

## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - JANUARY 1972

I wish you all a Happy New Year. Many Christmas Cards contain the words "A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year" - but prosperity does not always go hand-in-hand with happiness. Happiness can be found in the simple way of life; in good human relations and firm friendships. Prosperity cannot and will not come to everyone, best happiness may be found where a good outlook on life exists. If there is one wish we all share, I am sure it is for the misery and blood shed in Ireland to cease. As these notes go to press I am laid low with a seasonal illness and have been advised not to attend the Carol Service. I am grateful to Mr. Steward for arranging this, and I thank the Silver Band organist, readers and choir. I am grateful to Miss E. Bird for arranging and producing the service sheets.

I would like to thank all ladies who helped with the christmas decorations. I am having to do this in advance of the event.

I am delighted with the way people have responded to my appeal for articles and news - but to keep this magazine going, we shall need a great number of articles - so don't be shy - your news, views, and memories are interesting to us all.

The Sunday School outing to the Pantomime has not yet been arranged, but I hope it will take place as usual. The date will be announced in due course.

### CHURCH SERVICES

Jan. 2nd	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
Jan. 9th	Matins 11.0 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
Jan. 16th	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
Jan. 23rd	Matins 11.0 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.
Jan. 30th	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will commence when announced.

### METHODIST SERVICES

#### WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

Jan. 11th	Speaker Mrs. Kerry of Banham
Jan. 25th	Speaker Rev. Hughes.

The collection taken at the Carol Service amounted to £2.20. It was given to the Methodist Homes for the Aged.



All are welcome at these occasions and there is always a bring and buy stall.

The plan for January is not yet out but on January 2nd the Services will be at the usual time. The preachers will be Mr. Osborn and Mr. Baker.

The recent sale made £76 including donations. Mrs. Potter has asked me to thank all who helped and all who attended.

As you know the Chapel is undergoing extensive repair for dry rot at an estimated cost of £175. When this has been completed, redecoration will take place.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

There are no meetings of the Womens' Section British Legion or Good Companions Club in January

### "HARK HARK WHAT NEWS" (Mr. D.W. Roberts)

"Mr. W. Saunders' anecdotes of the old times in this lovely village brings back to me memories of my Wedding at St. Martins Church in 1925. My bride to be was Edith Mary, the third daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. H. Garrard. Mr. Garrard was well known as a bandsman, bellringer, and chorister, and in deference to him and us the bells were rung, and the organ was played during the marriage service. It was the intention of the bellringers to ring during the afternoon, but the vicar, the Revd. Reed asked them not to as he had an internment to do. Not to be outdone, my then father-in-law got together a company of hand bellringers of whom Mr. Saunders' was one. They played selections for us all evening. I wonder if any other young couple had such a treat?"

D.W. Roberts

### OLD MEMORIES (Mr. W.F. Roche)

"On July 28th 1915 I left England with the 1/2nd East Anglian Field Ambulance (R.A.M.C.T.) on board S.S. "Manitov" for the Gallipoli Peninsula, and, after a brief call at Malta we went on to Alexandria. After two or three days there we were ordered to load all our equipment and stores etc. on to the S.S. "Royal Edward" and we did this on a terribly hot morning, and then, ten minutes after we had finished this operation, we were ordered to unload everything and load it again on the S.S. "Manitov" and left for Gallipoli a few hours later. We were greatly surprised at this and could not understand it at all. Some hours later, on the next morning when approaching a Greek Island called Levinos not far from Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, we received a signal saying that the "Royal Edward" had been sunk earlier that morning by a Turkish submarine, and that the troops aboard her had suffered a very heavy loss of about 600 of the 1,000 troops aboard. We then all felt that our strange change from the "Royal Edward" back aboard the "Manitov" had been for us a wonderful intervention of Providence, and went on to land at Suvla Bay. Personally I felt we had very much for which to thank God, and now after 56 years, I feel more so than ever".

W.F. Roche.



Mr. J. Holland has sent in the following:

"On November 5th an anniversary of a special and national kind takes place, the ritual execution of Guy Fawkes. Apart from bonfires and fireworks one would not associate this village with Guy Fawkes, but there is a connection, and one that we should have been proud of in King James' reign.

