

"HALF WAY TO FAITH" is the title of a book written by Lord Eccles - peer of the realm - and formerly a Cabinet Minister.

The author thus travelled far along the road to Faith, <sup>by</sup> means of the various forms of ART. The Church has always used art as a means of communication.

The Church buildings, are in most cases, magnificent feats of architecture. Many of them are very old, and have withstood the ravages of time. The stained glass, seen in many Churches, some of it dating from the 11th century (Canterbury) and all depicting scenes from the Scriptures.

The murals and vestments, the colours blending into great pictures are visual interpretations. A regular worshipper in our parish church told me that the colour and white robes made him think of St John's description of Heaven in the book of Revelation.

Music is another means by which Faith is conveyed. Our early Church music was based on the Jewish synagogue chant. St Gregory the Great who lived in the 6th Century took the Jewish chant and enlarged it into plain song - hence the Gregorian chant. The Gregorian singers who are giving a concert on July 9th will sing this beautiful plain song. Your ancestors who worshipped in this church were familiar with this type of music.

The Church has inspired great composers to write it's music, among whom are Byrd, Tallis & Merbeck, all organists of Canterbury Cathedral. All organ scholars study Bach, Handel, Purcell and Gibbons as well as more modern composers.

Language is a form of art. The most beautiful language is found in Archbishop Cranmer's book of Common Prayer.

Flower arrangement is yet another form of art and one that gives pleasure to so many people. From July 9th - 11th a Festival of Flowers, Art and Music will be held in the Church. This is the fourth consecutive year we have held a Festival and I think it a remarkable achievement for a small village. We are all indebted to the Committee of women who spend hours of planning and working in order that "the show may go on". I sincerely hope, for their sakes, support and help from all quarters will be forthcoming.

#### INVALIDS

We send best wishes to all invalids. Mr Norman Arnold, who is in good spirits. Mrs Spaul of Haugh Road who is in hospital undergoing treatment for an arthritic disorder. Little Alison Rivett who, on going to print, is awaiting an operation (tonsils). We hope that when these notes are circulated she will be at home again.

BIRTH On June 3rd to Lorna and Peter Gedge - a son - Peter Alfred David.

ARRIVALS Welcome to Mr and Mrs Forman and son who have bought and are restoring one of the empty cottages in King Street!

#### OBITUARY

Mrs Ada Vout aged 95 died on June 8th. Mrs Vout and five generations of her family lived in the house in Marsh Lane. Latterly she lived with one of her daughters, Mrs Lincoln. Mrs Vout maintained her mental faculties and good eyesight until the end. Although she was unable to get out of late years, she was always busy with her needlework. She made a dress for her daughter only a few weeks before she died. She provided beautifully made childrens' clothes to be sold at village charities and she recovered the hassocks in the Lady Chapel. An appreciation in the then "Deanery News" resulted in a visit from local press photographers and a very fine photo appeared in the local paper. Her last years were eased by the care and attention of her daughters.



DR MARY THACKWELL aged 80 - died on June 17th. Dr Thackwell came to New Buckenham to live at St Mary's when it was first opened as a rest home for the elderly. She had led a full and interesting life. The daughter of a Norwich physician, she was one of the first medical students at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. She later became a doctor-missionary in southern India, where she later married. Colonel and Dr Thackwell returned to this country in 1930 and resided in Norwich. Dr Thackwell continued her medical work at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital until she and her husband retired to Southwold. Her last years were marred by a painful illness which she bore with calmness and fortitude.

MRS EVA E. BROWN aged 84 - died on June 29th. Mrs Brown came to live at St Mary's shortly after her husband died. She was an active communicant of the Church and supported many village activities and will be sadly missed.

"Rest eternal grant to them O Lord; and may light perpetual shine upon them".

#### CHURCH SERVICES

July 4th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
 11th. \* FLOWER FESTIVAL. Matins 11 a.m. Concert 7 p.m. see note.  
 18th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
 25th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

Please note there will be no early service on July 11th as arrangements will be on or near the Altars. For those who wish to make an early communion, there will be a celebration on July 5th at 8.15 a.m. (Monday) This is the occasion of the Clergy Chapter, so there should be a fair congregation, and all parishoners who wish, are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL No Sunday School on July 4th and 11th. Children please attend Church services on July 11th as the morning preacher will be the Diocesan Director of Education.

CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesdays 8 p.m. in the Church. Children, please make every effort to attend this as Mrs Thomas wishes to instruct and inform regarding the procession on July 9th. (Gregorian Singers)

ALTAR FLOWERS: July 4th. Mesdames Cooper and Lincoln.  
 11th. Flower Festival.  
 18th & 25th. Mrs Wright.  
 Aug. 1st. Mesdames Ecart and Spaul.

LESSON READERS July 4th. Mrs FitzPatrick.  
 11th. To be arranged.  
 18th. Mrs Braine & Mr E. Smith.  
 25th. Mr W. Saunders.

#### METHODIST SERVICES

H. WHITWHAM (Vicar)

##### Morning.

##### Evening

July 4th.	Mr Glasby	Rev. Blount.
11th.	Mrs Harvey	Rev. Webster
18th.	Supply	Mrs D. Coleman.
25th.	Mrs Wylie (Family Service)	Supply

#### Womens' Fellowship

July 6th. Mrs Overton. July 20th. Rev. Webster.  
 F. Potter.



## PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Flower Festival July 9th - 11th.

### Concerts in Church

Friday 9th. Schola Gregoriana (7.30 p.m.)  
Saturday 10th. Brian Davis (Harp) Margaret  
Linsey (Soprano & Readings)  
8 p.m.  
Sunday. Congregation and Church Choir.  
Community singing of Negro  
spirituals & well loved hymns.  
Organ music throughout the weekend.

### THEME OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The seven cardinal virtues and the seven deadly sins - to be  
in position by Thursday evening.

Painting and Sculpture by local artists.

Victoriana (Mrs Tofts).

Crafts, Pottery etc.

APPEAL Please will friends and members of the congregation assist us  
as before. We almost hesitate to ask for gifts in these hard times -  
we would however, much appreciate gifts of cakes, produce and biscuits  
etc for our cake and refreshment stalls. Plants are also very welcome.  
We plan to have an oddment stall and if you have any old china,  
ornaments, pottery, jewellery, secondhand books (good condition) All  
these would be very welcome. As we hope to attract many visitors  
from outside the Village, one of our committee members thought, as a  
token of appreciation we should give all female visitors a buttonhole,-  
so yet again we appeal for buttonholes or suitable flowers to be left  
at the Church each day during the festival.

Mr Smitherman is arranging a rota of Stewards - if anyone would  
like to assist and who has not been asked, please contact him -  
Telephone New Buckenham 388.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Joan Whitwham, Helen Bunn and Committee.

THE CHEESE AND WINE PARTY with DRESS SHOW which took place at Bury's  
Hall on June 5th made a profit of £57.42 Gross takings £107. 70.  
Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor for a most enjoyable evening. Thank  
you to those who attended and those who gave prizes.

