, he said what was in his mind, and he meant what he said.

"Joy and woe are woven fine,  
A clothing for the soul divine;  
Under every grief and pine  
Runs a joy with silken twine."

William Blake.

### A tribute from Dr Hamerton.

We have all said goodbye to a very grand old man. Walter has served his Church as Chorister and Church Warden almost all his life and certainly ever since I have known him he has also served Christianity by being a link between the Chapel and the Church. He has served other people all his life as he always gave "a service". Either by carriers cart or Bus Driving and since retirement by helping others to get about. Always blunt and steadfast in his opinion, one always knew where one was with "Wally".

Barbara and "Taff" have lost a father and all his relations have lost a great "family man", but also we have all lost a very dear friend, and a man of whom New Buckenham is rightly proud. God Bless him.

### BIRTH

On December 16th to Jan and Alex Brown - a Son. Daniel George Charles.

## INVALIDS

Mrs Lily Howling has been unwell and unable to spend Christmas away as planned. We hope she will soon be better.

Mrs Shortis and Mr Tite have returned from hospital.

Miss Woodcraft is still in the Wayland Hospital.

Mr Clive Rush has recently been involved in a motor accident.

On going to press we understand he has returned from hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

## ARRIVALS

Mrs Sconce and Mrs Liversmore have recently arrived at St Mary's.  
Mr and Mrs Cross from Essex have come to live in Marsh Lane.

## THE MIDNIGHT SERVICE

This was almost a non-event. Canon Ullathorne who was booked to officiate was suddenly taken ill. After 1½ hours on the telephone and with the help of the Dean of Norwich and the Vicar of Wymondham, I was able to get Canon Sharman - formerly of Holy Trinity Norwich. Canon and Mrs Sharman spent 22 years as missionaries in the Sudan.

The collection of £16 was sent to the local branch of the Samaritans.

## THE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

January 2nd. 6.30 p.m.

This is a United Service. Please try and make the effort to attend as the Choir have put much thought and practice into this.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

My apologies to parents and children for the unannounced cancellation on December 19th. This was due to unavoidable causes. It is hoped to start Sunday School in mid January. The date will be announced.

Joan Whitwham.

## CHURCH SERVICES

January 2nd.	Matins 11 a.m.	Carol Service 6.30 p.m.
9th.	Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
16th.	Matins 11 a.m.	

The services will be somewhat reduced because of the Vicar's illness. Please read the notice board in the Church Porch. Advertised services will take place. We are grateful to visiting Clergy and laymen for the help they are giving at this time.

Will those who are prepared to read the Lessons in January please notify me in advance. We hope to prepare the usual list of readers starting as from February.

Will the ladies who are prepared to arrange the High Altar Flowers please send their names to Mrs Whitwham. There is a shortage of ladies for this task, so please take your turn. It doesn't matter if you are not expert or if you think you might be away when your turn arrives - you can always change with someone else. Newcomers we need you also.

## BRASSES

The above applies.

Donald Steward (Church Warden).

## APPRECIATION OF MR WALTER DEEKS by D. Steward

Walter Deeks will be greatly missed by all. He had many interests but I think his main one was our Church. As his fellow Church Warden I feel entitled to state that no one could have carried out his duty better and more conscientiously. He was the People's Warden for 10 years, and during that time very rarely missed a service. He was also a very ardent member of the Choir. His character was such that he was complete master of his own convictions which he did not mind expressing in a truly honest way and by this one knew exactly how one stood with him.

He was one of the original members of our British Legion Branch serving on the Committee for many years.

Of his sporting activities I think football was his favourite and it was only about a month ago that he attended a match at Carrow Road. He was so much part of this village - always prepared to help in any way.

### METHODIST NEWS

#### Morning Service

Jan.	2nd.	Miss Styles.	Carols at Parish Church.
	9th	Own arrangement	Rev. Webster
	16th.	Mr Sheldrake	Own Arrangement
	23rd	Own Arrangement	Rev. Grever
	30th.	Family Service (Mr Maloney)	Own Arrangement

#### Evening Service

### Womens' Fellowship

January 18th. 2.30. Rev. Webster.

£3.55 was sent to the Turkish Earthquake Disaster. This was collected at our Carol Service.

F. Potter.

### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Christmas Bazaar and Bingo A total profit of £147 was made. This was divided equally between Church, Chapel and Village Hall (£49 each). On behalf of these organisations I thank all who helped to achieve this result.

J. Howling.

### VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING

Bingos on January 5th and January 19th.

Last Bingo made £15.

