

## WOLVERTON MANOR

From its earliest days Wolverton was a royal Manor, held in his day by Edward the Confessor. At the time of the Domesday Survey, Alured, the priest of William the Conqueror, held Wolverton.

In 1165, Eleanor, the Queen of Henry 11, lived there for two years while the King was in France. Her expenses for one year at Wolverton were entered in the early Pipe Rolls as amounting to £18. Fair Rosamund, a favourite of King Henry, is said also to have often visited Freemantle Farm in the next parish.

In the year 1215, King John granted this Manor to Peter Fitzherbert, and his family held it until 1356, when it passed through the female line into the Dynely family. In 1502 the last male of the Dyneley family died, and again Wolverton Manor passed in the female line into the Barrett Family. In 1627 Edward Barrett became Lord Newborough, and he in 1639 sold the Manor on a 999 years lease to Sir Nicolas Raynton. This deed of sale was witnessed by Sir James Bedingfield, a noted Loyalist.

About 1660 one George Browne bought the Manor and was succeeded by his son, Sir George Browne. Pepys in his diary often mentions these Brownes. In 1685 Sir George left four houses and 15 acres of land: these houses still stand just outside the east of the Park in good condition, built of wood and brick and thatched, and are a very picturesque feature of the countryside. The rents of these houses and the 15 acres of land are divided between the poor of the parish, one third of the rent to go to the Rector to encourage him to teach the children the Church Catechism.

In 1782, Charles Von Notten bought the Manor and took the name of Pole, having married Millicent, eldest daughter of Charles Pole, of Holcroft, in Lancashire. He died in 1813 and was succeeded by his son, Sir Peter Pole, who sold the property to the first Duke of Wellington.

In 1940 the Army took over the house, and towards the end of the War, a Canadian Army hospital with a hutted camp was built to the north of the house where the old gardens used to be.

In 1944 the Duke of Wellington's Trustees sold the whole of the Ewhurst and Wolverton Estate amounting to just over 5000 acres. Mrs Herman Andrae of Moundsmere House, Preston Candover, purchased the Park and her son and sister lived in the house. In 1954 Sir John Blunt purchased the House and Park from Mrs Andrae and in 1959 Major Hohler of Long Crendon Manor, Buckinghamshire, purchased the House and Estate from Sir John Blunt and has since farmed the property.

The Patronage of the Living has always gone with the Manor. The adjoining parish of Ewhurst, where the Duke of Wellington lived, was joined with that of Wolverton by an order in Council in 1880.

It is interesting to note that the Army made a bore hole near the lake and built the water tower near Parkside Cottages, and before this the water was pumped by an 18th century lead and wooden pump driven by a horse. Main electricity and water were brought to the village after the War and before that most of the cottages were dependent on wells for their water.

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The articles on Wolverton Park, the Old Rectory and the Village Hall have been contributed by Major Hohler. There will be a further historical article in our next issue.

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## THE OLD RECTORY (A report dated mid-1930's)

Wolverton Rectory is an exceedingly interesting one. It had 14 bedrooms and stabling for eight horses, and is surrounded by a glebe of 80 acres. The Rectory has just been sold and a new Rectory built on the glebe close to the church. Its purchaser, Mr H.S. Walford, has enlarged it, and in doing so has found much interesting old work. The kitchen part he found to be Tudor work of an early period; some of the windows are of Queen Anne style. Several grand old fireplaces have been found and utilised by Mr Walford, also several doors of Queen Elizabeth's date, and some splendid old oak beams.

On the lawn are four old lime trees, the highest of which is 76 feet, said locally to have been planted in Charles II reign, with a grand copper beech thought to be as large as any in England. This Rectory is a mile away from the church and all other houses. The Rev. Arthur Finch, Vicar of Kingsclere, is of opinion that in early days the main part of the village was near this Rectory, extending along a very old road, leading to a cross-road which is known as the Sawyer's Grave, a suicide buried at the cross-roads. One of these roads is an ancient Roman road and close to one of the old Pilgrim roads which run over the hills above. Mr Finch believes that this population was wiped out entirely, like that of North Oakley, by the Black Death, leaving the Rectory by itself.

Of modern additions to the parish, the most interesting is a Village Hall, built by the people themselves. A need for a Village Hall was felt, and it was thought that an army hut would disfigure the countryside. A site was given by the Duke of Wellington near the old houses of 1685. Mr Watson a workman of the estate, showed the people how to make their own bricks of clay and straw and sand. The women of the village under Mrs Acton, the Rector's wife, brought these bricks from their place of making to the building site; the farmers sent their waggons to Silchester for its special sand for roughcasting the walls; Mr Wallace Walker of the Park, and his chauffeur put down the floor; the Rector glazed the windows the frames of which had been made by the Estate carpenter, Mr Taylor, after the pattern of the Queen Anne windows of the Rectory; Mr Gregory, the village postman, and Mr Watson and the Rector made most of the bricks and concrete foundations. The actual cost of the Hall amounted to £117. It was 42 feet in length, by 20 feet. Sir Arthur Holbrook, the County Member, opened it on January 27th, 1922, and pronounced its floor to be one of the best he had ever danced on.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Some of the powers and jobs of the Parish Council were described in earlier issues. The purpose of this tier of government is to provide local services to protect our surroundings and to act as resident ears and eyes for district councils, county councils and ultimately national government. Many matters which affect local electors are referred to Basingstoke and Hampshire council who have the obligation and revenue to act in proven cases.

One of the most obvious ways in which Baughurst Parish Council spends some of its income from your rates is the provision and maintenance of open spaces and recreation grounds. The council owns several open spaces in Baughurst such as Lakeland, Wildwood and Long Grove. Over the past few years these open spaces have been tidied and planted with trees, shrubs and bulbs. The outlay each year including maintenance is relatively low but none will deny the improvement to the appearance of Baughurst. The Wolverton field, by the Hare and Hounds, is rented from the Sir George Browne Trust. The swings and slide were purchased and are maintained by the council. Of recent years the Chestnut tree and surrounding area, on the Heath End corner diagonally opposite the Badgers Wood (was the New Inn), was acquired by the council. The brambles were cleared and extensive surgery carried out to the tree by the council. New bulbs were also planted and this is certainly an attractive feature for those passing by. A tradition which has not passed in this Parish Council is the preservation and maintenance of the War Memorial in Baughurst Road.

Fuller details of some of the other jobs of the Parish Council will follow in future editions.

Electors are welcome at all meetings of the Parish Council. The next few meetings are on February 11th, March 4th, April 8th, May 6th and June 10th. All start at 7-45. The February and June meetings are in Wolverton Village Hall and the rest at Heath End Hall.

## FROM BETTY AND PETER SHAW

We would like to thank the people who kindly allowed us to sing carols to them on Christmas Eve and greeted us with such generous hospitality. £28.60 was raised on that evening which went towards Imperial Cancer Research.

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED

Ashford Hill and Wolverton W.I. members have a busy day in August when they entertain a group of handicapped children. Lunch and tea is provided for about thirty children and their helpers. To raise money for this event a WINE AND CHEESE PARTY with a BRING AND AUCTION SALE will be held at ASHFORD HILL VILLAGE HALL on Friday March 27th at 7.15pm.

## ASHFORD HILL AND WOLVERTON W.I.

### MEETINGS.

FEBRUARY 11th. Travel talk and film - Mr Freeman at Ashford Hill Village Hall. We would be pleased to welcome any one (of any sex) to this meeting. (Talk starts at 8pm.)

