

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisations

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

HELP, PLEASE! We start our fourth new season with new ideas. From Friday, September 25th, we intend to start a weekly club night in Wayside. We have three principal activities in mind at present:

1. **Table Tennis**—we hope to develop a strong team and arrange a number of fixtures.

2. **Photography**—we have a number of experts and a course of instruction and practical work is being arranged.

3. **Boat building.** Sailing is a very popular sport and we are proposing to make our own sailing-dinghy from a kit. We want to build the type of boat which we can afterwards race and our present enquiries lead us to think in terms of having to find a total outlay of £100. The kit can be bought a part at a time though, and as soon as we have £35 we can make a start on the hull. We have set ourselves the job of raising this amount and various suggestions have been made, such as jumble sales and coffee parties. If any parents and friends will help us with this enterprise we shall be most grateful.

The "new look" has extended to our Sunday evening meetings too. The programme is different, the place is the vestry, and we have received a gift of mugs for our use there. On September 13th, the first meeting of the new season, even the vestry was fairly full with 27 people present.

We thought that this next Easter we would attempt to arrange a Y.P.F. holiday of some kind and two members suggested 'the Broads'. The idea seems very acceptable and we are going ahead with it.

About half a dozen of us attempted to clean out the Tower on the last Saturday in August. Result: a lot of dust and one bin full of dirt. The bell-ringers seemed quite happy. The Senior Server gave them a sanctified carpet too.

At the Committee Meeting held on September 11th, Robert Salisbury was co-opted on to the committee as Assistant Secretary.

Programme of Sunday evening meetings (1st series):

- Sept. 13—The Mission of Jesus.
" 20—Two Talks.
" 27—Speaker: Mr. G. Cheyne, barrister.
Oct. 4—Faith.
" 11—Speaker: Mrs. Stevens: "Oberammagau."
" 18—"What I find in Christianity."
" 25—Meeting with other Young People's groups at the Methodist Church. R.P.B.

THE CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

Owing to pressure of work Captain Holt has had to give up the leadership of the Company, which is now temporarily in abeyance. The Vicar is in touch with the Battalion Commander, in the hope that before long we may be able to find a successor and start up again. We are grateful to Captain Holt for his difficult pioneer work, and we know that many boys owe a great deal to his influence and care.

THE CUB CAMP

Since the Pack was formed 9 years ago for the first time we have been able to hold a week-end Camp.

We are grateful to the 5th Sunday Group who lent us their H.Q. (commonly known as "The Jungle") also to those parents who helped with transport and cooking.

On the Saturday night although much energy had been expended in erecting tents, collecting wood etc., it took a long time for the boys to settle down to sleep, and I thankfully closed my eyes for a few short hours.

On Sunday morning we were very pleased to welcome our friend Mr Rodney Bishop who conducted a short service. Camp inspection on Sunday was good for Tenderpad campers.

The rest of the day was spent in healthy and boisterous exercise with a wide-game in the afternoon, and the day ended with a Camp Fire.

The boys arrived back in Hampton Hill at 11.30 a.m. on Monday after a very enjoyable week-end.

S. R. CHILDS
(Akela).

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ALDERSEA

Many people have expressed their desire to contribute towards this, but in some cases the desire has not been carried into effect. We should like to close the list by October 25th, so please get in touch with Mr. Bishop as soon as possible—he is always available immediately after any Sunday service.

As a possible successor to Mr. Aldersea we now welcome Mr. Howard Stephens, M.A., B.Mus. (Oxon.), F.R.C.O. (CHM), who also holds the Archbishop of Canterbury's Diploma in Church Music, and has been sub-organist at Exeter Cathedral and Director of Music in a well-known public school. Mr. Stephens also has certain difficulties about distance to overcome, and for the moment the appointment is, as usual, a provisional one with a view to something more official later. Mr. Stephens has already started work amongst us with great enthusiasm and ability, and the plans for building up the choir on strong foundations begun by Mr. Aldersea will continue to be carried out.

A CALL FOR HELPERS

The Horder Centres for Arthritics is a young national charity which aims to help badly disabled and housebound arthritics—those who have been told—"Nothing more can be done for you."

The slenderness of our resources unfortunately hinders the opening of our first residential Centre in the immediate future, but does not prevent our Branches of "Horder Centres Helpers" springing up all over the country. The members befriend the housebound arthritics and do all in their power to make their hard lot a little easier to bear. We are aware of the splendid work done amongst the disabled by several organizations and are careful that the activities of our Helpers do not overlap with the work of other bodies.

Our Helpers make friendly and quite informal calls once or twice a week, bring in shopping, or do mending or letter-writing for those whose hands are too badly crippled to hold needle or pen.

