

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisations

IN MEMORIAM

The sudden death of Mr. Alfred Coxon was a shock to us all. We will always remember him with affection and regard. We will recall one who could never sit back as a passenger or onlooker when something needed to be done—he had to take his full part, as a member of the team, in tackling the job in hand. In this spirit of loyal and conscientious co-operation and un-sparing effort to reach the highest standard he carried out his daily work; in this spirit he put his heart and mind and professional skill into the work he did for the Church. There is now the sadness and grief of parting and a sense of great loss for a life cut down in its prime. But there is also the confidence and hope that he whom we miss so much shares in that victory over death which Christ has won, and goes forward to fuller and richer life.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

With Christmas approaching rapidly, we started work at our Indoor Evening on November 2nd for our carol party. We intend to go round the parish singing on Christmas Eve, as we did last year, and we shall also be holding a Carol Service for the residents at Laurel Dene on the Sunday before Christmas.

For our Sunday evening meetings we are starting a series of studies on St. John's Gospel, following the pattern of the Christian Year. We shall be holding all our usual activities in December and there will also be a party shortly after Christmas.

The programme for the coming month is as follows:—

Sunday evenings at 8 p.m.

- Nov. 30—The Christian Year. St. John c.1: Prologue.
Dec. 7—To be announced.
,, 14—St. John c.1: Baptist's witness.
,, 21—Guest Speaker: Mr. E. Beckett.
,, 28—Opening of the Problem Box.

Additional Activities

- Nov. 29—Indoor Evening at Wayside at 7 p.m.
Dec. 7—Communion and Breakfast at Wayside at 8 a.m.
,, 13—Energetic Evening at the Hall at 7 p.m.
,, 21—Old People's Service at Laurel Dene at 5.30 p.m.
,, 30—Christmas Party at the Hall 5 p.m.—10 p.m.

R.E.P.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our talk—"Prevention of Fire in the Home"—on October 29th came at a most opportune time, being so near November 5th. Assistant Divisional Officer Squires said he was very glad to be able to give us some "Do's" and "Dont's" ready for "Bonfire Night." Then followed a most interesting and instructive talk about the Fire Service and its work. Two films were shown which illustrated only too clearly how easily fires are started by carelessness particularly with cigarette-ends and faulty electrical fittings. It was a pity that the attendance was rather poor, due mainly to fog.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th November at the Hall

Mrs. Ford, the chairman, thanked the Committee for their support and hard work during the past years. Thanks on behalf of the members were extended to the two retiring committee members, Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Pyne, and Mrs. Ford welcomed the three new members elected—Mrs. Harding as Vice-Chairman (84, Park Road), Mrs. Farnsworth (30, Wolsey Road) and Mrs. Humphrey (18, High Street).

The Annual Children's Xmas Party is on Friday, 2nd January at 3 p.m. Young Wives' wishing their children to attend should apply to Mrs. Sanders, 30, Cranmer Road (Mol. 2812) before December 6th. Tickets 1/- each.

The next Discussion Meeting will be held in February: date to be settled later. A foggy night caused the November meeting to be poorly attended.

M.F.

THE BONFIRE NIGHT

A most enjoyable evening was held in the Vicarage garden to commemorate the time-honoured "Fifth." The bonfire reached almost volcanic proportions, the fireworks seemed better than ever, and there were large quantities of delectable refreshments. Numbers had to be limited to 150, to accord with the amount of space available, and the demand for tickets, exceeded the supply. Mrs. Orton, as usual, organised the event so that everything went smoothly and happily, and she found many willing helpers. Though not run to make a profit, it did actually clear expenses by about £4 (this is allowing for tickets reserved in advance but not yet paid for—we hope anyone to whom these words apply will be good enough to take the hint!)

THE BROWNIE PACK

The 1st Hampton Hill Brownie Pack this year celebrates its 40th birthday, having a record of continuous activity from the foundation in November 1918. Even during the blackout of the war years meetings were then held in the home of the Guider, Mrs. Austin.

To mark the occasion a party was held in the Hall on Saturday, November 8th, when the guests included the District Commissioner, District Guide Captain and a former Guider, Miss C. Brown.

At the beginning of the party the Brownies lined up to signal a welcome to Twickenham's Youth Officer, Miss S. Baker, who then presented them with an owl for the magic circle.

Film strips of Guiding activities were shown by Mr. Michael Rooney. The catering was looked after by the parents.