MARCH 11th. Gardening talk - Mr Van Zomerem at Wolverton Village Hall.

### NATURE NOTES

The presence of lichen on trees, old walls, roofs and tombstones should be a welcome sight in any district for it is an indication of clean air. Lichens are very sensitive to sulphur-dioxide in the air, some being more sensitive than others. The presence of certain lichens in a particular area can be used to indicate the level of air pollution.

On the west coast with a predominantly west wind coming off the Atlantic the air is very pure and shrubby lichens several inches long festoon the trees, doing no harm as they do not feed from the tree.

In industrial districts and the surrounding countryside especially to the eastward side pollution is very heavy and the only lichen that will grow appears to be barely more than a green stain on the trunks of trees.

Our own district is fairly clean but not clean enough to allow the presence of some of the most sensitive species.

It was in February that St Patrick met St Bridget, just after he had cleared all the snakes out of Ireland. She was in tears. There was mutiny at her convent because the girls had claimed a right to propose marriage to their men, and had learned that this was forbidden. After a long and very Irish conversation St Patrick conceded them the right to make a proposal once every leap year. Now it happened that this very meeting happened on the 29th and Bridget at once proposed marriage. Regretfully St Patrick declined on account of his vows, but to ease the situation he promised Bridget a silken gown. That is why girls can now propose in leap year and if not accepted claim a silken gown.

### PLACE NAMES

The dictionary tells us that 'dell' is a 'small deep valley' or 'hollow'. In Hampshire the word acquired long since the specialised meaning of 'pit, quarry', usually for digging the chalk for use on heavy soils and sometimes for extracting sand or gravel. This meaning is also found in Berkshire and in at least one place in Hertfordshire, since a reference dated 1773 speaks of the Chalkdell field in Stevenage. An excellent example of a chalk quarry is the huge Dell hidden away on the lefthand side of the A339 as it enters Kingsclere. (Southampton also has a large Dell, but its use is confined to football, not chalk.) The word 'dell' is related to 'dale' and this will explain why Ramsdell is sometimes referred to as Ramsdale. This name may derive from the Old English 'rams' i.e. 'wild garlic' but it seems more likely that in an area once famed for sheep-rearing the name comes from the animal, especially as animal names are also found in Oxdell in nearby Wootton St Lawrence and Foxdell in Oakley. Dibdel in Sparsholt is the 'deep quarry' and Varndell Copse in Odiham may get its name from the ferns or else from Farndell or Farundell, an old term for the 'fourth part of an acre'. Sandells Copse in Sydmonton marks the site of a sand-pit and maybe the same root occurs in Sandleford across the boundary in Berkshire. While a dell is usually more or less circular, the old word 'crundel' seems to denote a quarry of elongated or irregular shape. This is the origin of the Hampshire Crondall, and variations in other counties include Crundale, Crowdale, and even Crumble (s).

### A WOLVERTON PENSIONER writes:-

I am sure that other pensioners will want to join me in expressing gratitude for the welcome Christmas gift and greetings card presented under the Sir George Browne Trust. Probably not everyone is aware how much effort is put into this occasion by way of purchasing the gifts, packing them very attractively, and delivering them over a wide area. So to all these willing helpers go our very best thanks for their kindness.

TACT - the art of making a point without making an enemy.

REPENTANCE - being sorry enough to quit.

WOLVERTON YOUTH CLUB

A growing number of children from around the village are enjoying regular and varied club meetings on alternate Thursday evenings. The programme of meetings for the next few months is as follows:-

January 29th. February 12th and 26th, March 12th and 26th. Club starts at 7.00 and finishes at 9.00. Regular visitors are allowed to buy a club membership card which, if brought to each meeting, allows a discount on subs. If you are over seven you will almost certainly enjoy yourself at Youth Club - come along and try it out.

One special event for this spring will be a film show in the Village Hall. If anyone has any contacts for economical hire of projectors or films please ring Matthew Tofield on 298687 or Martin Slatford on 298524.

FUNDS

Since the last issue support has been received from several sources. A donation of £14.50 from the Village Hall Committee has ensured the future of the Echo. Costs do not go down and each issue adds to the bill.

The Echo is delivered every other month to over 120 families near you - why not put an advert in the next issue for the odd items you no longer need. There is no charge for private adverts but a donation after you have been paid will help the following issue.

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WOLVERTON CHURCH AND PARISH

Wolverton Church as it stands to-day is the only example of pure classic style in an English village. As you enter you find what looks like a London city church of Christopher Wren's set down in a beautiful park, full of fine oak trees, and close below it an early Georgian house.

In the year 1717 this church was reconstructed by a pupil of Sir Christopher Wren; originally it is said to have been a flint and wood building dating from late 14th century; the walls were entirely cased in with brick and the original wooden roof retained. It would seem that there has always been a church on this site, and one was there in 1286.

Wolverton Church is dedicated to S.Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of Education; this fact may point to its date. The history of S.Catherine impressed the Crusaders, and on their return many churches and colleges were built in honour of S.Catherine; of these dedications there are 51 in England.

The church is cruciform with small north and south transepts. Its roof is a most interesting feature belonging to an earlier church, similar to the roof in the church of Hartley Wespall, a village near Stratfieldsaye. The arched braces of the roof have been cut away and clumsy wooden corbels put in the place of the timber which must originally have reached to the floor as they do in Hartley Wespall Church. On either side of the chancel arch are two oak pulpits, exactly alike, to mark a period when praying was not to be reckoned above preaching, nor preaching above praying.

The Sanctuary is very impressive entirely panelled with dark oak, while over the altar a central panel in shape of a star of different shaded wood gives an exquisite sense of reverence.

In 1872 Richard Pole, Rector, carried out certain alterations marking an unfortunate period in church restoration. The character of all the windows in the church was changed; they were circular-headed, and were now divided by introducing brick mullions to give the effect of tracery; these mullions are especially noticeable from outside the church. A beautiful white marble vase Font was turned out into the churchyard and replaced by a modern Gothic one; this font fell to pieces in 1920, and the old vase font was put back.

Some iron Chancel gates were taken off their hinges in this restoration and placed outside to make entrance gates for the churchyard; the side supports of these gates, however, are left intact so that the gates could at any time be replaced. The pews of the church were very high; these were cleverly cut down; their handsome panelled doors make a great feature of the church, with old brass fittings for candles on each pew. Hanging from the ceiling in front of the chancel arch is a very handsome old Dutch brass candelabra, probably the gift of Charles Von Notten when he bought the Manor in 1782; this handsome candelabra was found hidden in one of the Rectory attics and replaced in the church.

The Tower, probably built in 1717, is a fine square building with very thick walls of brick with parapets and white stone pilasters at the corners. It has six bells with a good rich tone and a fine ringing chamber.

The church Registers date from 1717.

The Professor of Architecture in Bangor University, writing of Wolverton Church, describes it as "the finest example that he has seen of what can be done with brick"..

The article on Wolverton Church and Parish have been contributed by Major Hohler.

