

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - OCT. 1972.

I would like to begin by thanking all who helped to make the Bank Holiday Fete a success, the result of this and Balance Sheet prepared by Mr Steward appears in this issue. Many thanks to all who helped, contributed and all who came. Also to Mr and Mrs Steward for the use of their garden.

I would also like to thank all ladies who so beautifully decorated the Church for Harvest Thanksgiving, thank you to those who sent produce. We are grateful to Mrs Noyes-Lewis for taking the produce to Langley House - (a house which has recently opened at Fornsett Grange for the help of ex-prisoners). Our Harvest Evensong collection of £9.75 was given to the Langley House Trust this year. In his sermon the Rev. Oswald Glass said it was convenient that the Harvest fell where it did in the Church's year, as in the Autumn there is a gap which the Thanksgiving service so conveniently fills.

The Church's year runs according to pattern. Life, the preacher reminded us runs according to pattern, beginning with childhood and ending with old age, which corresponds to the autumn or harvest of the Church's year. Often these days pattern is missing from life, especially family life, and insecurity results and later abandon. Our prisons are full of men, not wholly bad, whose lives were not directed from childhood according to pattern. "Going to Church may be a somewhat dull chore" said the Rev Glass. - "but apart from the benefit which may ensue, the act of discipline which church going demands is of importance". Pattern again, which I hope all parents will remember when training their children to be citizens of the future.

ARRIVALS Mr and Mrs Silk have come to live in King Street. They are busy renovating their new home, which is where Mrs Joan Bidwell used to live.

DEPARTURES Mr and Mrs Minns and family have left the village to live in Norwich. We wish them happiness in their new home.

INVALIDS Since the last issue Mrs Bowen and Mrs Howes have been in Hospital for treatment and Mrs Saunders has undergone an operation. We hope they will all be fully restored to health. Mr Pall has recently been ill - we are glad to see him about again.

We are sorry to hear Mrs Elliott is unwell. She is at present with her daughter Mrs Gray.

Dr Hamerton suffered injury after a fall. We are glad to see he is "soldiering on".

MARRIAGE On September 2nd at Old Buckenham Church. Norman Tite - a one time Choir boy at New Buckenham - and Helen Coman. We wish them happiness in their future life.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Oct. 1st Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

8th Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

15th Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

22nd Holy Comm. 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

29th Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m.

Sunday School each Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

These services are subject to alteration as I hope to have a short holiday sometime in October.

Hugh Whittham.

METHODIST SERVICES:

Oct. 1st. Harvest Thanksgiving. Morning Mr Webber. Evening Rev. Hughes.
2nd Service followed by sale at 7.15 p.m.
8th Morning Mr Neave. Evening: Mr Goodrum.
15th Morning Mr Dye. Evening: Film "Kenjie comes home"
22nd Morning Mr Woodruff. Evening: Mr Austin.
29th Morning Mrs Bassingthwaights. Evening: Rev. Hughes.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP Oct. 10th Rev. Coggle will give an address.
24th Mr Francis will give an address.

SPECIAL OCCASION Oct. 12th at 7.45 p.m. Lowestoft Gospel Ladies' Choir.

£27 was raised at the August Bank Holiday Fete. Many thanks to all helpers and to those who contributed.

F. Potter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION - The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Supper and Auction will take place in the Parish Room on Friday October 13th at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at 50 p each are limited and the advice is to buy your early. If anyone has furniture, linen, china, books, clothes or any item he wishes to dispose of, large or small, if he or she lets a Committee Member know it will gladly be collected.

MOTHERS' UNION October 11th in Attleborough Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. There is to be a Forum. Canon Webb is to be Chairman. Mrs Barton will be on the panel for the M.U. also on the panel will be a doctor, a schoolmaster, a teacher from a school for the mentally handicapped

AUTUMN CONFERENCE St Andrews Hall, Norwich on Tuesday November 14th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. More about this next month. If any member would like to attend please let Mrs Whitwham know during October as tickets have to be obtained (15p. each and 5p for coffee). The Central President Mrs Varah will speak.

