

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - JANUARY, 1973

I wish you all a Happy New Year. As usual I anticipate that the Church will be beautifully decorated for Christmas and I would like to express my thanks to all who decorate and help to prepare the Church for the services at Christmas and other Festivals.

One seldom hears anything about New Year resolutions these days. The following twelve rules are attributed to R.L.Stevenson, and were sent to me by Mrs E. Powell:

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something of sorrow, intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make laughter outweigh the tears.
3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall other people.
4. You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you.
5. Don't let your neighbour set your standards. Be yourself.
6. Do the things you enjoy doing - but stay out of debt.
7. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than actual ones.
8. Since hate poisons the soul, do not cherish enmities and grudges.
9. Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.
10. Don't hold post-mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrow or mistakes. Don't be one who never gets over things.
11. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.
12. Keep busy at something. A very busy person never has the time to be unhappy.

I am very grateful to Mrs Margaret Wright for relieving me of the responsibility for arranging the Choir and Sunday School outing to the pantomime. She has tackled this in a most efficient way and has been successful in securing seats and filling to capacity a large coach. More about this under "Events".

Thank you for the Rev. Michael Staines, Dr Hamerton and Mr Nick Noyes-Lewis for taking the services when I was on holiday in October.

INVALIDS I wish all of you who are laid low with seasonal illness a speedy recovery.

We have missed Mr and Mrs Roche from our church congregation - they have both been ill, but I am glad to say that they are making good progress.

We are sorry to hear Mrs Bowen and Mrs Howes have had to attend hospital again, and hope they are making progress.

Mrs Gedge was taken to hospital in Thetford after being taken ill at home.

BIRTHS On December 17th to Gloria wife of Graham Eagling - a daughter. A baby has recently been born to Mrs Claxton of St Martins Gardens.

OBITUARY It was with regret we heard of the tragic accident which caused the death of Mrs Lily Barber and we extend our sincere sympathy to members of her family.

CHURCH SERVICES - January 1973.

Jan. 7th Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

14th Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

21st Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

28th Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

Sunday School 10.15 a.m. each Sunday.

H. Whitwham.

METHODIST SERVICES

Jan. 7th. Morning - Mr Adcock. Evening Film "Is Christ Divine"

14th " Mr Francis " Mr Mayhew.

21st Family Service. Rev. Hughes. Evening Mr Garrard

28th Morning - Mr Betts. Evening - The Rev. Burgess.

Women's Fellowship - Tuesday January 16th at 2.45 p.m.

The amount raised at the Christmas Bazaar was £66 +

The amount raised at Womens' Fellowship Carol Service (£3.10p.) was sent to "Help the Aged".

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Many thanks to our Methodist friends for inviting the Church to have its usual stall at their bazaar. Thank you to Mrs Tofts for making and selling Christmas decorations and to Mrs Wright for helping with the stall. Also to the many people who sent gifts. Total raised £8.74p.

J. Whitwham.

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

The annual dinner took place on December 7th. The occasion was suitably festive and the food delicious. Much credit is due to the Committee and helpers and those who contributed.

H. Whitwham.

No meeting of the Good Companions in January. Pantomime - January 25th. (Names please to Mrs Gray). Next Meeting February 25th 1973.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

G. Gray.

No meeting in January. Next meeting 1st Thursday in February.

CHOIR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING TO THE PANTOMIME

This will take place on Friday January 19th. The Coach will be at the Dambrigg at 5.45 p.m. Will those who wish to be picked up there please be punctual. The rest of the party to meet in the Market Square at 5.50 p.m. The fare will be 20p Adults, 10p children for return journey. Chair and Sunday School free. It would be much appreciated if anyone who has booked for any reason finds it impossible to go, please try and dispose of ticket as these have to be bought and collected four weeks in advance.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

I would like to express my thanks to the New Buckenham Guides for the collection of toys which I received. The toys were given to the children of the Jenny Lind Hospital at their Christmas party.

My thanks to Mrs Gedge and Mrs Howes for their co-operation without their help the party would not have been the success it was.

G. Medlar.

NEW BUCKENHAM METHODIST CHRISTMAS FAIR

We in New Buckenham have in the Parish news a very helpful method of getting in touch with the members of our community.

