

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - JULY 1975

THE PARISH THAT CAME ALIVE This is the title of a little publication which was recently sent to me. I am reminded of my early days here, when, in conversation with an E.D.P. reporter, I spoke of New Buckenham as a dying village. This was put into newsprint and some of the people here were very upset about it.

I now refer to New Buckenham as a thriving little town - and it is. Because of the efforts of small groups of people, many events are organised, and a great deal of money is raised. However, the time will come, and shortly, when energy is spent, interest flags, and new ideas are absent..... what then?

The Church is the oldest building in the village; for over 700 years the people of the village have maintained it, endowed it, worshipped there, and lived within the shadow of the tower. The time has come, and I am sure not for the first time, when the Church people have to be asked - what is the Church for? There are over 80 people on the Church's electoral roll; this is a considerable number.

The fictional parish portrayed in the little publication found an answer which solved all its problems. The Church people (which in New Buckenham would include not only the 80 people on the electoral roll but others who have not taken steps to put themselves on the roll) decided to STEP FORWARD TOGETHER. This meant accepting the invitation of Jesus when he said "FOLLOW ME" - in fact it meant personal commitment.

Many people found this involved them in the work of the Church to a far greater extent than in the past. Not everyone is good at money raising. Many people have little money to spend. The work of the Church for the committed Christian is far greater than money raising. It embraces all aspects of caring - for the old, the sick, the lonely; also for young people with problems and for children. The talents which can be put to use are many and varied, e.g. musical, ability to teach, gardening and other forms of practical art. Many people say that without money raising events the community spirit of the Church would be lost; but what greater sense of community can there be than to meet each Sunday for to praise and for to pray? and what greater sense of community than to join together for the church's great and first service - the Holy Communion? What of the finance.... if every member on the Church's electoral roll decided to STEP FORWARD TOGETHER in the spirit of personal commitment to Christian Communion there would be no need for money ever to be mentioned.

INVALIDS

On going to print we have in hospital Mrs Ruth Noyes-Lewis and little Holly Gedge. Mr Lloyd-Barnes is making progress after undergoing an operation. Mr Cecil Cowdery is well again, having spent a few days in hospital, and Mrs Revell is convalescing in a nursing home. Other invalids include Mrs Muris, Mrs Salt (Market Place) Mr Silk and Mr Knappett. We send best wishes to all our invalids.

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Mrs S. Brown from Bunwell who has come to live at St Mary's.

GOOD LUCK to Mark Winsor who has joined the R.A.F.

CHURCH SERVICES

July 6th.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11.0 a.m.
7th.	Holy Communion 8.15. a.m. (Clergy Chaptor)
13th.	Festival of Flowers. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 7 p.m.
20th.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.
27th.	Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

DAY TRIP TO LONDON ON APRIL 29th.

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

J. Whitwham.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

FLATLET HOUSES

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

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

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

E. Powell.

LATE NEWS:

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

VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

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

Jean Howling (Chairman)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

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

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

The County Rally at Cromer on June 15th.

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

E.Powell (Chairman)

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Monthly meeting. June 19th.

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

G. Gray (Secretary).

BUCKENHAM GUIDES

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

L. Gedge.

NEW BUCKENHAM PLAY GROUP

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

NOTICES, ARTICLES, REPORTS ETC.

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

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

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

V.L.Cowdery (Parish Councillor).

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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

BRASSES - The Girl Guides.

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

Hugh Whitwham (Vicar).

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

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

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

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

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

J. Whitwham.

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WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

This used to be frequently said in order to encourage people to do that which they thought difficult; to encourage them to press on when times were hard - and to encourage them to find time to do that little extra task when there were so many excuses they could use.

During the recent flower festival, several people who were at the well attended services, told me how much they enjoyed the Church choir. The Choir sings every Sunday, and practises every Tuesday. Those who train it and those who sing in it, are mostly very busy people, who enjoy singing, especially when there is an appreciative congregation who can join in.

"I can't attend Church because I am preparing lunch at that time", how often have I heard that said in all my parishes. The wife of my Church Warden (in my previous parish) who was then in her late seventies and often entertained children and grandchildren on Sunday, and who was always at morning service, told me that in her opinion the traditional Sunday dinner was the easiest of all meals to prepare - it just needed a little forward planning.

"I have visitors" - another excuse. Well, bring them with you, or leave them at home. Where there's a will there's a way.

