

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

MARCH, 1977

THE RECTOR WRITES ....

After Easter a weeknight course begins for a small number of Young People preparing for Confirmation later in the year. I hope also that there may be a separate course for adults of any age, not only for those who might think of being confirmed, but also for any of the congregation who might like a "refresher course". Let me know if you are interested.

I hope some of the Lent subjects (listed below) will be a help to many of our friends in Hambledon. Please make them known, and invite others.

LENT SERMONS AT 11 am "THINGS PEOPLE SAY"

- Feb. 27 If Christians are like that, count me out.  
Mar. 6 I do my best. No one can do more.  
13 Don't you think you can be too religious?  
20 .. but I can't believe in a personal God.  
27 I don't think I could keep it up.

LENT SERMONS AT 6.30 pm "PROBLEMS PEOPLE MEET"

- Feb. 27 Loneliness  
Mar. 6 Doubt  
13 Anxiety  
20 Spiritual Dryness  
27 Guilt

LENT MID WEEK SERIES IN THE RECTORY

- (Wednesdays Coffee at 8 pm Address at 8.30 pm)  
Mar. 2 The Rector: "The outward-looking Christian"  
9 Rev. John Pridmore (Chaplain, King Edward's School) "Sixth former's world"  
16 Gordon Humphreys Esq (Headmaster, retired):  
"The Far East"  
23 Mrs Bernard Cotter (Wallis Wood Vicarage):  
"London's East End"  
30 The Rector: "But whatever can we do?"

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DIARY FOR MARCH

2 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Course begins (Rectory)

6 SUN. Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Course in Rectory

10 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)

13 SUN. Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

16 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Course in Rectory

20 SUN. Fourth Sunday in Lent (SUMMER TIME BEGINS)

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm

10 am Children's Church (Mothering Sunday)

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

23 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Course in Rectory

27 SUN. Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

30 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Course in Rectory

AND IN APRIL

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3 SUN. Palm Sunday

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Passion Readings and Prayers  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

7 MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 pm Holy Communion and Sermon

8 GOOD FRIDAY

11 am Morning Service

10 EASTER DAY

8 am Holy Communion  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Easter Morning Service  
6.30 pm Easter Praise  
7.45 pm Young People at Rectory

14 Thu. 8 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
(Village Hall)

CHURCH FLOWERS

March 6 Mrs P.M. Corbett  
13 Mrs E.A. Wieler  
20 Mrs R. Williams  
27 Mrs H. Hutchins and Miss P. Hoy  
April 3  
10 Easter Flowers

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for January 1977, £70 - 16 p. E.F. Denny

BOX OPENING GIFTS TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: £ 17 - 41 p. J.E. Vickery

CHURCH REGISTERS

Cremation

14 February Marjorie Alice Hammond (69) Cherryhurst



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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE PARTY WEEK END

For bodily and spiritual refreshment there was no better place than Fairmile Court. There, some, 30 to 40 of us from Hambledon were warmly and comfortably housed in a beautifully appointed mansion, standing in attractive gardens. In pleasant weather we were able to enjoy strolling around and exploring the local beauty spots. The Rector of Windlesham, the Rev. Jeremy Pierssene, mingled with us during Friday evening and Saturday, and gave us inspiring talks. Our own Rector conducted and spoke at a homely service of Holy Communion in the lounge on Sunday morning. Later, accompanied by Tony Cannon and Sarah Mabley on their guitars and the sweetly blended voices of Caroline and Sarah Mabley, Caroline Atkins with much grace demonstrated a dance depicting praise to God. Afterwards, Mrs Ellingson told us of her daily Bible Reading habit each morning, Tony Cannon of the Young People's holiday at Lee Abbey last summer, Andrew MacLay of the Christian Union at Cambridge, and Joan and Edric Hardy of how the Fairmile week end a year ago had opened their eyes and led on to a new and personal experience of Christ. I must add that we had ample meals, beautifully cooked and served. We owe a lot to the Rector and Mrs Thompson for all the care, thought and work they have put into making this a truly memorable week end.

But our stay was by no means all solemn.  
We laughed and frivolled a lot  
At charades, when some of our party  
Showed all the talents they've got.

