

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisation

Vicar's Notes

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By the time this magazine appears in print, it is hoped that the certificates will have been presented at the Family Service on October 28th to those who passed the Diocesan Examination earlier in the year, if Mr. Forrow has had time to inscribe them. Thirty-nine children sat for the examination and of these twenty-nine were successful—their names follow:—

Grade 1 (Ages 7—9)

1st class with distinction:

Rosalind Pyne, Anne Saunders, Caroline Humphrey.

1st class:

Francis Brunt, Susan Brown.

2nd class:

Sally Brewer, Richard Cooke, Christopher Hague, Michael Forrest, Valerie Lee, Jill Medley, Barbara Plumbley, Janet Sly, Martin Snook.

Grade 2 (Ages 9—11)

2nd class:

Julia Rowe, Sian Roberts.

3rd class:

Jane Bessey, Jeanette Warwick, Barbara Brooks, Mary Plumbley, Elizabeth Woodward, Susan Harper.

Grade 3 (Ages 11—13)

1st class:

Anne Warwick.

2nd class:

Rosalind Melville.

3rd class:

Andrew Fisher, Bernard Brunt, Gillian Howard, Janet Brooks, Elizabeth Clack.

As was mentioned before, because we do not think the examination as it now stands is as fair a test as it might be, and we are doubtful whether it really serves a useful purpose, we have decided not to enter our children for it next year.

For the Sunday School outing we have already booked seats for the Ice Show—"PETER PAN"—at Wembley. Particulars will be sent to parents shortly, and it is hoped that, as happened last January, some of them will be able to join us, thus making it a real family occasion.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Mrs. Osborn gave a most interesting talk on "Horder Help for Arthritics" and spoke of the urgent need for more helpers to visit regularly the many homebound arthritics in this country. The speaker gave a vivid description of what the residential Centre, now being built, at Crowborough, Sussex, will look like and what it hopes to achieve for those who have been told "Nothing more can be done for you!" More than £250,000 is needed to build this Centre but what benefits it should bring to such sufferers!

London Diocese was responsible for the Catering arrangements at Overseas Sale which was held in Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House, on October 9th and 10th. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Stevens, the Catering Committee provided over 400 lunches, and about 160 teas in Mary Sumner Assembly Hall in the two days. All London Deaneries were represented amongst the helpers preparing and serving food and coping with the inevitable washing up! Our own Deanery supplied seven helpers who sold tickets for meals. All the stalls were well stocked with useful and attractive goods moderately priced. Chichester Diocese's "Treasure Chest" drew crowds! Miss Rose and Miss Ashford-Smith gave short talks on their particular work in different parts of Uganda, especially appropriate since Uganda celebrated her Independence on October 9th.

We hope that by the time these notes are printed that there will be better news of Mrs. Brooking who recently underwent a major operation in West Middlesex Hospital.

MISSING after Harvest Supper!

China Basin (floral design) and silver spoon—(Mrs. Coxon).

Copy of Pageant "Set my People Free"—(Mrs. Rockliffe). Would finders please return to either of the above?
V.R.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

By the time you read this all members should have received a copy of our programme for 1962/63 (if not, 'phone me at MOL. 4938, and I will see that you get one). We have tried

to get together varied and interesting subjects for our meetings, and look for your support.

I would mention our A.G.M., on November 14th, and the need for nominations for the new committee. Dorothy Lambourne, Pat Olesker and Eileen Nutley (now I am pleased to report, making good recovery after her recent illness) come to the end of their two-year "tour of duty," whilst we are sorry to lose Treasurer Betty Harrison after only a year. Betty resigns for family reasons and we hope to see her back on committee again at some future date. However, we need replacements. Most of us have no idea of our potential until we take the plunge, and it's not all work! We really enjoy our committee meeting and get to know one another so much better, and other members, too. So—don't be bashful; if you would like to serve, or have a friend whom you think could do it, please say, so, and let's get the nominations rolling in.

MOLLIE SAUNDERS,
(Chairman).

The poor attendance at the talk and film on "Fire Prevention" was rather disappointing, especially as the excellent speaker pointed out so many simple precautions that could prevent those accidents that we so often read about.

Our September meeting started with a service in church, which was followed by an "At Home" at "Wayside." The refreshments were excellent, and judging by the very little left at the end, I suspect the odd inch has been put on somewhere!

It was nice to hear so many Young Wives say how much they had enjoyed the evening. H.S.

