

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - JANUARY 1974.

Perhaps it is good for us that as we enter 1974 we are in, what has been described as a situation of crisis - emanating as it does from the oil rationing imposed on us from without - exacerbated as it is by industrial strife within. Given that we have been living in a fools' paradise for the last 20 years, we may be excused for not bringing our minds to bear upon the fact that the sources of energy and raw materials of the world are not unlimited.

Maybe our harvest thanksgiving preacher was prophetic when he told us to try and enjoy the simple things of life again and not to confuse the standard of living with the standard of luxury. To some people it may seem that we have been on the "slippery slope" for a long time. An old friend of mine, whom I saw a few months ago, pronounced thus upon the post war British and I quote "After the war and with undue haste we made ourselves into a welfare state, we then became the acquisitive society, then the affluent society, then the permissive society, and now the bankrupt state". Needless to say he is not a young man, and like many of you and me he remembers the time when we were proud to call ourselves British.

Even now our politicians are saying things like this. "Our standard of living is bound to fall next year" or "Unfortunately we shall not after all be able to improve on last year's standard of living". This begs the question - what is a standard of living which is acceptable? It surely is one which embraces the whole quality of life, not just consumer satisfaction. As material standards increase, spiritual standards decrease.

I hope the New Year will bring much joy, but there will be the inevitable problems. May I give you a message of St Theresa.

"Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee,

All things are: passing. God never changeth.

Patient endurance attaineth to all things.

In whom God possesseth, nothing is wanting.

Alone God sufficeth".

(St Theresa 1515-1582)

THE BRASS CANDLESTICKS which were stolen some months ago have been replaced. Mr Hubert Saunders has made two pairs in wood, and he has regilded the wooden ones which were on the High Altar. It is good to see six candles on the Altar again - we are fortunate to have our own craftsmen in the Village.

CHURCH DECORATIONS Thank you to all who decorated the Church at Christmas. Mrs D. Steward was responsible for the High Altar flowers over the Christmas period and extending for the month of January. A new list with additional names is being compiled and will be displayed in the Church porch. Mrs Howes has arranged the Lady Chapel flowers for most of last year and is willing to continue with this. Mrs Tofts has decorated the porch and is willing to continue with this when possible.

THE DEANERY CONFIRMATION is to be held at Banham Church on Palm Sunday. Will those who wish to be prepared for confirmation please get in touch with me. As I have said before I do not approach young people on this subject. It is the duty of the parents and godparents to do this.

Also the paper collecting lady - her little helpers and the people who save it for her. We need the cash for a bit of modernisation on our own premises. God bless.

Sincerely Grace Hull (Hon. Sec)

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PANTOMIME Thank you to Mrs Wright and Mrs Howling for organizing this event.

H. Whitwham.

GOOD COMPANIONS' CLUB

On Thursday December 13th we held our Christmas Party. Our President Mrs D. Steward, Mrs Smitherman and Rev H. Whitwham, together with Chairman Mrs FitzPatrick and members enjoyed soup, turkey, ham pickles, Christmas pudding and brandy sauce and cheese and biscuits. Diss over 60's entertainers performed sketches and sang songs, stayed for tea and mincepies and led the carol singing. Mr B. Beales proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs FitzPatrick and Miss Ringer (retiring Chairman. and treasurer) and presented Mrs FitzPatrick with a gift. Mrs Coleman proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee on behalf of New Buckenham members and presented Miss Ringer with a gift. Mr Hayward thanked the Committee on behalf of Old Buckenham members. Mr Manning presented Mrs Gray with a gift on behalf of Old Buckenham members.

Each member received a present and orange from Father Christmas (Mr W. Saunders).

Mrs Tofts cooked the turkeys and made delicious soup. Mr Tofts carved. Mr D. Steward kindly gave beer and minerals. The waitresses, Mrs E. Woodrow, Mrs Cope, Mrs Fisk, Mrs M. Howes and Mrs L. Gedge kindly gave their services.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

G.Gray. (Hon. Sec.)

To the Good Companions Club - thank you for entertaining me at your Christmas Dinner. - H. Whitwham.

GUIDES On December 1st the Guides gave the Buckenham Brownies a Christmas party. This was held at Old Buckenham School. The Guides entertained the brownies with a play and carols. After tea everyone joined in party games. I think a good time was had by both the Guides and the Brownies.