Sonia of course had the giggles;  
A usual occurrence they say.  
But they managed to act out the drama  
And we guessed the word anyway.  
The next group decided to mime it  
But somehow, I do rather wish  
That Eve had not thought that my husband  
Was portraying a gasping goldfish.

In the squash court, that white room with lines o  
Where you hit a small ball with a thwack,  
I watched Ruth on her very first venture  
And her partner ... none other than Jack!

We all put our names down for Ping Pong  
Which we played during Saturday morn,  
Then gratefully trooped into luncheon,  
Some of us shattered and worn.  
I must say it boosted my ego  
When my partner, the Rector, and I  
reached the great height of the finals,  
To be beaten by much younger fry.

The youngsters were really delightful  
They danced and they played and they sang,  
They brought us our tea in the morning,  
Yes, BEFORE the breakfast bell rang.  
And the youngsters and men washed the dishes  
Which gave us tired housewives great heart.  
Cleanliness is next to Godliness,  
So the Rector, in pinny, took part.

We look back on a time of fellowship, friendship, and  
fun. What more could anyone want? We look forward to  
next year. M. Vacher.

#### PERSONALIA

Several of our members were in the large congregation  
at Christ Church, Esher, on 29 January for the marriage  
of our friend the Rev. JOHN HAMILTON with Miss  
Patricia Palmer. The bride's brother, who conducted  
part of the service, was John's friend and fellow  
student at theological college, and when later he was  
ordained there was Patricia in the congregation of  
St. John's Ealing! Our prayers are with them as they  
serve, together now, in that parish.

MRS MAJOR's operation, delayed for a fortnight, has  
now been performed successfully, and before the end of  
February she should be out of hospital, though with a  
long convalescence before her. MR LUFF is home from  
hospital now, and continues to make slow progress  
from his stroke.



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We remember specially the relatives of MARJORIE HAMMOND of Cherryhurst, who died early in February. She had never really been herself since the major head operation several years ago, and most of the time since she has been in hospital.

#### OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This, our official Church membership list, has to be brought up to date each year before the Annual Meeting, and again Mr Peter Roderick is conducting the revision for us. All who normally worship with us, aged 17 years and over, should be recorded. Forms are available at the back of the church, and could be filled in and handed to one of the sidesmen straight away.

The Church Annual Meeting is on Thursday 14 April at 8 pm in the Village Hall. Book the date now.

#### PREPARATION OF THIS MAGAZINE

A working party from the P.C.C. has been looking into the costing of our church magazine. In recent years we have been running at a loss of £50 a year or more, and this would surely have grown as costs rose further. Rather than making a big increase in price, the working party proposed that we secure a duplicating machine and prepare these parish notes ourselves, and from this month this is being done.

We should like especially to thank Mrs Peter Roderick who has kindly undertaken to type the four stencils required, and Mr and Mrs Ray Williams for duplicating these pages, before Mrs Chapman takes over and puts them together with the insets and the cover, and prepares for the distributors. It is thanks to their work at home that we are able to cut out our financial loss, and still keep the charge down to only 3p a month. We are all most grateful to them.

I should like to feel that all three jobs, typing, duplicating, and assembling, have a reserve operator (e.g. for holiday time or other emergency). Would some of our readers please enquire further, and then perhaps make an offer?

The committee, elected at the Village open meeting, is planning Hambledon's celebrations next June, and a news letter publicising progress so far is now being made available in the Church porch and at Cricket Green Stores. Please help to spread this widely so that all are fully in the picture.

The first active step, to raise money, has already taken place, and the sale arranged by Mrs Vickery was splendidly supported, and raised the fine total of over £150. This was well done indeed, and such enthusiasm augurs well. June 7 should be a day to remember in Hambledon.

A MEMORABLE EVENING

CALL MY BLUFF, Hambledon version, was an outstanding success at the February meeting of Parish Fellowship. Mr Richard Steele was a most genial chairman, and both teams (Tom Grillo, Mrs Steele and Miss Mary Parker, playing Dr Jonathan Wood, Mrs Stevens and Chris. Mabley) were in great form, bluffing us all and bringing us much merriment. The evening owed nearly everything to the work done beforehand by Mr Steele with assistance from Mrs Steele and Mrs Stevens. The true definitions they unearthed were marvels of interest and surprise, and their bluffs marvels of ingenuity and humour. With all due respect to Mr Ian Trethowan, it was fully up to the high T.V. standard, and none of us who went would have missed the evening for anything.

