

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS. OCTOBER 1974.

THE OLD TESTAMENT - This, I commend to your further reading - The 1st lesson at Matins, and at Evensong is always taken from the Old Testament. To those who do not read the Bible regularly, and who have not studied it, these lessons must seem dull, boring and irrelevant. Indeed it has often been suggested to me that because these portions of scripture are incomprehensible to most, there is little point in reading them. Years ago of course, in every Church Community, a regular weekly feature would be the Bible reading class. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that the average parishoner of yesteryear would be more conversant with his/her Bible than the average parishoner of today.

Briefly, and for purpose of study the Old Testament can be divided into three parts.

FIRST The history of the Hebrew people, which spans thousands of years. It includes God's revelation; the falling from favour because of their idolatry, and because they came under the influence of the heathen; their punishment, (exile, bondage, famine and plague) and their eventual atonement.

SECOND The writing of the law, which still forms the basis of our legal system. Just, and humane, it has stood the test of time. The Jewish law was ceremonial, moral and social. The laws relating to food and hygiene reflected the climate and other conditions and were the expression of concern for the people's health. The laws were designed to protect weak, and to prevent exploitation by the strong and powerful. Laws for the use of land were designed both for conservation and productivity.

THIRD Poets and Prophets, i.e. Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah etc. Take up your Bible and read the psalms. They ask questions, and they give answers. They comfort and they praise. Consider Psalm 23. Everybody knows the words. It is a picture of an ideal. If God is the shepherd, that ideal can be realized in conditions far from ideal - even in times of trouble, danger and death. For those who are worried about today's society, consider Psalm 37 "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like grass and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed".

Writers through the ages have tried to interpret things as they are not as politicians would have us see them. For this they are often persecuted. A famous Russian writer has recently been exiled for doing this. Poets are realists, they describe the conditions, but do not give the answers. The following passage might well have been written by a twentieth century writer, "Vanity of vanities says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains for ever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. All things are full of weariness ... and there is nothing new under the sun". (Ecclesiastes 1 : 2 - 9.

INVALIDS. Mrs. Braine who delivers our "News" has been unwell. Miss Ada Woodcraft has returned home having undergone surgical treatment in The Wayland Hospital. Mrs. Peters of St. Martins Gardens has recently been in Hospital in Norwich. Mr. Middleton has been unwell of late. Mr. T. Shortis is recovering after a fall.

DEPARTURES. Mr. Delf has left The Rookery, and has returned to the U.S.A.

OBITUARY. It is with much sorrow we report the death of Mr. Stanley Snelling. Mr. W. Saunders writes:- "The death of Stanley Snelling as a result of a road accident, came as a great shock. Stanley had lived with his parents in, or near New Buckenham all his life - except for a period in H.M. forces. Our sympathy goes to his family."

Miss. J. Mags. a one time resident of the Village was brought home for burial on September 19th. Daughter of the local harness Maker and of staunch Methodist stock. She left the Village some years ago and died in Hospital in Cromer.

The Rev. A.C. Heigham. Rector of Carleton Rode died in Hospital after an illness which started some months ago. A good friend to this parish he and his Sister attended many of our money raising efforts. He from time to time officiated for me. At the time of his death he was Chaplain of the local branch of the Royal British Legion. A large congregation attended his Requiem. A fitting epitaph was given by the Bishop of Thetford. who said "He was a good man, and those who knew him were the better for it".

CHURCH SERVICES.

OCT. 6th	Matins 11. 0	H.C. 11. 30
" 13th	H.C. 8.30	Matins 11. 0
" 20th	Matins 11. 0	H.C. 11. 30
" 27th	H.C. 8.30	Matins 11. 30

Sunday School. 10.15 each Sunday at The Vicarage.

Flowers. OCT. 6th and 13th Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Bailey.

" " 20th and 27th Mrs. Hamerton.

Brasses. Mrs. Woodcraft.

Choir Practice - Tuesdays at 8.0 pm.
(see note.)

H. Whitwham. Vicar.

METHODIST SERVICES.

OCT. 4th Friday. Flower Festival commences.

Refreshments in the School room.

The Attleborough Choir will give a concert at 7.30 p.m.

OCT 6th. (Morning Service) Mrs. Hayes . Evening Rev. Hiscock.

" 13th " " Mrs. Coggle " Mr. Barker.