On Friday December 7th the Guides attended a division carol service held in Attleborough Church. One of the lessons was read by Wendy Bott of the Buckenham guides. The Church was packed full with Guides and Brownies, who all enjoyed the lovely Christmas service. The Guides are making a collection of used postage stamps to send to the television programme Blue Peter. The money made from the stamps will be used to buy oxen, ploughs and seeds to avoid another famine in Ethiopia. By the time this has gone to print one parcel of stamps will have gone, but we do still need more because another parcel will be sent in mid-January.

Lorna Gedge.

Those many young people whom I prepared for confirmation over these past years - where are you? The church needs you, for one day you will have to fill vacant places.

INVALIDS Our prayers and thoughts are with Mrs Buckbarrow who is in All Hallows Hospital. Mrs L. Brewster has returned home after a long stay in hospital. Diane Payne who was taken ill as we were going to print last month has recovered now and is home again.

BIRTH Congratulations to Mrs Rutledge on the birth of a son.

OBITUARY Mrs Catlin who lived for many years in an Almshouse here has died and was buried at Old Buckenham.

BURIAL On November 30th. Eva Poll aged 82. R.I.P.

DEPARTURE The Rev. Michael Staines who has been a good friend to this Church and has often taken Holy Communion at short notice has left Shropham to take the living of West Wickham, Bucks. We wish him well.

CHURCH SERVICES:

January 6th.	EPIPHANY	Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.
13th	Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m.	
20th	Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m.	Matins 11 a.m.	
27th	Childrens Matins 11 a.m.	Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m.	

Sunday School each Sunday at the Vicarage.

Hugh Whitwham. Vicar.

METHODIST SERVICES

Woemns Fellowship on January 29th. The Rev. Hughes. The collection from the carol service amounted to £7 which was sent to the National Childrens Home.

SERVICES:

Jan. 6th.	Morning:	Mr W.J.Howe.	Evening:	Film "Time to Care"
13th.	"	Supply	"	Rev. Burgess
20th	"	Mr Davidson.	"	Rev. Hughes.
27th	"	Miss Beslee.	"	Mr D. Coleman.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

My friends, once again we have had our Christmas Fair. This year a greater effort, for we included the Church, Village Hall and the Methodist Church - a good effort and we are all better off by just over £35 each. Once again we thank each one that gave freely to help and make the Fair a success. Many thanks to husbands and others who fetched and carried, put up tables, decorated the hall and afterwards took the tables back to where they belonged.

The Village hall looked fine with it's modern kitchen etc - something to be proud of. Thank you Mrs Oxley for your kindness in opening our Fair.

Thank you to the flower arranging lady at the Methodist Church - they always look lovely.

VILLAGE HALL FUND

The Country and Western Evening made a profit of £69.

The dress show £10. The Cheese and Wine Party £9.50.

Thank you to all who supported these events. It was at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council in the spring of this year when we were formed as a money raising committee to modernize the Parish Room. As a result of your support and interest we have in less than a year, raised enough money to pay for the extension you now see (labour voluntary). We still need your help a little longer please to enable a store room to be built and the hall to be decorated. Thank you for your support

Jean Howling (Chairman).

OUR UNITED CAROL SERVICE by candlelight in the Church was well attended. The Lyrian Singers sang some beautiful carols, both new and old. Mr Watson played two well known organ pieces. Afterwards at the Vicarage the Singers delighted us with more well loved carols. We are indebted to Miss E. Bird for being responsible for the programme.

H. Whitwham.

AN HONOUR for Mr Wilfred Saunders who has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk Sir Edmund Bacon. This is in recognition of his loyal service to the Royal Observer Corps.

A POEM FOR THE NEW YEAR from Mrs R. Smith, Hingham.

The more you give, the more you get.
The more you laugh, the less you fret
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you give abundantly
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.
You've nothing to give away ! What about a smile :

The following are newspaper cuttings:-

COMPLIMENTS OF THE.....

First, and only thing hanging on the Christmas tree being dressed at King's Cross Station this week was a sign "No parcels please".

SIMPLE Overheard from a middle aged matron in a Newbury coffee shop "Daphne wanted me to drive down to Bournemouth to see her, but I said it would be wrong to use all that petrol. So she's going to drive up to Winchester and we'll meet half way".