I am writing these few lines on behalf of the Methodist Church to thank everybody who made our Christmas Fair such a success - the gifts made to the stalls to be sold, the helpers - the younger ones younger than we old 'uns, who behind the scenes loaded, carried heavy loads, put up trestle tables and took them down. Swept the hall and made the rest of the Fair a much easier job. There are some too who have helped to raise funds paper collecting; flower arranging - lovely to look at. We do most sincerely say thanks. Also to the ladies who baked those lovely cakes and pastries - names I will not mention but thank you all. I mustn't forget the tea ladies, they work hard and not so much to show in the till. But the greatest thanks must go to our Lord who has given us health and strength to do this work. To everyone Health and Happiness in the coming year.

Yours sincerely, Grace K. Hull.

OLD MEMORIES by Mr C. Hanner.

I often sit and wonder how many people living in the village now - apart from old soldiers who were away on active service - can remember the big explosion which took place in 1915 during the first world war. (My father at the time was on active service in Salonika). This happened on Sunday at dinner time. I was sitting at the table with my Mother, sister and two brothers, when the whole house was shaken, some of the windows were broken, the door of the staircase and the front door blew open. We were all frightened at the time. On reading the paper next day I found it was the Woolwich Arsenal which was then a big ammunition depot which had blown up. I lived then in the thatched cottage the other end of Marsh Lane.

PEOPLE IN NEED or P.I.N.

P.I.N. was started three months ago mainly as an information and advice centre to help people who have problems and are unable to cope with them. P.I.N. has an office in St Georg's Church, Colegate and we have a cheap coffee bar there as well. How did we start? About ten young people aware of the needs of the poorer people of Norwich met to discuss what could be done. The Rev. David Clark, Rector of St George's and the Church of England Industrial Chaplain was approached and he kindly offered accommodation in his Church. Since then we have covered all sorts of problems such as housing, social service and security, mental health, legal aid, drug addiction and many more. We operate from 10 a.m. until midnight. 24 hours at weekends. Tel. Norwich 24599. If you know of anyone with problems - we may be able to help. We have a panel of doctors and solicitors who are

CHURCHMAN'S FARM AT CHILTERN'S RECTORY

I would like to express my thanks to the New Buckenham Guides for the collection of toys which I received. The toys were given to the children of the village. We are a charitable organisation. If there are any questions please ask me. My thanks to the guides and the village. I would have been the success if I was.

Geaffrey Medlar.

FROM NOVEMBER ISSUE

P.C. Minns and family have left the Village to take up duty near Norwich. Though P.C. Minns did not reside long in the village he took every opportunity to become acquainted with people, especially whilst engaged in his hobby of wine and beer making. We are pleased that another constable has come to the police house. Although the role of the policeman has changed over the years most parishioners welcome the arm of the law living amongst them.

Wilfred Saunders.

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

ADULTS - If you are looking for a spot of entertainment in the Village on Twelfth Night (Saturday 6th January) come and join us at our Adult Discotheque. The more the merrier. Admission 20p. There will be a licensed bar.

On the 16th February a Country and Western Group will be appearing at the Village Hall. Admission 50p including refreshments. More details in next issue and watch out for posters.

It is understood the New Buckenham Methodists are starting a Youth organisation early in the New Year. The Playing Field Committee have agreed to donate £10 to help put the organisation on its feet.

The Committee would like to congratulate Fiona and Melanie Howes and Julie Cole-Wilkin on raising £1.70p carol singing.

P.I.M. was started three years ago mainly as an information and advice service to help people who have problems and are unable to cope with them. P.I.M. has an office in St George's Church, Colchester and we have a shop nearby for those who wish. How did we start? About ten years ago people aware of the needs of the poorer people of Colchester and the Church of England in Colchester. Since then we have covered all sorts of problems such as housing, social services and security, mental health, legal aid, drug addiction and many more. We operate from 10 a.m. until midnight. 24 hours at weekends. Tel. 0206 245599. If you know of anyone with problems - we may be able to help. We have a panel of doctors and solicitors who are

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - FEBRUARY 1973.

THE NORWICH CHURCHMAN: Some of you may wonder why this was not delivered last month. The reason is that the deanery distributor, Rev Michael Staines, suggests that as numbers from all parishes are falling steadily, it would be better if those who still want it would get it from the newsagent where it is obtainable (Mr Peter Barber).