" 20th " Rev. G. Kirkland of U.S.A. " Films.

" 27th " Mr. T. Dunning " "Shepherd in the Country"
United at Old Buckenham
(Rev. Hughes)

On behalf of all our members I would like to thank Mrs. R. Howling for arranging the Flower Festival and for organising the spring cleaning. Thank you to all ladies who scrubbed the Chapel and to those who afterwards did the polishing.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Bank Holiday Fete.

My friends, once again another Fete has come and gone - 'What a shock that morning - would we have a Fete or not? - that rain so cold and wet, pitiless. However we all got busy routing out tables and chairs. Some of them were damaged, but out came screws and screwdrivers and a strong wrist - thanks for that and the enthusiasm to get a good job done. Each of us hoped and prayed for the rain to leave off - and it did!

What a glorious half day we had - and the proceeds making it all worth while. The Lord really looked on us with his kindly eyes, and said ...Let there be Sunshine: we can all thank each other for a good and happy day.

I am most sorry that Mr.Noyes Lewis has given up, owing to pressure of work. Can some kind member of our Community take over please? don't let this great effort fall down: it makes a grand day for so many - we do have a lot of willing helpers.

We each know our own job, and Mr.Noyes Lewis will help and advise anyone who is willing to take the job on (if they need help!)

Sincerely

Grace Hull,
Beech Cottage.

REFRESHMENTS.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Ladies who helped to make, prepare and serve the above. Also many thanks to Mrs.Noyes Lewis for the use of her Kitchen and garden. As you know it was a very successful afternoon in spite of the early morning weather. Again many thanks.

Margaret Wright.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Our Flower Festival and Harvest Thanksgiving is on October 4th 5th and 6th. We welcome Everyone. I would be pleased if any Child would like to do an arrangement, but would prefer the Child to have the help of "Mum". The Child's name would be on the arrangement - work could be done at home or brought to the Schoolroom on Thursday.

Jean Howling.

PARISH CHURCH HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Thank you all for the beautiful decorations and produce not forgetting the Childrens' baskets. The produce was sent to Forncett Grange (Langley House Trust). Friday's collection amounted to £12.55 and was sent to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute. The infant Son of Bernard and Frances Duncan was blessed before the High Alter after the Service on Friday.

H. Whitwham.

PARISH ROOM.

The bingo made £9.25 and the bowls drive £12.00. Thank you to all who came and to all who helped. October 18th. Harvest Supper. We hope to see you all. In addition to our usual menu we have included a Licensed bar, where red and white dinner wine will be served. This will be sold seperately. The tickets at 75p (50p children) from Committee Members. Auction. Anything from the Kitchen Sink to a pot of Jam! - will be gratefully accepted and collected if you let us know.

Jean Howling (Chairman)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION. - WOMANS' SECTION.

Thank you all who helped to make the Country and Western dance a great success.

The profit of £36 will help the Widows and exservice men of two World Wars - and Widows of service men killed in Ireland at the present time.

NEXT MEETING. October 3rd. Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. Nominations for 1975 committee.

E.Powell (Chairman).

Good Companions Club.

BINGO Wednesday October 2nd at 8 p.m.
October 3rd. (Thursday) Mystery Tour starting at 9.30 a.m.
October 17th. Monthly Meeting at New Buckenham 2.30 p.m.
October 24th. Annual Sale 2.45 p.m. to be opened by Mr Bale.
October 30th. Area Service. Parish Church. Address by the
Rev. H. Bridges.

G. Gray (Hon.Sec.).

NOTICES

SONGS OF PRAISE. Do you watch the programme "Songs of Praise"?

Do you sing hymns in the bath? If you enjoy hymn singing of any kind, this invitation is for you.

On the first Tuesday of every month instead of the normal choir practice there will be an open meeting in Church for the singing of hymns. Come and join in the old favourites or have a go at some of the modern tunes. We welcome your written requests, please hand these to the Vicar or to me and make the first meeting on October 1st a date for your diary.

Margaret Thomas - Choir Mistress.

This invitation is for anyone in the parish - next hymn singing is on November 5th at 8 p.m. in the Parish Church

H. Whitwham.

FLOWER FESTIVAL ACCOUNT including associated events.

Gross takings. £541.81½. Net profit £347.26½.

Expenses. £194.55.