J. Howling.

### THE LYRIAN SINGERS

The usual Christmas concert was much enjoyed by those who attended. Thank you to all who helped with refreshments.

The two Carols sung at the Vicarage for my husband's enjoyment did much to enliven his Christmas - particularly "Away in a Manger" sung to the original Basque tune.

J. Whitwham.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Next meeting January 12th (Second Wednesday in the month). Will members bring suggestions for the 1977 programme - including speakers, demonstrations, competitions etc.

Let us help those less fortunate than we are. Our motto is "Service not Self" and may we go forward into 1977 with loyalty, justice kindness and honesty.

E. Powell.

### GOOD COMPANIONS

No meeting in January.  
Dinner enjoyed by all. Happy New Year.

Gwen. Gray.

### CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Inter Branch Quiz. In the Quiz held at Grassmere, Diss on December 6th New Buckenham won against Roydon and have been drawn at home in the next round against Thetford.

The quiz has been fixed for Monday January 17th 1977 in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. We shall be very pleased to see anybody who would like to come along and support us.

V.L.Cowdery.

### PANTOMIME January 28th.

Bus leaves Market Place at 6.30 p.m. promptly.

M. Wright.

### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Once again we are indebted to Mr Taylor of Bury's Hall for our Christmas Tree. I did not think last year's could be surpassed but Mr Taylor and the Silver Band between them have given us the best ever.

This, with Derek Bowen putting up the Cross on the Church makes New Buckenham a subject for a real Christmas Card. How about it any good Cameraman.

R.A.M.Hamerton.

### RECIPE EASY FRUIT CAKE

12 ozs. Mixed Fruit.  
4 ozs Sugar.  
4 ozs Butter  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  pint Water  
1 Egg  
8 ozs Self Raising Flour.

Put fruit, water, sugar and butter in a pan and simmer slowly for 20 minutes. Leave to cool and then add egg and flour.

Bake in a moderate oven 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Doris Robinson.

FROM THE REV. GORDON WEBSTER, THE MANSE, ATTLEBOROUGH.

Dear Friends,

I have mixed feelings about writing this so soon after my last letter in the 'Parish News'. I am glad to greet you again, but very sorry that your Rector is still prevented through illness from fulfilling the tasks he loves so much. I speak for all at the Methodist Church in assuring Rev. Hugh Whitwham of our continuing prayers and very best wishes for a full recovery - and I am sure that goes for all others who read this.

We also feel deeply, as does the whole village, the sad loss of Mr. Walter Deeks, who died on Christmas Day. He was a loyal attendee at our evening services as well as being fully involved in the life of the Parish Church and the village. He was a friend to all, and will be greatly missed.

I am also sad to have to mention the death of Mr. Stanley Davey of Chattergate, Old Buckenham on January 20th. At the time of writing his Wife Barbara is seriously ill in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. They lived for some time in New Buckenham and were much loved and respected. Our prayers are for their family at this very sad and anxious time.

As I write, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being observed. The theme this year is "Enduring together in Hope". A leaflet on this theme has been prepared by Christians of the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland. It does not attempt to grapple with theological issues which divide the Church today - ministry, priesthood, differing interpretations of worship sacraments etc. Rather, it deals with the common experience we all have to face in life - sorrow, fear, doubt, suffering, loneliness.

All Christians, whatever their denominational differences, share a common faith in the Christ who gives us Himself. He offers joy, hope, trust and love sufficient for all our needs. When a Christian goes through troubled times, there is, or ought to be, a fund of Christian caring support and strength to bear him up which is stronger than anything else in the world.

Let me quote two passages from the leaflet, which I feel very apt:-

"God does not protect us against catastrophes. He is neither a lightning rod nor a breakwater. But he comes to our aid in catastrophes. It is in the very midst of the tempest and the misfortune that a wonderful zone of peace serenity and joy burst in on us - if we dwell in his grace. God does not help us before we have helped ourselves. God does not relieve us before we have explored our own strength.

But when we are at the end of our resources, when everything is going the worst, when everything is taking place as if he did not exist or could not do anything, at this moment he manifests himself, and we begin to know that he has been there all along.

We should not "Count on God" He is supremely free and unforseeable. But we should hope in him against all hope."

(from SUFFERING by Louis Everly)

"Beyond the mist and doubt of this uncertain day,  
I trust in thine eternal name,  
Beyond all charges still the same,  
and in that name I pray.  
Our restless intellect, and all things in its shade,  
But still to thee my spirit clings,  
Serene beyond all shaken things,  
And I am not afraid". Donald Hughes (Late Brother of Rev. H. Trevor Hughes)

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy in believing, that  
may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15 verse 13.

