

## PARISH WEEKEND

If cold weather is spurring you on to summer holiday plans, don't forget the Parish Weekend at Hildenborough Hall, beginning May 9. A survey of British weather records that was published the other day shows that this weekend comes in the best fortnight of summer weather, and anyone who was at the last Parish weekend will tell you that this beautiful place, on the Otford hills, in Kent, is a very good spot to spend any weekend wet or fine.

About the children under 12: it is not possible to say what arrangements there will be until we know the numbers, but they are definitely welcome. Teenagers with homework problems will find a quiet library for their use.

If you have lost your application-form you can get another one from the back of the church. Travel arrangements will be sent at the end of April to all who have booked.

## CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HOLIDAY WEEK

As many of you will already know, we are planning a Special Children's Week in conjunction with the Church Army during the Easter holidays. The older children, i.e., 7—11 years, will meet each morning in the Hall for handwork during the week April 14—18 inclusive, and again in Church in the late afternoon. There will be similar activities for the under-7's in Church in the afternoons. During the week we hope also to hold a pram service one afternoon and a parents' meeting one evening.

In the meantime there is quite a lot of delivering and visiting to be done and volunteers are urgently required for this. Any offers of help during the actual week will also be welcome and anyone who can provide transport to ferry children to and fro will be doubly welcome. Please telephone Helen Taylor, 979-7042.

## WHAT DOES Y.P.F. STAND FOR?

At the beginning of January, Y.P.F. embarked on a campaign which it hoped would show the youth of the area what existed at Wayside.

The campaign had a successful opening with a folk evening controlled by Pete and Dave. The following Saturday there was to be a "Gospel Evening" at the Hall, but this did not go as planned since the group did not arrive; however, Hazel improvised well, and records created a good atmosphere. On this occasion Y.P.F. members were able to talk to newcomers and invite them to meetings.

The next day was meant to be the climax of the "Outreach" campaign—the Evening Service. This was rearranged to suit the requirements. Some people regretted it wasn't "gimmicky" or revolutionary, but this was not the intention. On the whole, the service was well received and many favourable comments were heard afterwards. After the service, a forum was held in Wayside, with a panel consisting of Anne Rathborne (Methodist), Anne Bilton (Congregationalist), the Vicar, and the secretary of Y.P.F., with Alan Taylor in the Chair. Questions from the floor were answered, we hope sincerely and satisfactorily.

On reflection the campaign can be deemed successful; we have learnt certain things from it and many people have learnt about Y.P.F.

However, that is not the end. That was only the beginning. Y.P.F. really does exist and it intends to prove it.

One question was simply, "What does Y.P.F. stand for?" That was what we aimed to show people. To what extent we have succeeded remains to be seen. Finally our thanks go not only to members of Y.P.F., but to all members of the Parish who supported the campaign.

## **ROOKERY**

Parents and friends of Y.P.F. members are invited to join us at Wayside on Friday, March 21, at 8.00 p.m. Come and see how we spend our Easter holiday and help us augment our funds for this year's venture to deepest Scotland.

There will be plenty to buy. So come and be rooked!

## **THE MOTHERS' UNION**

We shall be organising an "Austerity Lunch" again on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 2, and extend a warm welcome to all to attend. This is not just an M.U. function, the more lunches we serve the greater the amount we can send to Christian Aid, so please support this effort. Our usual meeting will follow at 2.30 p.m. in Wayside, and we are planning to give a reading of a Passiontide Play. If you come to the Lunch why not stay on and join us?

Lady Day, March 25, the great day for M.U. members throughout the world, falls on a Tuesday this year; let us all make a special effort to attend a Corporate Communion service then. Unless we are ill, or have other serious commitments, it is surprising what a little rearrangement of our usual routine can do!

I.V.R.

## **TUESDAY CLUB**

At a meeting in January everyone decided we should continue until June with a programme to include speakers and discussion evenings. Membership is still not qualified in any way — one has only to arrive at Wayside by 8.00 p.m.

On March 11, Mrs. Orton has promised to show us her slides of old Hampton Hill. This is at the request of people who missed the centenary celebrations some years ago and have not been given another opportunity to see the slides. There must be many amongst our readers, so here is your chance. Anyone is welcome to come, but Wayside isn't very large, so come early!

On March 25 there is a make-up demonstration by Boots. In April we hope to arrange a talk on decimalisation, while in May Dr. Clarke is coming from the Mental Health Association to talk about care and after-care available to patients. Dates will be announced next month.

K.B.

## **1st HAMPTON HILL GUIDE COMPANY**

Those interested in the Guide Company will know that it has been kept running since Ruth Mills' departure by Christine Stuart. However, after the summer holidays Christine will be going away to train as a

Social Worker, and at the moment we know of no one to take over the Guides. In the circumstances, therefore, it has been decided that those Guides who wish to do so may join in with the 2nd Hampton Hill Company, which meets on Monday evenings at 7.15 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales' Church, Wellington Road. Alternatively, the girls may go to the 2nd Hampton (St. Mary's) Company or to the 5th Hampton (All Saints') Company by arrangement.

We are grateful to Christine for her hard work, but as arrangements would have been forced on us in July, it seems better to take action now and give the Guides a chance to be with large numbers.

As soon as two suitable people are found who would be willing to run the 1st Hampton Hill Guide Company, it can start again as a separate entity.

