

AN APPEAL

At the end of April, yet another appeal will be pushed through your letter-box. And we want to urge you to give this one your careful and prayerful consideration.

You will receive a brochure giving information about, and seeking your help in, the building of a Day Centre for the older citizens resident in Hampton and Hampton Hill. You will see from its pages that much has already been done towards making this long dreamed - of centre a reality. What is now needed is a really generous response from everyone, young and old, to provide the money to go forward with the project.

We do commend this appeal to all our people, because we feel sure that this Day Centre will meet a great need in the life of our community.

(Signed by the ministers of the member-churches
of the Hampton Council of Churches)

Rupert Brunt
John Cotgrove
Edward Hunter
Peter Mundy
John Welsh

HAMPTON/HAMPTON HILL OLDER CITIZENS' CENTRE ASSOCIATION

At a public meeting on Tuesday, February 4, controversial questions were asked of a panel of experts consisting of Day Centre committee members and Mr. J. Elliott, Chief Welfare Officer of Borough of Richmond. Chairman—the Rev. A. E. Hunter, one of the three Day Centre trustees kept us in order. Also present, Mr. L. Knolles until recently Chief Borough Engineer. The third trustee is our present Mayor, Cllr. D. Harris.

We are sorry that more of Hampton Hill people did not attend as we wanted the people who corner us in the street with questions to hear the answers. Answers such as these. To question, "Will the Day Centre in Hampton delay building a Day Centre in Hampton Hill?" Mr. Elliott replied, "Whether we like it or not, the proposed Day Centre is for Hampton Hill as well as Hampton for some time as the Council have no plans as yet for Hampton Hill." He added that the Council are committed to assisting Barnes, Teddington, Richmond and Hampton. We have to face the fact that the Borough cannot finance more Day Centres in the district as yet. Hampton Hill will be in mind for the future but not the near future.

To question about transport, Mr. Elliott said he has already got 2 special coaches and 1 mini-bus. He's hoping to get more vehicles, one attached to each Day Centre. Voluntary help will also be needed.

The question whether a Community Centre could be combined with a Day Centre for the elderly, Mr. Elliott has mixed views on this. Providing the building is suitable and available when needed, in certain circumstances it could succeed but there is much to be said for having a building entirely for old people's and handicapped people's activities. The Borough would not be willing to help in such a scheme.

Will the Borough contribute to the running cost of the Day Centre? Mr. Elliott pointed out that the Council have provided a site, estimated value £10,000. Rest of the cost should be raised by voluntary means.

The Council will assist in the running costs and will subsidise the meal service. Mr. Elliott went on to tell us what amenities a Day Centre provides. The first essential is a midday meal and the Meals on Wheels service will be based here. Instead of 2 meals a week now distributed from Richmond, we hope there will be 5 meals a week in this area. Opportunities at the Centre will be for social activities such as handicrafts, indoor bowls, old time dancing, relaxation classes, bingo, cards, table games, reading in the library, etc., and facilities for small concerts and entertainments, chiropody and hairdressing all in a warm and attractive club room atmosphere.

Mr. Leigh-Hunt was emphatic in his reply to question — “Will Hampton help Hampton Hill when they make their own appeal?” As Chairman of the Day Centre Assn. his answer was certainly they will. Cllr. Kenton backed him up with the same assurance, but said don't squabble and fight about who helps who but get going. We are two villages with one Centre.

With regard to fund-raising, Mr. Leigh-Hunt said the Day Centre will cost about £25,000 to build. At present, we have raised enough money for the architect and running cost of publicity. We are now registered as a charity and the next thing is an appeal for funds which is being launched towards the end of April. A brochure will be delivered to every house in Hampton and Hampton Hill. It is hoped that you sympathize with the appeal and will support it generously. A coveted gift will cost you no more but is worth much more to the Charity.

At the meeting, the Day Centre committee were pleased to receive a cheque for £55 from Mr. Mark Robinson on behalf of the Junior council of Churches, raised from the sponsored Putting tournament which was so well supported by the young people of both parishes.

L.M.

HAMPTON HILL OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

Holidays. From September 12, to Broadstairs.

We would like names of O.A.P.s who would like to be included in the holiday party. The Guest House proprietor, Mr. Beard said he enjoyed meeting old and new friends at our New Year's party when we entertained 150 people including the Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond and friends from neighbouring Associations.

Names please to Mrs. L. Mills, 40, Oldfield Road, Hampton. (Holiday Organiser).

At the pantomime at Wimbledon Theatre, Arthur Askey welcomed our “Forget-me-nots” and said he still wears his combs! We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon.

L.M.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(March 18 in the Church Hall)

Between 40 and 50 people enjoyed the appetising refreshments and really lovely slides of the Open Day. Mr. Dennis Leatherdale who was showing them was kept busy taking down orders. In fact, the oo's and ah's of admiration were rather reminiscent of the Firework Party.

