

THIS IS OUR VILLAGE - BLEWBURY

Issue 7, December 1965.

This issue sees the beginning of several new ventures in The Village, including the Folk Club at Dibleys on Saturdays, the Social Evening on the 4th, the early stages of a new Society on the 6th, and a musical evening on the 14th. These will add to the existing variety of entertainments and activities.

Many will naturally take advantage of these entertainments and others will prefer to stay at home with their television, home decorating and hobbies. If you are in doubt between these choices please attend the Village function, not only because you will enjoy it but because you will add to the enjoyment of others, including the organisers, and help to ensure that there will be similar functions in the future.

The next issue giving activities up to the end of January, will be published just before Christmas. This will be a short issue and no letters or reports on meetings can be accepted for publication. Please provide all information for this issue by the 17th December.

The February issue will include an Annual Supplement which will contain reference information on the Village.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

SAT	4th:	2.30	V. Hall, Ref Cross Bazaar.
		7.30	V. Hall, Social and Dance.
MON	6th:	8.00	V. Hall, A New Society?
WED	8th:	7.30	V. Hall, Mothers' Union Party
THUR	9th		Whist Drive.
FRI	10th:		V. Hall, Youth Club Dance.
SAT	11th:	2.30	Football. Blewbury v Esso House.
			British Legion Party.
TUE	14th:	7.30	V. Hall, Musical Evening.
TUE	21st:	7.15	V. Hall, Parish Council.
SAT	25th:		CHRISTMAS DAY.
SUN	26th:	3.00	Church, Children's Nativity Play.
		6.00	Church, Carol Service.
WED	29th and		THUR 30th at 7.30 and FRI 31st at 7.00 in the Church
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A NEW SOCIETY FOR BLEWBURY?

"It has been suggested that it would be a good idea to form a new society in the Village. The views of a number of people were sought and there appeared to be sufficient interest to make it worthwhile thinking about further, and in sufficient detail to be able to present, to an open meeting, a reasonably considered and concrete proposal. This has been done and here are the main points so that you will be able to give the idea some thought before the open meeting in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, 6th December. Here then are the main proposals:-

1. That a Society be formed for the purpose of:-
 - a) Arranging evening talks, lectures, films and similar functions at, say, monthly intervals during the winter months.
 - b) Being able if need arises to express and represent Village opinion on matters which affect the Village as a whole e.g. in circumstances similar to the recent Harwell Village inquiry.
2. That talks should be open to all, with entrance either by ticket costing 10/- for the year, or by paying 2/- at the door on each occasion, to cover expenses.

Regarding 1 a) it is proposed that these talks etc., should cover as wide a range of interests as possible while keeping off ground already covered by existing Societies in the Village.

Regarding 1 b) it is not envisaged that the Society would be much involved in this sort of activity but it is thought that a Society open to all residents in Blewbury would be in a strong position to express an opinion and support the Parish Council on Village matters should this become necessary.

This then is a very sketchy outline of the suggestions and it is appreciated that this leaves a lot of questions unanswered. Do please come to the Village Hall on 6th December and ask questions and give your views. If, at this meeting, the idea gets enough support to justify going ahead, a committee will have to be formed and if you could let either Mrs. Richards, ~~Harwell~~ Cottage, or myself have any nominations before the meeting or come to the meeting prepared to nominate members or to be nominated yourself, this would be most helpful."

John B. Ritchie.
Borlase, South Street.

A Coded Announcement (for amusement only)

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Swimming Pool for Blewbury School? An open meeting at the School on Friday November 19th decided that, in principle, plans should go ahead for a prefabricated Purley type Swimming Pool, which would cost about £800 including erection.

Before any decision to acquire the pool can be taken by a working committee 40% of the total cost must be raised, and it is anticipated that this money will come from donations and fund raising activities. The balance can be obtained as an interest free loan from the Ministry of Education and Science, repayable over five years.

The meeting also decided that the opinion of all parents with children at the School should be obtained before definite action was taken.

The success of this idea requires the support of all parents of the present and future school generations.

(Mrs. Saunders of Orchard Dene has pamphlets giving details of the proposed pool).