THANK YOU to Mr Donald Steward for being C.O. road side signs;  
these are a splendid advertisement and we are grateful to be relieved  
of this part of the advertising.

Committee Members.

DON'T FORGET. The Rev. M.C.Burgell will be our preacher at  
Matins on July 11th. He is the Diocesan Director of Education.

Hugh Whitwham.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Womens' Section.

The July meeting is brought forward to June 29th and will take  
place at the home of our president, Mrs Gilmour, Park Farm, Old  
Buckenham.

E. Powell.



## GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

July 14th. CHIROPODIST.  
July 15th. Meeting at The Grange, New Buckenham.  
17th. Area Garden Party, Old Buckenham. Secondary School.  
21st. (Wednesday) Annual Outing to Great Yarmouth  
starting 9.15 a.m. Old Buckenham. Seats available.

Thank you to everyone who helped the Club to make £60 at our recent sale.

Gwen Gray.

## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Owing to the weather our mini-fete was cancelled and will now take place on July 17th. We hope for better weather on this date.

On Friday July 23rd we are holding a coffee evening in the hall. Mr and Mrs Evans will kindly show us some of their holiday slides. I do hope you will join us.

On August 7th We are holding a Cheese, Beer and Wine Party in Holly Lodge Garden by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Barnes - if w wet in the Village Hall.

Wednesday July 7th. BINGO.

Wednesday July 21st. BINGO.

Friday July 23rd. COFFEE EVENING.

Jean Howling.

## NOTICES:

Congratulations to Mrs Marion Casson who has gained an upper Second Class B.A. Hons. degree with special commendation for complementary studies.

It is the Committee's practice to publish all articles received but it is emphasised that such articles must be signed. If however the writer of any article wishes to remain anonymous this will be respected by the Committee.

If therefore the person who has sent an article for publication under the pseudonym "Observer" would care to hand in his or her name to a member of the Committee the article will be published next month.

## WORDS

Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs. Ch. 16 v: 24.

Words that beguile thee,  
And thy heart make glad.  
Out value truth,  
That makes thy temper sad.

Saadi (Persian Poet 1184-1291)

Words are like leaves  
And where they most abound  
Much fruit of sense beneath,  
is rarely found.

Alexander Pope.



## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - AUGUST 1976

\*Oh WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER FLOWER FESTIVAL ? This remark was heard from time to time, before the event. Or, on a more enthusiastic note - "Isn't it a good thing to have the flower festival each year? It really brings the Church to life" There is something rather sad about this statement. If the Church consists of living souls - it is alive. It should be seen and heard to be alive each Sunday as indeed was the case on Sunday Evening July 11th. I should like here to mention how happy we were to be united in praise and prayer with our Methodist friends and the Rev. A. Webster.

Our Archbishop told us to put God first, our neighbour second and ourselves last.

In an unequal world, we are all equal in one thing, that is none of us has more or less than 168 hours per week in which to live. Surely it is possible for the busiest Christian to spend one or two hours each week to attend to worship. To put our neighbour second means to endeavour to live according to christian precept and example, and to put ourselves last is to know perfect peace and perfect happiness.

I should like to thank the Flower Festival Committee for their hard work during and before the event. Each member was involved in her particular way, but Mrs Tofts was involved in a different way and her display was of great interest. I know the Committee would like me to thank Mrs Bunn, as the hardest work tends to fall on the Secretary's back. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Steward for entertaining the Cambridge Choir before and after the service - and to Mrs FitzPatrick for entertaining Mr Davis and Miss Lindsay.

I am extremely grateful to Mrs Taylor for the gift of those splendid candles, and for the Paschal Candle.

INVALIDS Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to little Catherine Hales who has a broken leg. We also remember Mr Shortis and Col. Thackwell - who is at present in a nursing home near Dereham.

We had gone to print early last month and so were unable to send our messages to Mark Winsor and friends who spent a short time in hospital following a motor accident.

CONDOLENCES to Mr George Fisk, who has lost his father.

ARRIVALS Welcome to Mr and Mrs Davidson who have come to live in the house next to the Church. Also to Col. & Mrs Eitel who are living at "The Foxes".

### CHURCH SERVICES

August 1st.	Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
8th.	Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.
15th	Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
22nd	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.
29th.	Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

No Sunday School and No Choir Practice during the month of August.

### FLOWERS FOR HIGH ALTAR

August 1st and 8th.	Mesdames Ecart and Spall
15th and 22nd.	Mrs D. Gladden
29th.	Miss D. Gladden.

BRASSES - Mrs Bunn.



## LESSON READERS

Aug. 1st.	JER: 31.	vv 27-34.	Acts 21 15-36.	Mr D. Steward
8th.	"	36. vv 1-26	Mrs Braine. Acts 35 1-12	Vacant.
15th.	"	38 vv 1-13	Acts 27 1-End.	Mr D. Steward
22nd	"	52 vv 1-11	Acts 28 11-End	Mr Hinrich.
29th.	EZE: 11	vv 14-20	Dr Hamerton. Luke 4 1-15	Mr. G. Hamerton.

Hugh Whitwham.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### Morning.

Aug. 1st.	Own Arrangement
8th.	Mr Reeve.
15th.	Own Arrangement
22nd.	Mr Gray
29th.	Own Arrangement

### Evening.

Rev. Webster
Own Arrangement
Mr Howe.
Own Arrangement
United at Old Buckenham.

## Womens' Fellowship

One meeting only. August 31st. Members' afternoon.

F. Potter.

## PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### NEW BUCKENHAM PLAYGROUP

Our open morning on June 10th made a welcome £28 and we are grateful to all who came. I hope they found their visit interesting. The blanket produced by our knit in has gone to the Chapel Road School for handicapped children, Attleborough.

Elizabeth Rutledge.

## GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

August 12th.	Outing. Water Gardens and Hunstanton.
19th.	Meeting at Old Buckenham. Service Bus.
25th.	Chiropodist.

Our members spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the garden at the Grange. We thank Mr and Mrs Steward who also provided a very nice tea for our July meeting.

Gwen. Gray.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

No meeting in August.

Thank you ladies for your help with the teas at the Flower Festival.

LOST 2 Orange plates !

Keep the used stamps coming in please.

Ethel Powell.

## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Our Bingo July 14th made £9. We would like to thank the New Buckenham Silver Band for making our barbecue an enjoyable evening; a profit of £20 was made - thanks to all helpers and supporters.

We are having a Cheese, Beer and Wine party on Saturday August 7th in the garden of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Barnes. Tickets 75p. We hope to meet you there - if wet we will be in the Village Hall.

Bingos August 4th and 18th.

Jean Howling.



## TOWER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The profit made at the Festival will be announced when Miss Bird has completed a balance sheet and when all accounts are settled. We extend grateful thanks to all who did such beautiful arrangements. Those who displayed painting, sculpture, pottery and drawings. Those who provided cakes and refreshments and the ladies who served tea and coffee. Those who made such attractive buttonholes - these were so much appreciated. The stewards, our visiting preacher, the visiting choir and soloists and our Church Choir. The visiting organists and our own organist and deputy organist. All who were involved in arranging and serving refreshments at the most successful bowls match. We are especially grateful to Mr and Mrs Whitehouse and the guides for lending and erecting the tent.