As there has been somewhat of an epidemic of influenza among parishoners it is not possible to mention all sufferers by name. However, when these notes are delivered it is hoped that everyone will be feeling much better.

At times like these one thinks of those who are ill and alone. Some of us look back to the "Good old days" and others to the "bad old days", but the past - like the present - was a bit of both. Looking back to the War years one remembers that most villages had a Red Cross detachment. A band of keen women with a knowledge of home nursing and first aid would practise their skills on village invalids, and so, should a time of action come they would not be totally inexperienced. This worked both ways as they were of great use to many sick and bed-ridden patients and often a comfort to relatives. Also they had a well stocked cupboard of necessary equipment. It is perhaps a pity that these small Red Cross units ended with the War.

INVALIDS Mr John Leverett has undergone an operation. We wish him well.

ARRIVALS Mrs Doris Robinson has come to live in the village and is a very welcome member of the choir. She has spent the last five years in the Bahamas.

DEPARTURES Mr and Mrs Claxton from St Martins Gardens have moved to Brentwood.

Mr and Mrs Dyer have moved to Banham.

BIRTHS To Mrs Gillian Pask (nee Gilbert) a son Andrew born on December 23rd.

To Janice and Geoffrey Medlar, a daughter, on January 18th.

BAPTISMS The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Eagling was christened Amanda Jane on January 7th.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Salt was christened Carolyn Ann on January 6th.

I am grateful to the Rev. Christopher Heigham for officiating at both services.

OBITUARY Mrs Elsie Clark who lived at St Mary's died recently and was buried at Thornham Magna near Eye. When she was in better health she was a regular communicant. Mrs Ellen Robertson writes of her. "She was evidently a very talented woman, as will be seen from the obituary notice of her career and funeral reported in the local newspapers".

Mrs Barber's tragic death was briefly reported in last month's issue. The following appreciation was given by Dr Hamerton in Church on December 31st.

"We remember Lily Barber as a very gallant lady. That word was used to me by an acquaintance of hers. She had a hard working difficult life in the beginning. She brought up her family on her tod for all those years and made a jolly good job of it. She had latterly enjoyed her retirement and her very sad and sudden end must be tempered with the thought that it can be the best thing to go home at the height of one's power, and not wait until perhaps the clockwork is running down, and one has become poorly and aged, as well as being physically decrepit and perhaps a little witless. We remember Mrs Barber at her best - she had the affection and respect of all who knew her".

CHURCH SERVICES

February 4th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Evensong 3.30 p.m.
11th Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
18th Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
25th Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
Sunday School each Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

Hugh Whitwham (Vicar)

METHODIST SERVICES

February 4th. Morning Service: Mr Youngs. Evening: Mr D. Howe.
11th. do. Miss Taylor. do. Mr T. Dunning.
18th. do. Mr Osborne. Evening: FILM "The
Challenge".
25th. Family Service: Rev. Hughes. Evening Mr Goodrum.

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

February 12th. Speaker: Mrs John Kemp (New Buckenham)
26th. " Mr Francis (Attleborough)

The Carol Services which was held on Christmas Eve realised £8 +
F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Midnight Service was well attended. The traditional solo
+ "Silent Night" was sung by Mrs Doris Robinson. The collection of £15
approx. was sent to Christian Aid.

CAROL SERVICE This took place on December 31st and was conducted by
Dr Hamerton. The organist was Mr Peter Lee. A sacred song "The Gift"
was sung by Mrs Doris Robinson. Other solos were sung by Miss Christine
Wright, Mr Wright and Mr W. Saunders. The lessons were read by G. Medlar,
A. Wright, L. Breeze, A. Hamerton (Junior) Mrs Potter, W. Saunders,
Mrs Duncan, D. Steward and N. Noyes-Lewis. The collection amounted to
£10. +

I am very grateful to Mrs Thomas and Mr Lee for playing for the
services on December 31st. Mr George Burrows was ill and unable to
attend. I would like to thank Mr Burrows for his constant and reliable

service. I think I am right in saying that it is the first Sunday he has missed since he commenced his duties as organist in 1968. He has never taken a holiday. I am also grateful to Dr Hamerton and Mr Noyes-Lewis for taking the services when I was ill with 'flu.