THANK YOU to the Flower Festival Committee - who have not received a personal letter of thanks. Your months of planning, arranging events to cover expenses, and your working out the theme and putting it into operation resulted in the opinion of many of our visitors, the best of our three Festivals. It is wonderful to have the Church the centre of our village activities, and the place where we meet our friends from the surrounding district.

INVALIDS

Mrs Hagan has recently been in hospital for surgical treatment. Mr Lloyd Barnes has had a set back, resulting in further hospital treatment.

Mr Green and Mr C. Hanner are at present on the sick list.

We send good wishes to all our invalids, including those who are housebound at St Mary's.

BIRTH To Angela Ibbetsen (nee Tofts) a third daughter.

CHURCH SERVICES

August 3rd.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.
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.

These services are subject to change.

No Sunday School during the month of August.

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 3rd and 10th.	Mrs Ecart and Mrs Spaul.
17th and 24th.	Mrs Taylor.
31st.	Miss Daphne Gladden.

LESSON READERS

Aug. 3rd.	1st Lesson 1 Sam. 3 1-end 41a	Vacant.
	2nd " Mark. 12 18 - end.	Vacant.
10th.	1st Lesson 1 Sam. 9 1 - 10.	Mr Mace.
	2nd Lesson Romans 1 - 25.	Mr Saunders

Although I know I have a hard task to live up to the former Chair (Nick) I have the greatest confidence in my hardworking committee.

Donald Steward (Chairman & Hon Sec.)

NOTICES, ARTICLES etc.

Banham & District Ratepayers Association Mr John MacGregor, M.P. will be the Speaker at a meeting at the Memorial Hall, Kenninghall at 7.30 p.m. on July 11th. Mr Rollings, County Councillor is also expected to be there.

W.Lloyd Barnes.

For Jam Makers

Would any of the Jam makers in the village care for some 1lb screw top jam or honey jars - if so call at Holly Lodge.

I. E. Barnes.

COLLECTION. The recent Red Cross collection undertaken by Mesdames Saunders and Whitwham amounted to £12.70. Thank you to all subscribers.

J. Whitwham.

WANTED A second hand portable typewriter. Please get in touch with Mrs Brenda Smith, The Willows, New Buckenham Road, Banham. Tel. New Buckenham 346.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION SCHEMES

The Widows allowance Fund was started in 1938 for the purpose of granting a weekly allowance to the Widows of ex-servicemen who are suffering very real hardship and unable to work because of old age, ill health or other physical causes. The standard allowance is 75p. per week for a limited number of widows, who must first have applied for a supplementary pension or state allowance, before an application can be made.

At the present time 550 widows are given this allowance and we must ensure that there is no widow of an ex-serviceman in our district who is lonely and in need of help. This applies to all classes of society.

E. Powell.

PARISH NEWS

The Committee is obliged to those who have donated to the running expenses of the magazine. Although we are indeed grateful to Mr L. Breeze for printing and to Mr Gledhill for the use of office equipment, the cost of paper, covers etc is constantly rising. We welcome articles, views, recipes, etc.

STOP PRESS

There are seats to spare for the Good Companions outing to Yarmouth on July 9th. Please see Secretary Mrs E. Gray.

On Sunday the preacher at Matins will be Sir Lincoln Ralphs, a distinguished educationalist and Methodist. It is a united service.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a bowls Match arranged by Mrs Jean Howling (2.30 p.m.)

We are very grateful to all those who have promised to do arrangements. We hope you will come and bring your friends. Coffee will be served from 11 a.m. each morning and tea in the afternoon. Mrs Powell will gratefully receive biscuits, scones, etc to help with the provision of refreshments.

J. Whitwham.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

This took place at The Grange on June 21st. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the many people who attended. The Committee extend thanks to those who came and those who sent donations. We are especially grateful to Mr and Mrs Steward for entertaining us at The Grange. The gross takings amounted to £116 approx. There are of course several expenses.

J. Whitwham.

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Annual Outing on July 9th. Departure from Old Buckenham at 9.30.

July 17th. Meeting at The Grange.

19th. Area Garden Party, Old Buckenham Secondary Modern School 2.15 p.m.

G. Gray.

PARISH ROOM FUND

The bingo on June 11th made a profit of £5. The dance planned was cancelled as so many activities were on at that time.

NEXT: Bingo July 16th and July 30th.

J. Howling.

PARISH OUTING

If anyone is interested in a Coach trip to Audley End on Sunday August 10th will they please contact me. The fare will be approx £1. There is a beautiful house and garden there, and a place for picnics or a restaurant if one needs.