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 16th November.

Working Party on Planning It was decided to set up a Working Party, including co-opted members, to consider the future development of Blewbury and to prepare a report. Such a report will greatly assist the Parish Council in advising on Planning Applications. The work will include the collection of data on the capacity of the local services for water, sewerage, electricity and education. Please will anyone interested contact J.M. Richards, Healmwic Cottage, Tel. 218.

Meals on Wheels This most useful service can be started immediately in the Village if a few people will volunteer to drive their own cars at lunch time on about one day a fortnight.

The service would provide a hot meal at midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays to elderly people in their own homes. The recipients must be recommended for the service by their doctor or a health visitor, and are asked to pay 1/6d. a meal. The meals would be collected from Didcot by the volunteers who would be given a mileage allowance of 6d. a mile. The Service is subsidised jointly by the Rural District and County Councils.

Please will anyone prepared to help in this way contact Mrs. Dykes at the Post Office as soon as possible.

30 m.p.h. in the Village. Following a request from the Wind in the Willows Residents' Association, the Council decided to ask again for a 30 mile per hour limit on all the internal roads of the Village.

The next Parish Council Meeting. will begin with an open forum on Tuesday 21st December at 7.15 in the Village Hall.

Blew News.

During the recent gales an irate mole was heard to announce, "We like Wind in the Willows but this is ridiculous!"

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Sundays (Christmas services in next issue)

Parish Church: Vicar Rev. H. J. Pickles, The Vicarage, Church End.

8.00 Holy Communion. 9.30 Family Communion. 11.00 Matins.

3.00 Family Service. 6.00 Evening Prayer.

On 5th December, however, 9.30 Morning Prayer (said)

11.00 Parish Communion.

Methodist Chancel. Minister in Charge: Rev. J. Barrett.

22, St. Mary's Street, Wallingford.

11.00 Morning

6.00 Evening.

Roman Catholic Churches Goring - Mass 8.30 and 11.00.

East Hendred - Mass 8.30 & 10.30 Didcot - Mass 8.00, 10.00, & 6.30

The Bishop of Reading gave a stimulating talk to a large audience in the Village Hall on the 9th November. He began with a description of a visit to the Holy Land. He had prerecorded the commentary with suitable background music, and projected his slides in time with the commentary.

The second half of the evening was an 'introduction to modern Church Music', which he thought should introduce more gaiety into Church Services in place of the sombre respectability of some conventional hymn singing.

As he expected some of his audience thought the change would not be an improvement, while others listened with great enjoyment.

The Children's Nativity Play will take place in the Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 26th December and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd January.

'The True Mystery of the Nativity' by James Kirkup, will be performed in the Church on Wednesday and Thursday, 29th and 30th December at 7.30 p.m. and Friday 31st at 7.00. Entrance by programme which will be on sale in the Post Office and elsewhere in the Village, price 2/- for adults, 1/- for children. Proceeds to the Save the Children Fund, and the Church Restoration and Heating Fund.

Recreation Ground. The young trees have now been netted, thanks to the volunteers who did the work and to those who kindly provided over 200 meat skewers and other materials. The Cricket Pitch Appeal is still open; so far about £50 has been promised but more is needed. One penny a week from everyone in the Village would close the Appeal in 6 months. Spare forms are still available but any piece of paper will do. Your note may be handed to any Committee member or to Mr. Taylor at Parsonage Farm. If you prefer to make a direct donation, this too will be gratefully received.

REMEMBER -- NO CONTRIBUTION IS TOO SMALL

SERVICES.

CLINIC Tuesday 7th December, Village Hall, 2.30 - 4.00.
Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.

Travelling Library (Reading 55981 Ext. 119)

Monday, 15th December, Barley Mow, 2.30. Winterbrook Farm at 2.55.

VILLAGE HALL ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

A SOCIAL AND DANCE will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th December at 7.30 p.m. - Admission 2/6d by ticket only.

Tickets from:- P. Ware Grahame Close
G. Edgar Concord, South St.
J. Davey South Street
P. Bartlett 19 Eastfields.