We urgently need volunteers as Helpers to come forward in every area, including Hampton Hill and District. Please do not hold back

because you do not like the idea of visiting strangers. There is no room for shyness when there are people who sit and lie within the same four walls, in constant pain and desperately needing friendship from one year's end to the other. There are very few healthy people who with a little planning, a small sacrifice of free time, cannot spare a short time every week to cheer up one of these unfortunate arthritics. Members of Branches who are car-owners or who are strong enough to push a wheel-chair, can give great pleasure to those arthritics who are not entirely stiff and helpless, by taking them for occasional outings. To an active person who takes his or her ability to travel around for granted, such an outing may seem hardly worth offering, but to those who never get out, the sight of new faces and the most ordinary streets and shops gives long remembered joy.

To those who are entirely housebound through arthritis, we would like to send this message, "Friends are on the way, so do not despair." If you would like a Helper to call on you please write to: Mrs. M. J. Bougourd, Hon. Organizer, Teddington & District Branch of Horder Centres Helpers, 53, Princes Road, Teddington.

All who are willing to join in the work of the local Branch of "The Horder Centres Helpers" are also asked to write to Mrs. M. J. Bougourd who will be very pleased to receive offers of help.

THE HAMPTON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Mr. G. W. Cox writes to the Vicar as follows:—

"Please forgive me for seeking your good offices in an attempt to increase the membership of our local musical association, Hampton Philharmonic Society. Personal contacts are difficult in this reserved residential area, but it is hoped that some of your members may be interested in keeping musical activity alive in what remains of the local community.

"We need all voices for the choir, and string players for the orchestra which usually accompanies performances. The society meets on Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. at Percy Road School. Practices for Elijah, our next work, will recommence early in September.

"A hearty welcome awaits any who wish to join us. Further information will gladly be given by me to anyone interested."

Mr. Cox's address is: 67, Hanworth Road. Tel.: Molesey 4946.

STANDING MATTER— CHURCH OFFICERS

P.4.—Under "Churchwardens" read 'Mr. W. F. Wigginton, 18, Cranmer Road.' Delete "Teddington." All addresses are in Hampton Hill unless otherwise stated.

Supervisors of Wayside:

Mrs. Melville, 106, Park Road, and Mrs. Warwick, 52, Park Road. All applications for the use of rooms should be made to the latter, Tel.: Mol. 7004.

Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. H. Stephens, M.A., B.Mus. (Oxon), F.R.C.O. (CHM), A.R.C.M. A.D.C.M., 17, Thornbury Avenue, Osterley.

Secretary of Christian Giving Scheme

Mr. L. Rockcliffe, 40, Gloucester Road, Teddington. Tel.: Teddington Lock 4909.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

(1) Main items from the Young Wives' Group Programme for the new session:

Sept. 30.—At Home (H).

Oct. 28.—Film and Address about the Pestalozzi Children's Village (H).

Nov. 4.—Annual General Meeting and Clothing Exchange (W).

Nov. 25.—Talk by Miss Elmslie, Head Mistress of a Comprehensive School (W).

Jan. 1.—3.0 p.m. Children's Christmas Party (H).

Jan. 27.—Demonstration by Yardleys (W).

Feb. 24.—Talk on "Character Training," by Mrs. Fox (W).

March 30.—Talk on "Father's Place in the Home," by Mrs. Hanchet, Diocesan Secretary of the Mothers Union (W).

April 27.—Quiz arranged by the Consumer Advisory Council: Your Money's Worth." (H).

May 25.—"Behind the Iron Curtain." Speaker: Mrs. Bhaska (W)

June 29.—Illustrated Talk on Window Boxes and Indoor Gardens, by Mrs. Frances Percy, County Organiser of Agricultural and Horticultural Education (W).

July 27.—To be arranged.

The attention of members of the Group is also drawn to the series

of lectures which Miss Tudor-Hart is giving at the Friends' Meeting House, Kingston (under the auspices of the W.E.A.) on Child Psychology on Thursday evening, 7.45—9.45 p.m. Her lectures here some years ago were found most valuable, and one practical result was the starting of the St. James's Nursery School.

(2) Other Dates in the immediate future:

Oct. 4.—Continuation of the Harvest Festival.

Oct. 5.—7.30 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference at St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham.

Oct. 7.—8.0 p.m. Joint Hall Committees (W).

Oct. 10.—3.0 p.m. W.E.A. Public Meeting, and Lectures on Music and Astronomy (Windmill Road School).

Oct. 14.—7.45 p.m. Parish Meeting: Missionary Films and Talks (W).

Oct. 18.—St. Luke's Day. Sunday services as usual.

Oct. 19.—8.0 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Hampton Council of Churches (Congregational Church Hall).

