

THIS IS OUR VILLAGE - BLEWBURY

Issue 11, April 1966.

The General Election is to be held next Thursday, when we will have the opportunity of voting for one of the candidates for the Abingdon Constituency. The Conservative candidate is the retiring member Mr. Airey Neave, his opponents are the Labour Candidate, Dr. Alan Matterson, who is a scientist at A.E.R.E., and the Liberal Candidate, Mr. Dennis Case.

All those on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Blewbury will be able to vote at the Village Hall at any time in the day up to at least 8 p.m. The Electoral Roll was compiled last November and so, with very few exceptions, anyone who is over 21 and was resident in the Village in that month, is on the Roll. The Roll can be inspected in the Post Office. Every elector on the roll has a number but it is not necessary to know this number before going to vote.

The Llewelyn-Davies Report. This report was commissioned to review the South-East Study proposals for the Didcot-Thatcham-Hungerford-Swindon area. It disagrees with the proposal in the South East Study that Newbury should be expanded to a city, and proposes instead that Swindon should be made into a new city with a population at the end of the century of 300,000. It proposes that a further 40,000 should be accommodated in some way in the towns of Didcot, Abingdon and Wantage.

"This population increase, together with an increase of 10,000 at Newbury, would enable the predicted population change in the study area between now and 1981, totalling 50,000 to be accommodated without any expansion to the Villages and other small settlements within the area. We would urge that planning policy should be directed to this end."

The report also recommends "as a matter of urgency" strict control of development to preserve areas of high landscape value in the Berkshire Downs.

A Club for the Elderly? If any Old Age Pensioners in Blewbury are interested in forming a club for Old Folks, would they please contact any of the members of this years Party Committee. The Committee this year is: Mesdames L. Street, R. Lay, M. Coupar, Messrs R. Gilbert, I. Coupar, C. Norton, G. Edgar, K. Woodward, R. Martin, R. Bradley & E. Gilbert.

Collection of Bulky Waste. Wantage Rural District Council will collect bulky articles by arrangement. If anyone wishes to dispose of this kind of waste an approach should be made to the Public Health Inspector, Council Offices, Belmont, Wantage. Telephone 3211.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Applications. There must be many people who want to erect a garage, build a brick wall in their garden or modify their house in some way and are not sure whether planning permission is required, or how to set about applying for it.

Generally speaking, under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, any development of land requires the prior permission of the planning authority. The Berkshire County Council are the planning authority for Blewbury but detailed control over development is delegated to the Wantage Rural District Council.

The term 'development' has wide implications and includes any building operation other than the maintenance or internal alteration of an existing building and also the making of any material change in the use of any buildings or other land. If you are in any doubt as to the need to obtain planning permission you should consult the Engineer & Surveyor, Wantage Rural District Council, Belmont, Wantage, who will be pleased to advise you.

Internal work, such as the installation of a wash-basin, while not requiring planning permission, is subject to the Building Regulations and therefore requires approval.

There is a special class of buildings which are scheduled under Section 32 & 33 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, as being of architectural or historic interest. Planning permission is required for any modification to one of these and the Local Planning Authority are required to notify the Ministry of Housing and Local Government of any applications so that comment can be made in cases of special importance. Many of the older houses in Blewbury are scheduled and a list of these is held by the Parish Council and the Rural District Council.

When applying for planning permission there are forms to be filled up and plans to be drawn. The Engineer & Surveyor at Wantage will provide the forms, some of which have to be filled up in triplicate. Three sets of plans must be sent to Wantage with the completed forms: these have to show the site, the layout and the building in the manner specified on the forms. It all sounds rather formidable but is really quite straightforward. Your architect or builder would do this for a big job.

Planning applications are considered by the Rural District Council who also consult the Parish Council. If your application is approved you will be notified and may then start work - but not before! Under the Building Regulations various stages of the work must be inspected as the work proceeds and forms are provided for notifying the Council when each stage is ready for inspection.

There is a right of appeal to the Minister of Housing and Local Government against a refusal of planning permission.

R.S.C.

Car Service for Hospital Visitors. This service, described in the last issue, has been started. Enquiries to: Mrs. Dottridge, Turnpike House, 367, who would welcome some more volunteers.

Ballet Classes. Peter Sheldon has commenced Ballet Classes for Children under 6 years. The Classes for Children over this age will continue as usual. For details, please contact him at

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THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING. Tuesday, 22nd. March.

Tree Planting. Mr. P. Saunders suggested that the Parish Council should use the rates to plant and maintain trees in the Village. This proposal attracted general support. It was pointed out that many interests were involved and those concerned should be consulted.

Old Peoples Bungalows. Mr. Dottridge reported that the Rural District Council had favourably received the Parish Councils suggestion that Old Peoples bungalows should be built. Negotiations for a site were proceeding but the owner was not at present willing to sell. The Council did not wish to have to invoke a compulsory purchase order. However, Mr. Dottridge hoped that building could begin early next year.

