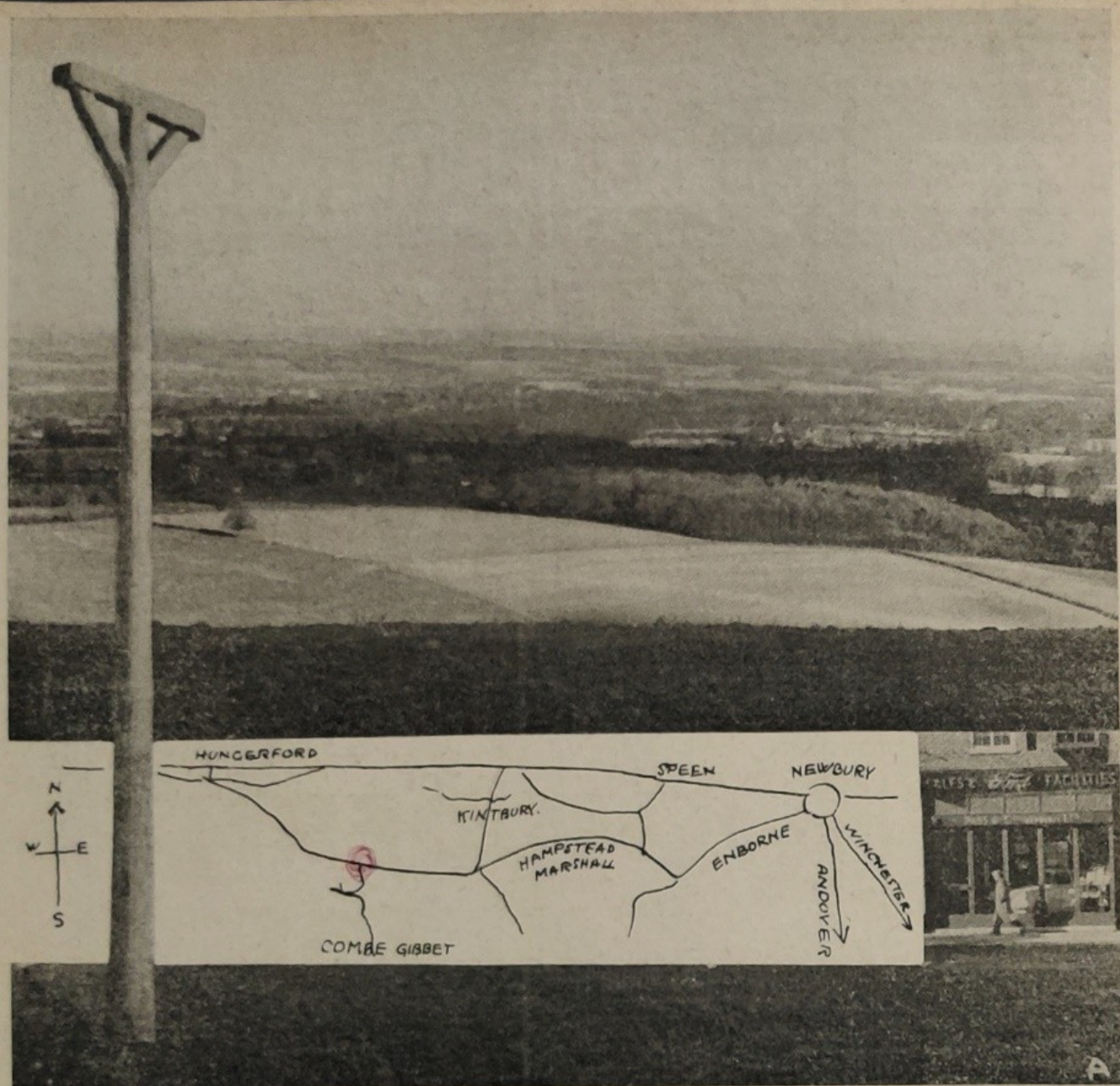


# Scrapbook for 1965 Inkpen, Berkshire





On March 6th, 1676, the inhabitants of Combe and Inkpen watched the hanging of a married man and a widow who had conspired to kill his "unwanted wife." It appears that the widow's sons overheard the "plot" and passed on the information to the authorities, with the result that we now have this memorial to that grim event, though of course the gibbet itself has been renewed several times since. The cost of the hanging was settled between Combe and Inkpen by placing the gibbet at the highest point on the boundary line dividing the two parishes, and thereby sharing the expense. The view from this site is a magnificent one, covering Berks, Hants, Wilts and Bucks, and is easily reached by following the above route in one's car.

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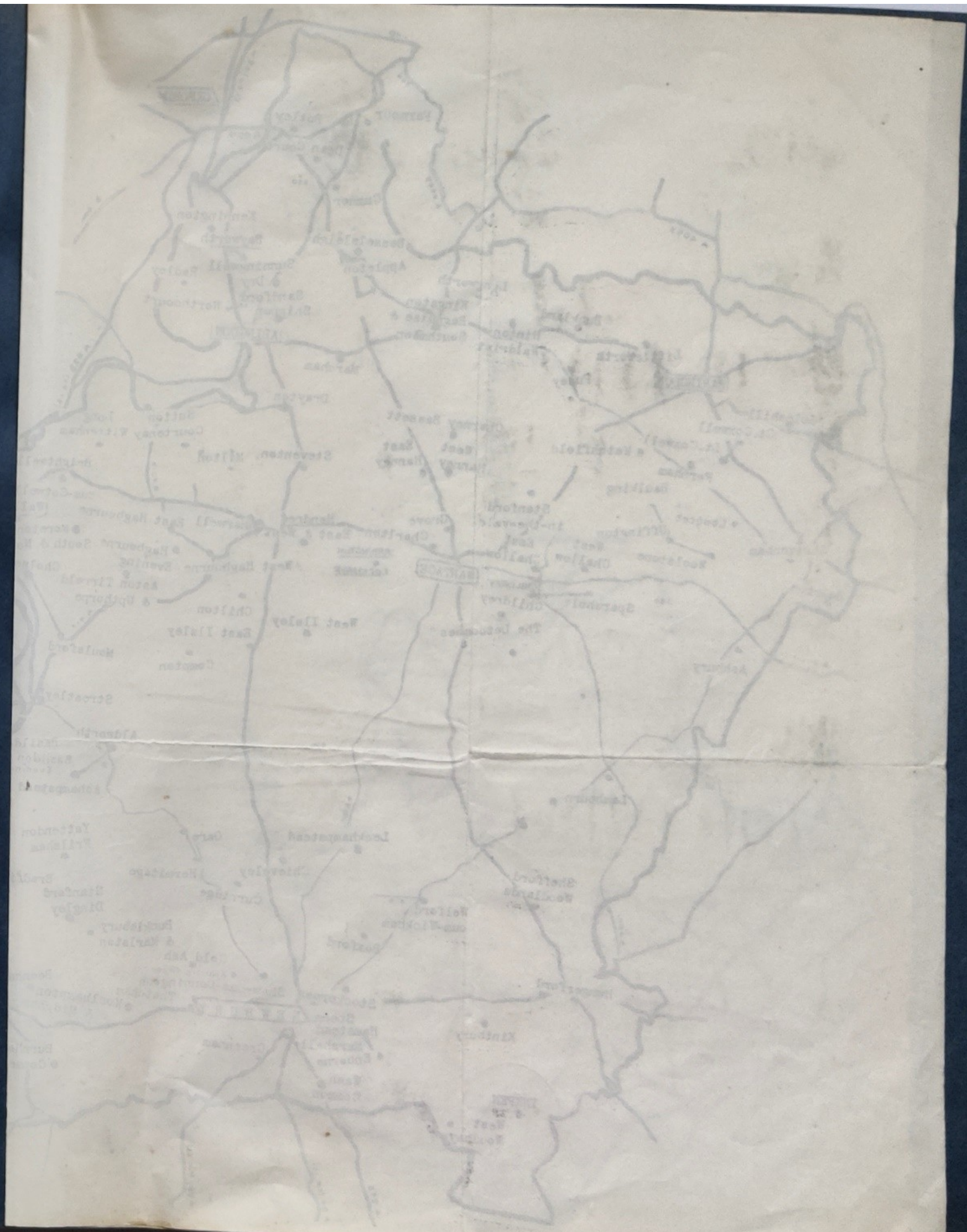
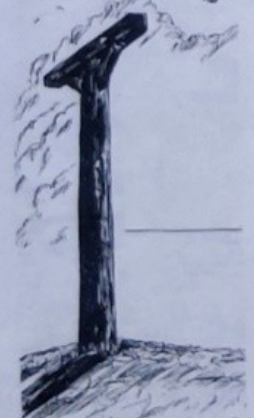
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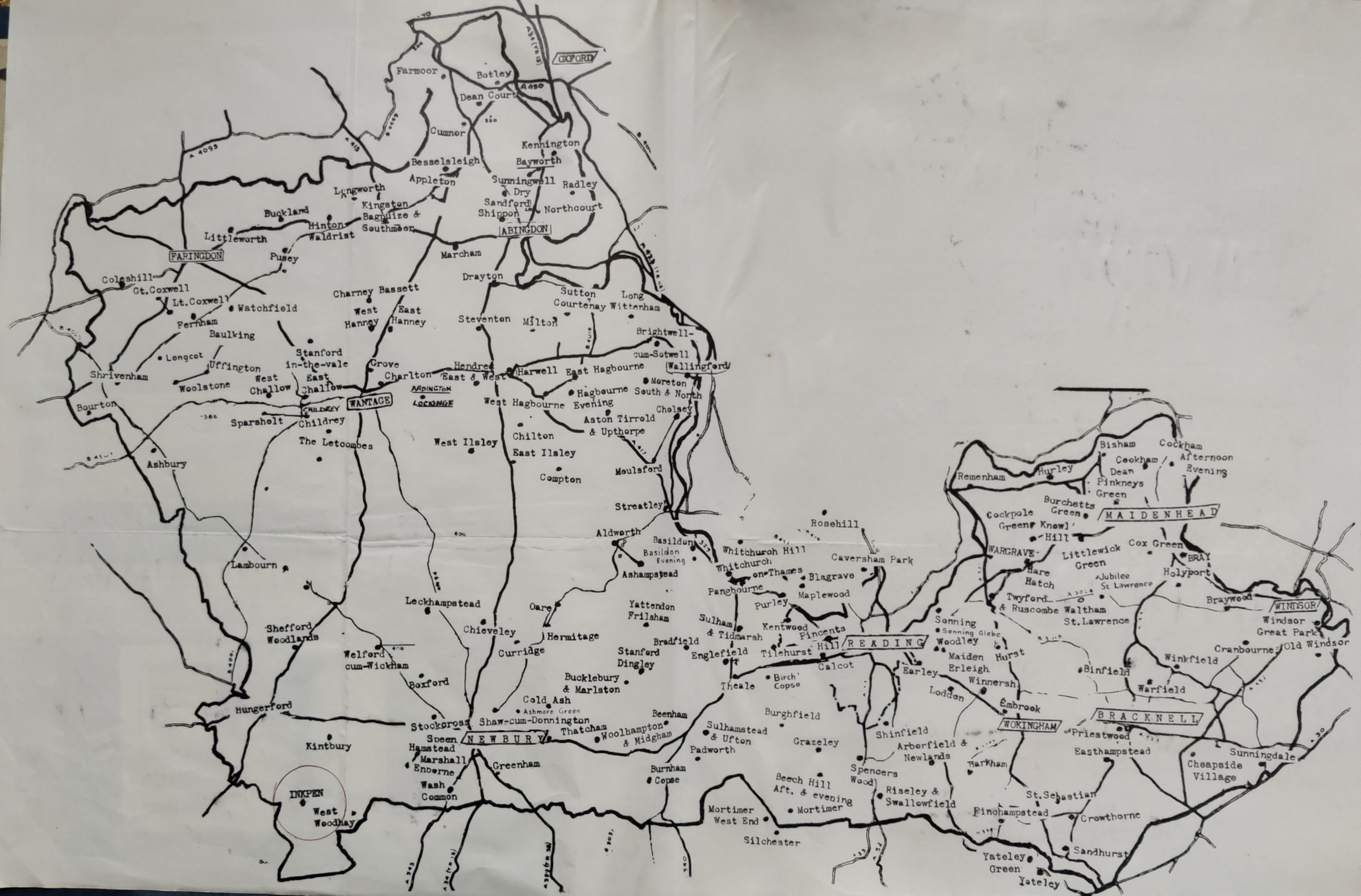
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INKPEN.

OUR VILLAGE  
 OUR PEOPLE  
 OUR CHURCHES  
 OUR SCHOOL  
 OUR WORK  
 OUR WEATHER  
 OUR LEISURE  
 OUR LOCAL SERVICES

OUR VILLAGE.

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"INKPEN? What a funny name!"  
 So strangers jeer,  
 I'll tell what Inkpen means to us,  
 Whose homes are here,  
 It's Upper Green and Lower Green,  
 And Robins Hill;  
 Totterdown and Crumplehorn,  
 With New Mill;  
 Great and Little Commons,  
 Balsdon and Kirby;  
 Great Dyke and Bidhams Drive,  
 West Court and Flaxlea;  
 Champions and Gallant,  
 Haycroft, fields galore;  
 Woodside and Woodmans,  
 Cottages by the score;  
 St. Michael's and St. Gabriel's,  
 School and Chapel too;  
 The Swan, the Crown and Garter,  
 Fox Hill and Hill View;  
 Weavers Lane and Pottery Road,  
 Beacon House as well;  
 Pound Corner and the Folly,  
 Oh, more than I can tell—  
 Post Office and Playing Field,  
 Busy Saw Mills;  
 The tiny River Ingle,  
 And our dear green hills;  
 Woods and farms and footpaths,  
 Lanes for all to roam;  
 Inkpen means all this to us—  
 Inkpen is home.  
 E. A. MARTIN.



This picture of the grounds of Totterdown House was painted by Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson, who died in 1965.



## INKPEN

This parish attains an elevation of 954 feet on the broad expanse of Inkpen Beacon. Here rises the River Enborne which flows eastwards to join the Kennet at Aldermaston, forming the natural boundary between Berkshire and Hampshire along the greater part of its course. On the Beacon is a stratum of pebbles displaying very obvious sea-action. The puff-clouds which rise out of Bull Copse when rain is imminent provide a local weather phenomenon.

Numerous relics of prehistoric times here include stretches of the Old Way and the great Saxon defensive bank of Wansdyke. At Inkpen was found the tallest and one of the most perfect specimens of an early beaker so far discovered in the British Isles: also a prehistoric bowl of a unique type.

Inkpen, three and a half miles south-east of Hungerford, comprises Upper Green, Lower Green and The Common.

A very fine playing field forms a most practical memorial to those of this parish who gave their lives in the 1939-45 War.

The parish church, dating from the 13th century, was considerably restored in 1896. It retains three original lancet windows and two doorways which are possibly of the same period. The old lead-lined font has a Tudor cover. The tiled bell-tower is supported on massive oaken pillars and the well-carved modern screen is also of local oak. A cross-legged and much mutilated effigy of a Crusader knight should be noticed.

Beside the church stands the mellowed rectory built in the time of William and Mary. Le Notre, designer of the famous gardens at Versailles, is known to have stayed here and it is believed that he also laid out these gardens.

There is a strong tradition that the Knights Templar originally settled at Inkpen. It is certainly a curious fact that between the church and Hamspray have grown wild tulips, crocuses, snowdrops and lilies, all of which are native to Asia Minor.

Rateable value: £16,245.

Population: 717.

This description of Inkpen is taken from the Official Guide to the Hungerford Rural District. It speaks of the village as if, like Caesar's Gaul, it can be divided neatly into three parts. But ours is a very scattered and haphazard kind of village; if the three parts mentioned above were taken away, there would still be quite a bit of Inkpen left. There would be the School district, Robins Hill, Folly Road, the Sawmills, the Methodist Church, and the Post Office area, including the Playing Field.

When the site for this Memorial Playing Field was chosen after the War, it was said to be as near the geographical centre of the village as possible. But there is certainly no social centre. Yet somehow in this year 1965 we seem to have done a surprising number of things together.

You can see "Our Hills" from almost all parts of the village; they make a permanent backcloth to our daily living. If you climb the hills and look down, the first impression is of the large number of trees. Yet between the trees is a greater amount of farm land than seems possible at first sight.

At the north end of the village, part of this farm land belongs to Lord Howard de Walden's estate, and is farmed from outside the village. At the south end is Kirby Farm, about 800 acres. It is part of the Kirby and Combe Estate (total acreage approx. 2,050 ac.) owned by the Hon. J. Astor, M.P. In between lies Manor Farm, of about 500 acres, owned by Captain Longden.

Beside these larger units, there are also smaller farms and small-holdings, owned by Mr. D. Cave, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. R. Cornish, Mr. W. Fox, Mr. G. Lovelock, Dr. Naunton Morgan, Mr. S. Rosier, Mr. M. Thorpe and Mr. T. Ward. (These are listed alphabetically, and not in order of size or importance.)

How many people are employed on these farms? Most of the small ones are run as family undertakings. Manor Farm is worked by a working manager and two full-time men, with regular help with stock from the manager's father, and extra casual labour at harvest-time. Kirby Farm shares its employees with the whole estate; sixteen men are employed, but this includes two game-keepers, two gardeners, one poultryman, one maintenance man, and one part-time O.A.P.

What do the farms produce? Most of the small units are pasture only, and support small herds of cows. On the larger farms, barley is a favourite crop; Manor Farm had 400 acres in 1965. Kirby Farm also has wheat or barley where ever possible, with break crops of beans, oil seed, and rape and herbage seed. Manor Farm supported about 100 head of cattle, mainly stores; a single suckling herd of Herefordx Friesian, and Friesian stores. Kirby Farm had 4,600 hens, in addition to a herd of 80 single suckling Hereford cows and their calves. (There was no outstanding favourite among cows; Mr. Cave kept Jerseys, for instance, and Dr. Naunton Morgan Ayrshires.)

From a farming point of view, the year 1965 was regarded with caution. The weather at harvest time was termed "unfavourable" by Mr. K. Bastable, Kirby Farm manager; while Mr. Fenemore at Manor Farm called it "difficult". Farmers with grassland and cattle are not so badly affected by wet weather.

Harvest time at Kirby Farm, Inkpen. The days of sheaves and shocks are over; the new combine - harvester has come to stay.



Looking down on Inkpen from the top of the hill. Kirby Farm milking-parlour is just in sight on the left of the road.



### Identical twin calf is lost

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cave, Beacon House, have a small herd of 12 Jerseys and when identical twin heifer calves were born — a chance of one in 2,000 — on February 13, Mrs. Cave was looking forward to rearing them.

They both had white stars, white socks and white tails, but one of them died last week at four days old. Mrs. Cave says they were both strong calves. The veterinary surgeon thought one died from a fit.







This Autumn picture of  
 the beech trees in  
 Folly Lane, Inkpen,  
 was painted by  
 Mrs. Goodhart, of  
 New Mill, Inkpen.





THE METHODIST CHURCH, INKPEN.

TRAFFIC.

Traffic is an increasing problem on Inkpen's roads. Our Bus Service is not adequate to take workers to and from their employment, so more and more people are relying on private cars. A count - which probably under-estimates the figure - shows that there are at least 160 cars in Inkpen. This is approximately two cars for every nine of the population. A study of the places travelled to daily by workers shows that very few go further than ten or eleven miles from home, except where transport is provided by the firm.

Bus fares have to be considered seriously by workers. If, for instance, a person at the farther end of the village from Newbury found that bus travel to Newbury fitted in with his hours of work, it would cost him 5/2 a day - £1. 5s. 10d. for a five-day week.



THE POND.  
1 AND 2 - BEFORE.  
3 AND 4 - AFTER.



It was once suggested that our pond should be filled in. It was green and scummy, and no beauty spot. But local residents in thatched cottages felt happier to have water handy - so the pond was left as it was. Then the birds took over; moorhens and wild duck settled there. Their swimming broke up the green weed, and the pond came to life! The 1965 Parish Meeting decided to go no further with the plan for "filling in". During the summer, a W.I. member, Miss Carter, had the idea that the cleaning and tidying of the pond would be a worthwhile project for the W.I. Golden Jubilee Year. She organised a Jumble Sale to raise funds, and a grant was also given by the County Council. The work was done by Mr. N. Painting's firm, in the Autumn. The ducks and the moorhens were soon back in residence. We hope they have come to stay; they are very welcome!



FRIENDS OF INKPEN COMMON.

Without question, Inkpen Common is one of the great assets of the village, providing about 25 acres of open country with extensive views of the hills.

The last remaining part of what was once "Inkpen Great Common", it was reserved for the use of "the poor" when the rest of the Common land was enclosed by the surrounding land-owners in 1815.

The Common not only offers an open space where all are free to walk, but also provides an income of about £40 a year, which is distributed to those most in need at Christmas.

It has long been apparent that we cannot go on taking things from this land, putting nothing back; and no rabbits, no grazing goats, no cutting of gorse for firewood, has meant that the land is getting overgrown.

Those anxious to help, "Friends of the Common", have promised to provide a small income for its maintenance, and as a result we have been able to have all the main paths cleared and widened.

Mr. A. Cooke has kindly offered to provide a seat at the junction of two ways, where the view can be best enjoyed.

We feel that with this small start, the possibilities are great.

THE COMMON.

Friends' Assn. suggested for Inkpen Common

Miss L. M. Watts, presiding at Friday's meeting of the Poor Allotment Trustees, said she would like to see an association formed in the village to provide funds for the upkeep of Inkpen Common. She suggested a "Friends of the Common Association" with members contributing £1 a year each or 16 hours' work - four in each quarter. It was agreed to circularise people asking if they would contribute. Mr. W. Dukes, clerk, explained to new trustees that the Common was let to tenants and the income used for the benefit of the elderly poor. This was usually distributed as a Christmas gift to elderly pensioners. Miss Watts said a number of tenants who paid rent for the Common kept it open for its amenity value and everyone in the village was free to use it. But some of it had got overgrown with gorse, birch and willow herb. It was this coarser growth that needed control. It was agreed that accounts for the upkeep should be kept quite separate from the income from letting. Mr. K. Bastable said a machine would do more in half a day than a gang of workers could do in a month. Just over £17 was raised in 1962 for the Common upkeep and this has not yet been used, explained Miss Watts after the meeting.



FOOTPATHS



Inkpen worried about loss of rights of way

Inkpen Footpaths Preservation Society submitted a report to the parish council at a special meeting last week giving the state of those rights of way signposted at the request of residents and paid for out of voluntary subscription. It was generally agreed that where villagers had done so much in this way, help should be given by the highway authority, and a report was given showing what was being done in other parishes and by other County councils. In Inkpen one bridle path has already been cleared it was reported, giving a remarkable and beautiful approach to the Beacon. It was agreed that the parish Council should put aside a small sum of money for the maintenance of paths and also that they should apply to the Berkshire County Council for help. On a majority vote it was decided to mark two more paths which should make popular walks for people in the district. Like other country loving villages, Inkpen is most concerned about the loss of rights of way because of loughing. (Picture on Page 19).

These people enjoyed a walk over some of Inkpen's footpaths, and were lucky to choose a fine day! They are (left to right) Mrs. Hervey, Miss Hervey, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Butler, Miss L. Watts, Miss Le Page, Miss West, Mr. Limpus, Mr. Banham, Mrs. Taylor Wright, Miss Barnes, Mr. Ashton (behind) and Mr. Barnes.

FOOTPATH PRESERVATION IN INKPEN.

The change from pasture to arable in this part of the country has meant a threat to rights of way. As early as 1962, people in Inkpen who saw the danger decided that only by sign-posting would people know where they had a right to walk. £42 was subscribed in this year, and by December 1963 eleven paths were marked (some needing more than two signs). In 1964 six more were added.

In 1965 - it was decided that emphasis should be on keeping open those paths already marked. A survey and record was submitted to the Parish Council, together with an account of activities in other villages and counties.

As a result, £6 was set aside to augment voluntary help. Bridle Paths 43 and 9 were cut by machine, the County Council bearing 75% of the cost. Definition Maps were displayed for the use of the public in the Post Office and in the Swan Inn.

In October a walk was organised from Craven Road, along Bitham and Bungum Lanes, to the Gibbet, where tea was served to the 13 walkers. Decision was made to sign-post two more paths early in 1966.



Some of the Friends of the Common resting after a session of practical work. Left to right, they are - Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. King, Mrs. Bawtree, Mr. Bawtree, Miss L. Watts, Mrs. Butler (standing), and Miss Burn.



GORSE FIRE AT INKPEN Hungerford Brigade dealt with a small gorse fire at Inkpen Common on Saturday evening. APR. 15

Hungerford Brigade went to a small undergrowth fire near the Crown and Garra public house, Inkpen, and a series of small undergrowth fires on Inkpen Common, on Friday night. NOV. 11



14 Inkpen people belong to this Trust.



Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Naturalists' Trust Limited by Guarantee



OUR WILD FLOWERS (286)

WILD FLOWERS FOUND IN INKPEN, 1965.

(Reference numbers given are those in Collins' "Pocket Guide to Wild Flowers", by David McClintock and R.S.R. Fitter.)

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Sinapis arvensis	Charlock	51
Sison amomum	Stone Parsley	479
Sisymbrium officinale	Hedge Mustard	107
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet	673
Sonchus arvensis	Corn Sow-Thistle	942
Sonchus oleraceus	Smooth Sow-Thistle	943
Spergularia arvensis	Corn Spurrey	190
Spergularia rubra	Sand Spurrey	191
Stachys officinalis	Betony	763
Stachys sylvatica	Hedge Woundwort	767
Stellaria alpine	Bog Stitchwort	173
Stellaria graminea	Lesser Stitchwort	172
Stellaria holostea	Greater Stitchwort	170
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed	169
Succisa pratensis	Devilsbit Scabious	837
Symphytum officinale	Common Comfrey	650
Symphytum perigrinum	Russian Comfrey	650a
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	1056
Tanacetum vulgare	Tansy	894
Taraxacum officinale	Dandelion	956
Teucrium scorodonia	Wood Sage	786
Thymus drucei	Wild Thyme	753
Torilis japonica	Hedge Parsley	461
Tragapogon pratensis	Goatsbeard	935
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil	303
Trifolium dubium	Common Yellow Trefoil	304
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	286
Trifolium repens	White Clover	301
Tussilago farfara	Coltsfoot	854
Ulex europaeus	Gorse	273
Ulex minor	Lesser Gorse	273b
Urtica dioica	Stinging Nettle	554
Urtica urens	Small Nettle	553
Valeriana officinalis	Common Valerian	829
Valeriana dioica	Marsh Valerian	831
Valerianella locusta	Corn Salad	828
Verbascum thapsus	Common Mullein	676
Veronica chamaedrys	Birdseye Speedwell	706
Veronica montana	Wood Speedwell	705
Veronica officinalis	Heath Speedwell	704
Veronica persica	Common Field Speedwell	718
Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme Speedwell	710
Vicia angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Vetch	329a
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	324
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare	323
Vicia sativa	Common Vetch	329
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch	327
Viola hirta	Hairy Violet	116
Viola lactaea	Pale Heath Violet	120
Viola odorata	Sweet Violet	115
Viola reichenbachiana	Wood Dog Violet	118
Viola riviniana	Common Dog Violet	117
Viola tricolor	Heartsease	124

Wahlenbergia hederacea Ivy-leaved Bellflower 795



TREES AND SHRUBS. 1965.

Acer campestre	Maple	262
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	261
Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse Chestnut	
Alnus glutinosa	Alder	
Batula pubescens	Downy Birch	558a
Batula verrucosa	Silver Birch	558
Carpinus betulus	Hornbeam	561
Castanea sativa	Sweet Chestnut	564c
Cornus sanguinea	Dogwood	448
Corylus avellana	Hazel	562
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	380
Euonymus europaeus	Spindle-tree	264
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	563
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash	629
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	263
Ligustrum vulgare	Privet	630
Lycium halimifolium	Duke of Argyll's Tea-tree	670
Malus sylvestris	Crab Apple	387
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	1257
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	376
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	374
Quercus robur	Oak	564
Rhamnus cathartica	Common Buckthorn	266
Salix aurita	Eared Sallow	575
Salix caprea	Pussy Willow	573
Salix cinerea	Grey Sallow	574a
Salix atrocinerea	Common Sallow	574
Sambucus nigra	Elder	820
Sorbus aria	Whitebeam	384
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	383
Symphoricarpos rivularis	Snowberry	823
Taxus baccata	Yew	1259
Tilia vulgaris	Common Lime	222
Ulmus glabra	Wych Elm	556a
Ulmus procera	Common Elm	556
Viburnum lantana	Wayfaring Tree	821
Viburnum opulus	Guelder Rose	822

The Botanic Section of NEWBURY DISTRICT FIELD CLUB, studying Down Flowers, walked along Bitham Lane, Bungum Lane, and on to Inkpen Beacon, in July 1965, and found 137 different flowers and grasses.

FERNS. 1965.

Blechnum spicant	Hard Fern	1281
Dryopteris borreri	Golden-scaled Male Fern	1294a
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male Fern	1294
Phyllitis scolopendrium	Hartstongue	1282
Polypodium vulgare	Common Polypody	1302
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	1277

RUSHES. 1965.

Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike Rush	1112
Juncus articulatus	Jointed Rush	1031
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	1025
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	1027
Luzula pilosa	Hairy Woodrush	1036

SEDGES. 1965.

Carex acuta car.	Spring Sedge	1145
Carex flacca	Glaucous Sedge	1141
Carex ovalis	Oval Sedge	1162
Carex remota	Remote Sedge	1160

GRASSES. 1965.

Agropyron repens	Common Couch Grass	1208
Agrostis tenuis	Fine Bent	1230c
Aira praecox	Small Hair-grass	1224
Alopecurus geniculatus	Marsh Foxtail	1241
Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat	1220
Brachypodium sylvaticum	Slender False-Brome	1205
Briza media	Quaking Grass	1196
Bromus lepidus	Slender Brome	1204a
Bromus mollis	Soft Brome	1204
Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dogstail	1194
Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot	1193
Festuca gigantea	Giant Fescue	1174
Glyceria fluitans	Flote Grass	1171
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog	1221
Lolium perenne	Perennial Rye-grass	1176
Milium effusum	Wood Millet	1242
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	1169
Phleum nodosum	Catstail	1236a
Phleum pratense	Timothy	1236
Poa anna	Annual Meadowgrass	1187
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat	1217
Zerna erecta	Upright Brome	1201

NEWBURY DISTRICT FIELD CLUB. Botanic Section.

FUNGUS FORAY in Folly Wood, between Inkpen and Kintbury, 9 October 1965. (Reference is made to page numbers in Collins' "Guide to Mushrooms and Toadstools". \* Found at meeting place, Kintbury Crossways)

- 46. Xylaria (Xylospheera) hypoxylon.
- 52. Thelephora terrestris.
- 66. Daedalea quercina.
- 72. Leptoporus stipticus.
- 74. Polyporus ?
- 98. Laccaria amethystina.
- 98. Laccaria laccata.
- 100. Collybia maculata.
- 102. Melanoleuca melaleuca. \*
- 106. Oudemansiella mucida. Armillaria.
- 108. Mycena inclinata.
- 110. Mycena sanguinolenta ?
- 116. Amanita muscaria. "Fly Agaric".
- 118. Amanita pantherina.
- 118. Amanita citrina.
- 118. Amanita rubescens. "The Blusher".
- 136. Coprinus comatus. "Shaggy Cap". \*
- 146. Hypholoma fasciculare. "Sulphur Tuft".
- 162. Cortinarius ?
- 176. Crepidotus mollis. Spongy, on stumps.
- 188. Boletus bovinus.
- 188. Boletus subtomentosus.
- 190. Boletus badius.
- 190. Boletus edulis.
- 194. Boletus scaber.
- 196. Russula fellea. Bitter-acrid.
- 198. Russula ochroleuca.
- 200. Russula rosea.
- 200. Russula xerampelina.
- 208. Lactarius rufus.
- 208. Lactarius tabidus.
- 208. Lactarius subdulcis.
- 212. Lactarius blennius.
- 214. Phallus impudicus. "Stinkhorn".
- 222. Scleroderma aurantium. "Common Earth-ball".
- 224. Tremella mesenterica.
- 224. Calocera viscosa. Always on wood.







BUTTERFLIES

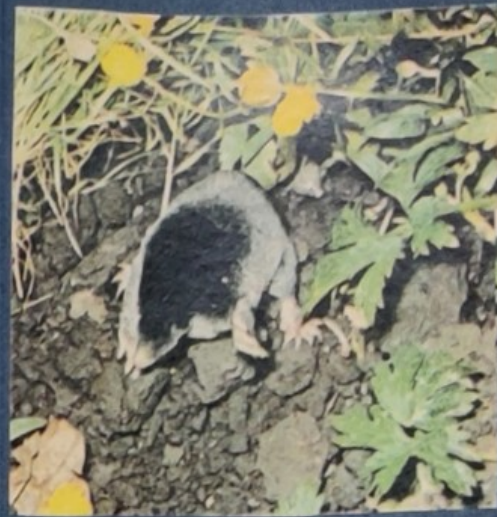
1965 was not an outstanding year for butterflies in our village. March was a cold month generally; it was not until the 27th. that a Peacock Butterfly was seen flying, followed by a Brimstone and a Small Tortoiseshell on the 29th. At the other end of the season, a Brimstone was seen on October 27th.

Some of our butterflies:-

1. Large Cabbage White
2. Gatekeeper or Hedge Brown
3. Common Blue
4. Small Tortoiseshell
5. Pearl-bordered Fritillary
6. Red Admiral
7. Brimstone
8. Small Copper
9. Painted Lady
10. Peacock
11. Comma

Other Insects -

First flies (outside) March 7th.  
 First gnats(in quantity) " 8th.  
 First bees flying " 9th.



ANIMALS FOUND IN

INKPEN.

1. Mole
2. Dormouse
3. Badger
4. Pipistrelle
5. Grey Squirrel
6. Rabbit
7. Hedgehog
8. Hare
9. Weasel
10. Shrew
11. Fox
12. Stoat
13. Long-tailed Field-mouse

We also have many rats and mice - not shown.





BIRDS SEEN IN INKPEN IN 1965.

In the Common area:-

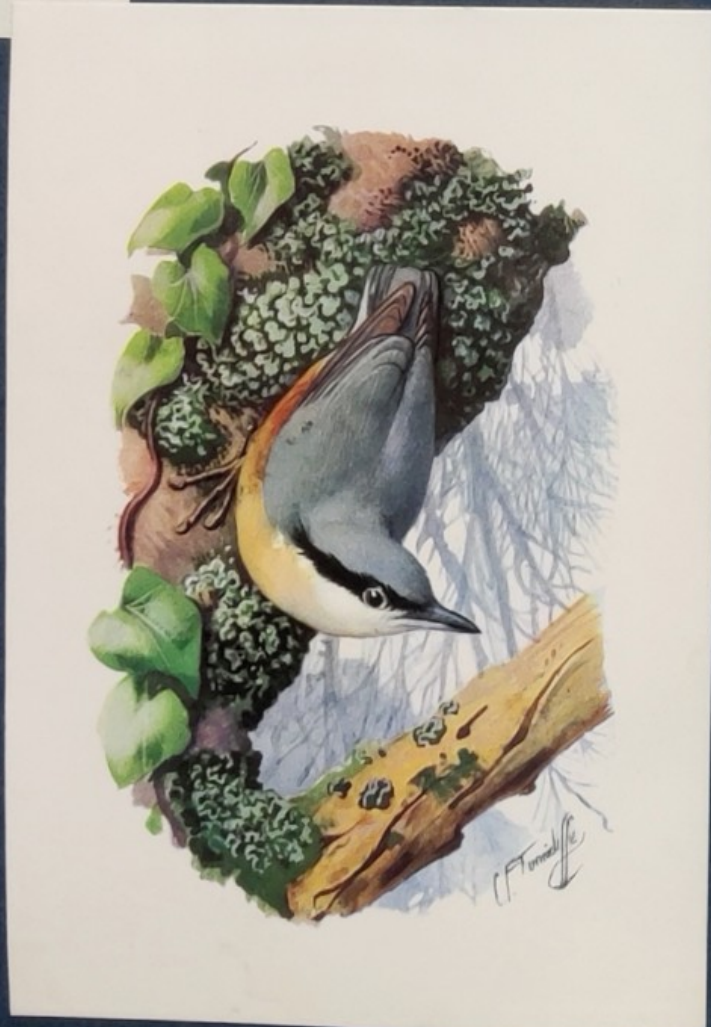
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| Song thrush             | Great tit            |
| Missel thrush           | Marsh tit            |
| Blackbird               | Coal tit             |
| Robin                   | Blue tit             |
| Hedge sparrow           | Heron                |
| House sparrow           | Jack snipe           |
| Tree sparrow            | Common snipe         |
| Bullfinch               | Pied wagtail         |
| Greenfinch              | Yellowhammer         |
| Chaffinch               | Nightjar             |
| Goldfinch               | Nightingale          |
| Hawfinch                | Cuckoo               |
| Rook                    | Blackcap             |
| Wood pigeon             | Grasshopper warbler  |
| Turtle dove             | Willow warbler       |
| Collared dove           | Chiffchaff           |
| Jay                     | Barn owl             |
| Magpie                  | Brown owl            |
| Treecreeper             | Swallow              |
| Nuthatch                | House martin         |
| Wren                    | Swift                |
| Lark                    | Spotted flycatcher   |
| Linnet                  | Garden warbler       |
| Starling                | Kestrel              |
| Green woodpecker        | Sparrow hawk         |
| Greater Pied Woodpecker | Pheasant             |
| Meadow pipit            | Partridge            |
| Kingfisher              | Red-legged partridge |
| Moorhen                 |                      |
| Mallard                 |                      |
| I                       |                      |

On the Downs:-

- Buzzard
- Corn bunting
- Wheatear
- Plover
- Redwing
- Fieldfare
- Tree pipit

In woods:-

- Gold-crest
- Woodcock



THREE UNUSUAL SIGHTS IN OUR VILLAGE.

These pictures show a few of the Shetland Ponies kept at Windrush by Major Gosling. At present there are sixteen ponies in the herd but the number is sometimes as high as twenty-five. The ponies are of various colours, and make attractive pictures in the fields near Windrush.

BASSET - HOUNDS.  
Miss M. M. Keevil, of Upper Rooksnest, and some of her well-known Basset-hounds. They are often seen taking exercise on Inkpen roads, in charge of the kennel-maid. A pack of Basset-hounds is rather an uncommon sight in most counties.



THE CROCUS FIELD.  
Inkpen is proud of its unique crocus field; but unfortunately 1965 was not a good crocus year, and the blooms were rather scattered - as the picture shows.  
No one can be certain how the crocuses came to grow in this particular field. Some think that the corms were introduced when some rubbish from another site was scattered here. However they came, they have grown in the field for well over sixty years.  
The flowers are purple, with slight variation in depth of colour - occasionally a very light or even white bloom is seen. The field lies at the back of The Old Forge, Pottery Road, which is now the home of Miss M.H.King.



# Combe gibbet sawn down in the night

COMBE GIBBET, famous landmark on Inkpen Beacon Hill seen by thousands of visitors every year, was sawn down by vandals during Monday night.



The fallen gibbet.

Photo: Wardell, Andover.

### Exciting news from her home village

MRS. JOAN ARMSTRONG, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Culley, 11 Council Houses, Inkpen Common, who lives in Canada, has written home to say the news of Inkpen Gibbet being sawn down was in her local paper at North Edmonton, Alberta. She was so excited to see news from her home village that

she went to the newspaper office to tell them she knew all about the gibbet. Mrs. Armstrong went to Canada 19 years ago after marrying a Canadian serviceman. She returned home for a holiday eight years ago. This is not the first time she has realised it's a small world for she saw the Crown film "Local Newspaper," about the *Newbury Weekly News* in which her father featured in a scene from Inkpen, in Canada.



Mr. Norman Painting, who first noticed the Gibbet was missing from the skyline on Tuesday morning, inspects the damage for himself. He found the Gibbet sawn clean off.

Mr. Norman Painting, Edginton House, Inkpen, was first to notice it was missing from the skyline at 6.30 a.m. He thought he was dreaming. "The first thing I do every morning is to look up to Combe Hills to see the gibbet," he said.

Despite its sinister origin, the gibbet has taken pride of place as a local landmark standing like a sentinel 25ft. high on the summit of the hill. It could be seen from several miles away with a good eye.

This, the fourth gibbet to stand on the spot, was erected in May, 1950, replacing a previous gibbet blown down in a storm in October 1949. Over a thousand people watched it erected and the ceremony was recorded by the BBC.

### 270 subscribed

The gibbet was paid for by public subscription and the names of 270 subscribers and a history of the gibbet was buried in a glass casket in the seven-foot hole when it was erected.

A previous gibbet had stood on the spot for 100 years but the original gibbet was erected in 1676 for the public hanging of two local residents, George Bromham and Dorothy Newman, for the murder of Bromham's wife and son.

A film of the story was made by the Oxford Film Society in 1948, under the direction of Mr. John Schlesinger and Mr. L. Cooke called "Black Legend." It was accepted by the British Film Institute for the National Film Library.

The gibbet stands on Mr. John Astor's land and arrangements are in hand with Mr. W. H. Edwards, member of the committee which arranged the previous erec-

tion, to have the gibbet put up again. It will probably be spliced and bolted into place in the next few days.

So many visitors go to see the gibbet in cars that the Ministry of Works are already worried about the possible destruction of the Long Barrow on which it stands.

### Reservoir emptied, too

Combe with without water for several hours on Monday after someone interfered with a pumphouse tap. The supply comes from a private reservoir, holding about 10,000 gallons, on Mr. John Astor's estate at Combe.

Mr. R. V. Racey, who is responsible for the pumphouse, found the reservoir empty and tramped miles of pipe line round the hills trying to locate the fault.

Later in the day he traced the trouble to the pumphouse which is in an isolated spot at the foot of the hills and away from the village.



## STEALTHILY, WITH SAW IN HAND...

TOPICS  
of  
the  
HOUR  
by  
Tom Bargate

# They felled the old gibbet on Combe Hill

VILLAGERS at Inkpen, between Andover and Newbury, have a job to do. Putting up their gibbet on Combe Hill again. Five times this famous landmark—relic of a double hanging nearly 300 years ago has been toppled to the ground.

The original Combe gibbet rotted away soon after the execution in 1676. Since then two have blown down; one was struck by lightning; now vandals have sawn through the 12-inch square base of the latest gallows.

One night last week the oak gibbet was lopped off four feet from the ground. One of the first people to notice it missing from the skyline on Combe Hill was local Inkpen resident, Mr. Norman Painting.

The gibbet is an exact replica of the one used to hang two local inhabitants, **GEORGE BROOMHAM** and **DOROTHY NEWMAN**.

It was made by local timber merchants, James Edwards and Son, Ltd, of Inkpen, and stood some 25 feet from the ground when erected in May, 1950—replacing the previous one which blew down in a gale in October, 1949.

Mr. W. H. Edwards, proprietor of the timber firm, said the cut appeared to have been made by an ordinary carpenter's saw. "An energetic person would probably have got through it in about quarter-of-an-hour," he said.

Mr. Edwards, who is chairman of the local parish council, said that the matter would be discussed when the parish council next meets.

"We will have it back up very soon. The gibbet is important to Inkpen. Some people think it's a monstrosity, but we have visitors all the year round to see it," he said.

### Angry

At the Swan Inn in the village, some of the locals were angry at the destruction of the gibbet.

"We want it put back be-

cause Inkpen isn't a proper village without it," said licensee Mrs. Joan White.

From the lonely windswept summit of Combe Hill where the gallows stood is one of the finest views of Hampshire and Berkshire.

There are several versions of the murder for which Broomham and Dorothy Newman were tried and convicted at the Assizes at Winchester and hung at Combe.

It is known that Broomham was a married man carrying on a secret affair with Dorothy, the infamous widow of Combe.

Local legend has it that Broomham, in order to get rid of his wife, Martha, persuaded her to go for a walk with him over Inkpen Hill. On the way he pushed her onto a hornet's nest and she was stung to death by the maddened insects.

The story got round to the local constable via the widow's two young sons who overheard Broomham telling their mother what he had done.