Admission to the house is 25p. O.A.P. 10 p. and Children 10p. It is a lovely ride approximately 2 hours from here. 42 miles from London. For further details please enquire from undersigned. Let me have your names early so that I can book a guide to show us the house.

J. Howling.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

Next meeting July 3rd. Business Meeting.

The whist drive on June 13th made a profit of £12.15.

E. Powell.

ADVANCE NOTICE The Annual fete in support of Church, Chapel and Village Hall will be held on the Market Green on August Bank Holiday (August 28th) and will be opened by Mrs P.B.Gowing of Old Buckenham. There will be several added attractions together with a dance to proceed the fete - this will be held in the Parish Room 8 p.m. - 12 midnight. A main raffle; prizes £15, £10 and £5 will be started after the Flower Festival and will be drawn during the dance. It is hoped that everyone will endeavour to support the fete to the full and any helpers will be welcomed by the undernamed.

CHURCH SERVICES continued

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10.15 a.m. at the Vicarage on July 6th, 20th and 27th. There will be no Sunday School on Flowers Festival Sunday, but the children will attend Church to sing their hymn.

LESSON READERS

July 6th. Mr Donald Steward.

13th. Mrs FitzPatrick.

20th. Mr W. Saunders.

There are two vacant places on the rota for July 27th and also for August 3rd. Will lesson readers please fill in on the rota, which is in the Church porch.

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6th. Mrs Cooper & Mrs Lincoln.

13th. Flower Festival Committee (Mrs Taylor)

20 - 27th. Mrs Wright.

Aug. 3rd. Mrs Ecart and Mrs Spaul.

BRASSES. Mrs Taylor.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING This has been deferred until after the Festival. On Tuesday July 8th at 2.30 p.m. the Committee will meet in the Church to sweep, dust and clean brasses (Mrs Taylor will be on holiday). Please will any lady who is willing and able join them to help.

Hugh Whitwham.

METHODIST CHURCH

Womens' Fellowship

July 8th. The Speaker will be Mr Goodrum.

July 22nd. This will be a members afternoon.

Services

July 7th. Morning Mr Adcock. Evening Mrs Colman.

13th. " United with " Mr Chatten.
Parish Church at 11 a.m.

20th. " Mr J.W.Howe. " Mrs Blount.

27th. " Mr Tye. " Rev. Hughes.

This will be the Rev. Hughes last sermon in New Buckenham; he retires at the end of August.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Flower Festival.

This will take place on July 11th 12th and 13th. The Church will be open on those days from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be refreshments and stalls. (Cakes, produce and plants). Contributions to these will be gratefully received. The Committee is aware of the high cost of cake making and hope that as many people as possible will give a plain cake (not iced) or buns.

The Church will be open all day on Thursday for the arrangements to be done.

Our concert of local talent is on Friday, 11th at 7.30 p.m. The band concert includes an organ recital by Mr G. Burrows, Solo bass, Mr A. Wright; Solo Soprano, Mrs Hazel Jones; Musical arrangements for choir; musical arrangements for handbells, violin & organ and New Buckenham Silver Band.

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - SEPTEMBER 1975

As these notes are being prepared we are nearing the end of DOG DAYS. This description is given to the days of August and late July as it is the time when the dog star Sirius is traditionally supposed to rise and set with the sun. When we speak of dog days, we are generally not thinking of the canine major constellation, but of the dullness of the month. August and early September - or the "silly season" is so called not because people are on holiday and light-hearted, happy, and gay, but because newspapers are short of news and so indulge in trivial matters. The reason the newspapers are thin in August is because the agents of controversy and dissent - the meddlers in all matters - I refer of course to the Members of Parliament are on holiday. This causes Mr Bernard Levin and other lively journalists to rest their pens.

None-the-less calamitous events happen all through the year, to nations, to families and to individuals. August does not provide immunity from joy or sorrow. It was on August 4th 1914 the 1st World War was declared and the 2nd World War began on September 3rd 1939. These two terrible wars, beginning as they did in the "silly season" have indirect bearing on the sad condition in which the world finds itself today.

To end on a happier note - August 1975 in New Buckenham was marked by two happy occasions. The "Best Kept Village" sign was unveiled, thus justifying previous years of unrewarded work, and the annual bank holiday fete was a big success. Vast numbers of people attended and a record sum of money taken. (This was accounted by the committee's able treasurer, Mrs Violet Cowdery - who in due time will produce a balance sheet). All this when the Prime Minister tells us that as a country we are in serious financial difficulty. Before you receive your parish news you will have received a government publication which has cost a vast sum of money to produce - telling us how to help the country in these inflationary times! However, as to the proceeds of the fete, we are not complaining, we are happy for we, the Church, Chapel and Parish room are the beneficiaries, and in the name of all three I sincerely thank Mr Donald Steward, the Chairman and organising Secretary, and with his name I couple Mrs Jean Howling who organised the dance, and I also thank all their willing helpers.