On the night of the 4th November 1605, when all the powder had been placed in the cellars under the Houses of Parliament, Guy took his place in the cellar, sitting on the powder barrel, (the rest he had covered with wood fuel) waiting for the appointed hour, to blow up King and Nobles. After some hours waiting he heard footsteps approaching, and he prepared to fire his pistol into the powder barrel, but he relaxed on seeing that they were two gentlemen checking that everything was ready for the opening of Parliament. One of the men asked Guy who he was, and what he was doing there. Guy replied that he was Lord Percy's servant and was watching the wood pile. The other man remarked "To be sure your master has laid in a good stock of fuel", and with that they left. Guy Fawkes left the cellar, locked the outer door, and told Percy what had happened, but Percy disregarded Guy's warning, who then returned to the cellar. Shortly after midnight, the cellar door burst open, and a band of armed men threw themselves upon Guy, the first to grasp him was a magistrate by the name of Knyvet, of the same family that owned Buckenham Castle. Guy was booted and spurred, and had a horse waiting outside ready for flight to the river, where a ship was to take him to France. In his pocket he had 3 matches to light the powder train. In 1607 King James, in gratitude for Knyvet's action, reissued the Charter granted to New Buckenham by Elizabeth I. This was considered a great honour, as James was loath to grant rights and privileges unless persuaded by large sums of money. The Charter confirmed the rights of the parishioners of New Buckenham to passage on roads, free from toll and levies for upkeep. The two gentlemen who first came across Guy were the Earl of Suffolk and Lord Monteagle, Suffolk acting as Lord Chamberlain." (Research by J.I. H., C.W.)

SCHOOL NEWS Result of Christmas Sale 0 £137.57.

"As you can see our Annual Christmas Sale was very successful. We thank all parents and friends for their generous offerings, and those who donated prizes for the various competitions. Also our sincere thanks to all who helped before, during, and after the sale.

It is so nice to see so many parents and friends patronizing our school efforts, this all helps to make these occasions worth while."

(P. Brooks - Headmaster, Old Buckenham Primary School)

MOTORING HINT from Mr. A. Goulder.

"In the winter months you will often find your windscreen, windows and rear window misting over on the inside of a car. This is a very serious hazard to your driving - so beware to prevent this happening. Clean the windows with a chamois leather - then take a clean



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soft cloth, moisten with a few drops of household liquid soap (washing-up liquid) and rub well into the cloth and wipe over windows on the inside of the car. Leave to dry. The windows won't mist over after this treatment, and therefore motoring will be easier and safer."

(Aubrey Goulder)

HOUSEHOLD HINT from Mrs. C. Tofts.

1 Large tablespoonful of Scrubbs Ammonia added to your final rinsing water when washing woollens will leave them very soft. They will keep their shape and last for years. Put the ammonia in about a gallon of warm water, and leave to soak for about five minutes before spinning dry."

(C.O. Tofts - Green Point)

#### PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The Old Tyme Music Hall was a tremendous success except it was poorly attended. All who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and a profit of approximately £12 was made on the evening.

#### STOP PRESS!!

THE WOMENS KEEP FIT needs more support, so don't sit huddled around the fire watching the box, putting on those extra inches that we all do in the winter, especially during Christmas. Age limit 7 - 70 restarting the 5th of January 1972. 7-30 - 9.p.m. If you haven't been before, just pop in and have a good laugh if nothing else. We will be pleased to see you and have a chat over coffee.

Mrs. Moore.

Jan. 1st 9.30 a.m. Service 11.0 a.m.  
Jan. 8th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
Jan. 15th 9.30 a.m. Service 11.0 a.m.  
Jan. 22nd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
Jan. 29th 9.30 a.m. Service 11.0 a.m.  
Feb. 5th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
Feb. 12th 9.30 a.m. Service 11.0 a.m.  
Feb. 19th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.  
Feb. 26th 9.30 a.m. Service 11.0 a.m.

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Jan. 11th Speaker Mrs. Kerry of Barchin  
Jan. 28th Speaker Rev. Hughes.

The collection taken at the Carol Service amounted to £2.75.  
It was given to the Methodist Homes for the Aged.