PUTTING IT BLUNTLY. The Cornish Churchman, the diocese of Truro's news-sheet, reports this notice from a Church's board:

MOTHERS UNION. Sale of Unwanted Items. Bring your husbands.

OLD ADAGES A psychiatrist has recently said that when there is a nationwide crisis, even if this promises hardship, the health of the people improves - particularly mental health. It has often been said that the health of the nation during the last war was of a high standard, this being largely attributed to food rationing which was commensurately well balanced. I think most would agree that when we have something outside ourselves to think about, we dwell less on ourselves.

It is probably different for those who have grown up since 1948 to imagine life as it was before we were cushioned, rescued and given advice, often conflicting, by those who seek to operate the paternalistic welfare state. The Relieving Officer - coming up as he did through the apprenticeship system - was the forerunner of our present army of welfare officers, most of whom have university degrees, and all have done lengthy training in ^{one} or more of the specialised departments.

In the days of yester-year the individual was largely responsible for himself, and the father was wholly responsible for his family. This very largely conditioned behaviour. Old sayings were rife. Many of these are never heard now but perhaps it is time to resurrect a few. A journalist, writing in a national newspaper earlier this week wrote "God helps those who help themselves" and he thought to take heed of this would help to fight the national and international enemy which is inflation.

"Waste not want not"... It is difficult to realise this with social security round the corner and especially in our western society whose economy has been built on waste, and contrived obsolescence. However with a shortage of raw materials, and soaring commodity prices, we may be forced to take heed of this adage. "As we make our beds, so we will lie". What does this mean? ~~It means that we must make our beds, so we will lie~~... That does this mean? ~~It means that we must make our beds, so we will lie~~... This is what it used to mean.

"Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves". How can this be true now? with currency speculation and governments who debase currencies "at a stroke"?

If we believe the prophets of doom who tell us we are in for a severe time - here is an adage designed to cheer.... "Every cloud has a silver lining".

CONFIRMATION Classes start on February 28th at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.

INVALIDS Mrs Buckbarrow is in "All Hallows Hospital" and Mr Mallett is in hospital following a sudden illness. Mrs E. Bailey has returned home after a stay in the Wayland Hospital. Mr Tip Self and Mr Harry Howard are unwell at present. We send good wishes to all our invalids. It is good to see Mr Arbon back in harness after his recent operation.

OBITUARY Many travellers will miss Mr Flett 'bus driver who died suddenly on January 18th. A resident of Aslacton - he used to do a milk round in New Buckenham.

MR ALBERT OSBORNE : Since writing this month's news, but just before going to print, news has been received of the death of Mr Osborne in hospital on Friday last 25th January. Mr Osborne will be well remembered for his musical accomplishments and service to the New Buckenham Silver Band. We send our sincere sympathy to members of his family.

PANTOMIME Many thanks to the organisers on behalf of all of us who had a most enjoyable evening on January 1st.

E. Powell.

R.N.L.I. CHRISTMAS SALE

For the benefit of those who missed the account in the weekly paper, the final result was £276. The raffle prizes were won by: Mrs A.P. Lambert (Stanfield) 1st prize and the rest in the following order: C. Ambridge (Thetford) Mrs R. Page (Gt Ellingham), Mrs Beales (Beverley House, Attleborough), S. Downes (Chequered Flag Garage), Miss Howard (Attleborough), Mrs D. Keyte (Old Buckenham) Miss P. Birchall (Tasburgh) and Miss Liz Hamerton (New Buckenham).

Joan Hamerton (Hon. Sec).

R.N.L.I. SPONSORED WALK

The Attleborough and District Branch propose to hold a sponsored walk during the Easter Holidays. The distance will be about 15 miles. Will those who would like to support the R.N.L.I. by taking part please inform me (Mrs A. Hamerton) the date will be announced shortly.

Joan Hamerton.

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WOMENS)

This will be on March 1st (Friday) at Attleborough Methodist Church, 7.30 p.m. The Speaker will be Mrs Bassingthwaite. The 'bus will pick up (at a time to be announced) outside the Vicarage. Names to Mrs Whitwham or Mrs Potter please.

J. Whitwham.

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The event which was provisionally announced for the 15th February has been cancelled due to the "Energy Crisis" and the electricity Board plea to "Switch off Something".

The next event a "Country and Western" has been provisionally arranged for the 3rd May. More details in a later issue.

