

June 1970

ONE of the most deadly ills that mankind is prone to is small-mindedness. We all **suffer** from it. We see it on a local personal scale in unwarranted interference with the rights of our neighbours, in trying to stay in the swim socially, in the **desire** to have personal standing in local affairs, in the fight to **maintain one's** own immediate amenities rather than those of the community as a whole and in every attempt in daily life to make mountains out of mole-hills. In this country in our national **life** we see it in a political party manifesto which devotes no more than a 15th of its space to affairs overseas, and also in the philosophy of maximum personal aggrandisement and advantage rather than of trying to further the Christian idea of a more compassionate society, which is more just and merciful to its weaker members as well as to the strong. And yet we know that in our hearts we condemn the concept of 'Little England' and guess that the more small-minded we become the less lovable we are.

God is always calling us to have a sense of perspective - to have a broader view of ourselves, our families, our religion, our country, in fact of all creation both in space and time. In religion, which should always be the primary area of **man's** concern - the mainspring of the whole of his life, his thoughts, words and actions - this does **not** mean taking the attitude that all religious views are of equal value ('one religion's as good as another') and that all you have to do is be comprehensive (though the work of synthesis usually does have to be done). The name of that especially modern heresy is religious **indifferentism**. No, the Christian believes that truth is both absolute and **attainable**, and we know from everyday experience that there are more and also less accurate versions of the truth about anything. One of the **christians** jobs is to grow out of half-truths and progress to the fulness of truth - on the road to total union with Christ.

For the Christian to enlarge his perspective is to see the world with God's eyes. This is not only to get ourselves and our own petty concerns and ambitions in proper proportion, though it is indeed partly **that**; it is above all to look on the world with the eyes of love - the intention with which it was created, is being upheld and being brought to its final purpose.

J.S.N.

Stop Press Miss Heard of 3 Amber Cottages would welcome any saleable objects for her Not-so-new stall at the church fete. Tel. Am. 7153.

HOPE is a most important but unfortunately much-neglected virtue. The two great sins against hope are presumption and **despair**.

## THE CHURCH FETE

The Fete will be held on Saturday, 13 June, at Little Bowers, Magpie Lane by the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Raymond Pusey. The proceeds will go to church funds. The following includes a list of stall-holders who will be grateful for any gifts for their stalls. We hope that everyone in the village will come along and bring their friends to enjoy a happy afternoon. It is opened at 2.30 pm.

Admission 1/-, Children 6d.

Broken Crockery Mr and Mrs Smith

Cakes Mrs Collier, Mrs J. Grayer, Mrs Hughes

Children's Games Mr S. Ware and helpers

Cocoanuts Mr L. Grayer

Fancy Dress Mrs S. Edwards

First Aid The Red Cross

The Gate Mr Adams, Mr Ovington.

Greenfingers Mr and Mrs Clifton, Miss Malyan, Mrs Woolacott

Household and needlework Mrs Aldridge, Mrs Baker, the Miss Bostons, Mrs L. Grayer, Mrs Grindley, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Hollingsworth.

Ice-cream Mrs Ruperti

Music and public address system Mr Woolacott with the assistance of Mr Hall.

Pony Rides Miss Sarah Pusey and helpers

Raffle Miss Williamson

Sweetg Mrs Davidson, Mrs Powell-Price

Teas The Mothers' Union with the help of Mrs Hall and Mrs Macbeth.

Tombola Miss Asher, Mrs Gow, Mrs Kunzer, Mrs Ovington, Mr and Mrs Young.

Toys Mrs Nicholls

Not-so-New Miss Heard

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

All Saints' Sunday School is fortunate in having two new senior teachers to take over the work which Mrs Jean Pusey and her daughter Lorna did for so long. Mrs Lawrence of 2 Chase Close and Mrs. Ferguson of Bowers Cottage, Magpie Lane, both of whom have young children in the Sunday School, have taken over the reins most capably and we are grateful to them for giving their time and ability. The Pusey family tradition is carried on by Margaret, who with Ann Stephanovic of Meadowcot Lane, looks after the younger children.

## ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

The Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting our diocese this month and will address a public meeting in Aylesbury on 10 June at the Grange School at 8 pm. His Grace's subject is 'Towards Unity'

## INVALIDS

Mr Sydney Moyes, the landlord of The Plough, Winchmore Hill, suffered a stroke recently and has had to rest. We very much hope he will be fully restored to health soon. Mrs Brackley of Little Heath, Coleshill Lane, Winchmore Hill, has gone to the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital at Oxford for an operation to help her arthritis. She will be there for some weeks. We hope the operation will be a great success. Mrs Beryl Adams of Longfield who has had three operations within a year is now suffering from a painful condition of the neck and one arm which prevents her from driving. Her neighbour, Mrs McLatchey has also got a similar condition. We hope that both will quickly recover. We are glad to say that Miss Baxter is again able to walk about indoors, which is a great relief to her after a long period of inaction.