No Cycling Signs. Mr. Edgar proposed that the bylaw prohibiting cycling on some internal footpaths be repealed, so that the 22 no cycling signs in the Village could be removed. Mr. Faulkner proposed an amendment that the Parish Council should make further enquiries about the possibility of replacing the signs by smaller notices, and call a Public Meeting to make the final decision. The amendment was carried by 17 votes to 5.

The School Accomodation. Mr. Martin said that in a press report of a Parish Council Meeting it was stated that the school would be overerowed by further development. This was not the case and he objected strongly to this being stated without foundation because such statements had a detrimental effect on a school. The present school had 114 pupils and there was existing accomodation for another 40. In addition there were plans for further extensions to the New School.

The minutes of the relevent meeting contained the statement 'further expansion may overload the educational facilities.'

The Corridors of Power. The diversion of Churn Footpath has been a subject for discussion for about 7 years. The best new line for this footpath goes into the present danger area. It is therefore proposed to redefine the danger area, but this requires a top level decision.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Micheal's Church, Blewbury.

Holy Week -	3rd. Palm Sunday	8 a.m. Holy Communion
		11 a.m. Blessing of Psalms and Parish Communion
		3 p.m. Family Service
		6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. J. Tate.
4th. Monday	8 a.m. Holy Communion at Upton	6 p.m. Evensong and Address by the Rev. E. Varah.
5th. Tuesday	8 a.m. Holy Communion	6 p.m. Evensong and Address
6th. Wednesday	8 a.m. Holy Communion at Upton	6 p.m. Evensong and Address
7th. Maundy Thursday	9 a.m. Holy Communion	6 p.m. Evensong and Address
8th. Good Friday	11 a.m. Matins; Litany and Address	12 noon The Good Friday Liturgy (Altar Service)
		2 - 3 p.m. One Hour Devotion
		6 p.m. Evensong and Address
9th. Holy Saturday	8 a.m. Matins and Litany	6 p.m. Evensong and Blessing of Easter Candle
10th. Easter Day	7 a.m. Holy Communion	8 a.m. Holy Communion
		9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
		11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion
		3 p.m. Family Service and Baptism
		6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon
Sunday 17th. and 24th.	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Family Communion
		11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
		3 p.m. Family Service
		6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

For weekday Services see Church Notice Boards.

The Easter Vestry and Election of Church Officials will be held in Church on 12th. April at 7.15 p.m.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

April Meetings.

Blewbury Folk Group (Dibleys): Saturdays.

Blewbury Village Society: Wednesday 27th. April, Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. A Film Show including 'Antarctic Crossing', see posters for full details

Brass Band: Mon. Wed. Fri. 5.45 p.m. Band Hut. Recreation Ground.

British Legion : No Branch Meeting in April. A meeting is being arranged in conjunction with the Women's Section on 25th. May in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. A guest speaker is being sought. All members and those interested in the Legion activities are welcome.

British Legion - Women's Section. Tuesday 12th. April 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Miss E.M. Price will show slides on Yugoslavia and Venice.

Football Club Fixtures: Kick-off 2.30 p.m. 2nd. April Blewbury v Burgess
16th. April Blewbury v Marcham

Football Friendly Results (Under 14)

- 21th. Feb. Blewbury Robins 3 : Harwell 0.
(Street, Corderoy, Reddy)
- 13th. March. Long Wittenham 3 : Blewbury Robins 0.
(Wilkins, Robins, P. Aldridge)
- 19th. March Blewbury Robins 0 : Crowmarsh 9.
- 20th. March. Berinsfield 11 : Blewbury Robins 1.
(J. Cochran)

Boys Football : 8.00 p.m. Mon. 28th. March. Old School. A meeting to form an Adult Committee to organise an Under 14 or Under 15 Football Eleven to enter the Youth League next Year.

Mothers' Club: Monday 4th. April 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Beauty Demonstration by a representative of Helena Rubenstein.

Monday, 18th. April 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The Flour Advisory Board on Feeding the Family.

Mothers Union: 2.45 p.m. Wed. 13th. April. Branch Meeting in the Village Hall. A Sister from St. Mary's, Wantage will give a talk. Aston and Upton are joining us. We are planning to make tapestry hassocks for the Lady Chapel. Mrs. Camplin of Botley is to instruct us and classes will begin on Monday 25th. April at 2.00 p.m., and each following Monday at Mrs. Flint's, Chapmans.

P.T.A. : The A.G.M. will be held at 8.00 p.m. Tues. 29th. March at the New School and will be followed by a film from the National Union of Teachers.

2.45 p.m. Sat. 2nd. April, Old School - Easter Bazaar.