Sincerely yours.

Gordon Webster.

#### Methodist Services.

##### Morning.

Feb 6th Own arrangement.

" 13th Mr. Warne.

" 27th Rev. Coggle

##### Evening.

Rev. G. Webster.

Mr. Fitches.

Rev. Eddy.

(District Chairman).

#### Woman's Fellowship.

Feb 1st Members Afternoon.

" 15th

A donation in memory of Mr. W. Deeks has been given to the Parish Church.  
G. Webster.

#### Birth.

January 14th To Elizabeth and Paul Rutledge - a daughter Harriet.

#### Invalids.

The Rev. H. Whitwham. is making slow progress at the West Norwich Hospital. He wishes to thank all who visit and write to him. The many people who have sent fruit, flowers presents etc and begs to be forgiven for not writing in return. He is particularly grateful to those who have driven me to and fro on the occasions when I have not felt able to drive myself. Regarding the Church he has asked me to say this:

"He hopes the services will be held at the regular times, as the failure of this would interfere with the discipline of Church going. When the thorny problem of heating has been resolved he hopes the 8,30 services will be resumed. There are some who find this quiet service the only one they are able to attend. The late Mr. Walter Deeks regularly attended this service.

The Lady Chapel so dear to his and many of our hearts must not fall into disuse.

For seventeen years he has tried to persuade people to place the greater emphasis on the sacramental services. This does not mean he disregards the importance of other services and entirely agrees with our Bishop who in a recent edition of the Norwich Churchman, asked parishes to try and observe Evensong, even if it is held in a private house".

MRS. DORIS ROCHE (Corner Cottage) has spent three weeks in the Manchester Royal Infirmary, we hope the treatment she has received will improve her health.

PATRICK WINSER is home having spent a few days at the Norfolk & Norwich. We are pleased he is better and look forward to hearing his voice in the Choir.

MR MACDOUGAL (Haugh Road) has been unwell, but is said to be making progress.

MRS KATHY HOWLING is unwell, and staying with her daughter.

MR CHARLES EMMS has (through failing health) left his home to live at St Edmunds, Attleborough.

MISS WOODCRAFT is still at "The Wayland".

OBITUARY Since writing the editorial The Rev. Gordon Webster will have heard that Mrs Barbara Davey has died.

#### ARRIVALS

Mr and Mrs Darley have returned to New Buckenham and we extend a warm welcome to them and other arrivals.

MRS NEWTON (Marsh Lane)

and MRS WALLBANK (Marsh Lane)

and MRS R. COOKE who are temporarily staying at Hill House.

LESSON READERS' LIST "Where Art Thou" You were asked to be on Mr Steward's desk by January 25th !

Joan Whittham.

### CHURCH SERVICES

There will be a service each Sunday at 11 a.m. Will those who usually attend the 8.30 a.m. service please look at the list in the Church Porch. The times of Holy Communion will be listed.

Sunday School will commence on February 6th at the Vicarage unless otherwise announced.

BRASSES: Mrs Lincoln.

FLOWER & BRASS LISTS for 1977 are being arranged.

Donald Steward (Church Warden).

### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>Good Companions</u>	February 17th.	Meeting in Parish Room.
	February 9th.	Chiropodist.

Gwen Gray.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION.

There will be no meeting in February because of the Area Conference. Next meeting second Wednesday in March.

Ethel Powell.

### VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Our Committee would like to thank all for the support given in 1976. Our Bank Account is now £839.26. We should like to raise a little more money and then do further improvements. Our plans for 1977 include fortnightly Bingo's and:

April	3rd.	Sponsored Walk.
May	14th.	Clothes Mart.
Aug.	29th.	Combined Annual Fete.
Oct.	7th.	Harvest Supper.
Nov.	19th.	Joint Xmas Sale.

The Methodist Church is holding a Spring Flower Festival on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Will all who are willing to help please come forward.

Jean Howling.

### NOTICES etc.

Thank you to all in New Buckenham, Old Buckenham and Banham, who contributed to the Handbell Ringers Christmas collection. We were able to send £28 to the Church of England Childrens' Society.

There will be no Choir practice until Tuesday 1st March - due to the lack of heating in the Church.

Margaret Thomas.

### THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

A meeting is being held in the Village Hall on Monday, 7th February at 8 p.m. to discuss celebrations and the formation of a Committee. Please come and give your support and suggestions.

L.H.V. Breeze.

## INNS in NEW BUCKENHAM

From the 17th Century onwards the two main occupations at New Buckenham seem to have been tanning and innkeeping.