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Oct. 4th. Area Church Service, Watton.

11th Dominoes Tournament, Attleborough.

Autumn sale. This has been arranged for Thursday October 26th at 3.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. DOORS WILL NOT BE OPENED - except for stall holders - until 3.30 p.m. Mrs FitzPatrick and Committee hope that all who can will come and make the afternoon successful and it would be much appreciated if people will refrain from buying until the official opener has made his/her speech.

SOUTH NORFOLK CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

WHIST DRIVES These will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 p.m. during the winter and spring months. The Clubroom of the Kings Head will be used. A £1 voucher and other prizes will be given at each drive and a Jackpot Prize of £5 will be given to the person with the highest combined score of the series. £2 for the runner-up. Single admission 12½p. All in admission £1.35p. The following drives will be held this month. October 4th and 18th and November 1st.

COFFEE EVENING AND BRING AND BUY SALE at Kings Head on Friday October 27th. It is hoped to have a film show during the evening. If anyone has slides of interest we should be pleased if they would bring them along.

V.L.Cowdery (Hon Sec).

CHURCH FETE by Mr Donald Steward

As hon. sec. of the Church fete and also hon. treasurer to the P.C.C. I would like to thank everybody who gave so generously to the fete, also the helpers who gave so much of their time. We made approx £290 net profit excluding the Chapel stall which made approx £27 - which is a great credit to all concerned and I think it only right that you should know how the money is spent.

Our Quota to the Board of Finance is £100 (next year £110)

Our second instalment towards the installation of the Vicarage heating is £100 (the last payment of £100 to be paid in 1973 making £300)

Our oil and electricity bill this coming winter will probably be nearly doubled as we intend to try to considerably increase the temperature in the Church.

We also intend to give a donation to the Chapel.

In conclusion I would like once again to thank everyone for all their support towards our lovely Church.

The following balance sheet for the fete 1972 with 1971 figures in brackets was prepared by Mr Steward:

Cake Stall	£37 (£33.10)	Mrs Bunn and helpers.
Produce "	£12.81 (13.95)	Mrs Gilbert and helpers.
Bottle "	£45.74. (£42.95)	Miss Ringer and helpers.
Odd "	£18.81. (£10.29)	Mrs Whitwham and helpers.
Kings "	£6. 07. (£4.12)	Mrs King and helpers.
Pot Plants (Bradbury)	£5.50 (£7.45.)	Mrs Bradbury and helpers.
" " (Gedge)	£11.56. (-)	Mrs Gedge.
Fortune Teller	£6.25. (£6.50)	arranged by Mrs Powell and Mr Noyes-Lewis.
Lucky straws.	£8.58 (£3.91)	Miss Bird.
Bowling for Pig (Senior)	£17.40. (£20)	Messrs Gilbert & Gray.
" " (Junior)	£3.80 (£4.86)	Mr J.Holland & Mrs T.Holland.
Darts	£8.60. (£12.70)	Mr and Mrs Dyer.
Wheel of Fortune.	£15.30. (£14.03)	Mr H. Woodcock.
Bean Bags.	£14.69. (£7.84)	Mrs J.FitzPatrick.
Mrs Hamerton's stall.	£2.80. (£1.95)	Mrs Hamerton.
Swing Boats	£6.15. (£5.04)	Messrs Lincoln & Larter.
Teas.	£29.40 (£30.43)	Mrs Tofts and helpers.
Gate.	£31.64 (£34.55)	Messrs Deeks, Self and Aldis.
Bowls Drive.	£3.15. (£1.95)	Messrs Saunders, Mallott & Gedge.
Donations.	£16. (£17.50).	Donations other than money were used as prizes