## PLACE NAMES

The meaning of holt evidently developed along much the same lines as that of 'hurst'. Its original and later meanings are preserved in modern Icelandic, where holt = 'stony hill, barren ridge; wood.' Later the secondary sense of 'wood, grove' took over, though in this country the word survives only in place-names and in the family names derived from them. Abroad, however, it is still used for 'wood' in general, as in the German Holz and the Dutch hout. In Wolverton we have Holt End, marking the boundary between Sandford Woods and the Common before its enclosure, and not far away the Holt is the wood just before Axmansford. Near Bentworth there is another Holt End, while further afield Alderholt lies just beyond the Hampshire border. The intriguing name Alice Holt has nothing to do with a lady: it comes from the name of a Saxon man and means 'Aelfsige's wood.' Elsewhere the word has changed in the course of the centuries and the Old English āholt, 'oak wood', is found in the Suffolk Occold and Acol in Kent. This same combination occurs in another Kentish name which has acquired an unusual spelling - Knockholt, near Sevenoaks. This comes from 'atten āholt' = 'at the oak wood', the initial K being an arbitrary addition when the little word 'āc' no longer meant anything to the local inhabitants. Then in Somerset we find Aisholt, 'ash wood', and in both Hampshire and Sussex, Buckholt, 'beech wood', the same meaning as in the Essex Buckhurst. Finally, a name can sometimes be deceptive: Northolt in Middlesex was Northala in Domesday Book and is connected not with 'holt' but with 'hale' (as in the Hale at Farnham) which has a wide range of meaning including 'nook, corner'.

## WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our village hall built with locally produced material, using, mainly voluntary local labour over sixty years ago is at present undergoing structural repairs. When these are complete the hall will need decorating both inside and out. Can you help to revive some of the spirit that enabled the hall to be built by offering your services voluntarily with this task. The work will take place during a weekend and anyone who feels able to wield a paintbrush would be most gratefully welcomed. Please ring Kingsclere 297328 or 298342 for details.

To help finance the above work various activities are planned and your support for these would be much appreciated.

## NATURE NOTES

A footpath in our village at one time much trodden by little feet on their way to and from school is perhaps not so well known today. Yet what an interesting little path it is.

Start at the gateway into the new churchyard under the lovely old oak tree and take particular note of the little boundary wall between the churchyard and the Park. All sorts of plant life grows here. The ivy leaved toadflax hardly ever out of flower and known by many as "Mother of Thousands", the little Herb Robert with its often highly coloured geranium shaped leaves and pretty pink flowers, mosses and lichens and tiny ferns. Out of the churchyard through the little wicket gate noticing first the old yew trees which were probably there before the present church was built. On the right horse chestnut trees which once carried quite a large rookery and just before you reach the drive look at the lovely Hornbeam tree on your left with its short stout trunk and spread of branches growing out from it. It must be one of the finest Hornbeams in the country.

Across the drive and through the Kissing gate. We should cherish these old gates. Many a lad must have stolen a kiss from his lass before letting her through this one.

Over the fence on the left hand side some old Sweet Chestnut trees with their deeply grooved and twisted bark. You can often hear a Spotted Woodpecker drumming near here. Over the stile and you are beside the lake. One or two pairs of Canada Geese nest here each year and during the winter it carries quite a large flock of them. There is an old Greyhag Goose with only one wing, several pairs of moorhen, coot and mallard and nearly always that silent fisherman the grey heron standing sentinel at the far end of the lake.

Out of the Park and into the lane by The Old School House where once the village children sang their tables and practised the 'pot hooks and hangers' of their copy book lettering on wooden framed slates.

I wonder did they play marbles and knuckle stones in Mrs Driscoll's garden and did they whip their tops and bowl their hoops in the lane on their way home from school?

## FOOTPATHS

Although the legal responsibility for the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways is the duty of the County Council the monitoring of the state of the Rights of Way is a function of the Parish Council. Any comment or questions relating to footpaths or bridleways should be referred to the Parish Council.

Footpaths have always been a subject of dispute between landowners and users as is shown by a long list of statutes and legal cases. One of the earliest reports is of an action in 1315 between the Crown and the inhabitants of a parish in Taunton. This case confirmed that a footpath cannot be lost through disuse; lack of use is though, a common ground for application for an extinguishment order. The laws have developed, as in so many matters, in order to provide an equitable and reasonable solution to a conflict of interest. They attempt to protect the overall interests of both owners and users.

The long standing right for anyone to use a path has been limited by legal judgements. The right is to allow passage on bona fide journeys, to sit down or make sketches on his journey and take with him natural accompaniments. Historically this right has been tested to the limit. In 1893 a man called Harrison ran up and down a footpath on the Duke of Rutlands estate shouting and waving a flag. This disturbed grouse and interfered with a shooting party on adjoining private land. The courts considered that this action exceeded the right of passage and that he was trespassing.

The law also puts constraints on the owners of land crossed by Rights of Way. In 1669 a case against Griesly established that ploughing a path is prima facie a public nuisance at common law and is illegal. In some circumstances a common law right to plough a particular path has been established and this must be confirmed in the statement relating to that path on the Definitive Map of Rights of Way held by the County Council.

Where Rights of Way cross fields it is usually possible for landowners to apply for temporary diversionary orders, lasting a maximum of three months, or permanent diversions, to re route the path round the edge of a field.

Although there are many potentially conflicting interests involved the basic idea of the law which requires reasonableness from both parties provides the lasting solutions. Where there is a need there is a way. If you, now need or may have need of a way make use of the public path - lack of use is a major reason for applications to close a path. If you use a path respect the needs of the landowners - misuse is the major cause of applications to have a path closed.

The Highways Act of 1959 gives a farmer the right to plough a public footpath in the interests of good husbandry providing he gives seven days notice of his intention to the County Council and makes good the surface within six weeks. If he fails to give notice he must make good the surface of the path within three weeks of ploughing. If the surface is not restored the County Council can do so and charge the farmer for the costs involved. Inevitably there have been court cases to decide on the meaning of making good. The overall concept as interpreted by Pratt and MacKenzie's Law of Highways is that the path should be 'reasonably passable by the persons who use the way'. There are cases where to make economic use of space and mechanisation that crops are sown over paths and walkers left to resurrect the path. This action with cereals has been interpreted by the courts at Watford in 1969 and Pontefract in 1972 as illegal obstruction.

We all live in an area rich in natural beauty and historic buildings. There are obvious signs that this was the edge of the Dukes of Wellington's Estate - Ewhurst House was at one time their home. There are less obvious witnesses to the connections with the Quakers in the 17th and 18th centuries. I am sure that many will have read with interest Major Hohler's articles on Wolverton Park, the Old Rectory and the Village Hall. There are at least a dozen more buildings listed in the area of this paper due to their architectural or historic value. Perhaps their owners would care to share their research knowledge with their neighbours. The response to their reports may result in their acquiring fresh information on their history.

Did you know that Wolverton House was connected to St Catherine's by an underground passage?

## WOLVERTON YOUTH CLUB

A growing number of children are taking advantage of the fortnightly meetings of the Green Card Club. It is not uncommon to track Thursday nights noise down to fifteen or even twenty regular members energetically enjoying themselves.

The pattern of meetings will continue through the Spring. Regular club nights will be April 9th and 23rd, followed by May 7th and 21st, all from 7-9pm. Ideas and assistance with special events are always welcome and will keep the Club alive and exciting for the youngsters.

One such suggestion came from Irwin, at Pitt Hall, who, as a parent, has offered his canoes for the Club to use at the end of April. The ideal setting for beginners will be the shallow canal near Hungerford. Any parent who would like their children to take part and can help with transport, supervision, further equipment or advice should contact Tony James on 298142.