H. Whitwham.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVES February 7th and 21st. 7.45 p.m.
at the King's Head. (V.Cowdery).

GOOD COMPANIONS. Meeting February 15th. (G.Gray).

BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION. Meeting on February 1st. Mrs Webster of Banham will talk about "Handicrafts". (G.Gray).

GUIDES On Saturday 30th December the Buckenham Guides held an open afternoon for parents and friends. All the guides took part in a play "A Christmas Carol" adapted from Charles Dickens novel and afterwards sang carols. Thank you to all who helped make it an enjoyable afternoon. £5 profit was made (for Guide funds) on the Bring and Buy stall and refreshments.

Lorna Gedge.

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION. The Committee have organised a Country and Western Evening with Dave West and the Cripple Creek on Friday 16th February at 8 p.m. Tickets from Mrs Winsor, Mrs Howes, Mrs J. Cope or contact any member of the Committee, price 50 p. This price includes refreshments. There will also be Licensed Bar. One of the aims of the Association is to provide varied entertainment for the local inhabitants and at the same time enable people to meet and, we hope, enjoy each others company. Needless to say the event is being held in the Parish Room, so come and join us.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE Has anyone in the village any authority to do anything about the public telephone booth on the Green. Over recent months it has become the meeting place for teenagers in the evenings. They seem always to be in occupation, whether using the 'phone or not. The 'phone box is often in a filthy condition, sometimes put out of order, and surrounded by litter. It is a disgrace to the village.

Ratepayer.

A SUGGESTION. When looking around the church over the Christmas period it occurred to me that the talent required to make the decorations look so beautiful could be used to produce a Flower Festival. So many people seem to be gifted in this way - perhaps more so because of the recent village classes. I expect there are many more like myself, who are not good at flower arranging and who would help with teas, cleaning the Church before and after, and provide some of the flowers.

E. Powell.

THE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS.

In 1938, when the danger of a second world war was becoming more real, a number of special constables were enrolled, mainly in this village to man an observer post to be set up on New Buckenham common. Intensive training followed, and when War was declared on 3rd September 1939 a pair of observers were already on duty in a hastily erected sandbagged lookout. This post, gradually made more comfortable, was manned twenty four hours a day for the duration of the war by a team of about twenty observers, going on duty in pairs. Every aircraft that came within range of the post was tracked and reported and though there were long spells of inactivity in the first years, things became hectic when the mass bombing of Germany began, with Lancasters and Halifax's at night and the hundreds of American bombers leaving and returning to the local airfields. The occasional hostile plane was reported and some of the later doodle bugs. We also reported plane crashes, explosions and fires.

The late Mr Reginald Clowes was Head Observer at this time and his crew, who were either farmers or tradesmen had to fit their part time duties in with their regular work. The corps was awarded the title "Royal" by King George VI and was now a part of the Royal Air Force, and wearing R.A.F. uniform. The corps was stood down for a period after the war when many of the old members left, but on its reformation some old members carried on and ensured that the post kept in being.

Few people would have thought when the corps started in 1938 that it would still be active, though in a different role, 35 years later in 1973. I hope to have an article on the present role of the R.O.C. in a later issue.

W.G.Saunders. Head Observer, R.O.C.

HUMOUR

Sympathy is what one woman gives another in exchange for full details ! (E.P.)

HINT

When frying onions - put a small quantity of milk on onions. When fat is hot - put in onions and milk. When cooked onions will be golden - not burnt. (E.P.)

STOP PRESS

BIRTH

To Jocelyn and Clive Rush, a daughter on January 20th.

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - MARCH 1973.

LENT will soon be with us again. Last year I spoke of Lent as being a time when we practise not only self denial, but self discipline. It is also a time of reflection and meditation. As we meditate on the problems, wars, deprivations and horrors which appear to be the lot of so many people and which - via the television - are brought daily into our homes, we must sometimes feel protected from the evils of the world. People used to be told to "Count their blessings". Today

however we are sometimes persuaded to be imbued with a sense of guilt if we enjoy security and advantages which are not enjoyed by those in the underprivileged third world. A sense of guilt in this respect is a negative thing and does nothing to help those about whom we are concerned. As we live in the security and obscurity of New Buckenham we tend to help only the people we know - and if all we have to give our neighbour is true fellowship, that is the best gift of all.