CONDOLENCES to Mr George Fisk who has lost his Mother.

INVALIDS

Little Marcus Howes has broken his arm, but is reported to be doing well.

Mr Hinrich has injured his knee - we miss his presence in Church.

Mrs Holland has been unwell of late and Mr Lebbell, who was seriously ill earlier this year has suffered a set back.

Best wishes to all our invalids not forgetting those who are housebound at St Mary's.

DEPARTURES

Mr and Mrs Kirk have left the village to live in Attleborough. Mrs Kirk was an active member of our community, helping with the Sunday School and Parish room activities.

Mr and Mrs Thurston and family have left the village to live in Harleston.

Mrs Robins who has been away from the village since her husband's death, has settled at Swaffham.

Mrs Revell has left the village to live in Diss.

MARRIAGE on August 16th at Holt Parish Church. Roger Sydenham to Penelope Aubin. We wish them happiness in their future home - Beagle Burrows, New Buckenham.

(and sometimes the fringes beyond) and brighten their windows with gay curtains and flowers.

Let us all take a little credit, but say modestly, Mr Kegie was generous with commendations and we are grateful.

Bill Silk.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD

The presentation of the above by Lady Bacon will take place in front of the Market Cross at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th August. This will be followed in the evening by a Barbecue at 7.30 p.m. with Bingo and possibly one or two other attractions. If wet in the Village Hall.

ST MARTINS CHURCH

The bellringers went on a tour in June visiting six churches in Suffolk. We rang at Woolpit, Wetherden, Bacton and Mendlesham in the afternoon. We were then very hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs Tye and her helpers. After tea we rang at Wickham Skeith and Thornham Magna.

We were joined on our tour by ringers from Bunwell, Caston and Garboldisham and all agreed that this event was a complete success. The ringers presented Margaret Thomas with a pot plant as a token of their appreciation of her efforts in organising the outing. She was also responsible for arranging the music for the handbell ringing at the Flower Festival, which involved several hours of practise for the ringers. We hope that further enjoyable outings can be arranged.

W. Saunders.

A LETTER FROM MRS HAGON

I would like to thank everybody for their good wishes, gifts, cards and offers of help during my short spell in hospital. They were very much appreciated by all the family.

Ellen Hagon.

RECIPE Lemon Flan.

4 ozs. digestive biscuits. 2 ozs. butter; $\frac{1}{4}$ pint double cream (lightly whipped); 6 ozs condensed milk; 2 large lemons.

Crunch biscuits and add to melted butter - turn into 7" pie dish; bake in cool oven 8 mins. Mix cream, milk and grated lemon rind. Slowly beat in lemon juice. Put in pie dish - chill.

Felicity Whitwham.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION INDUSTRIES are at the Royal British Legion Village, Maidstone, Kent. The aim of the Industries is to provide rehabilitation and sheltered employment and where necessary suitable accommodation in the village for severely disabled ex-servicemen and their dependents who are handicapped by any of the following:

- (a) Diseases of the heart and lungs.
- (b) Certain psychiatric disorders
- (c) Other physical disabilities.

Rehabilitation is aimed at preparing each disabled person for sheltered employment in the Industries or if possible, for eventual transfer to open employment - they spend up to six hours a day at work, Sheltered employment is provided for those disabled persons who are able to complete a full working day but because of the severity of their disabilities are unable to compete in open employment. There are 68 places for single and over 100 houses for married people. Some of the goods made in the factory are leather items (including handbags), jewellery, baskets including trays, toys fancy goods and toilet soap.

E. Powell.

BUCKENHAM PLAY GROUP

The Jumble sale on the 28th June made £70.61p. and we have bought a climbing frame and slide. Our thanks to all who gave jumble or attended the sale.

Elizabeth Rutledge.

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

August 7th Mystery Tour - depart 10.a.m. N.Buckenham.
" 21st Meeting at O.Buckenham 2.30.p.m.

Names to Mrs.Gray for transport. G.Gray.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMANS' SECTION.

No meeting in August.

E.Powell.

VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE.

The Bingo, on July 16th made a profit of £7.00.
Next Bingo August 13th. on the Village Green.