## WORLD TRAVELLERS

The delivery of Coleshill's morning milk was accompanied by wild rumours of the whereabouts of Mr and Mrs Douglas Pusey during eight days in May. It was known that they had not gone to Norway as they had planned and some people were quite definite about their being in the Sahara. Others were positively assured that they had flown to Madagascar. We are glad for their sakes that they had only to go to Malaga and that despite the mistake made by a clerk at the airport they found Spain as much to their liking as Norway.

## UNTIDY

Another traveller who returned in May from a month's holiday in New York was Mrs White of Lourdes, Barrack Hill. She went with her daughter Jennifer to stay with relations whom she had not seen for many years. Her comment when she returned was 'How beautifully untidy England is!' She wasn't decrying Coleshill's chances for the Best Kept Village competition in July, but only saying how lucky we are to have a common and twisting lanes to look at instead of concrete and giant motorways.

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S A.G.M.

The officers and committee were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Horticultural Society on 15 May and plans were made for the next show. The treasurer reported that although the takings of the 1969 show were up by £2 on the previous year the show still made a loss of £24 and he hoped that residents would help the Society's funds by making a donation. This year's show has been arranged for Saturday, 12 September, and Mrs Jean Smith of Wheatshaf Cottage has agreed to open it. It was suggested that the classes for this year should include a section devoted to flower arrangements in which the flowers need not be grown by the exhibitor. The officers agreed that provided sufficient space could be found for it this new section would attract fresh support. We await the new schedule with interest.

### MR RAYMOND PUSEY

We regret to report that Mr Raymond Pusey is still in Amersham Hospital after more than a month's treatment there. It was very disappointing for him and his family that when he was expecting to come home he developed a further complication. We hope this will speedily clear up and that he will be back at home soon. We are grateful to him and his wife for allowing the church fete to go on at Little Bowers.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union held their Annual General Meeting, followed by a quiz, at The Parsonage on 21 May. All the members joined in thanking Mrs Jessie Pusey for her work throughout the year as Enrolling Member and were delighted that she has agreed to continue in her post. No one could be more modest than Mrs Pusey but under her leadership the Mothers' Union provides a happy and harmonious fellowship. Mrs Antosiewicz, the secretary, was not able to be with us, but we are glad that she is now at home again after her operation and convalescence.

Mrs Collier of Orchard House, Winchmore Hill, has resigned as treasurer after many years of service. Now that she is the President of the W.I. her time is very much occupied. The members expressed their gratitude for all her work. Mrs Hollingsworth has kindly agreed to become the new treasurer. It seems we are to lose one faithful member in Mrs Lewis who hopes to move with her husband from Hill Meadow Cottage at the beginning of July to a bungalow in Newbury where they will be near their daughter. They have lived in Coleshill for a long time and we shall miss them a great deal.

### CAN YOU HELP?

The Mothers' Union are again providing the teas at the Church Fete but as some members who have been invaluable in the past cannot help this year through illness or absence we should very much appreciate offers of help in providing food, serving it, and washing up. Please ring Mrs Pusey (Amersham 4595) if you can help in any way.

### MAY WEDDING

Miss Mary Prothero, the sister of Mr Prothero of Woodmist, Meadowcot Lane, was married on Saturday 16 May, at All Saints' to Mr Andrew Hale of Birmingham. There was considerable suspense before the wedding as first Mr Prothero and then his son Hugh developed chicken-pox, but all was well on the day and the sun graced a happy wedding. The reception was held at the Little Abbey Hotel, Great Missenden. We wish the couple every blessing in their new home at Belbroughton, Worcestershire.

### NEW BABY

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs L.R. Street of 18 Kill Meadow on the birth of their daughter, Nicola Suzanne on 29 April. The baby, another late arrival, is their second child. Her brother Paul is two.

STOP PRESS: Mr Pusey is fortunately now at home.

## VILLAGE HALL, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Presenting her report at the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall on Tuesday the 21st April, Mrs Browne, the Hon. Secretary said that at the start of the year, they were delighted to welcome Mrs Ovington as Chairman and also three new members, Mr Rann, Mr Smith and later Mr Mountier. Unfortunately we also lost three Committee members, Mrs Grindley, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Gardner (Mrs Courage). We are indeed grateful for their many years of service.

Activities Our money raising efforts consisted of a Jumble Sale, a Hallowe'en Party, Whist and Bridge Drives, all successful and at least three enjoyable. In addition there was the excellent dance organised by Mr Mountier.

Maintenance - Hall Windows, some broken through vandalism, have been repaired or replaced and mortice locks fitted on toilet doors in the hope that this may deter any future vandals.

The main item has of course been the floor, a constant source of worry to members of the Committee. Enquiries were made through various channels re a grant for renewal of the floor. Mr Adams assured the Committee that complete renewal was unnecessary although some floor boards and joints needed repairing. With great skill this was attended to by Mr Rann and Mr Smith helped by Mr G. White and members of the Rann family, to whom we are most grateful. Then as you know we had, a very pleasant surprise - the gift of an industrial machine for cleaning, scrubbing and polishing from Mr Adams and Mr Rann, particularly welcome to those who have spent hours trying to keep the floor clean. It is a very great improvement. We have also to thank Mrs Gibbon How for a donation for parts bought for the machine.

