

HAMPTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

“Three hundred years ago John Milton attacked the clergy because they were ignoring the ‘hungry sheep who looked up and were not fed’. Today the Church often seems to take the attitude that the sheep look fed-up and aren’t hungry—but I believe this is a fallacy.” It was in this vivid way that the Rev. Richard Askew, from St. Aldate’s, Oxford, spoke about mission at a meeting called by the Hampton Council of Churches on May 13. It was attended by a large proportion of St. James’s P.C.C. in company with others from the local Churches comprising the Council.

The Council of Churches has been considering the possibility of a joint mission in Hampton since 1968, and Mr. Askew was asked to give his views on mission and to outline the way in which S. Aldate’s runs missions for Churches all over the country. Everyone realised that a fortnight’s mission was not enough—mission had to be a continuous process. “The Church should exist by mission as a fire exists by burning.” However, it was agreed that a mission with a capital M for a limited period, with assistance from outside missionaries, could provide a focus, an impetus for the local Churches and could galvanise them into greater activity.

There was a free discussion after Mr. Askey’s talk and it was agreed that each Church Council should discuss the project further and present their decisions to the July meeting of the Council of Churches.

J.R.

NOTICE TO MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

Mrs. Young asks the Magazine Distributors to be good enough to let her know their holiday dates. If they have been able to arrange for someone else to do their delivery whilst they are away would they be sure to let Mrs. Young know the address to which to take their magazines. Contact her at 90 Ormond Avenue or 'phone 979 5629.

Thank you.

TUESDAY CLUB

The A.G.M. was attended by 18 members. We were unable to elect a new Chairman, and Mrs. K. Brooks consented to carry on until the end of July. Mrs. D. Edwards offered to stand as a Committee member.

The theatre outing last month proved to be very successful, a coach party went to the Sybil Thorndike Theatre at Leatherhead to see “The Silent House”.

On June 16 we have been invited to the Girls’ Hostel in St. James’s Road by Miss Burgess, the Warden. We are to be shown over the hostel and have coffee afterwards.

There will be a Cheese and Wine Party at Ruth Allen's, 61 Park Road, on June 30, this will be for members only.

Miss Bowden will be showing some of her holiday slides on July 14, and the last meeting of the summer session will be a "Grumbles Evening" on July 28. Why not join us and have a good grumble?
M.R.

WANTED—GOOD ALL-ROUNDERS!

The Y.P.F. have issued a daring challenge to the rest of the congregation to a Rounders Match. This forthcoming event will be held in Holly Road Recreation Ground on July 10. Supporters and anyone willing to play will be warmly received. Refreshments will be provided.

THE SCOUT GROUP

The A.G.M. took place on Friday, May 15, the Cub Scouts putting on a small item before the Meeting proper. The Vicar then took the Chair and the various reports were read. The Treasurer gave a very encouraging view of the finances of the Group, and it was later emphasised in the G.S.L.'s report that the boys themselves by their efforts in two Sponsored Walks and Bob-a-Job had contributed a very large amount to Group Funds.

Akela then gave a very comprehensive report on the achievements of the Pack; there are now 41 boys, 37 invested, and a record number of 88 Badges had been gained during the past year. On display was the very attractive Shield won again this year in the District Sports, also the Cup for 2nd place in the District Football League. Last September 3rd Hampton Hill gained 3rd place in the District Swimming Gala.

About 50 parents were present at an Open Evening held last February, what a pity they did not turn up at the A.G.M! Akela invited parents and friends to come along to Marble Hill Park on the week-end 27/28 June when Twickeree 1970 will be held. This year the Pack Holiday will be held the last week in July at Pilgrims Fort, near Caterham.

The Vicar expressed his appreciation of the work done by Michael and Yvonne for the boys, at the time regretting that "Hathi" was unable to be present owing to health complications after the birth of their son.

The position of the Scout Group now seems most promising, there are 14 boys and about 4 Cub Scouts attending meetings. Early in the year a Camp was held at Polyapes, they took part in the District Five-a-side Football Competition, and are looking forward to a week-end Camp in June. It was nice to see our two new Scout helpers on the platform, Chris Mulberry and David Meyer. Several future activities are planned, and the Troop can look forward to good Scouting in the year ahead.