1st HAMPTON HILL GUIDE COMPANY

The end of September and beginning of October, has been a busy time for the Guides. The Jumble Sale, the first the company has had for many years, involved much hard work for both Brownies and Guides. We are very grateful for the help given by Mums, Dads and friends on the day and would like to thank them, as well as those who so generously gave their "Jumble" to be sold, and those who bought it. £20 profit was made, which was divided equally between the Brownie Funds, and the

Guide Funds. This much needed £10 was added to the £5 raised by Mrs. Saunders, whose daughter is a Brownie, by a very successful coffee party. All who attended it, by all reports, enjoyed it.

The company has been growing rapidly in the past year, we now have 28 Guides—there seems to be another one every week! Because of this increase in numbers, another patrol has been formed—The Canaries. We wish this patrol well under their leader Jane Perry and her second, Shirley Dafforne. These two, with Susan Roach, Lynda Whittles and Jenny Makepeace, who are the newly-elected seconds of the other three patrols are to be congratulated.

The Senior Branch, the section of the Guide Movement for those between the ages of 16 and 21, are producing a pageant at the Royal Albert Hall, in November. We are hoping to send a party to see it on November 3rd.

The Guide Company's 44th birthday was in June, when all were wondering if they would have a 45th. The Brownie Pack's birthday is in November. We wish them a very happy 45th year. R.M.

THE CUBS

The Pack Swimming Team monopolized the Cub section at the District Swimming Gala on 29th September. Of the six races for Cubs they won four and gained second place in the other two. They won the shield with 34 points, their nearest rivals having only 17 points.

The following weekend the Pack Football Team played and beat 1st Sunbury Pack by 6 goals to 2 in a very hard and almost ferocious game.

The boys are hoping to show their parents some of their work at a parents' evening on the 22nd November. KIM.

A "MOVING" SITUATION

On the one hand, elderly or physically handicapped people, finding the onset of winter a formidable deterrent to attendance at church—on the other, many who come to church in cars with seats to spare, only too willing to give a lift "if they only knew."

A few good folk are already using their spare seats to bring others to church; what we now need is to list those who are in need of transport.

and those who are willing to provide it, and thus build up our own "Church Car Service."

If you are able to help, or if you know of somebody who finds that a difficult journey takes all the pleasure from churchgoing, please let me have names and addresses on the enclosed slip. J.W.G.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The church looked beautiful for the Harvest Service. The gifts were clustered round the font and everywhere were masses of carefully arranged flowers. Great hanging sprays of pyracantha enriched and brightened the side aisles with their shiny green foliage and bright berries. A great many people had come to join in the thanksgiving and it was good to be in company with so many friends and to hear the beautiful seasonal songs ringing out in full-throated praise. Although, as Mr. Garrington said, harvest-time cannot mean as much to us town-dwellers as it does to those who live close to the soil, nevertheless our thanksgiving service and the companionable supper which always follows—the church decked and the supper prepared by so many willing hands—are expressions of our consciousness of God's goodness and of our gratitude. And are our opportunity of meeting together to give praise.

This year, too, owing to efforts on a world-wide basis, we may look forward, for the first time in the history of man, to a time when the underprivileged will be helped to a fair share in the world's harvests, so that in future years the whole world may come to thank God for a universal harvest, given first by God the provider, and distributed out of man's concern for man. M.O.

PARISH BONFIRE PARTY

It has been necessary to limit numbers attending the Bonfire Party to 150 people. Admission will be by ticket only. Be careful to bring your tickets with you as they *must* be presented at the gate otherwise admission will have to be refused. Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult. Cars will not be able to enter the grounds but may be parked in Alpha or Connaught Road.

Tickets have been available from members of the Social Committee since October 14th, and since they

have sold like "hot cakes," if anyone has bought tickets and is not able to use them, please return them to Mr. Robinson in time to prevent someone else from being disappointed.

M.O.

"MASS ATTACK" ON THE CHURCHYARD

If we are to judge from the racy comments which came through the holly hedge to the ears of the "Attackers" it seems that the autumn campaign launched on Saturday, October 7th, made an impression on the overgrown vegetation (not to mention the impression made on the hands of some of the workers, which showed a healthy crop of blisters by the end of the day!)

In the morning, few came, and only three did the full 2½ hour stint, but in the afternoon things looked up considerably. Some had to withdraw their labour because of weddings, but about 25 or 30 others, of all sorts, shapes, and sizes, carrying assorted implements and wheeling barrows, continued the good work begun in the morning, and carried through a determined onslaught against that section of the churchyard nearest the church. Had there been about three times the number of volunteers the whole area could have been cleared. This will be readily realised by a glance at what was actually accomplished.