### Dew pond

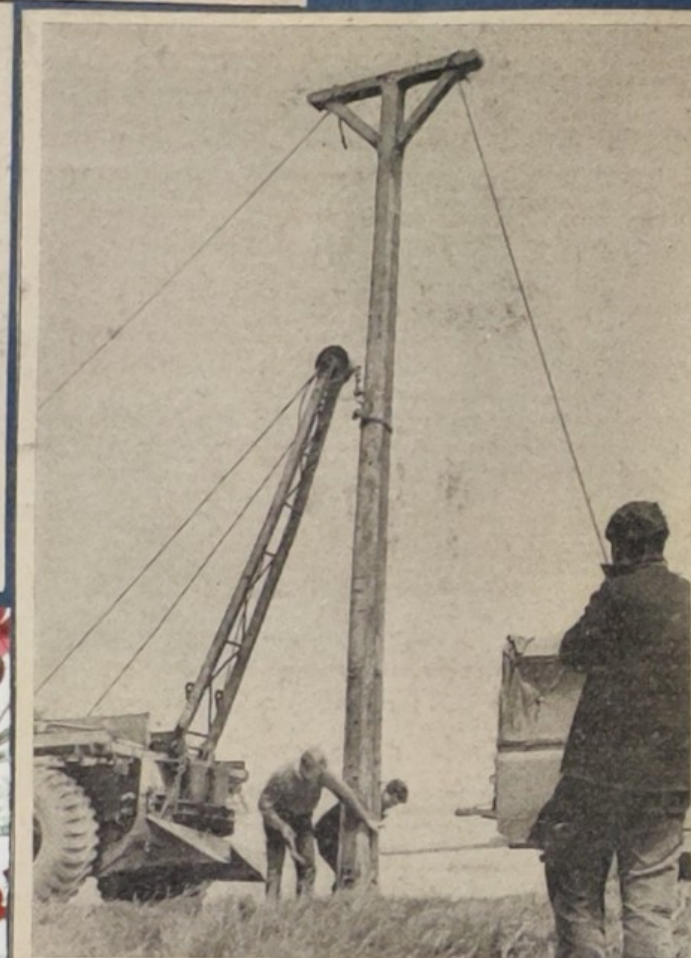
The story is also told how the two children were murdered by suffocation and their bodies disposed of in a dew pond.

Another, that only the younger child was suffocated, and an attempt made to kill the elder boy with poisoned porridge. The plan misfired, however; the family dog ate the mixture and died instantly.

After their trial, the condemned lovers were taken to Combe Hill and hanged in chains. The execution, it is recorded, attracted large crowds.

"Nobility and gentry came in grand coaches. The lower grades travelled on foot from miles around, bringing food for them." In fact, the occasion turned out to be a picnic for one and all.

The two wretches on the gallows were left for all to see them, "until they were eaten by ravens, crows or magpies and dried up by the wind and sun."



A crane from Edwards' Saw Mills was used to re-erect Combe Gibbet on Friday morning when four metal plates were used to rivet the pieces together again. The gibbet was sawn down by vandals during the night of March 8.

### Another attempt to cut down Combe Gibbet

Vandals made another attempt to saw down Combe Gibbet, the famous landmark on Inkpen Beacon, at the week-end. Only in March the Gibbet was sawn down and was repaired in May with metal plates.

The police were told on Monday that one of the plate supports had been nearly sawn through with a hacksaw and other plates had been attacked.

The plates are about four feet long and bolted to the wooden post supporting the gibbet.

### Gallows village hunts vandals

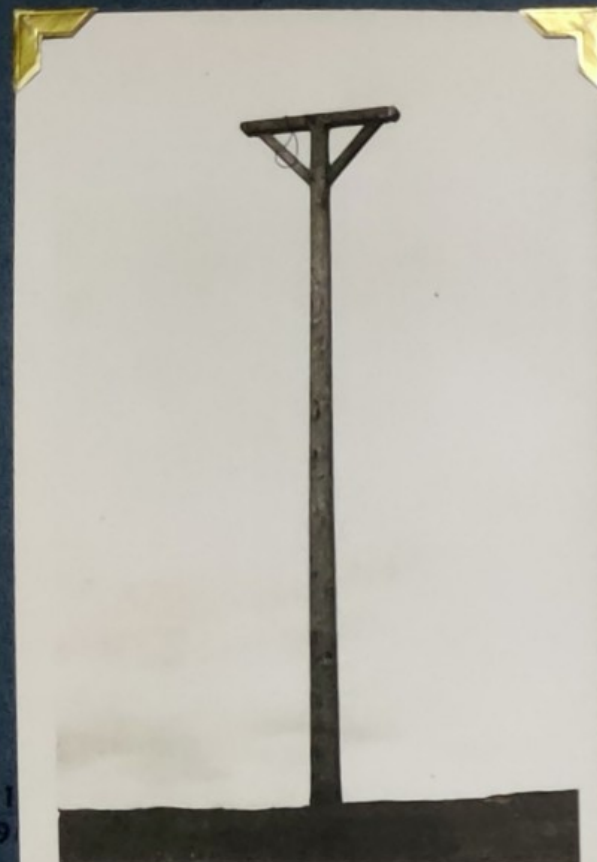
Villagers at Inkpen, Berks, are keeping watch for hooligans who twice damaged a gallows which has been a local landmark for 300 years. Last March the hooligans sawed down the gallows, but it was repaired with a "splint" of metal plates. Now the plates have been partly cut through with a hacksaw.



SOUTHERN EVENING ECHO, Monday, Mar. 15, 1965.

SUN Friday August 27 1965





Combe Gibbet.



Inkpen from Hill, Berkshire 15-3



Walbury near Inkpen, Berkshire 15-5



Craven Road, Inkpen.

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Constituency - - - - - NEWBURY  
 Electoral Division - - - - - HUNGERFORD  
 Polling District - - - - - INKPEN (FT)  
 Parish - - - - - INKPEN

## REGISTER OF ELECTORS

(Qualifying date, 10th October, 1964)

IN FORCE 16th FEBRUARY, 1965 to 15th FEBRUARY, 1966

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Shire Hall,  
Reading

E. R. DAVIES,  
Electoral Registration Officer.

No.	Name and Address	No.	Name and Address
1	Abraham, Ellen, Champion Cottage, Post Office Rd.	52	Boyd, Margaret A., The Bungalow, Trapps Hill.
2	Abraham, George E., Pottery Road.↯	53	Boyd, Stephen, The Bungalow, Trapps Hill.
3	Abraham, James Henry, The Bungalow, Weavers Lane.↯	54	Bradshaw, Adele M., Withers, Lower Green.
4	Abraham, Margaret Joan, The Bungalow, Weavers Lane.	55	Bradshaw, John G. M., Withers, Lower Green.↯
5	Abraham, Pamela O.M., Pottery Road.	56	Braxton, Gladys Violet, Anvilles Cotts.
6	Aldridge, Frederick, 10 Robin's Hill.↯	57	Braxton, William S., Anvilles Cotts.
7	Aldridge, Pamela Joan, 10 Robin's Hill.	58	Bridgewater, Gladys Winifred, Crown and Garter.
8	Anderson, Annie Violet, 1 Pound Cotts.	59	Bridgewater, John Henry, Crown and Garter.↯
9	Angell, Ann E., Caeglas, Inkpen Common.	60	Bridgewater, Michael E., Crown and Garter.
10	Angell, Reginald G., Caeglas, Inkpen Common.↯	61	Brown, Alice Dorothy Algar, 2 Robins Hill.
11	Ankers, Lillian R., Crocus Cottage, Pottery Lane.	62	Brown, Archibald, Wellington Lodge, Pottery Rd.
12	Annetts, Dorothy A., Gallant View, Lower Green.	63	Brown, Dorothy Edith Mildred, 2 Robins Hill.
13	Annetts, Reuben, Gallant View, Lower Green.	64	Brown, Gwendoline, Wellington Lodge, Pottery Rd.
14	Annetts, Reuben A., Gallant View, Lower Green.	65	Brown, Jack Thomas Robert, 2 Robins Hill.
15	Ashton, Annie E., Stonycroft, Folly Road.	66	Brown, Kenneth, Ashness, Post Office Rd.
16	Ashton, Victor J. R., Stonycroft, Folly Road.	67	Brown, Margaret, Ashness, Post Office Rd.
17	Astor, Diana Kathleen, Kirby House.	68	Brown, Reginald, Wellington Lodge, Pottery Rd.
18	Astor, John, Kirby House.	69	Bryant, Reginald C., 9 Council Houses.
19	Bailey, Derek G., 2 Pound Cottages, Lower Green.	70	Burn, Lizzie, Crumplehorn Cottage, Inkpen Common.
20	Baker, Ronald G., 7 Kirby Farm Cotts.	71	Butler, Monica M., The Driftway, Heads Lane.
21	Bance, Elsie M., 8 Council Houses.	72	Buxcey, Alice E. V., 2 Anvilles Cotts.
22	Bance, Ethel, Lower Green.	73	Buxcey, Percy, 2 Anvilles Cotts.
23	Bance, John P. S., 8 Council Houses.	74	Carter, Beryl, Upper Green.
24	Bance, John S., 8 Council Houses.	75	Carter, Florence S., 4 Kirby Farm Cotts.
25	Bance, Robert F., Lower Green.	76	Carter, Francis D., Upper Green.
26	Banham, Edward G., Woodpeckers, Folly Rd.↯	77	Carter, Marjorie H. V., Marjorie House, Upper Green.
27	Banham, Ruth, Woodpeckers, Folly Rd.	78	Carter, Percy, Marjorie House, Upper Green.↯
28	Barnes, Albert, Maymead, Weavers Lane.	79	Carter, William P., 4 Kirby Farm Cotts.↯
29	Barnes, Edith M., Foxhill Cottage.	80	Catley, Ethel A., Lavinia Cottage, Upper Green.
30	Barnes, Isabel, Maymead, Weavers Lane.	81	Caught, Derek J., Holly Cottage, Post Office Rd.
31	Barrett, Dennis C., Manor Farm Cotts.↯	82	Caught, Shirley A., Holly Cottage, Post Office Rd.
32	Barrett, Rose E., Manor Farm Cotts.	83	Cave, Dan Adrian, Beacon House Farm.↯
33	Bastable, Kenneth Walter, Kirby Farm.↯	84	Cave, Marion Margaret, Beacon House Farm.
34	Bastable, Molly, Kirby Farm.	85	Childs, Agnes Georgina, Craven Cottage, Craven Rd.
35	Batsford, Florrie E., 21 Council Houses.	86	Childs, Albert, Craven Cottage, Craven Rd.
36	Batsford, Norman C. H., 21 Council Houses.↯	87	Clark, Alice, Orchard Bungalow, Craven Rd.
37	Bawtree, Jennifer M., Lower Farm, Inkpen Common.	88	Clark, Elsie Dorothy May, Anvilles Cotts.
38	Bawtree, Raymond F., Lower Farm, Inkpen Common.↯	89	Clark, John Henry, Anvilles Cotts.
39	Bawtree, Tessa K., Lower Farm, Inkpen Common.	90	Clarke, Annie, Lavinia Cottage, Bell Lane.
40	Bell, Hilary, Haycroft Copse.↯	91	Clarke, Beatrice, Broadlands.
41	Benning, Röttraut, Downs View, Post Office Rd.↯	92	Clarke, Cecil V., Lavinia Cottage, Bell Lane.
42	Bent, Charles Michael, Black Latches, Heads Lane.↯	93	Clarke, Reginald T., Broadlands.↯
43	Bent, Viola, Black Latches, Heads Lane.	94	Coleman, Edward, Lyndhurst, Folly Rd.↯
44	Bird, Richard G., Cherry Tree, Sadlers Rd.↯	95	Coleman, Helen V. N., Folly Cottage.↯
45	Bird, Rosemary, Cherry Tree, Sadlers Rd.	96	Coleman, Kathleen A., Lyndhurst, Folly Rd.
46	Blackmore, Reginald S., New Mill Lodge.↯	97	Coles, Brian S. C., 4 Haslewick.
47	Blackmore, Sylvia P., New Mill Lodge.	98	Coles, Frances M. U., 4 Haslewick.
48	Boswell, Henry, Wayside, Post Office Rd.	99	Coles, William A. S., 4 Haslewick.↯
49	Boulter, Bernard C., Wyncrest, Post Office Rd.↯	100	Cooke, Arthur G., The Driftway, Heads Lane.
50	Boulter, Judith E., Wyncrest, Post Office Rd.	101	Cornish, Marjorie M., Moss Farm, Craven Rd.↯
51	Bowley, James E., 2 Kirby Farm Cotts.	102	Cornish, Robert A., Moss Farm, Craven Rd.

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108	Cornish, Shirley O., Moss Farm, Craven Road.	179	Formby, Kathleen A., Pond Cottage, Upper Green.
104	Corp, Dennis, The School House.	180	Fox, Dora, Holme Dene, Craven Rd.
105	Corp, Iris, The School House.	181	Fox, Florence Ivy Dorothy, The Beeches.
106	Couling, Diana, 6 Council Houses.	182	Fox, Kenneth Walter, The Beeches.↯
107	Couling, Kenneth, 6 Council Houses.↯	183	Fox, Walter J., Holme Dene, Craven Rd.
108	Coxson, Sarah J., Amsterdam Cottage, Craven Rd.	184	Fox, William T., The Bungalow, Craven Rd.
109	Cruse, Albert D., Craven Hill.↯	185	Gardiner, Christine H., The Cottage, Westcourt.
110	Cruse, Ethel Louise, Craven Hill.	186	Gardiner, William, The Cottage, Westcourt.
111	Cruse, Florence E., Totterdown Cotts.	187	Gass, William C., White Cottage, Trapps Hill.
112	Cruse, Frank, Totterdown Cotts.	188	Gedge, Dorothy, Hill View, Craven Rd.
113	Culley, Albert E., 11 Council Houses.	189	Gerdes-Hansen, Ivan C., Lower Spray Dairy, Ham.
114	Culley, Arthur John, 11 Council Houses.	190	Gerdes-Hansen, Louisa C., Lower Spray Dairy, Ham.
115	Culley, Edith Agnes, Glen View, Heads Lane.	191	Gerrard, Bernard G., 1 Olive Branch Cotts.↯
116	Culley, Louisa M., Head's Lane.	192	Gerrard, Joyce M., 1 Olive Branch Cotts.
117	Culley, Mary F., 11 Council Houses.	193	Giles, Raymond H., The Bungalow, Craven Rd.↯
118	Culley, Percy Thomas Edward, Glen View, Heads Lane.	194	Giles, Rosamond Kathleen, The Bungalow, Craven Rd.
119	Culley, Stanley G., 1 Craven View.↯	195	Goodyear, Ada B., Lower Green.
120	Cummins, Edward Henry, 12 Robins Hill.↯	196	Goodyear, Joseph S., Lower Green.
121	Darlington, Patricia O., Irrawaddy, Craven Rd.	197	Gordon-Forbes, Dorothea M., Woodmans, Craven Rd.
122	Darlington, Thomas, Irrawaddy, Craven Rd.↯	198	Green, Paul C. W., Puddle Wharf, Weavers Lane.
123	Davies, Audrey B., Birnam, Craven Rd.	199	Greenstreet, Eric R. O., Amsterdam Cottage, Craven Rd.
124	Davies, David V., Ambleside, Inkpen Common.↯	200	Greenstreet, Venie D., Amsterdam Cottage, Craven Rd.
125	Davies, Dorothy M., Paddock, Lower Green.	201	Groves, Phoebe Louisa, Justa, Craven Rd.
126	Davies, John T., Birnam, Craven Rd.↯	202	Gunter, Maurice, Woodhouse Eaves, Post Office Rd.↯
127	Davies, Michael D. V., Ambleside, Inkpen Common.	203	Gunter, Norma R., Woodhouse Eaves, Post Office Rd.
128	Davies, Ruby B., Ambleside, Inkpen Common.	204	Haddrell, Alfred H., Manor Farm Cotts.↯
129	Davis, Cecil G., 1 Haycroft Cotts.↯	205	Haddrell, Eva L., Manor Farm Cotts.
130	Davis, Margaret V., 1 Haycroft Cotts.	206	Hall, Evelyn N., Woodwind, Folly Road.
131	Davis, Winifred E., Staddlestone Cottage, Heads Lane.↯	207	Harper, Leonard S., King's Ride, Sadlers Rd.↯
132	Dixon, Hazel Ruth, Briar Cottage, Pottery Rd.↯	208	Harper, Mary E., King's Ride, Sadlers Rd.
133	Dixon, William Austin Robinson, Briar Cottage, Pottery Rd.	209	Harris, Marjorie Edith, Three Ways.
134	Dowdell, Herbert, 15 Robins Hill.↯	210	Harris, Ronald William, Three Ways.↯
135	Dowdell, Ida M., 15 Robins Hill.	211	Harrison, Barbara, Bridgemans, Lower Green.
136	Draffen, Barbara N., Webbs Close, Trapps Hill.	212	Harrison, Herbert Reginald P., Bridgemans, Lower Grn.↯
137	Draffen, George W., Webbs Close, Trapps Hill.↯	213	Hayes, Emily M., Wayside, Post Office Rd.
138	Druce, Mary, Craven Lodge, Inkpen Common.	214	Head, Albert Charles, 2 Kirby Farm Cotts.↯
139	Druce, Michael L., Craven Lodge, Inkpen Common.	215	Head, Daphne M., 2 Council Houses.
140	Dukes, Mary Magdalene, 13 Robins Hill.	216	Head, Edith E., 2 Council Houses.
141	Dukes, William G. M., 13 Robins Hill.↯	217	Head, Kathleen Ruth, 2 Kirby Farm Cotts.
142	Dymott, Barbara Violet, Knights Acre, Craven Rd.	218	Head, Nola J. A., 3 Kirby Farm Cotts.
143	Dymott, Edward Roberts, Knights Acre, Craven Rd.	219	Head, Roy D., 3 Kirby Farm Cotts.↯
144	Edwards, Arthur John, 3 Council Houses.	220	Head, Valerie M., 2 Council Houses.
145	Edwards, Barbara H., Firtree Cottage, Post Office Road.	221	Head, William A., 2 Council Houses.↯
146	Edwards, Dennis F., 5 Craven Rd.↯	222	Heal, Elizabeth, Bridle Path Cottage, Great Common.↯
147	Edwards, Donald C., Pinewood, Post Office Rd.↯	223	Heal, Jeremy P. W., Bridlepath Cottage, Inkpen Common.
148	Edwards, Edith, Nr. Inkpen P.O.	224	Heal, Philip W. D., Bridlepath Cottage, Inkpen Common.
149	Edwards, Elizabeth A., 5 Craven Rd.	225	Hebb, Edith, Webbs Close Cottage, Trapps Hill.
150	Edwards, Emily M., Pinewood, Post Office Rd.	226	Hebb, Robin, Webbs Close Cottage, Trapps Hill.
151	Edwards, Ethel Jane, Ivy House.	227	Hercombe, Alice, The Hollies.
152	Edwards, Gertrude E., Holly Tree Cottage, Lower Green.	228	Hercombe, Dora, The Hollies.
153	Edwards, Hannah Emma Louise, 3 Council Houses.	229	Hercombe, George, West View, Craven Rd.
154	Edwards, Jack, Firtree Cottage, Post Office Road.↯	230	Hercombe, Kate S., West View, Craven Rd.
155	Edwards, Sophia Q., Pinewood, Post Office Rd.	231	Hervey, Barbara C., The Rectory.
156	Edwards, Wilfred Harding, Ivy House.	232	Hervey, Frederick A. R., The Rectory.
157	Edwards, William A., Hollytree Cottage.	233	Hezel, James F. F., Sunnyside, Inkpen Common.↯
158	Edwards, Winifred Anne Harding, The Old Post.	234	Hezel, Pearl V., Sunnyside, Inkpen Common.
159	Eldridge, Mary, Meadows, Post Office Rd.	235	Hitchens, Albert S., Beacon Cottage, Bell Lane.↯
160	Elgar, Henry R., Moremy, Lower Green.	236	Hitchens, Charles, 2 Craven Rd.
161	Elgar, Joan L., New Bungalow, Craven Rd.	237	Hitchens, David G., 2 Craven Rd.
162	Elgar, John, New Bungalow, Craven Rd.↯	238	Hitchens, George, Beacon Cottage, Bell Lane.
163	Elgar, Rose M., Moremy, Lower Green.	239	Hitchens, Ida M., Beacon Cottage, Bell Lane.
164	Evans, Mary, The Old Rectory, Lower Green.	240	Hitchens, John, 2 Craven Rd.
165	Fass, Herbert E. (Sir), Foxhill.	241	Hitchens, June, Totterdown.
166	Fass, Winifred C. C. (Lady), Foxhill.	242	Hitchens, Margaret J., Beacon Cottage, Bell Lane.
167	Fawcett, Gladys M., Mistletoe Cottage, Upper Green.	243	Hitchens, Percy R., 2 Craven Rd.
168	Fawcett, Kenneth, Mistletoe Cottage, Upper Green.	244	Hitchens, Sheila A., 2 Craven Road.
169	Fenemore, Albert E., Manor Farm.	245	Hitchens, Winifred Alice, 2 Craven Rd.
170	Fenemore, Lilian I., Manor Farm.	246	Hodges, Harriott J., Walbury Cottage, Post Office Rd.
171	Fenemore, Terence G. S., Manor Farm.↯	247	Hodges, John R. B., Walbury Cottage, Post Office Rd.↯
172	Fenemore, Verity, Manor Farm.	248	Hollins, Patricia, The Stores, Great Common.
173	Ferris, Anthony G., 7 Council Houses.	249	Hollins, Roy E., The Stores, Great Common.↯
174	Ferris, Margaret K., 7 Council Houses.	250	Homer, Arthur, Stepside, Folly Road.
175	Ferris, Stanley G., 7 Council Houses.	251	Homer, Elizabeth, Stepside, Folly Road.
176	Fisher, Albert Edward, 12 Council Houses.	252	Hopkins, Albert N., 2 Tea Tree Cotts., Pottery Lane.
177	Fletcher, Winifred K., Little Barnfield, Pottery Rd.	253	Hotson, Grace E., Ridgeway, Craven Rd.
178	Formby, Angela, M. H., Pond Cottage, Upper Green.	254	Hotson, Herbert B., Ridgeway, Craven Rd.↯



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255	Hunt, Charles F. R., The Glen, Craven Road.→	332	Mills, William F., Near Inkpen Post Office.
256	Hunt, Matilda, The Glen, Craven Road.	333	Minns, Hubert W., Moss Farm, Craven Rd.
257	Huntley, Anne E., Bramble Dell, Folly Rd.	334	Money, Christopher, Combe View, Craven Rd.
258	Huntley, Denis R., Bramble Dell, Folly Rd.→	335	Moore, Dorothy Annie, Byeways Farm, Trapps Hill.
259	Huntley, Francis E., 12 Council Houses.→	336	Morgan, Ena Naunton, Rolles Farm.→
260	Huntley, Gladys K., 12 Council Houses.	337	S—Morris, Kathleen D., Woodhouse Eaves.
261	Indge, Lillian R.M., 1 Anvilles Cott.	338	Mould, George H., Hells Corner Cott., Inkpen Common.→
262	Indge, William T., 1 Anvilles Cott.	339	Mould, Hilda K., Hells Corner Cott., Inkpen Common.
263	Inns, Alice S., Oakdene, Balsdon Rd.	340	Noakes, Mirabelle F., Trapps Hill Cottage.
264	Inns, Sidney C., Oakdene, Balsdon Rd.→	341	Noakes, Percy C., Trapps Hill Cottage.
265	Jackman, Clarice P., 10 Council Houses.	342	Ollington, Ella, The Firs, Craven Rd.
266	Jackman, Henry J., 10 Council Houses.	343	Osborne, Frederick George, 14 Robins Hill.→
267	Jackson, Ivor J., Anvilles Cott.→	344	Osborne, Mary J., Byeways Farm, Trapps Hill.
268	Jackson, John, Ford-Lynn, Craven Rd.	345	Page, Barbara J., 18 Council Houses.
269	Jackson, Marjorie J. L., Anvilles Cott.	346	Page, John H., 18 Council Houses.→
270	Jennings-Giles, Ada W., Belvedere, Lower Green.	347	Painting, Agnes, Rushwood, Post Office Rd.
271	Jennings-Giles, Richard O., Belvedere, Lower Green.→	348	Painting, Charles, Rushwood, Post Office Rd.
272	Jennings-Giles, Walter R., Belvedere, Lower Green.	349	Painting, Christopher, Edginton House, Upper Green.
273	Johnson, Clement J. W., Church Farm House.	350	Painting, Donald Henry, 11 Robins Hill.→
274	Johnson, Constance M., Church Farm House.	351	Painting, Elizabeth J., New Mill Cottage.
275	Johnson, Ronald W., Church Farm House.	352	Painting, Evelyn I., The Pollards, Post Office Rd.
276	Jones, David G., 2 Pinewood, Post Office Rd.	353	Painting, Henrietta, Edginton House, Upper Green.
277	Jones, Joyce L., 2 Pinewood, Post Office Rd.	354	Painting, Jane Winifred, 11 Robins Hill.
278	Jones, Mavis, Great Common.	355	Painting, Mark, Rushwood, Post Office Rd.→
279	Jordan, Robert H., 1 Council Houses, Inkpen Common.→	356	Painting, Norman, Edginton House, Upper Green.
280	Jordan, Rosemary S. M., 1 Council Houses, Inkpen Comm.	357	Painting, Reginald, 1 The Pollards, Post Office Rd.→
281	Kerry, Anne, L. M., 8 Kirby Farm Cottages.	358	Palmer, Agnes, 2 Haslewick.
282	Kerry, William C., 8 Kirby Farm Cottages.	359	Palmer, Clifford Charles, 17 Robins Hill.→
283	Kersey, Lillian Rose, 9 Robin's Hill.	360	Palmer, Edward W., 9 Council Houses.→
284	Kersey, William John, 9 Robins Hill.→	361	Palmer, Fanny, 6 Robin's Hill.
285	King, Eric H., The Old Forge, Pottery Rd.	362	Palmer, Frances Mary E., 17 Robins Hill.
286	King, Marjorie H., The Old Forge, Pottery Rd.	363	Palmer, George, 2 Haslewick.
287	Kitson, Albert E., Luvinia Cottage, Bell Lane.→	364	Palmer, Jessie Amy, 9 Council Houses.
288	Kitson, Gwendoline J., Luvinia Cottage, Bell Lane.	365	Palmer, Phyllis, 4 Robins Hill.→
289	Langford, Patricia F. M., The Cottage, Inkpen Common.	366	Palmer, Rayner F., 2 Haslewick.
290	Langford, Peter W., The Cottage, Inkpen Common.→	367	Palmer, Rayner G. A., 2 Haslewick.→
291	Langridge, Grace G., 19 Robins Hill.	368	Palmer-Tomkinson, Marion Lindsay, Totterdown.
292	Langridge, Joseph, 19 Robins Hill.→	369	Panting, Jean, 14 Robins Hill.
293	Lawson, Robert Francis, 18 Robins Hill.→	370	Panting, Joseph L., 4 Council Houses.
294	Lawson, Sylvia Pearl E., 18 Robins Hill.	371	Panting, Rhoda, 4 Council Houses.
295	Le Huray, Amy, Old School House.	372	Panting, Stephen J., 14 Robins Hill.→
296	Le'page, Annette, Hollybush Cottage, Heads Lane.→	373	Pask, Dorothy, Red Cottage, Trapps Hill.
297	Lewis, George Edgar, Justa, Craven Rd.	374	Pask, Montague, Red Cottage, Trapps Hill.
298	Lovelock, George, Bay Cottage, Lower Green.→	375	Peacock, Greta, Hatts Cottage, Craven Rd.
299	Lovelock, Peter G. L., 9 Kirby Farm Cott.	376	Peacock, Kenneth, Hatts Cottage, Craven Rd.→
300	MacKenna, Raymond Lyle, 5 Council Houses.→	377	Pearce, Cicely, 3 Robin's Hill.
301	MacKenna, Sylvia A. M., 5 Council Houses.	378	Pearce, Thomas William Clifford, 3 Robin's Hill.→
302	Maidment, Brian R. A., 4 Craven Road.→	379	Phipps, Amelia S., Moss Cottage, Craven Rd.
303	Maidment, Joyce E. R., 4 Craven Road.	380	Pitt, Donald C., Great Furze Cott., Great Common.→
304	S—Marriott, John, The Folly.	381	Pitt, Lorna F., Great Furze Cott., Great Common.
305	Marriott, Moira, The Folly.	382	Pontin, John E., Crows Nest, Craven Road.→
306	Marsh, Evelyn, Kirby House.	383	Pontin, Mary E., Crows Nest, Craven Road.
307	Marsh, Gordon, 2 Olive Branch Cott.→	384	Pusey, Ethel M., Totterdown.
308	Marsh, Pamela, 2 Olive Branch Cott.	385	Rees, Heather, Springfield, Pottery Road.
309	Martin, Edith Annie, Woodwind, Folly Rd.	386	Rees, Norman E., Springfield, Pottery Road.→
310	Martin, William James, Woodwind, Folly Rd.→	387	Richards, Mary A., Lyncombe, Post Office Rd.
311	May, Charles, Jasmine Cottage, Craven Rd.	388	Roffe, Beatrice B., Wayside, Post Office Rd.
312	May, Florence, Jasmine Cottage, Craven Rd.	389	Rogers, Mary, Crown Cottage.
313	May, Herbert H., Box Cottage.	390	Rolfe, Elsie May, 8 Robin's Hill.
314	S—May, Jean E., Box Cottage.	391	Rolfe, Vera F., Wayside, Post Office Rd.
315	May, Leonard Arthur Cyril, 20 Robins Hill.→	392	Rolfe, Wilfred, 8 Robin's Hill.→
316	May, Mabel Ellen Rose, 20 Robins Hill.	393	Rosier, Mary Margaret, Doyle's Farm.
317	May, Phyllis M., Box Cottage.	394	Rosier, Sidney Cecil, Doyle's Farm.→
318	Y—May, Robert M., Box Cottage.	395	Rowden, Albert John Stuckey, Wayside, Post Office Rd.
319	May, Sarah K., 3 Tea Tree Cott., Pottery Lane.	396	Roy, Kenneth J., Highfield House, Folly Rd.
320	McKane, Clifford, Old School House.→	397	Roy, Margaret W., Highfield House, Folly Rd.
321	McKane, Ivy, Old School House.	398	Sadler, Harry, 2 Kirby Farm Cott.
322	McLaren, Martin, The Old Rectory.→	399	Saunders, Clarice Jean, 16 Robins Hill.
323	McLaren, Nancy G., The Old Rectory.	400	S—Saunders, Peter E., 16 Robins Hill.
324	McMinn, Elsie, 2 New Cott., Totterdown.	401	Y—Scarlett, Erdella J., 2 Haycroft Cott.
325	McMinn, William, 2 New Cott., Totterdown.	402	Scarlett, Leslie T. E., 2 Haycroft Cott.→
326	Mearns, Fiona Tolfrey, The Mead, Weavers Lane.	403	Scotford, Brian L., Solenzara, Post Office Rd.→
327	Medley, Marjorie E., Datchworth, Inkpen Common.	404	Scotford, Sylvia J., Solenzara, Post Office Rd.
328	S—Mills, Brian E. C., Sndlers Road.	405	Scott, Alexander M., West Court.
329	Mills, Francis J., Effanjoys, Folly Rd.→	406	Scott, Patricia, West Court.
330	Mills, Freda O., Effanjoys, Folly Rd.	407	Smart, Edward W., Drove Cottage, Ham Rd.
331	Mills, Janet S., Effanjoys, Folly Road.	408	Smart, Valerie U., Drove Cottage, Ham Rd.

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409	Scourfield, George B., Stepside, Folly Road.	466	Tuttle, Jesse A., 20 Great Common.
410	Selman, Bridget, Ranch House, Lower Inkpen.	467	Tuttle, Mark A., 20 Great Common.→
411	Selman, Robert Geoffrey, Ranch House, Lower Inkpen.→	468	Tuttle, Richard, Stockbridge Cottage.
412	Shepherd, Frederick N., 19 Council Houses.→	469	Uprichard, David L., 3 Haslewick.
413	Shepherd, Rita E., 19 Council Houses.	470	Uprichard, Joyce, 3 Haslewick.
414	Skerry, Mary A., Woodside Cottage, Craven Rd.	471	Uprichard, Lewis, 3 Haslewick.→
415	Smith, Alfred C., 3 Craven Rd.	472	Waite, Ada F., The Bungalow, Upper Green.
416	Smith, Andrew J., 5 Robins Hill.	473	Wallin, Christine M., 3 Pound Cott.
417	Smith, Annie L., 3 Craven Rd.	474	Wallin, Thomas S., 3 Pound Cott.→
418	Smith, Christine A., 7 Anvilles Cott.	475	Walter, Arthur Wm., White Cott., Trapps Hill.
419	Smith, Daphne J., 3 Craven Road.	476	Walter, Magdalena Clark, The Folly.
420	Smith, Daphne J., Thatched Cottage, Kirby.	477	Walter, Reginald S., The Folly.
421	Smith, Denis R., 3 Craven Rd.	478	Walter, Rose E., White Cott., Trapps Hill.
422	Smith, Doris Rhoda Fanny, 5 Robin's Hill.	479	Ward, Delia C., Trainettes, Inkpen Common.
423	Smith, John, 5 Robin's Hill.→	480	Ward, Derek W., Trainettes, Inkpen Common.→
424	Smith, John A., Thatched Cottage, Kirby.	481	Ward, Ronald, The Old Post.
425	Smith, Kathleen E., Drove Cottage, Ham Rd.	482	Ward, Thomas, Northcroft Farm, Weavers Lane.→
426	Smith, Leslie K., 3 Craven Rd.	483	Watts, Alan J., 1 Haslewick.
427	Smith, Victor L., Drove Cottage, Ham Rd.→	484	Watts, Audrey M., Honeysuckle Cottage, Craven Rd.
428	Smith, Wilfred J., 7 Anvilles Cott.	485	Watts, Daisy L., Honeysuckle Cottage, Craven Rd.
429	Stacey, Florence Hilda, The Briars, Heads Lane.	486	Watts, Doreen E., 1 Haslewick.
430	Stacey, Phyllis M., Brays Cottage, Upper Green.	487	Watts, Dorothy R., Champion Cottage.
431	Stacey, Raymond Victor, The Briars, Heads Lane.	488	Watts, George F., The Caravan, Crown and Garter.
432	Stacey, Thomas, Brays Cottage, Upper Green.→	488	Watts, Lilian M., Crumplehorn Cottage, Inkpen Common.
433	Stephens, Brian E., 2 Craven View, Craven Rd.→	489	Watts, Mary, 1 Haslewick.
434	Y—Stephens, Marion J., 2 Craven View, Craven Rd.	490	Watts, Susanna, Little Eaves, Inkpen Common.
435	Stewart-Cox, Matilda, St. Valentines, Inkpen Common.	491	Watts, William H., Champion Cottage.
436	Stickland, Ada Louisa Kate, Crown Cottage.	492	Watts, William J. K., 1 Haslewick.→
437	Stinchcombe, Edwin, Flaxlea, Ham Rd.	493	West, Catherine M., Tynwald, Weavers Lane.→
438	Stinchcombe, Frank, Flaxlea, Ham Rd.	494	White, Joan B. P., The Swan Inn.
439	Stinchcombe, Olive, Flaxlea, Ham Rd.	495	Whitlock, Phyllis R., Niola, Post Office Rd.
440	Stockley, Albert J., 17 Great Common.→	496	Whitlock, Ronald F., Niola, Post Office Rd.→
441	Stockley, Doris E., 17 Great Common.	497	Wild, Arthur J., Bungalow, School Rd.
442	S—Storr, Christopher William, Cherry Tree Cottage, Sadlers Rd.	498	Wild, Benjamin G., Bungalow, School Rd.
443	Strange, Florence R., 16 Council Houses.	499	Wild, Charles Stanley, Bungalow, School Rd.
444	Sutton, Renata Veronica, Woodmans, Craven Rd.	500	Wild, Christopher A., Bungalow, School Rd.
445	Y—Taylor, David C., 6 Craven Rd.	501	S—Wild, Edwin Frank, Bungalow, School Rd.
446	Taylor, Freda E., 6 Craven Rd.	502	Wild, Rose E., Bungalow, School Rd.→
447	Taylor, Frederick J., 6 Craven Rd.	503	Williams, Evelyn L., The Grove, Craven Rd.
448	Taylor, George Henry, Maytime, Werg's Rd.→	504	Winsor, Edward J., 1 Kirby Farm Cott.→
449	Taylor, Margaret, Maytime, Werg's Rd.	505	Winterbourne, Janet L., Oaklea, Post Office Rd.
450	Thomas, Eileen Elizabeth, 1 Robins Hill.	506	Winterbourne, William J., Oaklea, Post Office Rd.→
451	Thomas, Henry George, 1 Robins Hill.	507	Withers, Mary Wilkinson, Leyfield, Post Office Rd.
452	Thorpe, Alice Louvain, Cuimhneachan, Craven Rd.	508	Withers, William, Leyfield, Post Office Rd.
453	Thorpe, Maurice James, Cuimhneachan, Craven Rd.→	509	Woodham, Joseph, Lower Green.
454	Y—Thorpe, Nicholas M., Cuimhneachan, Craven Rd.	510	Wordley, Sidney William, 6 Robins Hill.→
455	Tilley, Albert E., 15 Council Houses.→	511	Wordley, Winifred Emmeline, 6 Robins Hill.
456	Tilley, Emily P., 15 Council Houses.	512	S—Wrann, Raymond F. C., Downs View, Post Office Rd.
457	Tilley, Lillian Ada Sophia, 7 Robins Hill.	513	Wright, Caroline, The Bungalow, Kirby Rd.
458	Y—Tilley, Linda, 7 Robins Hill.	514	Wright, Charles V., 13 Council Houses.
459	Tilley, William John, 7 Robins Hill.→	515	Wright, Dorothy, 13 Council Houses.
460	Turnbull, Anthony J., 14 Council Houses.→	516	Wright, Ernest H., The Bungalow, Kirby Rd.
461	Turnbull, Evelyn D., 14 Council Houses.	517	Wright, Frederick T., 16 Council Houses.
462	Turner, Emily Matilda, 15 Council Houses.	518	Wright, Isabel A., 1 Craven Rd.
463	Turner, Sylvia M., Paddocks, Lower Green.	519	Wright, Thomas William, The Bungalow, Kirby Rd.
464	Turner, William J., Paddocks, Lower Green.→	520	Wyatt, Francis G., Barton End, Craven Rd.
465	Tuttle, Ellen, Stockbridge Cottage.	521	Wyatt, John F., Barton End, Craven Rd.
		522	Wyatt, Margaret, Barton End, Craven Rd.

Names marked — are believed to be natives of Inkpen; list is possibly incomplete. Certainly less than one-quarter of Inkpen's voters are natives of the village.



PEOPLE WHO MOVED OUT DURING YEAR.

Scotford	Solenzara	Post Office Road
Bawtree	Lower Farm	
Maidment	4 Craven Road	
Hitchens	4 Craven Road	
Dukes	13 Robins Hill	
Cummins	12 Robins Hill	
Rolfe	8 Robins Hill	
Jordan	1 Common Road	

PEOPLE WHO MOVED WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

R. Painting from 11 Robins Hill to newly-built house<sub>2</sub>  
R. Head to 13 Robins Hill

PEOPLE WHO MOVED IN DURING THE YEAR.

Hook	to Solenzara
Cronoghue	to 12 Robins Hill
Kempster	to 11 Robins Hill
Angell	to 8 Robins Hill
Stimpson	to 1 Common Road
Richards	to Shanzu (new)
Fisher	to new bungalow
Luton	to Weavers

INKPEN'S POPULATION.

At least 70 are retired.

At least 224 go daily to work outside the home

At least 170 are children

Under school age	59
Juniors	61
Seniors	45
Students	5

Registered as Blind Persons -

Miss M. Skerry	Craven Road
Mr. R. Annetts	Lower Green
Mr. H. Sadler	Kirby Farm Cottages

An important question in our village life is HOUSING.

Here are two specimens of our houses - old and new.

The old one is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. Cruse; it is known to be at least 350 years old.

The new one was built in 1965 by an Inkpen firm (Carter Partners) for an Inkpen family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wordley.

INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

W. G. DUKES, B.E.M.  
Clerk

ROBINS HILL,  
INKPEN,  
NEWBURY,  
BERKS.

7<sup>th</sup> March 66.

INKPEN POOR'S ALLOTMENT  
AND THE BUTLER AND BASTER CHARITIES.

The parcel of land known as the Poor's Allotment was allocated to the Poor of the Parish of Inkpen under the Enclosures Act of 1812-17, for use as a grazing ground and for the provision of fuel etc.

The Butler and Baster charities consist of sums of money which are invested in undated Government Stock etc; the interest of which is to be used for the relief of the Poor of the Parish of Inkpen.

The Charities and Poor's Allotment are together administered by five Trustees consisting of four Parishioners and the Rector for the time being.

Under a new order of the Charity Commissioners, signed in the 1930's the status of the Poor's Allotment altered slightly, in that it could be let to tenants at an annual rent and the proceeds obtained thereby used for the relief of the Poor of the Parish.

In recent years it has been the custom of the Trustees to allot certain sums to the Poor at Christmas time.

In this past year of 1965 the rents, shooting rent, Electricity and Post Office wayleaves, together with the Butler and Baster Charities and several anonymous donations amounted to £78.

£46 of this sum was distributed to the Poor at Christmas to assist in buying coal etc.

£72 GIVEN OUT

Inkpen Poor Allotment Trustees have distributed £72 to about 30 old-age pensioners and widows this Christmas. The amount is slightly more than last year because of donations, as well as the income from the Common lettings and charities.

*[Signature]*  
Clerk.



# Horse riders using footpaths at Inkpen

People who ride horses over footpaths instead of keeping to the bridle paths were criticised at Inkpen's parish council meeting on Friday. Mr. F. Cruse said he knew two or three footpaths that riders were using and Mr. W. Dukes, Clerk, said one across the recreation ground in particular was used.

The question of clearing a bridle path at the foot of the hills was considered. It was reported that the county council would not accept responsibility for clearance but they would be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost if the parish council made the arrangements.

Miss Watts thought she might be able to find volunteers to undertake some of the work but Mr. Cruse said that the path was overgrown with blackthorn and this would be dangerous to cut.

"It ought to be grubbed out," he said. "Blackthorn is bone hard and if it was cut it could easily get into a horse's fetlock."

### BIG JOB

It was estimated there was half a mile of clearing to be done. "It's a big job," said Mr. Cruse.

It was decided to postpone a decision until the next meeting.

Inkpen Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday, March 25th, Village Hall, Inkpen, 7.30 p.m.—(Adv't.)

## INKPEN SUPPORTS CHURCHILL FUND

Inkpen parish council met on Friday to discuss Hungerford District Council's appeal for support for the Churchill Memorial Fund.

Ways of raising money for the village's contribution were discussed and it was agreed to distribute leaflets explaining the fund's purpose and then to arrange a house-to-house collection. Mr. W. H. Edwards presided.

## POLLING ON MAY 11

Elections for representatives on Hungerford Rural District Council take place this year at Combe with West Woodhay, East Garston, East and West Shefford and Inkpen.

Parish Council elections will take place at East Garston, West Shefford and Inkpen.

Nomination forms are available at Hungerford District Council offices and must be returned there by noon on April 22. Polling day is May 11.

Others rejected were — use of land for concrete block making at Membury (two letters of objection including one from Lambourn parish council); bungalow plot 4, Weavers Lane, Inkpen, for Mr. K. J. Dryburgh (outline permission was for three bungalows only on the whole site); two bungalows near Crocus Cottage, Pottery Lane, Inkpen, for Mrs. L. R. Ankers, and two dwellings off Church Lane, Hungerford, for E. K. Escott.

## "PARISH PUMP POLITICS" in 1965.

Some of the subjects discussed by parishioners and their Parish Councillors.

# New estate 'would bring suburbia' to Inkpen

A STORM raged outside Inkpen Village Hall during Thursday's annual parish meeting—wind howled through rafters and rained lashed window panes—but there was a bigger storm inside over the District Council proposal to develop six acres for a housing site behind the Robins Hill council estate.

It was the best attended meeting for years with as many as 34 parishioners braving the elements. Although Mr. H. Bell, district council representative, gave an assurance that the proposed scheme for Inkpen had been shelved for the time being he agreed that the layout had been designed and was on view at the District Council offices.

He was asked to give an assurance that a parish meeting would be called before these plans were further discussed by the District Council.

"This is a white area and this development seems merely because the District Council has been lucky enough to buy the six acres," said Group-Capt. P. W. D. Heal. "I feel strongly about this development."

### WAITING LIST

Group-Capt. Heal understood there were only 10 people on the waiting list from Inkpen and Mr. Bell confirmed this, but said there were about 100 on the list for the district.

It was suggested that the development of as large an area as six acres for 34 houses, as on the District Council's layout, in addition to the present council houses there, would bring suburbia to the village making it even worse than the ribbon development that was already taking place.

Mr. Bell said the idea was to stop the ribbon development. One parishioner said she recently came to live in the village from a town and would not like to see any kind of town development there.

Cmdr. John Marriott thought the council would be well advised to have a survey to find out where the 100 people on their list wanted to live and whether they would be satisfied with the restrictions of this type of house. "I think the whole matter should be looked into in greater detail," he added.

### MIGHT LOOK BETTER

Mr. R. Bawtree said industrialised building had got to be faced. Industrialised houses might even look better and be better designed. "What I am concerned about is that this development is bringing people to Inkpen who don't want to live here," he said.

On industrialised houses, Mr. Bell said they could be put up much more quickly than traditional-type houses.

"It seems to me you can put them up quickly and then regret it afterwards," said Mr. E. G. Banham.

Whether they looked better or not was a matter of opinion, said Mr. Bell.

It was pointed out to Mr. Bell that development for the site had been refused by the planning authority when application had been made by previous owners.