We would also like to thank the anonymous Church Member who started the Festival off with a gift of £10.

GRAND DRAW Total takings amounted to £95.

PRIZE WINNERS: £15. Mrs Derisley (Bunwell)  
£10 Mrs A. Ludkin.  
£ 5 Mr Veryard.  
Whisky: Mr Deeks; prize given by Mrs Taylor.  
Chicken: Mrs Gilmour; prize given by Mrs W.Green.  
Biscuits: Mrs Smitherman; prize given by Mrs Taylor.

Many thanks to those who gave prizes and to those who sold tickets - also the many people who bought tickets.

Joan Whitwham; Helen Bunn and Committee.

## THE VILLAGE FETE

Our annual village fete will take place on the Market Place on Monday August 30th. Mr Geoff Druett of Anglia T.V. has kindly accepted to open the afternoon for us at 2.30 p.m.

We shall be glad to accept all the usual provisions cakes, white elephant, jumble, plants, bottles etc for our usual stalls including foodstuffs for the teas organised by Margaret Wright and held at Holly Lodge by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Barnes.

We hope many helpers will be available on the afternoon and any new persons to kindly contact either Jean Howling or myself.

We have now started selling the Grand Raffle Tickets which will be drawn at the Country & Western dance in the Village Hall on the evening of the Fete.

The usual bowls drive will be held at 3 p.m.

Donald Steward.

Once again the Village Fete is not very far off. As usual I am asking for help in providing refreshments. If any one wishes me to collect cakes etc. I will do so or would you please deliver to Mrs Barnes of Holly Lodge. Mrs Barnes requests that you make clear that cakes delivered to her for refreshments and not for the cake stall.

Thank you all in anticipation.

Margaret Wright.

Lucie & Malcolm Addison are herding white elephants for their stall at the fete on August Bank Holiday Monday. Any they miss will be gratefully received at Rose Cottage.

L.A.



## NOTICES, ARTICLES, COMMENT etc

On Saturday June 26th New Buckenham Church Choir joined nine other Choirs from surrounding villages at Hethersett Church for a "Hymn Festival" in memory of Dr Heathcote Statham (late organist of Norwich Cathedral). This was enjoyed very much by about 150 choristers.

Several weeks of practice had gone into this, as a number of the 14 hymn tunes were not very well known, especially to our younger ones. After 1½ hours practice in the afternoon tea was provided on the Vicarage lawn. Later a procession from Hethersett School across the A.11 to the Church, where we were joined by a large congregation.

The only disappointment of the day was to see only two faces from New Buckenham in the congregation.

Margaret Wright.

## DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

Edward Stephen Markness was an American and a great admirer of this Country. In 1930 he set aside the sum of two million pounds, the interest from which was to be devoted to assisting Charities in Great Britain. The Pilgrim Trust as it was called, with wide discretionary powers, has donated many thousands of pounds to countless projects over the years. One of the most recent to benefit (to the extent of £875) being the Market Cross Trust of New Buckenham.

The Civic Amenities Act of 1967 placed on the County Council as planning authority, a duty in respect of historic buildings in conservation areas, to endeavour to restore an enhance them.

It was in this context that, to mark European Architectural Heritage Year in 1975, the Breckland District Council set aside £1000 towards the cost of restoring our Market Cross. As a further encouragement to local effort, the Department of the Environment, Historic Buildings Council, agreed to contribute an amount equal to that raised by other means towards the cost.

Thus £1000 plus £875 doubled, gave us £3,750 - a tidy sum but as it turned out, still some £500 short of the amount needed to pay for the essential extensive repairs being undertaken. Bearing in mind the Department's offer to "Double our Money" we really have to look for another £250.

This then is the extent of the appeal which is now being launched - to raise £250 - a local contribution, modest in relation to the total sum involved and surely well within our means.

A collecting box inviting contributions from visitors is now placed near the Market Cross each day, and small sums are being received. The main burden is, however, on us. Dr Hamerton, Mr Breeze, Mr Rutledge or I will be pleased to receive donations on behalf of the Trusts.

Please remember £1 from you is worth £2 towards the Cross.

Bill Silk.



## THE ENDOWMENTS AND GLEBE MEASURE

This Measure will be debated on the floor of the House of Commons in October. It has already been passed by the General Synod and has also been passed by the House of Lords.

Few people know what it is about, but briefly and to quote from a circular obtained from John Cordle M.P. Chairman of the Church Party in Parliament

"Benefactions of Endowment and Glebe given in times past - ancient and modern - to individual parishes will be alienated from them and the fruits distributed in ways not in accordance with the original covenants!"

### Against the Measure:

1. Diversionary powers to remove "excess" income from wealthy benefices already exist under the Pastoral Measure 1968.
2. It will not produce "new money". Any re-arrangement of existing money will put up the cost of administration.

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### Results from the Measure.

1. Parishes lose any right to have an incumbent.
2. The parson's "freehold" is destroyed when existing freeholders vacate their livings.
3. It will deter potential donors of capital sums of money as well as the testamentary bequests in favour of the Church.
4. It is likely to produce an even greater mobility of clergy than exists already. This will be detrimental to parishes and probably destroy the system altogether.

The General Synod that overwhelmingly passed the Measure, even though it had not been fully discussed at the lower synods have produced two pamphlets giving basic facts.

1. It is an overall strategy to maintain the Church of England's ministry nationwide.
2. The number of men in the ordained ministry is likely to fall from 12,000 to 11,000 in 1981.
3. The reasons laid down by the Synod for the necessity of this Measure is that a pooling of resources will attain both fairness and flexibility.

Many measures have preceded this: 1951 saw the pooling of endowments held by the Commissioners for particular benefices.

4. The ability to raise an income will no longer be the criterion for a parish to have its parson but the number of people on the electoral roll will gain importance in deciding the pastoral needs of a parish.

If you feel strongly either way, write to your M.P. My opinion is that any changes made in the parochial system should be tentative and not so designed that they become irreversible.

THE DROUGHT Some people may wonder why I don't pray for rain. Bearing in mind two old adages "It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good" and "One man's meat is another man's poison", I think the most appropriate prayer is the one I have used these last weeks. It is the Rogation Collect - "that God may send such seasonable weather that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth".



## THE VILLAGE FETE

I hope a report on this will have pride of place in next month's issue. There is little to be said here and now as coming at the end of the month as it does now, any reference to help required is too late to be useful.

CONDOLENCES to the Rev. Gordon Webster who has recently lost his father.

ARRIVALS Welcome to Mr and Mrs Ralph Mills and family who have come to live at St. Martin's Gardens.

DEPARTURE Mr and Mrs Bunn plan to leave the Family Shop in early September. We wish them happiness in their retirement at Hockham.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bunn for her work for the Church. Apart from being the energetic Secretary of the Flower Festival Committee, she has also helped and given her support in every way.