There were tanneries along Marsh Lane and the town ditch and at one time or another there were altogether ten inns within the parish, though never more than six or seven at any one time.

The oldest and largest was the BULL at the entrance to the town on the site of Beech Cottage, which lasted from before 1561 to after 1780. The WHITE HART, facing East at the North West corner of the green was established about 1600 and lasted until after 1676.

The LION across the road on the site of Lovell's shop was set up in 1599. It was later called the CROWN and then the WHITE HART and by 1750 had become a private house.

On the South side of the Green stood THE THREE FEATHERS, documented in 1634 and 1676-8 and next to it another CROWN which was an inn by 1718, but in 1782 became the parish workhouse. The original GEORGE which occupied much of the northern part of the Green lasted from about 1650 - 1877 when it was rebuilt on it's present site.

The SWAN, later called the STAR was near the West end of King Street on the South side from 1676 till after 1750. Opposite it by 1720 stood the BELL - later called the WHITE HORSE, it lasted until after 1864, it's bowling green being the present Market Garden.

The thatched cottages in Marsh Lane were the KING'S ARMS from before 1729 till after 1791.

By 1762 the BROAD GATE was established on the West side of the Green. By 1780 it had been renamed the KINGS HEAD.

Paul Rutledge.

## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Among the items discussed at the recent Council meeting was the report received from the judges of the Best Kept Village Competition. Having come fifth out of an entry of 24 I thought their report worth circulating to the Village in the hope that this year we can make an all out effort to once again win our section.

"Having won the competition last year against stiff opposition, it was almost asking too much for New Buckenham to come first again. Unfortunately for the village, its rivals last year made a special effort to overhaul it this year and were successful. The village again achieved a very high standard overall. The centre, including the main streets and the green were very tidy and well maintained. As usual, the churchyard was immaculate.

The side streets are slightly less well maintained and some improvement there would lift the village again.

The exterior of the hall and the small amount of land surrounding it were again very poor. It is apparent that the interior of the hall is good and the amenities have been improved. When the exterior reaches the same standard the hall will help the overall standard of the village instead of pulling it down as at present.

The judges query why the recreation ground on the common was omitted from the area to be judged. This should be included. The restoration of the market cross was in progress when the village was judged and the judges look forward to seeing the completion of this excellent project."

L. Breeze

(Chairman, Parish Council).

CLEVER DEVILS

We live, most happily, in the calm of the country but we are well aware of the violence and chaos of our time. Indeed even in our peace we feel occasional tremors of the world beyond through petty silly vandalism and ill behaviour neither in fun nor in high spirits. But it could be a great deal worse.

The barrier between civilisation and barbarism is thin and curiously brittle. How thin and how brittle recent years have revealed to us far too often. The most recent evil of Uganda and Idi Amin is in my ears as I write. Terrorism, political murder, Ulster and Ireland are constant reminders. The barrier can only be strengthened by humane education and the discipline which must accompany, and if necessary enforce it.

Arthur Wellesly, 1st Duke of Wellington, author of many pungent truths is reputed to have said that education without religion makes men only clever devils. We would do well indeed to ponder this thought today.

Frank Smitherman (Secretary, P.C.C.).

INVALIDS

Mr Fred Gilbert has recently been in hospital for an eye operation.

The Rev. Hugh Whitwham is progressing and is still at the West Norwich Hospital.

Mrs Gemmell, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Waldron and Mr Green have all been on "the sick list".

Mr Wilfred Saunders is awaiting a call to The R.A.F. Hospital, Ely.

Miss Ada Woodcraft has paid a fleeting visit to her home in Chapel Street.

DOOR CASUALTIES

Mr Charles Hanner and Mrs E. Powell have both suffered injuries when trying to open their doors - a reminder that there are more accidents in the home, than in industry or on the roads.

CONDOLENCE to Mr C. Mace who has lost his sister.

ARRIVALS Welcome to Mr and Mrs Norton of Marsh Lane and to Mrs Sage (St Marys)

BAPTISM The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Evans (The Rookery) was christened Iona Maria May. The Rev. David Napley officiated (Jan 23rd)

BURIAL Mrs May Scott of Stone Cottages died on Jan. 26th and was buried on January 31st. Aged 86 and a widow for 20 years she had been confined to her home because of failing health, and had been nursed by her son.

Joan Whitwham.

CHURCH SERVICES

There will be a service each Sunday at 11 a.m. Other services will be announced.

CHILDRENS SERVICE on Mothering Sunday - March 20th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at the Vicarage on March 6th, 13th and 27th.