7.45 p.m. Fri. 1st. and 15th. April, Village Hall. - Bingo. Also on 29th April if the Snowball has not been won by 15th.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes: Mondays, 7:45 p.m. Load of Mischief.

12th. North Berks Scout Group : Throughout the week of April 11th - 16th, Scouts and Cubs will be offering their services under the BOB-A-JOB Scheme. One of the principles of the movement is that boys are trained to earn the money they need for their scouting. Bob-A-Job is one of the ways they do it. I hope our friends will again give them jobs, but please remember the following: 1) Make sure the boys really are Scouts or Cubs by asking to see their cards; 2) Choose a job suited to the age and capacity of the boys who come; 3) See that they do it properly; 4) Pay them what the job is worth; 5) Enter the amount on their job cards. The Scouts and Cubs will like it if they are treated seriously and are given real work for a real reward. We are still on the look out for a plot of land for our H.Q.

Akela.

Village Produce Association There will be a Coffee Morning held on Saturday, 30th. April at New Bungalow, Church Street, Upton. Proceeds for the Rose and Sweet Pea Show to be held on 2nd July. All members will be welcome and do bring a visitor too.

Womens Institute: Thursday 28th. April, Village Hall. Miss Anderson will give a talk on "English China". Members are invited to bring their favourite china to make an exhibition after the show. 7.30 p.m.

Editorial Note: Please deliver your written contribution to Great Tree by 7.30 p.m. on Sunday 24th. April.

Coded Announcements. A number of people have expressed interest in the coded announcements. The one in the November issue was a substitution code and fairly easily solved. That in the February issue was a transposition code. The message can be deciphered by dividing into 11 groups of 19 letters and writing the first group vertically under A in the codeword, the second group under C and so on in the order the letters of the codeword appear in the alphabet. The message can then be perceived.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES Easter Services are as on normal Sundays. Please see the Annual Supplement.

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VILLAGE DIARY FOR APRIL

(March)

Mon. 28th.	7.30	V. Hall.	Dress Show
	8.00	Old School.	Blewbury Robins Meeting
Tues. 29th.	8.00	New School.	P.T.A. A.G.M.
Thurs. 31st.	All Day	V. Hall.	General Election.

(April)

Fri. 1st.	7.45	V. Hall.	P.T.A. Bingo.
Sat. 2nd.	2.45	Old School	P.T.A. Easter Bazaar.
	2.30		Football v Burgess.
Mon. 4th.	2.30	Barley Mow.	Travelling Library.
	7.30	V. Hall	Mothers Club, Beauty Demonstration
Tues. 5th.	2.30	V. Hall.	Clinic.
Sun. 10th.			EASTER DAY.
Tues. 12th.	7.30	V. Hall.	British Legion, Slides.
Wed. 13th.	2.45	V. Hall.	Mothers Union, Talk.
Thurs. 14th.	7.30	V. Hall.	Musical Evening.
Fri. 15th.	7.45	V. Hall.	P.T.A. Bingo.
Sat. 16th.	2.30		Football v Marcham.
Mon. 18th.	2.30	Barley Mow.	Travelling Library
	7.30	V. Hall.	Mothers Club, Talk.
Tues. 19th.	7.15	V. Hall.	Parish Council.
Sun. 24th.	Before	7.30	Contributions for May issue.
Mon. 25th.	2.00	Chapmans.	Mothers Union, Tapestry Class.
	8.00	V. Hall.	Blewbury Village Society, Open Meeting.
Wed. 27th.	8.00	V. Hall.	Blewbury Village Society, Films.
Thurs. 28th.	7.30	V. Hall.	Womens Institute, Talk.
Fri. 29th.	7.45	V. Hall.	P.T.A. Bingo.
Sat. 30th.		V.P.A.	Coffee Morning.

There will be a Dress Show in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. in the Village Hall at 7.30 on Monday 28th. March. It will be given by Roberts Fabrics of Wantage. Admission 2/6.

Musical Evening. 'If you are a lover of classical music you would enjoy hearing a recorded programme on superb equipment in good conditions in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 14th. Stereophonic and amplified recording and reproduction demonstrates the complete fidelity of each and every section of an orchestra, and of solo instrument, in thrilling fashion. The same effect is not possible in the average living room, where the volume would be overpowering. This opportunity of hearing good music at Concert Hall standards is made possible by Mr. Ware - a local enthusiast, who is prepared to devote the time to providing a series of concerts if there were sufficient interest in the effort. So, Music Lovers, its up to you.'

Admission 2/- including light refreshments.

Programme: Overture, Fingal's Cave Mendelssohn
 Piano Concerto No.1. Tchaikovsky
 Eine Kleine. Nacht Music Mozart
 INTERVAL
 Symphony No. 2. Sibelius

Blewbury Village Society: April 25th. at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall
 An Open Meeting to consider the draft constitution prepared by the Committee.