"If this housing scheme is shelved I should like to suggest we have an opportunity of discussing it again and not find that in 18 months' time the development is taking place," said Mr. Banham.

### "OVERLOOKED"

Mr. Banham also criticised the bungalow development near Inkpen School. "It does surprise me that plans can be passed without it being realised the bungalows are so close together," he said.

Mr. Bell said this had been overlooked because the plans came in on three separate applications. He had managed to stop them being as close as they were in their original scheme, he said.

It was suggested that it would have been better to have used the whole site for three bungalows but there was now an application before the Council for a fourth bungalow there.

Inkpen has done more than many other parishes in the upkeep and signing of footpaths said Group-Capt. Heal. He had been to see the County Council on the parish's behalf and there was no doubt they were well inclined towards Inkpen.

"I think they would be quite generous in helping us financially to clear paths if we make the effort," he said.

Mr. Edwards said they were indebted to Miss Watts for all the work she had done for footpaths.

### GIBBET WILL RISE AGAIN

"Is anything going to be done about our Gibbet?" asked Mr. W. Martin. "It's been a sore point with a lot of us that these hooligans cut it down."

Mr. W. H. Edwards, presiding, gave an assurance that the Gibbet would be put up again as soon as possible. They had been getting expert advice on the best way to join the two pieces together and thought they would have to use steel plates, he said.

Mr. Edwards also assured Mr. Jackman that the problem of the footpath between the Common and Post Office road was in hand.

It was agreed not to fill in the village pond without further consideration on its preservation and improvement as an amenity to the village.

# Action over car parking at Inkpen

At a meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council at Inkpen on Monday, Mr. W. Edwards was unanimously elected chairman and Mr. H. Harrison vice-chairman.

It was agreed a letter of thanks should be sent to retiring parish councillors for many years' service on the council.

Complaints were made that cars were being parked on the footpath by the council houses on the Common. Action will be taken on this matter. Estimates are to be requested for the clearing of Bungum Drove, a much-used bridle track.

The sewer at Robins Hill came under fire once again. The smell was said to be grim at times. Action is to be taken to deal with the complaint. The pond will be cleaned out and planted in the near future.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Edwards, responsible for replacing the Gibbet last week.

A great deal of concern was expressed over Weavers Lane, two or three accidents having taken place there in the past few weeks. It was agreed the district surveyor should be asked if part of the bank can be taken away to improve visibility.

The following were elected trustees of the Poores Allotment—Miss Watts (chairman), Mr. Bastable, Mr. Banham and Mr. Edwards.

# Three lose seats in election at Inkpen

Only election in the Hungerford Rural District on Tuesday was at Inkpen where there were 11 nominations for six parish council seats. Of the 522 electors in the parish only 184 used their vote, making a 35 per cent. Three retiring councillors seeking re-election lost their seats. Three ballot papers were rejected.

ELECTED: Kenneth Walter Bastable (135 votes), Hilary Bell (105), Herbert Reginald Polehill Harrison (96), Wilfrid Harding Edwards (86), Edward George Banham (82), Lillian Maude Watts (79).

NOT ELECTED: Honor Evelyn Winifred Alphaega Goodhart (76), Philip William Dunstan Heal (73), Edith Annie Martin (73), Frank Cruse (64), George Hercomb (60). \* Denotes retiring councillor.

The committee recommended approval of the following plans:

INKPEN — Two bungalows at Pottery Lane, for Mr. C. W. Tillett.

# DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications to be considered by Hungerford District Council's Planning Committee at their meeting on Monday include the following:

INKPEN: Bungalow at Lower Green, Inkpen (OS 179) for Mr. and Mrs. S. Wordley.

Inkpen continues to be under pressure for building development, and 21 more houses throughout the village are proposed.

INKPEN — 10 dwellings Post Office Road, for Messrs. R. C. and S. Abraham; one dwelling at the Folly, for Mr. T. Ward; three dwellings at OS 446; two dwellings Lower Green (part of OS 210) and three dwellings (part of OS 182) Craven Road, all for Mr. G. Lovelock; house at Kiln House, for Mr. D. Tate; bungalow plot 4, Weavers Lane, for Mr. K. J. Dryburgh.

INKPEN: Four dwellings at Moss Farm, Craven Road, for Mr. R. A. Cornish.

INKPEN — Two bungalows at Pottery Lane for Mr. C. W. Tillett; three dwellings opposite Moss Farm, Craven Road, for Mr. M. J. Thorpe.

INKPEN: Bungalow plot 4, Weavers Lane, Inkpen, for Mr. K. J. Dryburgh; two bungalows adjoining Crocus Cottage, Pottery Lane, for Mrs. L. R. Ankers; extension to Post Office, for Mrs. P. R. Whitlock; bungalow opposite Orchard Cottage, Lower Green, for Mr. F. R. Hull.

Inkpen: Agricultural bungalow opposite Little Common, Craven Road, for Mr. V. C. Espley; dwelling at Craven Road, Lower Green south of Ridgeway, for Mr. G. Lovelock; bungalow at Lower Green, between the Old School and Pound Cottages, for Mr. J. F. Wyatt.

### EXPENSIVE BUSINESS

Council house rewiring for electricity is proving an expensive business, it was reported, and proposed rewiring of 64 pre-war houses at Burtons Hill and Holt Road, Kintbury; Honey Hill, Lambourn; Wantage Road and Newbury Road, Shefford; and Craven Road, Inkpen, are likely to cost nearly £3,000, said the Surveyor, Mr. E. L. Hawkins.

Mr. Haslam said it would not be possible to meet this kind of expenditure from reserves and it was decided to ask the Ministry if they would approve loan sanction for the council to borrow the money. It was not only pre-war houses which needed rewiring, said Mr. Giles. There were some post-war houses in Kintbury that needed attention. "Switches are falling off the walls into the tenants' hands," he said. "They are really dangerous."

A Capital Works and Direct Labour Force sub-committee report showed they had received objections from Inkpen residents objecting to the council's proposals to develop land at Robins Hill, Inkpen. Their comments were noted.

# Council to press again for improvements to Weavers Lane

WEAVERS LANE must wait its turn on the county council road improvement programme, Inkpen parish councillors were told at their meeting on Monday. In a sympathetic reply to their request for improvement, the district surveyor, Mr. G. Sinclair-Jones, said he would only be able to erect warning signs on this single track road with passing places.

Mr. E. G. Banham pointed out there had been several accidents in the lane recently, one being a head-on collision with both cars so badly damaged they had to be towed away. "You can't see five yards ahead, you've got to go and you pray that nothing is coming," he said. Mr. H. R. P. Harrison agreed. "It's only nine feet across," he said.

Mr. W. H. Edwards, presiding, agreed it was a serious hazard and it was decided not to let the matter rest, but to write again to the district surveyor asking that it should be reconsidered by the county, at least to have one bank on the most dangerous corner removed.

Another danger spot, the blind turning right across main road traffic from the Inkpen-Hungerford road to Templeton and Kintbury, is to be brought to the divisional surveyor's notice again.

Mr. H. R. Gray, area planning officer, has agreed to meet the parish council, together with Rural District councillors to discuss the future development of the village. It was agreed to try and arrange the meeting within the next few weeks.

### FOOTPATHS

A footpath sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Miss L. M. Watts and formed during the previous parish council's term of office, came under fire from Mr. K. Bastable, a newly-elected member.

"I was very surprised when Miss Watts rang up to say we have a footpath sub-committee. I don't see the necessity of any sub-committee" he said. "A good many of the people on the parish council are not walkers and are not prepared to see that the paths are kept in good condition," replied Miss Watts.

She explained that the people on her committee represented walkers from all parts of the village who reported on the paths in their own areas. "They are doing a very good public service and we are very indebted for what they are doing," she said.

"I'm not anti-footpath but I am pro-constitution" said Mr. Bastable.

Miss Watts said it was essential to keep open their access to the countryside, not only for people who appreciated and enjoyed walking now, but also for future generations.

There was a difference of opinion between several councillors as to whether paths should be kept open only if they were used, or whether they could only be used if they were kept open.

"There must be people in Inkpen who want to walk and ride these paths; I'm very keen that they should be kept open," said Mr. Banham. "I shouldn't want to keep a path open at public expense," commented Mr. Harrison.

"People are living in very great stress these days and they need what the country has to give them," said Miss Watts. "Must we keep every path in good condition for everyone who wants to walk it?" asked Mr. Bastable.

Mr. Banham agreed to represent the parish council, with Miss Watts, on the footpath committee which should in future work independently from the parish council.

An estimate is being obtained for the clearance of Bungums bridle path.

Miss Watts pointed out that Inkpen people had voluntarily contributed a considerable sum of money for signposting their footpaths, which showed how interested they were to have them kept open.

### MORE DISCUSSION POINTS.

# Press and public barred from parish council meeting with planner

INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL barred press and public from their meeting on Thursday when they discussed with Mr. H. R. Gray, area planning officer, the development policy for the village.

Parish councillors had asked the county planning officer for a meeting with his area representative because of their concern about future development in the village. Anxiety has been expressed at recent parish council meetings about "ribbon" development which had already taken place.

### FULL STOP

The following statement was issued after the meeting:

"Mr. H. R. Gray, of the county planning department, gave a talk to the Inkpen Parish Council and invited questions on the application of planning policy to the village.

"Mr. Gray said Inkpen presented a difficult problem to the planner because it was neither town nor village nor open country, but a scattered farming and residential community. The best the planner could do was to choose small clusters of houses and allow 'infilling' and 'rounding-off' while preventing the extension of building into the open country, or ribbon development along the country lanes. In Inkpen this would mean not allowing the hamlets to run into one another."

"He took Inkpen Lower Green as an example.

"He pointed out that 'infilling' might become 'ribbon development.' Small gaps could be filled in, but the larger ones left so that the development would be discontinuous. Always there must be a 'full-stop' beyond which development would be an encroachment into open country.

"Dealing with applications to build, he drew a distinction between the person who wanted to build a house to live in, and the person who wanted to build a house, or houses, to sell. The former had the stronger claim for approval. Such a policy should not produce stagnation, because a village should grow by its natural increase rather than by people coming in to fill houses built for sale, which tended to create fresh problems to do with transport.

"The parish council had a role to play in giving their knowledge of local need to the planning authority. Where it had reason to object to any piece of development it should give the reasons.

"On the question of poor design and unsuitable materials, he said that all the designs were seen by the county architect's department. The difficulty was that it became a matter of taste and, except in extreme cases, the applicant was allowed to build as he liked. Extreme cases cited were, white bricks, some shades of green tiles and some forms of flat roof. These were considered unsuitable for this locality. In a district of special scenic beauty such as this, new houses should be made to harmonise with those already there."

### Estate cul-de-sac

Mr. Bell agreed with Mr. Giles, saying they proposed to use the existing access through Robins Hill for the whole of the development, including any private plots which they might sell, so that the estate would be a cul-de-sac.

# INKPEN ELECTION BILL IS MORE THAN £41

INKPEN ratepayers are going to have to pay a dear price for their parish council election in May when their six representatives were elected from 11 candidates.

At last week's parish council meeting the Clerk, Mr. W. Dukes, said the bill from Hungerford District Council was £41 16s. 9d. "I think we shall have to ask for a precept for £75," he said. A penny rate produces £67, he added, and the precept would cover other smaller expenses which would arise.

Weavers Lane, which has been causing the council so much concern because of the high accident record there, is among the county council's waiting list of 399 major road schemes, said a letter from the county surveyor. He explained that the County Council were able to deal with about 30 schemes on a priority list annually but that the Weavers Lane scheme was not in the priority section.

Several councillors said they had been involved in accidents in the road, a one track lane with passing places, and there had recently been two head on crashes there. It was decided to continue to press for improvement.

A development proposal by Mr. R. A. Cornish for four dwellings on farm land at Moss Farm was received from the District Council for comment and it was unanimously agreed that it was one of the most unsuitable places in Inkpen for any building and completely against county council planning policy for the village outlined by the area planning officer, Mr. H. R. Gray, when he met the council recently to discuss future development in the parish. It was also pointed out that there was a particular traffic hazard on that section of Craven Road with a high accident record. The District Council were to be advised of the council's observations for their planning committee meeting on Monday.

It was reported that a car had been dumped on the Common over the hard-standing provided for parking and an effort is to be made to contact the owner to have it moved.





in the year 1965.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN :

1. That a Poll for the Election of Parish Councillors for the above-named Parish will be held on **Tuesday, the Eleventh day of May, 1965**, between the hours of **12 noon** and **8 o'clock p.m.**
2. That the number of Parish Councillors to be elected for the Parish is **SIX**.
3. That the names in alphabetical order, places of abode and descriptions of the Candidates for election and the names of their respective Proposers and Seconders are as follows :—

Name of Candidate (Surname first)	Place of Abode	Description
<b>BANHAM, Edward George</b>	"Woodpeckers", Folly Road, Inkpen	Bank Manager ...
<b>BASTABLE, Kenneth Walter</b>	Kirby Farm, Inkpen	Farm Manager ...
<b>BELL, Hilary</b>	Haycroft Copse, Inkpen	Civil Engineer ...
<b>CRUSE, Frank</b>	Totterdown, Inkpen	Head Gardener (Retired) ...
<b>EDWARDS, Wilfred Harding</b>	Ivy House, Inkpen	Timber Merchant ...
<b>GOODHART, Honor Evelyn Winifred Alphega</b>	New Mill, Inkpen	Justice of the Peace
<b>HARRISON, Herbert Reginald Polhill</b>	Bridgemans, Lower Green, Inkpen	Retired ...
<b>HEAL, Philip William Dunstan</b>	Bridle Path Cottage, Inkpen Common, Berks.	Group Captain ...
<b>HERCOMB, George</b>	Westview, Craven Road, Inkpen	Retired ...
<b>MARTIN, Edith Annie</b>	Woodwind, Folly Road, Inkpen	Married Woman ...
<b>WATTS, Lilian Maude</b>	Crumplehorn Cottage, Inkpen	Spinster ...

4. The situation of the Polling Place and the description of the persons entitled to vote is as follows :—  
**County Primary School, Inkpen.**  
**All Local Government Electors for the Parish whose names are on the Register of Electors.**
5. The Poll will be by Ballot and the colour of the Ordinary Ballot Paper used in the Election will be **WHITE**.

Dated this Fifth day of May, 1965.

held on **Tuesday, the Eleventh**

ates for election and the names

Name of Proposer (SURNAME FIRST)	Name of Seconder (SURNAME FIRST)
Ashton, V. J. R. ...	Martin, William James
Edwards, W. H. ...	Ward, R.
Coleman, Helen ...	Dowdell, I. M.
Hercomb, G. ...	Cruse, Ethel L.
Bastable, K. W. ...	Ward, R.
Burn, L. ...	Watts, S. M.
Fass, H. E. ...	Mearns, Fiona
Watts, L. M. ...	Burn, L.
Darlington, T. ...	Hunt, M.
Edwards, W. A. H.	Bawtree, Tessa
Banham, E. G. ...	Bell, Hilary

thereat are as follows :—

er of Electors.

Election will be **WHITE**.

**D. J. BRITTAIN,**

Returning Officer.

# NOTICE OF POLL

# ELECTION OF

# Parish Councillors

# for the Parish of

# INKPEN



**HUNGERFORD**  
RURAL DISTRICT  
BERKSHIRE

HUNGERFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL OFFICES, THE PRIORY  
HUNGERFORD  
Telephones: Hungerford 114/115

**HUNGERFORD RDC RATE UP 2d.**

Hungerford District Council yesterday approved a Finance Committee recommendation to increase the rate by 2d. to 2s. in the £. This makes a total general rate of 10s. 8d. including the county rate—an overall increase of 1s. Added to this is an additional rate from parish councils—Hungerford 8d., Lambourn, inside lighting area 5d., outside 3d., East Garston 1d., Inkpen 1d., Kintbury 3d., and West Shefford 1d.

HUNGERFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Council, as the Rating Authority for the Rural District of Hungerford, in pursuance of the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, at their meeting held on the 17th day of March, 1965, did approve and affix their Common Seal to the following rates for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1965.

A GENERAL RATE chargeable on the Parishes or Parts of Parishes mentioned in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder written at the amount in the £ set out in Column 2, together with ADDITIONAL ITEMS to the General Rate at the amounts in the £ set out in Columns 3 and 4.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the TOTAL RATES in the £ for each Parish or Part of a Parish is set out in Column 5 of the said Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO

Parish or Part of a Parish	General Rate	Additional Items to General Rate		Total Rate
		Parish Council General Expenses	Street Lighting	
1	2	3	4	5
	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.
Combe	10 8	—	—	10 8
East Garston	10 8	1	—	10 9
East Shefford	10 8	—	—	10 8
Hungerford	10 8	6	2	11 4
Inkpen	10 8	1	—	10 9
Kintbury	10 8	—	3	10 11
Lambourn (inside Lighting Area)	10 8	3	2	11 1
Lambourn (outside Lighting Area)	10 8	3	—	10 11
West Shefford	10 8	1	—	10 9
West Woodhay	10 8	—	—	10 8

Dated this 17th day of March, 1965.

By Order of the Council.

D. J. BRITTAIN,  
Clerk of the Council.

Council Offices,  
The Priory,  
HUNGERFORD.

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**Plans for 14 more houses at Inkpen**

APPLICATIONS from private developers for 14 more houses in Inkpen are to be considered at Hungerford District Council's Planning Committee on Monday. They include an application for an estate of 10 houses by Craven Settled Estates on OS 324, Post Office Road, Inkpen.

Others at Inkpen are for a house next to Great Furze Cottage, Heads Lane, for J. M. Bennett (Properties) Ltd.; bungalow in orchard at the Glen, Craven Road, Lower Green, for Mr. C. F. R. Hunt; house at OS 38, Inkpen Common for Mr. V. C. Easley, and the reconsideration of a bungalow, plot 4, Weavers Lane, Inkpen, for Mr. K. J. Dryburgh, referred at a previous meeting.

**Industrialised houses may be built by Hungerford RDC**

MR. D. J. Brittain, Clerk to Hungerford RDC, and the Surveyor, Mr. E. L. Hawkins, are to visit the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to discuss proposals with a view to getting approval to erect industrialised houses at Hungerford, Kintbury and Lambourn.

This was decided at last week's meeting of Hungerford Rural District Council's Housing Committee.

Mr. G. E. Giles told the committee that the Capital Works sub-committee had spent many months getting to the present stage and if they did not get Ministry approval their labours would have been in vain. If they got authority it would do much to lessen the housing problem.

In the sub-committee's report it was said that further details of the proposed schemes for proposed development and estimated costs of schemes at Eddington, Hungerford; Robins Hill, Inkpen; Burtons Hill, Kintbury; and Upper Lambourn Road, Lambourn, were submitted.

If rents were based on the rating gross values (as at present charged), there would be deficiencies to be met from the Housing Revenue account on all schemes, irrespective of developer.

The report said that having regard to the annual deficiencies which would necessarily arise from the proposed developments, the sub-committee were not disposed to recommend acceptance of all the submitted schemes and had decided to defer for the time being any development at Robins Hill, Inkpen.

**Ministry give go-ahead for big building programme**

Hungerford District Council have persuaded the Ministry of Housing to allow them to embark on a mammoth building programme this year with a total of 91 houses and 87 garages. Most of them—66 houses and 80 garages—will be industrialised buildings.

At their meeting last Wednesday, councillors were told that the Clerk, Mr. D. J. Brittain, and the Surveyor, Mr. E. L. Hawkins, had been to the Ministry to discuss the schemes. As a result the Ministry had agreed for them to go ahead with industrialised buildings as soon as tenders were approved by them. They could go to tender for the remaining houses on condition that building work on these did not start until the autumn.

DETAILS

Industrial: Kintbury, 46 dwellings and 60 garages; Lambourn, 20 dwellings and 20 garages.

Traditional: Kintbury, 16 dwellings; Hungerford, nine dwellings and seven garages.

Asked by Mr. L. Druce, Kintbury representative, what was happening to the Inkpen scheme for industrialised houses behind Robins Hill, the chairman, Mr. G. E. Giles, said plans for this scheme were ready and would come before the next Planning Committee for approval.

**Housing requirements for district total 360**

A SUMMARY of housing needs and houses proposed, approved and under construction, being submitted by Hungerford District Council to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at their request show total requirements for the district to be 360.

This figure not only includes applications for tenancies, but also replacements for unfit dwellings said to be at—Combe 1, East Garston 4, Hungerford 61, Inkpen 13, Kintbury 28, Lambourn 25 and West Shefford 5, making a total of 137 unfit dwellings in the district.

Number of applicants for tenancies is 321, comprising East Garston 7, Hungerford 163, Inkpen 14, Kintbury 54, Lambourn 69 and West Shefford 14. Some of these are duplicated which brings the net total down to 360, including replacements of derelict properties.

Houses under construction, approved or proposed are—East Garston 12, Hungerford 48, Inkpen 36, Kintbury 62, Lambourn 49 and West Shefford 4.

There would be housing surpluses at East Garston and Inkpen, but the net need would be 149, said the Clerk, Mr. D. J. Brittain.

FOUR BUNGALOWS

It was reported that a Capital Works sub-committee had accepted a tender of £12,774 6s. 5d. from F. D. Carter and Partners Ltd. for four old people's bungalows at Great Shefford. Application is to be made to the Minister of Housing for consent to borrow £12,806 to pay for the scheme. The tender accepted was the lowest of nine received.

It was agreed that Mr. E. L. Hawkins, surveyor, should inspect sheds and garages at Atherton Crescent and Prospect Road council houses and that the tenants should be asked to remove delapidated sheds. A complaint was received from Hungerford Parish Council about unsightly sheds on council house estates. It was pointed out that new sheds had recently been provided by the council.

HUNGERFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HOUSEHOLD REFUSE COLLECTION  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

DUE to the Christmas Holidays the following alterations will be made in the collection of household refuse.

Week commencing Monday, 20th December; collections will be made as normal on Monday-Thursday. No collections will be made on Friday, 24th December from Inkpen, West Woodhay and Combe.

Week commencing Monday, 27th December; all collections will be A DAY LATER; refuse from Inkpen, West Woodhay and Combe being collected on Saturday morning, 1st January, 1966.

Householders are requested not to put burnable refuse in the containers.

D. J. BRITTAIN,  
Clerk of the Council.

**Go-ahead given for fourth dwelling on Inkpen site**

On the recommendation of a sub-committee meeting on the site, at which Inkpen's representative, Mr. H. Bell, was not present, planning permission for a fourth bungalow on a controversial site at Inkpen was approved by Hungerford District Council's planning committee on Monday.

Outline permission was given for three bungalows on a Weavers Lane site several years ago and for two previous owners. Mr. K. Dryburgh the present owner, was also given permission for three, but he built them so close together that a fourth plot remained. His permission to develop this plot has been consistently refused by the council on the grounds that their permission for the development of the land was for three dwellings.

"He's taken us for a ride," commented Mr. L. Druce. "There's a principle in this job. When this chap had permission for this land he had permission for three. Why then didn't he lay this plot out for three? Somebody's moving a little bit fast."

Mr. Bell agreed. "I'm objecting to the change of view of the council without any change of circumstances," he said. "But Mr. G. E. Giles was adamant that approval should be granted. 'The Ministry of Housing has made requirements for the density to be increased. The site's been spoilt years ago.' Mr. Giles said times were changing every day and white areas had to be gradually taken up."

Mr. Bell's objections and the objections of Inkpen Parish Council, expressed by letter, were over-ruled.

All other development in Inkpen was refused with the exception of an extension at Kilm House for Mr. D. Tate, the recommendations of the county planning authority being accepted.

**ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS.**

PARISH OF INKPEN

Ward.]

**DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL**

I, the undersigned, being the [Returning Officer] [Deputy Returning Officer duly authorised in that behalf] at the Poll for the Election of Parish Councillors for the

~~Ward of~~ Parish of INKPEN

held on the 11th day of MAY, 1965, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each candidate at the Election is as follows:—

NAMES OF CANDIDATES		Number of Votes Recorded; if Elected write the word "Elected" against the number of Votes
Surname	Other Names	
BANHAM	Edward George	82 Elected
BASTABLE	Kenneth Walter	135 Elected
BELL	Hilary	105 Elected
CRUSE	Frank	64
EDWARDS	Wilfred Harding	86 Elected
GOODHART	Honor Evelyn Winifred Alphega	76
HARRISON	Herbert Reginald Polhill	96 Elected
HEAL	Philip William Dunstan	73
HERCOMB	George	60
MARTIN	Edith Annie	73
WATTS	Lillian Maude	79 Elected

And I do hereby declare that the said Edward George Banham, Kenneth Walter Bastable, Hilary Bell, Wilfred Harding Edwards, Herbert Reginald Polhill Harrison and Lillian Maude Watts

are duly elected Parish Councillor(s) for the said Parish ~~Ward~~.

Dated this 11th day of MAY, 1965.

[Signature]  
[Deputy] Returning Officer.

N.B.—The Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer must, as soon as possible after declaring the result of the Poll publish the information indicated in this Form. The name of each person elected must also be sent by him to the Clerk of the Parish Council, or if there is no such Clerk, to the Chairman of the Parish Council, or if there is no such Chairman, to the Chairman of the Parish Meeting for the Parish.

184  
of Inkpen's  
522  
Electors  
voted.



INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

W. G. DUKES, B.E.M.  
Clerk

ROBINS HILL,  
INKPEN,  
NEWBURY,  
BERKS.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS, 1965.

Chairman	Mr. W.H. Edwards
Vice-Chairman	Mr. H.R.P. Harrison
	Mr. F. Cruse
	Mr. G. Hercomb
	Mrs. E. Martin
	Miss L.M. Watts

After the Election in May, 1965, the members were -

Chairman	Mr. W.H. Edwards
Vice-Chairman	Mr. H.R.P. Harrison
	Mr. E.G. Banham
	Mr. K.W. Bastable
	Mr. H. Bell
	Miss L.M. Watts

The Parish Council met on six occasions during 1965.

22 March, 1965. At Ivy House.

Business dealt with at this meeting included the following -

The repair of Footpaths across the Common (damaged by Craven Estates during the removal of timber).

The proposed clearing of Bridle Path 9 (Bunjum Lane).

Thanks to Mr. N. Painting for clearing roads of snow.

Council support for Planning Bill.

Council's feeling over recent damage to Gibbet. The Clerk also read a circular on Vandalism which defined the powers of Parish Councils where damage or defacement occurs.

25 March, 1965. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in the Village Hall.  
( 34 people present. )

Subjects discussed included the following -

The future of the Village Pond. No decision made.

Robins Hill Sewerage. No recent complaints.

Tidy Village Competition. It was decided not to enter.

Need for Hard Shoulder for Common Road parking.

Proposals for the "New Town", and for the M.4., were noted.

Proposed development for site adjacent to Robins Hill.

The Gibbet. The Village Pound. Footpaths.

The forthcoming Parish Council Election.

(A short business meeting -mainly financial matters- followed.)

INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

W. G. DUKES, B.E.M.

Clerk  
24 May, 1965.

ROBINS HILL,  
INKPEN,  
NEWBURY,  
BERKS.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.  
(At Ivy House.)

First Meeting of the newly-elected Council. Chairman and Vice-Chairman were elected.

Business dealt with included -

Condition of Common Paths.

Query re footpath across Miss Keevil's land.

Complaint about Robins Hill Sewerage.

Thanks to Mr. Edwards for arranging re-erection of Gibbet.

Pond; offer by Women's Institute to pay for cleaning and tidying of pond, as their Golden Jubilee village effort.

Housing; details wanted of houses to be demolished.

Reminder of need for Hard Shoulder on the Common Road.

Village Pound. No action to be taken.

Weavers Lane. Request for improvement.

Appointment of Four Trustees for the Pools Allotment. Miss Watts, Mr. Bastable, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Banham; with Miss Watts as Chairman for one year.

5 July, 1965. At Ivy House.

Business dealt with included -

Common Paths; Bridle Path 9; and path on Miss Keevil's land.

Improvement to Robins Hill Sewerage.

Further request for consideration of Weavers Lane.

Definition of Footpath Committee.

Thanks to Mr. Cooke for seat on common.

Dangerous road junction at Old Pollard; request for some action to improve road safety.

Planning in Inkpen. Request for meeting with Area Planning Officer.

5 August, 1965. At Ivy House.

This was an extra-ordinary meeting of the Council, held to formulate arrangements for clearing Bridle Path 9. It was agreed to inform owners of adjacent land.

A letter on Planning in Inkpen was also read. The writer was advised to contact the Rural District Council.

(Parish Council Reports cont. on P. )



INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

W. G. DUKES, B.E.M.  
Clerk

ROBINS HILL,  
INKPEN,  
NEWBURY,  
BERKS.

21 September, 1965. At Ivy House.

Business dealt with included -

State of Common Paths. Path on Miss Keevil's land.

Disused car standing on Common.

Estimate for cleaning pond, submitted by Mr. N. Painting.

Weavers Lane. As the County Surveyor is unable to help at present, Owners of land bordering the lane are to be asked if they will allow parts of the banks to be removed to improve visibility.

Matters discussed at the extra-ordinary meeting in August were further discussed.

Application for development at Moss Farm was considered.

R.D.C. submitted account for Parish Council Election -£41.

19 October, 1965. At Ivy House.

Business dealt with included -

Housing. Proposed development of Robins Hill site. Plots for private building by Inkpen people; possibility of access road on to the Post Office Road.

Condition of stiles at ends of two Manor Farm footpaths.

Complaint that part of path across Broadlands had been ploughed.

Cost of clearing Bridle Path 9.

*John Astor  
Clerk.*



Kirby House, Inkpen.

Home of Mr. John Astor, M.P.

**OUR M.P. AT WESTMINSTER.**

**Statement next month on M4, says Minister**

The Minister of Transport hopes to make an announcement on the M4 motorway in a month, it was stated by Mr. Stephen Swingle, Parliamentary Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday in answer to a question from Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury.

Mr. Astor asked the Minister of Transport how many accidents occurred in each of the years 1962, 1963 and 1964 on the A4 road between Maidenhead and the Wiltshire boundary resulting in loss of life or serious injury.

Mr. Swingle replied that the relative figures were 130, 139 and 171 respectively.

Mr. Astor then asked if the Parliamentary Secretary agreed that the figures he gave showed that this stretch of road was very dangerous and there was an urgent need to build the M4 motorway; and if he agreed, would he ask the Minister to expedite the work as soon as possible.

Mr. Swingle replied he wished he could agree that the figures showed that this stretch of road was dangerous.

"These figures are below the national average. As the Member may know there are schemes for improvements on this road amounting to £389,000 already in hand, and in the near future we shall be getting on with the M4 motorway and it is hoped to make an announcement on this in a month."

Mr. W. Van Straubenzee (Wokingham) asked Mr. Swingle if it was not clear that this was a dangerous stretch of over-burdened road and did it not add weight to the arguments that there should be an early decision on the M4 motorway.

Mr. Swingle replied he agreed there were black spots on this road, but the long term solution would be the construction of the M4.

**Delays to parcels admitted**

Occasional delays, particularly to parcels, were admitted by the Postmaster General, Mr. A. Wedgwood Benn, in parliament last week. He was answering a question by Mr. John Astor.

Mr. Astor had asked what steps were being taken to ensure safe and speedy mail deliveries. Most letters and parcels were delivered safely and quickly, he was told, but shortage of staff in key offices did cause some trouble.

A further question about size and weight limits, into which the Postmaster General has been inquiring, was answered by Mr. Slater for the PMG. A call has been made to standardise them with the continent.

He said organisations representing exporting interests had been contacted in the possible need for an increase in limits for overseas parcels. An announcement would be made soon.

*Letter to the Editor*

**CHURCHILL MEMORIAL APPEAL**

Sir,—I am sure many of your readers will have been surprised and dismayed to read in the *Newbury Weekly News* that the response to the local appeal for the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust has so far been disappointing.

May I join in urging everyone who honours the memory of Sir Winston Churchill, whose contribution to the lives of the citizens of this country and of the whole free world was immeasurable, to support the appeal.

I understand donations can be sent to the Mayor of Newbury or to the chairmen of the Hungerford and Newbury Rural District Councils, or to any local bank.

I hope all your readers will respond generously to this appeal and ensure that the contribution from the Newbury and Hungerford areas is a worthy one. — JOHN ASTOR, MP, House of Commons.

**High population of children has advantages, says John Astor**

The advantages of living in a district with a high percentage of child population were mentioned by Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, during a debate on a Private Member's motion on the recruitment of teachers.

Mr. Astor said "I have been a member of an Education Committee for some years in a district which now has the distinction of having the highest percentage increase in child population of any authority in the country."

"We often think it is a very doubtful distinction, because it often adds to our problems in regard to housing and schools."

"But it has produced one advantage, and that is that we have a comparatively high proportion of newly-built schools or schools that have had to be enlarged and modernised."

"I think it is largely because of this, that we have been able over the years to recruit our full quota of teachers, and especially in districts where we have new schools we have been able to choose from a high standard of applicants."

**Questions on parcel post by John Astor**

In reply to a question from Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, who asked the Postmaster-General, Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, if he would be reviewing the present size and weight limits of the parcel post service to bring them into line with continental practice, thus reducing exporters' costs, Mr. Benn replied that he was carrying out a review in consultation with organisations representing the various interests concerned. He said he would take account of points made by Mr. Astor in reaching his conclusions.

**REPORT ON M4 ROUTE SOON, SAYS MINISTER**

Mr. Tom Fraser, Minister of Transport, hopes to publish soon his proposed route for the M4 through Berkshire together with an explanatory statement which will enable those affected to understand the reasons for the proposals.

He announced this in the House of Commons yesterday in a written reply to one of two questions tabled by Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury. He added that there would be the usual opportunity for the submission of objections or representations.

Mr. Astor had asked the Minister if he was aware of the concern caused to residents by the uncertainty over the proposed route of the M4 through Berkshire and when he would publish his proposals.

He also asked the Minister if he would publish the technical reasons which led him to open discussions for a new route of the M4 through Berkshire in preference to either of the two alternative routes previously considered.

Mr. Fraser replied that he was unable to do so until he had received the views of the local authorities concerned. He expected to receive them soon.



**MR. PEART HAS CONSIDERED NFU PROTEST**

A question from Mr. John Astor, Member of Parliament for Newbury, asking the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Fred Peart, what study he had made of the resolution passed by Berkshire branch of the National Farmers' Union expressing dissatisfaction with the Price Review and recording a vote of no confidence in him and the Government, has been answered by Mr. Peart in a written parliamentary reply.

Mr. Peart said he had noted the views expressed and had already taken the opportunity of the agricultural debate in the House of Commons on March 31 to amplify his policy for agriculture and to explain why in his view the Annual Review represented in present economic circumstances a fair and just settlement for the farming industry.

"In my view," said Mr. Peart, "industry and government must now look to the future development of agriculture on which the Review White Paper makes positive and constructive proposals, and we must make progress in working out the important place which agriculture must have in the national economic development plan."

Mr. Peart added that he would be keeping in close touch with the leaders of the Farmers' Unions on the matter.



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**'MATTER FOR COAL BOARD'**

Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, asked the Minister of Power in the House of Commons yesterday, if he would give the reason for the short supply of dry seamed small nuts to coal merchants in the Reading area and if he will make a statement.

Mr. John Morris, Parliamentary Secretary, in a written reply said: "This is a matter for the National Coal Board."

**Shortage of equipment delays phone installations**

Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, asked the Postmaster-General on Thursday what steps he was taking to reduce the present delay of approximately 12 months in installing telephones on the Reading-Tilehurst exchange.

Mr. Joseph Slater, Assistant Postmaster-General, in a written reply, said "I am sorry that because of a shortage of equipment we are unable to meet the rapidly growing demand for service on the Reading-Tilehurst Exchange."

"We are pressing ahead as quickly as possible with an extension of the exchange, but this is unlikely to be completed before next January."

**MP QUESTIONS MINISTER ON AWRE WORK**

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, asked the Minister of Technology, Mr. Frank Cousins, whether he is satisfied that the programme of development and research at the AWRE Aldermaston ensures the continued useful employment of the staff and facilities of the establishment.

In a written reply, Mr. Cousins said that the military programme of research and development at Aldermaston is primarily a matter for the Minister of Aviation.

An appreciable amount of civilian work has been put there in recent years and much consideration is being given to increasing the volume of such work outside the nuclear field for which the staff and facilities are suited.





Elizabeth, Richard and David Astor

### We remember with affection, admiration and gratitude

THE PASSING of Sir Winston Churchill marks the loss to the whole of the free world of our leading citizen. His human qualities were such that he will be mourned not only as a great statesman and national leader, but also as a much loved and admired personality who inspired a feeling of friendliness and affection in every individual knit together under his leadership.

During his lifetime he made history. His outstanding career has created a memorial to his life's work which will live on for so long as history is written. I think that there could be no more worthy tribute than his own words which epitomise his character: 'In war: Resolution; In defeat: Defiance; In Victory: Magnanimity; In peace: Good-will.' He earned a place in the hearts of all the citizens of this country and in those countless thousands who live beyond our shores. We shall all remember him with deep affection, admiration and gratitude.

Every man and woman, and those who were still children at the time of his 'Finest Hour,' will feel a sense of personal grief which we are privileged to share with Lady Churchill and her family. To them we would all wish to express our most sincere sympathy in their tragic loss."

This tribute to Sir Winston Churchill was paid this week by Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury.

The Hon. J. Astor, M.P.  
Kirby House,  
Inkpen.

## OUR M.P. IN THE CONSTITUENCY.



Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, pictured talking on Friday to Mr. Peter Walker, MP for Worcester.

### DIFFICULT FOR NORMAL PEOPLE TO REGARD RHODESIANS AS TRAITORS - MR. JOHN ASTOR

RHODESIA'S unilateral declaration of independence was described as a "tragedy" by Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, when South Berkshire Conservative Association held their half-yearly constituency council meeting at The Plaza, Newbury on Friday.

Mr. Astor believed that with a bit more goodwill on both sides a better solution to the problem of independence could have been achieved.

To murmurs of approval from an audience of over 150 Conservatives Mr. Astor declared "I don't think it is possible for normal people in this country to think of their friends and relations in Rhodesia as traitors. I know a lot of people sympathise with individuals out there in their present plight."

Mr. Smith and his colleagues had acted illegally and unconstitutionally in seizing independence and this was something that could not be condoned, said Mr. Astor.

He fully supported the Labour Government in accepting responsibility for everyone in Rhodesia—both white and coloured—and in trying to restore legal government. Only then, said Mr. Astor, could legal independence be negotiated.

#### LONG-TERM AIM

On the question of majority rule for the coloured population of Rhodesia, Mr. Astor said he did not believe this could be granted overnight, but should be a long-term aim.

To establish legal government in Rhodesia, Britain was right to impose sanctions.

"This is the only justifiable reason for sanctions and I have no respect for those who regard them as a punishment," said Mr. Astor. "In seeking to uphold the rule of law in Rhodesia, Mr. Wilson had

called for national unity, but had gone too far in asking Parliament and the nation to accept his "self-congratulatory statement that he could not have done more to avert the disaster."

#### 'TOPSY-TURVY'

Mr. Astor described the Labour administration as a "topsy-turvy" government.

"Everything that was supposed to have gone up has come down, and everything that should have gone down has gone up," he said. "We were supposed to have had more houses, but less have been built; the road programme has been slowed down; there have been cuts in the minor school building programme and schemes for higher education have been deferred. People are saving less and have found the cost of living has risen by £1 a week in the last 12 months."

A scathing attack on the Labour Government's record was made by Mr. Peter Walker, the 33-year-old MP for Worcester, who as a spokesman on finance, economic affairs and trade, is the youngest member of the Opposition Front Bench.

He accused Labour of breaking election promises and claimed they had only retained their popularity by putting across to the Press and public a "series of myths without foundation."

The Conservatives' task was to get rid of the Labour government at the earliest opportunity and to convince the electorate they had up to date policies to deal with all social problems.

### HIGH MORTGAGE RATES COULD MEAN FEWER HOUSES - JOHN ASTOR

THE high mortgage rate on home loans could result in fewer houses being built, Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, told members of South Berkshire Conservative Association at their annual meeting at the Plaza on Friday.

He said he had been told that 50,000 fewer houses might be started this year than would have been the case had the mortgage rate not increased to such an extent. "If builders know that people cannot get mortgages they will not start to build houses," he said.

Mr. Astor said one of the reasons why the Labour Party won the election was that they had managed to persuade people that their manifesto was realistic and that they were going to carry out their promises if they got into office. In fact, the results had hit people and hit them hard, he declared.

"If the Socialists stay in power much longer the results will be far more formidable and far reaching than we have so far seen," he warned.

The capital gains tax was full of anomalies, affecting trusts formed a long time ago. He criticised the Government's policy of penalising rather than encouraging business success and said that the future prosperity of the country would need a competitive free enterprise system.

Referring to the farm price review, Mr. Astor said the agricultural industry was more indignant than it had ever been before. He described the review as inaccurate and inept and all the more frustrating because of things that had been promised. What little there was of benefit was swallowed up by higher prices.

On education, Mr. Astor spoke of the effect of the reduced amount of money available to local authorities for minor improvements works. This would delay the programme of work on older schools to make them easier to work in. "This is something that is going to be felt very much in the country," he said.

Mr. Astor forecast that the next general election might come fairly soon, possibly in the autumn. Asked by a questioner what policies were likely to be included in preparations for the election, he said he hoped that increases for selected groups of pensioners might be recommended, such as the more elderly or chronically sick. "I hope in this way we can be more selective and give greater help to those who need it."

At the annual meeting, the retiring chairman, Major-General Sir John Winterton, was elected to succeed Sir William Mount as president. Mr. John Covenden was elected chairman and Mr. William Benyon and Lady Chetwynd vice-chairmen. Mr. H. Inglesand was re-elected treasurer.

### 'BUDGET DOES NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE'

- John Astor

Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, attacked the budget for being "totally irrelevant to the need for a modern dynamic economic policy" when he addressed a public meeting at South Berkshire Conservative headquarters on Friday. He said the budget did nothing to encourage earnings, or enterprise and investment in industry.

Mr. Astor denied Socialist charges that the Conservatives were responsible while in office for the economic crisis. He squarely placed the blame on the present Government.

"The responsibility for any action this Government have taken, or decided to take, is entirely theirs and the consequences are due to their policies," he declared.

Commenting on the new taxes, Mr. Astor said it was difficult to judge the effect of the Corporation tax as the level had not been fixed. But he thought it likely the effects would be wider and more damaging to current overseas investments than seemed evident at first sight.

Of the Capital Gains tax he said "The flat rate of 30 per cent. appears high, especially bearing in mind the very high rates of income and surtax, and it is therefore likely to restrict an enterprising policy of investment funds."

After Mr. Astor's address there was a discussion on likely effects of the Corporation tax on British overseas investments. It was generally felt that in the long term the tax would be detrimental to the British economy and its introduction was to be deplored.

Mr. Astor recognised the new and increased taxes would place a further burden on the British taxpayer, but hoped the budget proposals would go some way to restoring confidence overseas which he said was lost by the Socialist Government in the autumn.

Mr. John Astor, M.P. for Newbury, was among those who visited the residents at Notre-Dame old people's home, Kintbury, over Christmas.

Diana Astor



### 'People are disenchanted' - John Astor

Speaking at the annual general meeting of Newbury Conservative Club on Friday, Mr. John Astor, MP, said he was personally not surprised at the way the Socialist government had performed, but he was certain many people who supported them last October must now be very disillusioned indeed.

"There had been all-round increases in direct and indirect taxation. The cost of living had already gone up 9d. in the £, and last month's rise was the highest for 10 years. Britain now suffers the highest mortgage rate ever, and this increase is already having a serious effect on the house-building programme with a decline in the number of new houses being started."

Mr. Astor then took up the challenge that Conservatives expected the Socialists to carry out all their pledges in seven months. "No one," said Mr. Astor, "would expect any government to carry out all its promises in so short a time. But it is also fair to say that no one expected them to have broken so many promises so quickly. It is unprecedented for a government to so completely reverse its approach to major economic problems in such haste."

Mr. Astor criticised the government for insisting on pushing on with the nationalisation of steel for obvious ideological reasons. "One could only assume," he stated, "that this was being done as a sop to the left wing. It underlines the fact that you cannot have Socialism without nationalisation, despite the fact that so few Socialist candidates had the courage to even mention the word in their election addresses last October."

"People are disenchanted with this Socialist government," asserted Mr. Astor, "and the recent local government elections have been the writing on the wall for them to take warning."

Officers elected at the annual meeting were president, Sir William Mount; chairman, Mr. John Cole; vice-chairman, Mr. Jack Cole; treasurer, Mr. K. Holford; secretary, Mr. A. S. Johnston.

### Re-elected chairman of Education Committee

Conservative MP for Newbury, Mr. John Astor was re-elected chairman of Berkshire Education Committee on Friday—the proposition of leader of the Labour group Mr. S. Freeman, seconded by Liberal Mr. A. F. Banks.

It will be Mr. Astor's third successive year of office. Mr. Freeman said although political difference did arise, Mr. Astor had served the committee well from an educational point of view. They would continue in office and he would have unanimous support.

Mr. Astor also had the virtue of never making a controversial speech from the chair. Mr. Banks said Mr. Astor had led the committee in fair, straightforward, non-political fashion.