Oct. 24.—B.R.F. & Special Meeting at Royal Festival Hall.

Oct. 25.—6.30 p.m. United Service sponsored by the Council of Churches at the Methodist Church Percy Road, to be followed by a Combined Meeting of Church Youth Groups. Evensong will be said in St. James's at 5.30 p.m.

Oct. 28.—SS. Simon and Jude; 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 7.45 p.m. Young Wives' Group (see above).

Nov. 4.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (W).

Nov. 5.—6.30 p.m. Bonfire Party (if suitable site can be found).

Nov. 15.—The Mayor attends Evensong at St. James's.

Nov. 16.—7.0 p.m. C.M.S. Special Delegates' Conference at the Central Hall, Westminster. Tickets strictly limited. Details from Dr. K. Lapworth.

The Parish Magazines for November should be published on Friday, October 30 and be available to distributors at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. All copy for this issue should be sent to the Vicar not later than Monday, October 19.

A series of Broadcasts is to be given "Christian Stewardship." For details see below.

BAPTISMS

- Sept. 27.—Wayne Clifford, 18 Ellera
Road.
,, 27.—Georgina Anne Hayter, 5,
Gloucester Road, Teddington.
,, 27.—Linda Ellen Hodges, 8,
Longford Close.
,, 27.—Kevin Andrew Kilsby, 10,
Roy Grove.
,, 27.—Paul John Naish, 116,
High Street.
,, 27.—Anthony Garry Severn, 9,
Buckingham Close.
,, 27.—Gary Owen Toone, 43,
Windmill Road.

MARRIAGES

- Aug. 29.—Brian James Foakes to
Mary Reed.
Sept. 5.—Robert Graham Lusk to
Isabel Gordon Agnew.

- Sept. 5.—John Percy Thomas Greig
to Elizabeth Ann Montant.
,, 12.—Keith Brian Woods to
Gloria Dawn Evans.

BURIALS

- Aug. 27.—Florence Annie Swain,
Park Prewett Hospital,
Basingstoke, aged 100 yrs.
,, 28.—Edith Annie Savage, 109,
Amyand Park Road,
Twickenham, aged 68 yrs.
Sept. 4.—Annie Isabel Keattch, 130
Hanover Avenue, Feltham,
aged 94 years.
,, 10.—Alice Sophia Moor, Laurel
Dene, aged 84 years (at
Teddington).
,, 23.—Jane Anne Fountain, 2,
The Almshouses, Hamp-
ton, aged 87 years.

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

THE BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, October 24th, the Fellowship is organising a big celebration in London. There is a meeting at the Royal Festival Hall at 2.0 p.m. for 2.30 p.m., at which the main speaker will be the Bishop of Lincoln. Tickets are 2/-, obtainable from our local Secretary, Mrs. Rockcliffe, but immediate application is necessary. At 6.0 p.m. there will be a service in St. Paul's Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Bradford will speak.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A series of broadcasts is to be given during the magazine programme "Christian Outlook" on Network Three (464 or 194 metres) on Wednesday evenings 7.0—7.30 p.m.

1. **September 30th—Christian Stewardship in Theory**
Mr. D. A. Hunter Johnson (Central Board of Finance), Mr. A. W. Pope (The Times). Chairman: Mr. Patrick Hamilton, Editor of "The Layman."
2. **October 7th—Christian Stewardship in Action, I.**
Mr. James Dewar at S. Mary's Church, Shirehampton, Bristol.
3. **October 21st—Christian Stewardship in Action, II.**
The Reverend B. K. Rice at S. Barnabas, Little Ilford.

4. **Nov. 4th—Christian Stewardship in Action, III.**

Mr. J. Catt at Beaconsfield Parish Church.

5. **Nov. 18th—Christian Stewardship in Action, IV.**

A visit to Trinity Methodist Church, Sutton, Surrey.

These broadcasts should be of interest to people in parishes like ours which are considering the whole question of Christian Stewardship and its relationship to the position of the Church of England today.

THE OLD BIBLE WOMAN

From a hospital in North India, a C.M.S. missionary writes to tell of the joy which comes from shared daily worship with the school, staff and boarders. She says:

"An Indian Sister and I share the teaching and hospital work, and with nine in training, we are blessed with a good nursing staff. And now I would ask for your special prayers for the hospital Bible woman. She is a wonderful witness for Christ. She is deformed, for years her eyesight has been failing and she is fast going blind, but she has such a happy, thankful heart. The patients and their relatives enjoy sitting with her, and seem so impressed by her teaching.

"Many years ago she was unwanted by her Muslim family, and since becoming a Christian, her desire is that others should seek to enter the Kingdom of God."