### A WAY OF UNITY

The Principal and Manager of St. Margaret's School, Narowal, in W. Pakistan is a C.M.S. missionary, Deaconess Sheila Green, who has inevitably to be a person of many parts. In a recent letter she wrote: "In the Christmas holidays we hope to start the building of extensions to the boarding hostel. For a long time we have felt the need of room for girls from the villages, who were capable of reading up to Matric, but were too poor, or unable for other reasons to get places in high schools in this district. We felt that if we could accommodate them, then we could send them to the local Municipal High School as day scholars. Now the generosity of friends in England (with the blessing of C.M.S.) has made this possible. I am deep in discussions . . . all very interesting (and time consuming) and I am learning a lot. The happiest thing, perhaps, is that the local R.C. Father (a Belgian Capuchin monk) has offered to supervise the whole thing for me. He has various of his 'brothers' organised to contact cheap building materials and one of them, an architect, gave freely of his time in going over my rough plan, and even visited the school to give advice. Later he worked out a proper estimate of costs and materials, etc. This unstinting cooperation is something to rejoice about. There is a deep-rooted antipathy to 'Rome and all its evil works' on the part of our local Pakistani brethren — perhaps this will help to heal things. The bringing about of better relations between our two Churches is, I feel, perhaps one of the contributions that I can make here in Narowal"

### ACTIVITIES OF A GUITAR

A young CMS missionary who has gone out to Kenya to teach technical subjects at a new Christian Industrial Training Centre to be opened in Mombasa took with her her guitar. Spending an initial period in Nairobi, at the CMS Language School she was able also to visit the Christian Industrial Training Centre and Community Centre in the suburb of Pumwani. "My guitar," she says, "has provided many opportunities for spare time activity. A young English V.S.O., a CMS New Zealand missionary and I have been singing with a young group of teenagers who meet at the St. John's Community Centre on Sunday afternoons. We prepared Bible readings and modern hymns to guitar accompaniment for an Easter Week service at St. John's Church and as a result we were asked to sing on Kenyan television at the

Voice of Kenya Studios. My New Zealand colleague played the guitar and after the television appearance it acquired new status for all the young people now call it 'our guitar.' Much more of a thrill was the fact that when we returned from the Television Studios to the Community Centre we were asked, 'Please come and meet my mother'; 'Please come and see our house,' and we entered for the first time African homes at a personal invitation."

## **OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Our Christmas Party held on Saturday, January 25, at St. James's Hall, was a bumper one. So many of our old people came along that the hall was almost bursting at the seams. No doubt the Spring-like day had something to do with the overflow but we still like to think our parties are a "must" among the elderly of Hampton Hill.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond, Ald. and Mrs. William Nation, came along to be our special guests together with Cllr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hughes, Headmaster of Windmill Road Primary School, the Rev. A. E. Hunter and our Vicar with members and friends from neighbouring Associations. They were warmly welcomed by our Chairman, Mr. R. Cook, who told them that the gifts of tea and sugar to be given to each old person at the close of the party were from the children of Windmill Road School. The handsome collection of nearly £23 had been made at their Christmas concerts at the school.

Mrs. Fletcher, Matron of Laurel Dene, who came for a brief moment but unfortunately could not stay with us, was greatly impressed with the gaily decorated tables laden with home-baked Christmas fare. Committee members and friends had excelled themselves here.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the presence of Mrs. Farnell, looking a spritely 70 but in fact in her 100th year who came with her daughter, Mrs. Cunningham-Howie, a former Mayoress of Twickenham. The local press photographers had a field day taking pictures of her which many of you will have probably seen in your newspapers.

Our thanks to Gillette's Concert Party who gave a colourful show called "London Melody," where impersonations of Alf Garnett and Steptoe and Son brought the 'house' down.

"It's been a wonderful day." From our President, Mrs. A. Robinson, and echoed by many of our old people both at the party and since whenever we meet them.

L.M.

## **LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS**

At Teddington Methodist Church, at 8.00 p.m. on the Wednesdays in March, there will be talks by Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Anglican speakers on 'Characters of the Passion,' as follows;

March 5 — Judas; March 12 — Peter; March 19 — Pilate; March 26 — The Women.

At Wayside (W) and the Congregational Church Hall (C) at 8.15 p.m. on Mondays, Study Course 'Live with Style,' which considers some of the findings and reports of the Uppsala Assembly, will continue to meet, provisionally as follows:

March 3—Style of Worship (W); March 10—Style of Service (C);  
March 17—Style of Mission (W); March 24—International Community  
(C); March 31—Inclusive Community (W).

A series of Lenten Meditations will also be held in St. Anne's  
Chapel at the Lady Eleanor Holles School, and in Hampton All Saints'  
and the Methodists are combining in a series of devotional meetings on  
Thursday evenings.

### OTHER DATES TO NOTE

- Mar. 4.—8.00 p.m., Liturgical Committee (90, Ormond Drive).  
.. 5.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union—Overseas Talk by Mrs. Fidgin  
(W); 8.00 p.m., Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road).  
.. 6.—8.00 p.m. Drama Group (40, Gloucester Road).  
.. 7.—10.30 a.m., Editorial Board (43, Wellington Road).  
.. 11.—8.00 p.m., Tuesday Club (W).  
.. 13.—8.00 p.m. "Any Questions?" (W).  
.. 19.—8.00 p.m. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
(W).  
.. 21.—8.00 p.m., Y.P.F. Open Evening (W).  
.. 22.—3.30 p.m. Old People's Party (H).  
.. 25.—The Annunciation: Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m.; 8.00  
p.m., Tuesday Club (W).  
.. 30.—PALM SUNDAY: Sunday arrangements as usual: Palm  
Crosses will be distributed at all services and in Sunday  
Schools.
- Apr. 2.—12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m., Austerity Lunch (W), followed at  
2.30 p.m. by the reading of a Passion Play.

### MARRIAGE

On February 15:

Keith Anthony Williams to Elaine Susan Brooks.