Replying, Mr. Astor promised that he would continue to try and be impartial. It was in the interest of education in the county that their business should be conducted as non-politically as possible.

On Mr. Astor's proposition Mrs. Barbara Scott was re-elected vice-chairman.

### Wilson's Vietnam move bold and imaginative, says John Astor

SPEAKING at a garden meeting at The White House, Chapel Street, Thatcham, Mr. John Astor, MP, congratulated Thatcham branch of the Conservative Association on their efforts towards what he described as "a practical and welcome demonstration of determination to get the Socialists out—a determination which is shared by an increasing number of people."

Mr. Astor said "I would like to give credit to the Prime Minister for his opposition to his own left wingers in respect of the Vietnam situation. His initiative in creating and leading the Commonwealth mission could easily be dismissed by the cynical as a gimmick, enhancing his own stature. But it would be fairer to give credit for the bold and imaginative move which could possibly succeed in breaking the deadlock. Both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have forthrightly supported America and South Vietnam despite pressure from the strong Labour left wing."

Mr. Astor felt there was little else to be complimentary about so far as Socialist policies were concerned. "It is all very well for Mr. George Brown to complain about a knocking campaign against Socialism. It was not surprising that there was criticism from many quarters—not only the Tory Press was complaining or even just the City—industrialists complained, as did the agricultural community, would-be home owners, ratepayers, taxpayers and motorists."

#### 'PROMISED THE WORLD'

The reason was not hard to find. The Socialist Government had taken the easy way of promising the world prior to the election and now found their pledges were difficult to fulfil. It was evident the election pledges had been primarily designed to win the election and not to be implemented.

Mr. Astor stated the most disastrous effect of Socialist policies was the amazing rise in the cost of living. This was the biggest increase in a single month for 10 years. Since the Socialists came to power, there had been a rise of 9d. in the £1.

Mr. E. N. Baker, chairman of Thatcham branch, presided and also present were Mr. John Coventon, newly-elected constituency chairman, and Mr. H. I. Samuel, Divisional Agent. The meeting was at The White House by permission of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cracknell.

Mr. Astor on Berks. County C.

A strong demand for high quality bacon was referred to by Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, in the House on Wednesday last week during question time.

He asked Mr. F. Peart, Minister of Agriculture why he decided not to claim a larger share in the Bacon Market Sharing Understanding.

Mr. Peart replied that, through reallocation of shares to the Netherlands and Yugoslavia, Britain would in fact have a slightly greater share. There was no significant change in market conditions on which Britain could have based a claim for an increased share.

Mr. Peart was anxious to improve the bacon side of industry and would be meeting representatives, but he was tied by an international agreement signed by his predecessors.

### EDWARD HEATH 'A MAN OF GREAT DRIVE'

Speaking at a fete at Calcot Place, Theale, on Saturday, Mr. John Astor, MP for Newbury, welcomed the choice of Mr. Edward Heath as leader of the Conservative Party.

"He said the party had had to make a choice between two men of great ability. In Mr. Heath they had elected a dynamic man of great energy and drive whose qualities were respected throughout the world. Under his leadership the Conservative Party can confidently look forward to an early return to power and the country will benefit from forward-looking progressive policies," said Mr. Astor.

He added that the Conservatives owed a great debt of gratitude to Sir Alec Douglas Home. "His exceptional qualities enabled him to re-unite the party and bring it to within an ace of winning the election," he said. "During his period of leadership he made an outstanding contribution to the party."

Referring to the Government's latest "squeeze," Mr. Astor said the Labour Party had in effect introduced three budgets within nine months as well as many other financial measures in between.

"This has been a hand-to-mouth Government, invariably misjudging the situation and producing a series of stop-gap measures," he said. "The latest statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer has finally exposed the Socialist election manifesto as a confidence trick; almost all the promises on which the Socialists won the election have now been deferred, abandoned or repudiated."

"We are back in 1950 with all the familiar Socialist ingredients of restrictions, licences, controls, inflation and higher taxation," declared Mr. Astor.

### HUMBUG, DECLARES MR. ASTOR

Brimpton branch of South Berkshire Conservative Association held their annual fete at Brimpton Lodge, home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowsley-Williams, on Saturday, and Mr. John Astor, MP, and Mrs. Astor were present.

Speaking to the large attendance, Mr. Astor referred to the defeat of the Government earlier in the week on an amendment to the Finance Bill. "This was an important amendment," said Mr. Astor, "designed to benefit people saving through investment and unit trusts. We all want to encourage savings, and although the Government pay lip service to this policy the original provisions of the Bill would have been to the disadvantage of small savers who wished to invest in the future in this way."

Mr. Astor said the Socialist claim at the election to be poised ready to swing their plans into instant operation had been exposed as humbug. Instead of action, almost every aspect of policy was now the subject of a general review. "In opposition the Socialists had been able to make extravagant promises which they now have the responsibility to put into effect," said Mr. Astor. "They have no one to blame but themselves for people becoming increasingly disillusioned at their failure to honour their pledges."

Referring to the cost of living, Mr. Astor said this had recently been increasing at twice the rate of wage increases and we were caught in a spiral of inflation. Rapidly rising prices had been a characteristic of the last Socialist government and history was repeating itself.

"The Socialist Government is proving an expensive experiment, both for the country and individual citizens," said Mr. Astor, "and the sooner it is ended the better."

Yours sincerely,

OUR SECOND M.P.!

Martin McLaren

Mr. McLaren, who lives at The Old Rectory, Inkpen, is Cons. M.P. for Bristol North-West.





Births.

Emma Carter Jan. 3 4, Kirby Farm Cottages.  
 Lesley Jane Boulter Wyncrest, Post Office Road.  
 Sally Anne Olive March 22. (Sally's mother, Iris Jones, lived at 1, Common Road.)  
 David Michael Jones May 25. 2, Pinewood, Post Office Road.  
 Julia Rose Fox The Beeches, Lower Green.  
 Juliet Shepherd June 8 19, Common Road.  
 Marina Gerrard Dec. Olive Branch Cottages.  
 Russell Mark Gunter Dec. Woodhouse Eaves, Inkpen.

Baptisms.

Feb. 14. Karen Elizabeth Green Daughter of Brian and Nina Green (both formerly of Inkpen.)  
 Feb. 28. Sarah Louise May Elgar Daughter of John and Joan Elgar, of Craven Road, Inkpen.)  
 Apr. 18. Lesley Jane Boulter Daughter of Bernard and Judith Boulter, of Wyncrest, Post Office Road.  
 Aug. 1. Georgina Mary Pennington Daughter of Nicholas and Irene Pennington (Irene Watts).  
 Aug. 8. Nicholas Miles Witt Son of Percy and Sylvia Witt (Sylvia Wild).  
 Sep. 12. Karen Lindsey Waters Daughter of Gerald and Eileen Waters (Eileen May).  
 Oct. 10. Julia Rose Fox Daughter of Kenneth and Florence Fox, of The Beeches, Lower Green.  
 Oct. 10. Colin David Stroud Son of Michael and Norma Stroud.  
 Nov. 14. Robert Alan Cummins Son of Alan and Joyce Cummins, of Post Office Road.

Engagements.

Nov.-Dec. Richard Shayne Church, of Paulton, Somerset; to Veronica May Beryl Carter, of Marjorie House, Inkpen.

OLIVE—On March 22nd, 1965, at Battle Hospital, Reading, to 17-year-old Derek, God's precious gift of a daughter (Sally Anne). Grateful thanks to doctor and staff.

**BRIDEGROOM FROM INKPEN**

Miss Kay Ostley was married at St. Denys' Church, Stanford-in-the-Vale to Mr. Robert Bowyer. Miss Ostley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ostley, of 48 Joyce's Road, Stanford-in-the-Vale, and Mr. Bowyer, of The Firs, Post Office Road, Inkpen.  
 The service was followed by a reception for 60 guests at the Salutation Hotel, Faringdon.



Miss Jennifer Margaret Ingham was married to Mr. Peter John Whiting, at St. Michael's Church, Inkpen, on Saturday. Miss Ingham is the daughter of Mrs. Aubrey C. Burton, of The Pound Cottage, Hungerford, and the late Mr. Denis W. Ingham. The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Whiting, of 5 Bridge Street, Hungerford.

The church was decorated in autumn colours, and the choral service was conducted by the Rev. Alan Hervey.

Given in marriage by her step-father, the bride wore a long white velvet dress with a short train and a fur trimmed neck line. The full-length veil fell from a Tudor style headdress. She carried a white fur muff with a spray of white orchids and stephanotis.

Ruth Brown, in a full-length pale pink silk dress fashioned and made by the bride. She carried pink carnations. The groom's brother, Mr. R. F. Griffin, was best man.  
 The reception was at Greenham Hall, Greenham, attended by about 60 people. The bride went away in a powder pink suit with navy accessories.

**HONEYMOON IN BRIGHTON**



A reception in Wash Common Hall followed the wedding on Saturday of Mr. Antony George Ferris, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ferris, of 7 Common Road, Inkpen, and Miss Gillian Joyce Whittle, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Whittle, of 57 Valley Road, Newbury. The service, conducted by the Rev. W. R. Tirt, was at St. George's Church, Wash Common.  
 The bride was given away by her father and attended by her sister, Miss Christine Whittle, and friend, Miss Sandra Phillips. Mr. Peter Tilley, the bridegroom's cousin was the best man. After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in Brighton.

Two employees of the Chilton group of companies were married on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Greenham. They were Mr. Derek Leonard Griffin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Griffin, 47 Gloucester Road, Newbury, and Miss Sigrid Laura Gerdes-Hansen, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Gerdes-Hansen, Lower Spray Farm, Ham. The Rev. H. Hook officiated.  
 The bride is an employee of Chilton Electric Products Ltd., Hungerford; the groom is manager of Chilton Designs Ltd., Newbury.  
 The bride wore a full-length dress of pale blue brocade and carried red roses. She was attended by the bridegroom's niece, Miss Bridget



Mr. R. Palmer and Miss A. Messenger.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Messenger, 34 Dene Way, Newbury, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Ann to Ray, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. G. Palmer, 2 Haslewick, Inkpen, Nr. Newbury.

**MARRIAGE**  
 HALL—CARTER—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Carter, of Marjorie House, Inkpen, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Marilyn Patricia, to Frederick Barkley Hall, on Friday, July 23rd, 1965, at Koster Chapel, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mr. R. S. Church and Miss V. M. B. Carter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. P. Carter, of Marjorie House, Inkpen, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their youngest daughter, Veronica May Beryl, to Richard Shayne, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Church, of Withy Mills Farm, Paulton, Somerset.

Nov. 25. Rayner Palmer, of 2 Haslewick, Inkpen; to Ann Messenger, of 34 Dene Way, Newbury.

Weddings.

Feb. Robert Charles Glossop to Jane Christine Wainman (daughter of Mrs. Gosling by her first marriage). At St. Michael's, Chester Square).  
 Mar. 11 Derek Leonard Griffin to Sigrid Laura Gerdes-Hansen, of Lo Spray Farm. At St. Mary's, Greenham.  
 March Antony George Ferris, of Common Road, Inkpen, to Gillian Joyce Whittle. At St. George's, Wash Common.  
 March. Robert Griffiths to Janice Hooker, of Inkpen (grand-daughter of Mrs. Willoughby). At Rochester.  
 Apr. 3 Tony Robert Walter to Janet Sally Mills, of Folly Road, Inkpen. At St. Michael's, Inkpen.  
 July 23. Frederick Barkley Hall to Marilyn Patricia Carter, of Marjorie House, Inkpen. At Biloxi, Mississippi.  
 Aug. John Jackson to Phoebe Grove, both of Inkpen. At Newbury.  
 Oct. 14. Robert Bowyer, of The Firs, Inkpen, to Kay Ostley. At Stanford in the Vale.  
 Oct. 30. Peter John Whiting to Jennifer Margaret Ingham. At St. Michael's, Inkpen.

Silver Wedding.

Aug. 24, 1940. Frederick Archibald Hall, of Craven Road, Inkpen, to Minnie Florence Winter. At Lewisham Methodist Church.

Golden Weddings.

Apr. 10, 1915. Alfred Smith to Lilian Edwards. At St. Michael's, Inkpen.  
 July 22, 1915. Francis W. Cooper to Nora Edwards (born in Inkpen) At the Congregational Church, Newbury.  
 Dec. 2, 1915. Albert Edward Culley to Mary Fabian Carey. At Christ Church, Kintbury.  
 (Mr. and Mrs. Culley have lived all their married life in Inkpen. Present address, 11, Common Road.)

**GOLDEN WEDDING**  
 SMITH—On April 10th, 1915 at St. Michael's Church, Inkpen, Alfred Smith to Lilian Edwards. Present address 15 Wengate Road, Newbury.

**GOLDEN WEDDING**  
 CULLEY—Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your Golden Wedding anniversary, November 2nd.—From all your Children, Grandchildren and Nieces.

The wedding took place at St. Michael's, Chester Square, London SW 1, on Thursday of Mr. Robert Charles Glossop, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. George Glossop, of 155 Ebury Street, London SW 1, and Miss Jane Christine Wainman, only daughter of Mrs. Edward Gosling, of Windrush House, Inkpen, and the late Lieut.-Colonel William Wainman. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. M. Roderick and Canon C. Doherty.

Given in marriage by her step-father, Major Edward Gosling, the bride was attended by Miss Joanna Henderson, Miss Caroline Arkwright, Miss Sarah Mann, Miss Sarah Barnes and Miss Annabel Arkwright, all of whom wore long dresses of pink wild silk with small coronets of pink hyacinth bells. The bridal bouquet was of lily of the valley, white freesias and eucharist lilies, and the bridesmaids carried pink hyacinths and green leaves.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Culley, of 11 The Common, Inkpen, received many messages of congratulation, flowers and gifts for their golden wedding day on Saturday.

**SATURDAY WAS FULL OF SURPRISES FOR MR. AND MRS. CULLEY**

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT EDWARD CULLEY, of 11 Council Houses, Inkpen Common, have always enjoyed organising family parties, but they had a surprise one organised for them on Saturday when they celebrated their golden wedding. Their family booked the Village Hall, invited about 70 relations and friends, and kept their "present" a surprise.  
 Both Mr. and Mrs. Culley were overwhelmed by all their messages of congratulation, about 60 of them, and a shower of presents. And to complete their happiness, one of their twin daughters living in Canada, Mrs. Robert Armstrong, flew home especially to be with them on the day. Mrs. Culley's brother, Mr. Stan Carey was also there with his wife, both just back in England after over two years in Australia, and he acted as MC for the party.  
 Another of Mrs. Culley's brothers and his wife Mr. and Mrs. George Carey, and Mrs. Culley's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weekes.  
 Married at Christchurch on November 27, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Culley have lived in Inkpen all their married life and in their present house for 40 years. Their home has been a second home for many relatives and friends who could all be sure of a welcome there.

**PRESENT 'UNVEILED'**  
 When they arrived at the hall Mr. and Mrs. Culley were welcomed by Mr. W. H. Edwards, of Inkpen Saw Mills, where Mr. Culley worked for many years. Mr. Edwards presented them with a huge bouquet and gave a speech. There were more speeches and presents from grandchildren and the main present was "unveiled" by Mrs. Culley. This was a refrigerator from their children, two sons, Stan and John, and four daughters, Elsie, who made a celebration cake, Joan (from Canada) and Joyce, the twins, and Doris.  
**'MAID EVER SINCE'**  
 Mrs. Culley was formerly Miss Mary Fabian Carey. She met her husband when she came to work as kitchen maid at Wallington's for the late Mr. A. Gladstone. "I have been a kitchen maid ever since," she said jokingly. Now aged 76, Mrs. Culley still knits for her grandchildren and all her life she has been a fine needlewoman, making clothes for many people in the village besides for her own children. Mr. Culley, who is 75, was well known as a grave digger after he left the saw mills and also started in business in his own wood-yard during the Second World War. "I've buried over 1,000 people," he says, and has dug graves at nearly every churchyard in the district.  
 He retired when he was 70 and the wood business is now run by his sons.

**SILVER WEDDING**  
 HALL-WINTER—On August 24th, 1940, at Lewisham Methodist Church, by Rev. Arnold Bellwood, B.A. Frederick Archibald Hall of Inkpen to Minnie Florence Winter of Lewisham. Present address: 74 Russell Road, Newbury.



**DEATH OF LICENSEE OF CROWN AND GARTER**

The death occurred on Friday of Mr. John Henry Bridgewater, licensee of the Crown and Garter. He was 61. Mr. Bridgewater had lived in Inkpen for some years and was formerly groom at West Woodhay House. He is survived by his wife and son.

Many friends attended the funeral service at St. Michael's Church on Tuesday.

**BRIDGEWATER**—On April 16th, 1965, at the "Crown & Garter," Inkpen, Jack, beloved husband of Winifred Bridgewater and father of Michael, passed peacefully away after a long illness patiently borne. Aged 61 years.

**INKPEN FUNERAL OF MAN KILLED IN TRACTOR ACCIDENT**

The funeral of Mr. Frederick George Fry (58), of Irish Hill, Hamstead Marshall, who was killed on Tuesday last week when the tractor he was driving plunged over a bridge at Hamstead Marshall, took place on Saturday at Inkpen Methodist Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. M. Wendt.

**FOR** years Phoebe Grove was housekeeper to a retired accountant in a tiny village near Newbury. She knew that when he died she would get a large sum in his will.

But this year Phoebe, now 63, wanted to marry. So she left the service of Mr. George Lewis at his home in Craven Road, Inkpen, to wed 72-year-old John Jackson.

They were married at the Register Office in Newbury and went to live at Mr. Jackson's home, a few hundred yards away in Inkpen.

Just 15 days later, on August 22, Mr. Lewis died. In his will, published this week, he wrote that two-tenths of his residuary estate should go to Phoebe Grove if in his employ at the time of death.

The estate totalled £26,025 10s net. Phoebe was to get about £5,000.

But by leaving his employment before he died she has lost the money. Now she will receive nothing under his will.

Phoebe's previous marriage was dissolved. Her retired toolmaker husband is a widower. Now they are living happily at Ford Lynn, Craven Hill, Inkpen.

And when I talked to Phoebe yesterday, she had no regrets.

"I knew I was going to get quite a bit from Mr. Lewis if I was still working for him when he died. He told me so years ago."

"But I wanted to get married and to me a happy life with the man I want to be with for the rest of my years was much more important than any money," she told me.

"It was one of those things that poor Mr. Lewis died just after I left. I have great respect for all his family. I am quite happy now and everything is going all right. That is all there is to it."

**Mr. G. E. Lewis dies at Inkpen**

The death occurred suddenly on Sunday of Mr. George Edgar Lewis at his home, The Bungalow, Craven Road, Inkpen.

Mr. Lewis, who was 78, had only returned from a holiday cruise to Greece three weeks ago.

Born in Liverpool, Mr. Lewis left England in 1912 to go to South America where he held a progressive position with the Swift Beef Company as an accountant and was a local director on the accountancy side of the business for a number of years.

He returned to England with his wife in 1951 when he retired, and lived at Inkpen. His wife died nine years ago.

A freemason and a member of Hungerford Lodge, Mr. Lewis had provincial honours with the lodge to which he belonged in South America.

He is survived by one brother in Cardiff and two sisters in the Isle of Man. Another brother was killed in the First World War.

Cremation takes place at Oxford today.

**Mr. George Edgar Lewis**, The Bungalow, Craven Road, Inkpen, former accountant with the Swift Beef Company of South America, who died on August 22, left estate in Great Britain valued at £26,270 gross, £26,025 net value (Duty paid £3,886).

**LEWIS**—On August 22nd, 1965, suddenly, at his home at Inkpen, George Edgar Lewis, aged 78 years, formerly of Liverpool, Uruguay, and the Argentine. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, 11 a.m., Thursday, August 26th.

Deaths.

- Apr. 16. Jack Bridgewater, of the Crown and Garter Inn. Aged 61 years.
- Apr. Albert Norman Hopkins, of Teatree Cottages, Inkpen. Aged 77 years.
- Aug. 22. George Edgar Lewis, of Craven Road. Aged 78 years.
- Nov. 7. Marion Lindsay Palmer-Tomkinson, of Totterdown. Aged 77 years.
- Dec. 2. Mary Jane Osborne, of Byeways, Trapps Hill. Aged 88 years.
- Dec. 19. Louisa Georgina Maud Culley, of Heads Lane. Aged 74 years.

Burials.

At St. Michael's Church.

- Apr. 3. Herbert John Green, formerly of Inkpen. Aged 58.
- Apr. 20. John Henry Bridgewater, of Inkpen. Aged 61.
- Nov. 10. Marion Lindsay Palmer-Tomkinson, of Inkpen. Aged 77.
- Dec. 6. Mary Jane Osborne, of Inkpen. Aged 88.
- Dec. 23. Louisa Georgina Maud Culley, of Inkpen. Aged 74.

At the Methodist Church.

- Mar. 11. Paul Martin, of Hermitage. (Infant grandson of Mr. & Mrs. W. Martin)
- Apr. 26. Albert Norman Hopkins, of Inkpen.
- May 22. Frederick George Fry, of Irish Hill. Son-in-law of Mrs. Abraham.

**INKPEN FARMER'S WIDOW DIES**

The death occurred on Thursday of Mrs. Mary Jane Osborne, aged 88, of Byeways Farm, Trapps Hill, Inkpen. She was the widow of Mr. William Osborne, a well-known Inkpen farmer, and she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. D. Moore, with whom she lived, a son Mr. W. T. Osborne, of Hamstead Marshall, and a grandson.

**MISS CULLEY WAS PART OF INKPEN**

The death occurred in Newbury District Hospital on Sunday of Miss Maud Culley, Head's Lane, Inkpen. Miss Culley, who was 74, was a member of an old Inkpen family, being the second of two daughters and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Culley. She was born in the adjoining cottage to her home. The funeral is at St. Michael's Church at 1 p.m. today.

LMW sends us the following appreciation—Miss Culley was part of Inkpen and loved her familiar countryside. She knew its flowers, birds and footpaths and she contributed to the signing of village footpaths. Miss Culley was a member of the friends of Inkpen Common and went out herself to clear gorse and coarse undergrowth. Of her character, what made her so remarkable was her innate courtesy and her great capacity for unselfish service. She spent all her days helping other people and with her shrewd judgment and her happy sense of humour she was a delightful companion. With her loss it seems that a bit of old Inkpen has gone.

**Was one of first women to climb the Matterhorn**

Chairman of Berkshire Weaving Guild, Mrs. Marian Lindsay Palmer Tomkinson, of Totterdown, Inkpen, died on Sunday at Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. She was 77.

Born in Sussex, she was a keen sportswoman in her younger days. She was one of the first women to climb the Matterhorn, used to ski each year, and also went riding and hunting. Her son and three of her grandsons were British ski champions. Mrs. Palmer Tomkinson was also a talented water colour painter. Much of her leisure time was spent in her garden.

Her husband died four years ago, but she leaves two daughters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was at Inkpen yesterday afternoon.

**LOCAL WILLS**

**Mrs. Marion Lindsay Palmer-Tomkinson**, Totterdown, Inkpen, who died on November 7, widow of James Edward Palmer-Tomkinson, left estate in Great Britain valued at £148,885 gross, £142,960 net value. (Duty paid £5,924).



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 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sundays, January 3rd, 17th, and 31st)

St. Gabriel's Church  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday, January 17th  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong, Sundays, January 10th and 24th.



THE NEW YEAR

A very happy New Year to you all, and thank you for all the good support and encouragement you have given in the past year. So much help has been given in various ways, and it is all much appreciated. A special word of thanks is due to the Magazine Distributors who circulate the news month by month; they are as follows:—Mrs. Moore, Miss Burn, Miss Coleman, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Upprichard, Mrs. Pearce, and Mrs. Harper. We would like to welcome all those who have recently come to live in the Parish; some have already become subscribers, and if you know of anyone who would like a copy of the Magazine, please notify your Distributor or the Rector.

THE CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

These notes have to go to the press before Christmas, but the Rector would like to thank all those who will be helping with the Decorations and the Services. Mr. Johnson has very kindly agreed this year to be responsible for putting up the Christmas Tree for the Carol Service, and the following Readers will be taking part:—Beverley Smith, Richard Lawson, Pamela Painting, Prudence Herriott, Richard McLaren, Sarah Hodges, Major E. Gosling and Colonel A.

Malcolm Scott. The toys which are brought to the Christmas Tree will no doubt give a great deal of happiness to the children in the Children's Society Home at Cold Ash.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Once again we would like to thank Mr. Upprichard and his family for all the good work they do year by year by being responsible for putting up the Crib. This is always so much appreciated by parishioners and visitors alike, and we are most grateful for all they do.

THE SCHOOL

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Corp and his Assistants on producing a very lovely Nativity Play just before Christmas. All the children played their part most beautifully, and there was an atmosphere of reverence all the way through. The costumes and scenic effects were most impressive, and it was lovely to hear again the old familiar carols so attractively sung by the children.

OBITUARY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Walter of Trapps Hill, who passed away quite suddenly a few weeks ago. Mr. Walter had been in failing health for some little time, but he had bravely kept going, and he will be sadly missed by all his friends. We offer our deep sympathy to Mrs. Walter, and the members of the family in their bereavement.

FLOWER ROTA

The list of Sundays for 1965 is now hanging up in its usual place near the door of the Church, and the Rector will be most grateful if members of the congregation will very kindly put their names against some Sunday or Sundays in the year when it will be convenient for them to be responsible for the Altar Flowers. The Rector would like to thank most warmly all those who helped to make the Church look beautiful in the past year.



SUNDAY SERVICES

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month).  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins.  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (1st Sunday of the month).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sundays, February 14th and 28th).

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sunday, February 21st).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sundays, February 7th and 21st).

A CHURCH STATUE

The figure of the Virgin Mary and Child which hangs over the Altar in the Side Chapel has now been restored by Mr. Hayes of Marlborough, who has very kindly carried out this work free of any charge. This figure probably came from Italy, and Mr. Hayes says that it is a plaster copy of an old wooden figure with sundry cracks and wormholes reproduced in the plaster. Places on the original figure where the paint had worn away exposing the wood are also carefully reproduced and painted to look like wood! Actually there is no wood to be found anywhere in this figure, and as a statue it is most interesting.

THE BRITISH POLIO FELLOWSHIP

Once again we have been asked to support the excellent work carried out by this Society which was founded just over twenty years ago. It is a national voluntary organisation for those who have been disabled by poliomyelitis, and the aims of the Fellowship are to bring sufferers together to help each other combat the loneliness and uselessness which invariably follow this illness. The Fellowship helps each patient to recover an interest in life and gives all the assistance possible. A Gift Envelope is enclosed with this copy of the Magazine, and it can be returned either to the Rector or one of the Magazine distributors.

THE SCHOOL

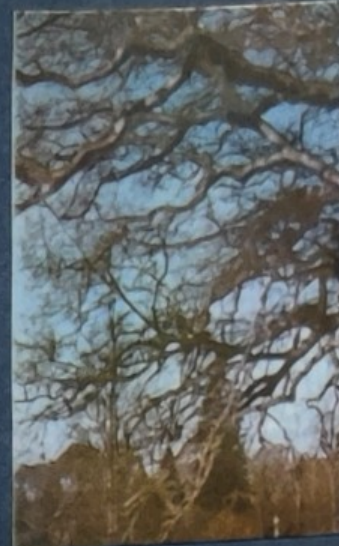
The number of children attending our School has increased considerably in recent months, and we are already beginning to face the problem of adequate accommodation. The number of children at present on the roll is 75, with a further intake at Easter. The staff at present consists of the Headmaster, Mr. Corp, Mrs. Wordley, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Maggs, who is part-time. The number of dinners provided each day is about 70, and two rooms have to be used for this purpose. All the arrangements are in the hands of Miss Carter, the cook, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Edwards, also Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Lawson who act as Controllers. Mrs. Wild has acted as School Cleaner for a number of years. Two members of the School who do not appear on the Roll are "Pookey" and "Dumbo". They are flourishing hamsters, and the children take it in turn to feed them and clean out the cages. An interesting feature which has recently been introduced is a "Merit Scheme" of badges for sport, music, handwriting, courtesy and so on. The Headmaster would be glad if parents whose children are five years old before September would get in touch with him as soon as possible.

CHURCH FURNISHING

The mat lying in the Porch was in a somewhat dilapidated condition, and Lady Ashcombe, who gave valuable help with the Christmas decorations, noticed that it was in a bad state, and promptly provided a new one which has greatly improved the look of the entrance to the church. We are most grateful for this kind and useful present.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This organisation is still available for old and disabled people. It provides cooked lunches which are kept hot in special containers, and the necessary transport from Hungerford can usually be arranged. The cost of these lunches is 1s. 6d., and they are provided on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please advise the Rector if you know of any old or ill people who would be glad of this service.



SUNDAY SERVICES

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month).  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins.  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (1st Sunday of the month).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday March 14th and 28th).

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sunday March 21st).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday March 7th and 21st).

LENT

Ash Wednesday the opening day of Lent falls this year on March 3rd, there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church at 8.00 a.m. and Evensong at St. Gabriel's Church at 3 p.m. Then beginning on Friday, March 12th there will be a short Devotional Service in St. Gabriel's Church every Friday at 3 p.m. It is unfortunate that in the past Lent came to be regarded sometimes as rather a gloomy season which made one irritable and often led to various frustrations. But the right note is sounded in the Epistle for Septuagesima Sunday where the Christian life is likened by St. Paul to an Athletic Contest in which the spiritual petitors have to go into training in order to keep up their efficiency. Surely this is the main purpose of Lent to become more useful and active in our Religious Life. How can this be attained? Each individual person is aware of those hindrances and handicaps which so often interfere with their religion, and Lent affords us the opportunity to "lay aside every weight" and so enable us to "run with patience the race that is set before us."

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

This has to be revised year by year in preparation for the Annual General Meeting which will be held in April. The Roll will be found on the table in the Church, and it should be examined carefully for errors and omissions. All Church people of seventeen years and over should have their names entered upon the Electoral Roll, and newcomers to the Parish should complete one of the Application Forms for enrolment. When these forms are completed they should either be sent to the Rector or to the Secretary of the Council, Miss Burn, Crumplehorn Cottage, Inkpen Common.

THE BRITISH POLIO FELLOWSHIP

In response to the appeal in last month's magazine, quite a large number of gift envelopes have been returned, and the Rector would like to thank all those who have contributed so generously to this very deserving cause. If any envelopes have not yet been returned there is still time to do so, and if any envelopes have been lost there is a small supply on the table in the Church.

CHURCH FURNISHING

Our best thanks are due to Miss Guest for presenting the Church with a new hassock suitable for use with a Bishop's Chair. This hassock has been beautifully designed, and we are most grateful for this very attractive addition to the Church Furnishing, it is indeed a most useful present.

PERSONAL

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. Glossop (née Wainman) on their recent marriage, and we would like to wish them every happiness in their new life together. Mrs. Glossop is the only daughter of Mrs. E. Gosling of Windrush House.

MOTHERS' UNION

There will be a Corporate Communion on the Feast of the Annunciation, Thursday, March 25th, at 9 a.m. at St. Gabriel's Church. There will also be the usual meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend both the meeting and the Communion Service.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism  
 February 14th, 1965. Karen Elizabeth Green, daughter of Brian Bert and Nina Anne Green.

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month)  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (1st Sunday of the month).  
 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Sunday April 11th & Sunday, April 25th)

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Easter Day—Sunday April 18th)  
 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, April 4th & Sunday April 18th)

EVENSONG

It will be noted from the above that the time of Evensong will be changed to 6.0 p.m. from the beginning of April, and this arrangement will as usual remain in force during the Summer months.

EASTERTIDE

As Easter falls late this year, it is hoped that there will be plenty of flowers to decorate the Church. Nothing looks more lovely than a well decorated Church at Easter, and our beautiful Church lends itself specially to the colours of early Spring flowers. Please give your kind help once again with the decorating, and any gifts of flowers will be most welcome.

In Holy Week there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Wednesday and Thursday at 8.0 a.m. and on Good Friday there will be the usual Devotional Service from 2.0 to 3.0 p.m. On Easter Day there will be an additional celebration of the Holy Communion after Mattins at 11.45 a.m.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held in the School on THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd, at 7.0 p.m. It is hoped that all Church people will try to attend this Meeting, and all those whose names are on the Electoral Roll have a right to vote. The Revision of the Electoral Roll begins on April 4th and ends on April 7th; after this date no further names can be added to the Roll until next year.

The Election of the Churchwardens will take place at the Annual Meeting, and the audited accounts of the Council will be presented by the Honorary Treasurer. There will also be a report upon the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church, and an election will take place of lay representatives to the Ruri-decanal Conference and the Parochial Church Council.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This service is now running smoothly. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have very kindly undertaken to be responsible for fetching meals from Hungerford on Tuesdays, and on Fridays Miss Coleman will be responsible during April. Mrs. Formby during June, Mr. King during July, Mrs. Dymott during August, and Mrs. Roy during October. The following have very kindly offered to give their help from time to time when required:—Mrs. Heal, Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Colonel & Mrs. Rendell, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Formby. The recipients, who are elderly people with a certificate from their doctor or nurse, are most grateful for this service, and if there were more volunteers it would greatly facilitate the organisation. Would volunteers please get into touch with either the Rector or Mrs. Hervey?

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism:  
 February 28th—Sarah Louise May, daughter of John and Joan Lilian Elgar.







**INKPEN SEPTEMBER 1965**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month).  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins.  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (first Sunday of the month).  
 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Sunday September 5th and Sunday September 19th).  
**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sunday September 19th).  
 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Sunday September 12th and Sunday September 26th).

**COMBE**  
 A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on July 21st to discuss the proposal that there should be a union of the Parish of Combe with Inkpen. One of the questions raised was what would be the amount of the stipend if the two parishes were to be joined, and it would appear that this is a matter which would have to be arranged between the Church Commissioners and the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. As to the question of Patronage, at present the Patron of the Living is Lord Brocket, and presumably he would continue to act, together with possibly some other person. Anyhow a scheme is in course of preparation, and this in due course will be submitted to the Parochial Church Council for their approval or otherwise.

**HARVEST FESTIVALS**  
 St. Michael's Church will be holding their Festival on Sunday October 3rd, and the Services on this Sunday will be as usual for the first Sunday of the month, except that the late celebration of the Holy Communion will be held at 12 noon instead of 11.45 a.m. Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables will be very much appreciated, and the Rector appeals for the usual kind help with the decoration of the Church. The Harvest Festival at St. Gabriel's Church will be held on the following Sunday, October 10th, when there will be Evensong at 6.00 p.m. The Collections will be given as usual to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund.

**AN EXHIBITION AND SALE**  
 It seems fitting that, as so often in its history, the Church is to be in the centre of a festival of village handicraft. The three lovely buildings — St. Michael's, the Tithe Barn and the Old Rectory — will be the stage for an exhibition of "all kinds of workmanship". We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. McLaren for their hospitable offer by which pictures, pottery, weaving, woodwork and other craft will be seen in the great barn. There will also be a display of flower arrangements in St. Michael's Church and in the Old Rectory. In order to give leisure and space for viewing, the exhibition will be open for three days on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. Some of the exhibits will be for sale, and any profits will be given to the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign".

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th**  
 The Preacher at Mattins and Evensong on this Sunday will be the Rev. Canon G. A. K. Hervey, Rector of Great Salkeld, and Assistant Director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Carlisle.

**MOTHERS' UNION**  
 A good number of members came to the Corporate Communion on Sunday, August 8th. The Annual Meeting has been altered, and will take place at St. Gabriel's Church on Tuesday, September 7th, at 2.30 p.m. The Speaker will be the Revd. T. B. Martin-Jones, Vicar of Kintbury. All members are asked to make a special effort to come to this meeting, bringing with them their tribute money, which is now 3s. 6d. per year, and those who take Home and Family are asked to bring 2s. 6d. for that for the year. Anyone who is not a member and would like to join us is warmly invited to come to this meeting, and start the new season with us.

**PARISH REGISTER**  
**BAPTISMS**  
 August 1st Georgina Mary Pennington, daughter of Nicholas Chisholm and Irene Mary Pennington.  
 August 8th Nicholas Miles Witt, son of Percy Victor and Sylvia Elizabeth Witt.



**INKPEN OCTOBER 1965**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month).  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins.  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (first Sunday of the month).  
 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, October 3rd) Harvest Festival.  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, October 17th and Sunday, October 31st).  
**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sunday, October 17th).  
 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, October 10th) Harvest Festival.  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, October 24th).

**EVENSONG**  
 Please note that the time of Evensong will be changed to 3.15 p.m. on Sunday, October 17th, and it will continue to be held at this time during the winter months. Evensong is held at each Church on alternate Sundays, and the change will begin at St. Michael's Church on the 17th.

**OBITUARY**  
 It was with much sorrow that we heard of the death of Mr. George Lewis, who passed away very suddenly on Sunday, August 22nd. Mr. Lewis was a man who always looked young for his age, and he led a very active life almost up to the time of his death. He had only recently returned from a cruise to Greece, and he seemed so happy that he had seen the Acropolis. Mr. Lewis enjoyed his travels abroad, and it was always interesting to listen to the account of his journeys when he returned. He took a keen interest in the life of the village, and he was a most loyal supporter of the Church. A Memorial Service was held in St. Michael's Church on Tuesday, September 7th, and he will be sadly missed by his many friends.

**THE GIFT DAY**  
 There was a splendid response to this appeal, and at the time of writing, contributions are still coming in. The final figure will amount to well over £100, which seems to be a very satisfactory result. This sum will help to meet the heavy expenses incurred in the upkeep of the two churches and three churchyards. It is felt that all church-people should realise their responsibilities, and give generously to an appeal of this kind.

**THE TILL MEMORIAL**  
 The pews and bookrest are now installed in the Side Chapel, and it is evident that they have been beautifully made; they certainly reflect all the care and craftsmanship which has been used in their construction. This is indeed a fitting memorial to those who loved our church, and gave to it so much of their time and loyal support. The pews will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Reading on Sunday, October 31st, at 3.15 p.m., during Evensong.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th**  
 This Sunday is the opening day of the Deanery Missionary Week which is held every year in close proximity to the Festival of St. Luke, which occurs on the following day. The special preacher at Mattins on this Sunday will be Mr. W. T. Sugg, who is the Deanery representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society. For many years now we have given our support to this Society, which does a wonderful work all over the world, and it is now closely linked with the "Feed the Minds Campaign" started some time ago by the Archbishop of York. The collections on this Sunday will be given to the Bible Society.

**MOTHERS' UNION**  
 A service was held at St. Gabriel's Church on Tuesday, September 7th, at 2.30 p.m. It was taken by the Rector, and the Revd. T. B. Martin-Jones gave the address. The subject was Worship, and it was pointed out that modern criticisms of church services being dull were largely due to the archaic language of the liturgy, which has no meaning whatsoever to the average modern child. The need for a speedy revision of our Prayer Book, Psalms and Hymn Books is vitally necessary. A true and sincere love of God is a necessity if worship is to be a genuine outpouring of praise and thanksgiving.

**PARISH REGISTER**  
**BAPTISM**  
 September 12th, 1965 Karen Lindsey Waters, the daughter of Gerald William and Winifred Eileen Waters.



**INKPEN DECEMBER 1965**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month).  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins.  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (First Sunday of the Month).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, December 12th).  
**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**  
 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Christmas Day).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, December 5th and Sunday, December 19th).

**CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
 Christmas Eve—Holy Communion 11.30 p.m. (Midnight Service).  
 Christmas Day—Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 11.45 a.m., Mattins 11 a.m.  
 Sunday, December 26th—Carol Service 3.15 p.m.

**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**  
 It will be noted from the above that there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 9.15 a.m., but there will be no Holy Communion on the previous Sunday at 9 a.m. There will be Evensong on this Sunday—December 19th—at 3.15 p.m.

**THE CREATIVE LEISURE EXHIBITION**  
 The following paragraphs were omitted from the last number of the Magazine owing to lack of space:  
 This could not fail to be a happy occasion, for it not only brought under one roof a wide variety of crafts, but it also brought under one roof a wide variety of people (436 in all) who shared in a common interest.

For Inkpen people it was a means of discovering local talent, so that we now see our village in a new light. Exhibits ranged through various degrees of skill, from exquisite work to the efforts of beginners, but inherent in them all was the quality and pleasure of recreation through creation, and this spirit seemed to communicate itself to all who came.

It would be invidious to mention names, but special thanks must be given to Mr. and Mrs. McLaren who made it all possible by offering such a beautiful background, and to Mrs. Jack Stradling—the one exhibitor that Inkpen cannot claim—whose display of church flower decoration was so exceptionally lovely that it will not be forgotten.

Generous visitors left £6 17s. 1d. in the church box, and we have benefitted by the sale of the Church History which brought in £3 0s. 2d. The other proceeds, amounting to nearly £70, have been sent to the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign".

**THE TILL MEMORIAL**  
 The Dedication of the new pews and kneeling desk in the Side Chapel took place at Evensong on Sunday, October 31st. There was a large congregation, and the Lord Bishop of Reading gave the Address. Mr. Brian Till and Dr. Anthony Till read the two lessons. The Church had been attractively decorated with flowers by Mrs. Barton, whose daughter was married on the previous day.

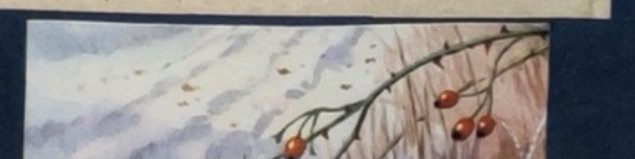
**OBITUARY**  
 With the death of Mrs. Marion Palmer-Tomkinson we have lost a faithful member of the Church, who attended regularly in spite of many disabilities. Her courage was an example to us all, and she made light of her troubles. She was wellknown for the beautiful weaving she did, and for her other artistic talents. Her garden was a place of beauty and peace, and was thrown open to the public in the spring, and she loved to take people round it.  
 We offer our sincere sympathy to all her relations and friends in their sad loss.

**PARISH REGISTER**  
**BAPTISMS**  
 Sunday, October 10th—Julia Rose Fox, daughter of Kenneth Walter Fox and Florence Ivy Dorothy Fox.  
 Colin David Stroud, son of Michael Colin and Norma Belinda Stroud.  
 (It is very much regretted that the above two entries were incorrectly inserted in the last number of the Magazine).

Sunday, November 14th—Robert Alan Cummins, the son of Alan Geoffrey Charles and Joyce Mary Cummins.

**MARRIAGE**  
 October 30th, 1965—Peter John Whiting and Jennifer Margaret Ingham.

**BURIAL**  
 November 10th, 1965—Marion Lindsay Palmer-Tomkinson, aged 77 years.



**INKPEN NOVEMBER 1965**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (also 11.45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month).  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins.  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service (First Sunday of the month).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, 14th November and Sunday, November 28th).  
**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**  
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sunday, November 21st).  
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (Sunday, November 7th and Sunday, November 21st).

**HARVEST FESTIVALS**  
 Both Churches were once again beautifully decorated for this very attractive festival, and the weather couldn't have been more lovely on each occasion. Both Sundays were ideal Autumn days. The produce from St. Michael's Church was taken to Sandiford Hospital where it was very much appreciated, and the produce from St. Gabriel's went to Notrees. In a letter of thanks from the Superintendent of Notrees, there is a warm invitation for any member of the congregation to come and visit the Hostel, where they would be most welcome. The collections will be given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund, and at St. Michael's these amounted to £5.46 and at St. Gabriel's to £110.1.

**THE GIFT DAY**  
 The final figure for this is now £132.4.8, which must be nearly a record, and once again the Rector would like to thank all those who gave so generously to this appeal.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
 This is being observed throughout the country on Sunday, 14th November, and there will be a Special Service at St. Michael's Church at 10.50 a.m. The members of the Chapel Congregation have been cordially invited to join in our worship on this important occasion, and it is hoped that we shall have a representative gathering. The collection will be given as usual to the British Legion.

**COMBE**  
 An important meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held on Thursday, November 18th, in The School at 6.30 p.m., when further discussions will take place on the subject of the Union of the Benefice of Combe with Inkpen. This meeting will be attended by the Lord Bishop of Reading and by Bishop Nigel Cornwall, representing the Diocese of Winchester. It is hoped that all members of the Council will be able to come to this meeting.

**MOTHERS' UNION**  
 A Corporate Communion will be held at St. Gabriel's Church at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21st. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.  
 A Meeting will be held in St. Gabriel's Church on November 23rd at 2.30 p.m. The Speaker will be Mr. R. L. Jowitt of New Milton, Hants. It will be a talk on Old Hampshire Churches, illustrated by slides. Mr. Jowitt is one of the leading authorities on ancient churches and has written many books on the subject. Anyone interested in the subject, though not a member of the Mothers' Union, is invited to attend.

**A GOLDEN WEDDING**  
 We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Culley, who celebrated this great event on Saturday, November 27th, and we wish them both every happiness in the years to come. Mr. and Mrs. Culley spent the day with their family, and they had many lovely presents and cards.

**THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
 This annual event took place last month and proved to be a great success. There were a number of stallholders with a large variety of wares for sale, and there was a good attendance. The organisers are to be congratulated on a most successful afternoon, and the proceeds which amounted to about £81—and donations £15—will be given to the Village Hall and Playing Field Funds.

**OBITUARY**  
 It is with very deep regret that we have to record this month, the death of Mrs. Osborne, who passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 2nd. She had been in failing health for sometime, and she experienced a considerable amount of pain and discomfort, and she daughter—Mrs. Moore—devoted her days in trying to relieve this. Mrs. Osborne's husband, who died just over five years ago, was Rector's warden here for 46 years, and the family were therefore closely connected with the Church. We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives in their sad bereavement.

**PARISH REGISTER**  
**BURIAL**  
 December 6th, 1965—Mary Jane Osborne, aged 88 years.





Copy of the  
ELECTORAL ROLL  
For the Parish of INKPEN. Revision 1965.

Astor	The Hon. Mrs. D.K.	Kirby House
Astor	The Hon. J.	Kirby House
Bell	Mr. H.	Haycroft Copse
Benning	Mrs. R.	Downs View
Bertram	Miss M.	Windrush
Betts	Mrs. D.	The Caravan, Weavers.
Bradshaw	Mrs. D.	Withers
Bradshaw	Mr. J.	Withers
Brown	Mrs.	Robins Hill
Brown	Miss D.	Robins Hill
Burn	Miss E.	Crumplehorn Cottage
Carter	Mrs. M.	Marjorie House
Coleman	Miss H.	Folly Cottage
Coleman	Mrs. K.A.	Lyndhurst, Folly Rd.
Coleman	Mr. E.	Lyndhurst, Folly Rd.
Coleman	Mr. V.E.	Lyndhurst, Folly Rd.
Cruse	Mrs. E.	Craven Hill
Culley	Miss L.M.	The Common
Dixon	Mrs. H.R.	Briar Cottage
Dixon	Mr. W.A.R.	Briar Cottage
Draffen	Col. G.W.	Webbs Close
Draffen	Mrs. B.N.	Webbs Close
Dymott	Mrs. B.	Knights Acre
Dymott	Com. E.R.	Knights Acre
Eldridge	Mrs. A.M.	Meadowside
Fletcher	Mrs. W.K.	Little Barnfield
Formby	Mrs. K.A.	Pond Cottage
Formby	Miss A.M.H.	Pond Cottage
Fox	Mrs. D.	Holme Dene
Fox	Mr. W.	Holme Dene
Gedge	Mrs. D.	Hill View
Goodhart	Mr. G.	New Mill
Goodhart	Mrs. H.	New Mill
Gosling	Maj. E.F.	Windrush
Gosling	Mrs. J.N.E.	Windrush
Groves	Mrs. P.L.	Justa
Guest	Miss P.	Windrush Cottage
Harper	Mrs. M.E.	Kings Ride
Harrison	Mr. H.R.P.	Bridgemans
Harrison	Mrs. B.M.	Bridgemans
Harrison	Miss S.M.	Bridgemans
Heal	Mrs. E.	Bridlepath Cottage
Heal	Group Cap. P.W.D.	Bridlepath Cottage
Heal	Mr. J.P.	Bridlepath Cottage
Heal	Miss J.E.	Bridlepath Cottage
Hercomb	Miss A.	The Hollies
Hercomb	Miss D.	The Hollies
Hercomb	Mrs. G.	West View, Craven Rd.
Hercomb	Mr. G.	West View, Craven Rd.
Hervey	Mrs. B.C.	The Rectory
Hervey	Miss D.P.	The Rectory

Ingham	Miss J.M.	Pound Cottage, Hungerford
Jackman	Mrs. P.	The Common
Johnson	Mr. C.	Church Farm House
Johnson	Mrs. C.M.	Church Farm House
Johnson	Mr. R.W.	Church Farm House
Jones	Miss M.	The Common
King	Miss M.	The Old Forge
Lewis	Mr.	Justa
Luton	Mrs. M.A.	Weavers
Luton	Mr. G.D.	Weavers
May	Miss F.	Craven Road
May	Mrs. H.	Box Cottage
McLaren	Mr. M.	The Old Rectory
McLaren	Mrs. N.	The Old Rectory
McLaren	Mr. R.	The Old Rectory
Mearns	Mrs. F.T.	The Mead
Moore	Mrs. D.	Byeways
Osborne	Mrs. M.J.	Byeways
Palmer	Mrs. R.	Haslewick
Palmer	Mr. R.G.A.	Haslewick
Palmer	Mrs. S.	Robins Hill
Palmer-Tomkinson	Mrs. M.	Totterdown
Pearce	Mrs. C.	Robins Hill
Pontin	Mr. J.E.	Crows Nest
Pontin	Mrs. M.E.	Crows Nest
Rendle	L.Col. D.A.	Pentlands
Rendle	Mrs. A.	Pentlands
Scott	Col. A.M.	West Court
Scott	Mrs. P.	West Court
Skerry	Miss	Woodside
Stewart-Cox	Miss M.	Craven Lodge
Thorpe	Mrs. A.L.	Craven Road
Uprichard	Mrs. J.	Haslewick
Ward	Mr. T.	Northcroft Farm
Watts	Miss S.M.	Little Leaves
Watts	Miss L.M.	Crumplehorn Cottage
West	Miss C.M.L.	Tynwald
Wheeler	Mrs. E.J.	Hungerford Park
Wheeler	Mr. C.A.	Hungerford Park
Wordley	Mrs. W.	Robins Hill





MOTHERS' UNION.

Monthly meetings have been held throughout the year. As a rule, members met at St. Gabriel's Church on the fourth Tuesday of the month, with Mrs. Hervey in charge.

Several collections were given to the "Feed The Mind" Campaign.

January	Loneliness	Mrs. Hervey
February	Bible Reading and Commentary, with new hymns	
March	The Gates of Pearl	Mrs. Sizeland
April	The Work of the Mothers' Union	Rev. H. Hook (Greenham)
May 11	Deanery Festival at Kintbury. (Mrs. Dixon was Banner Bearer for Inkpen)	
June	The Ockenden Venture (Joint meeting with the Women's Institute)	
July	Feed the Mind (British and Foreign Bible Society)	Miss Mackenzie
August	Corporate Communion	
September	Worship	Rev. T. B. Martin Jones (Kintbury)
October	Christian Service	Rev. D. T. Casson (Vicar of Hurstbourne Tarrant)
November	Hampshire Churches	Mr. R. L. P. Jowitt (Slides shown by Lt. Col. D. A. Rendle)

**INKPEN**  
LONELINESS—Mrs. F. A. R. Hervey led a discussion on loneliness, particularly in the parish, at last week's Mothers' Union meeting at St. Gabriel's Church. There was much food for thought and members agreed to go home and think about the problem to see if there was anything to be done.

**NEW HYMNS**  
Mothers' Union members learnt several new hymns under the direction of Mrs. Hervey at their meeting at St. Gabriel's Church last week.



A lamb is innocent and mild  
And merry on the soft green sod,  
And Jesus Christ, the Undeiled,  
Is the Lamb of God:

Only spotless He  
Upon His Mother's knee,  
White and ruddy, soon to be  
Sacrificed for you and me.

**MU SPEAKER.** The speaker at last week's Mothers' Union meeting was Mrs. Sizeland of Stockcross. Methodist guests were Mrs. Martin and Miss Edwards. A collection for the "feed the mind" fund which provides Christian and classical literature in backward countries, amounted to £1 and another £2 4s. 9d. was collected for the same cause at a Corporate Communion on Thursday.

The Vicar of Hurstbourne Tarrant, the Rev. D. T. Casson, spoke on Christian service at last week's Mothers' Union meeting at St. Gabriel's Church, Inkpen. He gave three points of view on secret service, prayer; active service, Christian work; and silent service, witness. The Rector, the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey took the Mothers' Union service.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1965 - 1966

Rector's Warden - Major E. Gosling  
People's Warden - Mr. A. Dixon

Parochial Church Council

Hon. J. Astor	Commander E. Dymott	Mrs. Moore
Mr. H. Bell	Mrs. Goodhart	Mrs. Pearce
Mrs. Carter	Mr. H. R. P. Harrison	Colonel A. Malcolm Scott
Mrs. Dixon	Mrs. Hervey	Miss Watts

Honorary Secretary to the Council - Miss Burn  
Honorary Treasurer - Major E. Gosling

Sidesman for the year

Mr. H. Bell	Mr. G. Hercombe
Commander E. Dymott	Colonel D. A. Rendle

**Children gathered flowers to add to church decorations**  
Children gathered primroses to add to decorations of spring flowers at St. Michael's and St. Gabriel's churches for Easter services conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey. There were 85 communicants.  
A devotional service on Good Friday was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Waller, of Hungerford.



**Annual church meeting at Inkpen**

New churchwardens were elected at the Easter vestry and annual parochial church meeting at Inkpen on Thursday, Major E. Gosling succeeding Colonel A. Malcolm Scott as Rector's Warden, and Mr. W. Dixon succeeding Mrs. Moore as People's Warden.

Major Gosling, treasurer, reported a balance of over £100.

The Rector, the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey, said the order was in hand for three oak pews with a reading desk in the side chapel and the work was expected to be completed within three months. The pews are a memorial to the Till family.

There are 90 names on the electoral roll—an increase of 15.

Mrs. S. Wordley retired from the Parochial Church Council and Colonel Scott and Mrs. Moore were elected to fill vacancies.

**Rogationtide service at Inkpen**

The traditional Rogationtide service was held at Inkpen on Sunday afternoon when, after prayers and hymns at St. Gabriel's Church, the congregation went in procession along the common to the garden of Mrs. Stuart Cox where the remainder of the service was held. The Cross bearer was Mr. Tom Ward and Mr. A. Dixon acted in his capacity of churchwarden. The collection will be given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund.

**Inkpen and Combe may unite**

THE NEIGHBOURING villages of Inkpen and Combe may be linked more closely if a suggestion from the Winchester Diocese that the ecclesiastical parishes should become a united benefice materialises. For many years Combe has been united with Facombe but this arrangement has been somewhat irregular as Combe is in Berkshire and should, therefore, be included in the Oxford Diocese, says the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey, Inkpen's Rector. Since the death last year of the Rev. H. M. Sanders, Rector of Facombe, services have been conducted by the Rector of Hurstbourne Tarrant.

**Strong links already**

AT ONE TIME both Inkpen and Combe were in the Salisbury Diocese and the Salisbury Diocesan Coat of Arms is included in St. Michael's Church beautiful south window at Inkpen. Combe children have been attending Inkpen School for some years since their own school was closed. Mail is also delivered to Combe by the mail van from Newbury after it leaves Inkpen, so the links between the two parishes are already quite strong. The only difficulty is likely to be in the severe winter when it might be impossible to get over the hill and through three miles of snowdrifts! Inkpen's parochial church council discussed the question at their meeting last night.

**ALMOST £100 FROM GIFT DAY**

A gift day at St. Michael's Church, Inkpen, on Saturday realised almost £100.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL AT INKPEN**

Harvest festival Evensong on Sunday at St. Gabriel's Church, Inkpen, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey, and was well attended. Flowers and produce including jam, eggs and honey, were taken to Notrees old people's home at Kintbury on Monday.

**Dedication service**

The Bishop of Reading, the Rt. Rev. Eric Knell, dedicated three new pews and a kneeling desk at a special service in St. Michael's Church, Inkpen, on Sunday afternoon. They have been given as a memorial to the late Mr. Thomas Marson Till and his wife, the late Mrs. Gladys Rhoda Alice Till, who lived at the Old Rectory.

Lessons were read by Dr. Anthony Till and Mr. Brian Till.





# A Christmastide Carol Service

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1965

Carol No. 1—O come, all ye faithful, verses 1-3.

General Thanksgiving and  
The Lord's Prayer

Carol No. 6—Good Christian men rejoice!

First Lesson—St. Luke 1, 26-33.

Reader—Caroline Hodges

Carol No. 3—Ding dong! merrily on high

Second Lesson—St. Luke 1, 46-50.

Reader—Isabell Cooke

Carol No. 26—The Holly and the Ivy

Third Lesson—St. Luke 2, 8-14.

Reader—Elizabeth Astor

Carol No. 11—See amid the winter's snow

Fourth Lesson—St. Luke 2, 15-20.

Reader—Mr. V. E. Coleman

Carol No. 13—Away in a manger

Fifth Lesson—St. Matthew 2, 1-6.

Reader—Mrs. Herriott

Carol No. 8—The First Nowell

Sixth Lesson—St. Matthew 2, 7-12.

Reader—Colonel D. A. Rendle

Carol No. 22—As with gladness

Seventh Lesson—Isaiah 9, 2-3 and 6-7.

Reader—Mr. H. Bell

Carol No. 5—Good King Wenceslas

Eighth Lesson—St. John 1, 1-14.

Reader—Lt.-Col. A. Malcolm Scott

Carol No. 2—Angels from the realms of glory

Ninth Lesson—St. Luke 2, 25-32.

Reader—The Rector

Carol No. 27—It came upon the midnight clear

(A collection for the Newbury  
Committee for handicapped children.)

The Blessing.

### RECORD NUMBER AT MIDNIGHT SERVICE

There were 70 communicants, a record number, at a midnight service at St. Michael's Church, Inkpen, on Christmas Eve. Collections for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel amounted to £8 and collections at morning service on Christmas Day amounted to £8 for the Children's Society.



### Crib at Inkpen

Christmas decorations at St. Michael's Church, Inkpen, included a crib erected and arranged by Mr. L. Uppichard and his daughter, Hilary, in the side chapel. Among services was a midnight service on Christmas Eve. At a carol service on Sunday, lessons were read by Caroline Hodges, Isabel Cooke, Elizabeth Astor, Mr. V. E. Coleman, Mrs. Herriott, Col. D. A. Rendle, Mr. H. Bell, Col. A. Malcolm Scott and the Rector, the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey.



ABOVE — ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH.  
LEFT — REV. F. A. R. HERVEY  
AND MRS. HERVEY  
ON HOLIDAY AT WASTWATER,  
CUMBERLAND.



ST. MICHAEL  
THE ARCHANGEL



**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT — Chairman, Rev. R. C. STONHAM

**NEWBURY CIRCUIT**

(26/17)

Rev. R. C. Stonham, Wesley House, Bassett Wood Drive, Southampton.

30th JANUARY to 24th APRIL, 1966 Price 6d.

Rev. W. H. Read, 5 Castle Grove, Newbury. Tel. 14.  
 Rev. S. M. Wendt, 16 Chesterfield Road, Newbury. Tel. 1898.  
 Sister Blanche M. Baker, 32 The Henrys, Thatcham. Thatcham 3561.

Rev. A. Jeans Courtney, 16 Priory Road, Newbury. Tel. 1755 (Supny).  
 Rev. J. Hollis Walker, 13 Swan Street, Kingsclere (Supny).

**CIRCUIT STEWARDS**

Mr. A. Grange, M.I.Mech.E., 56 Andover Rd., Newbury. Telephone 1194.  
 Mr. D. Royle, B.Sc., "Brackenclouse", Burden's Heath, Bucklebury, Nr. Reading. Tel. Thatcham 3534.

**LOCAL PREACHERS**

Communications to be sent to: The Rev. W. H. Read, 5 Castle Grove, Newbury. Tel. 14.

- Mr. J. Green, 18 Bartemy Road, Newbury 1907
- Mr. F. Sibley, 13 The Rise, Enborne Road, Newbury. Tel. 2817 1914
- Mr. W. R. North, 24 Battle Road, Wash Common, Newbury. 1914
- Mr. J. Holmes, Castle Cottage, Newtown. 1915
- Mr. A. G. Witts, "Trees", The Ridge, Cold Ash. Tel. Thatcham 2110. 1926
- Mr. A. W. Wraight, 45 Priory Road, Newbury. 1927
- Mr. L. C. Cox, "Micklefield", Curridge. Tel. Hermitage 283 1930
- Mr. H. C. Palmer, Tangle Trees, The Ridge, Cold Ash. 1931
- Mrs. W. F. Adams, J.P., Grove View, Cold Ash. 1931
- Mr. W. J. Martin, "Woodwind", Inkpen. Tel. Inkpen 305. 1931
- Miss Pinnock, Row Hedge, Park Lane, Thatcham. 1932
- Mrs. A. Beaver, 9 Battle Road, Wash Common. 1933
- Mr. H. J. Raddon, "Grouville", Leckhampstead 1940
- Captain P. G. C. Squelch, "Kelston", Prior's Court, Chieveley. 1941
- Mr. W. B. Mountford, B.A., Priors Court, Chieveley. 1947
- Mr. A. Cottrell, 38 Stock Cross, Newbury. 1950
- Mrs. E. Angelo, 9 Highfield Road, Newbury. 1950
- Mr. E. O. Angelo, 9 Highfield Road, Newbury. Tel. 1602. 1953
- Miss D. Torpey, 8 Dalby Crescent, Newbury. Tel. 1252. 1956
- Miss H. Potter, 7 Kennett Close, Newbury. 1956
- Mr. D. Howell, 22 Groveland Road, Newbury. 1958
- Mr. G. S. Wilcox, 28 Croft Road, Newbury. 1960
- Mr. B. Evans, "Quarr", Ashmore Green. 1960
- Mr. P. Bratchell, "Wheatley", Bourne Road, Thatcham. Tel. Thatcham 3792. 1961
- Mr. A. Fillis, 3 School Road, Compton. 1961
- Miss J. Carruthers, 7 Kennett Close, Newbury. 1962

**On Trial**

- Mr. R. Hopkins, B.A., 7 The Dell, Kingsclere.
- Mr. L. A. Wraight, B.Sc., 16 Valley Road, Newbury.
- Mr. J. Canning, 19 The Rise, Enborne Road, Newbury (On Note).

**Helpers**

- Miss Rolfe, Bloomfield, Inkpen Road, Kintbury.
- Mr. T. Curtis, 2 Breachfield, Burghclere.
- Mr. R. Jeffery, 7 Hillcrest, Compton Road, Hampstead Norris.
- Mr. C. Doggett, 85 Westfield Road, Thatcham.
- Mr. G. Ingram, "Beryldon", Union Lane, Kingsclere.
- Mr. I. Cranstone, 14 Love Lane, Donnington.

REV. S. M. WENDT



**PREACHING APPOINTMENTS — 1965**

JANUARY				
(1011)	3	10	17	24
	Covenant	LP Collection		G.C.F.
NORTHBROOK STREET	10.45 6.30	Courtney Read CS	Read Sister	Sister Read
BRIGHTWALTON	10.45 6.00 7.00	Wraight Torpey (10)	Cox Herrington	Allen Allen
THICKET	6.00 7.00	Angelo (10)	L.A.Wraight	Foster
WORLD'S END	3.00	Raddon	Fillis	Allen
BARTHOLOMEW STREET	10.45 6.30	Read Wendt CS	Wendt Wraight	Wendt S Mrs. Adams (1)
KINTBURY	10.45 6.00	Wendt CS C.Herbert	N.Herbert Angelo	Bowler Wendt S
GORE END	3.00	Sibley	Cottrell	C.Herbert
INKPEN	3.00	C.Herbert	Sizeland	Angelo
BOXFORD	3.00	Cox	Wendt S	Witts
BURGHCLERE	6.00	Summersby	F.Pearce	Curtis Wendt
COMPTON	6.00	Witts	Fillis	Wraight
HERMITAGE	11.00 3.00	Squelch	Jeffrey Wendt	Wraight
WASH COMMON	6.00	Evans	Wendt S	Mrs. Angelo
STROUD GREEN	10.45 6.30	Sizeland (8) N.Herbert	Squelch Sister S	Burchell R Bowler R
THATCHAM	11.00 6.30 7.30	N.Herbert Sister CS Sister	Palmer Howell	Read Sister
KINGSCLERE	11.00 6.00 7.30	Sister CS L.A.Wraight Sister	Martin Witts (11) Sister	Button Button
ASHFORD HILL	6.00	Ingram	N.Herbert	Miss Rush R
PLASTOW GREEN	6.00	Herrington	Bratchell (11)	Wark R
COLD ASH	11.00	Mrs. Adams	Sister CS	Fillis

INKPEN	3.00 6.00	JANUARY	FEBRUARY				MARCH				APRIL			
		31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
		Witts	Fillis	Martin	Wendt S	Squelch	B.F.B.S.	Taylor	Evans	Bratchell	Wraight Wendt (Mon)	Foster	C.Herbert	CA
INKPEN	6.00	MAY				JUNE				JULY				
		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
		Cox	Willcox	Doggett	Foster	Wendt S (2)	C.Herbert	Thrower	Bailey	R.Herbert	Evans	Ingram	Foster	Miss Rolfe
INKPEN	3.00 6.00	AUGUST				SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER				
		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
		L.A.Wraight (5)	Supply	Cottrell	Angelo (10)	Mrs. Adams (11)	Fillis	Mrs. Angelo (5)	Wendt HF Collier HF	Wraight	Bratchell	Squelch	Martin	Evans
INKPEN	3.00	NOVEMBER				DECEMBER								
		31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26				
		Wendt S	Cottrell Mon. 7.00 Wendt CA	L.A.Wraight	Mrs. Angelo	Miss Rolfe	Evans	Squelch	Carols	Carols				

**INKPEN METHODIST CHURCH.**

Financial Statement for Year ending 31 August 1965.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s d		£	s d
Balance in hand	88	10 4	Water, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	55	2 4
Interest	1	17 7	Insurance	2	10 3
War Graves Commission	1	0 0	Upkeep of War Graves	1	0 0
Burial Fees	2	2 0	Repairs and Tuning, Organ and Piano	3	17 6
Chapel Anniversary	2	17 0	Grants to Connexional Funds	2	8 0
Harvest Festival, Collection and Sale	20	9 4			
Special Collections and Donations	18	15 2	Balance	70	13 4
	135	11 5		135	11 5

**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR YEAR.**

- Treasurer Miss Edwards
- Secretary Mrs. Martin
- Organists Miss Edwards  
Mr. W. J. Martin

**MYSTERY TOUR.**

Mr. C. Poole organised a Mystery Tour from Bartholomew Street Methodist Church on August 11th. About 50 people ended the Tour at Inkpen Methodist Church, where refreshments were served and an impromptu concert enjoyed.

Inkpen Methodists joined the Parish Church congregation on three occasions in 1965; Harvest Festival, Service on Remembrance Sunday, and Carol Service.

**MISSIONARY FILMS**

At the Methodist Church Home Missionary annual meeting in the schoolroom last week the Rev. S. M. Wendt showed colour films entitled "Caring." These were on the work of the Home Missionary Department in three different aspects — Papworth Village Settlement, started in the 1930's for TB patients, and showing "occupational therapy," before it was known as such; the work of the Women's Fellowship in homes for unmarried mothers, at Streatham; and the Methodist International Homes in London for coloured people living in this country. A collection was taken for the work.

**Inkpen Methodists' thanksgiving**

Inkpen Methodist Church harvest festival services on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. S. M. Wendt in the afternoon and by the Rev. D. Collier in the evening. Produce and flowers were sold at a traditional Sunday School sale on Monday. Proceeds from collections and sale, amounting to about £20, were for church funds.

**MISSIONARY MEETING AT INKPEN**

Guest speaker at a Methodist Church annual missionary meeting in the schoolroom last week was the Rev. S. M. Wendt, who showed colour slides of Methodist Missionary work in Kenya.

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE**

A carol service at the Methodist Church on Sunday was conducted by Mr. W. Martin, with Miss W. H. Edwards as organist. Lessons were read by Mrs. Withers, Mr. D. Corp and Mrs. W. Martin. A collection for the National Children's Home amounted to £3 10s.





Combe Hill, from Bithams Drove,  
Inkpen.  
Painted by Mrs. Harrison.

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## INKFEN COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

TEACHERS

Headmaster. Mr. D. Corp.  
Mrs. W. Wordley.  
Mrs. N. Maggs.  
Mrs. R. JAMES. (PART-TIME)

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<u>NAME.</u>	<u>Date of Birth.</u>
Carol Painting.	3rd October, 1953.
Beverley Smith.	7th July, 1954.
Alison Roy.	1st October, 1953.
Jeanette Heisig.	22nd September, 1954.
Rhona Whitlock.	19th April, 1955.
Joanne Mills.	31st May, 1955.
Janis Brown.	22nd June, 1955.
Norma Batsford.	25th December, 1954.
Linda Beechey.	10th October, 1954.
Patrick Saunders.	12th December, 1953.
Andrew Painting.	1st January, 1954.
Michael Rosier.	1st July, 1954.
Robert Taylor.	26th February, 1955.
Anthony Tuttle.	24th February, 1955.
Richard May.	1st June, 1955.
Richard Lawson.	18th December, 1955.
Kevin Etheridge.	6th February, 1955.
Don Van Gerrard.	30th June, 1954.
Allan Marsh.	23rd December, 1953.
Steven Fisher.	29th August, 1956.
Christopher Thorne.	17th June, 1955.
Thomas Cronogue.	19th March, 1956.
William Cronogue.	27th January, 1955.
Nigel Barrett.	2nd October, 1955.
Phillip Horscroft.	25th January, 1956.
Philip Blackmore.	19th October, 1956.
John Rowland.	5th June, 1955.
Robert Hitchens.	12th April, 1956.
Peter May.	25th April, 1957.
Nicholas Elgar.	27th March, 1957.
David Langridge.	23rd June, 1957.
David Clarke.	20th May, 1957.
Eric Gerrard.	12th September, 1955.
Gunter Castelrotto.	6th June, 1956.
Dieter Castelrotto.	1st September, 1957.
Martin Cawte.	23rd April, 1956.
Jonathan Hunt.	21st October, 1957.
Patrick Cronogue.	31st July, 1957.
Susan Tuttle.	9th June, 1956.
Pauline Heisig.	18th June, 1956.
Lesley Tuttle.	20th May, 1956.
Jean Racey.	18th September, 1956.
Caroline Angell.	30th December, 1956.
Janet Smith.	26th March, 1957.
Ruth Campbell.	24th February, 1956.
Isobel Cooke.	16th January, 1956.
Suzanne Couling.	17th May, 1957.
Caroline Stockley.	22nd June, 1957.
Mary Dixon.	26th August, 1957.
Ann Cooke.	30th June, 1957.
Diane Marsh.	23rd March, 1957.
Jane Marsh.	17th February, 1956.
Patricia Painting.	29th January, 1958.
Madelaine Rumble.	14th March, 1958.

NAME.Date of Birth.

Wendy Tubbs.	4th May, 1958.
Mara Tubbs.	4th May, 1958.
Anita Ferris.	28th May, 1957.
Richard Stacey.	26th July, 1957.
Peter Head.	3rd November, 1957.
Peter Kersey.	5th December, 1957.
Colin Hitchens.	7th February, 1958.
Robert Brown.	8th February, 1958.
Stephen Brookes.	18th February, 1958.
Wayne Bailey.	4th April, 1958.
Alan Racey.	26th April, 1958.
Malcolm Taylor.	28th August, 1958.
Trevor Head.	19th September, 1958.
Andrew Tuttle.	23rd February, 1959.
David Abraham.	23rd March, 1959.
Andrew Abraham.	25th April, 1959.
Nigel Brown.	19th May, 1959.
Clive Huntley.	25th May, 1959.
Andrew Harding.	11th July, 1959.
Kevin Davies.	26th May, 1959.
Matthew Hunt.	2nd September, 1959.
William Harper.	28th March, 1959.
Philip Scotford.	21st June, 1959.
David Marsh.	30th March, 1958.
Terence Marsh.	31st August, 1959.
Michael Turnbull.	7th October, 1959.
Steven Kempster.	3rd May, 1960.
Timothy Hitchens.	6th April, 1960.
Jeffrey Newman.	9th April, 1960.
Jacqueline Brookes.	20th March, 1960.
Pearl McKane.	20th May, 1960.
Linda Abraham.	10th March, 1960.
Erigitte Heisig.	31st August, 1958.
Jennifer Angell.	22nd November, 1958.
Julie Rosier.	26th March, 1959.
Lorna Campbell.	14th June, 1958.
Caroline Batsford.	14th February, 1959.
Gail Crowe.	9th June, 1959.
Aurana Gerrard.	20th April, 1958.
Priscilla Gerrard.	3rd July, 1959.
Angela Head.	7th May, 1959.
Christine Davis.	30th August, 1958.
Jennifer Trimmer.	15th November, 1959.
Susan Corp.	5th July, 1960.
Annette Edwards.	23rd June, 1960.
Anthony Edwards.	23rd June, 1960.
Calum Roy.	16th May, 1960.
Edwina May.	14th September, 1960.
Patricia Batsford.	7th September, 1960.
Mark Crowe.	6th September, 1960.
Christine Head.	27th August, 1960.
Teresa Cronogue.	11th November, 1959.
Karen Hodges.	11th September, 1960.

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**Dressing-up race at school sports**

Parents and friends were invited to Inkpen School's Sports Day on the Recreation Ground last Wednesday. Yellow team won a cup on an aggregate of marks in close contest. A novelty dressing-up race, with oversize wellingtons and nightdresses among the clothes worn, caused much hilarity. Refreshments were provided.

**Talk on 11-plus**

Mr. D. Corp, headmaster, spoke to parents about the 11-plus examination and the various possibilities of secondary school reorganisation at last week's Parent-Teacher Association meeting at Inkpen school. Mr. Corp explained what was happening in other counties and his talk inspired a lively discussion on the subject. Parents and teachers also enjoyed an informal talk together during refreshments.

**OPEN DAY AT INKPEN SCHOOL**

Mrs. Gavin Goodhart presented the main prizes at Inkpen School on Monday, when parents and friends were invited for open day. The Astor cup for achievement was awarded to Carol Painting, and other prizes went to Beverley Smith, Carol Painting, Patrick Saunders, Andrew Painting, Alison Roy, Don Gerrard, Michael Rossier (leavers); Kevin Ethridge, Carol Painting, Alison Roy (swimming); Joanne Mills (Scripture), presented by the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey.

Mrs. J. Marriott donated and presented needlework prizes to Alison Roy, Rhona Whitlock and Isobel Cooke. Sand poses were judged by Miss Barnes and winners were Beverley Smith, Linda Beechey, Robert Taylor, Patricia Painting, Isobel Cooke, Jonathan Hunt, Linda Abraham, Robert Brown and Andrew Harding.



1. Beverley Smith  
2. Carol Painting  
from Inkpen C.P. School.

**Sunny smiles from Inkpen**

Inkpen schoolchildren collected £10 9s. 8d. for the National Children's Home from the sale of "Sunny Smile" photographs. Their "purse" was presented at a Festival of Queens in Newbury on Friday. Inkpen's "queen" was Carol Painting, with Beverley Smith as lady-in-waiting and Janet Smith as purse bearer. The school also sent £1 ls. to the National Spastics Society.

**Nearly 300 at annual 'Festival of Queens'**

Nearly 300 people attended the annual "Festival of Queens" in the Corn Exchange, Newbury, on Friday, when the Mayor, Coun. R. H. Burgess, received donations on behalf of the National Children's Home.

**SCHOOL MANAGERS**

- Mr. W. Edwards, The Saw Mills, Inkpen.
- Miss Barnes, May-Mead, Lower Green, Inkpen.
- Mrs. G. Mearns, The Mead, Lower Green, Inkpen.
- Maj. J.W.D. Cole, Malt House, West Woodhay.
- Mrs. H. Goodhart, New Mill, Inkpen.
- Rev. F.A.R. Hervey, The Rectory, Inkpen.
- Lt.Col. A. Malcolm Scott, West Court, Lower Green, Inkpen.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN.**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cook in Charge. | Miss B. Carter. |
| Canteen Help.   | Mrs. M. Taylor. |
| " "             | Mrs. Edwards.   |

**CONTROLLERS.**

- Mrs. S. Lawson.
- Mrs. J. Saunders.

**CARETAKER** Mrs. R. Wild.

**Clerical Ass.** Mrs. J. Saunders.

**SCHOOLCHILDREN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL AT INKPEN**

Inkpen schoolchildren organised their own harvest festival on Friday. They took produce and flowers to decorate a classroom for a service, and the gifts were later taken to some elderly people in the village and to Hungerford Hospital and Notrees old people's home.

**Jumble sale for Christmas party**

A jumble sale at Inkpen school on Friday realised over £26 for the children's Christmas party. Children had the first chance to buy toys during the afternoon before grown-ups arrived in the evening.

**NATIVITY PLAY AT INKPEN SCHOOL**

There are so many children at Inkpen School that they had to give two performances of their nativity play last week in order to accommodate all the parents. A record number of 82 children took part and the programme included items by the new recorder group, whose instruments the parents' association helped to pay for.

Principal parts were taken by Norma Batsford (Mary), whose own birthday is on Christmas Day; Robert Taylor (Joseph); Stephen Fisher (innkeeper); Richard Lawson, Kevin Etheridge and Anthony Tuttle (Wise Men); Isobel Cook, Linda Beechey, Janice Brown (angels); Joanne Mills (servant); and Eric Gerard and James and Thomas Cronogue (shepherds).

Rhona Whitlock, Joanne Mills, Isobel Cook, Kevin Etheridge and Richard Lawson were in the recorder group, and John Rowlands, Christopher Thorne, Gunter Castellotto and Nigel Barrett the percussion group, which played a new carol called "Log Cabin." Others singing solos included Mary Dixon, Jean Racey, Peter May, Peter Head, Rhona Whitlock, Lesley Tuttle, Susan Tuttle and Wendy Tubbs.

**Early, but very welcome**

**FATHER CHRISTMAS** turned up a few days early at Inkpen School on Monday, when he distributed presents at the children's party. Entertainment was by conjuror Professor Frisco (Mr. Bertie Gibbs), of Hungerford, who kept the children enthralled with his tricks.

**DATES OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Dates of school terms and holidays in Berkshire for 1965-66 were approved by Berkshire Education Committee at a meeting in Reading on Friday.

Autumn term 1965: Sept. 7-Dec. 21.  
Spring term 1966: Jan. 6-April 5.  
Summer term 1966: April 25-July 15.

Authority was given to the chairman and vice-chairman of the Schools Management Committee to deal with applications from school managers and governors for any local variation.

**SAMPLE WEEK'S MENUS FOR SCHOOL MEALS.**

Week (chosen at random) ending October 18th., 1965.

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|-----------------|---|
| Monday. (80)    | Roast Lamb, Mint Sauce. Suet Pudding. Roast Potatoes. Runner Beans. Bread and Butter Pudding. Macaroni. |
| Tuesday. (82)   | Beef Casserole. Mashed Potatoes. Peas. Sponge Pudding and Jam. Steamed Rice.                            |
| Wednesday. (77) | Shepherd's Pie. Brussels Sprouts. Apple Crumble. Cream.   |
| Thursday. (81)  | Steak and Kidney Pie. Mashed Potatoes. Cabbage. Jelly. Chocolate Semolina.                              |
| Friday. (80)    | Cold Sausages. Mashed Potatoes. Salad. Pineapple and Custard. Biscuits.                                 |

Total 400 meals. Cost of ingredients, £19 .11s. 10½d. Average cost per meal, 11½d. approx.



Inkpen County Primary School Badge



The children took a count of the PETS in the village. Result was -

DOGS	135
CATS	103
BIRDS	30
FISH	15







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The Headmaster,  
Mr. D. Corp





## INKPEN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVING EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.

- At St. Bartholomew's Preparatory Sch. Newbury.  
Simon Bastable  
Kevin Davies  
Nicholas Elgar
- At Sycamore Trees, Newbury.  
Caroline Hodges
- At Ham Primary School  
Richard Selman  
Catherine Luton  
Christopher Luton  
Timothy Luton
- At Prince Rupert School, Newbury.  
Michael Batsford  
Michael Kersey  
Ian Roy
- At Christ's Hospital, Horsham.  
Nicholas Hezel
- At Shaw House Girls', Newbury.  
Alison Roy
- At John o'Gaunt Sec. Mod., Hungerford.  
Mary Aldridge  
Leslie Angell  
Sandra Barrett  
Shirley Batsford  
Michael Boyd  
Richard Carter  
William Carter  
Alan Edwards  
Max Gerrard  
Donald Gerrard  
Patrick Kersey  
Pauline Langridge  
Gordon May  
Janet Painting  
Pamela Painting  
Ann Rosier  
Michael Rosier  
Linda Stacey  
Margaret Taylor  
Christopher Thorpe  
Geraldine Thorpe  
Hilary Uprichard  
Robert Withers  
Gerald Wordley  
Andrew Painting
- At St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury.  
Stephen Painting  
Patrick Saunders  
David Selman  
Hugh Thomas
- At County Girls' School, Newbury.  
Valerie Clarke  
Jean Dixon  
Carol Painting  
Thorne
- At South Berk. College of Further Education, Newbury.  
Anne Butler  
Joan Heal
- At Birmingham University.  
Vernon Coleman
- At Durham University.  
Veronica Carter
- At other schools and colleges -  
Lucy and Sarah Hodges  
Harriet and Gordon Bradshaw  
Elizabeth and Richard Astor  
Thomas Morgan  
→ - McClaren

Mechanisation is an important facet of any efficient office, as students soon discover at South Berks College. Pictured at work on an electric duplicating machine (top) are 18-year-old Joanna Heal, Bridle Path Cottage, Inkpen Common, and Anthea Payne (17), Home Farm, Headley.



# A TEENAGER LOOKS AT KIRKBY

by **Vernon  
Coleman**



Daily Post

LIVERPOOL, WED., JULY 7, 1965

Vernon Coleman, of Lyndhurst, Folly Road, Inkpen, worked in Kirkby as a Community Service Volunteer, and wrote his impression of his work there.

Ten years ago Kirkby was a tiny village and the only strangers were hikers on a Sunday afternoon. To-day it is full of strangers, sixty-thousand of them. Within a decade Kirkby has exploded into a town the size of Chester and it is still growing. As it is not a scheduled new town Kirkby has had none of the benefits afforded to such new towns as Stevenage and Skelmersdale.

Thirty-thousand of its inhabitants are under twenty-one and yet there is no cinema, no dance hall, no bowling alley, no restaurant, no theatre, not even a coffee bar. The two main attractions in the town as far as local youngsters are concerned are the Stadium which rarely caters for more than a handful of local athletes and the College of Further Education where only three out of 270 day students live in Kirkby.

Not surprisingly, therefore, many local youngsters have little else to do besides play in the streets. Since Kirkby is quite a compact development large numbers of children inevitably tend to gather on street corners and open plots of land. Less responsible members of the national Press have seized upon this fact to label Kirkby as "Kidsville" and "Mabtown," and gradually Kirkby and vandalism have become synonymous.

For the past eight months I have been working in Kirkby as a Community Service Volunteer. The object was to try and interest young people in voluntary service and was part of a national experiment to discover and test ways of sponsoring voluntary service among young people.

The results far exceeded my expectations. Several hundred youngsters readily volunteered their services in many different ways and needed little encouragement to spur them on.

### A valuable list

Scores of schoolchildren gave up their holidays to help with a survey of Kirkby to compile a list of all the old aged pensioners in the town. By the time I left Kirkby they had visited more than seven thousand houses and listed nearly a thousand old people, many of them house-bound and infirm. The Old Peoples Welfare Organiser of the Kirkby Council of Social Service was thus able to provide help for those who needed it and in many cases save lives.

At Christmas six hundred schoolchildren sent Christmas cards to old aged pensioners whom they had never seen and realising that "money can't buy love" went round to wish the old folks happy Christmas, often taking small gifts with them. Working together, schoolchildren, factory workers and club members decorated more than forty rooms for old people and in some cases built up a long lasting friendship.

When the W.V.S. meals on wheels service was in danger of folding up for lack of interest among Kirkby housewives, schoolgirls from St. Gregory's School took over. The list is endless and it becomes obvious that if the critics of Kirkby's youth took the trouble to scratch through the thin crust of irresponsibility apparent in all young people they would find fine young citizens full of

the spirit of adventure and quick to respond to a worthy cause.

Unfortunately the fact remains, however, that Kirkby has few if any amenities for young people. The only youth centre in Kirkby, Centre 63, is packed every night and on dance nights young people queue for admission. The bus service between Kirkby and Liverpool is deplorable. To catch the last bus home Kirkby people have to leave the cinema two-thirds of the way through the film.

The Kirkby Council of Social Service drew up plans for a bowling alley to be built by local youngsters in Northwood. Kirkby Council passed plans, but the scheme was thwarted by Liverpool who claimed to have earmarked the site for an old peoples' hostel to be built "at a later date." Since some 90 per cent. of the houses in Kirkby belong to Liverpool it would seem only just that Liverpool do something to alleviate the boredom which is Kirkby's major problem. Instead they have turned a blind eye to the problems which their own shortsightedness nurtured and continue to ignore the difficulties which beset their daughter town.

### Vandalism exaggerated

Private enterprise, it is said, refuses to come to Kirkby because firms fear the vandals for which the town is renowned; and yet public houses abound in Kirkby and shortly a new hotel is to be opened in the town centre. During my eight months in Kirkby I rarely saw any signs of vandalism. Organisations like the suggested Delinquents Anonymous can do nothing but damage to Kirkby's reputation and yet well meaning citizens continue to propose, fund and publicise them, thereby continuing to keep private firms at bay.

If theatre companies like the newly-founded Everyman in Liverpool were to visit Kirkby (perhaps on the three nights a week when the boat club takes over Hope Hall) and perform in one of the school halls there would be less excuse for discontent among young people in Kirkby, as it is to-day they have little more than a home to thank their elders for.



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Mr. N. Painting's Agricultural Contracts take him and his sons and their workmen AND their machines far out from Inkpen. It is through the firm's work on the village roads in bad weather that they are most familiar to the villagers.

In time of threatened frost, it is Mr. Painting who salts the roads. In time of snow, it is his equipment which clears the drifts and opens the roads again. The road from Inkpen to Combe, which climbs the north face of the hill, is particularly susceptible to drifts, as the pictures show!

The photograph taken from the air gives a very good idea of Mr. Painting's premises. The machinery he uses is expensive, and needs careful storage when not in use. At Spring cultivation and sowing time, and again at harvest time, the machines are never idle, and very long hours are worked.

Mr. Painting and his family are natives of Inkpen.





SWANSDOWN COACHES.

- Drivers employed -
- Mr. H.R. Elgar
  - Mr. R.C. Elgar
  - Mr. J. Elgar
  - Mr. F. Elgar
  - Mr. K. Fox
  - Mrs. K. Fox
  - Mr. Mason
  - Mr. Tarry

Swansdown Coaches are a familiar feature on Inkpen roads. The business is largely a family one.

Soon after the war ended, Mr. H.R. Elgar, who was then licensee of the Swan Inn, started a small Garage and Hire business - with one taxi. He was joined by his three sons as they came back to civilian life, and also by his daughter and son-in-law.

The business has expanded regularly during its existence. By careful planning of times and routes, the drivers listed above, with part-time help in emergencies, cope regularly with the following journeys:-

WORKMEN'S BUSES.

- One coach daily from Inkpen to HARWELL.
  - Two coaches daily to THATCHAM DEPOT.
  - One coach daily to CHILTON ELECTRICS, HUNGERFORD.
- (These coaches pick up at many points en route.)

SCHOOL BUSES.

- One coach from Inkpen to JOHN o' GAUNT Sec. Mod., HUNGERFORD.
- Four coaches from LAMBOURN area to JOHN o' GAUNT Sec. Mod.
- One coach to St. GABRIEL'S School, Sandleford, NEWBURY.
- One coach to ST. Bartholomew's GRAMMAR School, NEWBURY.
- Two coaches to PRINCE RUPERT Special School, NEWBURY.
- Junior children are also collected from Combe and West Woodhay, and brought to INKPEN County Primary School.



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| A. Dixon (12 years)    | Drives lorry; decorating |            |
| A. Edwards (14 years)  | Bricklaying and drainage |            |
| J. Smith (10 years)    | Decorating               |            |
| C. Hitchens (12 years) | Plumbing                 |            |
| R. Palmer (4 years)    | Foreman bricklayer       |            |
| L. Uprichard (8 years) | Foreman carpenter        |            |
| A. Uprichard           | Apprentice decorator     |            |
| G. Hitchens (8 years)  |                          |            |
| K. Bailey (7 years)    | Plumber                  | (Kintbury) |
| S. Bailey              |                          | (Kintbury) |
| B. Tapping             |                          | (Kintbury) |
| Paul Carter            |                          |            |
| Peter Carter           |                          |            |
| Grahame Carter         |                          |            |
| J. Bowley              |                          |            |

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- Public Conveniences Newbury Boro.
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- Decorating, Hannington Wireless Station M. of W.
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- Four Bungalows Shefford
- Three Flats Hungerford
- Houses, Bungalows and Alterations at Cold Ash, Wantage, Chieveley, Burghclere, Marlborough, Conholt, Newtown, Hungerford, Inglewood, Ashmansworth.
- Various smaller jobs.

Some interesting figures!

In 1965, the firm used 2200 gallons of petrol, also 600 gallons Diesel fuel (for lorry); and the firm's vehicles travelled approx. 82,000 miles!