The G.S.L. then thanked his Scouters for all the hard work and time they had given on behalf of the boys, and the Committee and members of the Supporters' Association for their help in running the various fund-raising events. There was a delay in going forward with the building of our own Headquarters owing to the prohibitive cost of providing the necessary amenities, but it was hoped to extend our Lease on the Parish Hall for a further period.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

The present session will close with a meeting in Wayside at 2.30 p.m. on **THURSDAY**, July 2 (please note the change of day).

On Monday July 13 there is a Deanery Meeting for Enrolling Members and Committee Members at 2.00 p.m. at SS. Philip and James, Whitton.

After the holidays we shall start the new session on Wednesday September 9 with a service in church at which we should be delighted to see some of the young Mums in the congregation, together with their children. It used to be the usual thing to see babies in prams at our quarterly services; try to persuade a young mother to come along with you.

During the summer months we shall be having a small stall at the Parish Breakfast to raise funds for Overseas work. Garden produce, cakes, jam, etc., will be very welcome. This idea is a direct result of the talk Miss K. Dines gave us on Ascension Day on "How the Overseas Money is spent". As an Overseas worker for many years, she spoke from the depth of her own experience, and made us realise the need for continued support of the overseas work.

The holiday season has started; may we all receive great benefit from change of scene and occupation, and return safe and sound, and full of energy to tackle all that lies ahead. I.V.R.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SON ET LUMIERE—Hampton Court Palace
Friday September 11

If you watched Son et Lumière the last time it was staged at Hampton Court Palace you will certainly want to go again this time. If not, you can be sure that you will not regret going this time when the Social Committee have booked 40 covered stand seats at the special party price of 11s. each. The performance starts at 9 p.m. and lasts for an hour. It is hoped to arrange lifts in cars for those requiring them.

As tickets are limited you are advised to buy yours as soon as possible from any member of the Social Committee.

H.S.

AROUND THE SPIRE

Hampton Hill news was featured very prominently—front page—in the May 30 issue of The Surrey Comet. We have been very grateful in the past for the co-operation we have received from this excellent and alive local paper. Our village is only a small part of the large area covered by the Comet, but it can claim to have interested attention paid to its affairs.

Congratulations to Councillor and Mrs. D. Harris for the natural yet dignified way they performed their duties as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Richmond upon Thames; a couple who effortlessly brought a new lustre to the description "The First Lady and Gentleman of the Borough". Few people in public life are able so successfully to combine efficient and devoted service over a period of years with such unaffected and spontaneous charm as our friends from Lindsay Lodge have proved themselves so adept in doing.

Councillor Lockyer—best known to the 8.00 a.m. Communion congregation—has only comparatively recently moved into our area, but has already immersed himself in the life of our community, and though a newcomer on the Borough Council has spoken out valiantly in local issues, and in particular he spoke for many of us when he ably opposed the scheme for a golf-course in Fulwell Park. But he could not win the day, and the Council seems determined to go ahead with its plans.

Congratulations to Mr. John Swindale on his appointment as Senior Bursar and Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Mr. Swindale will be leaving us—and the Civil Service—in September to take up his new position. We shall greatly miss him: he has rendered great service to the parish as Church Councillor, sidesman, and in many other ways. His son Alan, who always joins us and regularly attends meetings of the Y.P.F. when at home, now lives in an isolated cottage in Anglesey, where he is engaged in work on the new Atomic Power Station, and his parents' move may well mean that we shall also sadly see less of him in the future.

Two very lovable and charming old gentlemen died recently—both in their eighties—Mr. Aubrey Neave and Mr. Henry Hawkins. Mr. Neave came from a large family of 13 children—4 boys and 9 girls—of whom now only two sisters are left. The family moved very frequently in his younger days—perhaps having to seek larger and larger homes—and finally settled in Hampton Hill just before the First World War. Mr. Neave became a first-rate acrobat, and travelled around the country with his uncle giving performances in many towns and villages—I have seen one of the old posters advertising their act. Even when he had long given this up as a profession, he used on occasion to entertain his family and a few chosen friends by walking downstairs on his hands! During his war service he met his wife near Matlock, and stayed on in the Midlands for some years before finally returning to the neighbourhood of his old

family home. He was a regular and devoted worshipper in our church, coming often when far from well and despite the long and tiring walk: and the way in which he looked after his wife during her years of ill-health was beyond praise.