HOLY BAPTISM The infant son of Gordon and Gwen Ellingham was christened Michael Robert, on August 1st.

OBITUARY The Rt. Rev. Eric Cordingley M.B.E., Bishop of Thetford died on August 13th. (65 years). There will be a memorial service in Norwich Cathedral on September 10th at 4 p.m.

Although the Bishop had been gravely ill for some months - the nature of his illness was known to himself, his family and the clergy - he continued his work from his home until almost the end.

A caring Bishop for the Church and for his Clergy, he will be greatly missed. His war service which has been widely reported, is a measure of his courage, that together with his strong faith sustained him in his last illness.

Lieut. Col. Arthur Thackwell, M.C. died on August 8th. His funeral took place at St. Faith's Crematorium and was attended by Mr C. Cowdrey who represented his friends at the Parish Church.

Colonel Thackwell will be remembered for his forthright views and vigorous interest in life even at his advanced age (93). He made himself known to all he met in the village, and had the ability to bring his mind to bear on the many things around him. One of the first residents at St Mary's - and a regular communicant - we shall miss him.

## CHURCH SERVICES

September 5th.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.
12th.	Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
19th.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.
26th.	Childrens Matins.	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1st HARVEST THANKSGIVING. Evensong 7.30 p.m.  
Visiting Preacher.

Will ladies kindly decorate as usual please.

CHOIR PRACTICE recommences in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL starts on September 12th. 10.15 at The Vicarage.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

September 5th and 12th.	Mesdames Braine and Thomas.
19th.	Mrs A. Bailey.
26th.	Mrs Fisk.

BRASSES: Mrs Tite.



### SON READERS:

Sept. 5th. 1st Lesson: Mrs Braine Eze. 18 1-4 19-End.  
2nd Lesson: Vacant. Luke 4. 16-30.  
12th. 1st Lesson: Mrs FitzPatrick. Eze. 33. 1-11  
2nd Lesson: Mr E. Smith. Luke 6 20-38  
19th. 1st Lesson: Mr. L.Breeze. Eze. 33. 21-End.  
2nd Lesson: do. Luke 6. 39-End.  
26th. Children will read.

Hugh. Whitwham.

### METHODIST SERVICE

#### Womens' Fellowship

Wednesday September 15th. 2.45 p.m. at  
Old Buckenham.

Tuesday September 28th. 2.45 p.m. at New  
Buckenham. Speaker: Jim Francis.

### SERVICES

#### Morning.

#### Evening

Sept. 5th.	Supply.	Rev. Webster.
12th.	Mr Francis.	Mrs Coggle.
19th.	Mr Glasby.	Join with Old Buckenham for Harvest Festival.
26th.	Harvest Festival. Miss Taylor.	Rev. Grewer.

The Rev. Grewer is the new Circuit Superintendent.

F. Potter.

### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB.

September 9th. Outing to Lowestoft 10 a.m. Old Buckenham.  
15th. Whist Drive, Great Hockham 1.25. New Buckenham.  
16th. Meeting New Buckenham.  
28th. To Norwich. 9.15 a.m. New Buckenham. (Seats  
available to anyone).  
October 14th. Outing to Sudbury. 9 a.m. Old Buckenham.  
29th. SALE - 2.45 p.m.

WHIST DRIVE FOR GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB FUNDS OCTOBER 1st. BUNWELL

We thank Old Buckenham members for a lovely afternoon, also Mrs Daphne Gray, Old Buckenham, for her interesting news on bearing and deportment. Club funds benefited substantially by efforts of all members.

G. Gray.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

Septmber 2nd. Business Meeting, Village Hall.

E. Powell.

### VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Our Cheese and Wine Party made a profit of £9. We were pleased to welcome the few people who attended and hope they had a good evening.



Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Barnes for the use of their house and garden.

Our HARVEST SUPPER is on October 8th, we will be pleased to receive goods for the auction and will sell tickets at a later date.

Our Bingo made £12.

NEXT BINGOS: September 1st, 15th and 29th.

#### NOTICES etc.

Jean Howling.

We should like to thank all our customers and friends for their continued support during the past seven years. We have enjoyed our stay in New Buckenham and regret that the time has come when we feel we must take life a little easier. John and Jo Dottie will be taking over from us, and we trust you will continue to give them the same support you have given us.

Mr and Mrs Dottie are a young couple and though they have been living and working in London since their marriage, they are no strangers to East Anglia. They are both looking forward to coming to New Buckenham and living in the country again.

George & Helen Bunn.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 20th September at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

I am pleased to report the Cemetery has at last been tidied up except for one or two minor details, and I hope we can now keep it that way.

#### FOR THE SUNDAY ACHOOOL

Little Lamb.

Little Lamb who made thee ?  
Dost thou know who made thee ?  
Gave thee life and bid thee feed  
by the stream and o'er the mead.  
Gave the clothing of delight -  
Softest clothing; woolly, bright  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice  
Little Lamb who made thee -  
Dost thou know who made thee ?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little lamb I'll tell thee,  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a lamb.  
He is meek and he is kind,  
He became a little Child.  
I, a child and thee a lamb  
We are called by his name -  
Little lamb God Bless thee  
Little Lamb God Bless thee.

William Blake.

The Sunday School starts again on September 12th at the Vicarage. Miss Bird and Mrs Whitwham are pleased to welcome all children.

Miss Watney of the Diocesan Council for Sunday Schools has provided us with new materials and suggested new books.



## THE VILLAGE FETE.

At the time of writing the fete must now be 'stale news'.

Although 'Sunday is not everybody's money' our postponed day was blessed with lovely weather, and considering it was a Sunday was very well supported - the net profit being something over £500 - shared by Church, Chapel, and Village Hall.

It gave me such pleasure to work with such a united team, all of whom you could completely rely.

Our committee offer our most sincere thanks to all those who offered their services on the day.

Although there are so many to whom we are indebted, I must refer to four persons - Jean Howling and Daphne Mackrell, who did so much spade work before the day in selling raffle tickets, - in the pubs and at the Eye Sunday Market - neither of which could be called an enviable job. Also the Dance of August 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lloyd Barnes for lending their delightful house and garden for the teas. Last, but not least, Reggie Howling for all his work in connection with the cartage and advertisement signs etc.

Within a month we hope to have a accurate record of our accounts for everyone to see.

Lets hope that the weather is kinder to us for next Bank Holiday Monday and that we shall all be here to see it.

Donald Steward.

(Chairman of Fete Committee)

## INVALIDS.

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Mabel Wood (St. Mary's) who is in hospital having suffered a fall while at the home of her daughter.

## ARRIVALS. Welcome to:

Mr. and Mrs. Dothie (John and Jo) at the Family Shop.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robertson (George and Nancy) at the Post Office.

## DEPARTURES.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldis have left the Post Office, and are living at Attleborough. We wish them a happy retirement, after so many years in business.