Meanwhile Highdy Hi!

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1st 7-30pm.

"WILD LIFE IN BRITAIN" - a slide show and small exhibition presented by Mrs Betty Shaw - WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

SATURDAY JULY 18th GARDEN FETE by kind permission of MR AND MRS KENT. Profits of this will be shared between the Church and the Hall maintenance funds.

The Equinox Travelling Theatre will stage the Puppet Show 'The Changeling' based on a traditional folk tale with songs, dance, mime and music at Wolverton Village Hall on Saturday 11th April from 3.30 to 4.45. Children/OAP's 60p; Adults £1. Proceeds to the Village Hall Funds. For further information ring Jennifer Rolls Kingsclere 298134.

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## WOLVERTON VILLAGE FETE

This is being held on Saturday July 18th at Wolverton Cottage at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kent, in aid of the Village Hall and St. Catherine's Church.

In due course you will receive a list of stalls and stall holders together with our usual appeal to stock these stalls and we hope that you will give us your generous support, first by giving and then by coming to the fete.

## LOCAL GARDENS OPEN IN JUNE

JUNE 7th and JULY 5th. HOLLINGTON HERB NURSERIES at Woolton Hill. From A343 turn towards Woolton Hill, take 2nd left and after ½ mile fork left. This is 1½ acre working herb nursery for wholesale in an old walled garden. 200 different herbs and scented geraniums. No dogs allowed. Admission 20p. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JUNE 21st. LONGSTOCK PARK GARDENS. This is part of the Leckford Estate owned by John Lewis partnership. From A30 turn north on A3057 and follow signs. Garden is 7 acres of aquatic and bog gardens, also grey garden, rose garden, herbaceous and dahlia borders. No dogs allowed. Admission 50p. From 2 - 5 p.m.

JUNE 28th. TUNWORTH OLD RECTORY. Part of house dates to 1210. House is 5 miles S.E. of Basingstoke. Turn off A30 at sign to Tunworth. Medium sized garden. Admission 30p, open 2 - 6.30 p.m. Teas available.

JUNE 28th. UPTON GREY PLACE. This is first house on Greywell Road from Basingstoke via Tunworth. 5 acres of roses and flowering shrubs. No dogs. Admission 25p. Open 2 - 7 p.m.

JULY 5th. MOUNDSMERE MANOR, PRESTON CANDOVER, South of Basingstoke, 10 acre garden; herbaceous borders, ornamental yew hedges, roses, greenhouses. Admission 30p. Open 2 - 6 p.m.

The above are open in aid of the National Gardens Scheme.

THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION was established in 1931 and hence, in 1981, The Year of the Disabled, we are celebrating our Golden Jubilee. At present there are over 2,500 working Guide Dogs in the country who are trained with their owners at any of the five centres at Bolton, Exeter, Forfar, Leamington Spa and Wokingham. There is also a dog breeding and puppy walking centre at Tollgate, near Warwick.

The main types of dogs suitable for training as Guide Dogs are Labradors, Retrievers, Labrador/Retriever cross and German Shepherd. As there is a long waiting list of applicants for Guide Dogs, the Association is urgently in need of suitable dogs from 6 weeks to 2 years of age.

There are four working Guide Dogs in Basingstoke and another in Tadley who provide a pair of eyes for their blind owners. There are also several families in the area who are walking puppies before they are returned to the training centres at one year old to undertake their intensive training. Each Guide Dog and its Blind owner cost over £1000 to train and finance for this comes from the many voluntary branches and helpers throughout the country.

We have a very active Committee working for the Association in Basingstoke and our next functions are as follows:-

JUNE 21st. Garden Party. 2.30 - 6.00 p.m. Longleys, Ramsdell. An acre of beautiful garden with demonstrations of spinning, cane seating, macrame, bagpipe playing, strawberry teas.

Please do try to come to one of these functions - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

Any enquiries to: Hon. Sec. Mrs. Rosemary Coe, Sandford Cottage, Wolverton Common. Tel:Kingsclere 298038  
Silver Foil collection: Mrs. Side, 6 Crossborough Hill, Basingstoke.

## A PILGRIMAGE IN SEVILLE. HOLY WEEK 1981

Arriving in Seville by coach from the airport... it was raining! Our group of thirty three Inter-church travellers from all parts of Britain were staying in a Convent where we were warmly welcomed by the Nuns... members of an Open Order ministering and caring for travellers. The Convent is a fine old whitewashed building in a narrow street entered by a huge oak door. Inside several chapels of peace and beauty, the refectory looking on a big inner patio (courtyard) with orange trees growing fruit and blossom together and roses climbing the high white walls ... Peace and serenity.

Next day the sun shone and happily continued! Out into the busy colourful streets with its happy crowds... our first of expeditions ( always on foot) to the magnificent 15th century cathedral which took a 100 years to build. Spacious gothic simplicity surrounded by its ancient chapels and treasures. The tomb of Christopher Columbus. Towering above all the golden altar... the largest in the Christian World. Always people at prayer with religious enthusiasm increasing with each day of Holy Week.

From Palm Sunday and all week are the Processions of the "Pasos" (Floats) dating from medieval times bearing the images (life size) of Christs Passion. There are 100 different floats coming from churches all over Seville, each carried by dedicated teams of 30 to 40 men along the packed streets of several miles to the cathedral. The huge floats of golden and silver... the images placed on carpets of flowers... scarlet and white carnations a national flower in Spain, surrounded by hundreds of candles gleaming in the evening light. Forty of the floats are dedicated to the Virgin, the most famous of all is La Macarena, Our Lady of Hope in white bejewelled robes... Her tears of pearls. The floats are preceded by the long processions of Penitents in their plain white or black robes girded with rope, hooded and masked, barefoot and bearing heavy black crosses on their shoulders.

Contributed by Hermione Hartford.

Production team for this issue was Martin Slatford, Tibbles, Wolverton Common Tel: Kingsclere 298524 and Joyce Franks, Wolverton Rectory, Tel: Kingsclere 298008.

The next issue is due out in July. Anything for printing to either of the above early in July please.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Of recent weeks we have seen the result of four years lobbying of Hampshire County Council by Baughurst Parish Council to provide hamlet name boards at the side of the road and new road sign posts. It may seem now to be an extravagant move when we are all more careful with our purses, but the reasons for the initial application and continued requests make the money well spent. The emergency services, particularly fire and ambulance inevitably contain drivers who are not aware of all the lanes, villages and communities in North Hampshire. They are provided with street maps for places like Tadley and Heath End but their rural maps do not show house names, which are in any case liable to change. Their main course of action in an emergency is to find the Hamlet and ask. The provision of these signs will help to speed up the location of an injured person or burning building and is a small price to pay. Part of this revision of signs has meant that Rectory Lane and Plantation Farm have a marker on the Kingsclere Road. Traffic for Tadley coming from Newbury along the A339 is now directed through Ashford Hill on the much improved B3051 rather than sending lorries to thread their way through Wolverton Common and Axmansford. It does appear that not all the signs are in the best position. At the recent Annual Parish Meeting Mrs. Walford pointed out that Baughurst House now appears before the roadside sign for Baughurst and the signpost to Pound Green is at Pound Green. If you are aware of any inadequancies in the present signs please inform the Clerk to the Council, Mrs. Henry at Rustling Boume, Baughurst. It may also be prudent to check your house name and number for emergency services and for the benefit of delivery drivers.