A MUSICAL EVENING will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th December at 7.30 p.m.

Programme:-

Overture; Romeo & Juliet.	Tchaikovsky
Piano Concerto;	Grieg
The Blue Danube	Strauss
Pavane	Ravel
Film Music from 'Ben Hur'	Miklos Rozsa

Interval

Pomp & Circumstance March	Elgar
Scene & Waltz from Swan Lake	Tchaikovsky
Symphony No. 5	Tchaikovsky

Entrance by Programme, Price 2/- from as above, or at the door.

A FOLK CLUB has been formed which meets on Saturday nights between 9 and 12 p.m. at Dibleys, South Street. Anybody interested please telephone J.F. Jones, Blewbury 309. any evening after 6 p.m.

BLEWBURY OLD FOLKS ANNUAL PARTY will be held in the New School on 8th January 1966. Will anyone eligible, who has not received an invitation by 8th December please contact Mr. E. Gilbert, London Road.

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION "The objects of this association are to preserve the appearance of the Wind in the Willows estate, to provide, through its committee, a point of contact with other organisations, and to consider matters that have a bearing on the welfare of the estate as a whole.

Should anyone wish to contact the association they should write to the Secretary, G. F. Knights, Secretary.
G. F. Knights. Secretary.

YOUTH CLUB Revised programme.

1st Dec. Film	22nd Dec. Party
10th Dec. Dance	
15th Dec. Visit	29th Dec. Army Team

The film will be "Watch Your Stern" Kenneth Conner.

FIRE There was a caravan fire at No. 24 Ladycroft Park, on Friday, 19th November.

BURGLARY Oakwood, the home of Lady Sandwich, was burgled during the night of 20th November.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

December Meetings.

BRASS BAND Mon. Wed. Fri. 5.45 p.m. Band Hut, Recreation Ground

BRITISH LEGION Christmas Party, 11th December, Village Hall.

BRITISH LEGION Women's Section, no meeting in December.

FOOTBALL CLUB Kick-Off 2.30 p.m.
27th Nov. Blewbury v Hanney (Charity Shield)
4th Dec. Match Cancelled.
11th Dec. Blewbury v Esso House.
12th Dec. Boys (under 16) Caldecott House, Abingdon
v Blewbury
1st Jan. Blewbury v Brompton Reserves.

FOOTBALL (RESULT) Boys (under 14) Friendly.
7th Nov. Aston 1 Blewbury 1 (C. Ware - C. Butler)
21st Nov. Harwell 3 Blewbury 0.

(FIXTURES) Boys (under 14)
28th Nov. Blewbury v Aston Tirrold
12th Dec. Blewbury v Harwell

MOTHERS' CLUB No meeting in December.

MOTHERS' UNION Members' Christmas Party 7.30p.m. Wednesday
8th December, Village Hall.

RED CROSS Cadet Unit - Mondays 6.30p.m. Old School
Age 11 to School leaving.
Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 4th December 2.30 Village Hall.
with Children's Punch & Judy Show at 3.30p.m.
Classes - V.A.D. Old School, Mondays 6.00 p.m.

ROYAL AND ANCIENT ORDER OF BUFFALOES Mondays 7.45p.m. Load of Mischief

12th WINDSOR BERKS SCOUT GROUP - We have now officially started our
scout section with the investiture of 6 boys, this gives us a total of
10 scouts. Mr. D. Clifford is scoutmaster. We also have a cub pack
of 21 cubs (9 boys were invested early in November) which is our limit
with the number of subscouters we have.

The group has started a 'Headquarters Fund'. We intend to raise
money for our own H.Q.; our first effort will be the collection of
waste paper so look out for the scouts. Many other ideas are being
worked on which the boys can partake in.

Mrs. Marfleet raised a grand sum of £6. 1. 2d. at an 'At Home' day
on 17th November. Thank you all for your support.

David Gilbert and Kimble Marfleet have passed the Guide Badge, this
qualifies them for the Leaping Wolf Badge, our highest badge Good luck
to both of them.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Thursday 16th December 2.30 p.m. East Hagbourne
Village Hall Christmas Party