We have increased the rates for hiring the Hall to £4 per day, £4.10.0 with a licensed bar or 17/6 hourly which is very reasonable, and have adopted a new set of conditions for hiring the Hall, revised by Mr Woolacott.

Mrs Browne concluded by expressing gratitude to Mrs Ovington for help during John's illness, taking work off her shoulders, and thanks to all members of the Committee.

Before presenting the report for adoption, Mrs Ovington from the Chair said she had a few remarks to make. With Mr Browne's illness it had been a difficult year for Mrs Browne but she answered every call which had been made upon her. We are most grateful and are delighted to have Mr Browne with us again. It would not be the Village Hall without them. Mrs Ovington thanked all the people who had done so much to help. You know who they are. It makes one proud to be Chairman of such a Committee. The report was then adopted.

Accounts Mr Browne as Hon. Treasurer then presented his statement of\* accounts, shewing a satisfactory balance.

Committee of Management Mrs Browne then read a list of representatives nominated by organisations within the village to serve thereon. Parish Council Mr Rann, Church Mrs Harris, W.I. Mrs Ovington, School Governors to be advised, Horticultural Society Mr Smith, Residents Association - to be advised. The following elected members were prepared to serve again - Mr and Mrs Browne, Mrs Clifton, Mrs Harvey, Mr Mcuntier, Mr Ovington, Mr Ruperti and Mr and Mrs Woolacott, and from the Chair Mrs Ovington was happy to put forward the following names - Mrs Morrison, Mrs Pomeroy and Mrs Young. These were duly elected and it was agreed to ask if Mr Hall would serve,

Committee Meeting At a subsequent meeting of the Committee the following officers were elected:

Chairman	Mrs Ovington
Vice-chairman	Mr Ruperti
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Browne
Hon- Treasurer	Mr Browne
Hon. Auditor	Mr R.G. Stubbings.

It was agreed to call the next meeting of the Committee on Tuesday the 7th July at 8.15 pm.

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INJURED BY GLASS

We are sorry to hear that Mr A.L. Fox of Elm Gables had his hand cut by falling glass last month. Kind neighbours rushed him to the casualty department of Wycombe Hospital and he has had to have his arm in a sling. We hope the cuts will be quickly healed.

MR E.C. BILBY

We regret to record the death of Mr E.C. Bilby of Pennin, Fagnall Lane, Winchmore Hill who had been ill for some time. His funeral was on Friday, 8 May. Our sympathy is with his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

OPEN EVENING AT THE SCHOOL.

The open evening and prize-giving at the school will be held on Tuesday, 16 June at 7 pm. The children will have a holiday on 18 June as the school will be used as a polling station.

ANONYMOUS GIFTS

We are grateful to the person who left copies of the Amersham Parish Magazine in church in answer to last month's appeal, and also to the person who anonymously gave £1 towards the expense of the newsletter.

CANCER RESEARCH (from Miss Williams).

Nearly 3 lbs. of used postage stamps have recently been sent in for the above appeal. The value of these stamps is approximately £2. Very many thanks and please go on saving the stamps from your letters

§§ PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THE 18TH §§

## REMOVALS

We have to say goodbye next month to Mr and Mrs Bill Greaves of Larkins Green who are moving to Chesham. The Miss Bostons will be leaving Waller's Oak in the middle of the month and will be staying temporarily with friends and relatives until their new house is ready. We hope the interval will be a short one for them.

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\* Miss Williams of The Old Parsonage has very kindly \*  
\* consented to open \*  
\* THE CHURCH FETE \*  
\* on Saturday, 13 June \*  
\* at Little Bowers, Magpie Lane at 2.30 p.m. \*  
\* in place of Mr Norman Shelley who regrets he is \*  
\* unable to come, \*  
\* Do come - wet or fine - there'll be plenty to \*  
\* enjoy for young and old. \*  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June

- 4 (Thurs) Mobile Library  
8 (Sun) The Bishop of Oxford at evensong at St. Mary's.  
10 (Wed) Visit of Archbishop of Canterbury to Aylesbury.  
11 (Thurs) W.I. 'Majorca before the tourist'  
13 (Sat) Church Fete. 2.30 p.m.  
18 (Thurs) Polling Day - The Polling Station for Coleshill is  
the Village School.  
Mobile Library.

July

- 7 (Tues) Village Hall Committee Meeting, 8.15 p.m.

## CHURCH SERVICES

At the rector's wish, the only service at All Saints', Coleshill during the first three weeks of June will be the 9 a.m. Eucharist every Sunday, and at St Andrew's, Winchmore Hill the Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. There will be no evensong.

## LAY OFFICERS

We apologise for the fact that Mr Powell-Price's name has been left off the list of All Saints' church officers in the last few newsletters, as he is now one of our pro-churchwardens. The full list is

Pro-churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (tel. 6734)

D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (tel. 3949)

Treasurer: R.G. Stubbings, Springfield, Tower Rd (4738)

----- All Saints' Church Committee.