The spray which was applied to our verges last month was Atladox Hi. It is a selective dock killer but had an adverse effect on many plants for some time. The herbicide is more specific than last year and has been applied by the County Council for weed control. If you feel strongly about the use of chemical verge control please let me know so the Parish Council can represent your views to the County Council.

## NATURE NOTES

The simple buttercup which gilds our meadows at this time of year has a darker side to its bright attractive appearance. It is poisonous and will cause blisters if the foliage remains in contact with the skin. Such inflammations take a long time to heal. Culpeper, the Elizabethan herbalist described it as the "furious biting herb". During his time a poultice of buttercup leaves and salt was used on plague victims. The blisters created in this way hurt more than the plague sores and were believed to drive the lesser pain away. At the same time beggars used crushed buttercup leaves to scar their bodies in order to arouse pity in passers by. It is for this reason that the plant is commonly called Lazarus or beggars weed. Incidentally the botanical name *Ranunculus* means "little frog" relating to the moist places preferred by the buttercup.

Another attractive, though much less common flower found at this time of year is the early purple orchid. It is readily identifiable by its heavily blotched leaves and its rich red-purple flowers gathered on a 6 inch spike made up of 6 to 30 individual blooms. The enlarged lip petal, characteristic of orchids is delicately speckled with fine purple dots. The plant grows each year from a rootstock which forms two tubers. It was Pliny the Elder, the Roman naturalist, who likened these to testicles and this comparison gave rise to the second century name *Orchis*, which is the botanical family name for this beautiful group of flowers. The tubers were believed to have magical powers. If a man ate the larger tuber he was supposedly ensured the birth of a male heir. If a woman ate the smaller one she would give birth to a girl. Modern science has found that the tubers contain a starch which is more nutritive per ounce than any other plant product. Fortunately the early purple orchid is generally considered unpalatable so we have similar numbers of boys and girls. It is one less reason for picking our rarer flowers which are best left for others to also see in their natural surroundings.

## ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH WOLVERTON

The churchyard grass has to be kept cut and for the sake of financial economy we rely entirely upon volunteers. Is there anyone, lady or gentleman, young man or young lady willing to be called upon regularly, or occasionally to help with this labour of love?

## PLACE NAMES

The Old English thorp or throp denoted a 'farm' (sometimes an outlying dairy farm), manor, hamlet and is related to Dorf in Germany, dorp in Holland and S. Africa, and terp in Friesland, all meaning 'village'. In the southern part of England the form of 'throp' is more usual, a local example being Eastrop, originally the dependent farm to the east of the settlement in Basingstoke, itself an offshoot from the parent settlement, Basing.

A corresponding name near Bruton, the small town on the Brue in Somerset, is Esthropp, which also occurs as Estrip, and even in still shorter form as Strip and Strap and Strip Farm is the local name of a remote section between Up Nately and Greywell, of the parish into which the Basingstoke Eastrop subsequently grew. A few miles from Basingstoke, between Herriard and Lasham, is Southrope, 'southern farm'. In Bournemouth we find yet another form of the basic word: Throop, and, with an added - e, Throope in Wiltshire. Other close relatives are Thrup in Oxfordshire, and Thrupp, of which Berks, Gloucestershire and Northants each have an example. Gloucestershire also has a Westrip, 'western farm', and a similar name in Wiltshire, Westrop, is evidently the origin of the surname Westrope.

Thorp is a common element in Scandinavian place-names and is represented in England by the many thorpes in the Danelaw, the area settled by the Danish invaders, e.g. Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincolnshire. Norwich for instance has its dependent Thorpe, nowadays a busy railway station with little sign of the one time rural scene. Close by Attleborough, the ancient capital of Norfolk, is Besthorpe, while Burnham, on the north coast of Norfolk, has its attendant Burnham Thorpe, famous as Nelson's birthplace. Cleethorpes in Lincolnshire has an interesting parallel in the French Clitourps, reminiscent of the cross-channel raids by the Norsemen.

Finally, one of the few thorps in this part of the country, is found in the Hampshire Swanthorpe, an attractive name which however has nothing to do with swans. The spelling Swanethorp recorded in 1233 clearly indicates that it means 'thorp of the swineherds'.

## TADLEY TREACLE MINES

Just the other week I was told of the origin of the infamous mines. Tadley was one of the main gathering points in the south for travelling folk. The travelling families which gathered in this area were famous for their toffee apples which they sold at fairs. One of the ingredients they used was treacle and the empty tins were buried around their camps. In later years when foundations were dug for permanent houses the tins were turned up in their thousands. The builders were convinced they had found a seam from a treacle mine. To me the story has the romance and plausibility of folklore unless someone knows better!

## WANTED

Electric sewing machine able to do zig-zag stitch, no other embroidery capabilities necessary.

Portable typewriter, preferably with tabulator but not essential.

Radio and cassette tape player combined.

Briefcase, expandable top opening type, need not be in prime condition.

Suitcases - 1 medium size and 1 large, again need not be in prime condition.

Single Z Bed.

The above items are wanted quickly - please telephone Tadley 4379 if you have any of them for sale.

An Irish lorry-driver asked advice about an interview for a new job in the North East. He was told that everything depended on his knowing that part of the country. The prospective employer asked if he knew Stockton-on-Tees. Yes indeed. Darlington? Like the back of his hand. North Northallerton? His grandmother lived there. 'And what about York?' 'Sir, that was where I was married.' 'Bishop Auckland?' 'Him? Why, he married us!'

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A READER WRITES:-

It is unlikely that I am the only Wolverton resident who finds often enough that his mail is sent first to Overton, as is evident from the date stamp on the back of the envelope. It now seems that someone along the line is making sure that the mail does go to Overton. Recently a letter was sent to me, correctly and clearly addressed in typescript, together with the post code. But some person unknown had carefully deleted the W and L from the address so that Wolverton was transformed into Overton. I suppose I was lucky to get that letter.

Talking about post codes, I had another letter not long ago with the correct code following the word Hampshire. This reached me via Shropshire, as I gathered from the tell-tale date stamp on the back. It would be helpful if the powers that be took their own advice and started using the code that they are constantly exhorting us to use.

## WOLVERTON FETE RAISES OVER £300

Thanks again to the loan of their house and garden on July 18th by Mr. & Mrs. Kent St. Catherines church and the village hall funds share £320.98.

If you are among the many helpers or visitors you will remember the warm weather, the wide variety of products and amusement and the music from Tom and Nicholas Docherty with their friends.

Having parked your car as directed by Don Stevenson in the field by Wolverton cottage lent by Major Hohler you made your way past the bunting into the garden. The lure of the barbecued sausages cooked by Peter Prag under the cherry trees distracted many on their way to the front lawn. Around the lawn the cakes and produce stall arranged by Isobel Hohler and helped by Mrs. Almond, Betty Shaw and Ivy Harrison was laden with food and flowers. The freesias were particularly large and beautifully scented. Based next door but available all round the garden was the raffle organised by Mrs. Aird. Thanks to the generosity of those donating prizes including a voucher from Husseys, the bakers, over £50 was raised. A similar sum was raised on the Tombola, kept under control by Jennifer Rolls.

Of the stalls remembered most easily the pink and white stall with its musical back drop was a picture. All credit to Joyce Franks and Ann Smith! Frank Wallwork and his young assistant Adrian were knowledgeable salesmen of books and records. Between them books and white elephant arranged by Jessie Andrews and Barbara Wallwork raised over £40.