Unfortunately the size of the Pack has had to be restricted in recent months, as there is only Brown Owl in charge, and help is badly needed to train the brownies in their tests.

D.M.C.

BRING AND BUY SALE

The members of the Mothers' Union warmly invite Parishioners to join with them in an afternoon of fellowship at a Bring and Buy Sale to be held at Wayside on Saturday, December 6th, at 2.30 p.m.

Stall for Christmas gifts—Dip Tub—Christmas Tree—Home Made Cakes and Teas.

THE SCOUT GROUP

On November 11th parents and friends of our Scout Group spent an enjoyable evening in the form of a Bingo Drive at St. James's Hall. All are welcome to these evenings, so why not make it a monthly date and spend an evening with old friends and make new ones?

Wednesday, November 12th, the Scouts and Cubs with parents and friends were entertained by Brooke Bond Tea Co. to a film show at St. James's Hall. The high light of the evening being a film of the Jamboree at Sutton Park. Owing to adverse weather many would-be visitors were unable to attend.

Our December Bingo Drive will be an extra special one with Chickens, Crackers, etc. as prizes. Admission 2/6.

There will also be a grand raffle for a Turkey, tickets 1/- each. So make a note of the date—December 9th, 1958—the place—St. James's Hall, time—7.45 p.m.

May I on behalf of 3rd Hampton Hill Scout Group wish our patrons a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

A. R. Cook.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Dec. 6.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Sale (W).
- Dec. 9.—8.0 p.m. Prayer Group (Vestry).
- Dec. 14.—Dedication Festival: Presentation of gifts for work outside the Parish and renewal of Christian Giving Scheme. (Sunday Services as usual).
- Dec. 22.—St. Thomas. Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m.
- Dec. 24-25.—Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 11.45 p.m. (Midnight Eucharist), 8.0 a.m., 9.0 a.m., 12.15 p.m. Matins at 11.0 a.m.
- Dec. 26.—St. Stephen, Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m.
- Dec. 27.—St. John, Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m.
- Dec. 28.—First Sunday after Christmas: The Innocents' Day. No Parade Service on this Sunday, but Children's Service at 2.30 p.m. instead of Sunday School. Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30 p.m.

Dec. 30.—2.0 p.m. Sunday School
 Outing to Pantomime. 5.0 p.m.
 Young People's Fellowship Christ-
 mas Party (H).
 Jan. 1.—The Circumcision, Holy
 Communion at 7.15 and 10.30
 a.m.
 Jan. 2.—3.0 p.m. Young Wives'
 Group Children's Party (H).
 Jan. 3.—7.30 p.m. Parish Christmas
 Party (H).
 Jan. 6.—The Epiphany, Holy Com-
 munion at 7.15 a.m.
 Jan. 9.—7.30 p.m. Magazines should
 be ready.
 Jan. 11.—All those intending to be
 confirmed in 1959 are asked to
 attend Evensong at 6.30 p.m. and
 to stay for a short meeting after-
 wards.
 Jan. 25.—No Evensong here at 6.30

p.m. Quarterly United Service at
 St. Mary's, Hampton.

BAPTISMS

Nov. 23.—June Elizabeth Bellman,
 Flat 3a, 126, Uxbridge
 Road.
 „ 23.—Diana Lesley Cornish, 95
 Park Road.

MARRIAGES

Nov. 22.—Malcolm Gordon Rae to
 Beryl Diana Henderson.
 „ 29.—Michael Martin David
 Powell to Mary Elizabeth
 Hutchins.

BURIALS

Nov. 21.—Annie Laurie Surman, 88
 Windmill Road, aged 71
 years.
 „ 22.—Alfred Henry Coxon, 33,
 Wellington Road, aged 56
 years.

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

THE REFUGEES

Unfortunately the magazine will not be out in time to give a further reminder of the Twickenham Borough two-day 'Drive' for donations and clothing for refugees, but there has been good publicity elsewhere. Again unfortunately, on the official leaflets and posters, for the second time in succession, a mistake has been made about our Reception Centre. This year the address is correctly given, but instead of its being included in the Hampton Hill section, it is hidden away under the heading of 'Twickenham,' and this will doubtless make some difference to the result. Many people will have been unaware that Wayside has been open at all. If you were one of these, and would like to help a refugee family this Christmastide, it is still not too late. Donations can still be sent to the manager of Barclays Bank, Twickenham, clothing can be sent to Oxfam Local Relief, c/o Davies, Turner & Co., 50a, Bourne Street, S.W.1. Christmas cards can be ordered at various prices, the proceeds of which go direct to the Churches own service for refugees. —Inter Church Aid (Details from Mr. Farrow or the Vicar).