PARISH ROOM FUND

Forthcoming events

Saturday Feb. 16th.	DISCO. Music by Steve Allen.
Friday March 8th.	COUNTRY & WESTERN. Music by Dave West & the Cripple Creek.

If any person has borrowed the wood from the back of the Parish Room please return it. The value is £15 and the builder who owns it needs it for his work.

Jean Howling (Chairman)

FLOWER LIST

This has been arranged and is displayed in the Church porch. If anyone would like to change with anyone else please do so and make the alteration on the list in the porch. It would be greatly appreciated if ladies will be responsible for removing their arrangements when their turn is over.

Mrs Bunn will do Feb 1 and 2 and Mrs Taylor February 3 & 4.

DEPARTURES Mr and Mrs Peter Golding and family have left the village to live in Old Buckenham. Mrs Golding writes:

"I am writing to thank all who made it possible for me and my family to have a Christmas in a real home. I could not believe at first that this dream I had held for so long could have at last come true - to have a good house with light and room to grow up in, where I could start anew and make a home to be proud of.

We are both very grateful to the Parish Council for writing to the R.D.C. to battle for us. Also to the many of you who helped us to keep hoping, and who gave us your best wishes. I believe we are going to be very happy here. Thank you all from all of us. Best wishes for 1974 and I hope some of your dreams come true also.

From Rosie & Peter (9 Hargham Road, Old Buckenham).

CHURCH SERVICES:

February 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.

Sick Communions: Monday February 25th. St Matthias.
Ash Wednesday February 27th. Holy
Communion 7.30 p.m.

Sunday School at the Vicarage 10.15 a.m.

H. Whitwham. Vicar.

METHODIST SERVICES:

February 3rd. Morning: Mrs Coggle. Evening: Rev. Hughes.
10th. " Mr Francis. " Film "Oral Roberts
Programme.
17th. " Mr Bellamy. " Mr Goodrum.
24th. Family Service: Rev. Hughes. Evening: Mr Barker.

Womens' Fellowship.

February 12th. Mr Francis.
26th. Members' Afternoon.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Midnight Service. This was well attended. Mrs Robinson sang the traditional solo "Silent Night". The collection of £14.07 was sent to the Church of England Childrens' Society. Mr N. Noyes-Lewis assisted at the Midnight Communion and Mr Keith Mace served at the second communion.

The collection taken at the carol service on December 21st amounted to £9. 62.

CHILDRENS' SERVICE on December 20th

H. Whitwham.

The Nativity Lessons were read by Juliette and Jane Eagling, Caroline Lindenmayer, Alison Gedge, Robert Drake and Mark Winsor.

The next Childrens' service will be on March 24th. Mothering Sunday.

H. Whitwham.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION.

The February Meeting on the first Thursday, 7th February at 2.30 p.m. will be at The Vicarage because of heating problems at the Parish Room.

E. Powell (Chairman).

FORWARD NOTICE

Coffee evening for Flower Festival Fund sometime in March.

Joan Whitwham.

AN HONOUR for Mrs R.A. Hamerton who has been awarded a gold medal in recognition of 21 years service as Hon. Secretary to the local branch of the R.N.L.I.

Miss Dorothy Shillaker who received the O.B.E. for her services to the blind children in Iran has sent an account of the Royal Presentation - this will appear in a later issue.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVES

Whist Drives will be held at the King's Head, New Buckenham on Thursday 7th February and Thursday 21st February commencing 7.45 p.m.

V. Cowdery (Hon Sec).

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY GROUP - ST EDMUNDSBURY BRANCH.

25 miles Cycle Ride in aid of the above. Sunday 6th Jan. 1974.

The purpose of this article is really to thank all persons in the Village who so kindly sponsored me in the above cycle ride from Bury St Edmunds to Thetford and back. My total sponsorship realizing over £100.

We started in pairs after a Rum Punch at the starting point - the Warehouse, Mildenhall Road, Bury. There were 113 cyclists competing. My companion and I started at 9.30 a.m. He was a young chap, dressed up in Edwardian cycle costume and riding a 1908 cycle, which appeared to be in very good order. We had a very easy journey to Thetford with the wind behind us. At Thetford after checking in we were refreshed with some very good soup - incidentally I had the honour of enjoying mine with two worthy Ministers of the Church, and also the Minister of the Environment, Mr Eldon Griffiths. Our return journey was a stiff one - up that long hill past Barnham - with a strong wind against us, but we were rewarded at the finishing point with another Rum Punch.