Then to business. Our Churchwardens, Mr. Leonard Rockcliffe and Mr. “Bill” Robinson were re-elected with acclaim and a well-

earned tribute to their hard work in the interests of St. James' was received with applause.

The Vicar told us that the new measure would in due course make it possible for "dead wood" names to be pruned out of Electoral Rolls. This year nineteen names have been erased from ours and nine added to make the Roll now stand at 178. People who seem really interested in the church hold back from applying and this small number of 178 is not a fair representation of the going concern which our Church has become. This is a pity, because it incurs a smaller representation than we should have on the new Deanery Synod which now takes the place of the old R.D.C. This had no legal consequence, whereas the new Synod will give Church Councils more say by opening up a ladder on which information and comment will move up and down, involving everyone from low to high in the church hierarchy. It will not only have responsibility for the spiritual mission of the Church but will express the Church's mind, for example, in matters dealing with the Borough. The 1970's will be a period of increasing ecumenical co-operation. There will be an ecumenical meeting on May 13 in All Saints' Hall to discuss a project affecting our whole area in the years to come.

We have a mission to show Christ's way of life to the young people and to study every point of view to equate traditional religion with every phase of contemporary life. Sunday schools over the country, in spite of really interesting and attractive lessons, have too few staff to cope with more than a few children—the Church of England alone loses more than 500 children *a week*. To live out all the implications of the Magnificat in real and deep worship, in thanksgiving, in the fight against evil, the revolt against injustice, would be a glorious task for the Church in the Seventies.

(to be concluded)

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On Saturday, May 2, we are holding a dance in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be 10/- inclusive and dancing will be to the Max Castelli trio. Tickets are now available.

Perhaps this is the time to point out our functions are not run purely for members of the church. We always hope to reach out to people who live in or around this parish and their friends.

None of our functions is money-raising. If you have never been to one of them, why not come along to this one?

We try to cater for all tastes, so if dancing does not appeal to you, you might be interested in the coach party going to Portsmouth on June 13. Details will be published in the next magazine.

Tickets for all functions are available from:—

Mrs. R. Bridges, 19, St. James's Road.

Mr. R. Brooks, 81, Park Road.

Mr. M. Edmonds, 7, Sherwood Road.

Mrs. R. Gostling, 21, St. James's Road.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Leatherdale, 18, St. James's Road.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Severn, 4, Ormond Drive.

Mr. A. Maddox, 72, Ormond Drive.

THE TUESDAY CLUB

We are a lively group and would welcome new members of all ages; why not come and meet us?

Our programme for the future includes, on April 21 a discussion evening, May 5 we hope to arrange a theatre outing to the Sybil Thorndike Theatre at Leatherhead. We are having a member of the Police Force to advise us on how to safeguard our homes—that will be on May 19. The A.G.M. will be held on June 2.

**A LETTER FROM THE
WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

51, Sheen Road,
Richmond.

Dear Mr. Brunt,

As you will have seen from the local Press, the Richmond Council has now decided that the Meals on Wheels service should be increased from two to three days a week as soon as it is possible to make the necessary arrangements.

You will know too that the delivery of the Meals on Wheels is a service that we have been carrying out for many years. Our resources are now stretched to the uttermost, and we are desperately wanting new drivers and "mates" to enable us to undertake delivery on this third day.

I am wondering if you could publicize this need amongst your congregation, and if it would be possible to include a paragraph in your Parish Magazine, in the hope that amongst them there are a few who could help us.

All that is needed is volunteers for two to three hours from about 11.30 a.m. once a week. If this is not possible, anyone who could volunteer for these few hours once a fortnight, or even once a month, would be gratefully welcomed.

I might mention that we have several retired men who drive for us, and their help is invaluable.

With many thanks for any assistance you can give us to enable us to carry on with this most worthwhile service.

Yours sincerely,

C. M. HEAVER,
London Borough Organiser, Richmond.

CAR DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

In every Parish in this Borough there are members of the Richmond upon Thames Branch of the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association. Most of them are elderly, incapacitated arthritics and for many the B.R.A. monthly meeting is the only occasion they ever get out of their own homes. They are only able to go because a willing group of voluntary car drivers take them there. The number of arthritics at these meetings is growing each month. So new voluntary drivers are urgently needed. Anybody who, one Wednesday a month, could collect a handicapped arthritic about 2 p.m., take him to Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sheen Park, Richmond and then start the return journey at about 4.15 p.m. is asked to telephone (after 5 p.m.) Mrs. Sturt 940-5350. Alternatively, please write to her at 69 Raleigh Road, Richmond. Remember it's only one afternoon a month. Please help if you can.