WHAT IS A PESTALOZZI VILLAGE?

The original Pestalozzi Children's Village in Switzerland, named after

the famous Swiss pioneer in education, was founded in 1946 as a relief scheme for war orphans and soon developed into an international centre of education. Living there, in national family houses, are needy children from Austria, Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland, with houseparents and teachers of the same nationality. They speak their own language, follow their national traditions and are brought up in their own religion. They have their primary education in their own houses. Secondary education is taken internationally in the common language, which is German as the Village is in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, and the children also mix for social events, music and art lessons, handicrafts and sports, and above all in their leisure time.

The second international Pestalozzi Village, which is now being founded in England, serves the same aim of fostering international understanding and tolerance by bringing together youngsters of different nationalities. They will be needy children who can be expected to benefit from an education in an international setting. The common language will be English and children will come not only from Europe but from the British Commonwealth and other countries overseas.

Near Battle, East Sussex, a site has been found which is well suited to this purpose, with a house ready to serve as the centre of the community. Work on building children's houses will start as further funds become available.

Here children—the citizens of tomorrow—will learn, through practical experience, the lesson of how to live together in tolerance and peace.

The Young Wives' Group are furthering this good cause in the Parish, and any information may be obtained from Mrs. Dowse, 253, Uxbridge Road (Tel.: MOL. 7040). She has "Lady Bird" emblems for sale (the children themselves chose this, because it is considered lucky in every country in the world). She also had a larger number of attractive Christmas cards, but she has now only a few left—so if you want some, please get in touch with her without delay!

A LETTER

Priority of Christ the King, 74 Meyer Street, Sophiatown, Johannesburg.
P.O. Box 47 Newville.

November 3rd, 1958.

From the above address, Fr. Paul Singleton writes to us again, as follows:—

I promised I would let you know the purpose to which your generous gift was to be put. We discussed it at our Chapter meeting and decided that our most urgent need was to pay the arrears in our Diocesan Assessment. Christ the King has always prided itself on always paying its assessment in full, and for many years past we have paid over £800 a year to the diocese. For the past two years, however, since the removals began, we have fallen far behind and it has been heavily on the conscience of our people. In a missionary diocese parishes have to pay far more to the central funds than they do in most English dioceses. Now we are trying hard to increase the salaries of African priests, so all our assessments have been raised and Christ the King has been asked to try to find over £1,200 a year. This is a heavy burden on a declining congregation, but we want to honour it as far as we possibly can. The people are doing everything they can think of to raise the money and so they are more grateful than

they can say for your generous help. I am afraid this does not sound a very romantically missionary purpose for your money, but it really does mean a lot in the life of struggling African priests for salaries to be raised. At present they are woefully underpaid in relation to their white brethren. So I hope your people will see that by putting the money towards our Diocesan Assessment it is in fact being used for a real missionary need.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE WORLD

About thirty-five per cent of the world is nominally Christian, but it is estimated that the Christian population is growing only one-third as rapidly as the whole world's population. In 1900 the world population was 1,550 millions; today it is about 2,500 millions, and the following figures are given for the world's chief religious allegiances:

	millions
Roman Catholicism	... 480
Protestantism	... 255
Eastern Religions	
(Orthodox etc)	200
Islam	... 400
Hinduism	... 310
Buddhism	... 300
Confucianism	... 392
Animism	... 124
Atheism claims	190 millions.

People under communist rule number 963 millions. If the annual increase of population continues at the present rate, it is estimated that six million people a year will become Roman Catholics, three million Protestants and two million Orthodox.

About 40,000,000 Protestants are Anglicans.

POVERTY THE MAIN CAUSE OF DISEASE

During the ten years since the formation of the World Health Organisation—described as the greatest adventure in world collaboration yet undertaken—there have been great scientific advances, including new drugs, new vaccines, better insecticides and more effective methods of fighting or preventing disease. The epidemics of the past are no longer feared, and malaria, the greatest single destroyer of human life—not excluding war or cancer—is coming under control. But the chief cause of disease in the world today is still poverty.