The entertainments in the paddock allowed all to let off steam and thoroughly enjoy themselves. I am sure that Mr. & Mrs. Mortimer and Jane must have been exhausted pony walking. There were always queues of eager children waiting by the stile.

The success of this event would not have occurred if it hadn't been for the help and planning of so many people. Congratulations to all who were involved in making this memorable day. Incidentally Dermot McGill did 'kill the rat' - halfway to the Garage!

## FACELIFT FOR VILLAGE HALL

July saw several evenings redecorating the inside of the hall. Following structural work reinstating cracks and reproofing the rear roof, the whole of the interior has had a fresh coat of paint. The Colour Scheme remains pale blue and white but the appearance is much improved. The redecorating party have asked for a special mention to be made of the help from Jonathon Armstrong. The hedges around the hall have been cut back by Peter Shaw and we again have a meeting place of which to be proud.

The rental remains at £1.25 per hour so it is a bargain for meetings, receptions, childrens parties or classes. If you know of anyone who is looking for a meeting hall or you want to hire the hall contact Betty Shaw on 297328. Remember unless we all support the hall today it won't be there tomorrow when you really need it.

## ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

At 3.30 p.m. on that very special day July 29th, 30 children and various adults arrived at the village hall for a party and celebration tea. The hall had been strewn with bunting, flags and pictures of Charles and Diana by Bidy Reading and Connie Taylor, who had organised the party. Right down the centre of the hall there was a long table piled high with children's food and drink - a real junior banquet. After a few party games the children tucked into a real feast including crisps donated by the "Hare and Hounds", whilst parents watched the newly-weds leaving for their honeymoon. Each child was given a bag with sweets, souvenirs and a crown provided out of the proceeds of the Fete. If any child in the village has not yet received their crown please contact Barbara Wallwork on 298342.

## HARVEST SUPPER PLANS

To raise funds for the International Year of the Disabled a Harvest Supper is planned in the village hall on September 27th. Present ideas include, buffet, auctions and folk singing. More details will be posted later.

## BELLRINGERS SPREAD THEIR WINGS

Our bellringers visited Kent over the last weekend in May to try their hand in different towers. They offer their thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Foxwell with whom they stayed. Amongst the villages who heard the result of their pulling were Biggin Hill, Leigh and Seal where the towers contained 6 bells.

The 8 bell towers at Westerham, Eden bridge, Chiddingstone, Shoreham, Eynesford and Penshurst also resounded to our local efforts.

## YOUTH CLUB NEWS

There are no youth club meetings in August. The next meeting will be on September 10th from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. and thereafter once every other week.

## NATURE NOTES

Of all the wonders of Nature few can exceed the life of the butterfly.

The Tortoiseshell butterfly, which is perhaps the one we all know so well, lays her eggs on the tips of young nettles in April and early May. These duly hatch and we see the tiny black caterpillars in thick clusters on the nettle tops. They soon begin to feed and grow very quickly. The outer skin of a caterpillar cannot stretch so from time to time it will split, just behind the head, and a much larger and brighter caterpillar will emerge.

When it is full grown, about two inches long, feeding ceases and the caterpillar leaves the nettles and attaches itself to any suitable branch or ledge where it can hang head down and curled like a figure 6 for several days while a remarkable change takes place in its body.

The skin splits again but this time a hard and spiky chrysalis emerges and this in turn will hang for several days while yet another change takes place.

Eventually the casing will split and a butterfly emerges with damp and crumpled wings. Slowly it will pump blood into its wing veins until they are able to spread wide and reveal their glory.

The butterfly is then ready to fly away and grace our Buddleia and our Michaelmas daisies.

A few of these butterflies are able to survive our winter in hibernation ready to start the life cycle again in the Spring.

Many of our British Butterflies come to us from the Mediterranean region in great swarms every Spring. It is amazing that something so small and fragile can make such a journey and give us such pleasure.

## THE MOBILE LIBRARY

Did you know that a Mobile Library visits Wolverton Common every fortnight, on Friday mornings, from 11.30 to 11.50 a.m.? It offers a generous selection of adult fiction and non-fiction, together with children's books. The van stops near the old Post Office and its next visit will be on Friday 21st August. If you don't already use this service, why not give it a try? It's entirely free, you can take out as many books as you like, and there are no fines if you keep the books longer than a fortnight.

## AN O.A.P. WRITES

A damp start on 8th June gradually gave way to fine weather so that we all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Weymouth; and the catering at the Clarendon Restaurant was as good as ever.

Once again our gratitude is due to the administrators of the Sir George Browne Trust and in particular to the Rector who saw to the details in connection with the coach and meals. A welcome innovation this year was the issue of a personal timetable to all participants.

We were happy that Mrs. Franks was able to join the party this time and only sorry that a number of ladies were prevented through illness.

Last, but by no means least, a word of appreciation goes to our driver, Michael, for his skill and thoughtfulness.

## PLACE NAMES

Kingsclere, too, had its workhouse, that mixed blessing of an earlier welfare system about which Dickens wrote so graphically. This workhouse was built in 1836 on a site known as Fosbury's Piddle. This somewhat inelegant word merely means 'meadow', and is a variant of 'pightle', which occurs in Ramsdell as Beal's Pightle and in the Bushy Pightle at Woolhampton. In Silchester we find the field-names Randell's Piddle and Frith Piddle and in Sherfield-on-Loddon, Pond Piddle and Moat Piddle. An 18th Century entry in the West Woodhay vestry book refers to the Parsonage Piddle, evidently a paddock belonging to the incumbent where he could graze his horse. A Yorkshire variant is 'picke', from which the surname Pickles is derived. The Dorset 'piddle' or 'puddle' is quite a different word, meaning stream, whence such names as Piddletrenthide, Tolpuddle, Affpuddle and Turners Piddle.

The first of these names relates to an area of 30 (French trente) hides, a hide being a measurement of land that would support a single family; Tolpuddle associated with the martyrs of last century, gets its name from a lady called Tola, a Scandinavian name; she presented the village to Abbotsbury in or about the year 1050; Affpuddle recalls a Saxon named Aeffa, identical with Aelfridus, who was owner in 987; and Turners Piddle was held by Henry Tonere in 1280; his was a nickname from the French tonnerre 'thunder' - maybe he was noted for his loud voice?

### BOB O'BEE'S BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

I hope to bring to your attention, some items that may have escaped your notice in the local press.

The Mayor this year is Councillor R.V.C. Morris who has expressed the wish to meet as many of the residents as possible, during his year of office. Should you wish the Mayor to attend any of the village functions then this can be arranged by ringing Basingstoke 56222 and asking for the Mayor's secretary.

The Borough Council when reviewing the rates this year, increased the cost and/or altered the conditions of all its services. Two that effect this area are Cesspool emptying charges and Pest Control.

#### Cesspool Emptying Charges

Loads	Old Scale	New Scale
1	£10.20	£14.70
2	£9.00	£13.00
3 - 19	£4.80	£4.80
20 - 49	nil	nil
50 plus	£4.80	£4.80

The percentage increase is 20.13% but is still carrying a subsidy in recognition of the difficulties in rural areas.

