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Ring up good bells ! ring up ! ring down !
May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

A month or two ago I told you how the choir boys in Salisbury Cathedral had delighted in a " modern " Te Deum by Donald Swann. Since then Mr. Gartside has been finding out how helpful this " new music " has been in parishes comparable to our own — and on Sept. 19th the P.C.C. debated what we could or should do about it.

After a brief introduction from Mr. Gartside and myself, we listened to a recording of the *20th Century Folk Mass* by the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont. The upshot was a unanimous vote in favour of using parts of this setting for a trial period of three months at the Parish Communion on 3rd Sundays.

This did not mean, of course, that all the members would themselves prefer this sort of music to the Merbecke setting which we now use. It did mean that the evidence before us showed overwhelmingly that the younger generation would find the change a much needed help in their worship — to start with at any rate. Since then our experience at Youth Club meetings and Choir Practice has dramatically endorsed this.

You will find more about the music overleaf, and a little bit too about the service itself—just enough to remind you that what we are doing is a lot more important than how we are doing it.

Your affectionate Rector,
Francis Browne.

WHAT WE ARE DOING: "THE NEW MUSIC"—

" It seems that if good news is to come across as news and its goodness as a continual surprise, we have got to use contemporary ways of saying it "

This is what the Rector wrote about our new magazine, and it applies equally to our plan to introduce the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont's setting of the Communion service, known as the 20th Century Folk Mass, at 9 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of this month.

The idea behind the music

Mr. Beaumont's intention was to provide some Church music in the idiom of the people of to-day. Church music has become so unlike any popular music—and it wasn't two hundred years ago—that many non-churchgoers find our music dull, out-of-date and not easy to get accustomed to.

Not jazz

This new music is not jazz—far from it—but there are many off-the-beat notes, as there were in the religious music of Byrd and Gibbons of the sixteenth century, and it is in a style familiar to the modern listener: there is an echo of the negro-spiritual, a beguine for the more solemn passages of the liturgy, and what may be called a big " hit " tune—reminding one of the Dambusters' March.

Easy to learn

Certain musical phrases occur over and over again in different parts of the service and the whole composition is sung by dictation—a phrase sung by the Cantors repeated by the congregation. This and the contemporary idiom make it easy to learn and particularly suitable when people not used to church are beginning to learn the Christian faith.

How we shall start

The style may surprise you at first, but I believe that after only a short acquaintance you will find it acceptable and worthy of its purpose. We intend to introduce the new setting gradually on 3rd Sundays. During the last month our Choir and young people have been learning the music, and after Evensong on November 13th everyone will have an opportunity to hear and sing some parts of it.

A stepping-stone

In its rightful place of worship, you will find this music strong, energetic and joyful, with no suggestion of frivolity. It is intended that our young people who are attracted by it should regard its use as a stepping-stone to the more traditional music of the church.

TREVOR GARTSIDE.

BUT THE SAME SERVICE

" The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever "

THIS is a famous way of saying that God has made us to worship Him and has implanted in us the need to do so.

ON Christmas Day He sent His Son to show us what He is like and to teach us how to worship Him.

AT the climax of His life on earth, Our Lord gave us in the Last Supper His very own prescription for our needs. It is a gift simple enough for the simplest and profound enough for the most profound.

HE gave it when, in the night that He was betrayed, He took bread and broke it and said " Do this". So Sunday by Sunday, Christians use the Lord's own service on the Lord's own day.

IT is always the same service at whatever time it is celebrated, whatever the celebrant wears, whether people say their part or sing it. Whenever we use this service, we can't mean more than Our Lord meant when He said " This is My Body—this is My Blood", and we dare not mean less. F.B.R.B.

'Twas God the
Word that
spake it,

He took the
Bread and
brake it ;

And what the
Word did
make it ;

That I believe
and take it.



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CHRISTOPHER HUGHES M.C.