On March 10 we look forward to seeing Mr Edric Hardy's colour transparencies of some of Hambledon's older buildings as they used to be (from old prints and paintings), and as they are now. It will be interesting to see the changes as homes have been altered.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4 March 1977

Theme: LOVE IN ACTION

2.15 pm: Godalming Baptist Church: Mrs P. Crathorne

Lunch Hour: Hydestile Hospital: Mrs Winifred Barnes



CHURCH CLEANER

At the time of writing we still have no successor to Mrs Gould, who ceases her task at the end of February. The work would occupy towards two hours a week, and is best done near the end of the week. We shall be paying £2 per week. Would all our readers think hard about this and do their utmost to put us in touch with the person we need.

In case there should be a delay before we succeed in our quest, could we have four volunteers to stand by as "reserves" for the week-ends of March?

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The annual party was held at the end of January and was, as usual, one of the highlights of the year. Amusing games brought much fun and laughter, and the special tea provided by the members was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The Rector cut the superb New Year cake made by Mrs Fanny Jeffery, and Mrs Ellingson was presented with a small gift in appreciation of her kind hospitality throughout the year. After tea, everyone gathered round into a circle for the pulling of crackers which brought a happy afternoon to an end.

On Wednesday 9th March at 3 pm our members have been invited to attend the Baptist Church Ladies Fellowship Anniversary in Queen Street, Godalming. Transport will be arranged.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Lambledon W.I. met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th February. During the business, MRS BRUNT made members' mouths water by suggesting menus for the Diamond Jubilee Supper in December. MR EDE introduced and showed two Post Office films. "Ernie" showed all the complicated electronic perfection of random selection of our millions of premium bonds. The second film, on the National Savings Bank, also demonstrated the technical miracles which go to keeping tabs on Post Office Savings Accounts from all over the country. MRS ATKINS won the raffle; and MRS BOOTH did brisk business at the stall. D C



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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - ISSUE No. 5

The Parish Council met on 25th February, with all Members present except Mrs Major who had only recently left hospital.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATION Major Mervyn-Smith is considering resigning as Hambledon's representative on the District Council because he is unable to take time off during the day to attend site meetings or meet council officers, and therefore feels that he is not able to give a full service to the village. The Parish Council asked Major Mervyn-Smith to reconsider his decision, and he has agreed to continue until a successor comes forward.

VILLAGE POND Several volunteers turned up to start the initial clearance of trees and scrub for the new pond, and good progress was made. More help is needed however - every Saturday morning from 10 till 12.

NORMLEY LANE The fight for street nameplate continues, backed by further recent instances of the delayed arrival of "lost" emergency services.

HAMBLEDON HOMES No new information has been received and the Parish Council is concerned about the danger of vandalism. Individual Members are keeping an eye on the site, and everyone is urged to report any suspicious activity to the police.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION Judging takes place this year during May and June. Do YOUR hedges and front gardens attract admiring glances?

PLANNING APPLICATIONS The Parish Council has objected to the size of a proposed Bee Keepers unit on land to the north west of Haresgrove Cottage in Salt Lane, Hydon.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY This will take place in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, 29th April. We are not inviting a guest speaker this year, and this will allow more time for questions, suggestions and open discussion on village activities.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday 15th April.

### THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Every parish must hold a meeting or assembly between 1st March and 1st June each year, to enable villagers to discuss parish affairs and pass resolutions.

Any member of the public may attend and speak, although only persons on the local electoral roll may vote on resolutions.

These Assemblies provide an opportunity for the Parish Council and the various village clubs and community groups to report on their activities, and for all residents to have a voice in the running of their village.

THIS YEAR THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 29th APRIL, COMMENCING AT 8 p.m. ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS WILL BE THE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Please come along and help to make this a lively village occasion.