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# I MUST WAIT THREE YEARS FOR MY GARDEN SEAT

## -says 'NWN' reporter Peggy Cruse

AN ominous chalk mark — number 43 — on my favourite oak tree in Weaver's Lane, Inkpen, warned me that it would soon be the victim of a woodman's saw. It wasn't many weeks before the old tree, which stood like a sentinel at the top of a high bank surviving generations of villagers, disappeared from the skyline.

It was like losing an old friend and I thought it would be nice to have a garden seat made out of the wood. The tree, now a "log" in woodmen's language, was no doubt resting with dozens of others in the timber yard at the village saw mills.

My hopes were dashed when I contacted the yard. "It will take three years before the wood is ready and there wasn't much good wood in that particular tree — it had got too old," I was told.

My curiosity was roused, for I had no idea that it took three years to "season" wood and no idea how it was seasoned.

Mr. W. H. Edwards, head of this "family" firm explained that after logs are sliced — through and through — which is lengthy, it takes one year to season one-inch thick planks, two years for two-inch and three years for three-inch.

### MUST BE SEASONED

They are left in the open yard, with a block between each plank to let the air circulate, and only then is the wood ready for use. If it is not seasoned properly and for a long enough period it will warp.

Inkpen Saw Mill, which looks so quiet and sleepy with its rows of seasoning sliced logs in the yard, is a hive of activity inside. A ceaseless whirring of machinery obliterates conversation as massive tree trunks are sliced and shaped into various widths and sizes for the orders in hand.

A vacuum suction plant collects sawdust into giant pipes taking it to a boiler room where it is used as fuel for a massive furnace driving the central heating system.

On the face of it, Inkpen Saw Mill is the same as any other saw mill, but it epitomises a typical village industry, grown up from small beginnings, and has been the hub of village life centred round one family for over a century.

The firm takes its name from the late James Edwards who was 93 when he died in 1942. It was about the year he was born — in 1848 — that a small carpenter's and wheelwright's business was founded by a man called Hapgood which Mr. Edwards later bought "for about £10."

Old Mr. Edwards had about six men working for him and was kept busy with repairs and many other jobs that came along besides carpentry. Mr. Edwards was a fine craftsman. He did some good carpentry and built the roof over the billiards room at the Willows for the Donnithorpe family.

### JOINED BY SONS

He was joined in the business by his sons. Arthur the eldest, was about 14 when he joined his father at the turn of the century and

they went into the portable building business in a big way until it began to get too competitive.

Albert (Bert) was the second son and Wilfred (Will) the third and last surviving who at 75 now leads the firm in partnership with his nephews, Mr. R. Ward and Mr. Donald Edwards, with Mrs. Helen Edwards — widow of Mr. Arthur Edwards — also on the board.

"I left school in 1906 and we were in full swing in the building business then," said Mr. Will Edwards as he recalled a period of change when the firm built schools, houses and chapels. "The last block of houses we built were a dozen cottages for John Henry of Thatcham.

"By 1912 we had developed into the timber trade fairly extensively cutting scantlings and coffin boards. We did as much in those days as we do today. We used to do the breaking down of the big logs with the old pit saws, but we put our first bit of machinery down between 1907 and 1910.

Arthur bought it at a builders' sale—a secondhand saw, planing machine and general woodworker. We had no money to play with and we built our own lathes. We started sending out turned oak ladder rungs, principally to Jersey and we got a contract for making wheelbarrows for the old Great Western Railway. We used to send them away by the thousand and we still use the same pattern for our navy barrows today," he said.

### FENCING GANGS

Business boomed and the firm began manufacturing gates and fencing. They supplied fencing for a London contracting firm, which is still one of their biggest customers today. After a few years they started sending out men to erect fences and now there are three fencing gangs.

The firm now supplies ash planks for the motor body builders, ash and beech squares for furniture manufacturers, oak, ash and walnut for veneer cutters and fencing for the motorways.

Mr. Arthur Edwards was head of the firm until his death in 1957 and Mr. Bert Edwards was in charge of the mill until his death in 1948.

Paying tribute to the village craftsmen who have helped to build up the firm's reputation Mr. Edwards said "Right from my boyhood we've had some of the best carpenters, blacksmiths and machinists in the county."

Head carpenter at the firm today is Mr. Peter Bailey, who recently made some new pews for Inkpen Church where the Lych gate is also a specimen of the firm's work, erected as a memorial to the late Rev. H. D. Butler in the early 1930's.

At one time the firm employed about 60 men, mostly from the village, but this has been reduced to about 30, mainly because of the shortage of labour.

In the offices, where the central heating is fired by logs, there is a bright log fire in every room. Miss Jacobs, the secretary has been with the firm for 48 years, and her colleague in the office, Mrs. Vera Rolfe, has been with them about 25 years.

As Mr. Edwards picked up another log for his fire, he cast aside one from the pile: "Mussn't put that bit of pine on," he said, recognising a piece which looked exactly the same as an oak log to my inexperienced eye.

He must have appreciated my affection for the old oak tree for he said as I left "We'll keep you a plank for that seat you wanted!"

I shall have to wait three years for it.

### EMPLOYEES AT INKPEN SAWMILLS (December 1965)

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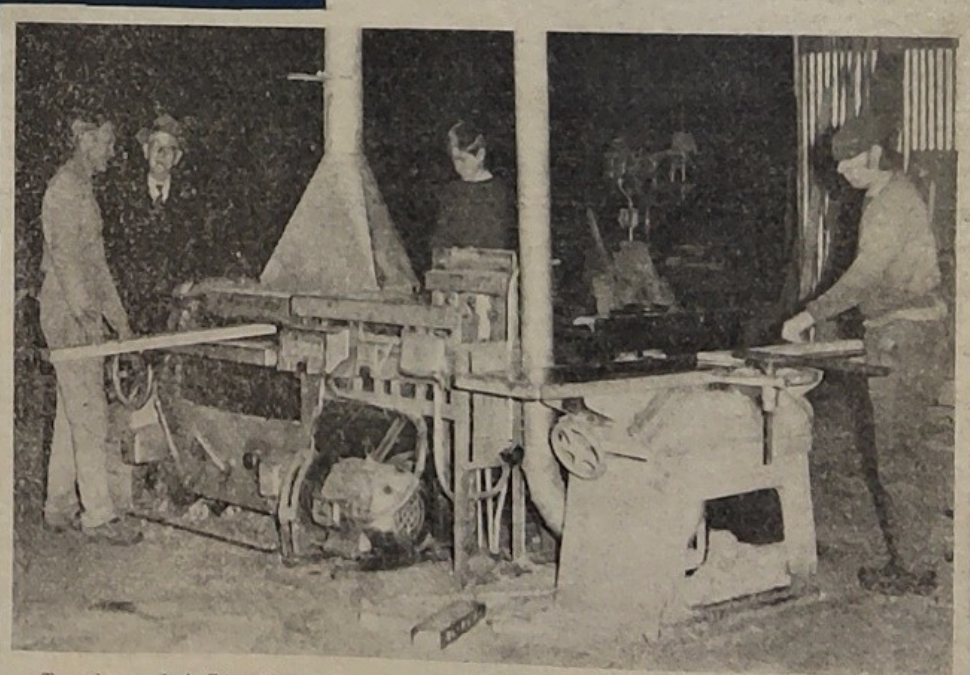
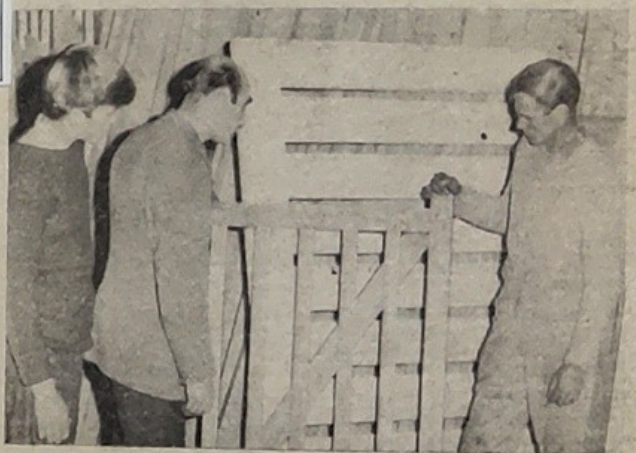
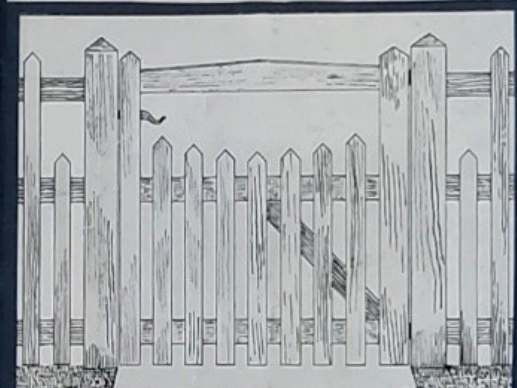
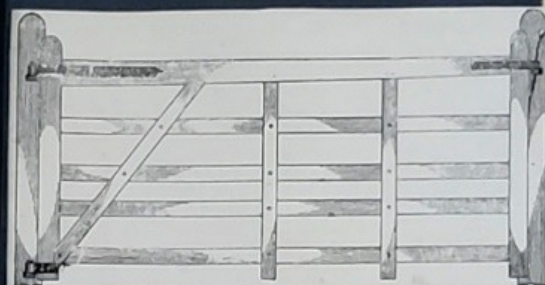
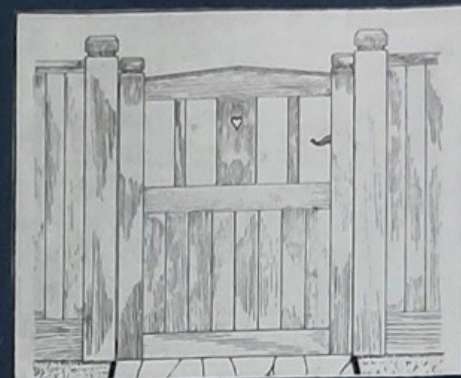
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- D. Jones
- J. Buckland
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- D. Edwards
- S. Culley

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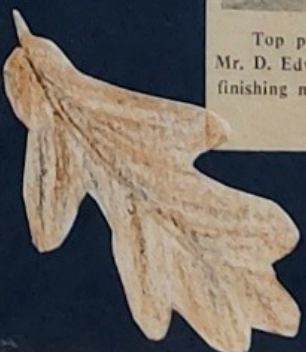
- M. Braidwood
- F. Giles
- E. Green
- F. Angell
- E. Traythorne
- D. Panting
- A. Tubb
- K. Sadler
- B. Kempster
- E. Head

From Hungerford -  
P. Wheeler

From Great Bedwyn -  
R. Cox



Top picture: Jack Edwards and Fred Angel feed timber through a saw. Centre: Mr. M. Bradwood, Mr. D. Edwards and Mr. Bailey survey one of their gates. Above: Suction ducts take away the dust from finishing machines. P. Bailey, M. Bradwood and R. Marks, feed timber as Mr. W. Edwards looks on.









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INKPEN

An entry for the Travel Poster  
Competition at the February meeting  
of Inkpen W.I.



OUR WEATHER.

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Jan. 2.8	May 1.68	Sep. 4.44	Total for Year 1965— <u>30.4 inches.</u> (a little above average.)
Feb. 0.24	June 2.06	Oct. 0.71	
Mar. 2.64	July 3.6	Nov. 3.44	
Apr. 1.89	Aug. 2.02	Dec. 4.78	





WEATHER NOTES OF A COUNTRY HOUSEWIFE.



JANUARY.

- 1. Fine day. 2° frost at 6 p.m.; 4° at 10 p.m.
2. 8° frost; sunny day.
3. 9° frost. Cold wind; fine, sunny day.
4. 9° frost; freezing all day. Cold wind. 6 at 5.30.
5. 12°; still 10° at 9.30 a.m. Fine sunny day.
6. 4° frost; getting warmer.
7. Dull damp day.
8. Wet morning, fine afternoon.
9. Fine till 10 a.m., then damp with rain.
10. Dull damp day.
11. Wet at first, then fine; rain at 3.30, then fine again.
12. Very wet morning, fine sunny afternoon.
13. Cold and fine; after 10, rough wind and rain all day.
14. Bright sunny morning; nice day.
15. Wet; snow shower at 9 a.m., then lovely sunny day. 3 frost early night.
16. Wet day.
17. Wet morning, thunder; fine rest of day.
18. Fine sunny day. 2° frost early evening.
19. 5° frost; some snow in night. Sunny day.
20. Snow in night; snow all morning. Fine afternoon. Cold wind.
21. 8° frost. Fine day. Snow at 9 p.m.
22. 3° frost. Fine sunny day.
23. 4° frost. Fine sunny morning; cloudy later.
24. Fine day.
25. Fog all day. Cold.
26. 2° frost. Fine, cloudy, cold wind.
27. 2° frost. Fine day, cold wind.
28. 4° frost. Snow in morning, fine after 11 a.m. Cold wind; washing frozen.
29. Light snow all day. Cold wind.
30. Dull day. Very cold wind.
31. 2° frost. Fine day, cold wind.

FEBRUARY.

- 1. Dull fine day.
2. 3° frost. Fine day. 7° at 10 p.m.
3. 4° frost. Very thick fog till after 2 p.m. Sunny afternoon.
4. 4° frost. Foggy at first, then damp with drizzle. Cold.
5. Dull foggy morning. Drizzle.
6. Dull day. Drizzle. Warmer.
7. Dull day.
8. Dry day, cold wind and washing dried.
9. Dry day, dull, cold wind.
10. Dry cold day. Warmer afternoon.
11. Dry dull day.
12. 4° frost. Dry day.
13. Dull day, light shower, dry after.
14. 3° frost. Fine sunny day.
15. 6° frost. Dull windy day.
16. Dull dry day. Cold wind.
17. Damp at first, fine after. Cold wind.
18. 10° frost. Dried all day. Cold wind. Some snow at 4.30 p.m.
19. 2° frost. Damp day.
20. Snow at first. Dull day.
21. 2° frost. Dull day.
22. Dull day. Wet afternoon.
23. Dry. Cold wind.
24. Dry. Cold wind.
25. 10° frost. Dry dull day. Cold wind.
26. 9° frost. Dry day; cold.
27. 9° frost. Nice bright day.
28. 4° frost. Dry day.



MARCH.

- 1. 3° frost. Snow at 11 a.m., then fine spells, then heavy snowstorms. 3° frost in p.m.
2. 12° frost; still 6° at 9 a.m. Bright sunny day, very cold wind. 8° frost at 10 p.m.
3. 18° frost; still 6° at 9 a.m. Dry, cold, and rough wind. Snow from 8 p.m.
4. 4° frost. Deep snow. Fine day.
5. 5° frost. Bright day, thawing slowly.
6. 12° frost. Still thawing by day. Sunny morning. 4°, 7 p.m.; 8°, 9 p.m.; 10°, 10 p.m.
7. 17° frost. Sunny day.
8. 6° frost; sunny day. 6° at 10 p.m.
9. 12° frost. Nice sunny day. Cold wind.
10. 6° frost. Sunny day. Cold wind.
11. 6° frost. Sunny day. Cold wind.
12. No frost. Nice sunny day.
13. Fine till 4 p.m., then rain.
14. Fine day.

- 15. Fine day till 3, then wet. Fine evening.
16. Fine till 11.30. Heavy storm, 1.15.
17. Wet day.
18. Wet morning, fine afternoon.
19. Wet morning, fine afternoon.
20. Wet day.
21. Cloudy day, mostly fine.
22. Wet, and fog; fine 10.30 to 3.30; then rain, and fine later.
23. Wet morning; sunny by 10 a.m.
24. Fine day.
25. Fine day; wet evening.
26. Fine day.
27. Fine spring day. Warm. 60°.
28. 2° frost. Fine Spring day. Warm. 70°.
29. 4° frost. Sunny day. 73°.
30. White frost. Sunny day. Rough wind. 68°.
31. Nice sunny day; windy.



APRIL.

- 1. Fine sunny day; windy. 58°.
2. 2° frost. Fine sunny day. Warmer. Foggy morning.
3. 2° frost. Sunny day. 73°.
4. Fine day. Sunny.
5. Fine day. Sunny.
6. 3° frost. Sunny morning, cloudy afternoon, rain at night.
7. Fine day, not quite so warm.
8. White frost. Sunny morning, rain in afternoon. Some thunder.
9. 2°. Fine day. Rain starting 4.30. Then rough windy evening.
10. Wet morning at first, storm at 1.30, lovely afternoon.
11. Fairly fine day. One or two storms.
12. Wet morning; fine from 11 to 2; then storms.
13. 1° frost. Lovely day.
14. Dull morning. Rain at 12 o'clock. Fine evening.
15. Sunny day.
16. Sunny day.
17. Wet day more or less.
18. Stormy morning, some rain, some hail. Nice afternoon and evening.
19. Sunshine, rain, snow, thunder, hail, very rough wind - the lot! Fine evening after 6.
20. Wet morning, fine day except for one shower. Very cold wind.
21. Down to freezing. Cold wind.
22. Down to freezing. Some rain in night.
23. Fine day.
24. Fine day.
25. Stormy day.
26. Fine morn. Rain at 1.15. Fine till 4. Thunder, hail, rain. Fine after.
27. Very windy and cold. Heavy storms. One flash lightning and one clap thunder at 3.20 p.m.
28. Some rain, some sun. Rain at 4. Fine evening.
29. 3° frost. Sunny, then fog till 1. Better later.
30. Dull, cold and foggy.



MAY.

- 1. Sunny morn. Cold. Fine day. Heavy storm 8 p.m.
2. Fine day. Rain at 8.30 p.m. Lot of rain during night.
3. Fine day till 5 o.c. Wet evening.
4. Rain from 8 a.m. Heavy in afternoon.
5. Fine day.
6. Fine day.
7. Mainly fine; rain at 12 and 5.30. Close.
8. Cloudy. Drizzle all afternoon. Fine evening.
9. Fine and warm. 68°.
10. Fine and warm. 70°.
11. Fine and warm. 77°.
12. Fine and warm. 78°.
13. Fine and warm. 82°.
14. Fine and warm. 88°.
15. Fine and warm. 78°.
16. Fairly fine; one or two storms.
17. Fine. Some showers in afternoon.
18. Fine at first. Heavy rain 11.30 till after 1. Fine after.
19. Fine day - much cooler.
20. Fine day. Warmer. 74°.
21. Fine. 72°.
22. Fine; rain at 10 p.m.
23. Fine day.
24. Stormy. Fine after 4 o.c.
25. Fine. Nice day.
26. Wet morning.
27. Fine morning. Rain with hail in afternoon.
28. Fine day. Cold wind; wore coat to do mowing.
29. Fine day, still cold.
30. Fine day. Cold.
31. Wet at first. Cloudy, dull, cold.



JUNE.

- 1. Fine, cold, dull.
2. Fine warm day. 69°.
3. Fine warm day. 71°.
4. Fine warm day. 76°.
5. Fine warm day. 78°.
6. Fine and warm. 68°.
7. Fine warm day. 72°.
8. Wet day.
9. Dark and cloudy.
10. Warm day. 78°.
11. 84°.
12. Wet day.
13. Warm day. 80°.
14. Warm. 83°.
15. Wet day.
16. Storms.
17. Fine day.
18. Fine day.
19. Fine day.
20. Fine day.
21. Fine day.
22. Fine day.
23. Wet until 3 o.c.
24. Fine warm day.
25. Fine warm day.
26. Fine warm day.
27. Fine warm day.
28. Fine warm day.
29. Fine warm day.
30. Fine but dull.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY MRS. F. CRUSE.



JULY.

1. Fine day.
2. Fine day.
3. Fine day. Very rough cold wind at night.
4. Fine chilly day.
5. Fine chilly day.
6. Fine day; warmer.
7. Fine day. Wet evening.
8. Fine day.
9. Fine day.
10. Fine day.
11. Fine day.
12. Wet day.
13. Some rain; wet evening.
14. Warm day, 83°; wet evening.
15. Cloudy day; chilly wind.
16. Fine; chilly wind.
17. Fine day; chilly wind.
18. Fine warm day.
19. Fine warm day.
20. Heavy rain and thunder at 8 a.m. Thunder and rain in afternoon and evening.
21. Misty morn. Fairly fine. Couple of storms.
22. Fine day.
23. Thunder and rain, heavy in morning.
24. Fine day; wet evening.
25. Fine day. Storm in evening.
26. Fine warm day.
27. Fine warm day.
28. Sunshine, and some drizzle.
29. Fine day.
30. Fine day.
31. Fine day.

THIS WEATHER!

An advertising sun shade was stolen from outside the Swan. In-  
pen, during the week-end.

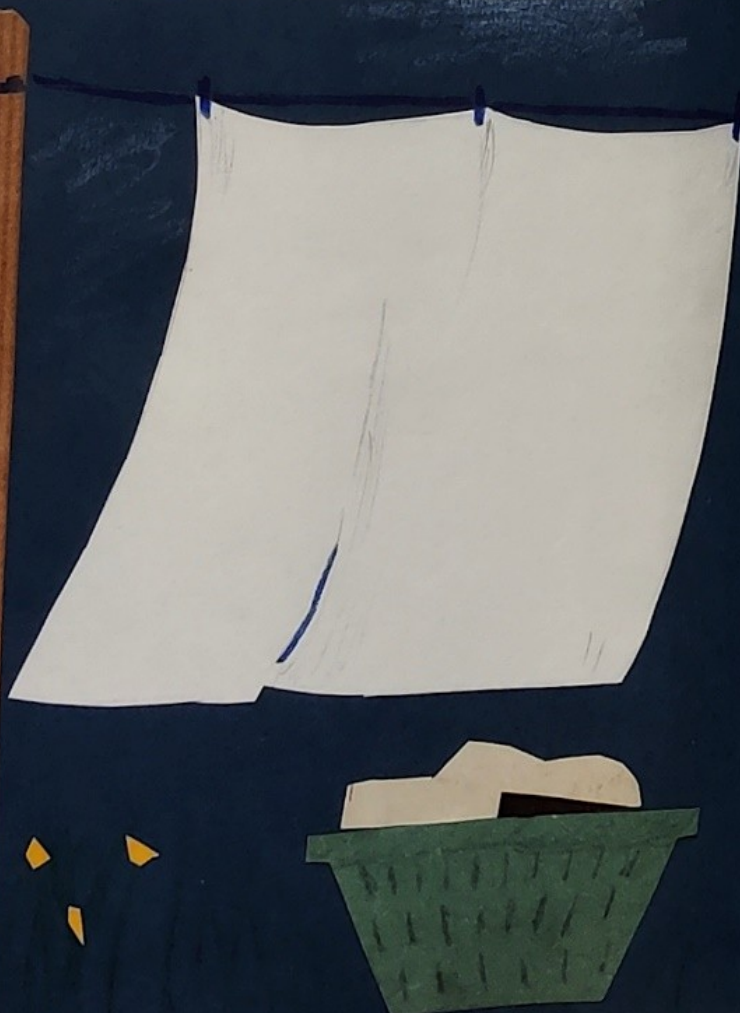


SEPTEMBER.

1. Dull, dry; rough chilly wind.
2. Dull, dry; rough chilly wind.
3. Heavy rain in night. Drizzle all morning. Fine afternoon and evening.
4. Fine sunny day.
5. Fine sunny day.
6. Fine sunny day.
7. Fine sunny day.
8. Wet morning, better afternoon. Very rough wind at 5 p.m.
9. Fine day except for one storm at 2 o.c.
10. Fine till 11 o.c., then miserable wet day.
11. Wet morning, better after.
12. Fine day. Very wet after 8 p.m.
13. Fine day. Warmer than of late.
14. Fine day. Warm.
15. Fine day. Warm.
16. Wet morning. Fine afternoon and evening.
17. Fine morning, wet afternoon, fine evening. Very rough wind in afternoon and evening.
18. Still rough wind. Fine day.
19. Fine sunny day, 68°.
20. Fine sunny day; 70°.
21. Fog at first. Lovely day.
22. Lovely warm day. 68°.
23. Lovely warm day. 68°.
24. Dark morning. Rain at 9.30 a.m. Fine day then
25. Very rough wet night. Very very wet day from early morning till night.
26. Fine morning. Heavy rain 12 to 2. Fine after.
27. Fine day.
28. Fine day.
29. Fine day. Rain at 6.30 p.m.
30. Rain during night. Sunny morning. Wet from 12.30

AUGUST.

1. Fine sunny day.
2. Wet day.
3. Fine warm day.
4. Fine warm day.
5. Fine and warm but for one storm. 84°.
6. Fine day till tea-time, then drizzle.
7. Fine day. 78°.
8. Fine day.
9. Fine day.
10. Fine day. 70°.
11. Thick fog at first. Warm day. 78°.
12. Warm day. 80°.
13. Warm day. 80°.
14. Warm day. 80°.
15. Warm day. 80°.
16. Fog at first, sun at mid-day. Lovely later on
17. Fine day; 76°.
18. Sunshine, with drizzle at times.
19. Fine warm day; wet evening.
20. Fine warm day.
21. Wet morning. Fine after except for two heavy showers at 10.30 and 2.30.
22. Sunny morning. Thunder all round us from 4 o.c.
23. Fine day.
24. Cloudy day with drizzly rain from 3.30.
25. Fine day.
26. Cloudy day. Rain in afternoon and evening.
27. Warm day. 80°.
28. Fine warm day, 80°; rain in evening.
29. Fine day.
30. Fine day.
31. Fine day. Very rough chilly wind. Afternoon storm.



NOVEMBER.

1. Very rough wind. Heavy storm 7.15 a.m. Fine after. Washing dry.
2. Fine day. Down to freezing point at 10 p.m.
3. 5° - 6° frost. Sunny morning.
4. 5° frost. Fine day.
5. Fine day.
6. 2° frost. Fine day. Very rough wind.
7. Very wet morning.
8. Fine day.
9. Wet morning, fine afternoon.
10. Cloudy day but fine. Rain at night.
11. Dull fine day; rain at night.
12. Cloudy, fine, cold wind. 3° frost at 10 p.m.
13. 6° frost. Fine, cold wind. 8° frost at 10.30 p.m.
14. 13° frost. Fine, sunny; cold wind. 12° frost at 10.30
15. 13° frost; freezing all day. 8° frost at 10 p.m.
16. Very rough cold wind, 9° frost; snow at 1.30 p.m.
17. Snow still here; ice at first. thawed during day. Heavy rain at 2 p.m. Thick fog after. Cold.
18. Fog. Rain in morning. Fog all day.
19. A little fog. Fine day. Rain at 9 p.m.
20. Wet day. Cold. Very rough wind.
21. Fairly fine day. 2° frost at 9 p.m.
22. 10° frost. Fine sunny day; freezing all day.
23. 9° frost. Fine day. Rain in evening.
24. Fine sunny day; cold.
25. Wet morning, fine afternoon.
26. 6° frost. Fine day.
27. Wet morning, fine afternoon. Rough wind.
28. 2° frost. Fine day.
29. Very rough wet night, cloudy morning. Heavy snowstorms at 1.30 and 4 p.m.
30. Fine day.



OCTOBER.

1. Fine day. Warm.
2. Fine day. Warm.
3. Fine day. Warm.
4. Fine day. Warm.
5. Thick fog, clearing 11 a.m. Warm day; 68°.
6. Thick fog, everything very wet; not clearing till afternoon.
7. Fog at first. Fine close warm day.
8. Fog at first. Dull day. N.E. wind.
9. Fine but windy.
10. Fine but windy.
11. Fine but windy.
12. Cloudy but fine.
13. Cloudy but fine.
14. Cloudy but fine.
15. Fine sunny day.
16. Fine sunny day.
17. Fine sunny day. 2° frost.
18. Fog at first. Fine day.
19. Fog at first. Fine day.
20. Fine day.
21. Fog, not clearing all day down here.
22. Thick fog, not clearing all day. Very thick at night.
23. Thick fog; everything very wet. But sun breaking through in afternoon.
24. Fog at first. Very cloudy. Nice afternoon. Warmer.
25. Lovely day. Good washing day. Warm.
26. Thick fog at first; sun through in afternoon.
27. Fine but very warm and muggy.
28. Fine and warm.
29. Fine and warm.
30. Cloudy day; little rain; rough wind.
31. Fine morn, wet afternoon. Very rough wind.

DECEMBER.

1. 4° frost. Fine and sunny.
2. Wet rough night. Fine morning. Heavy rain at 3 p.m. Thunder at 5 p.m.
3. Wet day.
4. Wet day.
5. Wet morning, fairly fine after.
6. Frost in morning. Fine day.
7. Frost in morning. Fine day.
8. 6° frost. Fine at first; wet afternoon.
9. Very wet day. Very rough wind.
10. Fine day.
11. Fine day.
12. Wet morning; fine afternoon.
13. 2° frost. Fog; not clearing till 1.30 p.m.
14. Dull and cloudy.
15. Wet day.

16. Wet day.
17. Wet day.
18. Wet day.
19. Fine day.
20. Dull but dry.
21. 3° frost. Fine bright day.
22. Damp day. Very rough wet night.
23. Fine day.
24. Fine day.
25. Fine day.
26. 7° frost. Frost all day.
27. 12° frost. Freezing all day.
28. 17° frost. Sunny day.
29. 17° frost. Rain at 9 a.m. Wet day.
30. Mostly fine.
31. Wet day.





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# VILLAGE HALL.

INKPEN VILLAGE

## Receipts

Lettings £84. 2. 9. £84. 2. 9.

~~£84. 2. 9.~~

Fete (donations £8.10.0d.) 109. 6. 9.  
 Bazaar 84. 5. 8.  
 Contribution by Drama Club 8. 0. 0.  
 Jumble Sales 34.17.11.  
 Dance 11.17.10.  
 Interest on D/A 2.14. 5.  
 Cash from Playing Field  
 (repayment) 1. 4. 3.

£252. 6.10.

Balance B/F

Lloyds Bank C/A 112.18. 8.

Lloyds Bank D/A 50. 0. 0. £162.18. 8.

£499. 8. 3.  
£502.14. 3.

H Bell Hon. Treasurer  
 8-7-65

VILLAGE HALL 1964-65

## Payments

Electricity (Net after ded.  
 £1.11./- from Meter) £61. 0. 0.  
 Rates 24.19.11.  
 Caretaker 26. 0. 0.  
 Insurance 5. 3. 0.  
 Maintenance 15. 5. 8.  
 Sundries 2.15. 6.  
 Postages 1. 0. 0. £136. 4. 8.  
 Fete 28.16. 2.  
 Bazaar 1.17. 6.  
 Playing Fields  $\frac{1}{2}$  share 40. 0. 0.  
 Jumble Sales 12. 6.  
 Dance 1. 7. 0.  
 Cups - purchase of 2. 2. 0.  
 Curtains for stage (mechanism) 26. 2.10.  
 Completion of Stage (Labour) 5. 0. 0.  
 Material for front of stage 7.15. 0.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Share of Fete profit to  
 Playing Field 37.16.10.  
 Insurance paid in error for  
 Playing Field (now Adjusted) 3.12. 6. £155. 2. 4.

Balance in Hand C/F

Lloyds Bank C/A 147.11. 3.

Lloyds Bank D./A 50. 0. 0. £197.11. 3.

Owing from British Oxygen 10.10. 0.

£499. 8. 3.

*H. Bell* Hon. Auditor  
 8.7.65



## Inkpen village hall plans

Future plans for an enlarged kitchen were discussed at last week's Village Hall Committee meeting when Miss H. Coleman presided. Accounts showed that money-raising projects were needed for general expenses and it was decided to organise a jumble sale and a dance.

## BALLOON RACE HIGHLIGHT AT INKPEN FETE

Over £100 was raised at a fete at Inkpen's Playing Field on Whit Monday, and after expenses have been met, about £80 is expected to be shared between the Village Hall and Playing Field funds.

Main attraction was a balloon race, over 100 balloons being sent off, flying high and quickly out of sight in a westerly direction.

Pony rides were popular and there was special appeal to the smaller children for rides in a donkey-cart.

Miss H. Coleman was chairman of the organising committee and Mr. E. G. Banham, treasurer. Helpers were Mrs. H. May, treasure hunt; Mr. J. Johnson, balloon height; Mr. H. R. P. Harrison, Cmdr. E. Dymott, balloon race; Mr. David Pearce, roll-a-penny; Mr. E. Angell, hoop-la; Mr. Kitson, cork shooting; Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Hazel, Mrs. Mills, white elephant; Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Banham, Mrs. Huntley, produce; Mr. F. Goodman, Mr. T. Pearce, take-a-pick; Mrs. Bawtree, Mrs. Dymott, bottle; Mr. Bawtree, pick-a-stick; Mr. F. Osborne, Mr. J. Langridge, Mr. R. Palmer, bowling; Mr. K. Smith, Mr. Ashton, races; Kathleen and Janet Painting, pony rides; Mrs. Marriott, donkey-cart; Derek Pearce, rolling horse; Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. J. Uprichard, Mrs. J. Kitson, teas; Miss B. Carter, children's gifts and balloons.

Mr. Richard Lawson won the treasure hunt for the second year. Other prizewinners were Patrick Sanderson, height of balloon; Mrs. Taylor, tea set for bowling, and Mr. J. Langridge, pig for bowling.

Scouts were on duty selling programmes and their own stall, manned by Mrs. K. Smith and Mrs. E. Stratton, raised funds for their troop.

## BALLOON TRAVELLED 145 MILES

Cards attached to 11 of the 100 balloons sent off at Inkpen's Whit-Monday fete were returned by the closing date on Thursday. Winner was Joanne Mills, whose balloon travelled about 145 miles being retrieved at Conah's Quay near Chester. Other balloons went as far as Stourbrige, Birmingham, Tewksbury, Broadway, Cheltenham, North-leach, Malmesbury and Highworth.

## JUMBLE SALE

INKPEN VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. X322

## INKPEN

£20 FROM JUMBLE. A jumble sale on Friday was well supported and realised over £20 for Village Hall funds.

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS.

During the year 1964 - 1965, the Hall was used 74 times.

Dances	25
Various Meetings	16
Drama Sessions	13
W.I. Meetings	10
Jumble Sales	3
Whist Drives	2
Wedding Receptions	2
W.I. Group Meeting	1
Old Folks' Party	1
Bazaar	1
	<u>74</u>

Scale of Charges (new scale adopted 28.9.65).

7/6 per hour for block bookings.  
10/- per hour for single bookings.  
£3.3.0 for Wedding Receptions and for all functions requiring the Hall for the day and evening.

## Village hall's capital account is bouyant

Although Inkpen Village Hall's running expenses showed a deficit of £24 19s., the capital account was bouyant with nearly £100 more paid in than drawn out, said the treasurer, Mr. H. Bell, at last Wednesday's annual meeting.

Takings for lettings amounted to £94 18s. 9d., but expenses were £119 17s. 9d., including such items as electricity charges (up by over £14 on the previous year) rates and caretaker. The sum paid into the capital account was £252 6s. 10d., with £155 2s. 4d. paid out. Balance in hand was £197 11s. 3d.

Improvements during the year included a skirt for the stage and a running track for stage curtains.

Miss H. Coleman presided. Committee members consist of nominations from the various village organisations and officers were re-elected at a following committee meeting. Miss Coleman continues as chairman, with Mr. H. Bell, treasurer, and Mrs. A. E. Tilley, secretary.

## INKPEN

Jumble Sale. Village Hall jumble sale tomorrow, Friday, at 7.30 p.m. —(Adv't).

## INKPEN JUMBLE SALE

A jumble sale in Inkpen Village Hall on Friday was well supported and realised over £14 for Village Hall funds.

## Gift of clock for Inkpen Village Hall

During a meeting of Inkpen Village Hall committee, the chairman, Miss H. Coleman, thanked Mrs. Bawtree — representing the Drama Club — for the electric clock which they had presented to the hall. Replying, Mrs. Bawtree said she and her husband were leaving Inkpen soon to live in Italy and would have to resign from the Village Hall committee.

Mrs. Bawtree was told the committee were sorry to hear the news and thanking her for all her help, wished her every happiness in her new home.

## INKPEN VILLAGE HALL

### Christmas Bazaar

on SATURDAY, DEC. 11th

at 2.30 p.m.

Gift Stalls, Produce, White Elephants, Bottle Stall, Toys

CHRISTMAS TREE TEAS

Admission 6d. Children Free  
In aid of Inkpen Village Hall and Playing Fields N136

## Bazaar brings in over £90

Inkpen Village Hall and playing fields will share over £90 from a bazaar on Saturday. Takings amounted to £79 and donations in response to an appeal brought the total up to £94. Miss H. Coleman was chairman of the organising committee with Mr. H. Bell as treasurer.

Competitions were won by Mrs. Heal, Mrs. Wordley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Rendle and Hilary Uprichard.

A Christmas tree, complete with lights, was auctioned for £1.

Getting Ready for the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, 1965.



## INKPEN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

1965

Chairman	Miss H. Coleman
Treasurer	Mr. H. Bell
Secretary	Mrs. P. Tilley

Committee Members nominated by the various village organisations -

Church Council	Mrs. Coleman
Methodist Church	Mrs. Thomas
Mothers' Union	Mrs. Pearce
Women's Institute	Mrs. Butler Mrs. Fenemore
Football Club	Mr. Goodman Mr. F. Osborne
Parish Council	Miss L. Watts
Playing Field	Mr. R. Palmer Mr. H. Bell

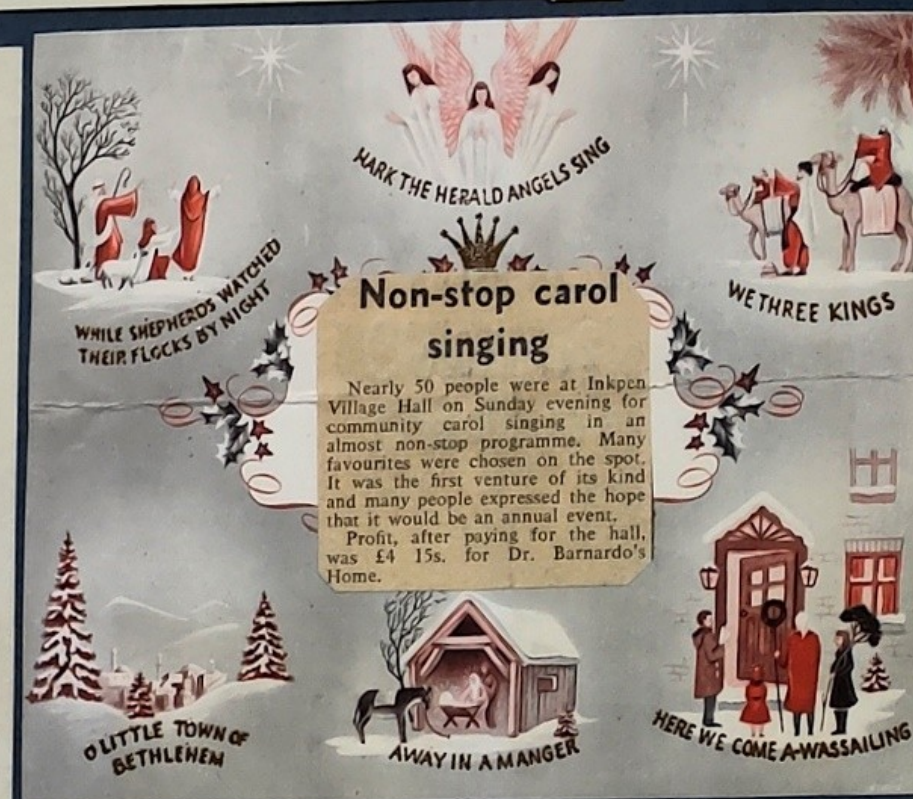
Committee Members co-opted by the nominated committee -

Mr. Ashton, Mr. Banham, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. May.

Caretaker - Mrs. Uprichard.

Miss B. Carter, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. F. Mills and Mrs. R. Palmer have given the Committee valuable help in money-raising efforts.

Mrs. P. Tilley has been Secretary to the Hall Committee since 1950 - a wonderful service.



Inkpen Village Hall.



INKPEN MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD 1964 - 65

Receipts

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Inkpen Football Club, Berks County Council, Interest on Defence Bonds.

TOTAL 32 2 6

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Half share of Bazaar, Defence Bonds converted, National Playing Fields, Half share of Whitsun Fete.

Balance B/F Westminster Bank 245 4 3

Payments

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Insurance, Caretaker, Groundsman, Electricity, Water.

TOTAL 23 11 5

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Building toilets & septictank, Bank charges, Mowing machine shed materials, Purchase of Gang Mower, Repairs, Sundries, Cheque book.

Balance C/F Westminster Bank 100 0 2

£715 5 10

Wages for 2nd half year not yet passed through Bank A/C 18 0 0

CONCERN OVER VANDALISM AT INKPEN

Vandalism to the pavilion at Inkpen, where a number of planks have been removed, is causing the Playing Fields committee concern...

"There have been games to see who could split the most bats and who could hit the ball the farthest," said Mr. F. Goodman.

For the first time for many years Inkpen has no cricket team, but Mr. Goodman said he and Mr. F. Osborne had done their best to keep the pitch mown...

It was pointed out that the pitch had been one of the best in the district having been laid by a firm of specialists and that it would deteriorate beyond repair if it was not looked after properly.

But it was argued that other cricket pitches had football played on them in the winter and there was no reason if it was close mown that it could not be restored...

Presenting the accounts, Mr. R. Palmer, treasurer, showed that major expenses included £464 paid for new toilets and a septic tank, and £95 for a gang mower...

Officers elected at a following committee meeting were Mr. V. Ashton, chairman; Mr. H. Bell, secretary; and Mr. R. Palmer, treasurer.

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Handwritten note: H Bell Chairman 18/8/65

FETE

INKPEN PLAYING FIELD WHIT MONDAY, JUNE 7th 2.30 p.m.

In aid of Village Hall and Playing Field and 1st Kintbury and Inkpen Boy Scouts

NEWBURY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

Premier Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Kintbury Ran., Cold Ash, Hermitage, etc.

Division 1

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Opperman Spts., Newbury P.O., Bartholomew R., etc.

NEWBURY SUNDAY MINOR LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Hungerford, Leckhampstead, Theale, etc.

NO REFEREE

The referee failed to turn up at Inkpen on Saturday for the match with Chieveley. The club captains got together to try to solve the problem...

Chieveley, who at one time challenged strongly for the league championship last season, found the home team a tough nut to crack...

In division one, Inkpen Reserves, who only won one game last season, opened with a deserved 3-1 victory away to Hungerford A. P. Carter, David Pearce and P. Wallis scored for Inkpen...

Inkpen made £200 profit

Despite having had only a fair season competitively, Inkpen Football Club made a profit of £200 after paying all general running expenses and buying £70 worth of new equipment...

The club chairman, Mr. D. Palmer, thanked the committee and supporters for all they had done during the season.

Mr. Palmer was re-elected Chairman with Mr. F. Osborne as treasurer and Mr. F. Goodman as secretary.

PEARCE HITS SEVEN

David Pearce was in cracking form for Inkpen Reserves and he netted seven times in their 8-4 victory at Hermitage.

DESERVED VICTORY

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NEWBURY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Bartholomew Ran., Great Shefford B., Woodhay 1, Reed, etc.

Division 1

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Chieveley Res., Woodhay Res., Compton Res., etc.

NEWBURY SUNDAY MINOR LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Newbury Th., Leckhampstead, Hungerford Th., etc.

INKPEN FOOTBALL CLUB (NEWBURY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE) 1964-1965

Table with 3 columns: Date, Premier Division, Division 1 (Reserves), Sunday Minor League. Lists matches from Jan 2 to Apr 24.

1964-1965 LEAGUE CUP

Table with 2 columns: Date, Match. Lists matches on Feb 13 and Feb 20.

NEWBURY MINOR CUP

Table with 2 columns: Date, Match. Lists match on Apr 9.

1965-1966 BERKS. AND BUCKS INTERMEDIATE CUP

Table with 2 columns: Date, Match. Lists match on Oct 11.

NEWBURY CHALLENGE CUP

Table with 2 columns: Date, Match. Lists match on Oct 23.

NEWBURY BENEVOLENT CUP

Table with 2 columns: Date, Match. Lists match on Dec.

INKPEN FOOTBALL CLUB (NEWBURY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE) 1965-1966

Table with 3 columns: Date, Premier Division, Division 1 (Reserves), Sunday Minor League. Lists matches from Sep 4 to Dec 25.

Improved Inkpen Res. top the table

LAST season Inkpen Reserves won only one game, collected a total of only three points, and spent all their time at the bottom of the Division 1 table. But this season their fortunes have changed and on Saturday they jumped to the top of the table with their third successive victory, a 2-0 win over Woodhay Reserves.





# W.I. JUBILEE YEAR 1915-1965

## Miming at Inkpen

Miss Sheila Reid spoke on the art of mime and encouraged members to join in examples she gave to illustrate her talk at Inkpen. A competition for a picture of Mrs. Bent's dog drawn at the meeting was won by Miss Reid, with Miss N. Hall second and Mrs. Butler third. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Homer and Miss W. Edwards.