CHOIR PRACTICE will recommence.

NO FLOWERS during LENT

BRASSES Mrs Howes and Mrs Cope.

## LESSON READERS

Mar 6th. Dr Hamerton and Mr Breeze (Gen.18 1-16) & Luke 15 11-end.  
Mar 13th. Mrs FitzPatrick & Mr E.Smith (Gen.17. 17-end) Luke 18  
1-14

20th. Childrens' Readings

27th. Vacant. Mr L.Breeze (Ex II 23-end Matt.20. 17-28  
Ex III 20-end)

All lists are displayed in the Church Porch.

Thank you to our Methodist friends for their donation in memory of the late Mr W. Deeks.

The HELP THE AGED Campaign did not "get" off the ground" but the Parish Church sent a donation of £5. If anyone would like to send a donation the address is Help the Aged, Hon.Treasurer, Barclays Bank Ltd, 45 Market Street, Wymondham or Queens Square, Attleborough.

The County Organiser expresses thanks to Mrs Kemp for the very fine knitted blanket.

Donald Steward (Church Warden).

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### Morning

March 6th. Rev. Webster  
13th. Mr Dye  
20th. Mr Gray  
27th. Mr D. Potts

### Evening

Mr Osborne  
Mr Davidson  
at Old Buckenham  
Mr Snaith

## WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

March 1st. Members Meeting.  
15th. do.  
29th. Mr Humphreys.

F . Potter.

## PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Royal British Legion Womens' Section

Monthly meeting in Village Hall - March 9th.

Group meeting March 30th. "How to Bone a Chicken" (Demonstration)

E.Powell (Chairman)

## GOOD COMPANIONS

March 9th. Chiropodist  
17th. Monthly meeting.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Evans for showing slides of the Village and of their holiday in Scotland.

Gwen Gray (Secretary)

## SOUTH NORFOLK CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting March 23rd (Wednesday) 7.45 in the Village Hall. This will be followed by a quiz against the Wine Circle 8.30 approx. Everybody welcome.

V. L. Cowdery (Secretary)

## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The February Bingos made a profit of £16.75. Thank you to those who gave prizes. This is a great help to us.

March Bingos. March 2nd. 16th and 30th.

Jean Howling (Chairman)

## WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 4th. at 7.30 p.m. Attleborough Methodist Church. 'Bus will leave the Vicarage at 6 45 p.m. Room for everybody.

Joan Whitwham.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on the 14th March at 8 p.m.

## SILVER JUBILEE

The meeting held on the 7th February to form a committee to organise celebrations for the Silver Jubilee was dissappointingly small. Only 22 people attended which included four or five couples (husbands and wives) thereby reducing the number of families represented to around the 15 mark. Noticeably absent were those families with children !

A committee has however been appointed and they are holding their first meeting on Wednesday 2nd March.

It is hoped everybody will contribute towards the funds and donations can be handed to myself or any committee member. Notices will be displayed in the Village.

The Parish Council had earlier ordered 100 mugs for the children and it was hoped this number could have been increased but unfortunately the District Council have already ordered their quota from the manufacturers and are unable to obtain any more.

L. Breeze (Chairman).

## ARTICLES, NOTICES etc.

### Bell Ringers tour of the Isle of Wight.

Did you miss the bells on Sunday February 20th. We were many miles away enjoying a weekend ringing tour of the Isle of Wight, organised by Nick Noyes-Lewis who now lives there. Despite the rough weather on Friday, which made the journey to Portsmouth and the ferry crossing to Wooton Creek rather trying, a good time was had by all. We stayed at the Christian Sailing Centre at Newport and after joining an excellent local band for their practice night at Gooshill, we were glad to turn into our bunks.

Saturday was fine, and after morning tea by courtesy of Chris Braine and breakfast cooked by John, we set off on our marathon. All the churches were beautifully kept, many of them small compared with our fine Norfolk Churches - with squat towers and mostly made of local stone. We had covered five of the ten towers by lunchtime and stopped for our picnic on Sandown front.

A slipping rope at Brading delayed us, and after two more towers we had to forego our tea break. Two eight bell towers at Newport and Carisbrooke completed the days ringing. We were then ready for our evening meal at the Centre. A short handbell session followed dinner. We then sought a hostelry for refreshment of a more potent kind!