One cyclist achieved this ride on a Penny Farthing with solid tyres.

Most riders were dressed up in peculiar costumes - There were several tandems - one of special interest - a couple, man and girl. The man riding in front was dressed up as a very attractive girl in Mini outfit, leaving very little to the imagination! This unusual sight was responsible for sending at least one cyclist into the ditch.

My only disappointment was the fact that our local papers had no account of this ride which raised no less than £6,000 for this worthy cause.

Surely this justified some sort of press.

Donald Steward.

COMPARISONS. On going to print the Country is awaiting the relativities inquiry's report on miners' pay. During "election fever" many politicians have compared the miner's pay with that of the London Secretary. The disparity is in favour of the secretary, and they say "it is monstrous" - but surely the comparison is unequal. Why Secretary? Why not politician? Secretaries and miners have nothing in common. Politicians and miners have two things in common. Both are politically motivated, and both are subservient. On the one hand to party whips, on the other to a powerful trades union.

Surely like must be compared with like. Let us compare the miner with the agricultural worker who has recently accepted £23 per week basic minimum (although he wanted £25). This is substantially less than the miner's basic wage, and for the majority there is no overtime built into the contract. Unless the worker is dealing with animals, overtime tends to be seasonal. The miner is a manual worker, he may be skilled or unskilled. He produces fuel for industry, domestic use, and export. His work is arduous, dirty, with a high accident rate and a health risk. He thinks his pay should be restructured in light, not only of the above, but because of loss of manpower and high cost of imported fuel. He is prepared to strike for better remuneration. The strike has meant that industry is running on three cylinders - although production is amazingly high. However should the strike continue, production will fall rapidly and by the end of April industry will be halted.

The farm worker is a manual worker, he may be skilled or unskilled - he produces fuel for the body, without which the worker in industry would not be able to work at all (The miner would be too weak even to picket the pits). His work is arduous, dirty and often lonely. The accident rate has increased because of mechanization. His health is at risk from potent sprays and exposure to severe weather conditions. Men are leaving the land in large numbers. The food we import, like the fuel we import, has increased enormously in price, and the words of the president of the National Farmers Union telling us of the need to produce more food have apparently fallen on deaf ears. Should the farm worker strike for his "rights" and picket ports, markets, and wholesalers, within 2 or 3 weeks there would be famine, starvation and death..... The fact is, there are no special cases. Everybody is a cog in the wheel of a sick country. Until that is realissd the patient (Country) will not recover but die.

LENT This season in the Church Calendar is one when Christians practise self denial, self discipline and austerity. It is also a time of re-appraisal. For the non Christian the above season passes un-noticed. However the immediate prospect for the Country suggests that the above measures will be imposed on the many, rather than self-imposed on the few.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;
A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to cast away;
A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
A time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace".

BIRTH. On February 18th to Sarah Paton, nee Noyes-Lewis, a daughter.

INVALIDS Mrs Arnold and Mr Mallett who have been ill of late are both improving.

Good wishes to all invalids at St. Mary's.

OBITUARY Mrs Doris Buckbarrow died recently at All Hallows Hospital. She was cremated. She had been ill for many months. Mrs J. Gedge writes:

"Mrs Doris Buckbarrow moved into the village from London about 10 years ago. She was treasurer for the Good Companions for a time, but otherwise did not take much part in parish activities".

Mr Albert Osborn whose death was reported in last month's issue: Mr C. Hanner writes:-

"I would like to pay tribute to one of my closest friends, the late Mr A.E.Osborn. Born at Russell Lodge, Banham he came to live in New Buckenham as a small boy. On leaving School he worked for Mr Camm then our postmaster and chemist. Leaving there he worked on different farms. Then he served in World War I in the far east. After the war he joined the Norwich Police Force for a few years. He then worked with the Norfolk County Council until his retirement. In the second World War we both joined the Civil Defence and we cycled to Attleborough for night duty in all weathers. He loved music. I was in the band with him for several years, but he stayed on and served under four more bandmasters, I paid him a visit most days. The same morning he was taken to hospital he had been playing his Violin - the instrument he liked best of all".

Old Pal: C.H.Hanner.