## BIRTH on September 12th.

To Heather and Tony Holland, a daughter, Gillian.

## BAPTISM. on September 12th.

The infant Son of Peter and Lorna Gedge was Christened Peter Alfred David.

## MARRIAGE. on September 25th at Wrenningham.

Anthony Lincoln to Hazel Browne. Best wishes for their future happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS. to Leonard and Ruth Breeze on the anniversary of their Silver Wedding. September 22nd.

THANK YOU. to Mr. Donald Steward for his work in arranging the Village Fete. In an exceptionally dry Summer it was most disappointing that Bank Holiday was such a wet day, but as Mr. Steward has said, all was well in the end.



## CHURCH SERVICES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1st at 7.30 p.m. HARVEST THANKSGIVING.  
The Preacher will be the Rev. Ivan Bailey of Cringleford. Will ladies please decorate the Church as usual.

SUNDAY Oct. 3rd. Holy Communion 8.30. Matins 11 a.m. Methodist Church will join us.  
10th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
17th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
24th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
31st. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL each Sunday at the Vicarage 10.15 a.m.  
CHOIR PRACTICE. Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

## LESSON READERS

October 3rd. Eze. 36. 22-28. 34-36. Dr Hamerton.  
Luke 9. 46-End. Mr Smitherman.  
10th. Eze. 37. 15-End. Luke 10. 1-24. Mr D. Steward.  
17th. Dan. 3. 1-End. Mr Saunders.  
Luke 11. 37-End. Mr E. Smith.  
24th. Dan. 5. 1-End. Luke 12. 1-21. Mr Smitherman.  
31st. Dan. 6. 1-23. Dr Hamerton.  
Luke 12. 22-24. Mr L. Breeze.

## FLOWERS FOR HIGH ALTAR

October 3rd. & 10th. Mrs Gray.  
17th & 24th. Mrs Gedge.  
31st. Mrs Cope.

Hugh Whitwham (Vicar)

## METHODIST SERVICES

### Morning.

October 3rd. Unite with Church  
10th. Mr Osborn  
17th. Supply  
24th. Mr Reeve.  
31st. Mr Fitches

### Evening

Mr T. Dunning  
Rev. Grewer  
R.A.F. Lakenheath.  
Mr Mayhew.  
Mr Austen.

## Womens' Fellowship

Tuesday 12th October. Mrs Cawston.  
Wednesday 27th October. Ladies at Old Buckenham.

F. Potter.

## PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

A profit of £172.19 was made as a result of the Festival. After donating £10 each to the Methodist Church, Parish Hall Fund and British Legion the Flower Festival Committee have a balance of £213.61 in hand as a result of the year's activities.  
In addition Church collections during the Festival amounted to £54.84.

E. Bird (Treasurer).



### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

WHIST DRIVE booked for October 1st at Bunwell has been cancelled. Please watch for another date.

- October 4th. Area Church service at Watton.  
14th. Outing to Sudbury. 9 a.m. Old Buckenham.  
20th. Chiropodist. 9.15 a.m. New Buckenham (approx)  
21st. Club Meeting.  
29th. Sale 2.45 p.m. Parish Room.

G. Gray (Secretary).

### VILLAGE HALL FUND

Our Harvest Supper is on Friday October 8th. 7.30 p.m. Tickets are on sale. Adults £1.25. Children under 12 years. 70p.

We shall be very pleased to accept any item for the Auction. Furniture, Jams, Fruit, Flowers, Ornaments. Anything saleable. We will be pleased to pick these up on Thursday evening (October 7th).

Bingo on September 15th made £10.

October Bingos on Wednesday, 13th and 27th.

Jean Howling (Chairman)

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

Business meeting October 7th in the Parish Room.

October 10th. Dedication of Womens' Section Standard. Parish Church. 2.45 p.m. All members and others welcome.

E. Powell (Chairman).

### NOTICES, ARTICLES, ETC.

New Buckenham Silver Band Advance Notice.

November 6th. New Buckenham Silver Band Solo Contest 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

A.E. Bailey (Hon. Sec).

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Readers may like to know that the Parochial Church Council unanimously approved donations of £10 each to:

The Methodist Church.

The British Legion (New and Old Buckenham)

The Parish Hall.

as a mark of appreciation for the great help given to St Martins Flower Festival in July.

The Council was pleased to approve a donation of £10 from Church funds to the Market Cross Restoration Fund.

F. Smitherman (P.C.C. Secretary)

### NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 27th October at 8 p.m.

L. Breeze (Chairman)



## THE MARKET CROSS

The Trustees of the Market Cross are very grateful to the following for donations to the Fund.

Mr and Mrs Addison.

Mr W. Deeks.

\* The Flower Festival Committee  
for running a Whist Drive.

The Parochial Church Council.

Mr and Mrs Rutledge.

Mr and Mrs Steward.

and the many people who have contributed through the  
collection box.

Miss E. Dent (New Zealand)

Col. & Mrs Gemmell.

Mr & Mrs Gilchrist (lately of  
Market Cross House)

Pilgrim Trust.

Mr and Mrs Stamp.

Mrs Tofts.

R.A.M. Hamerton.

\* This has not yet taken place, but the Committee hope to arrange  
a date when advertised events are well over and when we can be  
joined by our friends from the surrounding villages.

J. Whitwham.

## FROM MR AND MRS ALDIS

Wilfred and Madeleine Aldis wish to thank Mr Steward and all  
their good friends for their generous gifts on their retirement. We  
have spent 38 happy years running the Post Office and will miss you  
very much, but we will only be a few miles away and will come to New  
Buckenham whenever we can find an excuse.

W. & M. Aldis.

## CHAPEL HILL COTTAGES.

Mrs Peter Stimpson has written to say that no decision has been  
taken regarding the above. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SOLD. She is still  
negotiating with the various bureaucracies.

## DAUGHTER OF NEW BUCKENHAM RESIDENT RETURNS.

Mrs William H. Good (Hewitt) her Husband Peter, their son and  
grandson Bill Barrett spent three days in mid september visiting New  
Buckenham and environs. Marion Hewitt was the daughter of Walter  
Hewitt, and granddaughter of Bisby Hewitt.

They were guests of Lucy and Malcolm Addison in Rose Cottage, where  
Walter Hewitt was born in 1882.

Eva Hewitt (deceased) a sister of Walter had sent a post card in  
1939 to Marion locating her father's birthplace. Only last year did  
Marion & Bill first visit the cottage. This year they returned to  
spend more time and show the village to Bill Barrett the great-great  
grandson of Bisby Hewitt. The Goods reside in Suffern and East  
Hampton, New York.

## RECI E. Unkneaded wholemeal Bread

1 lb Wholemeal Flour (White or Brown)

$\frac{1}{2}$  pint of water at blood heat.

1 heaped teaspoonful of salt

d. sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$  oz of Fresh yeast.