Freeman of Marlborough, indefatigable defender of local rights and preserver of the ancient amenities of our town, painter in oils and water-colour, Christopher Hughes is a regular member of St. Peter's congregation. Art Master at Marlborough College 1920-1946. First elected to the Borough Council in 1928, he has been Mayor four times, in 1935, 1944, 1955 and 1958; was elected Alderman in 1952, and given the Freedom of the Borough in 1958. The illustration on page 9 is from his book *Marlborough: The Story of a Small and Ancient Borough.*

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PERSONAL POSER

Does the Bible teach that our loved ones are awaiting us on the other side?

No one can know what happens after death, but the Bible teaches us in the Epistle to the Hebrews that our loved ones who have died are part of a "great cloud of witnesses," watching and encouraging us in the race of life and still interested in us—and therefore we may assume ready to welcome us when we die.

But it does not teach that the chief attribute of Heaven is survival after death and the reunion of those who have loved on earth. Heaven is the everlasting enjoyment of God. It is being with God and enjoying His fellowship perfectly: it is in Him that we find our loved ones and everything else that is desirable. That is, our reunion with our loved ones will be a consequence of our union with Christ.

It is not as "waiting for us" that we should chiefly think of them but as enjoying a fuller, more vigorous life than we have power to imagine: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

If you have a Personal Poser which you would like answered on this page, send it to the Rector, giving your name and address, which will not be printed.

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NEWS : VIEWS : COMING EVENTS

PARENTS — The next meeting of 12-to-16 year-olds who wish to be confirmed will be on Friday, Nov. 4th, at 7 p.m. at Church Cottage. If you are not sure whether your child is ready to be prepared for **Confirmation** and would like to talk it over with one of the Clergy, please tell the Rector. F.B.R.B.

WHY NOT NOW? Are you older, perhaps married, and not confirmed? Unable to come to Holy Communion? But you would like to be a full member of the Church? You would like to talk about it privately? The Rector invites you to telephone, write or button-hole him for an appointment. F.B.R.B.

NOTHING WILL KEEP YOU AWAY — we hope — from the *Parish Social evening with Buffet Supper* on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Tickets 2s. each, obtainable from the Hostesses whose names and addresses are on the notice-boards in both churches. Only 300 tickets available, so *join the queue now.* Everyone aged 15 and over is welcome, and also younger teenagers who have been confirmed. M.B.

OUR BISHOP will be broadcasting a Pastoral Letter on the West Home Service, VHF 92.9 m/cs, on Friday, Nov. 25th, at 10.30 p.m. The Rector asks everyone who possibly can to listen to this.

DID YOU KNOW? That the use of *different colours in Church* goes back to the time when many people could neither read nor write and was a simple way of teaching congregations about the seasons of the Church's year. In November four different colours are used: white for rejoicing on All Saints' Day; green for the last weeks of Trinity-tide (green for growth); red for St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr; and purple for the solemn "preparation" season of Advent.

P.C.C. REPORT. Should the "off-the-beat" setting for the Holy Communion known as the *20th Century Folk Mass* be given a trial? We heard a recording of the Creed, then discussion ranged widely — as far as a dissertation on the well-worn subject of English Hymnal v. Hymns A. and M., reference to negro-spirituals, and an attempt at a definition of Jazz. Finally the largely middle-aged P.C.C. decided unanimously that if this New Music would help young churchmen to feel at home in church, it ought to be tried. *Extremely satisfactory reports* were received from the Chairman of the *Stewardship* and Publications Committees. There are 330 pledge-givers, with only ten defections to date: the estimated annual income is £4,600. The circulation of the magazine has increased by 50%, *Tower and Town No. 1* was favourably received and had sold out: tribute was paid to the goodwill of the advertisers (not unconnected with the hard work of the Advertising Manager) and the energy of the thirty-three people concerned with Distribution. The strenuous and successful efforts of these two vital committees were acknowledged with acclamation. *Other items* dealt with were the elimination of dry rot from the roof of *St. Peter's*, the state of its organ, the storage of tools, and the repair of its windows; the purchase of 250 new prayer-books for *St. Mary's*; the clearing of Church Cottage garden by the Youth Club; and — welcome news — the appointment of *Mrs. Venters* as Sunday School Superintendent and of *Miss Barnes* to the Infants' Sunday School.