RAFFLES

Duck Dinner and Chicken given by Mr and Miss Bird.	Tickets sold by Mrs G. Brown.	£10.50. (£6.90).
Fruit given by Mrs Shortis.	Tickets sold by Mrs E. Barber.	£14.25 (£10.80)
Whisky given by Mr B. Bowen.	Tickets sold by Miss J.Tofts	£16.89. (£16.30).
Beef given by Mr Mace.	Tickets sold by Mrs T.Cole-Wilkin.	£12.80. (£10.35).
Cake given by Mr Kemp.	Tickets sold by Miss N. Gray.	£8.45. (£5.60).
Lucky Dip.	£1.29 (Mrs Bradbury).	
Football collection.	£5.06. Mrs M. Drake.	
Total Takings	£360. 49.	

CHURCH FETE continued.

EXPENSES

Advertising £10.71. Hire of Swing Boats £2.75.
Posters £7.95. Band £8.50. Insurance £6.
Presents for borrowed tables and chairs etc. £5.74.
Prize money for competitions and bottle stall £13.80.
Sundries. £8. 49.

Total Expenses. £63.94.

PLAY GROUP by Mrs Golding.

Last time I told you how we were hoping to start again on our own at the Parish Room. Well, we have done quite well for the first week.

There were some new faces on Wednesday for a new group - "the tinies".

We would like more children to come. There are plenty of vacancies and plenty of new things to do and see. If you have a child of two years, please bring him/her if only for a little while to begin with. Mummy can stay if she wishes for a time or two 'till the child gets used to being left for short periods. In a few weeks this will gradually get longer so Mother can leave the child all the time.

We charge 20p a morning. This helps for the milk, biscuits and room, also for new toys and equipment. As the Play Group grows we hope to do lots of new things and buy new equipment.

CROSSWORD - No winners last time, next one will be easier.

J. FitzPatrick.

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB HOLIDAY.

I feel all those members of the Old and New Buckenham Good Companions Club who were at Caister Holiday Camp with me would agree that we all had a most enjoyable holiday.

The September camp was the 21st that has been held for Old Age Pensioners, a sign of their success and ever growing popularity. The chef made a huge cake which weighed 128 lbs, everybody was given a piece to take home and there were 960 people at the camp.

As usual there was entertainment arranged for all culminating in the fancy dress at which the popular winner "Eight Draws Up" deservedly won.

We were all sorry that Mr Self was indisposed and had to return home mid-week and hope he is now feeling much better.

We all appreciate the facilities offered to us as members of the Club and an especial thanks to Mrs Gray for her work in arranging and organising members applications wishing to go to the camp.

V.L.Cowdery.

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AND ABBREVIATED

PARISH EVENTS.

Holy Baptism.

On October 1st the infant son of Mr and Mrs Ribton Cooper was christened Shaun Ribton.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Mrs Janet Humphries (nee Larter) on the birth of a daughter - last August.

OBITUARY

Mrs Rose Elliott was buried on the 14th October. Mrs Elliott who died in her daughter's home, moved into the village with her late husband about 14 years ago. Over the years she has been a regular attendant at Church and has always been willing to give her time and considerable experience as a needlewoman, to help with repairs to Church robes and furnishings. She attained the great age of 90 and died after a short illness.

CHAPEL NEWS:

Our grateful thanks to all those who helped to decorate the Chapel for the Harvest Festival and to all who gave so generously. With Sunday collections and Monday evening's sale £31.76 was raised for Trust funds. The Members of the Chapel wish to thank the Church for their kind gift of £15 - it is greatly appreciated.

The Chapel has been made beautiful by many lovely flower arrangements for many months, thanks to the kindness, hard work and skill of Mrs Jean Howling. These have been much admired by all who have seen them,

The Son of Mr and Mrs B. Tripp of St Martins Gardens was christened Alan Michael by the Rev. Trevor Hughes on September 24th.

RINGING

We have at last got sufficient volunteers to hold a regular Friday ringing practise.