A detailed balance sheet is displayed in the Church Porch.

E.Bird (Hon.Treasurer).

AERO-FILMS LIMITED

I have received ordered copies. I think the prints are very clear and give a view of the whole village. I am now handing this to the Parish Council to whom further enquiries should be directed.

H. Whitwham.

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS. NOVEMBER 1974.

The Preacher Sir Keith Joseph has been criticised by his political opponents and also by his political supporters, for the speech he recently made.

On the one hand a small part of the speech was taken out of context and used to portray him as some kind of Hitler - and on the other hand, those who commented on the whole of his speech suggested that it was no business of politicians to preach about public morality.

We are un-used these days to hear any adverse comment on the behaviour pattern, which has been changing since the war. All change has been in the name of that hazy thing - progress.

It used to be thought the duty of leading Churchmen and leaders of other religious denominations to make this type of public pronouncement! However the church for many years has appeared to be clinging to the bandwagon of popular thought, for fear of appearing retrogressive. It was therefore refreshing to read this somewhat retrogressive speech was made by a distinguished intellectual and fellow of All Souls. Sir Keith suggested that our attitudes towards work reward, thrift, savings, education, patriotism and the family etc used to be right, but are wrong now.

He also suggested our national behaviour pattern cannot be separated from our sick economy. The implication being that permissive behaviour on a national scale tends to be costly, whereas to live within the confines of a sound behaviour pattern is nationally more economical. Sir Keith feared we were being destroyed from within, which is all the more tragic since we fought and destroyed Philip of Spain, Napoleon, the Kaiser and Hitler.

Most of us would hate to live in an authoritative state. Self discipline beginning in childhood and continuing throughout life, gives us the greatest freedom. It is self discipline which makes us do things for others when we are tired and dispirited. It brings us to Church on Sundays when we would rather stay at home and read the Sunday papers. It brings us to Choir practice on Tuesdays when we would rather stay in the warm.

There is an old Spanish Proverb which says "Take what you want said God and pay for it". When we do the paying we consider what we take. When someone else does the paying perhaps we consider less. However, payment is always extracted, and the score is always settled.

THE HARVEST SUPPER.

On behalf of all who were present on Friday October 18th I would like to thank Mrs. Jean Howling, her committee and helpers - not forgetting Reggie - for putting on this annual event, which is a happy convivial evening for the whole family.

That the numbers increase each year, and the evening is 'sold out' well in advance are measures of appreciation for this popular event.

INVALIDS.

Col. Thackwell and Mr. P. Savoury have recently returned after a stay in hospital. Mr. F. Collins is in hospital for minor surgery to his feet. Other invalids include residents at St. Mary's - Mrs. Muriel Powell, Mrs. Haines and Mr. Berry.

DEATH.

Mrs. Neal of Old Buckenham, who was well known to many here, has recently died aged 48 years.

MARRIAGES.

On October 13th at the R.C. Church Wymondham - Peter John Casson to Marion May King. On October 26th at the parish Church Woodbridge - George Anthony Mountgarret Hamerton to Nicola Gill Woodhead. We wish both young couples happiness and are pleased they are going to live in the village.

ARRIVALS

We are pleased to welcome Mr and Mrs Brown and family, Mr and Mrs Gowllett and Mr and Mrs Martin and family. Mr and Mrs Martin are mine host and hostess at the George Hotel.

DEPARTURES

Dr and Mrs Oxley have left the village to live in Attleborough.
Mr and Mrs Harvey and family have left the George Hotel and are living at Wramplingham near Wymondham.

CHURCH SERVICES

Nov. 3rd Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30.
10th Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Memorial Service 2.30 p.m.
17th. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
24th Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.

Sunday School each Sunday 10.15 at the Vicarage.
Choir Practice Tuesdays at 8 p.m. See note under events.

Flowers: Nov. 3rd and 10th. Mrs FitzPatrick.
17th and 24th. Mrs Hewes and Mrs Cope.

Brasses: Mrs Whitwham.

Hugh Whitwham. Vicar.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Nov. 3rd. Morning: Mr R. Garrard. Evening Mr Wills.
10th. " Mr Reeve. " Mrs P.D. Coleman.
Holy Baptism 4 p.m. the Minister will officiate.
17th. Morning: Mr Sheldrake. Evening: Film "Shepherd in the City".
24th. Morning: Rev. Hughes. Evening: Mrs Coggle.