We can however help the wider world by prayer and meditation. On March 2nd women all over the world keep up a chain of prayer. This is a powerful thing and some of you will no doubt remember during the war years there were Sundays which were set aside for National Prayer.

For those of you who are not given to prayer and meditation, there is a tangible way in which you can help people of the underprivileged world. That is by sending a small gift of money to an organisation like Christian Aid. The Lent offering (envelopes in the Church) will be sent to Christian Aid this year. This organisation is non-political and is concerned with re-development schemes; thereby helping people to help themselves.

INVALIDS Our thoughts are with Mrs Ivy Bowen, Mr A. Braine, Mr Frank Davey, Mrs Hanner and Mr Roberts.

VISITORS The daughters of Mrs Gedge - who is in a nursing home at Thetford - Joan and Dorothy have recently visited their Mother. They stayed in the village and no doubt renewed contact with old friends. Both are married to Americans who were stationed near here during the War. Joan, who married and left the Country in 1945 was on her first visit home. Dorothy has been home twice before, over the years.

DEPARTURES Mr and Mrs Nelson Dade have left the village to live in Yarmouth.

BAPTISMS On January 21st the infant son of Mr and Mrs Goff of Hethersett was christened Patrick Benedict Denman.

On February 4th the infant son of Mr and Mrs Gedge of Shropham was christened Vincent.

CHURCH SERVICES

March 4th.	Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30.
7th	Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion 7 p.m.
11th	Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
18th	Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30.
25th	Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL each Sunday at the Vicarage 10.15 a.m. Miss Bird & Mrs Kirk are pleased to welcome all young children.

H. Whitwham (Vicar)

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

March 4th. 10 Morning Service Mr McDonald. Evening Rev. Blount.
11th. 6 11th. 6 11th. 6 Mr Warne. Rev. Morgan.
18th. " " " Supply Rev. Hughes.
25th. Family Service Mr Webber. Mr Chatten.

Women's Fellowship.

March 13th at 2.30 p.m. (please note earlier time) Mrs Howe of Watton will speak.

March 27th. Members afternoon - usual time.

Forward Notice Good Friday at 7.30 p.m. Scoulton Parish Church Choir.
F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Festival of Flowers will be held in the Parish Church from June 22nd - 24th. The organising committee of ladies are Mesdames Bird, Breeze, Bunn, FitzPatrick, Hamerton, Howes, Powell, Robinson, Smith, Tofts and Whitwham.

Those who decorate the Church and those who are known enthusiasts will be approached. It is a game where there is much hidden talent and if anyone (woman or man) is not asked and would like to help please give your name to anyone of the committee members. This is essentially a village occasion, not exclusively a church occasion and we need all the help we can get to assist with side shows etc. Since there are few large gardens in the Village we will have to buy flowers. To meet this and other expenses such as advertising we are running a series of occasions (see below).

J. Whitwham.

COFFEE EVENING, BRING AND BUY AND RAFFLE. for above Fund.

This will be held at the Vicarage on March 20th at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome. Articles for Bring and Buy and Cake Stall are most welcome and will be gratefully received by Committee Members.

J. Whitwham.

DRESS SHOW To be held at the Vicarage in April (date will be announced) All sizes of dresses will be modelled. This will be an evening occasion and coffee and biscuits will be served. Proceeds will be divided between British Legion and Flower Festival Fund.

E. Powell.

YOUTH CLUB Members of the Methodist Chapel have arranged to form a Youth Club. It will commence Friday March 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Committee consists of several parents with the Chairman being Mr Clive Rush. We hope that all young people over 11 years old will come. We will do our best to provide all kinds of amusement such as - table tennis, cards, draughts, darts, record player etc. We also welcome any suggestions from the young people and will try to oblige them. Refreshments will be on sale and a 5p admittance fee will be charged to cover costs.

Jean Howling.

(Miss) Whitwham.