Method Mix yeast and sugar in small basin with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of water.  
Put in warm place for 10 mins. till it works or froths. Put the flour  
into a bowl with salt. Pour the yeasty liquid into it then the remains  
of the tepid water. Stir with a wooden spoon or hand. Grease 2 1lb  
tins half fill the tins with the mixture. Put into a warm place until  
mixture rises to fill the tins. (20 - 30 mins). Bake in hot oven for  
40 mins.



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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. St Matthew 18 vv 20.

It is often said today, that the burden of maintaining numerous parish churches is too much for the economy of the Church to bear, and the size and number of Churches are out of keeping with the small congregations. One therefore imagines that a church such as our parish church was, in the past, always full to capacity. I am sure this was not so. In the late Victorian age most people went to Church or Chapel. This habit was in keeping with the discipline of the age. It was also the age of rhetorical preachers and fine choirs.

In the early Victorian and Georgian age the Church of England was weak, and it was because of the apathy and lethargy of the Church that John Wesley formed his breakaway movement. At that time rich livings were offered to men of private means, leaving the poor scholars to fill the poor livings. A man would sometimes accept numerous livings and not be incumbent in any of them. He would put Curates to hold the livings and give them a small proportion of the stipend. They augmented this by teaching, many vicarages contained small schools.

A one time Vicar of New Buckenham, William Fison, lived chiefly in London leaving a Curate here. His great great grandson, an Australian physician, called at the Vicarage last year. He wanted to see the dates of William Fison's signature in the registers. This appeared on only three occasions.

The Norfolk diarist Parson Woodforde attended Church one Christmas morning to find only 25 Communicants present. The good parson was not discouraged, and invited the old and poor to Christmas dinner.

All through the ages, going back to Jewry, it was, as now, the remnant that kept the Church going. I am not writing this in order that those who do not attend Church regularly should feel comfortable - but that those who do attend regularly should not despair. Some people may prefer to attend fashionable well attended Churches, such as St Peter Mancroft, rather than their parish Church. These people are looking to be entertained rather than to worship. We must take encouragement from the prayer of St Chrysostom:

"Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting."

INVAIDS

Miss Ada Woodcraft is in hospital in Norwich - we send her best wishes.

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Telford who have come to live in Marsh Lane.

CHURCH SERVICES

November 7th.  
14th.

Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
Remembrance Sunday. Holy Comm. 8.30. Matins 11  
Citation at War Memorial 2.30. Parade Service  
at Old Buckenham.

21st. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30.  
28th. ADVENT. Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL each Sunday 10.15 at the Vicarage.

CHOIR PRACTICE each Tuesday in the Church (7.30 p.m.)

HIGH ALTAR FLOWERS: Nov. 7th & 14th. Mrs FitzPatrick.  
21st. Mrs Tofts.

No flowers during Advent.

BRASSES: Mrs Whitwham.

LESSON READERS.

	1st Lesson	Reader	2nd Lesson	Reader
Nov. 7th.	1 Macc. 2 1-22.	Mrs FitzPatrick.	Luke 12. 35-End	Vacant
14th.	do. 49-69	Vacant	Luke 13 18-End	Mrs Braine.
21st.	Ecclesiastes Chapter 11 & 12	Vacant	Hew 11 1-16	Vacant
28th.	Isa. 1. 1-20	Dr Hamerton.	Matt 24 1-28.	Mr Breeze

Will our readers please fill the vacant positions. Please get in touch with Mr Steward.

H. Whitwham (Vicar)

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

	<u>Morning.</u>	<u>Evening</u>
November 7th.	Rev. Webster.	Mr Ward
14th.	Mr Humphrys.	Mr Goodrum
21st.	Mr Gray,	Mr Harvey
28th.	Rev. Foster (Family)	Mr Talbot.

Womens' Fellowship

November 9th. Members Afternoon. Nov. 22nd Miss Barnard

Harvest Festival.

Collections and sale of produce amounted to £55.60. Thank you to those who helped us to realise this effort and to those who decorated.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Royal British Legion Womens' Section.

The laying up of the Old Standard and the dedication of the New Standard took place in the Parish Church on October 10th. The Rev. H. Whitwham performed the dedication. He was assisted by Mr K. Man. The branch Chaplain, Rev. H. Davis took the service and preached the sermon before a full congregation, including many County members.

The choir sang an anthem. Afterwards tea was provided in the Village Hall. The members are grateful to all who helped to make the occasion successful.

Nov. 4th. Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall.

Dec. 7th. in the evening (7.30 p.m.) Provisional date.  
Film of Rest Homes and Flatlets.

E. Powell (Chairman)

28th January 1977. PANTOMIME. All persons wishing to attend this event please give their names to either Mrs Margaret Wright or Mrs Jean Howling by the 1st December at the latest.



er 4th. NEW BUCKENHAM PLAYGROUP

We are holding a Coffee morning with a bring and buy stall at the Village Hall. 10 a.m.- 12 noon. All visitors very welcome.

Elizabeth Rutledge.

November 20th. at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Silver Band solo concert. All welcome.

A. Bailey (Hon. Sec.)

WHIST DRIVE IN AID OF MARKET CROSS RESTORATION.

Monday November 15th. 7.30. at the Vicarage. Good Prizes. Raffle, Refreshments. Everybody welcome. Tickets 15p.

E. Powell

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

November 17th. WHIST DRIVE, Great Hockham.

" " CHIROPODIST.

" 18th. Next meeting.

December 8th. Carol Party.

New Committee elected: Mr Ashton, Mrs Frost, Mrs J. Brown, Mrs Woodrow, Mrs Wright, Mrs Cowdery, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Gray, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Eames and Mrs Bailey.

G. Gray (Secretary).

VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Our Harvest Supper and Auction held on October 8th made a profit of £125. I would like to thank all my helpers who worked so hard to make this evening such a success. Also to thank everyone who came and those who gave for the auction.

Our Bingo on October 13th made a profit of £10.

Next Bingos. November 10th and 24th.

Jean Howling.

AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT BUNWELL CHURCH ON SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER at 6.30.

A service of hymn singing to commemorate the centenary of the hymn writers J. Dykes and S. Wesley. New Buckenham Church Choir will be joining Bunwell to sing. All welcome.

Margaret Thomas (Choir Mistress)

NOTICES, ARTICLES etc.

The full accounts of the Flower Festival have been completed and the balance sheet is displayed in the Church porch.

E. Bird (Treasurer)

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has one allotment to let at a rental of £2 per year. Applications should be sent to the Clerk, Mr W.G.Saunders, King Street on or before the 14th November.

Any complaints or other literature for discussion or action by the Council must be signed. If however the writer wishes to remain anonymous (except of course to the Council) this will be respected.

Neet meeting: Monday 22nd November at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

L.Breeze (Chairman).



November 25th.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION SALE & COFFEE MORNING. This will be held at The Grange, New Buckenham commencing at 10.30 a.m.

November 25th.

PUBLIC MEETING IN PARISH HALL at 10 a.m.  
3 - 8 Chapel Hill Cottages.