Whilst we silence the bell which a learner is handling, we have to have some clanging on Fridays, in order that the ringers can hear what is happening up top. We hope that people living near the Church will bear with us, as I am sure that the end product, ringing for Sunday Service will be appreciated by most parishioners. We can still do with a couple of recruits.

BOWLS CLUB

We have come to the end of another season and completed a full programme of matches. The weather was cold and damp early in the season, and the really warm evenings were few and far between. In fact some of the best weather came late in September, after our games had finished.

We finished in third position in the South Norfolk League and reached the final of the Watton Guide Dog competition played on the Caston Green, where we were defeated by Dereham Conservatives.

The Steward Cup was won by J. Askew.

The Clowes Shield by W. Saunders and the Hilton Trophy by L. Briggs.

Of 34 games played we won 24 drew 1 and lost 9.

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I must apologise for the lateness of the November news, and especially to those who use the magazine to advertize events. The lateness was due to a fault in the duplicating machine.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas. At Christmas and other Christian festivals my paramount concern is for the Church and its services - especially the Eucharist. At these times I am especially grateful to my Alter servers, Keith Mace and Geoffrey Medlar who give me loyal and constant service at all times throughout the year.

Many people have asked me to express - via the parish news - their appreciation of what now is an annual event, The Harvest Supper. So on behalf of us all I would like to thank the Committee and helpers of the Playing Field Association for all the effort they put into this very agreeable social evening. It is really a wonderful opportunity for so many of us to sit down together as a community and enjoy a splendid meal. It has recently been suggested to me (by a young person) that the older generation here in New Buckenham do not encourage the young people to play a sufficiently important part in either the life of the Church or of the village. Personally I welcome all help and suggestions from young people regarding the Church.

Those who were children when I came here 13 years ago are now young men and women embarking on their various careers. I have officiated at the marriages of some of them and baptized their babies. I would like to see these young people play a greater part in the affairs of the village. When the opportunities arise it would be nice to see young people put their names forward for election to the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council.

INVALIDS We wish Mrs Harper and Cynthia Fiske complete recovery from their recent illnesses. Our thoughts are with Mrs Napier and other of our senior citizens who are poorly and with those who tend them.

OBITUARY The death of Mr George Day aged 94 occurred on Sunday 19th November. I think I am right in saying that Mr Day was our oldest inhabitant. Born in Suffolk he came to live in Tibenham on marriage. Fifty six years ago he and his family moved to Old Buckenham and from there to New Buckenham where he lived at Hill House. On the death of his wife he moved to the home of Mr and Mrs Woodrow where he has lived for the last 15 years - being cared for in the evening of his life by his daughter Mrs Woodrow, who gave him constant and devoted attention. Mr Day was in his time a fine ploughman who won two copper kettles. He was, even in old age, an expert mole catcher. On retirement he was caretaker of the bowling green. He enjoyed a high standard of health which together with his faculties he maintained almost to the end.

ARRIVALS We extend a warm welcome to Mr Kirk our new policeman and his wife and family.

DEPARTURES Mrs Catlin has left the Almshouses to live in an old Peoples Home in Watton. It is not certain whether or not she will return. We wish her happiness and improved health.

CHURCH SERVICES

Dec. 3rd. ADVENT 1. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.
Evensong 3.30 p.m.
10th " 2 Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Evensong 3.30 p.m.
17th " 3 Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.
Evensong 3.30 p.m.
24th " 4 Matins and Ante Communion 11 a.m.
Carol Service at Chapel 6.30 p.m.
Blessing of the Crib 11.45 p.m.
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SUNG (CHRISTMAS DAY) . 2nd Holy Communion
at 10.30 a.m.
Dec. 31st Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.
9 Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m.

Sunday School each Sunday omitting School holidays.