## JANUARY

## Talk on Saudi Arabia at Inkpen

The meeting was taken by Mrs. Martin. About 18 members were present. Jubilee celebrations were fully discussed, and it was decided members would probably attend both days, and volunteer to do stewarding on the Saturday. A visit to the little-known country of Saudi Arabia was the topic of an interesting talk by Mrs. Benning. It was illustrated by colour slides and post-cards. It was decided to hold a ballot on who should attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace. The suggestion that each member bring a visitor to WI meetings during the next year, with the hope of increasing membership, was discussed. Mrs. Martin and Miss Edwards provided tea. The members' stall was in charge of Mrs. Jackman.

## FEBRUARY

Four Inkpen members had their hair washed at a Newbury hair-dressing salon last week, came home in curlers and headscarves and had their hair set by the same hairdressers at the Institute's annual meeting at the Village Hall in the afternoon. Skilful styling produced four completely different results.

Mrs. W. Martin, presiding, was congratulated on winning the place to the Buckingham Palace garden party by ballot. She was re-elected president for the ensuing year, with Mrs. Bent continuing as secretary and Mrs. W. Edwards as treasurer. Elected to the committee were Mrs. Bawtree, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Homer, Miss Burn and Miss Edwards. Kintbury members acted as tellers. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Ashtan and Mrs. Butler.

## MARCH

## Nursery rhymes at Inkpen

Mrs. Martin took the chair. The forthcoming group meeting was discussed. Two new members were welcomed, Mrs. Tonge and Miss Le Page. Mrs. Stanley-Smith gave a very interesting talk on nursery rhymes and their origin, and members were invited to recite some of their favourites. A vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Burn. A competition for an original nursery rhyme was won by Mrs. Martin. Tea was served by Mrs. Jackman and Miss Carter. As it is the Golden Jubilee of Women's Institutes this year, plans to benefit the village were discussed.

## APRIL

Our V.C.O. visitor was unable to attend. Members discussed and voted on Resolutions for the A.G.M. The competition for a knitted square was won by Miss Burn. (Squares are to be made into a blanket for one of the Ockenden homes.)

## MAY

## Inkpen told about Ockenden Venture

Members were interested to hear a talk on the Ockenden Venture by Mrs. Rooke from the Sutton Courtenay home. Delegates to the Albert Hall annual meeting, Mrs. Bawtree and Mrs. Burnham (West Woodhay) gave reports of the two-day programme. A social half-hour was arranged by Mrs. Homer. Supper hostesses were Mrs. Heal, Mrs. Tonge and Mrs. Coleman. A number of visitors were welcomed.

## JUNE

## Feather stitching at Inkpen

The art of feather stitching, including the traditional Dorset pattern, was demonstrated by Mrs. D. L. Hughes. A golden jubilee floral arrangement competition was well supported, being judged by Mrs. A. G. Goodhart. She said the standard was high, but gave advice on how several arrangements could have been improved, though she said the best could hardly be faulted. Mrs. Bawtree was first, Mrs. Fawcett, second, and Mrs. Martin, third. Mrs. Martin, presiding, wore the outfit she wore to the Buckingham Palace garden party. There was unanimous approval for her choice of pale blue. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Bawtree and Miss Burn. Arrangements were made for a jumble sale in September to pay for clearing the village pond at Upper Green.

## JULY

Holiday Month - no meeting.

## AUGUST

For Members' Day, Mrs. Selman acted as President and Miss Le Page as Secretary. Mr. H Bell described a working visit to Crete. Competition - Harvest Festival in a Basket; winner was Mrs. Bastable.

## SEPTEMBER

## JOSS STICKS BURNED

The meeting had an Eastern atmosphere—literally—when their speaker, Mrs. M. McTear, burned joss sticks to add authenticity to her talk on India. Mrs. McTear, who has spent 35 years in India, was able to tell her audience many details of the life of the ordinary man and woman there. She showed several costumes, and the guild were interested and entertained when she dressed two of their members in the typical costume of an Indian man and woman.

## OCTOBER

## Cheese dishes at Inkpen

In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. Martin, on a Denman College course, Miss Burn presided at the birthday meeting when a special cake made by Mrs. Bent and Miss Edwards was enjoyed. Southern Electricity Board representatives demonstrated cheese supper dishes and were each presented with a box of chocolates afterwards. A cake competition attracted about 10 entries, most marks being awarded to—1 Mrs. Jackman, 2 Mrs. Bent and 3 Miss Burn.

## NOVEMBER

## Miss Burn made best fudge

Mr. M. Woodgates showed colour slides of Mr. and Mrs. Martyn Simmons' famous garden at Quarry Wood, Newtown, Newbury, where he is gardener, at Inkpen Women's Institute's evening December meeting.

There were only four entries in a competition for fudge, most marks being gained by Miss Burn. Mrs. Woodgates sang Silent Night to the accompaniment of Miss Edwards at the piano. Mrs. W. Martin presided and committee members served refreshments.

## DECEMBER

## NATIONAL FEDERATION

## OF

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

"For Home and Country"

## INKPEN

## PROGRAMME

1965

July 20th. 6.30 p.m.  
Dorset Feather Stitchery - Mrs. Hughes  
Competition - Golden Jubilee Floral arrangement ✓

September 21st. 2.30 p.m.  
Members Day  
Competition - Harvest Festival in a basket ✓

October 19th. 2.00 p.m.  
Costume and Customs of India - Mrs. McTear  
Competition - A Golden Jubilee competition

November 16th. 2.00 p.m.  
Egg and Cheese dishes - S.E.B.  
Competition - Cake ✓

December 14th. 6.30 p.m.  
Gardening - Coloured slides - Mr. Woodgates  
Competition - Sweets ✓

## Pond will be cleaned as WI jubilee effort

As their special effort for golden jubilee year, Inkpen WI members have decided to have the village pond at Upper Green cleaned and restored.

Their president, Mrs. E. Martin, with members Miss Burn and Miss Carter, met parish councillors and the divisional surveyor, Mr. G. Sinclair-Jones, last week to discuss work to be done. It was decided that a local contractor should give an estimate for the work involved, the parish council would arrange for the work to be done and the Women's Institute would pay for it, with a possible grant from the County Council.

It is hoped to put the work in hand early in the autumn.

## HUNGERFORD GROUP WI MEETING

Hungerford Group meeting of Women's Institutes was held at Inkpen Village Hall last week. The following Institutes were represented: Boxford, Hungerford, Kintbury, Inkpen, Stockcross and West Woodhay. Approximately 85 members were present.

Group president, Mrs. Martin, opened the meeting by introducing the presidents from each Institute, and said this was a very special occasion as it was the Golden Jubilee year of Women's Institutes. Each president was presented with a golden flower buttonhole. Group secretary Mrs. Bent read the minutes of the last meeting, followed by the group treasurer's report.

Mrs. Hards gave her usual lively and interesting report on county affairs, and of the many events to be held during jubilee year.

Mrs. Martin introduced the speaker, Miss Dolphin, of Denman College. She gave an interesting account of the history and aims of the college, and stressed the importance of every WI having a bursary. Many classes in varied subjects were open to WI members. She hoped all members would eventually have the opportunity of attending classes, and enjoying the very happy atmosphere of Denman. Her talk was illustrated by colour slides.

The competition, entered by all Institutes, was for three wrapped parcels in various shapes. This was judged by Mrs. Tabernacla, a very difficult task as all entries were excellent. She awarded first prize to Inkpen, second to Stockcross and third to Hungerford.

The flower decorations and tea were provided by Inkpen, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Hungerford.

To wind up the meeting a social time was organised by Stockcross, and finally the lucky ticket-holders in a combined competition were announced by Mrs. Hards.

## Guests from Over Norton at Inkpen WI

A party of about 20 WI members from Over Norton, near Chipping Norton, came to Inkpen on Tuesday as the guests of Inkpen Women's Institute. Hostesses provided lunch in their homes, after which the party went by coach and car to see the Gibbet and then on to Littlecote House returning for tea at New Mill, by invitation of Mrs. G. C. Goodhart.

## WI GROUP VISIT A SILK FARM

Hungerford group of Women's Institutes had a successful outing in perfect weather to Lady Hart-Dyke's Lullingstone silk farm at Asot St. Lawrence last week. Inkpen WI were responsible for all arrangements. Approximately 43 members from Boxford, Kintbury, Hungerford, Inkpen, Stockcross and West Woodhay enjoyed the trip, which included a visit to the late George Bernard Shaw's home.

Members were conducted around the farm by Lady Hart-Dyke, who explained the different stages in the life and death of the silk-worm. They watched silk being extracted from the cocoons by special machinery. The farm is unique in being the only one in England.

Most members bought scarves and handkerchiefs made from silk produced at the farm. Tea was served at the village Post Office.



HUNGERFORD GROUP OF W.I.s. SPRING MEETING AT INKPEN. (FLOWERS ARRANGED BY MRS. FAWSETT.)



Our Golden Jubilee gift to ourselves is a Notice Board, to be displayed outside the Post Office Stores, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock. Unfortunately, planning permission was not received in time for a 1965 erection. Through the kindness of Mr. Bastable, Hon. J. Astor and the Estate Carpenter, the Board is ready and waiting.





With their "reproduction" of Dame Laura Knight's "Ballet Dancers" Inkpen won the rose bowl in the competition for the best-staged tableau.

### Cheese and wine party as jubilee celebration

Stockcross Women's Institute were hosts for a Hungerford Group meeting last Wednesday, when their federation's golden jubilee was celebrated with an evening cheese and wine party. Members from Hungerford, Boxford, Stockcross, Inkpen, West Woodhay and Kintbury, and the retiring county chairman, Mrs. F. Hards, were welcomed by Mrs. W. Martin, group chairman. Mrs. Harvey Harrison, well-known for her documentary films, spoke on costume through the ages, concentrating on ladies' court dress from the 11th century, and illustrating her talk with lightning sketches. Highlight of the evening was the group competition in which four Institutes staged a tableau of a famous picture. This was extremely well done, and in judging, Mrs. Harvey Harrison complimented members on the attention to detail.

Inkpen won the rose bowl for the third time for their "reproduction" of Dame Laura Knight's "Ballet Dancers," having captured the atmosphere of the scene. But Hungerford's staging of the famous "Angelus" by Millet was a close runner-up. "Portraits" were contributed by Boxford, third with Rubens' "Chapeau de Paille," and Stockcross with Frans Hals' "The Gipsy Girl."

#### TAKING PART

Those taking part were—Inkpen: Mrs. C. M. Ben., Mrs. T. G. S. Fenimore, with Mrs. W. Martin painting backcloth and making the frame and Mrs. T. Bawtree responsible for the arrangement; Hungerford: Mrs. G. Dawes, Mrs. D. Wells, with Mrs. M. Golding and Mrs. J. Richens making the frame and Mrs. Alister Jones painting the backcloth. The two portraits were Mrs. I. Starkey (Boxford) and Mrs. V. Mavis (Stockcross).

The evening ended with country dancing led by Mr. B. Bushnell. It was unfortunate that four of the 24 bottles of wine ordered for the party were stolen from Stockcross Hall porch between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. after delivery.

HUNGERFORD GROUP: AUTUMN MEETING. INKPEN'S WINNING TABLEAU.

### W.I. TENT AT NEWBURY AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

1. IN PREPARATION — DISPLAY TO SHOW "W.I. AND THE FARM"
2. INKPEN'S COMPETITION ENTRY (MRS. FAWSETT AND MRS. BUTLER WERE IN CHARGE.)

### WI TENT GAVE COMPREHENSIVE DISPLAY OF ACTIVITIES

To celebrate their golden jubilee year, Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes had as the central exhibit of their tent, a display giving a comprehensive picture of the activities of the movement and its progress during the past 50 years.

The display was divided into four sections. To show the international aspects of the WI there was a collection of dolls in national costumes, representing membership of the Association of Countrywomen of the World. The 31 dolls had been dressed by members for the golden jubilee exhibition at Easthampstead Park this summer.

Two members of the Shaw-cum-Donnington branch were responsible for a model of the first WI meeting, at Llandfairpwll in 1915.

Courses at Denham College, Marcham, from jam and preserve making to space exploration, illustrated education through the WI.

The part branches have played in improvements in village amenities, such as bus services, public footpaths, preservation of rural cottages and setting up market stalls, was another feature of the display, as was the interest they have taken in farming and agriculture.

The protection of birds, export of horses, humane slaughter, and danger from toxic sprays are among subjects that have occupied their attention.

The backcloths were painted by Mrs. E. Martin and Mrs. T. Bawtree, of Inkpen WI.

This year's competition was for a tea or supper table for a golden jubilee party. The trophy was won by Bucklebury and Marlston, who were awarded 91 points. Their menu included liver pate, glazed trout and fruit dishes, and part of their table decoration was figures dressed in 1915 and 1965 costume, in gold-sprayed plastic.

Inkpen, with 86 points, were second, and Shaw-cum-Donnington, with 79, third. Among the 18 entries was one from Ashmore Green, who were competing for the first time.

Marks were awarded for interpretation of the theme, art, handicraft, cookery and table and floral arrangement.

Handicrafts and produce were on sale. A demonstration of needle-made rugs was given by Mrs. N. Runham during most of the day.

Branch banners decorated the tent, and for the first time a garden was laid outside the tent entrance.



OUR "GOLDEN JUBILEE" GIFT TO THE VILLAGE. (PICTURES ON PAGE 7.)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE JUMBLE SALE INKPEN VILLAGE HALL on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th at 7 p.m. Admission 3d Z199

£20 for Inkpen pond restoration

A jumble sale at Inkpen Village Hall, organised by the Women's Institute to raise money to pay for restoring and cleaning the Upper Green pond, realised about £20.

### Pond cleaned

Inkpen Village Pond in the Upper Green has been cleaned out, the work having just been completed. The cleaning was arranged by the Women's Institute as their effort for the village during their federation's golden jubilee year. Moorhens and wild duck were not disturbed by the excavation and dragging and are back on the pond again.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE



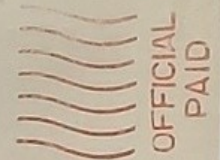
  
*The Lord Chamberlain is  
 commanded by Her Majesty to invite*  


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*Mrs W. Martin*  
*to an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace*  
*to mark the Golden Jubilee*  
*of the National Federation of Women's Institutes*  
*on Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1965, from 4 to 6 o'clock p.m.*  
*Afternoon Dress with Hat. (Weather Permitting)*



  
*Mrs W. Martin*  
*Woodwind*  
*Inkpen*  
*Newbury*  
*Berkshire*  
 Lord Chamberlain



Thereby Hangs a Tale

INKPEN PLAYERS  
 present  
THEREBY HANGS A TALE  
 by  
 Girvin Cosens  
CAST  
 A woman Motorist ..... Bridie Sellman  
 Café Owner ..... Edith Martin  
 Iris ..... Phyllis May  
 Mary ..... Daphne Smith  
 Mrs. Bennett ..... Tessa Bawtree  
 Rose ..... Freda Taylor  
  
 Scene: A cheap café in prison locality.  
 Time: The present.



Inkpen and Eastbury combined drama night for last time

INKPEN and Eastbury drama groups presented what was probably their last combined programme at the Village Hall on Thursday.  
 After a series of successful drama evenings with a play presented by each group, producer Mr. Jack Wing told the audience "I feel this is rather a sad occasion this evening. These groups have been running privately since the Berkshire Education Committee decided they wanted to centralise groups instead of being held in villages."  
 He thanked both groups for their loyalty and support. Eastbury were unable to continue but Inkpen were joining with Ham and the new group would be known as the Border Players.  
 Both Inkpen and Eastbury Players would agree that Thursday's plays were not among their best. Inkpen excel with comedy but "Thereby hangs a tale" by Girvin Cosens, set in a cheap café in a prison locality, did not make use of their ability. However, the clever characterisation by Freda Taylor as Rose deserves mention.  
 Eastbury were never happy with "The lady from abroad" by M. Constanduros and H. Agg, and kept their prompter busy. Even so there was affectionate applause for old friends, particularly for Daisy Fryer, still acting well and who admits to being "around 80."  
 Casts were - Inkpen: Bridie Sellman, Edith Martin, Phyllis May, Daphne Smith, Tessa Bawtree and Freda Taylor. Eastbury: Redvers Williams, Helen Williams, Elsie Hundley, Anthony Hundley, Daisy Fryer and Ann Thomas.



Inkpen Players entertained

Inkpen Players, headed by Mrs. Martin and under the direction of Mr. Wing, entertained members of Kintbury Evergreen Association with a humorous sketch.

A woman motorist (Bridie Selman) listens intrigued to the conversation of Iris (Phyllis May), another customer, Mary (Daphne Smith) and the café proprietor (Edith Martin) in a scene from Inkpen Players' presentation of "Thereby Hangs a Tale."



# A cackling bantam gave this play an atmosphere all its own

INKPEN Drama Group teamed up with Ham a few months ago as the Border Players and their first joint production in Inkpen Village Hall on Thursday was received with enthusiasm by a loyal audience.

Lesley Storm's long three-act play "Great Day" was an ambitious choice for a new team, but after an apprehensive start the cast gained confidence and carried it through to a triumphant finale. Frantic preparations in a village given one day's notice of the arrival of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt during the last war and achieved by the local Women's Institute's busy bees, set the scene. But the 24 hours between the announcement that Croxley had been chosen to show Mrs. Roosevelt what was being done in the villages for the war effort and her arrival, was packed with incident—scandal, humour, romance and tragedy, portraying a familiar pattern of village life, accentuated in wartime.

A lot of trouble was taken to make the costumes authentic and a good many attics were sorted to find those old ankle-strap square heeled shoes, the jackets with square shoulders, the Land Girl's uniform, complete with badge, and the Robin Hood hats.

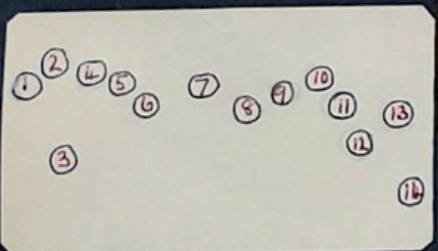
Village amateur dramatics have an atmosphere of their own and it all added to the fun when starlings started screeching in the roof, a toddler in the front row began chattering and a live bantam among the "props" on stage started cackling during a love scene and had to be put outside.

It was a fitting choice of play for the Women's Institutes' Jubilee year, for one Institute in Kent did find itself in a blaze of limelight in 1942 when it was chosen as typifying the wartime achievements of many WI's and was visited by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. Churchill and Lady Reading. Forewarned the members worked frantically to put up a praiseworthy show with demonstrations, and an exhibition of work. They even had livestock on show. "Great Day" was written around this incident.

### THE CAST

A man, Alan Napier; Mrs. Tracy, Brenda Stevens; Miss Tomlinson, Bridget Sellman; Mrs. Ellis, Ada Broad; Mrs. Beale, Edith Martin; Mrs. Walsh, Celia Slater; Mrs. Mott, Freda Taylor; Miss Fisher, Florence Allen; Mrs. Mumford, Tessa Bawtree; Miss Allen, Rosemary Warren; Edna Ellis, Daphne Smith; Jeffrey, Richard Fortey; Major Ellis, Jack Wing; and Victoria Calder, Rita Hansford. Stage manager was Katherine Fortey, responsible for lighting was Alan Napier, and in charge of the wardrobe was Marcia Heddon. Prompter was Susan Taylor and Nellie Manders was responsible for make-up.

Producer was Jack Wing, and there was a second performance at Ham on Friday.



1. Mrs. Walsh (Celia Slater)
2. Geoffrey (Richard Fortey)
3. Edna Ellis (Daphne Smith)
4. Mrs. Tracy (Brenda Stevens)
5. Miss Tomlinson (Bridget Selman)
6. Mrs. Ellis (Ada Broad)
7. Mrs. Beale (Edith Martin)
8. Miss Allen (Rosemary Warren)
9. Mrs. Mumford (Tessa Bawtree)
10. (Stage Manager) (Katherine Fortey)
11. Mrs. Mott (Freda Taylor)
12. Vicky Calder (Rita Hansford)
13. Caretaker (Alan Napier)
14. (Prompt) (Susan Taylor)



LEFT - The caretaker (Alan Napier) hands out Gloom and Gossip to Mrs. Mott (Freda Taylor) and Mrs. Mumford (Tessa Bawtree).



## THE BORDER PLAYERS

(East Wilts Further Education)

### GREAT DAY

by  
Lesley Storm

Cast in order of appearance:

A Man .....	Alan Napier
Mrs. Tracy .....	Brenda Stevens
Miss Tomlinson .....	Bridget Sellman
Mrs. Ellis .....	Ada Broad
Mrs. Beale .....	Edith Martin
Mrs. Walsh .....	Celia Slater
Mrs. Mott .....	Freda Taylor
Mrs. Mumford .....	Tessa Bawtree
Edna Ellis .....	Daphne Smith
Jeffrey .....	Richard Fortey
Major Ellis .....	Jack Wing
Victoria Calder .....	Rita Hansford

### Act I

Scene: The Village Hall at Croxley.

### Act II

Scene I : Time - 9.45 p.m.

Scene II : 11.00 p.m. (Curtain is lowered to indicate passage of time)

### Act III

Scene: Time - 9.20 a.m.

12.45 p.m. (Curtain is lowered to indicate passage of time)

Stage Manager .....	Katherine Fortey
Lighting .....	Alan Napier
Wardrobe .....	Marcia Heddon
Prompt .....	Susan Taylor
Make-up .....	Nellie Manders

Play produced  
by  
Jack Wing







**Creative leisure at Inkpen**

IN this age of speed and bustle an unusual exhibition at Inkpen of "creative leisure" will give a refreshing glimpse into the craft and industry which is still going on quietly in many village homes. The exhibition has brought to light a wide range of hidden talent in the village and the work will include a number of unusual crafts and skills as well as pottery, weaving, woodwork and painting. The exhibition is at the Old Rectory Barn, today, tomorrow and Saturday. Some of the articles on display for sale and any profits are for OXFAM.

**CREATIVE LEISURE**

**AN EXHIBITION and Sale**

by INKPEN

**PAINTERS**

**POTTERS**

**WEAVERS**

**AND WORKERS IN WOOD**

**In the Old Rectory Barn**

(By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. McLaren)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

in St. Michael's Church

**September 23rd, 24th & 25th, 1965**

10.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.      2.30 — 6 p.m.

COFFEE 11 a.m.      TEA 4 p.m.

Admission 1/-

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Pottery figures and sculpture by Miss L. M. Watts (left) are among exhibits being admired by Mrs. J. G. M. Bradshaw and Mrs. R. G. Selman at an Inkpen exhibition last week.

**People flock from miles around to see country crafts on view at Inkpen**

THE TREMENDOUS interest in Inkpen's three-day exhibition on "Creative Leisure" at the Old Rectory with people flocking from miles around to see it surprised even the organisers and emphasised the pleasure and resurge of popularity in country crafts.

The old barn used for staging pottery, paintings, woodwork, weaving and needlework was a perfect setting for this kind of exhibition and visitors had the privilege of seeing inside the lovely William and Mary house by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. M. McLaren, where there were flower arrangements as well as in the Church nearby.

"This is an unusual occasion, for there can have been few such exhibitions of all the local skills and I'm sure we would all like to congratulate those who thought up such an inspired plan and who set out to find all this talent," said Mrs. McLaren in opening the exhibition on Thursday. "It is so encouraging in this machine age to see such skill. I feel something of this nature with its accent on human effort and flowers brings such a united and happy atmosphere to a village."

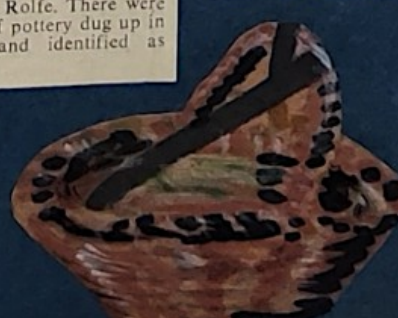
**POTTERY CLASSES**

Miss L. M. Watts has been making pottery since learning with Bernard Leach in Devon before the war and she started a pottery group in the village encouraging about 12 members to join her in taking classes at Ramsbury Pottery. Mrs. G. C. Goodhart arranged a painting group and it was their idea to show each others members' work which first inspired the exhibition. It snowballed into a display of many crafts still being carried on in the village.

"Fine needlework of a professional standard, petit-point, tapestry, exquisite pottery figures and woodwork carving, landscape paintings of local scenes of such standard that two were sold for 12 guineas each as soon as the exhibition opened, ranged to more simple but equally rewarding work by amateurs including pottery produced after only six lessons.

Among the more unusual things were walking sticks from the hedgerows, sheepskins cured to make rugs and a fleet of model ships — to scale and accurate in every detail making a historical record of those used in the Second World War.

Work by apprentices at Inkpen Saw Mill was also on display. As a complement to present day skill there were several examples of the work of well-known village craftsmen — a cradle made over 82 years ago by the late Mr. Charles Hercomb, pottery including a money box made at Inkpen Potteries, and baskets made by the late Mr. O. Rolfe. There were also a few pieces of pottery dug up in a village garden and identified as mediaeval.



**Art of pottery**

1. MISS LE PAGE
2. MISS M. KING



Mrs. Kathleen Holdsworth, who assists her husband Peter in his pottery business at Ramsbury, explains to students the method of glazing pots ready for firing.



It takes concentration and nimble fingers. ABOVE: Mrs. Daphne Goodson, of Kinbury, Mrs. Edith Martin, of Inkpen, and Mrs. Eithel Edwards, also of Inkpen, working clay into moulds. BELOW: Miss Lillian Watts, of Inkpen, throwing a pot on the wheel.

**EXHIBITORS OF CRAFT-WORK.**

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Calendars (natural material) | Mrs. Goodhart.         |
| Crochet                      | Mrs. Cruse.            |
| Down Quilt                   | Mrs. Walter.           |
| Embroidery                   | Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson. |
| Furniture                    | Dr. K. Fawcett         |
|                              | Mr. K. Bastable        |
|                              | Mr. K. Bastable        |
| Lino-cuts                    | Mr. Smith              |
| Model aeroplanes             | Mr. Bent               |
| Model ships                  | Mrs. Maclaren          |
| Needlework                   | Mrs. Martin            |
|                              | Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson  |
|                              | Mr. Bent               |
|                              | Miss M. Watts          |
|                              | Mrs. Bawtree           |
|                              | Mrs. M. Druce          |
|                              | Mrs. Dymott            |
|                              | Mrs. Edwards           |
|                              | Mrs. Fletcher          |
|                              | Miss King              |
|                              | Miss Watts             |
|                              |                        |
| Petit point                  | Col. A. Malcolm Scott  |
| Picture-framing              | Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson  |
| Plant Baskets                | Mr. F. Cruse           |
| Pottery                      | Mrs. Goodhart          |
|                              | Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson  |
|                              |                        |
| (pottery figures too)        |                        |
| Tapestry                     |                        |
| Walking-sticks               |                        |
| Weaving                      |                        |

**EXHIBITORS OF PAINTING.**

- |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Mrs. Bawtree    | Mrs. Harrison         |
| Miss J. Bawtree | Mrs. Martin           |
| Mrs. Davies     | Mrs. Mearns           |
| Mrs. Goodhart   | Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson |

**ITEMS FROM OLD INKPEN.**

- Wooden Cradle - made by Mr. Hercomb; lent by his daughter, Miss A. Hercomb.
- Pottery - some of the last to be made in Inkpen - lent by Mr. F. Carter and Sir Ernest Pass.
- Baskets - made in Inkpen by the late Mr. O. Rolfe.





# SCOUTS.



Putting the last pieces on to the bonfire at Inkpen Beacon, near Combe Gibbet, on Friday are 6th Newbury Senior Scouts. The beacon was fired for the National Trust's Enterprise Neptune.

## These beacons were another call to save our heritage

BEACONS were fired on high points in 1588 to signal the arrival of the Spanish Armada in the English Channel, which led to a battle to save our shores. Friday was St. George's Day and bonfires were again lit on the same hills to launch the National Trust's fight—Enterprise Neptune—to obtain and preserve stretches of coastland for the country's heritage.

Scouts built fires on five points in Newbury and district. These were at Inkpen Beacon, by 6th Newbury (St. Bartholomew's Grammar School); Beacon Hill, Burghclere, by Basingstoke and District Rover Crew; at White Horse Hill, Uffington, by Faringdon and District Scouts; at Segsbury Camp, near Wantage, and Scutehamer Knob by Wantage and District Scouts.

Under Senior troop leader Malcolm Holt, the 6th Newbury boys constructed their fire a few yards from the stump of Combe Gibbet. Mr. J. Smith, Scoutmaster of the 1st Inkpen and Kintbury, arranged for wood to be transported to the spot by tractor and trailer from Mr. John Astor's estate in the afternoon. The seven Seniors spent about two hours building the beacon, but they made a smaller fire on which to brew tea. An hour before the scheduled

time of nine o'clock a small group of sightseers arrived, and later there were about 50. Although there was a heavy haze, it was thought the blaze at Uffington could be seen.

## Scouts now have a 'Know-All' trophy

A new trophy for Scouts in Newbury and district has just been inaugurated. Called simply the "Know-All" trophy, it is open for competition at any time.

The idea is that any troop, no matter how long they have been going, can challenge the holders on any subject of Scout work, and if they are judged the winners they are equally open to a challenge, which must be met within three weeks.

About a fortnight ago the 1st Inkpen and Kintbury were declared the holders to start the process moving. They were challenged by 6th Newbury (St. Bartholomew's Grammar School) to a cooking test, which included a two-course meal and a drink.

Dr. D. P. D. Webb, district Scoutmaster, was judge and awarded the trophy to the 6th, who won by 80 marks to 67. Teams were 1st Inkpen and Kintbury—Stephen Smith, Hugh Thomas and Charles Uttley; 6th Newbury—Martin Bridges, Geoffrey Swartfigure, and Donald Smith. Mr. J. A. Smith, Scoutmaster for Inkpen and Kintbury, made the trophy.



## TOOK PART IN CAMPING COMPETITION

Seven Scout patrols entered Newbury and district camping competition at the week-end and the winners, Curlew patrol of 3rd Newbury, will represent this area in the county contest in July.

Badger patrol of 1st Wash Common were second, and Bulldogs of 1st Thatcham, third. Three projects had to be carried out on Saturday at a site on Mr. D. Taylor's Oare Farm, Oare, Hermitage. They were to make a plaster cast of an animal track, make a flag staff and construct a camp oven. A number of pioneering tasks were tackled on Sunday, when another major item included lunch with a meat course on the menu. This produced a variety of recipes from chicken and roast pork to toad-in-the-hole and a bacon joint.

Camps were held by most troops over the recent holiday. Members of 2nd Thatcham went to Greenham Court, Pyle Hill; 1st Thatcham and 1st Leckhampstead were at the county permanent site, Youlbury, where they also met 2nd Chieveley (Mary Hare); 2nd Newbury were under canvas at Crookham Heath, Enborne; and 3rd Newbury went to Burghclere.

Both Cubs and Scouts of 1st Wash Common entered a cake-making competition, run by a flour firm, when the troop held a fete at Warren Lodge recently. Scout prize-winners were P. Seward, K. Anderson and G. Lewis; and Cubs P. Toft, N. Chandler and P. Smallbone.

The troop joined forces with 1st Inkpen and Kintbury for a camp at Inkpen Common, when an expedition included a survey of Ham. At the end of a series of road safety lectures conducted by Police Sgt. T. Oakley, seven Wash Common Scouts and one Cub obtained their certificates, and two Scouts their pennants.

Seniors of 1st and 5th Newbury spent a pioneering week-end on the Kennet, when activities included boating and erecting an aerial runway.

Thirteen Seniors in the town and district won the ambulance badge following a recent course. Seniors also helped at many troop camps.

## Scout fete at Inkpen

Over £25 was realised for the 1st Inkpen and Kintbury Scout funds at a fete organised by the parents' committee at Inkpen Village Hall on Saturday. Scoutmaster Mr. J. A. Smith, Scouts and parents helped to man the stalls.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Stratton, S. Stratton, E. Dobson, S. Benson, Mr. J. A. Smith, E. Marsh, A. Mead and Janice Goodall.

## Scoutmaster leaving

During 1st Inkpen and Kintbury Scout group's annual meeting last week, Scoutmaster Mr. J. A. Smith announced he would be leaving the district soon and would be obliged to give up his post.

The announcement caused some dismay, and during tributes to Mr. Smith's leadership, which had been an outstanding partnership with Mrs. Smith as lady Cubmaster, it was said they had built up a happy relationship with both boys and parents.

Until a new appointment is made the troop will carry on under Group Scoutmaster Mr. D. B. Connah and assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. F. Hunt.

Outlining progress during the year, Mr. Smith said there had been steady growth. There were two successful camps, on Inkpen Common at Whitsun and a summer camp at Highcliffe-on-Sea in company with 3rd Newbury.



A collage of various dance notices and photographs. The notices are for events at Inkpen Village Hall, including dances to 'The Altairs', 'The Black Diamonds', 'The Pacifics', 'The Trolls', and 'The Incas'. Dates range from January to December. Many notices include details about admission, refreshments, and the names of the bands or vocalists.

Photographs include:

- A couple dancing in formal attire.
- A band performing on stage with a guitar, drums, and another guitar.
- Another couple dancing.
- A couple dancing in a different pose.



**INKPEN PEOPLE  
IN ACTIVITIES  
OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE**

**METHODIST CONCERT**

A concert took place in Ramsbury Methodist Chapel on Saturday evening. Items were played by Ramsbury Methodist Silver Band and sung by the Methodist Chapel Choir. Duets were sung by Carolyn and Elizabeth Edwards, and organ recitals were given by Mr. P. I. Hobbs and Miss M. Dixon. Chairman for the evening was Mr. Martin of Inkpen.

First prize in the 8-11-years-old age group in the Keep Berkshire Tidy poster competition has been won by Roger Broome of John Rankin County Primary School, Newbury.

Highly commended in the 15-19 age group were Roy Horsham, of The Railway Hotel, Newbury, Christopher R. Barrett, Clive Davies and Robert J. Smith (St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury).

**gliders bid  
for world honours**

SOARING high above South Cerney, Gloucestershire, where for the next 10 days the world championships are being held, are a number of gliders.

Mr. Nicholas Goodhart, whose parents live at Inkpen, is flying a Slingsby Dart.



The cast of the "Puss in Boots" pantomime which the France Belk company are presenting at the Corn Exchange this week.

KINTBURY Horticultural Society's seventh annual flower show at the Recreation Ground on Saturday was their best, with a record entry of over 550—an increase of nearly 200 on last year, and a noticeably improved standard in all classes.

Judges in the horticultural section—Mr. C. W. Tate, Mr. E. F. Harris and Mr. D. Smalley—said it was the best show they had seen this year and there is no doubt that the previous week's sunshine helped to ensure the fine quality of flowers. Only disappointment was that 11 entries were disqualified in the dahlia classes because they were not strictly the size stipulated in the schedule. There were several more disqualifications in the floral arrangements for the same reason.

The coveted Howard de Walden cup for the member with most points was won by Mr. W. Hall, winning a trophy for the first time. He consolidated his success by taking home two more cups, the Tom Gladstone, for most points in the cottagers' section, and the Wilson cup for the best vegetable collection in the same section.

Mr. H. H. May, from Inkpen, has been winning flower show cups for 43 years and there have always been some shining trophies on his sideboard. On Saturday he won the Hunt cup for most points in the open section for the sixth time and the Old Plasterers' cup for best vegetable collection for the fifth time.

Mr. M. Edwards won a cup for the best garden. There were a number of special awards including ones for best in show—Mr. H. H. May; best rose—Mrs. Drummond; best sweet pea—Mr. Alan Wells; best gladioli—Mr. E. Davis; best annuals, Mrs. Greenough, and most points in home produce—Mrs. F. D. Edwards.

**Results  
OPEN  
Vegetables**

Hunt cup for most points—H. H. May, Old Plasterers' cup for collection of vegetables—H. H. May.  
Potatoes, coloured—1 C. T. Dyer, 2 Lady Spickernell, 3 C. T. Dyer. Potatoes, round—1 H. H. May, 2 Lady Spickernell, 3 M. Bevan. Potatoes, kidney—1 H. H. May, 2 Lady Spickernell, 3 J. Newman. Onions, spring—1 H. H. May, 2 B. Annetts, 3 C. T. Dyer. Onions, sets—1 H. H. May, 2 C. T. Dyer, 3 B. Annetts. Onions, autumn—1 H. H. May, 2 B. Annetts, 3 M. Edwards.  
Carrots, short—1 C. T. Dyer, 2 H. H. May, 3 B. Annetts. Carrots, long—1 H. H. May, 2 B. Bevan, 3 S. R. Neate. Beans, dwarf—1 W. Hall, 2 M. Edwards, 3 Lady Spickernell. Beans, runner—1 H. H. May, 2 M. Bevan, 3 M. Edwards. Beans, broad—1 M. Edwards, 2 H. H. May, 3 Lady Spickernell. Peas—1 H. H. May, 2 W. Hall, 3 C. T. Dyer.  
Lettuce, cabbage—1 Mrs. D. Carter, 2 C. T. Dyer, 3 H. H. May. Lettuce, cos—1 H. H. May, 2 C. T. Dyer. Beetroot—1 M. Edwards, 2 M. Bevan, 3 B. Annetts. Shallots—1 H. H. May, 2 and 3 C. T. Dyer. Marrows—1 Lady Spickernell, 2 H. H. May, 3 M. Bevan. Tomatoes—2 Mrs. D. Carter, 3 H. H. May. Cabbage, pointed—1 M. Bevan, 2 M. Edwards, 3 W. Hall. Cabbage, round—1 C. T. Dyer, 2 M. Edwards, 3 W. Hall. Cauliflowers—1 H. H. May, 2 Lady Spickernell. Parsnips—1 H. H. May, 2 C. T. Dyer, 3 J. Dopson.  
Celery—1 H. H. May, 2 F. J. Taylor, 3 M. Edwards. Collection of vegetables—1 H. H. May.

Mrs. Martin of Inkpen paid her first visit to Kintbury Methodist Church Women's Bright Hour last Wednesday and gave a talk on St. Paul.

**JOHN OF GAUNT**

RSA results—Stage 1—single subjects. \* denotes credit pass.  
English—Language: Ann Cummins, Gillian Turner, Lorraine Allen, Jennifer Paffett, Sheena Wickens. Typewriting: Ann Cummins, Gillian Turner, Lorraine Allen, Jane Grant, Christine Jameson, Gillian Wordley, Jennifer Paffett.  
Commerce: Ann Cummins, Gillian Turner, Christine Jameson, Sheena Wickens.  
Awarded a commercial grouped course certificate: Ann Cummins and Gillian Turner.

**Choirs festival  
a colourful  
occasion**

A colourful spectacle over the week-end was the sight of over 100 choristers in their robes filing into the attractive St. Mary's Church at Shaw-cum-Donnington, on Saturday evening.

The event was Newbury Deanery Choirs Festival, the third in the last four years. The festival was revived in 1961. Fifty years ago the occasion was a regular event.

Initiator of the festival is Mr. C. S. Mock, who in consultation with the Rural Dean in 1961, made the first efforts towards re-starting the series of festivals.

Choirs taking part on Saturday were from Bucklebury, Compion, Inkpen, Kintbury, Lambourn, Newbury (two), Shaw-cum-Donnington, Thatcham, Wash Common and Wickham. Preacher was Canon Roy Chamberlain, Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton, and formerly Vicar of Greenham. Also attending the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Newbury, Cuth. and Mrs. F. H. Graham, and Lieut.-Colonel G. St. V. J. Vigor, chairman of Newbury RDC.



Ian Thomas as Princess Griselda had all the charm we associate with the character.

**Wyatt hits brilliant century for Newbury**

A BRILLIANT century by J. Wyatt and a second wicket stand of 143 between Wyatt and Brian Little (61) were the highlights of Newbury's 166 run victory over Huntley and Palmers at Reading on Saturday.

Newbury were put into bat first and in the first 25 minutes Wyatt and Harding had put on 30. Harding was bowled by Clarke at this score, but he was replaced by Brian Little.

For 75 minutes Little and Wyatt treated the Huntley and Palmers' bowling with contempt as they drove, cut and pulled to the boundary. It seemed as if this partnership would never be broken up, but then Little unfortunately hit his own wicket while attempting an off-cut.

**A BIG HIT**

Wyatt reached his century soon after Little's departure, but on 101 he was bowled while attempting a big hit. Rudston (18) and Baxter (13) carried on the good work and Newbury declared at 211 for six.

Newbury's supremacy was even more marked during the Huntley and Palmers' innings for not one of the home team batsmen reached double figures.

**ONE FOR NONE**

Aldridge bowled Oster before there was a run on the board and soon after Miller had Edgington lbw for nine.

Cryer and Acton then took over the attack and Cryer took three wickets in double quick time. Cryer went on to take five wickets for 19 runs and the innings closed at 45. Brian Little claimed two wickets for only three runs.

**CRICKET HONOURS**

**Batting**

G. WIGLEY (Bulstead & Utton)	103*
J. WYATT (Newbury)	101
D. CRYER (Newbury)	66*
B. LITTLE (Newbury)	61
* not out	

**Bowling**

CHARWIN (Thornycroft)	6-10
BAILEY (St. Bart's)	5-7
A. POTTER (Bulstead & Utton)	5-7
D. CRYER (Newbury)	5-9
B. LITTLE (Newbury)	5-15
P. GIBBS (Lambourn)	5-10
M. HAWKINS (Lambourn)	5-10
K. ALDRIDGE (Donnington)	5-25
CHILDS (Basildon)	5-25



John Wyatt, the Newbury Cricket Club opener, talks with Berkshire team captain, A. T. Davis, before the start of the Minor Counties match against Wiltshire at the Grammar School on Friday. John scored five runs in the first innings and eight in the second.



JOHN WYATT

WITH the completion of their fixtures the Newbury Cricket Club first eleven can look back on one of their most successful ever seasons.

They played 24 matches and won thirteen of them. They were only beaten on three occasions and three matches were drawn. The other four matches had to be abandoned.

Topping the batting average is county player John Wyatt. The club opener had a top score of 101 and in 16 innings he scored just under 600 runs to average 41.5. Just behind him, with a total of 560 runs from 20 games and an average of 37.33, is Dennis Cryer.

Dennis topped the bowling averages by taking 62 wickets for 558 runs, an average of 9.00.

The team, on an average, scored 23.1 runs for every wicket that fell and took one wicket for every 14.18 runs scored against them.

**NEWBURY 1st XI**

BATTING					
	In.	No.	R.S.	Avg.	
J. Wyatt	16	2	101	581	41.50
D. Cryer	20	5	60*	560	37.33
B. Little	10	2	71*	282	35.25
J. Spencer	17	7	95	263	28.43
K. Williams	4	0	50	82	20.50
D. Harding	15	1	51*	283	20.21
S. Bull	7	2	32*	94	18.80
D. Loader	13	1	59*	194	16.16
A. Baxter	17	3	16	135	9.57
A. Miller	10	5	17	45	9.00
S. Inns	5	1	11	22	5.50
J. Acton	7	3	8	14	3.50

**BOWLING**

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
D. Cryer	161.4	21	558	62	9.00
K. Williams	60	21	117	13	9.00
B. Little	70.2	14	203	16	12.68
J. Wyatt	58	9	164	12	13.66
J. Acton	134.2	32	309	19	16.26
T. Anderson	102.4	33	229	12	19.08
A. Miller	177.4	44	494	21	23.52
M. Aldridge	55	10	185	7	26.43

**AN  
INKPEN  
CRICKETER.**

**CRICKET.**

Inkpen Cricket Club did not field a team in 1965.

So cricket-lovers in the village watched with special interest the exploits of **JOHN F. WYATT**, of Barton End, Craven Hill, Inkpen. He played throughout the season for Newbury C.C.'s first eleven, and was also chosen to play for Berkshire in the Minor Counties match against Wiltshire. He had a wonderful season!



VILLAGE  
ITEMS.

**GARDENS OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC**

Berkshire gardens open on Easter Sunday under the National Gardens Scheme are Billingbear House, Binfield; The Ham, Wantage; Old Rectory Cottage, Coleshill, near Faringdon; and Totterdown, Inkpen.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY GARDEN ASSOC.

**Four Cottage Gardens**

HEADS LANE, INKPEN  
**OPEN — Sunday, April 18th**  
Admission 1/- Tea A102

**Gardens open**

Berkshire gardens open on Sunday under the National Gardens Scheme are Binfield House, Binfield, near Wokingham; Little Bowden, Pangbourne; Little Coxwell Grove, Little Coxwell, near Faringdon; and New Mill, Inkpen. All open 2-7 p.m.

**GARDEN OPEN  
MONDAY, APRIL 19th  
NEW MILL - Inkpen**

Admission 1/6 Picnics welcome A208

**Oh dear!**

Wild deer are invading gardens at Totterdown and eating young spring produce and flowers. Several stags with large antlers have been seen, and a "shed" antler has been found.

**Giant size**

A FOXGLOVE in the garden of Mr. F. Cruse at Totterdown Cottage, Inkpen, has grown to a height of 10 feet with six feet of blossom.

**Character change**

A row of beech trees including copper beech lining a footpath through the Little Common, Inkpen came under the woodman's saw on Thursday, changing completely the character of this corner.