In a letter to the Department of the Environment Mrs Peter Stimpson requested an inquiry, and expressed her wish for the opportunity to be heard, as the decision taken by the Secretary of State is not acceptable to her. She feels it essential that the inquiry is held, as before, in the Village Hall, to give the local people the opportunity to appeal. She feels that the time has come for a firm decision and is in favour of demolition and a suitable new development in its place. She has asked that her views may be known, and circulated through the magazine, and hopes the meeting will be well attended.

Our readers might consider that in view of the increasing dereliction of the cottages, the impracticability of a bungalow site at the rear and the inability of the authorities to make up their minds, that a complete new development might solve the many problems that Mrs Stimpson has had to bear over the years, and at the same time provide suitable houses for old and new residents.

Joan Whitwham.

#### THE PETITION AGAINST MR THORSEN'S FILM.

This was duly sent to Lambeth Palace. A letter in reply states the Archbishop has received a great deal of support from the laity in this matter and is much encouraged.

Hugh Whitwham.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

These are fascinating reading. It was this time last year that Mrs William Good from New York paid her first visit to New Buckenham. A chance post card from an Aunt sent in 1939, made her interested in her father's birthplace - Rose Cottage - then three dwellings! On her first visit Mrs Good asked for the date of her father's birth and the dates of her Grandfather's birth and death. This presented a puzzle as her father and his younger brother and sisters used the surname Hewett. The older brother and sisters used the surname Symonds - as did her grandfather. Her great grandfather however, used the name Hewett-Symonds.

Tracing this family back into the 18th century provided me with an absorbing task and I spent many happy hours doing this - a welcome change from evening television. The names in the registers became alive and I could imagine them living here - I even decided how they all looked. I imagined James Hewett Symonds who married Eliza le-Fevre Richardson in 1832 - they both signed the register - unusual in those days - to be reasonably educated. However they came down in the world as none of their children could sign and Robert John (Bishy), Mrs Good's grandfather was a drover. Her great grandfather was a farmer. I imagined Eliza le-Fevre to be of Huguenot descent and the girls names favoured through the ages were Hortensia, Henrietta, Clarrissa, Adeline and Anne-Marie.

When I told Mrs Good her family was a humble one, and her father's home was probably very poor, she didn't think that mattered at all. Indeed it doesn't, for all families are old families, and all dead blood is blue.

Joan Whitwham.



NEW BUCKENHAM FETE: SEPTEMBER 5th 1976.

Buckenham Silver Band	4 - 50	Bottle Stall	44 - 33
Disco Music	12 - 00	Cake Stall	31 - 45
Hire of Marquee	22 - 50	Produce Stall	35 - 13
Loud Hailer	6 - 00	Plant Stall	15 - 59
Insurance	11 - 70	White Elephant Stall	53 - 04
Equipment: Teddy Bears	24 - 78	Jumble Stall	11 - 74
Advertising, Signwriting, Posters etc.,	26 - 10	<u>Sideshows</u>	
Provisions for teas	12 - 91	Matchboxes	7 - 05
" " dance	<u>6 - 97</u>	Straw Bales	10 - 41
Prizes: Competitions & Tombola	30 - 71	Fortune Teller	8 - 35
Dance: Raffle Books	15 - 57	Candiflows	11 - 05
" Prize Money	<u>30 - 00</u>	Bowling for pig	24 - 19
Dance: Hire of Band	65 - 00	Bean Bags	8 - 00
		Darts	9 - 00
		Bingo	15 - 30
		Money returned	<u>7 - 65</u>
		Tombola	85 - 00
		Children's Corner	7 - 05
<u>Profit on Fete</u>	563 - 79	Football (1)	12 - 81
		" (2)	<u>17 - 00</u>
		Teddy Bears	49 - 71
		Wheel of Fortune	25 - 70
		Sweet Stall	11 - 37
		Bowls Drive	10 - 00
		Raffles	58 - 30
		Teas	41 - 16
		Dance	115 - 00
		Dance Raffle	109 - 45
		Donations	<u>13 - 00</u>
	<u>£832 - 53</u>		<u>£832 - 53</u>
Cash at Bank B/Frwd Current a/c	10 - 03	Cheque paid: Chapel Fund	175 - 00
" " " " Deposit "	53 - 65	" " Church Fund	175 - 00
Profit on Fete	563 - 79	" " Parish R/Fund	175 - 00
Interest credited Deposit a/c	8 - 91	" " Market Cross Fund	50 - 00
	<u>£636 - 38</u>	Balance in Hand: Current a/c	5 - 82
		" " " Deposit a/c	<u>55 - 56</u>
			<u>£636 - 38</u>

Certified: V. L. Cowdery F. S. C. A.



## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - DECEMBER 1976

I am very happy to extend greetings once again on behalf of the Methodist Church. As this is the "Christmas" edition, may I wish you all peace and happiness as you prepare to celebrate once again the great feast of the Birth of Christ.

It is very difficult for me to get myself into the "mood" of Christmas in mid-November. I make the Parson's usual pleas about the way we celebrate this great festival - and I feel these are increasingly important these days:

1. Let our observance of Christmas be timely not doing it all before the event and pre-empting the Festival of its real significance. Nowadays Christmas shopping starts in September (or earlier) - parties, carols etc in early December. By the time the 25th comes we are exhausted with the whole business. What is more Advent slips by and we do not use it as it should be used - a time of careful spiritual preparation to receive the Christ child into our hearts anew.

2. Let our Christmas observance be fitting to the One whose Birthday it is. As a modern calypso carol puts it "When you're drinking all night at your Christmas ball, He didn't come here for that at all. He came down from heaven to set us free from all our sins for eternity".

3. Let our Christmas be modest. I see little sign of economic crisis and austerity in the way we are still being encouraged to spend, spend, spend. The lavish excesses of our modern Christmasses are a far cry from the austere hardship of the manger, the stable, the rough night ride on a donkey to escape from Herod. This Child came to free us from self-centredness and yet we are self-indulgent in the way we celebrate His birth.

4. Let our Christmas be a time of sharing. Sharing what we can with the lonely the hungry, the sad, the poor, the forgotten, for in as much as we do it to the least of these His brethren, we do it to Christ Himself and that is the best possible Birthday present we can ever give Him.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Webster.

N.B. Please remember and support the New Buckenham Christmas Fair on Saturday December 11th at 2.30 p.m.

### SERVICES IN METHODIST CHURCH

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 5th.	Rev. Coggle	Rev. Webster
12th.	Rev. Webster	Mr D. Coleman
19th.	Rev. Grewer	Mr Davidson.
		Carols with New Buckenham Band.
26th.	Own arrangement.	No service
January 2nd.	United with Parish Church for carols.	

### Womens' Fellowship December.

Tuesday. 7th at 2.30 p.m. Carols. Everybody welcome - Men & Women.

Wednesday 15th. at 2.45 p.m. At Old Buckenham - United with Baptist Church.

Gordon Webster.

### INVALIDS

The following parishoners are being treated in hospital:

Mrs Marna Shortis.

Mr George Tite.