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

Nov. 5th. Ladies from Old Buckenham.
19th. To be announced.

FLOWER & HARVEST FESTIVAL

This brought in a total of £86+. My grateful thanks to Mrs R. Howling for organising this, also to those who did the arrangements, attended the stalls, served refreshments or helped in any way.
The Attleborough Methodist Choir was much appreciated.

Forward notice: Dec. 10th. Womens' Fellowship Carol Service.

PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

F. Pctter.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Nov. 10th.

The main parade and service will be at Old Buckenham Church at 3 p.m. The laying of the wreath at the War Memorial in New Buckenham Church will be at 2.30 p.m.

WOMENS' SECTION. Annual General Meeting: Parish Room Nov. 7th at 2.30 p.m. There will be an official County Speaker.

E. Powell (Chairman).

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

October has been a very active month. There was the mystery outing, the bingo as reported above, the annual meeting with election of Chairman and Committee members and the Autumn sale. This was most successful and realized £91+ for Club funds. On behalf of the Committee and members I would like to thank those who came, those who gave to the stalls and those who sent donations.

F. Smitherman (Chairman).

THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FETE

At 8 a.m. it started to rain, and as hour followed hour it fell more and more heavily ! What are you going to do ? Could we possibly squeeze stalls and some side shows into the Village hall ? Surely it must stop sometime ! Many prayers were offered and suddenly at 2 p.m. rain stopped and out came the sun - hurray !

After such a shocking morning we must thank all our faithful supporters who always look out for the New Buckenham fete; and who enabled us to count just over £500 at the end of the afternoon - only £16 less than last year.

A new side show and two stall frames have been made, £47 has been left on deposit for next year, 2 raffle prizes are still in hand and after all expenses were paid we had £390 to divide equally between Church, Chapel and Village Hall. A very hearty vote of thanks must go to all who worked so hard either on the day or before hand and to so many who gave prizes and donations.

Don't wait until next August but start thinking now about next year's fete.

Nick Noyes-Lewis.

PARISH ROOM FUND

We would like to thank everyone who came to our harvest supper. Also those who helped and gave for the auction. A special thanks to Mr and Mrs R. Eagling who gave and peeled the potatoes, also to the people who cooked them. A profit of £131.79 was made.

The Bingo on October 23rd made £4.00.

A Bonfire and firework display has been planned to take place on the Common on Saturday November 2nd. We hope you will all come. There will be a collection at the fire to pay for the fireworks, so I hope you will all give generously.

On November 13th we welcome you to a Batamix demonstration where we will serve coffee.

Forthcoming events:

Nov. 2nd. Bonfire & Firework Display. 5.30 p.m.
6th. Bingo 8 p.m. (Parish Room).
13th. Batamix Demonstration in Parish Room. 8 p.m.
20th. Bingo 8 p.m.
22nd. Country & Western. Tickets on Sale 65p. each.

J. Howling (Chairman).

WHIST DRIVES

November 14th. King's Head Hotel. 7.45 p.m.
28th. ditto.

I would like to thank everybody who supported the Bingo Drive held at the Parish Room on 2nd October and to the people who gave prizes. The drive was very successful, especially as it was held on such a wet day. I would like to thank all those who helped and to Mrs Lorna Gedge for acting as caller. The event raised £32.50 for the Good Companions Club.

V.L. Cowdery (Treasurer).

BOWLS CLUB DINNER

At the George Hotel. Admission by ticket.

W. Saunders.

BELL RINGING

We have some keen new recruits from Old Buckenham and Attleborough. We meet for practice on Tuesday evenings.

W. Saunders (Bell Captain)

COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

Next "Songs of Praise" on November 5th. 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

M. Thomas.

FORWARD NOTICE UNITED SERVICE. NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday Dec. 15th in the Parish Church. Cantoris Venta Choir will join with us and afterwards sing around the Village. Details next month.

H. Whitwham.

A "Merry" Christmas to you all. As we make plans to celebrate the religious feast which is nearly 2,000 years old and the secular feast which is much older, probably the old Roman feast of Saturnalia, we might pause for a moment and ponder on the sorry state of the world. We are told that during this last decade Church attendance has fallen by as much as 20%. This includes the Anglican, Roman and all the free Churches. Recently the Bishop of Southwark was asked for his opinion why this should be so, and he thought that modern living in an industrial Society, the crowding of our cities etc made it difficult for people to make Church attendance, or religious observance part of their lives. He noted that the Church had more influence in rural areas.

