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CHURCHWARDEN

Mr. H. Millard, 5 Rivelihoods Road.

VILLAGE NEWS

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BROCKHAMPTON

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FOREWORD

by

MR. J. FINNEY

Chairman of the Swindon Parish Council

Over the past ten years substantial development has taken place in Swindon Parish, particularly in the area of the Village. Where before, communication between the Parish Council and the residents was a fairly simple matter, it is today difficult for the Parish Council to be at all sure that the views and wishes of those who live in the Parish are known. It is hoped, through the introduction of this newsletter, to give residents information about local activities of all kinds and to promote interest in Village affairs.

The reorganisation of local government puts additional responsibilities on Parish Councils. It is proper that local people should take part, make their views felt, and try to achieve the kind of environment and living conditions they want. To enable the Parish Council to take advantage of the procedures available for representation to District Authorities, it is up to all the residents to see that they play as full a part as possible by communicating their views to the Parish Councillors or by writing to the Council.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19th AUGUST 1974

PLANNING MATTERS

An application to extend the MOOG factory, Runnings Road, was opposed by the Council because it would encroach into the buffer zone, lessening the gap between industrial and residential areas which a public enquiry Inspector had previously referred to as an essential feature of future planning policy. The Council agreed that if the planning application was considered favourably then they should be consulted about planting additional trees for screening.

An application by R.H. Baird & Sons of Hyde Farm for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling to the

west of Home Farm was objected to by the Council because the proposed siting of the dwelling was well outside the established area for development and it was felt that there might be other sites more suitable.

An application by the Village Hall Management Committee for a new Village Hall on the existing site was considered favourably by the Council but they added to their approval a rider that the present single width access to the site should be improved.

VILLAGE HALL FUNDING

A special meeting a few years ago established the residents' approval in principle to a grant towards the cost of a new Village Hall. The provisional offer of grants by Gloucestershire Education Committee (£3,243) and D.E.S. (£6,486), together with the £5,000 raised voluntarily (and including the £2,000 gift from the Robert Hitchins Charitable Trust) still leaves more needed. The Chairman of the Hall Committee reported that he is now approaching Tewkesbury Borough Council for grant aid. The Parish Council agreed that following upon a reply from the Borough the Parish Council could consider what grant aid it should then offer.

ROAD SAFETY

The P.T.A. had written to the Council pointing out that, consequent upon the probable closure of the private bus service from Wymans Brook Estate to the Swindon Village School and the withdrawal of the Crossing Patrol Warden (due to lack of volunteers), the danger of the fast moving traffic to the smaller children crossing and walking along Wymans Lane has been highlighted.

The Council agreed that the pavement is rather narrow and Cheltenham Borough Council should be approached with a view to allowing the Parish Council to lay a footpath on the inside of the park boundary fence. The problems in introducing a speed limit through the Village were complex and depended on the results of a traffic census and the provision of street lights. A previous application had been refused but further approaches would be made.

BUS ROUTE

The Chairman reported on a meeting with the District

JUMBLE SALE

THE GUIDES and BROWNIES are holding a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday, 5th October, at 2.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Please come along, support it, and find a bargain!!

THE RAINBOW EVENING

with the SWINDON VILLAGE W.I.
on
Wednesday, 16th October, at 7.30 p.m.

There will be:-

Slides and a Talk - 'In and Around Cheltenham'
Bargains for Sale
Ploughman's Supper @ 25p per head

OPEN TO ALL

(Proceeds to St. Vincent's School for Spastic Children and to Funds)

SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

for PARTIES RECEPTIONS DANCES

for booking details contact:-

Mrs. L. Seabright, 'Larkfield', Wymans Lane

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS - 18th of the month to:-

Rectory
14 Stanton Drive
16 Stanton Drive

SCOUTS

REMEMBER - The annual "AUTUMN FAYRE" will be held in the Village Hall on SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

Items for the gift, white elephant, books, cakes and produce stalls are urgently required and may be delivered to:-

Mr. P. Long, Riviere, Tewkesbury Road. Tel: 52927
Mr. M. Phelan, Langdale, Quat Goose Lane. Tel: 21781
Mr. A.G. Studd, 14 Stanton Drive. Tel: 21829

Collection of items can be arranged.

SWINDON VILLAGE WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club started in 1967 with meetings held in members' houses. As membership grew the houses became crowded and so it was decided to transfer the meetings to the Village Hall. The original name was the Young Wives Group, but as this was not an accurate description, and as the group met, and still does, on a Wednesday, the name was changed to The Wednesday Club. At present there are 52 members with ages ranging from 20 to an undisclosed number of years! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 8.0 p.m. Speakers are invited and give talks and demonstrations on a wide range of topics. This is followed by refreshments and informal chat, ending about 10.0 p.m.

Special events are arranged throughout the year with husbands and children in mind, including skittles evenings, discos, dinner dances, theatre trips, and for the children the pantomime, circus, seaside trips, and Christmas Party. Forthcoming Wednesday meetings: 2nd Oct. Making jewellery; 6th Nov. Courses run by the Open University; 4th Dec. Social and wine and cheese. Extra events: 19th Oct. Wild West Dance at Village Hall; 23rd Oct. 'Christmas Tree' (shop) to sell toys at Village Hall; 8th Nov. Skittles with husbands, at the Umbrella; 6th Dec. Christmas Dinner Dance, at the Frogmill.

The Wednesday Club cordially invites anyone interested in membership to come along on a Wednesday evening or contact a Committee Member who will be happy to accompany her to her first meeting.

Mary Taylor

Traffic Superintendent at which various alternatives were discussed. It was agreed that these should be investigated further with the local authorities.