Mr Wilfred Saunders writes "Albert Osborn was a lifelong member of the local D'Albini Lodge of Oddfellows, until recently a regular attender of meetings, for several years elective Secretary and up to the time of his death, senior trustee.

CHURCH NOTICES.

March 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. MOTHERING SUNDAY. FAMILY SERVICE. 11 a.m.
Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. All welcome. Children taking part.
31st. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

Confirmation Class each Thursday at Vicarage 8 p.m.
Sunday School each Sunday except the 24th at Vicarage 10.15 a.m.

METHODIST SERVICES

March 3rd.	Morning:	Mr Webber.	Evening	Film. "Making a difference."
10th.	"	Mr Reeve.	"	Rev.D.R.Baird (Attleborough)
17th.	"	Mr Blackburn.	"	Unite at Old Buckenham (Mr Wilson).
24th.	"	Supply.	"	Mr Osborne.
31st.	"	Mr Humphrey.	"	Mrs Coleman.

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP.

March 12th. Mrs Kerry.
" 26th. Mr Blackburn.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PARISH ROOM FUND - The Bingo held on January 23rd made a profit of £22. We would like to thank everyone for making this evening such a success. By special request of the public we have arranged another Bingo evening on March 27th for which we will purchase the prizes.

The Disco of February 16th made the sum of £11.75. We would like to thank Stephen Brewster and his helpers for making such a good evening with his super music.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

March 8th.	Country & Western.	Tickets 65p from Committee.
16th.	Disco 7.30 p.m.	
27th.	Prize Bingo.	8 p.m.

Jean Howling (Chairman).

BINGO in aid of British Legion on February 13th, arranged by Mr. and Mrs George Fiske realized over £35. Mrs Chambers was caller.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on March 1st at Attleborough Methodist Church. Bus will pick up at Vicarage 7 p.m. promptly.

COFFEE EVENING IN AID OF FLOWER FESTIVAL FUND

This will be held at the Vicarage on March 14th at 8 p.m.
Stalls Raffles etc. Please come and bring and buy.

J. Whitwham.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION.

Monthly Meeting March 7th at 2.30 p.m.
Mrs Sann of Banham is the Speaker.
The date of the Group Meeting will be announced at this meeting.
The annual dinner arranged by the men will be held on March 22nd at the George Hotel. All tickets have been sold.

E.Powell (Chairman).

BOWLS CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Bowls Club was held recently. Mr Alan Wright presiding. The Officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr Wilfred Mallott who resigned as treasurer owing to illness. It was decided to enter the County Cup, South Norfolk League, Watton Guide Dog Competition and Schammell Crusaders Trophy. The Club would welcome new members of either sex in the coming season. The green will be open on Saturday evenings from the beginning of May, for beginners, visitors and players.

W. Saunders.

LITTER BUGS

Please could we all become a great deal more litter conscious ? The papers, packets, bottles and cans which litter the streets, the green and the common land of our delightful village are a disgusting eyesore. Surely it is not asking too much of everyone, and perhaps in particular the young people, to either use the receptacles provided or take their rubbish home - and if those stray pieces do appear, let it not be beneath our dignity to pick them up and dispose of them. I know there are some good folk who already do this.

With Spring coming the Village will soon be having visitors and surely we would wish them to think well of us. Let's see what we can do - and remember there could be an uncomfortable fine for leaving litter !

Lucie Addison.

Is food expensive ? Well this economical recipe sent in by Mrs Roberts dates from 1914 - 18 War.

DAINTY PUDDING Put into a basin a heaped teacupful of flour, pinch of salt, tablespoonful of sugar and $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz marg. Mix all well together. Add a tablespoonful of any kind of jam. Lastly add a teaspoonful of b-carbonate of soda. Mix in a quarter of a cup of warm water. Stir well and put into a greased basin with a little jam at the bottom. Cover with a greased paper and steam for one and a half hours.

D.W.R.

EVENTS

Once again two events will clash on the same evening. The Coffee Evening at the Vicarage and a Quiz at Old Buckenham between the Conservatives and the Wine Circle (more looked upon as New Buckenham v. Old Buckenham) on the 14th March.

There are many people who would support both events but due to lack of liason must choose one or the other. With so many people dually interested this surely could have been avoided.

Will all organisations please make every effort to find out and avoid each others dates if at all possible.