LENT is with us again. People often use this period as a time to abstain from a particular indulgence, and the money that is saved is then given to a religious or charitable cause. This is as much an exercise in self discipline as it is in self denial. It is possible for many people to give without denying themselves anything. Equally it is difficult for many people to give anything, as to maintain life in an inflationary society has meant the permanent giving up of indulgences. However, life is comparative. This is particularly true of poverty. The poorest people in this County are rich in comparison with millions of the World's starving poor. It is to relieve World poverty that the Church is trying to do through Christian Aid. This is a non-political organisation. There are envelopes at the back of the church, and if any of you feel you can spare something - however small - please take an envelope and return it to me after Easter.

Lent is also a time for making resolutions. It is a better time than the New Year, as one is uplifted by the promise of Spring. There is one resolution which we can all make and try to keep throughout the year - it is to live our lives and attend our duties joyously, having a compassionate concern for those with whom we come in contact, and over whom we have influence.

OBITUARY The death of Mr. Ronald Brown has deprived the village of a much loved, much respected inhabitant. One who was for many years a Church Warden, and until his death, a trustee of the Jubby Barber and John Eldred Charities. Much has been said about his life, and reported in local papers. Many of us will remember him, not only for his wide knowledge of local affairs, but also for his agreeable and even temperament, and his charming and courteous manners. Our sympathetic thoughts are with Mrs. Brown, who devotedly nursed him to the end.

#### CHURCH SERVICES

March 5th Matins 11.a.m. Holy Communion 11.30.a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.  
" 12th Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11.a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.  
" 19th Matins 11.a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30p.m.  
Passion Sunday  
" 26th Matins 11.a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.  
Palm Sunday  
" 31st GOOD FRIDAY Matins & Ante Communion 11.a.m. Evensong 2.p.m.  
11Apr 2nd EASTER DAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. Evensong as  
announced in Church.

LADYDAY - March 25th Holy Communion 10 a.m. Although this is a parish Communion, it is particularly for the Mothers' Union members to make their corporate communion.

Hugh. Whitwham,  
Vicar.



### METHODIST SERVICES

March 5th Morning Service Mr. Ashby. Evening - Film.  
" 12th " " Mr. Woodruff. Evening - A united Service  
with Attleborough. The  
Rev. Colin Roberts.  
" 19th Morning Service Mr. Gray. Evening - unite with Old  
Buckenham to hear Mr. Blackburn  
" 26th Chapel Anniversary  
Morning Service Mr. MacDonald. Evening Mr. Terry Dunning.

### WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

March 14th. The Speaker will be Mrs. Blount.  
" 20th. The Speaker will be Rev. Hughes.

### OLD BUCKENHAM COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pottery A creative act with clay will "sooth the aggressive and stimulate the inhibited". For the past three years pupils at Old Buckenham Primary School have been proving the validity of this by producing many worthwhile pieces, as well as some veritable masterpieces. The less academnic child derives great pleasure from expressing himsslf in a practical way, often attaining a higher standard than his more agile-minded class mates. Over the past year and a half forty different adults have passed through the evening class held on Tuesday evenings - two of the original members continue to attend. Although they set out with big ideas and are often frustrated, the desire to create is revived by subconscious competition between both adult and child. Various models have delighted the younger element on the Wednesday mornings from the Montague Harrier to Stephensons Rocket. The most enjoyable side for many is "throwing a pot" on the electric wheel. When the clay is felt to move between slippery fingers and a pot takes shape - the thrower knows that all the blood sweat and tears which went before, were not in vain.

J. Billiald.

### DR. HAMERTON HAS SENT IN THE FOLLOWING:

"Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Steward, and hard work of Wally Deakes, Bertie Beales and Albert Cooper, the avenue of Chestnuts across the Common has been completed. This I feel is something our grandchildren will be very grateful for in due course.

Unfortunately the Walnut trees in the eastern boundary fence have died, but I shall try and replace them soon and also one or two of the young beech which have either died or been pushed over by the cattle, over towards the Tibenham end.

The job will then be to plant new Oaks to replace the very decrepit ones over towards Mr. Stimpsons' cottages, as those will have to come down within the next 20 years.



We are considering putting an electric fence on the central part of the common. This will make things very much simpler for the pinder and the grazing Right holders, and will enable us to improve the Common considerably by being able to be sure that the cattle are confined when they are on the main central area. It will, of course, also be of great help to the new playground by preventing the cattle from straying all over there. As the electric wire would be down through the winter, we shall still be preserving our Common as an open space. As this is in the nature of an experiment, I hope everyone will be helpful in aiding us in seeing it is satisfactory."