On Sunday we joined Nick to ring at his "home" tower of Freshwater - a pleasant ring of six. We were made welcome by the local band. After morning service we went sightseeing visiting Freshwater Bay, the Needles and Nick's boat the Red Dragon. An excellent lunch was provided by Nick and Ruth at the Birgle in Yarmouth. All too soon it was time to board the Lymington ferry on homeward bound. We arrived back at New Buckenham in record time. We regret that Jim Scutts and of course Wilfred were not able to share the weekend with us.

Bellringing is a great fraternity. We were aware of this during our tour, when we depended on the Island ringers to make up the

numbers for various methods. We were greatly impressed by the Islanders high standard and the friendliness which was shown to us. One group followed us to several towers. Thanks to them, to Nick and Ruth and our Captain Wilfred who made this possible by teaching us to ring!

Margaret Thomas.

### HOSPITAL VISITING

For the past two months I have been a daily visitor to the West Norwich Hospital - seldom alone I hasten to add with gratitude to my companions. Hitherto hospital visiting has sent me wandering down "memory lane" but not any more. On the occasions when I have revisited the hospital of my training, I have been aware of the different "smells". They recall the association. The smell of laundry on the wards near the "steam house" - the smell of anaesthetic on the wards near the operating theatres. Wandering through the corridors of the private wing with the patients flowers stood outside for the night - the smell of lilac - a lingering smell bringing memories of happy useful years. But at the West Norwich, a sweet sickly smell, spelling anxiety.

Although the years have brought changes, ward life is basically the same. Much easier - those wonderful beds, raised, lowered and moved so easily. The disposable utensils - a boon to the nurses, but what cost to the National Health Service?

The wards are much cleaner; immaculate - this is the work of the many domestic ancillaries. Gone is the overburdened ward maid, obedient and civil to no-one... except Sister for the woman who held this responsible and rewarding post was "Queen" in her ward before Lord Salmon and his expensive committee relegated her to a number. Where is Matron? that exalted person can never be replaced by these faceless nursing officers. But oh! those uniforms.. how many nurses past and present join me in saying - "Come back cap and apron - all is forgiven"? The only time my photograph has appeared in a national newspaper was when I was photographed with one of Queen Charlotte's famous matrons. The reason I was chosen was because I had the correct uniform - white from cap to shoes. I spent much money and clothing coupons to obtain this. I even sent to the U.S.A. for the stockings .. only to find that others had not bothered, and one could identify their hospitals by the different uniforms. But now, like the American soldier G.I. (general issue) Most nurses are married and work a 40 hr week. Their life "outside" brings a greater understanding of their patients problems. I am sure they are much more human than those who lived a cloistered, protected life - where working and living were indivisible. There is still an atmosphere of "being busy". Is this an illusion? "I am sorry to trouble you when you are so busy". How often has this been said to the nurse who was about to retire to the kitchen for a cup of tea, or to the "loo" for that forbidden cigarette? For far too long have doctors and nurses fed on the adulation of their patients - without this they would be somewhat exposed. What of the patients? completely unchanged. They do not ask the reason why; they merely lie and do and die.

"Patient endurance attaineth to all things" (St Theresa) I wonder and I doubt. What changes if patients asked; "What medicines am I taking" - Explain my X-ray - Why do you want a blood sample? Poor unthanked laboratory staff - without these experts modern medicine would be impossible. "You are not a patient" I recently told my husband - "You are a Client" - but then I remembered that civil servants do not have clients. Although he has been offered a room to himself, my husband prefers the ward. It is a wonderful community he told me, and it is better to watch than to read.

Death, that relentless terminator of all living matter is a frequent visitor to medical wards. The facilities for dealing with it have improved. Curtaining is better than "screening". No longer does sister adjust the strings and bow to her cap, don her dark cloak and with funereal solemnity escort the corpse to the mortuary. This is a pity. When a patient dies both patients and visitors have lost a person they know and yet do not know.

Joan Whitwham.

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EASTER MESSAGE

The impression the Bible gives us of the resurrection of Jesus is not of a world shaking event, but of a series of quiet appearances (together with the coming of the Holy Spirit after the Ascension of Jesus) brought into being that body of people which has existed ever since... The Church.

It is the mission of each one of us to try and continue the work of spreading the Gospel, and the Word, for this is "Evangelism". Hearing this word we may have doubts, and perhaps think only of great rallies and of great audiences with stirring messages and many conversions. Most of us however, would be rather diffident to try this approach - but the quiet and less spectacular way is still open to us.

Evangelism for most of us is to share our own experience of God with others as we go about our daily lives. It is not simply (or even first) a matter of saying things, but of being wholly committed to Jesus ourselves. This involves us in the necessity of increasing our knowledge of God in prayer, searching for the direction of his will for us. The best teachers in the way of God are not the learned theorists, but those who are simply trying their best to walk along the way themselves.