The B.R.A. also need volunteers to visit house-bound arthritics in Hampton Hill. Will any reader who could undertake this, please contact Mrs. A. Waldman, J.P., 169, Queens Gate, London, S.W.7, Telephone 589-4030.

HAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY PERFORM "THE SEASONS"

On Saturday, April 25, at 7.30 p.m., Hampton Choral Society will be performing Haydn's great oratorio 'The Seasons' at Thames Valley County Grammar School, Fifth Cross Road, Twickenham. Soloists are Ann Pleasance (soprano), Roy Pleasance (tenor) and Bruce Pullan (baritone).

This performance is of especial interest as the orchestra will incorporate The New Mellstock Band, a group of musicians who will be using original 19th century instruments including valveless long-tube trumpets, valveless horns and kettle-drums of the same period. The performance will be conducted by Francis Deacon.

Tickets are 5/- (half price for children under 16) and are obtainable at the School on the evening of the performance, or in advance from Hampton Hill Post Office, or from Barry Makin (76 82697), Peter Gunn (01-977 3647), or Judy Terry (01-977 6407).

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Apr. 18.—11.00 a.m. Annual Diocesan Stewardship Conference (Baden Powell House).
- „ 19.—3.30 p.m. Twickenham District Scout Council: Annual St. George's Day Service & Parade (St. Mary's Church, Twickenham); 5.15 p.m. Members of the Young People's Fellowship lead service at Laurel Dene; 6.30 p.m. Evensong, followed by 'Songs of Praise' session.
- „ 20.—8.15 p.m. Properties Committee (81, Park Road).
- „ 21.—8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club: Discussion Evening (W); 8.15 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Hounslow & District Wel-Care Association, followed by Forum: 'Do we care enough?' (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton: coffee will be served from 7.45 p.m. onwards).
- „ 22.—8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council (W).
- „ 23.—Last day for receiving copy for the May magazine.
- „ 25.—St. Mark's Day (to be observed on Sunday); 7.30 p.m. Hampton Choral Society: 'The Seasons' (Thames Valley School).
- „ 27.—10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (34, Burton's Road); 8.00 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference: Open Meeting. Speaker: The Head Master of The Bishop Wand School (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).
- „ 28.—7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service in St. Paul's Cathedral.
- „ 29.—8.00 p.m. Institution of the Reverend Charles Sellars as Vicar of St. Mary's, Hampton.
- May 1.—St. Phillip & St. James's Day; Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.
- „ 2.—7.45 p.m. Parish Dance: Tickets 10/- (Hall).
- „ 4.—8.00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road).
- „ 5.—Additional Curates Society: Annual Festival; Tuesday Club: Outing to the Sybil Thorndike Theatre.

- .. 7.—ASCENSION DAY: Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. (St. Anne's Chapel, L.E.H.S.) and 10.00 a.m.; 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Speaker — Miss Dines (W).
- .. 13.—8.15 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches: Meeting for Church Councillors and Leaders (All Saints' Hall, Hampton).
- .. 14.—8.00 p.m. Mothers' Union: Cheese & Wine Party (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).
- .. 17.—WHITSUNDAY: Sunday services and other arrangements as usual: all offerings for good causes outside the parish (to be determined by the P.C.C. and announced later). 8.15 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Hampton Junior Council of Churches: older members of all churches warmly invited to be present (Hampton Methodist Church).
- .. 19.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Deanery Festival Service (St. Alban's, Teddington); 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- .. 20.—8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council (W).

BAPTISMS

On March 22:

David John Elliott, 230, Uxbridge Road.
 Pandora Harriet Elms, 136, Uxbridge Road.
 Sarah Anne Hayter, 50, Uxbridge Road.
 Paul James Kibble, 81, Burton's Road.
 Joanna Wooldridge, 14, Vincent Row.

MARRIAGES

On March 7:

Philip John Hall to Ursula Margaret Moles.

On March 14:

Christopher John Drewitt to Patricia Wendy Shipton.
 Nicholas Norman Preece to Caroline Ann Reid.

On March 21:

Alastair James Joiner Young to Mary Dorothea Quigley.

On April 4:

Mark Jonathan Dodd Cottle to Sarah Evelyn Long.

BURIALS & CREMATIONS

On January 30:

Catherine Hewson, 35, Park Road, aged 72 years (at South-West Middlesex Crematorium).

On February 5:

James Henry Rivers, White Lodge, Bushy Park, aged 78 years.

On February 16:

Mary Jordan, 13, Myrtle Road, aged 84 years.

On February 17:

Lilian Jane Thorogood, The Boundary Nursing Home, Waterloo-ville, aged 92 years.

On February 26:

Susan Ellen Sabatini, 15, Wellington Road, aged 91 years.

On March 23:

Mary Ann Gostling, 21, St. James's Road, aged 81 years (at South-West Middlesex Crematorium).