H. Whitwham (Vicar).

CHAPEL SERVICES

Dec. 3rd. Morning Service: Mr Humpgreys. Evening: Mr Chatten.
10th do Mr Youngs. do. Miss Bestee.
17th do. Miss Thorn. do. Rev. Blount.
24th. Family Service Mr Webber. United Carol Service
in evening: Rev. Hughes.
31st Morning Service: Mr Harvey. Evening: United Carol
Service at Church.

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

Dec 12th. CAROL SERVICE conducted by Rev. Hughes.

Thank you Mrs Lily Howling for collecting papers the sale of which
up to date has amounted to £27. 40.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Good Companions Club. Old Tyme Music Hall. Theatre Dec. 6th.
Bus 1.15 p.m. Old Buckenham.
Christmas Dinner Christmas Dinner. Dec. 7th. 12.45 p.m. for
1 p.m. Please all bring knife, fork & Spoons.
Carol Party. December 20th. Pantomime Jan/Feb.
Names for Caister needed Jan.1st 1973.
(G.Gray)

CHOIR & SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING to the pantomime in late January. Will
friends please help fill the coach. H. Whitwham.

GUIDES County Earning Day which took place on 14th October realized
£10. One third went to the Buckenham unit, one third to the
district and one third to the County.

L. Gedge.

WHIST DRIVE IN KING'S HEAD Forward notice for January 10th and 24th
at 7.45 p.m.

V. Cowdrey.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM - A Christmas Story by Commdr Steele, V.C.R.N.

The Star of Bethlehem hovered over the Babe in the Manger that first Christmas morning. It has hovered over mankind ever since. GOD had come to this planet. It was a Cosmic event, the next step in Creation. Go out on a clear night this Christmas. Pick out a star, give it your name and call it your soul. Let it be a visible aid to that which is invisible. There are billions of stars in space, some bright, some old and dark and many out of sight altogether. This is how it is with souls, for there are souls present past and future - millions of them. It is written "Christ holds all souls in life". There is a name written on each one. The reason He holds them is because HE dwells in ETERNITY. This makes your soul eternal, it lives after your earthly body has returned to dust, after Planet Earth has returned to dust, and after the material universe has returned to dust - your soul lives on in Christ.

Christ has bestowed much upon us, but he wants us to do our share during our earthly pilgrimage. We must feed our soul as we feed our body and minds. Creation does not end at the mind or psychic plane, for "which we live and have our being" - the divine Purpose for which the world was created - the Kingdom of God. So if when you gaze at your star it appears far away, this does not place it outside your ken. Remind yourself that the speed of thought exceeds that of any radar wave. There is neither time nor distance in Heaven, therefore Christ, who holds your Soul, is immediate, is present.

You must build your star up. This is effected by projecting upon it your most spiritual thoughts "eternal moments" when all is still. Your star will then grow into a galaxy. Your earthly thoughts form the galaxy of your mind. Let your spiritual thoughts form the galaxy of your soul. Strange as it may sound in our time-place world, thoughts are things in Heaven. What becomes of our not-so-good thoughts we ask? They are negative and unreal, and disappear altogether as darkness before light.

Because Christ holds your soul you must go to Him before you can re-unite "No man cometh to the Father but through ME" Christ proclaimed. This statement might appear dogmatic and offend non-believers. During the formation and growth of our star cluster it remained a shapeless collection and in the case of a non-believer continues so - until he believes. At this stage the soul cluster can be likened to a comet, owing allegiance to no centre of attraction, a vagrant in the skies without direction or purpose, vulnerable in its trackless path to collision with any other celestial body it might chance to meet. In the Book of Revelation it is written "A Great Star fell from Heaven". This is the Star of Bethlehem which attracted the wise men and has attracted men ever since. Our soul cluster is attracted to it and is saved from annihilation. Our soul clusters are no longer piles of scattered thoughts but under the influence of the Divine Centre who is Christ they take on shapes - the shapes of Angels.

The words of the Prophet Job have been fulfilled. "The morning stars sang together". Perhaps this was the Heavenly Host the Shepherd saw that first Christmas morning.

G.C.S.