When people first moved from the rural areas and lived in the towns born of the industrial revolution, this did not drive them away from religion, for although the Church was going through a lukewarm stage at that time, Methodism was very strong, particularly in industrial areas. Where then have the Churches failed? They have tried to move with the times and have condoned that which in times past they would have condemned - but events overtake nations, policies and people. On all this shifting sand the Church must be the rock of faith and only if it is this will it be able to reach out to troubled people in a troubled world.

INVALIDS

Nicholas Smith, who suffered a motor accident a month ago, is still unconscious in hospital. Prayers are offered for him each Sunday in both Church and Chapel. We include in our prayers his parents and brother in their time of stress.

On going to print we learn that Dr Hamerton and his daughter have been injured in a motor accident in Scotland. We wish them both a complete recovery.

Robin Winsor has had his final surgery to the ear which was injured after a dog bite. Robin has been to and fro to the hospital for a year or more and he must be very pleased that all is now over.

Mrs Potter of College Farm is making progress after a heart attack.

OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow we record the death of Mrs Hamerton which occurred suddenly on November 9th. The large congregation at her funeral was a measure of the esteem in which she was held. We send our sympathy to her family.

IN MEMORIUM £72 was left in the Church on the occasion of Mrs Hamerton's funeral. This was sent to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in her memory, as requested by her fellow committee members.

Major Berry, who resided at St Mary's has recently died after an illness of some months.

ARRIVALS

We welcome Mr and Mrs Glenister and their daughter Molly who have come to live in King Street.

BAPTISMS

At the Parish Church on Sunday November 3rd the infant son of Mr and Mrs Martin of Uppate Street was christened Nicholas.

At the Methodist Church on Sunday November 10th the infant son of Mr and Mrs Tripp of St Martins Gardens was christened Paul Richard.

CHURCH SERVICES

Dec. 1st.	ADVENT SUNDAY. Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m.
8th.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.
15th.	CHILDRENS SERVICE 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m.
	EVENING UNITED with Methodists for Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m. See note under events.
22nd.	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.
24th.	BLESSING OF THE CRIB. 11.45 p.m.
25th.	HOLY COMMUNION MIDNIGHT.
	HOLY COMMUNION 10.30 a.m.
29th.	Matins 11 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at the Vicarage at 10.15 a.m. except on December 15th when the children will sing carols and read the lessons in Church.

FLOWERS. No flowers in advent. Altar flowers for Christmas - Mrs Steward. Please will the ladies decorate the rest of the Church.

BRASSES. Mrs Smith.

CHOIR PRACTICE. Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Open practice on December 3rd for Community hymn singing.

Hugh Whitwham (Vicar).

METHODIST SERVICES

Dec, 1st.	Morning:	Mr Gray.	Evening:	Mr D.Coleman.
8th.	"	Rev. Coggal.	"	Mr Goodrum.
15th.	"	Supply	"	United with Parish Church.
22nd.	Family Carol Service.		"	Rev. Blount.
29th.	Morning:	Mr Humphreys.	"	Rev. Hughes.

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Carol Service on December 10th at 2.30 p.m. This will be the only meeting for December.

F. Potter.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR. DECEMBER 14th. in aid of Church, Chapel and Parish Room. To be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs Nicki Hamerton. Will all who wish to support this effort please send gifts to the following stallholders or leave them at the Parish Room on the morning or early afternoon of December 14th.

FRUIT STALL.
PLANT STALL.

Mrs Hull and Mars Gray.
Mrs Howes and Mrs Cope.

CAKE STALL.
PRODUCE STALL.
NEW STALL.
JUMBLE & WHITE
ELEPHANT.

BINGO
XMAS STALL.
WEIGHT OF CAKE.
KEY IN DOOR.
FATHER CHRISTMAS.
RAFFLES.
TEAS.

DOOR.

Mrs Eames and Mrs Bailey.
Mesdames H. Rush, J. Rush and Mackrell.
" A. Potter, R. Potter & J. Bailey.
Mrs Howling and Mrs Brown.
Mrs Chambers and Mrs Powell.
Mrs Tofts and Mrs Whitwham.
Mrs Kemp.
Mrs Breeze and Mrs Winser.
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Mrs Cowdrey and Mrs Wright.
Mesdames Goffin, Oakley, Gilbert,
Cooper.
Mr Deeks and Mr Self.