One member said that he thought there was no longer the intense controversy over the existing route.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

The church, which is part of the Village, warmly welcomes this newsletter and will gladly send in its monthly articles. Since the newsletter will repeat factual information which appears in the Church Magazine, this may have certain implications for the magazine! But in so far as the newsletter serves and informs the Village, awakens and strengthens the community, and even entertains, it is widely to be welcomed.

TIMES OF SUNDAY SERVICES: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
2.15 p.m. Young People
(3.00 p.m. on first Sunday of month Family Service)
6.30 p.m. Evensong

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. This colourful Festival is on 6th October. Services: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 3.0 p.m. Family Service and Children's Gift Service (bring a token vegetable marrow or something similar for delivery to a Children's Home, and hear the Junior Choir sing); 6.30 p.m. Evensong (always a splendid occasion).

SERVERS. 6th Oct. T. Bennett; 13th Oct. K. Seabright; 20th Oct. R. Sharpe; 27th Oct. A. Rossi; 3rd Nov. T. Hibberd.

SIDESMEN. 6th Oct. 9.15 Mr. D. Wagstaff, 6.30 Mr. R. Bunting; 13th Oct. 9.15 Mr. H. Bamforth, 6.30 Mr. R. Falcon; 20th Oct. 9.15 Mr. E. Scarrett, 6.30 Mr. P. Brooks; 27th Oct. 9.15 Mr. B. Harris, 11.40 Mr. R. Bunting, 6.30 Mr. D. Rothery; 3rd Nov. 9.15 Mr. J. Evans, 6.30 Mr. E. Scarrett.

CLEANERS. 6th Oct. Brownies; 13th Oct. Choir; 20th Oct. Mrs. A. Cooper and Mrs. A. Garbett; 27th Oct. Mrs. J. Styman; 3rd Nov. Brownies; 10th Nov. Miss Richings.

FLOWERS. High Altar: 6th Oct. Miss V. Clark; 13th Oct. Miss V. Clark; 20th Oct. Mrs. B. Neems; 27th Oct. Mrs. E. Deakin; 3rd Nov. Mrs. D. Honeybone. Lady Chapel: 6th Oct. Mrs. A. Garbett; 13th Oct. Mrs. G. Goldsborough, 20th Oct. Mrs. J. Bloxham; 27th Oct. Mrs. G. Deakin; 3rd Nov. Mrs. D. Wagstaff.

REGISTERS. Holy Baptism: 1st Sept. Andrew Paul Dicks.
Holy Matrimony: 21st Sept. Graham Shearman v Janet Deakins.

FLOWER GUILD. 15th Oct. 7.30 p.m. at the Rectory, coloured slides on flowers and the Cotswolds.

SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

At a Committee Meeting held in the Hall on Wednesday, 11th September, the Chairman, Mr. H.J. Murrell, informed the members that he had received an offer of a provisional grant towards the cost of a new Village Hall.

The offer was well below what had been expected and would necessitate the Hall being built in two phases.

The Committee had agreed that the provisional grants should be accepted and the architect be requested to prepare specifications for Phase 1 in order that they should go out to tender. The Committee approved that the Chairman should approach Tewkesbury Borough Council for aid towards this project. It was also agreed that the Chairman should submit to Gloucestershire Community Council a request for Grant Aid for Phase 2, this request to be submitted no later than 25th September.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the undertakings of the Hall Management Committee when the Grant Aid for Phase 1 was finally approved and the timetable of happenings, the most important being that the tenders for Phase 1 having to be submitted to the Community Council by 12th October. Once the grants had been sanctioned then the building must commence within three months. The Community Council also deemed that 25% of the cost of Phase 2 will have to be met from voluntary sources.

With this in mind the Chairman reminded members that our fund raising must continue. The waste paper collection must be intensified, more members obtained for the weekly lottery, and the annual Christmas Draw should be projected on a larger scale.

SWINDON VILLAGE SCHOOL P.T.A.

The P.T.A. has been active recently, mainly in finishing the School swimming pool which has been built at a cost of approx. £1,500 by parents, teachers, and friends. It was officially opened at the Family Night Out on Saturday,

7th September, and will be in use during the autumn.

Other fund raising events held during the year have included the May Fair, Harvest Supper, Kite Flying Contest, Disco, etc. The P.T.A. were unfortunately unable to organise many events in the School during last winter owing to the fuel crisis but it is hoped that more will be held during the coming year, when your continued support will be appreciated. We would like to thank everyone who has helped in many ways with the building of the swimming pool.

Carol Collard

W.I.

Our September meeting, the first since the summer vacation, was well attended. Mrs. E. Downie presided at an interesting evening.

After the official business we were introduced to Mrs. Robert Poole, former National Chairman, who gave us an interesting and informative talk on her recent 5 days visit to Denmark. We heard of her visits to various schools in which physically handicapped children are educated, a teachers training college, and to several women's organisations.

We are asked for volunteers for duty at the old Village School between 10.0-11.0 a.m. on Saturdays for collection of waste paper.

The competition for the tallest sunflower grown from seed was won by (1) Mrs. Selfe, (2) Mrs. A. Seabright, (3) Mrs. Downie.

Blanche Lardy

YOUTH CLUB

The Club has been closed for several months. A new leader and other helpers are urgently required. Anybody interested or knowing of somebody else, not necessarily a Village resident, who might be interested should contact:-

Mrs. J.M. Studd, 14 Stantons Drive. Tel: 21829 or
Mr. D. Wagstaff, Whiterose, Stantons Drive. Tel: 33082.