Mrs. Goodhart's Annual Garden Competition was this year for ROSES. It was judged in September by Major Sherard of Shaw-cum-Donnington, and was won by

**MRS. JACKMAN**, of 10 Common Road, Inkpen.

In a year when Black Spot was very wide-spread, Mrs. Jackman's roses were completely free of this trouble, and she was a worthy winner. Her roses include the following varieties:-

Peace	Uncle Walter	Sterling Silver
My Love	Lady Sylvia	Queen Elizabeth
Mojave	Crimson Glory	Wisbech Gold
Super Star	Spek's Yellow	Bonnie Prince Charlie
	Masquerade	Red Favourite
	Daily Sketch	Elizabeth of Glamis



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This achievement by Mr. Reuben Annetts was especially outstanding. Not only is Mr. Annetts registered as a Blind Person - he is also Inkpen's oldest inhabitant!

**80 entries in  
competition  
for blind**

A handicraft and cookery competition was held at Greenham House on Friday for the blind and partially-sighted in the Newbury area. Over 80 entries were received and the following received prizes:  
Blind, Jam—1 Mr. Annetts (Inkpen), 2 Mrs. Wellham (Newbury), 3 Mrs. Parsons (Theale).

**Mr. Hopkins  
dies in  
hospital**

The death occurred on Friday in Newbury District Hospital of Mr. Albert Norman Hopkins, of Tea Tree Cottage, Inkpen. Mr. Hopkins, who was 71, was a member of an old Inkpen family, being the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hopkins. The funeral took place yesterday at Inkpen Methodist Church.

**Churchill appeal  
reaches £424**

With several street collections still taking place Hungerford District Council is well on the way to reaching its target of £600 for the Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal.

Present total is £424 11s. 6d, with district contributions from East and West Shefford £8 8s.; Hungerford £100 8s 7d.; Inkpen £47 7s.; Kintbury £10; Lambourn £253 7s. 11d. and West Woodhay £5.

**INKPEN COLLECTION  
FOR RED CROSS**

A house-to-house collection for the Red Cross last week amounted to £13 17s. 4d., which was £2 more than last year. The collection was organised by Mrs. P. Heal and helpers were Mrs. Abraham, Miss Carter, Mrs. Davies, Miss Hercomb, Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Bent.

**Record collection  
for Earl Haig Fund**

A record £53 3s. 8d. was raised for the Earl Haig Fund at Inkpen. Sale of poppies realised £38 7s. and church collection £14 16s. 8d. Organiser was Mrs. Edward Gosling, helpers being Mrs. Dorothy Moore, Miss M. Bertram, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. B. Harrison, Miss D. Hercomb and Mrs. Abraham; Mr. Corp, Miss Carter and Mrs. Jackman (school).

**Inkpen collection**

A house-to-house collection organised by Mrs. W. Martin for the National Children's Home amounted to £12. Helpers were Mrs. Bastable, Mrs. P. Brown, Miss Carter, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Jackman.

**Inkpen meals  
on wheels**

Meals on wheels are being delivered in Inkpen for the first time from the Hungerford centre.

Mrs. Hervey at the Rectory is in charge of distribution and is compiling a rota for 12 drivers to take one month's turn each in a year. She would appreciate offers of help for this service, which involves about an hour's time from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 on Tuesdays and Fridays. She has only about five drivers at the moment.



POST OFFICE

250  
 UPPER GREEN  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 10.50 A.M.  
 2. 4.30 P.M.  
 (NOT SAT.)  
 SUNDAY 2.40 P.M.



INKPEN COMMON.  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 9.0 A.M.  
 2. 4.25 P.M.  
 SUNDAY 2.50 P.M.

INKPEN POST OFFICE  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 10.50 A.M.  
 2. 4.25 P.M.  
 (NOT SAT.)  
 SUNDAY 2.50 P.M.

140  
 OLIVE BRANCH  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 11.5 A.M.  
 2. 4.35 P.M.  
 (NOT SAT.)  
 SUNDAY 2.50 P.M.

129  
 LOWER GREEN  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 11.5 A.M.  
 2. 4.40 P.M.  
 (NOT SAT.)  
 SUNDAY 2.55 P.M.

BANK HOLIDAYS,  
 EXCEPT BOXING DAY,  
 AS SUNDAY.  
 CHRISTMAS DAY AND  
 BOXING DAY -  
 NO COLLECTION.

156  
 LITTLE COMMON  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 11.10 A.M.  
 2. 4.40 P.M.  
 (NOT SAT.)  
 SUNDAY 2.55 P.M.

"I FLE"  
 IS A FAMILIAR SIGHT  
 ON OUR ROADS. ITS  
 DRIVER COLLECTS FROM  
 OUR POST-BOXES, AND  
 ALSO DELIVERS MAIL  
 IN THE LOWER GREEN  
 AND CRAVEN ROAD  
 AREAS.

TELEPHONE KIOSKS.  
 1. In Lower Green.  
 2. Opposite Playing Field.  
 3. Outside Crown and Garter.

MRS. F. STRANGE  
 HAS BEEN OUR  
 POSTWOMAN  
 SINCE THE EARLY  
 DAYS OF THE  
 WAR.

159  
 INKPEN SCHOOL  
 COLLECTIONS  
 1. 11.5 A.M.  
 2. 4.35 P.M.  
 (NOT SAT.)  
 SUNDAY 2.50 P.M.



LIBRARY

BERKSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARY.  
 South Berkshire Mobile Library.

ROUTE H. HUNGERFORD.

Thursday.

Halt.	Arrive.	Depart.
	Morning.	
1. Speen, Grove Estate.	9.55	10.20
2. Speen, Parish Hall.	10.25	10.55
3. Wickham Heath, Telephone Box.	11.00	11.10
4. Hoe Benham, Village Stores.	11.15	11.20
5. Hoe Benham, Church.	11.25	11.35
6. Halfway Manor.	11.40	11.55
7. Winding Wood House.	12.00	12.10
8. Avington, Avington Cottages.	12.15	12.25
9. Upper Denford.	12.30	12.35
10. Hungerford Newtown, Tally Ho Inn.	12.40	12.55

Afternoon.

11. Leverton Post Box.	1.45	1.55
12. Sanham Green, Post Box.	2.05	2.15
13. Inkpen, Little Common Post Box.	2.20	2.35
14. Inkpen, Swan Inn.	2.40	3.00
15. Combe, Post Office.	3.15	3.40
16. Inkpen, School.	3.55	4.20
17. Inkpen, Crown and Garter.	4.25	4.50
18. Hampstead Marshall, Estate Yard.	5.00	5.15

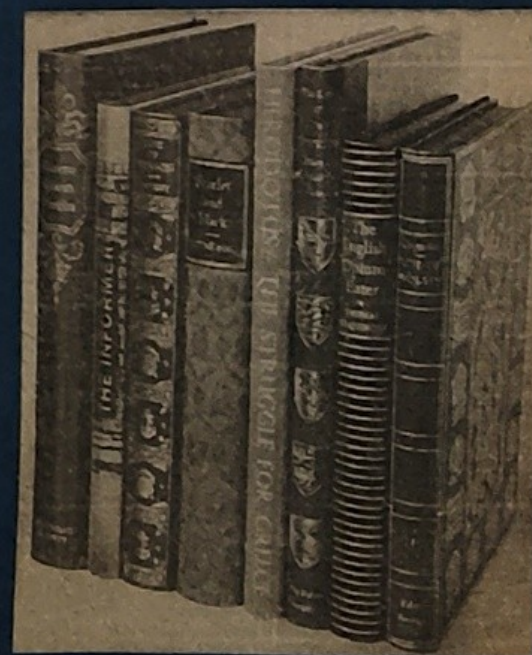
ROUTE J: NEWBURY.

Friday  
 Arrive Depart  
 Morning

1. Stockcross, Telephone Box	10.00	10.30
2. Marsh Benham, Post Box	10.35	10.45
3. Hampstead Marshall, Lock	10.50	11.05
4. Hampstead Marshall, Barr's Farm	11.10	11.15
5. Hampstead Marshall, The White Hart	11.20	11.30
6. Holtwood, The Lines	11.35	11.45
7. Crookhan Heath, 3 Vanner's Lane	11.50	12.00
8. Enborne School	12.05	12.15
9. Swedish Cottages	12.20	12.30

Afternoon.

10. Wash Common	2.00	2.15
11. Enborne Street, Bigg's Post Box	2.25	2.35
12. Holt Manor Farm	2.45	2.55
13. West Woodhay, Fishpond Farm	3.05	3.15
14. Kintbury Crossways	3.25 3.50	3.45 3.05
15. Blandy's Hill Post Box	3.50 3.10	4.10 3.25
16. Craven Estate, Telephone Box	4.15	4.30



The Library Vans call every other week. (Some Inkpen borrowers meet the van at Kintbury Crossways.)



# TRANSPORT

For bookings, enquiries, long distance coach travel and all road travel information, write, call or phone:  
**THE THAMES VALLEY TRACTION CO. LTD.**  
The Wharf, Newbury - Telephone Newbury 743

SERVICE 113 NEWBURY-KINTBURY-HUNGERFORD													SERVICE 113												
Weekdays													Sundays												
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Kintbury Cross (Christ Church)	7 07	7 47	8 27	10 52	13 15	3 36	3 56	4 31	10 41	4 42	5 07	5 07	9 00	10 41	12 36	2 15	3 55	4 55	6 55	8 55	12 36	2 15	3 55	4 55	
Inkpen (Olive Branch)	7 12	7 52	8 32	11 07	13 20	3 41	4 01	4 36	10 46	4 47	5 12	5 12	9 05	10 46	12 41	2 20	4 00	5 00	7 00	9 00	12 41	2 20	4 00	5 00	
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Village (Lower Green)	7 27	8 07	8 47	11 22	13 35	3 56	4 16	4 51	11 11	5 02	5 27	5 27	9 20	11 11	13 01	2 35	4 15	5 15	7 15	9 15	13 01	2 35	4 15	5 15	
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MTWTF—Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. MTWTF—Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. S—Saturdays. NS—Not Saturdays. TTSS—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. THS—Thursdays and Saturdays. F—Fridays.



**Bus Humanity**  
GONE are the days when all country buses picked up their passengers outside their front gates—when drivers knew everyone by name and helped them to their door with laden shopping bags on the return journey. But apparently there is still some heart in the big companies. Passengers from 21 Inkpen Common council houses have had to walk several hundred yards to a bus stop since official stages were made at either end of the Common. Women's Institute member, Mrs. C. P. Jackman, who lives at number 10, wrote to the Thames Valley Traction Company asking if they would make a stop outside the council houses to make it easier for passengers returning home with heavy shopping bags. The Company has agreed. Inkpen Common "Council Houses" is now a request stop!

FARES.			
Totterdown Turn to Newbury	2/7	Totterdown Turn to Hungerford	1/1
Lower Green to Newbury	2/5 (4/7ret.)	Lower Green to Hungerford	1/4
Upper Green to Newbury	2/3	Upper Green to Hungerford	1/6
Inkpen Common to Newbury	2/1(3/11ret.)	Inkpen Common to Hungerford	1/8

### VALENTINE COACHES.

Part of Inkpen is also served by a bus run by Valentine Coaches, of Shalbourne. This bus makes the journey to Newbury on Thursday and Saturday, twice daily; it passes through Inkpen at about 9.45 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, and about 9.20 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday - returning from Newbury about two hours later. Owned by members of the Stout family for at least four generations (right back to the days of the horse-drawn carrier's cart!), the business was taken over in 1965 by Mr. Pullen, and the bus is now driven by his son.

The bus comes from Shalbourne through Ham, then passes through Lower Green; after this it goes through a part of the village untouched by the Thames Valley Buses - Weavers Lane, Inkpen School, Robins Hill, Polly Road, Olive Branch Corner, then on to Kintbury Christ Church.

There is still much of the atmosphere of the old village carrier's cart about this bus service. It must be the people who use it! The buses themselves are certainly not old-fashioned.

Fares are rather less than those charged by Thames Valley, but it must be remembered that the T.V. buses make a detour to Kintbury en route for Newbury, and their journey is therefore much longer. From Robins Hill to Newbury, for instance, the fare is 1/10 single; 3/6 return, on Valentine Coaches.

### Transport survey is planned for 10 villages

Ten villages to the south and west of Newbury are to be included in a survey of the problem of providing adequate means of transport in rural areas. The study team, excluding the chairman and public service vehicle representatives, will consist of members of Berkshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire county councils.

Half the villages—Enborne, Hamstead Marshall, West Woodhay, Combe and Inkpen—are in Berkshire; the Hampshire villages selected are Faccombe, Linkenholt and Ashmansworth; while in Wiltshire are Buttermere and Ham.

# VILLAGE SHOPS

We have two village shops in Inkpen. The oldest-established business is known as "The Stores", and the shop stands near the Common. It caters not only for Inkpen people in the Common area, but also for shoppers from West Woodhay (who have no shop in their village). Mr. and Mrs. Hollins, who run the shop, have not been here many years. Their shop carries a very wide stock of goods.



**POST OFFICE STORES. HOURS OF OPENING.**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday,  
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.  
Thursday - 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Friday - 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.



The second shop is in "Post Office Road", and this is not surprising, as its name is quoted as "Post Office and General Stores". In fact, the building is Inkpen's third to be used as the Post Office, but the other two were in the same road, only a stone's throw from the present one.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock have family connections with shop-keeping, and Mrs. Whitlock's father kept Inkpen's Post Office for many years. But the shop itself is a comparatively new business. During 1965, an extension was made to the shop, extra space being added on the left of that shown in the picture. This speaks for itself!

The shop opens at 7 a.m. The Mail Van from Newbury is due at 6.55 a.m., and so is Mrs. Strange, our Postwoman.

This picture is not as inappropriate as you may think! The two people in the middle are Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock, of the Post Office Stores. Mrs. Whitlock won a competition for which the prize was two tickets for the 'Mace' Conference Trip to Copenhagen, Oct. 16 - 21. In the picture they have just disembarked from the S.S. Avalon (which served as the hotel for the party during their stay), and are about to enter one of the buses that provided transport for sight-seeing. Hospitality was given by various firms, and there was also a tour of the Carlsberg Breweries, and the Museum and Art Gallery connected with them. Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock have very happy memories of a wonderful trip. It was a first-class holiday, in every sense of the word.



Post Office & General Stores, Inkpen.



# OUR LOCAL SUPPLIES

BREAD - We are fortunate to have bread delivered by three bakers who still do their own baking -  
 N. Lansley, Ham.  
 T. Kent, Kintbury.  
 Nixon, East Woodhay.

Prices at end of year -  
 Large white loaf 1/4  
 Small white loaf 9d.  
 Small Hovis loaf 10½d.  
 Small brown loaf 9½d.

Wrapped and/or sliced bread is also available at the village shops



MILK - Supplied by J. Good & Sons, Ltd., Newbury.  
 Guernsey, Farm-bottled by Hazelby Dairy - 1/- per pint.  
 Pasteurised Milk, Channel Islands - 11½d. per pint.  
 Milk, unspecified - 9½d. per pint.

This milk is delivered throughout most of the village by Mrs. Mead - good weather or bad - with a smile.

In the Lower Green, milk is delivered by small-holders - W. Fox, M. Thorpe, and R. Clark.



## GROCERIES.

Deliveries are made by the following firms -

Ferguson Kintbury  
 Alexander Hungerford  
 Co-op (R.C.S.) Hungerford  
 International Stores Newbury/Hungerford  
 Spackman Hungerford

Groceries are stocked in wide variety at both village shops. It is also possible to get some groceries from Mr. Worger, who calls with greengroceries and from Mr. Lansley the baker.



## FISH -

Once weekly, from Mr. Worger of Kintbury.



## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES -

A delivery is made each Wednesday by Mr. Worger, of Kintbury.

Fruit and vegetables, both fresh and frozen, are obtainable at the local shops.



## MEAT -

We have twice-weekly deliveries by

E. Pratt Hungerford

Wm. Thatcher Kintbury

A wide range of frozen meats is also available at the village shop.



## COAL -

Deliveries are made weekly by-

Alexander Hungerford  
 Beard Hungerford  
 Bailey Kintbury  
 Pinnock Kintbury  
 Marsh Woodhay  
 Thompson Newbury

## OIL -

In small quantities by Nicol Hungerford

Bulk quantities supplied by Pinnock Kintbury and by specialist Oil-Heating contractors from Newbury.

## WOOD -

Obtainable locally from Inkpen Sawmills and J. Culley, Inkpen Common.

We have no chimney-sweep in the village. Nearest is Mr. Crocker, East Woodhay.

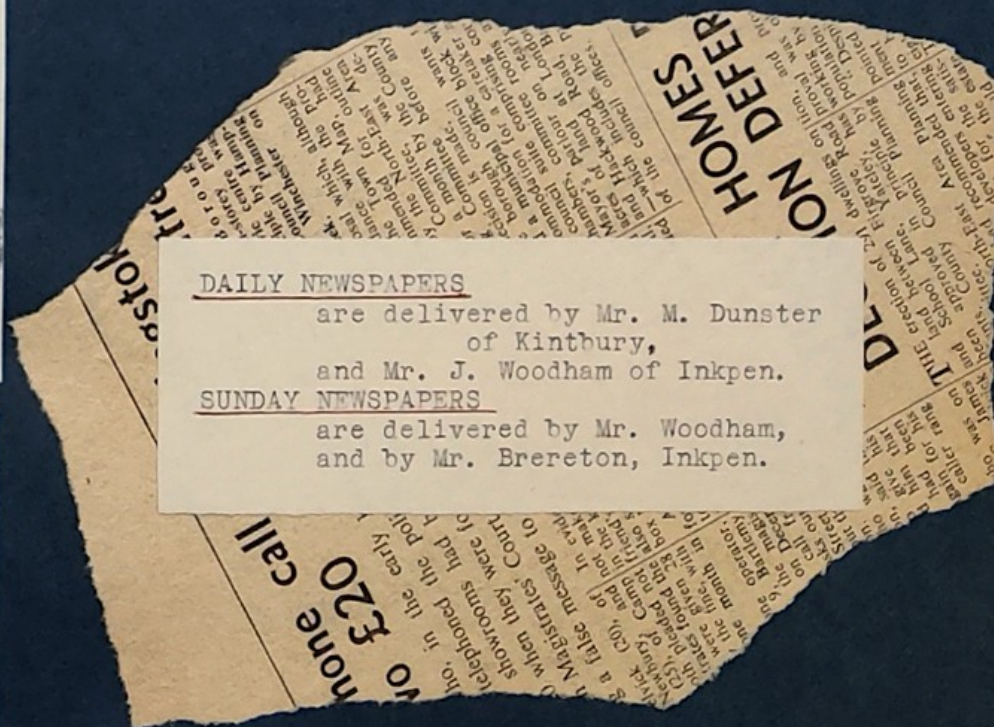
We have now no thatcher either. Nearest thatchers live at Shalbourne and at East Garston.

## DAILY NEWSPAPERS

are delivered by Mr. M. Dunster of Kintbury, and Mr. J. Woodham of Inkpen.

## SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS

are delivered by Mr. Woodham, and by Mr. Brereton, Inkpen.





PETROL

can be obtained at Elgar's Garage (Swansdown Coaches), Lower Green; and from Mr. N. Painting's Agricultural Services Depot in Upper Green.

Nearest Chemist - Taylor's, Bridge Street, Hungerford.

Nearest Doctors - Dr. R. Kennedy  
Dr. M. Wallis  
in partnership at Hungerford.

Dr. N. Gillman  
and partner  
at Kintbury.



INNS.

Inkpen has two inns. The "Crown and Garter" (left) is near Inkpen Common. Licensee, Mrs. G. Bridgewater.

The "Swan" is in Lower Green. Licensee is Mrs. J. White. The "Swan" is a Free House (right).



WATER - Supplied by Thames Valley Water Board.

ELECTRICITY - Supplied by the Southern Electricity Board.

SCALE OF UNIT CHARGES

Scale	Pence Per Unit	Description of Tariff
A	7.5	Commercial—First Block of Units
B	1.55	Do —Additional Units
C	7.5	Domestic —First Block of Units
D	1.65	Do —Additional Units
E	7.5	Farming and Agricultural —First Block of Units
F	1.55	Do —Additional Units
G	7.5	Industrial - First 100 Units Per Qtr.
G	4.5	Do Next 250 Do
G	3.0	Do All over 350 Do
H		Commercial Off Peak
K		Farming or Industrial Off Peak
L		Domestic Off Peak
J		Sundry

"OFF-PEAK CHARGES".

Tariff E. .68d. per unit. Supply from 11p.m. to 7a.m. throughout the year.

Tariff F. .73d. per unit. Supply from 11p.m. to 7a.m. with a booster period from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., throughout the year.

Tariff A. .80d. per unit. Supply from 7 p.m. to 7a.m. throughout the year.

Tariff B. .85d. per unit. Supply from 7p.m. to 7 a.m. with booster period from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., from beginning of November to end of February. Unrestricted supply for remainder of year.

LAUNDRY.

This district is served by

Rose of Hungerford Laundry, Hungerford;

Woodlands Laundry, Newbury;

Newbury Laundry, Newbury.

There are weekly collections and deliveries.

QUARTERLY ACCOUNT FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE



DECEMBER 1965

35  
INKPEN 305

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W. J. MARTIN ESQ., WOODWIND, INKPEN, NEWBURY, BERKS.

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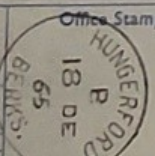
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- L = Local calls
- B = Trunk calls (statement enclosed)
- M = Miscellaneous charges (statement enclosed)
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- O = Accounts rendered

Early payment would be very much appreciated. FOR NOTES ABOUT PAYMENT PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF

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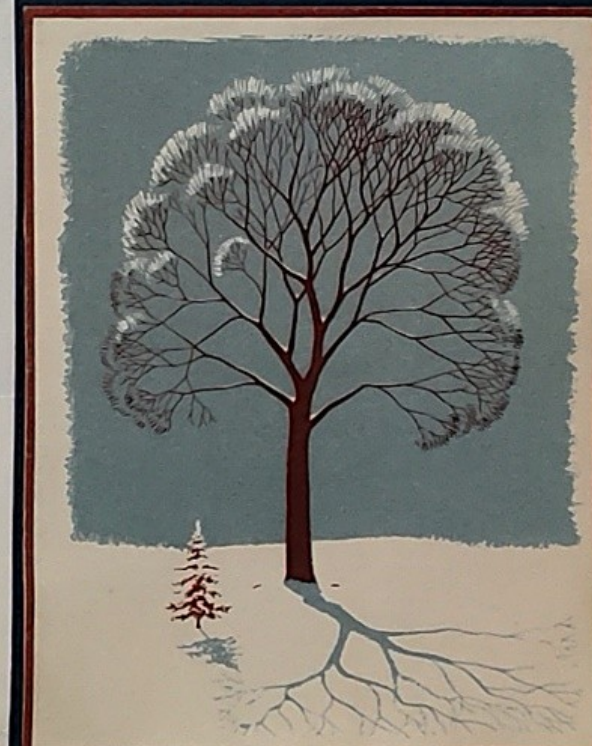
OUR LOCAL PAPER.

The Local Paper is an important item in the life of a village. We are well-served by the "Newbury Weekly News", which has been published since 1867. It has a weekly circulation of 23,660. It has rarely less than 20 pages, and often more. At 3d., we feel it must be the best value for money among local papers!



REFUSE COLLECTION.

Hungerford R.D.C. collect refuse from the whole of their area, as shown on the map. Inkpen's day is Friday.



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District Hospital  
Geraldton  
Western Australia  
4<sup>th</sup> November 1964

Dear Mrs Watkins

Just a few lines to wish you all a  
Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Last year I was travelling and was parted from  
my address book. I did think about you a great  
deal however, and of your kindness to a wanderer.  
Last week I projected the films I had taken at  
Inkpen and I was agreeably surprised with the  
results. It was good to see you again if only  
as a picture.

I believe the summer this year was perfect. Was  
my first trip to England I arrived at the end of  
a perfect season. This last time I was too early.  
Better luck next time no doubt.

I have followed the elections closely and with  
great interest. It will be interesting to see what  
changes are made by the new Government. It often  
initiates a similar swing in the C'wealth countries

FROM ONE INKPEN TO ANOTHER!

However, time will tell.

After I left England 2 months ago last Sunday,  
I visited Paris, New York, Phoenix and the Grand Canyon  
San Francisco, Hawaii, Fiji and New Zealand.  
I arrived back in Sydney for Xmas, and the New Year  
I spent in Perth. I just wonder how long it will  
be before I can visit old England again.

My family were delighted to hear about Inkpen  
and enjoyed the movie I showed them the other  
night, immensely. I am sure that they will pay  
the village a visit at the first opportunity. My niece  
are in England at present but I guess the days  
are already drawing in, and there will be very  
little time left now for sight seeing.

Once again very good wishes to you and your  
family for Xmas and for 1965. I will always  
think of your kindness when I project my films  
and at other times too of course.

Very sincerely,  
Basil Inkpen

MISS INKPEN VISITED INKPEN IN 1963.  
HER INKPEN HOSTESS RECEIVED THIS LETTER WITH  
GOOD WISHES FOR 1965.





# TROUBLE!

## Collided with coach

An accident in Craven Road, Inkpen when a car, driven by Eric Benjamin Birch, of 74 Gaywood Drive, Newbury, collided with a coach, led to his being fined £10.

The coach driver, Kenneth Waller Fox, of the Beeches, Lower Green, Inkpen, told the court he had school-children as passengers and as he went down Craven Hill, a car driven by Birch came round a bend over the white line.

Birch, who pleaded not guilty, said the bus was over the line. He also had to pay costs of £1 0s. 4d.

## MOPED RIDER UNCONSCIOUS

Mr. Derek Bailey (28), of 2 Pound Cottages, Inkpen, was taken by ambulance to Newbury District Hospital after being knocked unconscious when the moped he was riding left the Christchurch, Kintbury, to Inkpen road, mounted the bank and hit a tree, on Thursday evening.



Two people were injured and taken by ambulance to Newbury District Hospital after an accident on the Newbury-Enborne road on Thursday. They were a van driver, Mr. Raynor Palmer, of 2 Haslewick, Inkpen, who received arm and facial injuries; and car driver, Mr. D. Russell, of Sunnyside, Hamstead Marshall, who had head injuries. A cyclist involved was Mr. Becket, of 31 Western End, Newbury.

## Hungerford Court

Tuesday - before Mr. J. S. Langford, presiding, Mr. J. E. L. Nugent and Mr. E. Ansell.

### KINTBURY MAN FINED £15

Hubert Thomas Hollins, of Tregenna, Blandys Hill, Kintbury, whose car was involved in a collision with a double-decker bus in a narrow road at Inkpen on July 30, was fined £15 for careless driving. He also had to pay £3 13s. 6d. costs.

The bus driver, Mr. William Webb, of 46 Priory Road, Hungerford, said he was driving from the Lower Green at Inkpen to Newbury, and after passing Combe Cross Roads was descending a hill where the road was narrow when he saw Hollins' car approaching. He stopped the bus and pulled tight into his inside, cutting into the verge. His vehicle was stationary when the impact occurred.

Supporting evidence was given by the conductor, Mr. Leslie Josey, of 2 Chestnut Crescent. When the bus stopped he looked up to see what was happening. "I saw a car 10 yards away coming straight at us," he said. "It appeared to be coming fairly fast."

Pleading not guilty, Hollins said he was travelling about 40 m.p.h. His visibility was reduced by a bend and

## In collision with double-decker

Mr. Hubert Hollins, Tregenna, Blandys Hill, Kintbury, sustained forehead bruises and grazes and his car was extensively damaged when it was involved in a collision with a double-decker bus at Inkpen on Friday morning. The bus, which was also damaged, was driven by Mr. William James Webb, of 46 Priory Road, Hungerford. The accident meant that people waiting to go to Newbury on the 8.5 a.m. from Inkpen, many of them going to work, were delayed.

a tree. When he saw the bus he applied his brakes, which were very good. He thought the brakes locked and he skidded. The road looked dry, but was in fact greasy after slight rain.

He agreed with Chief Insp. A. Aslett that there was not room for two vehicles to pass.

Mr. J. Widdicombe, defending solicitor, said Hollins had not appreciated that the road surface was as treacherous as it was and the road was too narrow for two vehicles to pass. The accident occurred because of the corner, the road surface and the locking brakes, he said. Hollins had been driving for 30 years with no previous convictions.

## SHOULDER INJURY

Alan Wirdnam (18), 11 Priory Avenue, Hungerford, escaped with a grazed shoulder when his moped and a car driven by Clive Davies (17), of Birnam, Craven Road, Inkpen, were in collision at the junction of Priory Close and Priory Avenue, last Wednesday.

## Inkpen scooter rider hurt

Seventeen-year-old Mr. Clive Davies, Birnam, Craven Road, Lower Inkpen, went by ambulance to Newbury District Hospital with cuts, abrasions and concussion after he ran into the back of a stationary car while riding a scooter on the Newbury-Enborne road near the entrance to Craven Park Estate on Friday evening. Car driver was Mr. Edward Angell, of Gardener's Cottage, Christchurch, Kintbury.

## Five vehicles in Enborne Road pile-up

Two people were injured when four cars and another vehicle which did not stop were involved in an accident on the Enborne road about 500 yards from the Skinner's Green turning on Saturday afternoon.

They were one of the drivers, Mr. Ian Tucker, of Moors Place, Hungerford, who had a head injury; and Mrs. Sylvia Hancock, of Beverley Road, Barnes, London, a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Mr. David Hancock, who had a head injury. Both were taken by ambulance to Newbury District Hospital.

Drivers of the two other cars were Mr. D. Edwards, of Pinewood, Inkpen; and Mr. R. Woods, of Florence Road, Chichester.

Mr. Wilfred Rolfe, 8 Robin's Hill, Inkpen, slightly injured a hand when the car he was driving skidded and struck the London Road railway bridge, Newbury, on Thursday.

**MOTOR-CYCLIST HURT** - Mr. Horace Palmer, of 4 Robins Hill, Inkpen, was taken by ambulance to Battle Hospital, Reading, with leg injuries after he was involved in an accident with a car while riding a motor-cycle in Newbury Street, Kintbury, on Thursday. Driver of the car was Driver P. Dixon, of RAF Tangmere, Chichester.

## Hungerford Court

Tuesday: Before Mr. J. S. Langford, presiding, Mr. F. C. Moore, Mr. E. Ansell and Mrs. R. D. Kennedy.

### DROVE ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD

Sheppen James Thorpe, of Cuimheachan, Craven Road, Inkpen, was fined £5 with £3 17s. 9d. costs for careless driving on the Inkpen-Kintbury road on October 3. It was alleged he drove on the wrong side of the road confronting an oncoming car, the driver of which was forced to brake sharply.

The driver of the other car, Mr. George Good, a schoolmaster of Fleet, Hampshire, said he was driving towards Inkpen from Christchurch at under 30 m.p.h. and close to his nearside. When he came to a sharp left-hand bend he was confronted by an approaching car on his side of the road. "It was about 40 yards away completely on my side of the road and travelling at 45 to 50 m.p.h.," he said. "I veered into the bank and stopped almost dead. Both I and my passenger were shaken."

Supporting evidence was given by his passenger, Miss Monica Risebrook, of Folly Hatch, Inkpen, and Mr. Charles Painting, of Rushwood, Inkpen, who was walking along the road at the time of the incident.

Pleading not guilty, Thorpe said he pulled out to overtake the pedestrian who, he thought, was swinging a stick. "I went wide in case he swung it when I went past him," he said. He agreed he was near his offside when Mr. Good saw him and that he had to brake and swerve.

### FINED £10

A fine of £10 was imposed on David William Urwin, of The Plough, Ashmansworth, for careless driving. It was alleged Urwin was following a car driven by his friend, Brian Haines, of West Woodhay, from Inkpen Village Hall. Mr. Haines was leading the way for Urwin to take the road to Ashmansworth as he did not know the route. When Haines turned right Urwin's Land-Rover collided with Haines' car and turned it over.

"It was an unfortunate circumstance for friends," said Mr. K. Holford, representing Urwin, who pleaded guilty.

## ROAD WORKER TO PAY £15

A road lengthman, Charles Willam Woodley, of 34 Crockham Heath, Enborne, was fined £15 for careless driving on the Enborne Road - a road he had worked on. He also had to pay £8 3s. 1d. costs.

The prosecution's case was that Mr. R. Woods, of Chichester, was driving a car towards Hungerford after the Skinners Green junction when a car, driven by Woodley, overtook him. Three cars were coming in the opposite direction and the front one, driven by Mr. Ian Tucker, of 23 Moores Place, Hungerford, had to pull up and drive on to the verge. The car following, driven by Mr. Donald Edwards, of Pine Wood, Inkpen, collided with Mr. Tucker's car. The third car, driven by Mr. D. Hancock, of Barnes, London, collided with the rear of Mr. Edwards' car.

Woodley, in evidence, said he pulled out to overtake Mr. Woods in a normal manner, sounding his horn. When he started there was no traffic coming round the bend ahead. As he drew alongside Mr. Woods he saw the bonnet of a car coming round the bend. He did not think there was any danger and thought it was best to go on. He did not see the first car go on to the verge, and did not remember any of the cars doing anything unusual. He had worked on the road and knew it widened. He did not know there had been an accident.

## MOTOR-CYCLIST FINED

Pleading guilty to careless driving at Kintbury on April 15, Horace Victor Palmer, of 4 Robins Hill, Inkpen, was fined £5. In over-taking a stationary van his motor-cycle was involved in collision with an oncoming car, alleged Chief Insp. A. Aslett.

Mr. F. N. Ball, defending, said the motor-cyclist made an error of judgement and suffered most by the accident. He had been in hospital 19 weeks with a fractured femur and right ankle and had been off work over six months.

## TWO MEN HURT IN CAR CRASH

Two people were injured when three cars were involved in an accident at the Oxford Road roundabout, Newbury, on Saturday morning. They were Mr. Paul Carter, of Lavinia, Inkpen Road, Kintbury, one of the drivers, who had slight concussion, and his passenger, Mr. Graham Carter, of Marjorie House, Inkpen, who had a cut over an eye. Both went to Newbury District Hospital by ambulance. Other driver were Sir John Lester Caye, of Barnardown, Bath, and Mr. D. Jones, of Camar Road, Twickenham.

## Motor-cyclist fel under bus

Motor-cyclist Mr. Alan Palmer, 9 The Common, Inkpen, fell underneath a Thames Valley double-decker bus when he was involved in a collision with the bus on Newbury-Enborne road yesterday morning.

He went by ambulance to Newbury District Hospital with compound fractured arm, a leg injury, a suspected fractured pelvis, chest injuries and a cut head. He was transferred to Battle Hospital, Reading.

The bus driver was Mr. Norman Millward, of 69 Gaywood Drive, Newbury.

# BIG SILVER HAUL BY THIEVES AT INKPEN

SILVER thieves were busy at Inkpen on Friday. At the Rectory, silver including two pairs of candlesticks and other articles valued at nearly £400 were stolen.

The Rectory and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Hervey, were eating lunch with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Goodhart. They were only away from the house about two hours.

Another house in the village broke into was Gallants, home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Selman, where antique silver and other articles valued at £69 were stolen between 2 a.m. and 4.15 p.m.

In both houses entry was gained by breaking a rear window and releasing a catch. The Rectory is near the Post Office and Gallants about a mile away close to the church.



# For trial accused of stealing postal orders and stamps

A 20-YEAR-OLD man claimed that a number of postal orders and stamps found in his mini-van were given to him by a Newbury man called Stan who drove a 1957 Vauxhall. The prosecution alleged at Andover County Magistrates' Court on Friday.

John Russell Dyer, of High Street, Ateley, was committed for trial to Hampshire Quarter Sessions on three charges of breaking and entering Weyhill sub-Post Office and stealing postal orders, stamps and cash valued at £195 5s. 2d., receiving stamps to the value of £4 6s. 3d. and postal orders valued £119 6s. 6d. owing them to have been stolen, and obtaining £15 from Charlton sub-Post Office by falsely pretending that he was "P. J. Turner" whose name appeared on three £5 postal orders presented for payment.

Witness denied ever breaking into any premises and stealing a quantity of postal orders. "I have never given any postal orders to Dyer," he said. Dyer pleaded not guilty to the charges and reserved his defence. He was granted bail and legal aid.

# DEREK GEORGE BAILEY, 2 Pound Cottages, Inkpen, was committed for trial at Berkshire Quarter Sessions on November 30 at a Newbury Borough Magistrates court on Friday accused of being in charge of a car when unfit through drink. He reserved his defence.

PC G. Deacon said that after a 999 call from an anonymous caller to Newbury police station at 9 p.m. on September 30 he went with PC J. Robinson to the Market Place where they kept watch on a car. Five minutes later they were called away on another commitment and then, following a wireless message, went to King's Road where they kept watch on a car parked near a fish and chip shop in Cheap Street.

"I saw there were two people in the vehicle and they appeared to be eating fish and chips," said PC Deacon. "A man got out of the driving seat and went into the fish and chip shop. He appeared to be arguing with an assistant, and other customers in the shop were all staring at him."

After the man went back to his car and sat in the driver's seat again, PC Deacon said he spoke to him and said they had had a complaint about his condition and behaviour. He asked him to get out of the car and walk along the pavement.

In reply to a question from Mr. J. Widdicombe, defending solicitor, Inspector Indge said he was satisfied that at the time Bailey left the police station he was in a fit condition to drive his car.

## Inkpen man is acquitted on drink charge

After being formally charged Bailey was released on bail of £10 said Inspector Indge and he was allowed to leave the Police Station at 12.20 a.m.

Inspector Indge alleged that when he saw Bailey at the police station his breath smelt strongly of alcohol. "His speech was slurred, he was argumentative, there were breaks in his conversation and he was quite unable to understand the significance of being in charge of a vehicle. In my opinion he was quite drunk."

While working at Ampport in July he visited Grately where he saw Dyer, whom he did not know by name, on two occasions. He had never seen him since then. He (witness) did not know where Weyhill sub-Post Office was. Witness denied ever breaking into any premises and stealing a quantity of postal orders. "I have never given any postal orders to Dyer," he said. Dyer pleaded not guilty to the charges and reserved his defence. He was granted bail and legal aid.

## Hungerford Court

### FINED FOR SPEEDING

Tuesday: Before Mr. J. S. Langford (presiding), Mrs. M. Spackman, Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. J. E. L. Nugent.

### MAN 'ATTACKED' HIS WIFE

Derek George Bailey, of 2 Pound Cottages, Inkpen, was fined £5 for being drunk and disorderly.

PC Jack Gutteridge said he had a phone message at 12.15 a.m. on May 9 saying that Bailey's wife was at a neighbour's because Bailey arrived home drunk and attacked her. He and another policeman went to the neighbour's house and Mrs. Bailey went back home. But when she saw the state her husband was in she refused to stay. She collected her child from a bedroom and went back to the neighbour's.

Bailey went to the neighbour and was told his wife and child had gone to bed. He became abusive and started shouting. He was arrested.

Pleading guilty, Bailey said he had been to the hospital where his 18-months-old baby was after being badly scalded. He stopped at a public house on the way home. "I had an idea the accident to the baby was due to my wife," he said.

## County Bench

Thursday: Before Mr. W. J. Simmons (presiding), Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Fane De Salis, Mrs. M. B. Fletcher and Lady Mount.

### MOTOR-CYCLIST FINED £15

A motor-cyclist who crashed into a lorry which had no rear offside light on the Bath Road at Gravel Hill on December 7, was fined £15 for careless driving. He also had to pay 14s. 1d. costs.

Nicholas Charles Thorpe (21), of Craven Road, Inkpen, pleaded not guilty and said he was riding a motor-cycle on a dipped headlight when the accident happened because of oncoming traffic. He had passed a car at the bottom of Gravel Hill on his way towards Newbury about 7 a.m.

He saw another red light, and thinking it was a motor-cyclist, pulled out to pass. He then realised it was a lorry. The side of the lorry caught his shoulder and he was knocked off his machine.

## County Bench

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### "DANGEROUS SPOT"

"I hope the necessary authorities will take due note of this dangerous spot," the chairman, Mr. W. J. Simmons, remarked when the magistrates found Ernest Sidney Wilcox, of 91 Essex Street, Wash Common, not guilty of careless driving on the Enborne road near the turning to Enborne Church.

Dr. Kenneth Fawcett, of Mistleton Cottage, Inkpen, said he was driving a car towards Kintbury and through the hedge and gate of Enborne Rectory he could see a white car about to enter Enborne road. He proceeded, thinking the car was waiting for him to go by, but when he got round the corner he discovered the car across the road in front of him. There was nothing he could do, he alleged. He hit and mounted the nearside bank, struck the car and ended up on the verge on the other side of the road.

Replying to Mr. Peter Faulks, defending, Dr. Fawcett said when he first saw Wilcox's car there was not room to pass, but there might have been when he got to him. The corner was dangerous.

Mr. Francis Foxhead, of 2 Biggs Hill, Enborne Street, Enborne, who was on a motor-cycle in the road from the church, said Wilcox's car was stationary on the main road when he saw the other car hit it.

Willcox said he drove slowly into the main road to get a line of vision round the deep "elbow" in the road. He saw the headlights of the approaching car between the hilltop and Moorakers. He stopped on the nearside of the road because he thought the car was taking a wide arc; appeared to be on the crown of the road and was travelling at an excessive speed. He had stopped some seconds and watched the car hit the bank, strike his car and hit the fence at the Hamstead Park entrance. There had been correspondence with the road authority about the dangerous nature of the bend. Similar evidence was given by his passenger, Mrs. G. Willcox.





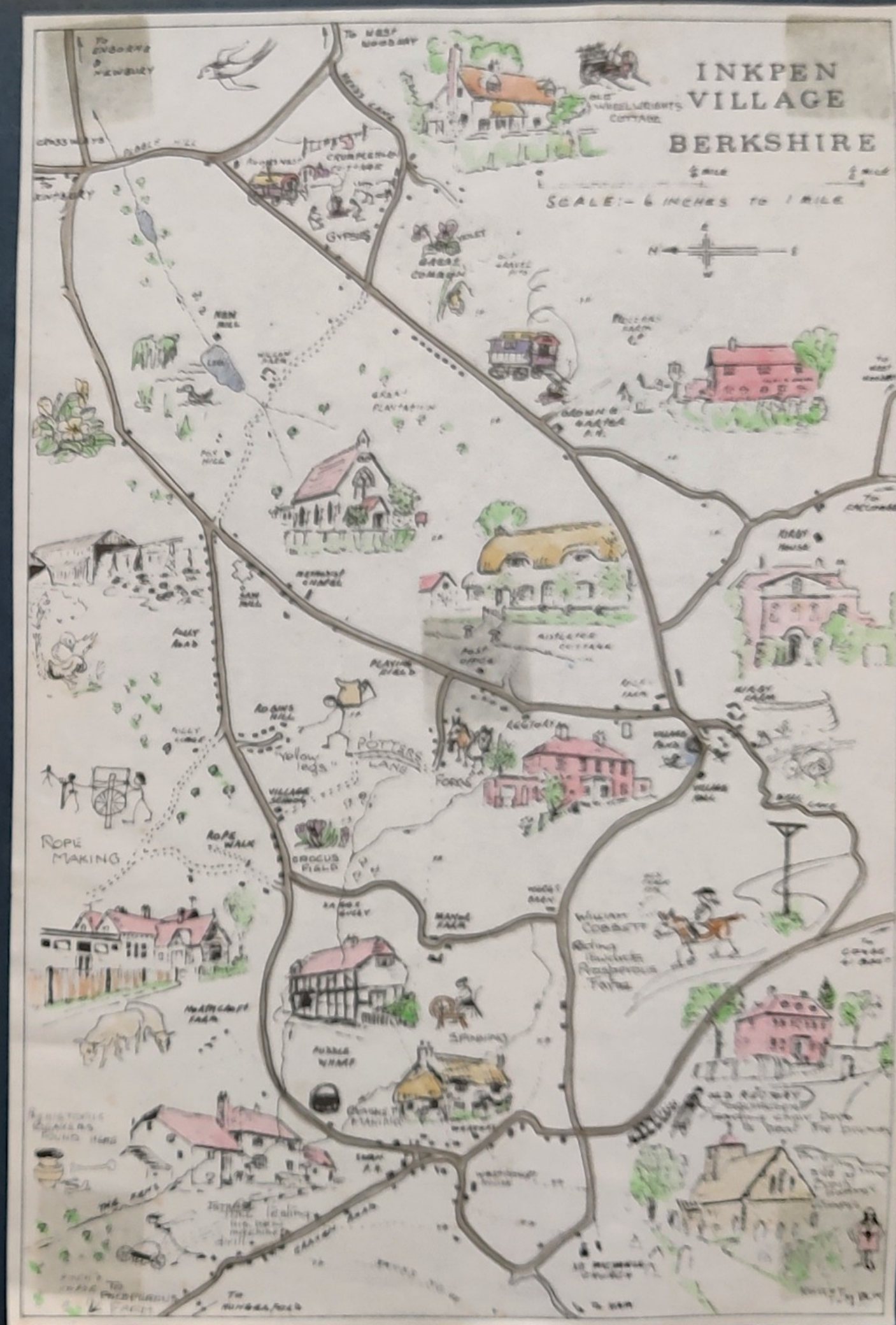
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