BINGO FOR PLAY GROUP

On Wednesday February 7th there was a Bingo for the Play School. Many people sent articles for prizes such as groceries, chocolates, drink, a set of pillow cases and many more - too numerous to mention, in fact, so many that we have enough to hold another Bingo on March 14th. Mrs Partridge was the caller and Mrs Ellen Barber and Mrs Woodhouse were checkers.

Everybody enjoyed the evening. The numbers were called clearly so everyone could hear. There was an interval for light refreshments which were served by Mrs Jean Howling, Mrs Leggett and other helpful people.

Many thanks to all who gave such lovely prizes and to those who arranged refreshments etc. Also to Mr Mace who gave a £1 voucher for some meat. I hope you will all come again on March 14th.

R. Golding.

PROPSAL Having recently taken part in several activities in the Parish Room I have always found it difficult to provide enough tables without chasing round the village and neighbouring villages who have kindly let us borrow some.

I propose to have a sponsored walk to provide some money for this purpose.

Anybody interested to help me or to enter the walk, young or old, I would be glad to see and arrange a route and date.

Jean Howling.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

The Clock faces South in the Stone Church tower,
It's figures and hands telling the village the hour,
But when it is stopped, for the want of a wind,
Some poor old folks think this is very unkind.

Some might lay awake in the long dark night,
And listen all ears to hear the clock strike
Ah! but if it's stopped, none will hear it's dong on the bell,
So keep the old hands moving, and the strike as well.

Bertie Beales.

BONES IN ANY ORGANISATION

WISH BONE Members who want someone else to do the work.

JAW BONE Members who talk a lot but do little else.

KNUCKLE BONES Members who knock everything others try to do.

BACK BONE Members who roll up their sleeves and get on with it.

Which Bone are you ?

Ethel Powell.

THE PARISH NEWS As readers will know no charge is made for your Parish News; but if anyone would care to give a small annual amount towards the cost of production, it could be handed to the person who delivers your "news" or to the Vicarage. We still require articles of interest to print in the "News" Please hand them to the Vicarage.

W. Saunders.

BRITISH LEGION Annual Dinner at George Hotel on March 16th.

Women's Section Monthly meeting on Thursday March 1st.

E. Powell.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER In Great Hockham Church on Friday
March 2nd at 7.30 p.m. 'Bus will leave Vicarage at 6.30 p.m.

J. Whitwham.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY Whist Drives at King's Head 7.45 p.m. on
March 7th, 21st and April 4th.

V. Cowdery.

R.N.L.I. On Thursday March 29th there will be a coffee morning and
Bring and Buy at Banyards Hall, Bunwell by kind invitation of Mrs
P. Easton.

R.N.L.I. Forward notice. on July 29th (Sunday) at Old Buckenham
Annual Horse and Dog Show. Details in later issue.

J. Hamerton.

GOOD COMPANIONS Meeting on Thursday March 15th.

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION. The Committee arranged a very successful
Country & Western Evening at the Village Hall on February 16th.
Over 120 people attended and from reports received everyone had an
enjoyable evening. A similar evening has been arranged for
June and details will be announced later. Over £34 was raised
for the fund.

PUBLIC MEETING At the request of members of the public a meeting
was held in the Parish Room on Monday 19th February, when a large
audience attended. The main item on the agenda was the provision
of toilet facilities at the Village Hall. Although it was realised
that what is required is a new Village Hall it was felt that at this
stage a certain amount of money must be spent on the existing one.
It was announced the Playing Field Committee agreed to improve the
floor by sanding, sealing and polishing it. A Committee of eight
consisting of Messrs A.E. Bailey, R. Howling, L. Breeze, Dr Hamerton
and Mesdames Smith, Cope, Gedge and Howling were appointed to prepare
plans for the provision of toilets, which it was hoped could be done
by voluntary labour.

The meeting was thrown open for the public to air their views,
grievances and suggestions, many of which will be considered by the
Parish Council. Items discussed consisted of Fouling of pavements
by dogs, More street lighting, Loose drain tops, Repair of Paths
and Road sign, condition of the Cemetery and the hardy annual of a
30 mile an hour limit.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE Since the article in last month's news, we are
pleased to note that there has been a decided improvement in conditions
in and around the kiosk. We would like to record our thanks to all
concerned.

W. Saunders.