We need as many helpers as possible to finish the campaign, we need YOU! So please put the date of the next attack—November 10th—down in your diary, and come along with your rakes and clippers. All kinds of labour is needed, reapers, gleaners and carters, so that the harvest of weeds can be gathered in before the winter storms begin! M.O.

PERSONALIA

Did any of you watch "It's a Square World" on B.B.C.—T.V. and see the very funny performance of a little girl with long pigtails acting with "Reg." of "The Rag Trade"? It was in fact Jack Gostling's clever little daughter Gillian. She often appears on T.V. and has several stage appearances to her credit including "Sound of Music" and "The Music Man." (On October 17th, as this magazine goes to press, she is due to play the part of a lonely little girl in an episode of "Z Cars.")

WAYSIDE

Many thanks must be extended to those kind people who have responded so well to our requests for chairs, vacuum cleaner, etc., we really do think we have enough now—or may we just mention a runner for the hall at Wayside, the existing one is getting very tattered?

HAMPTON HILL OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

A Sale of Work is being held at Wayside at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th November, and we would ask you all to roll up and support it. If you should be trying to think of a Christmas present for an old person your problem would be solved with one of the lovely shawls that will be on sale. Tea will be available.

SMALL AD. COLUMN

We used to run a small ad. column in the magazine and we are wondering whether it should be given another chance, when space permits. We think the best way to judge the need is to ask you to send in your Ads. to a member of the Editorial Board in the early part of the month "For Sale" or "Wanted" or perhaps "Exchange." Somebody had a very good pram to sell cheaply recently—perhaps some "young wife" might have been glad to know of this so we have suggested they send an ad. in for this. So if you are looking for a bargain "something" or have something that you do not require any longer but that somebody else may be looking for let us hear from you. If this column does materialise a small percentage such as a shilling in the pound might accrue to Church Funds, and you will benefit too!

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Nov. 3.—6 p.m. Bumper Bonfire Party at Laurel Dene. Admission by ticket only.
- Nov. 7.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union. Mrs. Brown speaks on "Temperance" (W)., 2.30 p.m.
- Nov. 8.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union, Deanery Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Warner (All Hallows' Hall, Twickenham). 8.0 p.m. Parish Fellowship Supper and Annual Review (Hall).
- Nov. 10.—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Second Mass Attack on weeds and grass in churchyard.

Nov. 11.—Remembrance Day. Morning Service begins at 10.57 a.m.

Nov. 14.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: Annual General Meeting and Toy and Clothing Exchange (W). 8 a.m. Prayer and Study Group (Vestry).

Nov. 18.—Adult Confirmation Candidates are asked to stay behind after Evensong for a short meeting.

Nov. 24.—Deanery Missionary Pageant: Performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. All proceeds for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Programmes 6d. Collection after each performance (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).

Nov. 26.—8.0 p.m. R.D. Conference. The Rev. Henry Cooper speaks on "New Delhi" (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).

Nov. 28.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: "Gadgets, Recipes and Notions," (W).

Nov. 30.—St. Andrew's Day. Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.

Dec. 2.—First Sunday in Advent.

Dec. 5.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union, Mrs. Hanchet speaks on "Kindness," (W).

All matter for the December issue should be sent to a member of the Editorial Board not later than Tuesday, November 13th. The Board will meet at the Vicarage at 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 15th.

BAPTISMS

- Sept. 23.—Graham Ellis Victor Philps, 31, Richmond Road, N.11.
- „ 23.—Susan Katrina Pryke, 21, King Street, Mildenhall.

MARRIAGES

- Sept. 29.—Michael Boyall to Christine Louise Giles.
- Sept. 29.—Richard Edwin Arthur to Susan Jane Farrell.
- Oct. 6.—Michael Arthur Falkner to Patricia Valerie Bush.
- Oct. 6.—David Peter McCormack to June Margaret O'Neill.

BURIAL and CREMATION

- Oct. 3.—Thomas Henry Ward, 18, Eastbank Road, aged 90 years (at S.W. Middx. Crematorium).
- Oct. 9.—Cecillia Louise Paines, 22, Ormond Avenue, aged 88 years (interment of ashes).

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Owing to pressure of space, the conclusion of Dr. Rodney Bishop's "Letter from India," has had to be held over until the next issue.