Evangelism, then involves being and living in God and speaking of him and his love as much by what we are as by what we say. It is quite likely that this can lead us to the hill outside the city wall because such a way demands the willingness to sacrifice...but we have the Easter message too.. Christ who sacrificed himself for us and has risen from the dead and holds out the promise of eternal life to us.

H. Victor Woolston.  
(Licensed Lay Reader).

BIRTH On March 12th to David and Margaret Howe (Haugh Road) a daughter.

INVALIDS Those who are or have recently been unwell include: Mrs Frank Davy, Mrs Fisk, Mrs Kemp, senior, Mr Arnold and Mr Wilfred Mallott.

BRASSES Mrs Thomas.

PALMS on High Altar for Palm Sunday, April 3rd. Mrs Howes.

HIGH ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER DAY and April 17th. - Mrs E. Smith.  
do APRIL 24th and MAY 1st. - Mrs Tofts.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER

South Windows. Mrs Cope, Mrs Tofts, Mrs R. Cooper.

Lady Chapel Window. Mrs W. Saunders.

Lady Chapel Altar. Mrs Howes.

British Legion Shelf. Mrs FitzPatrick.

North Windows. Mrs Gray, Miss Ringer and Mrs Gladden.

Clowes Memorial Window: Mrs Hamerton.

PARTY. ALL proceeds are being given by Mrs Bartridge to the Silver Jubilee Fund, so please give your support. Raffles and Lucky Draw tickets.

## CHURCH SERVICES

April 3rd. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
GOOD FRIDAY. Matins an Ante Communion 11 a.m. Church will be open  
for private devotions between 12 mid-day and 3 p.m.  
after which decorations may be done.  
April 10th Easter Day. Holy Communion 8.30 p.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
17th. Matins 11 a.m.  
24th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
May 1st. Matins 11 a.m.

EASTER COMMUNION for those who through illness or infirmity are  
unable to attend Church: April 12th (Tuesday) 11 a.m. at St Mary's.

## LESSON READERS

April 3rd. PALM SUNDAY. Ex.II Dr Hamerton. Matt 26. Mr  
Smitherman.  
GOOD FRIDAY. LAM 8: 15-end. Mrs FitzPatrick.  
MARK 15. 21-41. Mrs Davison.  
April 10th. EASTER DAY. Exo.12 1-14. Mrs Braine.  
Rev.1. 4-18. Mr Stamp.  
17th. LOW SUNDAY Isa. 51. 1-16. Mr Saunders.  
Luke 24. 13-35. Mrs Braine.  
24th. Exo 16. 2-15. Mrs Davison.  
1 Cor. 15. 1-26 (Vacant)  
May 1st. Exo. 32 1-14 (30-End) Mrs FitzPatrick.  
1. COR. 15. 35-end.  
D.Steward, Church Warden.

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

This will take place on Tuesday April 5th. at 8 p.m. in THE CHURCH.  
All are invited to attend and those on the electoral roll will be able  
to vote.

The agenda is in the Church porch.

F.Smitherman.  
Secretary, F.C.C.

## METHODIST CHURCH

### Services

April 3rd.  
Easter Day  
April, 17th.  
April 24th.

### Morning

Mr. C. Davidson.  
Mr D. Potts.  
Own arrangement  
Mr Mayes

### Evening.

Rev. G. Webster  
Mr Goodrum  
Mr Dye  
Rev. T. Hughes.

## Womens' Fellowship

April 12th at 2.45 p.m. Mrs Cawston.  
April 26th. at 3 p.m. in Attleborough Chapel. Easter offering  
Dedication Service.

Thank you to Mr Hubert Saunders for making and giving the notices  
for the Chapel Gates.

F. Potter.

## NEW BUCKENHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

proceeds are being given by Mrs Eartridge to the Silver  
Jubilee Fund, so please give your support. Raffles and Lucky Draw  
tickets.

## AST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### METHODIST CHURCH SPRING AND JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL.

This has been arranged to take place on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The Attleborough Choir will be singing on Friday April 22nd - we welcome everyone at 7.30 p.m. Services on Sunday at 11.a.m.

Preacher Mr Mayes and at 6.30 p.m; Preacher, The Rev. Trevor Hughes.

We hope everyone will come and visit us. Tea and refreshments will be provided in the Schoolroom.

Plants will be on sale, we would welcome any cake or provision for our stall.

Jean Howling.