PARISH ROOM.

The bonfire party held on the Common on November 2nd made a profit of £4. A special thanks for the band of young worjers for collecting and making the fire and Guys. Well done boys and girls!

Our Bingo made a profit of £8 and the Country and Western £22.

We have now purchased 15 Formica topped tables for £130 which we hope will be a help to those who use the Parish Room for occasions. We hope these will be treated with respect.

Jean Howling (Chairman).

NEW BUCKENHAM SILVER BAND

The Band Christmas Draw will take place at the Parish Room on Thursday December 19th at 8 p.m. There will be Carols and Xmas music - everybody welcome. Refreshments will be available.

T. Winser (Bandmaster).

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Thursday 12th December at 5.45 p.m. Christmas Party in the Parish Room.

December 4th at the Edinburgh Hall, Great Hockham - Carol Party. Bus' leaves village at 1.45 p.m.

G. Gray (Hon. Sec.)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy Day collection plus Morning collection at Parish Church amounted to £34.84. Whist Drive profit £14. Mrs M. Cook has won the County Standard Bearers competition for Old and New Buckenham Womens' Section.

Mr Stephen Loveday who was a long serving Member and Social Secretary of the Legion died on November 24th. He was known over a wide area and will be greatly missed.

E. Powell (Chairman, Womens' Section).

CAROL SERVICE. PARISH CHURCH. DECEMBER 15th. 6.30 p.m.

There will be a United Service with congregation singing, lessons, and the Cantoris Venta Choir under the direction of Mr Morgan will sing in Church and afterwards around the Village - weather permitting. Refreshments will afterwards be served at the Vicarage where we hope more carols will be sung.

H. Whitwham.

THE BOWLS CLUB

Held their annual dinner at The George Hotel on November 21st. Mr Steward welcomed over 70 members and visitors.

Toasts were proposed by Mr R. Luxford, Mr W. Saunders and Mr W. Jackson and responded to by Mr S. Starling, Mr A. Wright and Mr. Townsend. The catering was by Mr Martin and music and entertainment which followed ensured a pleasant evening.

W. Saunders.

LETTERS, RECIPE, etc.

The following letter is from Mrs Anthony Hamerton:

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the kind people who not only came all the way to Woodbridge for our wedding and helped to make it such a special day for Tony and me, but also for your most generous gift. We have used your cheque to buy some really lovely wine glasses and are looking forward to christening them! Thank you all very much indeed.

Nicki Hamerton.

CAKE RECIPE

I wonder if the ladies of the village would like this recipe for a quick easy cake. It tends to be rather sweet so an ounce or so of the sugar could be omitted.

Ingredients 6 ozs. Marge or butter, 6 ozs Sugar. 3 eggs
9 ozs Self Raising Flour. 1 jar mincemeat.

Method. Line or grease a 7" or 8" tin. Cream butter and sugar until Soft. Beat in eggs one at a time with a little flour. Stir in the rest of the flour and mincemeat at the same time. Put mixture in tin scooping out the middle slightly to make a level surface when cooked. Cook for one hour in middle of oven. Gas 3, electricity 325° and then a further hour at 300°

Christine Brain.

GOSSIP

Before repeating gossip, ask yourself:

Is it true ?

Is it kind ?

Is it necessary ?

Mrs J. Dunnell (Litcham).

BEER MAKING

Here is a recipe I found a few years ago which is simple to make with excellent results to show. It is called "OHNE ZUCKER" which is German for "no sugar". Ingredients 1½ lbs Malt extract, 10 ozs hops, yeast and 1 gallon water. The Method Melt the malt extract in the water; place the hops in a nylon bag and boil together for 30 minutes. Strain off the hops and squeeze as much liquid out as possible. Make up to 1 gallon with cold water and place in a plastic or earthenware container (not metal). Add a small quantity of yeast when cool and keep in a warm place for 5 - 7 days. When the surface of beer is clear, syphon into clean bottles adding ½ teaspoon sugar per pint. Keep for 14 days in a cool place when beer is then ready to drink. It improves if you can keep it longer.

Happy brewing

Bernard Minns.