Mr Greenwood (Stone Cottages) has recently been ill

Mrs Ella Mortimer (St Mary's)

Miss Ada Woodcraft.



We send best wishes to all invalids.

We send sincere sincere sympathy to Miss Herbert and Mr Bale, who have lost near relatives.

ARRIVALS Miss Claxton who was born and spent her early life in New Buckenham has returned to live at St Mary's.

DEPARTURE Mrs Curtis of Marsh Lane has left the village to live in Attleborough.

BIRTH on November 16th to Mr and Mrs Evans(The Rookery) a daughter.

THE CANDLESTICKS on the High Altar are the work of Mr Hubert Saunders.

#### CHURCH SERVICES

December 5th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

12th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

19th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST preceded by the Blessing of the Crib. This commences at 11.45 p.m. on December 24th.

December 26th. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

January 2nd. 1977. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

United with Methodists at Parish Church

6.30 p.m. Carol Service.

Will the ladies please decorate the Church as usual.

BRASSES Mrs Smith.

CHOIR PRACTICE each Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL on December 5th, 12th and 19th.

#### LESSON READERS

##### 1st Lesson

##### 2nd Lesson.

Dec. 5th. ISA.5. 1-16 Vacant. Matt.24. 19-End. Mr Smith,

12th. ISA 25. 1-9 Mrs Braine. Matt.25. 1-30 Mr Breeze.

19th. ISA 32 1-8 Vacant Matt,25. 31-End. Vacant

26th. Services on this day may be changed.

Will readers who wish to fill vacant places please inform the undersigned.

Donald Steward (Vicar's Warden).

#### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WHIST DRIVE A very successful Whist Drive was held by the Ladies Committee of the Flower Festival in aid of the Market Cross Fund. After a very good evening's play the total presented to the Fund was exactly £25. The Fund's Trustees are very grateful to the Ladies Committee and to the people who gave prizes and the generous persons who returned their prizes for auction.

R.A.M.Hamerton.

The Committee extends grateful thanks to Mrs Goffin, who sold so many tickets before the event.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

Wednesday December 1st at 7.30 p.m. Slides of Rest Homes & Flatlets. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Mrs Gilmour has resigned from the post of president. We express thanks for her services in the past. A new president will be elected at the next meeting.

E.Powell (Chairman)

#### FORWARD NOTICE

JANUARY 2nd. 6.30 p.m. PARISH CHURCH Christmas Carol Service. Please note the date & time in your diaries.

Margaret Thomas.



### PANIONS CLUB

December 8th. Christmas Carol Party at Great Hockham.

December 9th. Christmas Party. 5.45 p.m. Parish Room.

ANNUAL SALE IN OCTOBER Club funds benefitted by £130.31. Thank to everyone who helped in any way by giving - helping - or buying goods. The Committee is grateful to you all.

### OFFICERS OF THE CLUB.

President: Mrs D. Steward. Chairman: Mrs P. Chambers.  
Vice-Chairman: Mrs Frost. Treasurers: Mrs Cowdery.  
Secretary: Mrs Gwen Gray. Sick Visitors: Mrs F. Saunders (NB)  
Mrs Ashton (OB)

Mrs E. Woodrow in charge of refreshments.

G.Gray (Secretary)

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BINGO IN AID OF CHURCH, CHAPEL & VILLAGE HALL.

The Bingo on December 8th is being held in conjunction with a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 11th. We shall be very pleased to see you at both these events. We are having the usual stalls, and will be very pleased to accept cakes, groceries, plants, bottles and Christmas goods. Jumble or new goods. Please bring these to the hall on the morning of the sale.

Village Bingo: December 8th. 8 p.m.

Usual Bingo: December 22nd. The Bingo on Nov.10th made £8.50.

Jean Howling.

### LYRIAN SINGERS

The Choir will give a Christmas Concert in the Parish Church on December 12th at 8 p.m. As this is a Sunday evening, we hope for a large congregation. The congregational hymns will be well known as the New Buckenham Choir members have chosen them.

Joan Whitwham.

Those of us who attended Evensong at Bunwell Parish Church on November 21st appreciated the united service and the singing of the combined choirs. We felt very proud of Patrick Winsor and Dale Howe who sang the solo parts.

Joan Whitwham.

### NEW BUCKENHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. Inter-Branch Quiz.

In the first round New Buckenham were drawn away against Pulham St Mary. Due to the large number of branches entering the quiz there were a lot of byes in this round. This meant that the first round ties had to be decided very quickly, which did not allow much time to give prior notice to members, so that all branches could then take part in the second round.

New Buckenham narrowly beat Pulham St Mary and in the second round they have again been drawn away to Roydon. The provisional date for this is Monday December 6th at 8 p.m. to be held at Grasmere, Diss. If any members would like to come along we shall be glad of their support.

V.L.Cowdery.

### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

The result of the Coffee morning held at The Grange was a net profit of £300. Raffle Winners were: Miss Gilmour; M. Foulger; Mrs Byrne; Mrs Mackrell; Mrs Everington; Mrs Pilgrim; Mrs King; Mrs Muir; Mrs Green; Mrs Easton and G.Bailey.

The profit from the raffle was £83.30. Many thanks to Mrs Symonds who sold 155 books.



## NOTICES

Thank you to the following subscribers to the Market Cross Fund:-

Ministry of the Environment.

Mrs and Mrs Evans.

Mrs Ann Curtis.

Mr and Mrs T. Shortis.

A.T. Clowes & Son.

Mr and Mrs Silk.

Mrs Joan Jones.

R.A.M. Hamerton.

THE BOWLS CLUB would like to record their appreciation to Mr and Mrs Steward for having had the use of their lawn as a bowling green for over 40 years.

As the lawn may be used for building purposes, the Club have now to look for a new home. It is hoped that a plot can be found locally where a green can be built.

W. Saunders.

## POPPY DAY COLLECTION.

I would like to thank the ladies who did such good work selling poppies. Also the people who gave so generously. The results were:-

New Buckenham £30. 41.

Bunwell £62. 50.

Banham £56. 16.

Old Buckenham: £120. 74.

Carleton Rode: £ 54. 91.

The results include Church collections and the cost of wreaths.

Ida Steward - District Organiser.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting of the above will be held on Monday 13th December 1976 in the Parish Room at 8 p.m.

L. Breeze (Chairman).

It is noticed that children have been climbing on the wall of the West entrance to the Churchyard - causing a certain amount of damage which can be very expensive to repair.

In order to stop this practice would parents in the vicinity be good enough to do their best to discourage the children. It has also been noticed that certain children have been writing unseemly remarks in the Visitors' Book in the Church. Parents please note and reprimand the culprits.

Donald Steward - Vicar's Churchwarden.

Do we need a rubbish dump in the Cemetery? I have cleared three in the early stages of development. Could I suggest visitors take the dead flowers home or place them in a near the Dustbin by the first gate.

If anyone sees the gremlins on the Common would they tell them we do not need rubbish left there or broken milk bottles on the childrens' play area - or the litter bin damaged. Thank you.

Gwen Gray.