J.Howling.

THE NEW BUCKENHAM BANK HOLIDAY FETE AUGUST 25th.

To be opened by Mrs. P.B. Gowing at 2.30 p.m. We would like to welcome all usual stallholders, and anyone else willing to help to kindly contact me. Mrs.Margaret Wright wishes for any gifts of food connected with the teas to be left at Mr. & Mrs. Barnes - Holly Lodge. The Country & Western Dance will be held at the Village Hall at 8 p.m. (after the fete) Music supplied by Kim Jackson & The Country Echoes. Tickets £1 including refreshments - licenced bar. These tickets will be limited, so please get your tickets from Mrs.Jean Howling in good time.

Donald Steward.

NOTICE, LETTERS, ARTICLES ETC.

The outing to Audley End booked for August 10th has been postponed until September 7th. Anyone interested please contact me.

J.Howling.

NEW BUCKENHAM NEAT & TIDY.

The Eastern Daily Press was taken to task in August 1962 for publishing an article in which New Buckenham was described as a "dying Village".

They can be forgiven again now for calling it a "small Village", (in fact by virtue of it's foundation and history it is a town) especially as Mr.James Kegie has awarded us their first prize for the "best kept" in the county. For "neatness and tidiness" New Buckenham "stood out above it's rivals" he said. Not bad for a community which was in a moribund state thirteen years ago!

How has this come about? First, it has retained much of it's original charm, and, centred on a spacious but compact green, the town is orderly, easy to manage, unpretentious and dignified. Aware of, but not dominated by it's magnificent Church, dwellings old and new, form a harmonious whole! and we who live here are conscious of this, not only our physical surroundings, but in our daily contact one with another. Much could be said and written about this, and it has a bearing on the "well-keptness" of the town. But, in our feelings of pride and pleasure, we must remember that, we owe our success as much to the devoted and hard-working members of the community who tend the green and the Church yard, as to the house proud families who cultivate their gardens

LESSON READERS continued.

Aug. 17th.	1st Lesson.	1 Sam. 16.	1-13	Mr Smitherman.
	2nd Lesson.	Romans 5	1-11	Mr Smitherman.
24th.	1st Lesson.	Deut. 18.	15-19	Mr Noyes-Lewis.
	2nd Lesson.	Matt. 10.	1-15	Mr Noyes-Lewis.
31st.	1st Lesson.	1 Sam. 18.	1-16	Mr Hinrich.
	2nd Lesson.	Romans 14.	1-15	Mr Steward.

Hugh Whitwham.

On the eve of his departure the Rev. Trevor Hughes has sent us the following message.

"I am glad to respond to the invitation to contribute a few lines before I leave this area. My Wife and I have had six very happy years in Attleborough, and it has been an added pleasure (though sometimes rather strenuous) to have had pastoral responsibility for ten villages as well. Yet it has been very worthwhile and contacts and friendships made in New Buckenham will not be forgotten.

One of the chief sources of pleasure has been the way in which Christians of different traditions have worked so well together in supporting each other, and the strong sense of community which I feel exists in New Buckenham. We are living at a difficult time economically and spiritually. It is easy to sigh for other days or to deplore the circumstances of today. The Christian must surely believe the words of Jesus Christ "In the world you will have trouble. But courage! The victory is mine; I have conquered the world". This was said just before the crucifixion when all must have seemed lost. And now millions give their allegiance to the Carpenter put to death in an obscure corner of the Roman Empire. We too must have faith to believe that "Jesus shall reign" and through His grace, go on maintaining our witness.

Thank you for your friendliness and goodwill, and every good wish to you all."

H. Trevor Hughes.

METHODIST SERVICES

Aug. 3rd.	Morning:	Mr Harvey.	Evening:	Own arrangements.
10th.	"	Mr Warne	"	To Attleborough for presentation to Rev. Hughes.
17th.	"	Mr Osborn.	"	Own arrangements.
24th.	"	Miss Styles.	"	"
31st.	"	Rev. Coggle.	"	"

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

August 5th.	Mrs Cawston from Wilby.
19th.	To be announced.

PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Flower Festival.

F. Potter.

The balance sheet is not yet ready but we think there will be a net profit of around £350. The gross sum will include all pre-events. The Committee plans to meet from time to time and we have discussed next year's programme for money raising.

We hope to Spring clean the Church when the Harvest Thanksgiving is over.

One of our members "floated" the idea of making kneelers and working tapestry in design for the tops. Has anyone any ideas about this.

Joan Whitwham: