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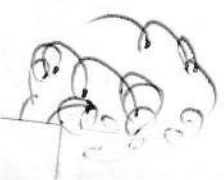
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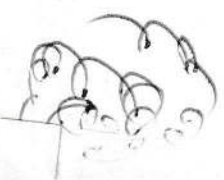
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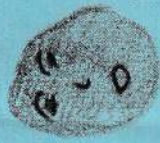
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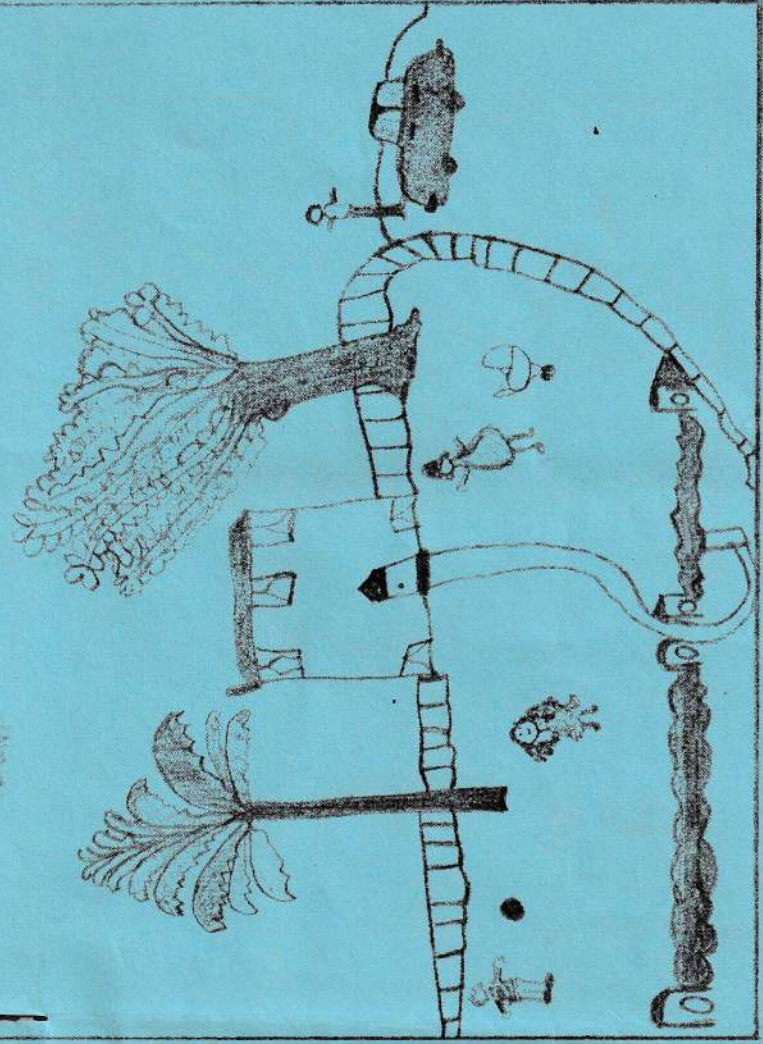






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My milkman, (who delivered promptly even in the worst of the winter snows - remember them?) assures me that my new chickens will soon settle down with the three established ones, after they have sorted out their pecking order. Rather like village life really, us newcomers ("furriners") finding a place in the life going on around us. If my hens settle in as happily as Alison and I have after our first year, then I should be getting loads of eggs.

The Year of the Child is still with us - the New Buckenham Players will be doing their bit in the form of a Hallowe'en Party for the children of the village. It promises to be a bumper event, so make a note in your diaries.

The Parish News in my opinion is still not really any voice in this village - I had hoped to help on a paper which discussed events and gave people the opportunity to moan a bit and air their feelings.





We have had some great articles, ditto poems, recipes etc. and I do not intend to detract from these when I say that the Parish Magazine is still lacking something. Perhaps it is an anachronism now - a collection of editors firing words out into the ether. I don't believe that because of the great financial support you have given. We need some comeback from you, or you will simply have a few pages of rambling editorial of this calibre each month!

I cannot believe that there is nothing worth writing about in the village, no opinions worth writing. Don't let us become a magazine clique - organise your resistance now and write us an article!

Last but by no means least, the Committee would like to thank Ronnie Partridge for stepping into the breach and typing the last two issues of the Mag. while Anita was away - much appreciated Ronnie.

John Underwood.

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

|              |                   |                                 |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7th October  | - Morning Evening | - Mrs. Overton - Mr. P. Fitches |
| 14th October | - Morning Evening | - Rev. Coggle - Mr. Chaplin     |
| 21st October | - Morning Evening | - Own arrangement - Miss Styles |
| 28th October | - Morning Evening | - Mrs. Wyllie - Mr. Rogers      |

#### Women's Fellowship

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Tuesday, 9th October  | - Mrs. Cawston and the ladies from Hargham Road Chapel. |
| Tuesday, 23rd October | - Mrs. Botwright  |

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

One people are needed to help with these throughout the year and especially at Festivals. If anyone is interested please let me know.

J. Whitwham.

#### MARRIAGES

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| August 10th    | - Gillian Mary Sapsford to Allan Fraser Taylor. Gill and Allan will live in Singapore for the next two years. |
| September 1st  | - Christine Joy Howard to Kim Arthur Downes.  |
| September 15th | - Angela Jean Howling to Nigel Douglas Warnes.  |

#### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Eames who have recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding.

#### ARRIVALS

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Buxton and family at The Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Kerrison at St. Mary's and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and family at The Doctor's House.

#### MOVES IN THE VILLAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Steward and Dr. and Mrs. Hamerton have moved to new houses in the village - we wish them much happiness.

#### TEMPORARY DEPARTURE

Mrs. Waldron is at present in a Residential Home at Watton. She hopes to return to her home in New Buckenham in due course.



Mr. Norman Spencer has moved to Spooner Row. His interest in and work for the village has been much appreciated. We hope the short distance which separates him from New Buckenham will mean that he will be able to continue with some of his activities here.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Lovell is deeply grateful for all her presents bouquets, and cards which she has received and is still receiving. She repeats her invitation for all friends to visit her at her new address. She will be in the village from time to time.

DEATH

Flora Robins (Widow) late of this Parish.  
BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1979 -  
Comments on New Buckenham

Position: In middle third from total of 27. Very good but spoiled by Village Hall. Incredibly high level of maintenance of churchyard. Exceptionally well furnished pump - buttercross and trees in good order.

(Signed) J.M. Shaw  
County Planning Officer

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting to be held on 23rd October 1979.  
CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Whist Drive - Bunwell Village Hall, Friday,  
12th October.  
Quiz - Aslacton, Wednesday, 24th October, 8.00 p.m.

V. Cowdery.  
Secretary

I think it was generally agreed that this year's annual traditional fete not only achieved a record in attendance but also retained the goodwill and support from the whole village and its countryside. There was a wonderful team spirit amongst all the workers and with the help of "youth" we were able to produce new attractions.

The Tug of War contest, for which we purchased a Challenge Cup and a first class rope, brought in five contestants - Ketteringham beating New Buckenham in a splendid final. I think this could build up to something 'big' in the future.

Of the new innovations, "Drench the Wench" and the bookstall were the most outstanding - the former bringing in £27.00 and the latter £66.00.

As there were over thirty two stalls and sideshows, it is impossible to obtain the space to show each person's takings but I should mention the White Elephant stall which produced the remarkable sum of £156.

At the time of writing small amounts of money keep dribbling in, but I can safely state that there will be a share out of over £900.00, still leaving an approximate reserve sum of £60 on deposit for next year.

In conclusion, I'm sure we would all like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barnes for lending their house and garden for Margaret Wright and helpers' excellent cream teas which were so much appreciated and last but not least my Co-partners, Norman Spencer and Dennis Bailey for all their support, and to Mrs. Violet Cowdery for her excellent accountancy.

D. Steward.



# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

There will be no Branch Meeting on Thursday, 4th October, but a Social Evening will be held on ~~Friday, 19th October~~ at 7.30 p.m. for Legion Members and friends.

E.J. Powell

## NEW BUCKENHAM SILVER BAND

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The Adjudicator will be Mr. D.W. Singleton of Drayton and the accompanist Miss K.S. Johnston of Dereham.

Challenge Cups and Trophies will be competed for and presented by the President, Mr. D. Steward.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. Admission is free.

A.E. Bailey.  
Hon. Secretary

## GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions held their Meeting on 20th September, when the members played Bingo.

Many thanks to all members who brought such lovely articles for the competition. This month's competition is any kind of cake for the ladies and vegetables for the men. All these goods will be for the Sale which is on the 20th October. We shall be pleased to receive any goods for this Sale and shall also be pleased to see you there.

The October outing is to Bury St. Edmunds. It is on the 3rd October and the fare is 65p. The bus leaves the Market Place at 9.45 a.m. Anyone wishing to go, please let me have your name.

As a few of our Committee Members are retiring

through health reasons, we are open for a few more helpers, so if anyone wishes to help, please give me your name.

The next meeting is the 18th October.

J. Howling  
Secretary.

## ANGLING NEWS

During the last few weeks, we have seen a lot of surprises and good results in most of our weekly outings.

We now have the Harvey family from Old Buckenham who I might add, have proved to be good fishermen and welcome friends. All together we now have over 30 members and 12 juniors.

We have been given permission to use the Castle moat and are now proceeding to stock this with various kinds of fish. The moat will be under the jurisdiction of the New Buckenham Angling Club which will have sole rights for fishing the same, and we will be responsible for keeping the water and environment in good condition.

Last year we brought the Whitbread Cup to New Buckenham and in two weeks' time we will be attempting to keep this well sought-after Trophy for the second year running.

Mark Rush has been appointed Secretary of the Junior Section and all junior members will be able to obtain all relevant information from him.

Ron Norton.  
Chairman, New Buckenham Angling Club.



The New Buckenham Players and friends are organising a MAGICAL PARTY for all the children in the village on Wednesday, 31st October, from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 with an extra half hour of disco for the older ones until 9.00 p.m. There is a nominal charge of 10p. payable at the door, and it will be held in the village hall.

Most of the village children have been approached, but if you know of someone who would like to go, please give his or her name to Ron and Ronnie Partridge (Tel. N.B. 529).

Here are a few advance details to help the party go with a swing:

**FANCY DRESS:** It is hoped that all children will be able to come along in costume - as witches, ghosts, vampires, cats, imps, fairies, supermen - in fact anything spooky, magical or fantastic. There will be a competition for the best costume. (We expect grown-up N.B.P. members, friends and parents to enter into the "SPIRIT" of the thing too - so dig out that werewolf outfit!)

**FOOD:** Ronnie Partridge is organising the goodies, and will contact N.B.P. members individually. Extra help would be very welcome - if you're interested, phone her on 529.

**DECORATIONS:** The children are invited to make turnip, marrow or swede lanterns (perhaps the week before during half term) and to draw or cut out suitable pictures or shapes of witches, ghosts, etc. to decorate the hall. We would like lots of candle lit lanterns (to put in safety on the stage!) and there will be a competition for the best decoration. We will circulate details of where and when to take them later.

**DISCO:** With our very own D.J., Ron Partridge! Bring your favourite records along please.

There are lots of entertainments and games being planned - if you would like to know more, contact me on 529, me on 655 or any of the following:

Robin and Alison Shaw - Tel. 395  
Aileen Richmond-Shaw - Chapel Hill Cottage  
Nigel Parke - "  
John & Alison Underwood - Tel. 746  
Norman Spencer - Tel. Bunwell 61  
Don Flatman - Tel. 774  
Tony Cooper - Tel. 335

Susan Judson

HALLOWE'EN FOR GROWNUPS

After the children's party on the 31st October, the New Buckenham Players and friends will adjourn to the Village Head, at the brave invitation of Brian and Peggy Hills, to provide some spine-chilling entertainment for adults! Hope to see you there before the witching hour!

Susan Judson

MISCELLANY (Discussion Group renamed)

The next meeting will be at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 8th October at Rotherham Cottage. Rosemary Day will be leading a discussion on the wider aspects of education which, in view of the recent Government cuts and current technological development, should be an interesting topic.

Alison Shaw

NEW BUCKENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A meeting of the New Buckenham Women's Institute took place on Wednesday, 12th September at the Village Hall when a most entertaining talk with slides was given by Mrs. Coral Grundey on "Two Offbeat Holidays". Refreshments were provided, and the competition to find the oldest coin was won by Mrs. Whittham. A raffle was won by Mrs. Hagon.



A Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Vicarage. The next monthly meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th October, at 7.30 p.m. when Mr. B. Fitch, Head of Student Services at Norwich City College will give a talk on "Norwich City College and Further Education".

The competition will be a limerick starting with "The New Buckenham W.I.". Refreshments by Mrs. Boatman, Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Breeze.

Evelyn Bird.

#### CHAPEL HILL REPORT - The Facts

If nothing else, the restoration of the Chapel Hill Cottages is proving an interesting exercise. This is possibly an understatement when I consider the many elements involved with the whole operation. The most obvious revelation for me has been discovering how people used to build houses and consequently a certain insight into the way people used to live.

Amidst much controversy a Demolition Order was lifted and their subsequent purchase for restoration proceeded. Over a year later Detailed Planning Permission was o.k.'ed and an Improvement Grant awarded. I had already uncovered a very substantial 17th Century fireplace buried under a smaller Victorian one. Another discovery made at this time was that every timber in the front wall was rotten. In fact, the grandeur of the chimney stack has somehow never been matched by the rather scant timber frame. Fortunately the cottage was being held up by the ones either side which had seen far more repair work over the years.

At this time I did not know the difference between a piece of oak and a piece of pine. I did discover however that if I hacked away at what appeared to be a worm-eaten piece of timber underneath would appear a very hard beautifully grained example of well seasoned brown oak. My love and appreciation

for this King of trees has grown immensely.

The upstairs floor was so springy that it was quite a fearful task to go from one side to the other. On closer inspection of the joists the reason became apparent. A substantial main beam braced the cottage approximately midway, which supported flimsy oak joists with a very long span on either side. These joists along with the main beam, had obviously been used many times before as they were covered with redundant mortice holes. In fact, the main beam had been used both sides, which would date it considerably older than the cottage. When you think how long it takes an oak tree to grow, its history is formidable. History has in fact become a very fascinating subject as a result of the various excavations and discoveries made so far within the area of these very old homes.

To be continued...

(Next month's exciting episode: Demolition and excavation for beginners)

Nigel Parke.

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT THE SEA

Oh sea - your inexorable rolling motion,  
Yet underneath - the deep fatal attraction  
for human flesh,

Still, calm, all embracing,

I press my body against your power  
And feel the salty bite of your living lotion.  
Your smell is enough to arouse the nebulous  
decay of my nasal passage.

Watersedge - watersmeet.

Ron Galaxy.



# THIS MONTH'S RECIPE - "Sausage Bolster"

## Ingredients:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. shortcrust pastry
- $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. pork sausage-meat
- 2 onions
- 3 ripe tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons dried sage
- salt and pepper
- 1 egg to brush pastry with

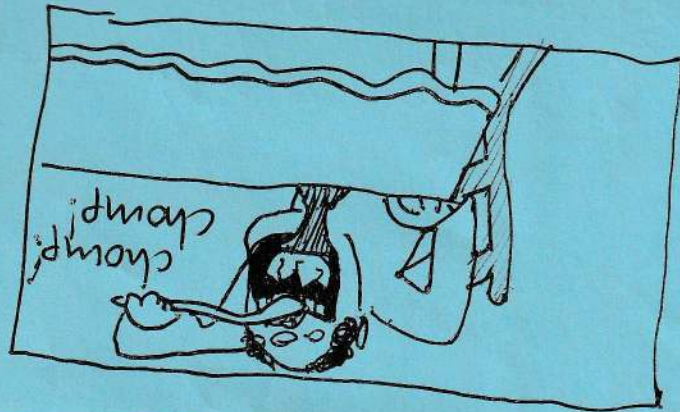
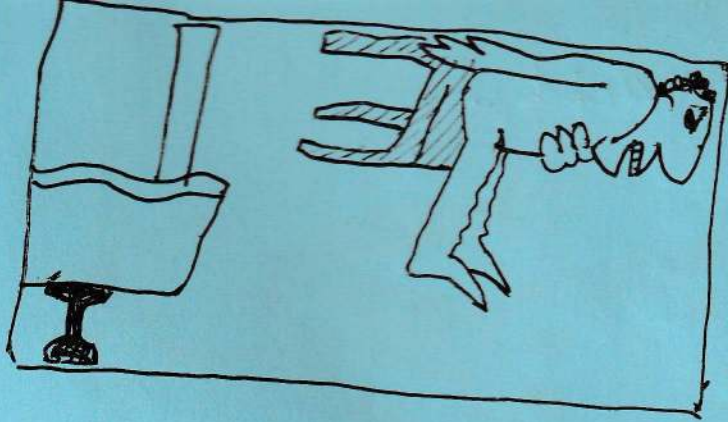
Peel and chop onions and skin and chop tomatoes, and put into mixing bowl with sausage-meat. Add sage and seasoning and mix until well blended. Roll pastry into an oblong measuring 12" x 10". Lift pastry on to a baking sheet and place the sausage mixture in the middle, leaving a margin of 2½" at each side and 1" at the top and bottom. Brush margins with beaten egg. Bring the two long ends of pastry together and press to seal. Fold join to one side so it lies flat. Pinch the ends of the roll firmly together. Turn roll over and make V shape cuts in the top. Brush with remaining egg and bake in centre of oven at 424°F (220°C) for 10 mins. Lower heat to 375°F (190°C) for a further 25 - 30 mins. Allow to cool and chill for at least two hours. Cut off pinched ends before serving.

## MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE - Surplus to requirements - 1 set of Everest Double Glazed panels to fit patio door plus 2 full length windows complete with draught excluders. Also one glass panel door 6' x 3'. Telephone: N.B. 673.

GARDENING - Fruit tree and other winter pruning by qualified landscape gardener. Also professional garden renovation and maintenance service. Contact Richard Funnell, Manor Farm, Wash Lane, Snetterton. Telephone Attleborough 454247.

FOR SALE - Moulinex Jeannette (juicer, mincer, grater etc.) unwanted present. £12.00. Nest of three reproduction tables with glass tops. Offers. Telephone N.B. 598.





December 1979

THE  
NEW BUCKENHAM  
PARISH NEWS

Ways Barnes





December 1979.

Well it's December and it falls to me to introduce this month's Parish News, by way of an editorial. I must own up to a definite lack of inspiration as I huddle up by the warmth of a log burning on the stove. The only thing that I keep thinking is whether or not I should plant some trees as it is now the time of year to do it and, after all, I do keep using wood - in both building and keeping warm. Even Bonfire Night had a different quality this year - apart from the prohibitive price of fireworks and the over-zealous campaign against the danger of them, I found myself holding back from burning too much useful fuel on the traditional outdoor fire.

Guy Fawkes' Night does seem to be one of the annual events that is on the way out. It has certainly undergone a transformation since I was a child. No longer do kids go in search of combustibles for the fire weeks in advance and the "penny for the guy" routine seems to be all over - probably because a penny will only buy one-fifth of a banger anyway. Back-garden festivities seem to have given way to organised firework displays with a fence round the bonfire and a running commentary from an amplified M.C. Of course the visuals of such an affair must be far superior to our £5. box of gunpowder! The Roman Candles barely outstripped the wax variety, Mount Vesuvius just about erupted, the bangers weren't even noticed above the crackle of the bonfire and we couldn't buy any jumping crackers as they are now illegal. There was even quite a lot of sympathy for poor old Guy Fawkes - a sneaking wish that he hadn't been so unlucky and an anarchic suggestion that we ought to be burning an effigy of Maggie Thatcher. Still, the sparklers were fun - even the quality was as good as ever and they were only 10p. each.

As this is the Christmas issue of the Magazine, on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Nigel Parke.

#### CHRISTMASES IN NEW BUCKENHAM (PAST AND PRESENT)

New Buckenham is a pictorial village. What a lovely sight was the Meet on Saturday 24th November, and how seasonal this scene looks on a Christmas card.

For twenty years church people and others have attended Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas Eve in this village. Two ladies - long since dead - gave the crib figures. The crib was made by Mr. Wilfred Saunders.

The Silver Band has made its traditional Carol round for many many years, and recently the Hand Bell Ringers have revived the old tradition of playing Carols in the village.

Those of you who have kept the Parish Magazine since 1971 can re-read an article written by Mr. Saunders, who used to be one of the midnight Carol singers. The singers would start at 11.30 p.m. and finish at 3.00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The origin of the midnight Carols is unknown, but certainly they were sung before 1890 and continued until about 1950.

The older people may possibly remember what was once described to me as the comings and goings of the voices through the night.

Then there were the Sunday School parties at the vicarage. There were almost 20 children in the Sunday School then and as many in the Methodist Sunday School. The Church members provided the feast and afterwards the



children played party games. At the end of the evening each child received a Christmas present from the tree - an apple and an orange wrapped in coloured crepe paper. This fruit was given and prepared by our late Fishmonger and his wife - Mr. and Mrs. Symonds - the sort of present that would be put in the Victorian child's Christmas stocking, but still appreciated in the early Sixties.

At some later time the tree on the Market Place appeared. There used to be a short service before the lights were switched on.

The service of Nine Lessons and Carols took place during the Christmas period. In 1959 our solo chorister was David Feltham. On several different occasions a Christmas Concert in the Church has been given by a Norwich Choir - usually from the City College. We look forward to hearing them on 9th December at 3.00 p.m. The last time we had a visiting Choir from Norwich was in 1976. The Lyrian Singers, who had been on previous occasions, as usual ended the evening at the Vicarage, where they were entertained as usual by the Flower Festival Committee. We always persuaded them to sing again and this they always did, wherever they happened to be standing with their coffee and mince pies! A very poignant memory is of "Away in a Manger" sung to the original Basque tune.

Although Christmas is a Christian festival, many of the old customs date back to beyond the Christian era - to the Midwinter Festivals that used to be.

Joan Whitwham.

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

|               |           |                                   |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 2nd December  | - Morning | - United Service in Parish Church |
|               | Evening   | - Rev. Wills                      |
| 9th December  | - Morning | - Mr. Gray                        |
|               | Evening   | - Mrs. T. Dye                     |
| 16th December | - Morning | - Rev. Partner                    |
|               | Evening   | - Rev. Webster                    |
| 23rd December | - Morning | - Mr. Davidson                    |
|               | Evening   | - Own arrangement                 |
| 30th December | - Morning | - Own arrangement                 |
|               | Evening   | - No Service                      |

#### Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, 4th December - Carol Service for Save The Children Fund.

#### CHURCH NEWS

##### Christmas Music

The Norwich City College Choir will give a Concert of Christmas music and Carols on Sunday, 9th December at 3.00 p.m. Some well known traditional Carols will be sung and there will be a chance for the congregation to join in. We hope there will be a good attendance.



### Midnight Service

The Communion Service on Christmas Eve will take place as usual 11.30 11.45

### PANTOMIME

1st February 1980. Theatre Royal, Norwich, 7.30 p.m. "Cinderella". Seats £2.20. All names by 19th December please to Margaret Wright (N.B. 300) or Jean Howling (N.B.331). Church Sunday School and Choir and Chapel Sunday School - FREE.

### ARRIVALS

Jim and Julia Quance are Mine Host and Hostess at The George Hotel.

### INVALIDS

Mr. John Gedge has had further hospital treatment. We send our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gedge.

There are two children in hospital - Christopher Bailey for observation and David Cuff has had an operation. We hope they are feeling better very soon.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

It was indeed gratifying to see and read that the congregations at Remembrance Day Services had increased at two of our Services. The Rev. Kenneth Reeves preached wonderful Sermons. He hoped that the coming generations would remember what the memorials and the names inscribed on them represented.

It is often said that the British Legion is a war mongering organisation and that the parades, etc. glorify war. This is not true. The Legion is essentially a money raising organisation and its purpose is to help the victims and the relatives of those who died in the Wars. Only recently have some war widows been awarded pensions, and until quite recently these pensions were taxed. The R.B.L. has always fought for these widows.

The next Women's Section monthly meeting is on the 6th December at 2.30 p.m.

E. Powell.

### POPPY DAY APPEAL

A total of £82.88 was raised in New Buckenham for the Earl Haig Fund thanks to the tireless footsteps of Mrs. G. Gray, Mrs. R. Hamerton, Miss J. McTurk, and Miss R. Ringer, who collected from house to house, also to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hill, Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kerrison, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerrison and Mr. and Mrs. G. Robertson who had boxes on their premises, and not forgetting all who gave so generously for this worthy cause.

If anyone would like a wreath or spray to lay by the Memorial Plaque these can be ordered for future years. I will welcome any enquiries now or any time before September 1980.

Ruth Hamerton.



## GOOD COMPANIONS

Despite a rainy afternoon approximately 45 members attended our November meeting, where Mr. Owen James gave a talk on gardening.

Our Christmas Dinner is on Friday, 14th December at 6.00 p.m. Will members please bring their own knife, fork and spoon. We would welcome any voluntary help for this evening.

The next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, 12th December at 2.00 p.m.

J. Howling  
Secretary.

## THE PARISH HALL

A thumbnail sketch of the Parish Hall would describe it as a rather unbeautiful, utilitarian wooden building very badly in need of repair and redecoration. In recent years Mrs. J. Howling, the hall committee and a number of helpers have worked hard to achieve improvement. The interior has benefited from a new kitchen and cloakroom facilities; new windows have been purchased for installation and funds amounting to over £2,000. collected for this and other works.

In consideration of how this money should be spent the Council are concerned, as all must be, that anything done should be as effective as possible, bearing in mind the hall's construction and age. A detailed investigation into the state of the building was undertaken by Mr. Paul Gowlett at the Council's request. His report showed the Southside required extensive repairs and replacement of panels before new windows could be installed. He also advised on redecoration, some essential repairs to the roof, the siting of doors and improvements to the ceiling. Tenders for these works are now being sought and it is the Council's intention to spend available funds to their limit. Priority will go to putting the fabric into as good a state as possible and then, after essential redecoration has been done, attention will be given to possible improvements.

The future - Wooden buildings have limited lives and our hall is no exception. Mr. Gowlett's report suggested that it is indeed fast reaching a stage where continued maintenance would be uneconomic. It is difficult to estimate how long this will take but an informed opinion suggests about ten years. It may be less. The point is that it would, perhaps, be prudent to look upon the forthcoming work as the last major repairs we should undertake and to begin to think very seriously about the provision of a new Village Hall. This is, of course, a matter which deeply concerns the whole village and a general meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter.

L.H.V. Breeze -  
Chairman, Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to record how indebted they are to Mr. Paul Gowlett for his very careful inspection of the hall, his detailed report and for all the time and trouble he has given.

## TREE PLANTING

I am buying 41 trees through the Game Conservancy and hope to have about



25 from the District Council. I propose to plant them mainly on the Common but will be happy to consider other sites if anyone has suggestions.

The trees are Beech, Copper Beech, Turkey Oak, Evergreen Holm Oak, Small Leaf Lime, Norway Maple, Hornbeam, Ash, Sycamore, Oak, White Willow and Alder.

I shall be very grateful for help in planting when they arrive. If volunteers will leave their names with me I will notify them of arrival. Not large trees for planting - 3-4ft. - so not too difficult.

Dr. A. Hamerton.

#### NEW BUCKENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The November Meeting took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th November when Mr. Jones gave a fascinating talk with slides on "Fenland Birds". The competition for a bird design in buttons was judged by Mr. Jones and won by Mrs. Lorna Smith. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Addison.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cope and Miss Gladden. The raffle was won by Mrs. Brown.

Since this was also the Annual Meeting, copies of the financial statement were distributed, and as the Institute has only recently been formed, it was unanimously agreed that the present Committee should serve for a further year.

A Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th December, at "Creeves" and the Christmas party, with entertainment by Sue Judson and Friends, will be held on Wednesday, 12th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. All members are asked to provide refreshments and coffee will be served by Mrs. McGregor, Miss McTurk and Mrs. Peters. Vote of thanks Mrs. Hagon. Thought for the month, Mrs. B. Smith.

The competition will be for a candle decoration.

Evelyn Bird.

#### BELLRINGERS' OUTING

The usual convoy of cars made its way across the Suffolk countryside on 3rd November, as the New Buckenham and District Bellringers set off on their annual ringing tour.

First stop was at Barking, near Needham Market, once more important than Needham itself, and a beautiful Church with six bells. Our next tower was at nearby Offton, whose light peal of six proved difficult for the strong amongst us, but went well.

The following two towers were rated excellent, and lived up to expectation. We were right on schedule as we reached the delightful old brick Church at Ashbocking, but after some of Wilfred's navigating we lost the way to Tannington and had to postpone tea in order to ring there.

Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Jill Westrup at her home and fortified us admirably for the eight bells at Worlingworth. We completed our tour



with a last ring nearer home, at Thrandeston, after a most enjoyable afternoon. Next year we'll find some bells that Frank Arnold hasn't rung!

Margaret Thomas.

#### NEW BUCKENHAM SILVER BAND

The Band is giving a Concert in the Gaymers Works Hall on Thursday, 20th December at 7.30 p.m. The admission fee is 50p. for adults and 25p. for O.A.P.'s and children, including light refreshments. Programmes are on sale from Band Members and friends kindly assisting. The Raffle will be drawn during the interval. Proceeds are in aid of Band Funds. All the Raffle prizes have been kindly donated.

We shall be round on Christmas Eve playing Carols as usual.

Many thanks to all who have supported us throughout 1979. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A.E. Bailey. -  
Hon. Sec.

#### NUCLEAR MISSILES - A Reply to Last Month's Editorial

We are living in a nuclear age and must accept the risks that are part of it if we are to keep in line with the rest of the world.

Protests and the like against these sites will not make a scrap of difference. At the risk of sounding an alarmist, sooner or later there is bound to be an accident, if not war, all history points that way, so it would seem only sensible to build fall-out shelters NOW. Most cities and towns have done so already, although it is not generally known.

We are at risk in East Anglia, so perhaps we could get our Local Authorities interested enough to get something done now - it will be too late when it happens!

M. Smith.

#### HALLOWE'EN

As darkness fell on New Buckenham on Hallowe'en many small figures might have been seen scurrying towards the Village Hall, which the local Witches' Coven had commandeered for the young apprentice witches, wizards, ghosts, fairies and others "Night of the Year" party. Senior Witches and Warlocks had transformed the hall into a ghostly cave, dim lights and turnip lanterns abounded and many of the apprentices had drawn and painted pictures in keeping with the night. These decorated the walls and small prizes were given in appreciation of the best.

All had been commanded to attend in their best magical finery and so much effort had been made to disguise themselves from their day time appearance it was impossible to tell who was who, so no names can be given for the "best dressed" prize winners. Many congratulations must be given to the mortal Mums and Dads who, no doubt, assisted with the costumes which were a pleasure to see.

A Warlock from a neighbouring Coven had kindly brought a puppet show to tell a story appropriate to the occasion, much enjoyed by the young guests



(and others), all of whom joined in with hisses, boos, ooh's and aah's as the story unfolded. A most enchanting production with flashes of lightning, bolts of thunder and spine chilling thrills.

Needless to say, the refreshments provided by Witches, Warlocks and their "ordinary" friends were consumed with great enjoyment by over 50 young guests, followed by more games and a TERRIFYING ghost story much enlivened by a Skeleton whom all but the storyteller could see, judging by the shrieks and cries of "look behind you". At the final moment the Skeleton was seen and our storyteller fled with "him/her" in hot pursuit!

What with "best dressed", food, games, puppets, stories and the rest, the evening must be judged as one of the best in recent times for younger folk, particularly if noise equals enjoyment - there was a great deal of both! The evening concluded with a short disco for older young folk, after which rumour has it the Coven retired somewhat tired!

Our hopes must be that this is to become another "event of the year" for our youngsters in New Buckenham who entered into the spirit of the thing with much glee and enjoyed themselves so heartily. Let us thank the Witches Coven for having this evening in the open so that all might enjoy it and for persuading their Warlocks to help run it with the assistance of all their Familiars and a few "normals" besides.

One wonders - could the New Buckenham Players have been involved in any way? Many congratulations to the organisers, helpers, guests, puppets, skeleton, story teller, M.C. and everyone else for a most enjoyable evening.

An Ordinary (G. Brown)

### NATURAL HISTORY PAINTINGS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Richard Millington, and I have recently moved into the village from Bentley, Hampshire.

I am a natural history artist, primarily involved in the illustration of birds, insects and plants. As many of you know, East Anglia is a mecca for British naturalists, the coastal marshes being amongst the most famous of ornithological sanctuaries.

With the availability of the varied habitats in which to study birds, I must admit that I tend to spend more time in "the field" than in the village! However, the outcome of extensive field study does (hopefully) result in a more accurate representation of the birds. To ensure correct plumage detail, study skins from the British Museum are an essential aid, whilst I go to great lengths to avoid reference to photographs or other pictures.

My paintings invariably take vignette form, in which I like to portray the birds along with plants and insects representative of the particular habitat. I find that the purity of water-colour pigment and the versatility of gouache provide the ideal combination of media to cope with the variety of texture found in nature.

I would be happy to hear from anyone interested in a picture, and would be pleased to discuss possible commissions at any time.

Finally, I would like to apologise for the immodest run of this note -



a result of haste and an arm-twist to get a few words in print before the deadline. Thank you.

R. Millington.

The Annexe, The Grange, N. Buckenham.  
Telephone N.B. 552

#### NEW BUCKENHAM PLAYERS' PANTOMIME

Our traditional Pantomime, Cinderella, will be staged on Friday, 11th January and Saturday, 12th January 1980. Doors and licenced bar open at 7.30 p.m., curtain up at 8.15 p.m.

Tickets for the Friday performance will be £1.00, children and O.A.P.'s 50p.

The Saturday performance, which will be followed by The Prince's Ball (don't worry - tiaras will not be required!) will cost £1.50 (no half price) to include the Panto and a dance afterwards.

This will be a traditional entertainment based on a Victorian script (with a few additions) and will feature Hilarious Comedy, Touching Romance and the N.B.P.'s inimitable Ham Acting!

Tickets will be on sale very soon.

URGENT plea for any discarded curtains, net or otherwise, fabrics, bric-a-brac, trimmings, etc. suitable for use as costumes for "Cinderella". Please phone Hazel Millington (N.B. 552) or hand in to any Committee Member.

Sue Judson.

#### CALLING ALL WHITE ELEPHANTS!

Those of you white elephants who haven't trundled off to Oxfam Shops and are fed up being stuffed under beds and in dark musty cupboards by unfeeling owners, take heart! I desperately need you for the White Elephant Stall at the Old Buckenham Primary School Christmas Bazaar on the 8th December. Just poke your nose out of your cupboard and tell your owner that if she hasn't used you for the last five years she doesn't need you now and get her (or him) to bring you to me or to Maggie Young at Rotherham Cottage in good time for the Bazaar. Thank you. (Mums - don't forget your Raffle prizes for the Bazaar. Ronnie Partridge is collecting these).

Anita Broome (The Chapel Cottage).

#### MISCELLANY

Our Party is on Thursday, 3rd January at "Foxes". All Miscellany members and partners welcome - more details next month.

Alison Shaw.



## ANGLING CLUB NEWS

Catches of Roach and Perch, etc. have shown a deterioration during the past few weeks, with many an angler having a dry net after fishing for four hours. I believe this has mainly been due to the sudden drop in temperature plus the occasional East wind which always upsets angling results.

Pike however are not affected by these conditions. In fact they tend to feed more eagerly in cold weather and most of our members have been catching them recently.

One or two, including myself, have brought some home for the table, skillfully cleaned and dressed by Bunny Howes and then baked after stuffing with the usual herbs, or better still, chestnut stuffing, they are delicious! Ask Peggy, mine host at the King's Head!

Now that winter is here, one or two members drop out occasionally, but come the spring and we will have record turnouts next year.

One of our Junior Members, Martin Dunning, must receive full marks for sheer persistence. I am certain that next season will see him winning a few prizes (he already has some to come).

January 26th will be the annual prize-giving and presentations will be made in the Village Hall. Members and wives or girlfriends, Junior and parents will be receiving full particulars about this. There will also be a buffet and dance, etc.

Ron Norton -  
Chairman, New Buckenham Angling Club.

## AN INVITATION

Come and join us on Saturday, the 8th December, for a glass of wine and Christmas cheer! For at 11.00 a.m. we shall be drawing the winning ticket for our Christmas Hamper. Tickets (free) available until Friday, 7th December.

Begin your Christmas with us at King's Quality Stores, New Buckenham.

## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

### Deep Dish Turkey Pie

|              |                                 |                        |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ingredients: | 12oz. cooked turkey meat,       | 7 fl.oz. dry cider,    |
|              | 8 oz. stuffing from the turkey, | salt and milled pepper |
|              | 2 oranges,                      | 14 oz. puff pastry,    |
|              | 3 oz. onion, skinned,           | beaten egg.            |
|              | 1 oz. butter,                   |                        |
|              | 2 level tbsp. plain flour       |                        |

### Method:

1. Cut up the turkey into large fork-size pieces and place in a 2 pint pie dish with a pie funnel in the centre.
2. Roll stuffing into eight even-sized balls and place on top of turkey



3. Segment the oranges free of pith and add to the dish.
4. Finely chop the onion and saute until golden in the butter. Stir in the flour, cider and seasoning and bring to the boil, still stirring. Pour into the pie dish.
5. Roll out pastry and use to cover the pie. Decorate with pastry trimmings.
6. Glaze with beaten egg and bake at 200°C (400°F) for about 35 min. or until well browned. Serves four. Not suitable for freezing.

WANTED!

House or cottage required in New Buckenham or surrounding area. Anything considered. If you know of someone who is thinking of selling please let me know.

Anita Broome (N.B. 598).



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# THE NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS.



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Into November, and the weather is on the turn. We are still blessed with sunny afternoons, but there is a nip in the air (as they said at Pearl Harbour).

Before we forget the summer, and the New Buckenham Fete, I must pass on messages of thanks for all Donald Steward's hard work and dedication to the village. The Fete would not have been the same without him I'm sure you will agree. I personally can remember him visiting the "drench the wench" when Clive Rush was volunteering. There was a gleam in Donald's eyes as he lined up for a throw! Many thanks from all involved in the Fete and from the village.

As predicted, the chickens have made their peace with each other but some are still proving impossible to catch. You could have a laugh at my expense watching me chase them round the garden after I've let them out for a roam around.

A serious note - having moved up from England's prime target in wartime - London - I now find that Norfolk is to be given a nuclear capability in the form of missiles based at the local N.A.T.O. bases. Personally, I feel that the world has tried enough times to destroy itself already, and that we should not add to the chances by escalating world nuclear armaments. That is my view. Of course you have the right to reply - I would be interested in your views and we will print them as long as they are not party political, defamatory, etc.!

Having stirred things up a bit perhaps, I must thank you for the response we have had in the form of three or so articles in one month and the offer of a cover drawing. Keep the articles and letters pouring in. For starters, why not tell us your views on the missile sites? Are they a necessary evil, or something that we should manage to live without?

John Underwood.



METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

|               |           |                 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 4th November  | - Morning | - Rev. Webster  |
|               | - Evening | - Rev. Grewer   |
| 11th November | - Morning | - Mr. Turner    |
|               | - Evening | - Mr. Austin    |
| 18th November | - Morning | - Mr. Humphreys |
|               | - Evening | - Mr. Howe      |
| 25th November | - Morning | - Mr. Rogers    |
|               | - Evening | - Mr. Coleman   |

Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, 6th November - Members' Afternoon  
Tuesday, 20th November - Mr. Humphreys

Carol Service

Tuesday, 4th December - Collection in aid of Save  
The Children Fund.

In the recent house to house collection for the  
National Children's Home by Mrs. Howling, the sum  
of £24.00 was collected.

Grateful thanks are sent to all those ladies who  
so kindly do the flowers so beautifully each week.

REPORT ON CHURCH EVENTS

The South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band Concert on  
30th September was appreciated by a large  
congregation. The Flower Festival Committee, who  
approached Mr. Booty earlier this year, would like  
to thank him and his Band on behalf of the F.C.C.  
and Church members. After expenses of transport,  
the net profit for the evening amounted to £37.85.

Our small Committee has been instrumental in raising  
£330.00 net this summer. This money will be used to  
defray Church expenses.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Church collection of £20.57 was given to the  
Attleborough Training Centre for the mentally  
handicapped.

The produce was taken to St. Edmund's Home,  
Attleborough.

J. Whittham.

ARRIVALS

Hazel and Richard Millington have come to live at  
The Grange Flat.

BIRTHS

2nd October - To Lorna and Mick Smith, a son.  
13th October - To Jo and John Dothie, a son (Joel).  
Congratulations to both families.

INVALIDS

Mr. John Gedge has returned home having received  
further hospital treatment.

Mr. Roche is home from hospital and feeling  
happier.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

Norah and Barry Stamp, late of "The Retreat", are  
at last no longer rootless. They have settled well  
into their cottage in Huish Episcopi, near Hayport.  
They started to unpack their furniture a year to  
the day after it was packed in New Buckenham.

Norah and Barry send their best wishes to all their  
friends here, and hope that anyone who is in the  
area will visit them.

R. Day.



OLD AND NEW BUCKENHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
WOMEN'S SECTION

There will be a Group Meeting on Wednesday, 28th November, at 2.30 p.m. at Hingham.

A Sausage and Mash and Social will be held in the New Buckenham Village Hall on Friday, 30th November at 7.30 p.m.

£330.00 was raised for Norfolk County Poppy Day Appeal on a "Sponsored Walk" organised by Mrs. M. Cook, Branch and County Standard Bearer.

E.J. Powell.

GOOD COMPANIONS

A most enjoyable and interesting afternoon was spent at our October meeting. Miss McTurk gave a talk on her Australian holiday, for which we would like to thank her very much. Many members brought lovely cakes and the men brought vegetables for our Saturday sale. It was most difficult to judge these as they were all so good, but Miss McTurk awarded 1st prize to Mrs. Bailey, 2nd Mrs. Knappett and 3rd Mrs. Hales. We had a most successful sale. Thanks to everybody who came, also to those who gave. Many thanks to Mrs. Darley who stepped in at the last minute. Our result was £136.00.

We welcome Mrs. Cope to our Committee.

Any member wishing to go to Gt. Hockham on 5th Dec. at 1.30 p.m. to a Carol party, please let me know. The next Committee Meeting is on 7th November at 2p.m.

Would anyone wishing to go to "Cinderella" at the Theatre Royal on Friday, 1st February 1980 at 7.30p.m. please give their names either to Margaret Wright (Tel. N.B. 300) or me (N.B. 331) by the 16th December.

J. Howling.

NEW BUCKENHAM SILVER BAND

The Annual Junior and Senior Solo Contest was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 13th October, and was well supported by an appreciative audience, including the Band President and three Vice-Presidents.

Twenty one contestants took part in the four sections.

|                      |              |     |
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| Winners of Class C:- | Alan Quinton | 1st |
|                      | Andrew Webb  | 2nd |
|                      | Katie Booty  | 3rd |

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| Winners of Class B:- | Robin Cossey    | 1st |
|                      | Jonathon Sowler | 2nd |
|                      | Alison Leverett | 3rd |

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| Winners of Class A:- | David Stevens  | 1st |
|                      | David Phillips | 2nd |
|                      | Andrew Wright  | 3rd |

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| Winners of Seniors:- | Percy Savory  | 1st |
|                      | Paul Leverett | 2nd |
|                      | Denis Bailey  | 3rd |

The Adjudicator was Mr. D. Singleton of Drayton and the Accompanist was Miss Johnston of Dereham.

The President, Mr. Donald Steward, presented the Challenge Cups and Trophies to the successful winners and to the unsuccessful Juniors consolation prizes donated by a member who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Band now has a Challenge Cup for each section, the latest for Class C kindly given by Vice-Presidents Mr. and Mrs. Brian Evans, New Buckenham. A further Cup, kindly given by Mrs. M.A. Savory of New Buckenham, was for the contestant gaining the hig hest points in any of the four sections.

Refreshments were served during the interval by Mrs. Lorna Gedge and willing helpers.



A guessing competition of how many pieces of a jig-saw were in a bottle was organised by Juniors Holly Gedge and Loraine Kirk. Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Goddard and Mr. Tildesley tied for first place, Mr. Tildesley being the eventual winner. Knitted dolls and dolls' clothes given by Mrs. Bailey were on sale.

Raffle prizes kindly given by Band members were won by Lorna Gedge, A. Bailey, Katie Booty, Percy Savory, Nancy Bailey, Clive Robson, Mr. Webb, Nancy Robertson and Mrs. Bailey.

Vice-President Mrs. A.W. Silk offered for sale the basket of fruit which was won and given back by Mr. Savory.

Footnote:- The success of this contest must certainly go to the Bandmaster, Mr. W.R. Bailey, for his continuous effort and patience in teaching the youngsters.

A.E. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

#### NEW BUCKENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The October Meeting took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th October, when an interesting talk with slides was given by Mr. B. Fitch, Head of Student Services at Norwich City College on "Norwich City College and Further Education". The competition for a Limerick starting with "The New Buckenham W.I." was judged by Mr. Fitch and won by the President, Mrs. Rosemary Day, with the following Limerick:-

The New Buckenham W.I.  
Is a good evening out, and here's why:  
Our maroon Village Hall  
Holds something for all,  
So come on girls, and give it a try.

Our Chairman is Rosemary Day,  
But don't let that keep you away,  
For the rest of the crew  
Are much more like you  
And keep her in place anyway!

Pat Oxley and Alison Shaw  
And I think it's about seven more,  
Make up the Committee.  
(What a terrible ditty!  
Thank Goodness there ain't any more!)

Congratulations were sent to Mrs. Smith on the birth of her baby son.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Boatman, Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Breeze and the raffle was won by Mrs. Peters. Mrs. Silk gave the thought for the month.

A Committee Meeting will be held at "Foxes" on Wednesday, 7th November at 7.30 p.m. and the next month hly meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 14th November at 7.30 p.m. when Mr. Jones will give a talk with slides on "Fenland Birds". The competition will be a bird design in buttons.

Refreshments by Mrs. Brown, Miss Gladden and Mrs. Cope. Flowers for the President's table by Mrs. B. Smith and thought for the month by Mrs. Booty.

A very successful sale of cakes and produce was held on the Market Place on Saturday, 13th October, when £26.63 was raised for W.I. funds. The loan of Donald Steward's tables was much appreciated by the Institute.

E. Bird.

#### THE NEW BUCKENHAM PLAYERS

As many Magazine readers may have heard, we are hoping to put on a production in the Village Hall in January.



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We never were very large in numbers - plenty of spirit though! - but this time we really do need behind the scenes HELP.

Areas in which offers of assistance and expertise would be greatly appreciated and dead useful are:-

COSTUME \*\*\* CARPENTRY \*\*\* AMPLIFICATION

PAINTING \*\*\*\*\* LIGHTING

Offers to any members please - you'll know them by the vacant look in their eyes as they stumble and mumble their way round the village, BUT DON'T WORRY, they're only learning their lines!

S. Judson.  
A MESSAGE TO ALL MUMS AT OLD BUCKENHAM  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

As you know, the Christmas Fair is on the 8th December.

I have been asked by Mr. Brookes to help with the Raffle Prizes. Could you kindly let me have your donations on or before the 1st December. Thank you.

Ronnie Partridge.

#### MISCELLANY

The meeting this month will be on Thursday, 22nd November at 8.00 p.m. at Sue Booty's house.

Sue will be conducting a musical evening, and would like people to bring along a favourite record or tape and to say, briefly, why they have chosen it.

Miscellany's answer to Desert Island Discs in fact!

A. Shaw.

#### ALBERT HALL AT NEW BUCKENHAM

A musical treat Mike Booty gave the village on evening the 30th September. He brought his Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band - well, most of - to St. Martin's Church to give a concert, I didn't take long to get that hallowed building nding to the unaccustomed and joyous strains ch old favourites as "Sussex by the Sea" and Teddy Bears' Picnic".

s young musicians, aged according to him from years to "blankety-blank" (he wasn't giving ing away!) certainly went through their paces great gusto. What some of them lacked in tise they made up with enthusiasm and enjoyment of which happy conditions soon infected us all he large audience... or should it be negation?

programme, which incidentally was also performed ntly to a large audience in St. Andrews' Hall, called "A Last Night of the Proms". And so it ely was, the second half consisting mostly of London promenaders' favourites which are ormed annually at the final Albert Hall concert.

he first half of our New Buckenham concert, we treated (in addition to those pieces already tioned) to the nostalgia of "A South Pacific action", an excerpt from opera in "Dance of the rs", the haunting "Blue Tango" - which itself haunted by the spirit of the soloist, who was ably still at home struggling with his homework the stirring "Battle of Britain March", ending with Eric Coates' "Queen Elizabeth" from "The ee Elizabeths Suite".

re was warm applause from a highly appreciative ience/congregation. They also knew that there going to be a reward of tea and cake during the interval. (How to keep an audience captive for the cond half, by M. Booty!)



The enthusiastic youngsters "Blazed Away" into the second part, then played what was for me their best piece by far - Vaughan Williams' "Folk Songs Suite". Gilbert and Sullivan were duly given an airing and Gordon Langford's "Fantasy of British Sea Songs" took its turn.

A departure from Albert Hall tradition was to include in the second half a stirring performance of the "1812 Overture" (Tchaikowsky). Here we had audience participation at last; paper bags were burst to create the effects of real cannons which had been written into the original score. We all happily complied of course, more or less in accordance with the conductor's wishes, only a few explosions going off like damp squibs and one late shot just making it in time.

"Jerusalem" was played and sung with due solemnity and a first class musical evening was well rounded off with Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance No. 1", the emotive words of "Land of Hope and Glory" being sung with feeling by the standing audience/congregation.

There weren't many Union Jacks being waved about - a mere handful - nor any streamers flying through the air; after all, we were in New Buckenham, not Kensington. Not regular promenaders were we either, but Mike and his youngsters and his adult members had given us a great new experience.

Thanks, Mike and the Band - it was really something. And don't forget, you've got some new fans who want to see you all again.

Don Flatman.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LONDON BLITZ

The true story of a short time in the outer S.W. area of London during the last World War.

It is nothing grand but we were all loyal to each other, sleeping in the air raid shelter night after night, drinking our cocoa out of a vacuum flask or whatever drink our neighbours brought in for themselves. My husband was the only man; the other were in the Forces abroad or coastal duties or the Fire Service in London. And believe me, when London burned it was a dreadful sight and could be seen twenty miles away. In particular, Dockland, where boats were trying to bring in our food and dockers unloading it. Whatever we could get and little of it, as all we older ones know. So strictly rationed - 2 oz. of this and 2 oz. of that - and it was years before we could have anything we liked or wanted. Somehow we never grumbled and took what we were entitled to. Sometimes it was only 2-3 ozs. of something in the meat line and we looked at the "bi" and wondered what meal we could make from so small a piece of meat, almost lost. Oh, not lost in the paper - you could always find it in the paper - that was small too. Even that was scarce, paper I mean, so very often we would take a clean tea towel to carry it home in and feel like soaking that and using the water to make some gravy! Oh, what days, but eventually it all came to an unbelievable end.

And did we enjoy ourselves! We had street parties; everyone contributing some oddment stored away, like tins of fruit. There must have been some hidey-holes Even the rock cakes didn't taste like rocks, but we saw some wild times then and really let our hair down and whooped. We made up a huge figure of a Nazi and tied him up to the lamp-post. Out came tables and chairs and a piano and later a bonfire. Quite a number of young children had never seen a bonfire. We whooped up and down the road and round our cul-de-sac.



There was one very sad affair well before the War ended. Hundreds of people so afraid during the bombing used to go to the Underground Stations - one well used was Balham on the Northern Line. There was a dreadful affair when a bomb dropped in the road and smashed it up. A bus coming along the High Road went right into the crater. It was a most dreadful thing to have happened and many people taking shelter on the platform were drowned. My husband was on his way by bicycle to report at Headquarters, and when he passed the bus was in the crater and Morden Line Underground was out for a very long time, buses taking over. Perhaps some of the people that live in and around our villages here may know some more about the happening if they lived in that part of London at the time. It was so near to us and yet so far away. It is a long time since I went through Balham Station on the Morden - Edgware Line.

God Bless us all and no more wars!

Grace Hull.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE - Blackberry Vinegar.

You will need three pints of blackberries steeped in vinegar (1 pint) for 24/36 hours.

Strain, then add 1 lb. of loaf sugar to each pint of liquid. Bring it to the boil and simmer for twenty minutes.

Bottle when cold.

To use - dilute with water or soda water to taste.

This is a particularly soothing drink (hot) at bedtime for a chesty cough or cold.