### VILLAGE HALL FUND

Our March Bingo's made a profit of £15. We are having our sponsored walk on April 3rd. A ten mile walk. Anyone who wishes to take part in the walk please get a card from me. Tea will be provided on return.

I hope everyone will sponsor the walkers - if only by a few pence.

APRIL BINGO'S Wednesday 13th and 27th.

Jean Howling.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

At the Royal British Legion Dinner Mr G. Fisk was presented with a Certificate for 25 years service as the Branch Standard Bearer. The presentation was made by Mr C. Burman (County President) other guests included Mrs Burman and Mr F. Poll - County Poppy Day Organiser.

In his speech Mr Poll referred to the rising costs and that we needed another 16% to equal our target of last year. On hearing this the Womens' Section handed over £5 from the collection of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pennies which they collect at monthly meetings.

Next Womens' Section meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13th. "Antiques".

E. Powell (Chairman) W.S.

The Rev. H. Whitwham offers a belated but no less sincere "thank you" to the R.B.L. for the present they gave him at Christmas time. He is proud to have twice served as Branch Chaplain.

### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Outing to Bury.	April 13th.	10 a.m. Old Buckenham.
EASTER SOCIAL.	April 20th.	2.30 p.m. at Attleborough.
WHIST DRIVE	April 27th.	2.30 p.m. at Great Hockham.
BIRTHDAY PARTY	April 21st.	6 p.m. We thank the Band for making this possible.
CHIROPODIST	April 6th.	

Gwen Gray. (Secretary)

### MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE IN THE PARISH CHURCH

All Sunday School children who were present took part in the service. Lessons were read by Jane Eagling, Diana McKernon and Marie Hales. The flowers were prepared as posies by children and parents and after being blessed were given to Mothers and friends by Catherine Hales, Holly Gedge and David McKernon. Collection was taken by Diana McKernon and Jane Eagling.

In his address the Rev. K. Matthews spoke of the influence of the Mother in the life of the child and said that many famous men owed their success to the influence of their Mothers.

Sunday School each Sunday 10.15 a.m. at the Vicarage. All

## THE WOMENS' DAY OF PRAYER

A year has passed since the 1976 Womens' World Day of Prayer.

A service that is interdominational meaning that the service is for Woman all over the world and all languages. This year on March 4th 1977 it was held in the Methodist Church in Attleborough. Each person given a programme and the service quite easy to follow. Hymns as well - no fumbling around for the hymn books. The evening was rounded off by a very fine address given by Mrs. Mayland, the Wife of one of our Ministers. We thank Mrs. Mayland most sincerely - refreshments were available afterwards.

Grace Hull.

## ARTICLES NOTICES ETC.

### THE CHURCH ELECTORIAL ROLL AND THE COMMUNICANTS' REGISTER.

There are 80 names on the Electoral Roll 86 names in the Communicants Register. The Church requires that a roll should be kept and the P.C.C. must appoint an officer so to do. Mrs. Powell is the appointed person, and when the roll has been revised it will be displayed in the Church Porch.

In order to be entered on the roll a person must be 17 years of age or over. He/She must be baptised and either reside in the Parish or regularly worship in the Parish Church. He/She must sign a form consenting to be on the roll. Confirmation is not necessary. There are 86 names in the communicants' register. The Church does not require such a register to be kept. The names do not include visitors, and are erased if the communicant fails to attend in 3 years. They are re-instated when the lapsed communicant decides to attend again. Regular Communicants total no more than six people. Irregular communicants total 80%. Feast Day (Christmas and Easter) communicants total 5% and the rest have attended one or more times in three years.

Joan Whitwham.

### PARISH COUNCIL and CIVIC NEWS.

New Buckenham Parish Council - the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 18th of April

The Annual General Parish meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th of May at 8. p.m.

### LEFT OVERS.

Shortage of space in the March issue prevented the conclusion of Mrs. Whitwham's thoughts on Hospital visiting - these concluded with a quotation from John Donne (1573-1631) metaphysical poet, preacher and one time Dean of St. Pauls.

"Any man's death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in mankind;  
and therefore never send to know for whom  
the bell tolls; It tolls for thee"

In the same issue Mrs. Robena Lovell wished to thank all who had collected and brought to her, milk tops, silver paper etc. She is willing to receive all such - and will send them away for the SPASTIC Society. Please bring your milk bottle tops and silver paper to Mrs. Lovell, Market Place.

L. Breeze.

### SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION FUND

Monday, 18th April at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. TUPPERWARE PARTY. ALL proceeds are being given by Mrs Eartridge to the Silver Jubilee Fund, so please give your support. Raffles and Lucky Draw tickets.