R.A.M. Hamerton.

THE CHURCH CLOCK by Mr. W. Saunders.

The Clock in the Church Tower is familiar to residents, and conspicuous to people passing through the village, and one hears uncomplimentary remarks when it occasionally stops. Forgetting to wind it is sometimes the cause, but recently the works have been feeling the effect of old age, and have needed some bit of encouragement. Readers may be interested in the history of the Clock. It was made in 1787 by Wm. Dutton of London, for a West Norfolk mansion. It remained there until 1910 when it came up for sale, and was purchased for New Buckenham, and installed in the tower by Wm. Harris of Thetford, to replace an older single handed clock. The dial of solid mahogany was made in the Village and is seven feet across. The maintenance of the clock is the responsibility of the High Bailiff. The weekly task of winding, which entails a climb of over 30 steps, has been carried on by Mr. W. Saunders since 1930. Whilst newcomers to the village may find their rest disturbed by the clock striking during the night, an older resident was heard to say that she couldn't sleep if she didn't hear it!

W. Saunders.

MR. JO. WALRON WRITES FROM EAST GRINSTEAD

"Regarding Charlie Hanner's article - I knew all the people he mentioned and what fun it was as a child to see the old "Merryweather" in action. It was kept in a shed where Mrs. Gemmell now lives, and Mr. Reginald Clowes summoned the crew by sending off a "maroon" the same way the Lifeboat crews are summoned on the sea shores".

THE FOLLOWING POEM WAS SENT IN BY MRS. ELLEN ROBERTSON

The Road

The Road! The Road! The Road!  
Here's to the Road and the Rover!  
The road that leads I know not where  
But up and down and here and there-  
Away to the hills and over!

What if that road be life?  
What if that road should take us  
By many a rough and stormy way  
Through stormy night and rainy day?  
Is that to daunt or shake us?



No! When the sun shines forth  
With a heartier yest we'll hail it;  
The wind is keen, but rousing too -  
The hill is steep, but what a view!  
For those who dare to scale it!

Then here is a health to the Road!  
And here is a fig for the weather!  
Keeping in step and side by side  
With cheerful spirit and easy stride -  
Come! shall we head it together?(Anonymous)

#### PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism Feb 12th Georgina Rachel - daughter of Alexander and Sarah Paton.  
Burial Feb 5th Orgie Ronald Brown. R.I.P. (aged 77)

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 3rd Womens' Day of Prayer at Ivendenham Convent. The bus will leave the Vicarage at 7.p.m.  
March 6th Womens' Section British Legion Meeting in the village hall at 2.30 p.m.  
March 8th Whist Drive starting at 7.30 p.m. at the Kings Head.  
March 24th Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy starting at 8.p.m. at the Kings Head, with illustrated talk by Mrs Woods of Kenninghall on South Africa.  
March 29th Whist drive starting 7.30 p.m. at the Kings Head.  
The last three events have been arranged by the Conservative Party Committee.

#### CHURCH BELLS

The Southern Branch of the Diocesan Ringers Association held their quarterly meeting at St. Martins Church on Saturday 5th February. Over 30 members took part in ringing several methods in the afternoon and evening, and after a short service, met for tea and business at the Kings Head. The majority of villagers like the sound of bells, and it is hoped to get enough ringers trained to enable the bells to be rung for Sunday service. We have one or two volunteers, if anyone is interested, either sex, and any age - please contact the Vicar or Mr. W. Saunders. One of the aims of the Ringers Association is to promote the study and practice of change ringing, and their help would be available once a ringing company is found.

#### RECIPE Tasmanian Pudding

3/4 teacup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 lemon, 2 oz. butter  
2 tablesp. S.R. Flour, 1 teacup milk.

Separate eggs - cream butter and sugar, add yolks, flour, rind and juice of lemon. Whip whites until stiff - fold in mixture. Place in ovenproof dish and stand on tray of cold water. Bake in moderate oven until firm in texture and light brown in colour.

Joan Whitwham.

CROSSWORD. The Winner of last month's crossword was Mrs V. Cowdery.

Space permitting there will be another crossword next month.