Mr. Hawkins, born in the Oxfordshire countryside, came to Hampton Hill as a young man, and became a driver with the old London United Tramways. He was very loyal, and turned up even when everyone was on strike—on one occasion his old father, a tiny but determined man, followed surreptitiously behind him carrying a big stick, in case his son should be attacked as a blackleg! When he retired, he returned to his first love, the land, and worked as a gardener, sometimes with his wife's brother-in-law, Mr. Chown. For years he worked in the Churchyard—at first one day a week with Mr. Chown, and then after the latter's death, two days a week on his own. He was very conscientious, and he loved his work and his Church. People of all kinds and ages used to stop and chat with him—often about their troubles!—and he was especially fond of children and beloved by them. Ill-health forced him to give up when close on eighty, but as often as he could he walked down to the Churchyard with his old dog and sat on the seat in the sunshine: sadly in the last few years even this pleasure was denied him, but it was all still very much in his heart and mind and he loved to talk of it all. He was a great character, honest and open as the day, and a real friend to all. He will indeed be greatly missed.

LOCAL CHEMISTS' OUT-OF-HOURS DISPENSING SERVICE

Week commencing:

June

21 H. Hall, 62 High Street, Hampton Hill.

28 F. G. Martin, 28B Priory Road, Hampton.

July

5 F. G. Martin, 3 Station Approach, Hampton.

12 Mrs. Eileen James, 205 High Street, Hampton Hill.

19 H. Hall, 62 High Street, Hampton Hill.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

June

22 8.00 p.m. Service to inaugurate the Deanery Synod in St. Alban's Church, Teddington, followed by the first meeting of the Synod in St. Alban's Hall.

24 8.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Hampton and Hampton Hill Older Citizens' Centre Association (Methodist Church Hall, Percy Road, Hampton).

28 5.15 p.m. Members of St. James's congregation lead service at Laurel Dene.

29 St. Peter's Day: Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (34 Burton's Road).

30 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club: Cheese and Wine Party (61 Park Road).

July

2 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Meeting to close summer session (W).

4 Congregational Church: Centenary Gift Day, ending with Public Meeting at 6.30 p.m. addressed by the Rev. R. J. Hall.

10 7.00 p.m. Rounders Match (Holly Road Recreation Ground).

13 2.00 p.m. Mothers' Union: Deanery Meeting for all Branch Committee members (SS. Philip and James's Hall, Whitton).

14 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club: Holiday Slides (W).

15 8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council (W).

20 8.00 p.m. Committee of Hampton Council of Churches (Methodist Church Hall, Hampton).

26 St. James's Tide: PATRONAL FESTIVAL. Special arrangements for the day will be detailed in the July issue of this magazine.

28 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club: "Grumbles Evening" (W).

September

11 9.00 p.m. Visit to Son et Lumière, Hampton Court Palace.

27 HARVEST FESTIVAL.

BAPTISM

On May 24:

Amanda Jane Gray, 36 Taylor's Close.

MARRIAGES

On June 6:

William Michael Arthur Carroll to Jeanne Marie Louise Argent.

Robert Anthony Riches to Julia Annette Coveney.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

On May 13:

George Wright, 51 Connaught Road, aged 79 years (at Teddington Cemetery).

On May 20:

William Charles Russ Keen, 13 Grenville Mews, aged 71 years (at South-west Middlesex Crematorium).

On May 22:

Aubrey Guy Alfred Neave, 84 Myrtle Road, aged 81 years.

On June 1:

Henry John Hawkins, formerly of 7 Burton's Road, aged 86 years (at South-west Middlesex Crematorium: ashes to be interred on June 21 in the Garden of Rest in the Churchyard).