#### Pest Control

- 1) The free survey and advisory service continues.
- 2) Treatment of infestation by rodents to be free in domestic premises and those occupied by charitable organisations but charged at £5.00 per hour or part of an hour plus costs of mat materials in other premises.
- 3) Treatment of infestation by insects, £5.00 in all premises, with the exception of those occupiers being in receipt of an Old Age Pension, or supplementary benefit when it will be free.

- 4) The Director of Environmental Health can at his discretion provide free treatment on overriding public health factors and be permitted to provide services on the basis of an annual contract.

Although the recession continues throughout the country, Basingstoke is better equipped than most to fight off the worst effects:

Building of 7 major new office and industrial developments with a total contract value in excess of £23 million, has started within the Borough. Firms involved include Snamprogetti SPA of Milan, Wiggins Teape, Optrex Ltd., Digital Equipment Co. Ltd., International Aeradio Ltd. and Sony Broadcast Ltd. The second phase of the shopping centre costing £13 million has opened on time, a complex which the council is very much involved in, such that in the first year a profit accrues to the Ratepayer of £177,600 and that is in less than a full years trading.

Several hundred new jobs will be provided by these developments and the council is urgently seeking the interest of firms in other available sites providing these are not of a purely speculative nature.

If you need more information on district council matters please phone me on Tadley 4890.

### IN PRAISE OF ROSES

Surely there can be no flower in our gardens to give us such lasting pleasure as the rose. Mine start flowering in May when "Canary Bird" makes long arching sprays of single yellow roses over the tulip heads.

"Marigold" follows this a beautiful bronze yellow with golden stamens and a powerful fragrance soon followed by the old pink "Zepherine Drouhin" and Officinalis a rose of great antiquity, thought to be the Red Rose of Lancaster. Rosa Moyesii Geranium with its single bright red flowers is a wonderful sight and the flowers are followed by a crop of large flagon shaped hips set among the fern like foliage. Golden showers and Aloha and Altissimo are all being trained to clothe the rose poles set in the lawn from top to bottom with blossoms. They haven't quite done this yet but I'm sure they will in time.

So many delights I haven't mentioned and so many more I would like to have.

Heigh-ho I need a bigger garden.

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share with your neighbours please advise the  
editors for inclusion in future editions.

Production team for this issue Joyce Franks  
298008 and Martin Slatford 298524. If you  
haven't written yet why not start now?  
Reports on local eating houses would be  
welcomed by many readers!

SHOPPING LIST



## Proposed VILLAGE MARKET STALL

We regret the demise of our village shop. Not only was it useful but it made a focal point in our village where we could meet and talk to one another.

We wave greetings from our cars but very rarely do we come in close enough contact with each other to exchange a kindly word or spread a little gossip.

How would it be if we recreated our shop again just once a month in the Village Hall.

We wouldn't sell sugar and cornflakes but things we have made ourselves or produce and articles we wish to sell.

There are many who love cooking and would surely not mind earning themselves a little money by selling cakes and bread and many who love to knit and sew but would like to recoup the cost of materials and a little extra for their time.

Garden produce is always in demand and good quality nearly new clothing a real blessing.

Small furniture and household articles, out grown baby equipment in fact anything saleable could be brought along.

Coffee and biscuits would be available.

We would only ask that you label your things for sale with your name and price you require and that you let us keep 10p in the pound for Village Hall costs and the improvement of the monthly market.

I would suggest the first Saturday in every month from 10am - 1pm as being a suitable time for the event.

Anyone really interested please contact Mrs Shaw 297.328 and we will try to have the first market before Christmas. A chance for some of you to make and sell Christmas cards, decorations and gifts, boxes of sweets, Christmas cakes and puddings.

## BRIGHTEN UP MONDAYS

There is a social gathering at Betty Shaw's Rectory Lane every Monday afternoon from 2pm. Bring your knitting or sewing or just come and enjoy the chat over a cup of tea. Anyone very welcome. Tel: 297.328.

## ALL HALLOWS, ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS

All Hallows on October 31st was anciently one of the great fire festivals of the northern hemisphere, the eve of the beginning of winter. Bonfires were burned and ashes scattered on the land to bring fertility - Nuts marked with the names of pairs of lovers were put in the edge of the fire. If they sizzled and spat their namesakes would do likewise; a pair jumping apart indicated incompatibility while those lying peacefully together gave promise of quiet and happiness.

Ghosts and goblins abound on Halloween night and spit on the blackberries - so beware!!

All Saints day November 1st was the day when all saints who did not qualify for a special day of their own were honoured and All Souls day November 2nd was a day for praying for Souls in purgatory and in medieval times men in black went around the towns ringing bells and calling people to prayer.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To fill the same food basket man has to work 15 hours in San Francisco, 18½ hours in Dusseldorf, 26½ hours in Paris, 33½ hours in London and 152 hours in Jakarta. These figures from tables compiled by the Union Bank of Switzerland show comparative purchasing power and living standards.

## WANTED

Teazles for making hedgehogs and dried flower arrangements.

Scraps of cotton material for patchwork.

Knitting wool oddments, all plys.

Telephone Shaw 297.328.

Also has anyone an electric fire with coal or wood burning effect for sale.

## CRAFT AND ANTIQUES FAYRE

The Hurst Association are staging a Fayre at the Hurst School in Brompton Road on Saturday November 21st from 10am to 4pm. A wide range of traditional and modern crafts will be on show and many goods on sale to help reduce your Christmas shopping list. More details are available from Fr Trussell on Tadley 3438 ext. 34 during school hours.

## FORTY YEARS ON

(Betty Shaw)

Extract from a letter I wrote to my parents on November 2nd 1941.

" I went ploughing yesterday. It was grand. The horses tucked in their chins and pushed their broad shoulders into their collars: the share turned over the rich brown earth exposing hundreds of pink worms, a goodly feast for the five ducks who had waddled their noisy way from the pond to the ploughland. Peewits wheeled and tumbled overhead. The rain blew up the valley in a misty veil which blotted the tawny hills from view. It lashed against my face making it glow with a warmth only attainable after stinging cold.

The wet plough lines slipped in my fingers and I wound them round my hands for better grip.

Reaching the headland, by the lane side hedge, the horses side stepped and backed into place ready for the return journey.

The plough I was using was a swing plough that is it has a swinging share which can be turned at the end of each furrow so that it is possible to work up and back on adjacent furrows.

By lunchtime we had ploughed about half of the field and were all three of us very wet.

I unhitched the horses and they followed me down the ruddy lane splashing big hairy hooves through the mud and water and pausing to have a well earned drink at the water trough.

They clattered in to the stable over the yard cobbles and were soon enjoying their lunch while I went home to mine."

## HARVEST SUPPER

A most enjoyable and financially successful Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall on 27th September after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. £69.25 was raised from the supper to be sent to one of the charities involved in the International Year of the Disabled. The Village Hall committee is grateful to those who gave so generously, in so many different ways, to enable this sum to be raised.

Mrs Driscoll at the Old School House, 298667, has a quantity of empty wine bottles and jam jars if anyone would like them.

Production team for this issue were Martin Slatford 298524 and Joyce Franks 298008.

Items for the next issue to the Rectory please.

## NATURE NOTES

There is little growth in the days of Autumn except in the great army of fungi which throw up their spore bearing devices - toadstools, shaggy caps, puff balls, bracket fungi and moulds and mildews - in great abundance. It is a numerous and powerful army. In this country it includes some seven thousand species against fifteen hundred of ordinary seed bearing plants.

It is an extremely interesting and often very beautiful form of plant life and wellworth closer observation and study.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a grand Christmas party for all the children in the village on December 22nd in the Hall. The organisers are Bidy Reading and Connie Taylor. They are compiling a register of all the children in the village to make sure that they all receive a present suitable for their age. If your name is not on the list please contact them quickly to make sure that you don't miss out. Connie on Kingsclere 298898 and Bidy on Kingsclere 298615.

In order to raise funds for the party, they are holding weekly draws with prizes for October being a toilet set, T.V., slippers and a box of chocolates. The draws will continue to a Christmas Hamper drawn at the party. A numbers board with 10 pence bets is also being compiled to be drawn at the party. All the money raised will be spent on prizes for the winners.

Connie Taylor held a coffee morning for the party which raised £20.25. Prize winners of the mini draw on that day were Rosemary Butler and Barbara Wallwork.

Any offers of assistance or loan of decorations or Father Christmas outfit would be welcome.

## YOUTH CLUB ANNOUNCES FIREWORK PARTY

During the autumn months regular fortnightly meetings on Thursdays between 7 and 9 pm will continue for the 7 year olds upwards. The next meeting will be on November 5th (Firework Party), November 20th (Martin Slatford) and December 3rd (Tony James).

Tracey Nickless has arranged for visits to the Forge and St. Catherines bells during club meetings. The firework party is open to all children with admission by fireworks from each family party of 50p per adult and 25p per child. There will be a barbeque and hot snacks.

## A TRAVELLER'S TALE ABOUT A LITTLE-KNOWN ISLAND.

Iceland, the volcanic island in the North Atlantic just 2½ hours by air from Heathrow, is the fourth member of the Scandinavian quartet (which does not include Finland, as some people seem to think). It has Greenland as its nearest big neighbour. These are curious misnomers. I saw plenty of green, grass and moss, in Iceland, whereas the Greenland I saw from the air when on a flight to Canada several years ago was a vast expanse of white, with here and there mountain peaks popping up through the ice and snow, just like the 'icy mountains' in the well-known hymn.

Iceland is larger than Ireland and well over twice the size of Denmark, yet its total population is only about 220,000 (approximately the same as that of Southampton), and of these, more than one-third live in the capital, Reykjavik. The city's name means 'smoky bay' and was given by an early settler who mistook for smoke the steam he saw rising from the hot springs. Nowadays these same hot springs (a great asset in a country lacking coal and oil) supply practically all the heating for Reykjavik, which can fairly claim to be completely smokeless. The Icelanders can also claim to have the highest literacy rate in the world, or put in another way, the illiteracy rate is zero. Comparisons are notoriously odious: a recent estimate of the illiteracy in our country, with its infinitely greater resources, gave a figure of 14% meaning that 1 in 7 of our population is unable to read or write. The Icelanders read a great deal, especially during the long winter evenings, and bookshops are found everywhere. Television is also popular, and a substantial amount of the material is imported from this country. Two programmes that I watched showed contrasting pictures of the English scene, then and now: one was a Restoration play by Congreve, the other was a detailed account of the rioting in our cities - a pretty poor advertisement for the UK.

As in other places abroad, supermarkets make shopping easy. There again, a great deal of the goods on offer were imported, with many familiar brand-names from England. I found food very palatable, especially the hangikjot, literally 'hung-up meat', which proved to be smoked mutton, normally served at the Christmas dinner and brought forward, I think, specially for my benefit.

Various brands of made-up coffee (no names no packdrill) are readily available in the shops, but the lady of the house where I stayed in Mosfellssveit, a few miles outside Reykjavik, would have none of them and invariably used freshly-ground coffee from Brazil; this was indeed first-rate, or in the local idiom, fyrsta flokks kaffi. A sweet tooth was also amply catered for with cakes and pastries, many of them home made.

The Icelandic language with its 3 genders, 4 cases, unusual vocabulary and difficult pronunciation is a daunting proposition, so foreigners can hardly be expected to speak it; but they are expected to know English, and when in one of the major banks I tried some of my French on the counter-clerk I was met with a blank face and the question "Do you speak English?". The languages taught in the schools are English and Danish.

As elsewhere in Scandinavia, there is absolute freedom of religion. Most of the people belong to the Lutheran Church, the Protestant faith dating back to Martin Luther of Reformation times. Again, like other Scandinavians, the Icelanders are a peace-loving nation, and (as far as I know) they have no army, though they do run a couple of gunboats to warn off foreign trawlers who try to come poaching on Iceland's vital resources - the fish.

There is a multitude of cars in the capital but their movements are kept well under control by lights and lettered signals, even in the later afternoon when traffic jams build up in the home-ward rush after the day's work. I saw only one policeman during my stay in the city.

That universal talking-point the weather, figures very largely in Iceland. It is subject to sudden and quite dramatic changes. In the capital, in September, I often saw blue skies and sunshine (I even saw one fellow sunbathing on a balcony), but the wind can be very cold since it blows straight down from the Arctic. In other parts of the country, at exactly the same time, conditions can be vastly different. I had planned to fly to Bolungarvik, a small fishing-port in the north west corner of the island, but I failed to get there - the plane I was in (and I've never been so scared in my life) was unable to land because of the extremely bad weather, and so it had to turn round to Reykjavik. As they said, winter had come a month early in that area.

The hospitality which I enjoyed during my stay with a family was almost Oriental - the many kindnesses shown were almost embarrassing

WOULD YOUR MOTHER LET YOU

I don't know, perhaps she would if she knew that you were receiving expert advice and tuition.

Motorcycles, in my opinion, are one of the safest, most enjoyable, inexpensive forms of transport today. The safest, because with expert tuition it is unlikely that you will have an accident; the most enjoyable as you get a terrific sense of freedom and independence; inexpensive, because motorcycle tax is cheaper than cars and petrol lasts longer- some mopeds will do 130 miles to the gallon.

Talking about money, don't forget that apart from paying for your motorcycle, you will have to find money for protective clothing which is expensive and you only get what you pay for - if you think your head is only worth £5, then you could find a helmet for that price. After you've paid for your clothing, there is also insurance, driving licence and possibly vehicle tax.

If you are 16, you are only allowed to ride a moped. Buy a new moped from a reputable dealer - it will be restricted to 30 m.p.h. whereas some secondhand mopeds will not be, depending on their age, but these must have pedals that can drive the rear wheel.

Most dealers will offer purchasers of bikes a short course which familiarizes you with all the controls and simple maintenance, this course is called the National Training Scheme (bronze star). There is also the PAC/ACU motorcycle training scheme, details of which are available from the District Road Safety Officer. Patricia Lipscombe on Basingstoke 54222 ext. 353 or the Chief Instructor for PAC/ACU who is Brian Wilson on number 235.

WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL (From Peryl Tofield Chairman)

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year, with our fund raising activities. At this time of severe financial restraint, we have had generous support from neighbours and friends in our village, the Summer Fete was especially successful. Thank you all- I am now asking for support of a different kind. The A.G.M. of the Committee is due to be held on 10th November at 8pm in the Village Hall. I am appealing for your attendance and new ideas for the new committee. Do not let Wolverton become another dormitory village - we have a lot to be thankful for here, it is a small village not on a trunk road and not likely to have a vast new housing estate put down in our midst, let us enjoy our country community by getting together a little more frequently. Don't forget the date.

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