W. F. Harling, Hon. Sec.

SPECIALLY FOR MARLBOROUGH —when he heard that we proposed to use his 20th Century Folk Mass, the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont wrote us a letter about his music. This was only received as we went to press, but we hope to publish it next month. T.G.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 3 *After Holy Communion . . .*

O God, Who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruits of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALL SAINTS

On November 1st we celebrate all Christian saints known and unknown. A great Christian writer says of All Saints' Day that it is not only the Feast of every heroic soul, but even of every single heroic act inspired by God since man began on earth. The Gospel at Holy Communion on All Saints' Day, from the Sermon on the Mount, tells us how we may recognise these Christian heroes.

ALL SOULS

The Church keeps November 2nd as the special day for remembering before God the souls of the departed. We pray for the dead, as we do for the living, to express our love for them. If we wish, we can use the special prayer from the Burial Service: "Grant unto them, O Lord, eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

The Churches are now being used alternately for the Sunday services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays Nov. 6th and 20th: St. Peter's; Sundays Nov. 13th and 27th: St. Mary's. All other services in St. Mary's.

1st Tuesday. **All Saints' Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Courage in Christian witness*)

2nd Wednesday. **Commemoration of All Souls'.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Faithful Departed*).

6th TRINITY XXI. C.M.S. Sunday. Preacher at 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Cyril Hooper, Youth Secretary of C.M.S. (*The Parish, especially thankfulness for our membership of the Church*).

7th Monday. Joint meeting of C.M.S. Group and Men's Society 8 p.m. Toc H Room: The Rev. Cyril Hooper.

8th Tuesday. Holy Communion 10.15 a.m. Corporate for the Mothers' Union. (*Our homes*).

9th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The old and the lonely*).

13th TRINITY XXII. **Remembrance Sunday.** Matins 10.55 a.m. Congregational Music Practice after Evensong. (*The Parish, especially our prayers for the peace of the world*).

16th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Parish Social 7.30 p.m. Town Hall. (*Those working for the Parish Social*).

20th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT. Parish Communion 9 a.m. Family Service and Holy Baptism 3 p.m. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Leonard Chamberlen, R.N. (ret.). (*The Parish, especially the young people*).

23rd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Ruri-decanal Conference*). Ruri-decanal Conference 7.30 p.m. Toc H Room

27th ADVENT I. (*The Parish, especially our observance of Advent*)

30th Wednesday. St. Andrew, A. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Foreign Missions*). Parochial Church Council 8 p.m. Church Cottage

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

ADVENT is a solemn season when we prepare ourselves for the two comings of Our Lord — His coming at Christmas in great humility to be our Saviour, and also His second coming in glorious majesty at the end of the world to be our judge. Advent Sunday, which this year falls on Nov. 27th, is the first day of the Church's year.

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HIGH STREET CHANGES ....

HISTORY is always about people. These little histories of some of the people behind the changes in the High Street are as much the History of Marlborough as any records of what the High Street looked like before the Great Fire.

"Russell's"

When Russell Bros. closed down in August 1958 it had been going for 200 years. No one, Mrs. J. Russell told us, quite knew when the firm was founded, but it already existed in 1760 when Dunford's boot-making business was started. Russell Square is called after the Russell family, for to begin with the tailor's shop was at No. 110, now the Conservative Club, and the Russells owned the surrounding property. The family provided the town with several Mayors, the last being John Russell, in 1916, whose brother Edward helped to found the Scout Movement in Marlborough. The premises at Nos. 102/3 were pulled down this summer and are being rebuilt for Messrs. Rawlings and Phillips, the corn-chandlers.

"Tiny Tots"

Connection with the Scout Movement has also been the great spare-time interest of Miss M. Hutchins, who opened her wool and baby clothes shop "Tiny Tots" in 1934, and sold it to Mrs. M. Bradshaw in May this year. Miss Hutchins was first involved in the Scout Movement in 1933—and continued to run the Marlborough Wolf Cubs until 1959. Most of us have vivid memories of a gaggle of youngsters waiting for her outside "Tiny Tots" on Tuesday evenings. Miss Hutchins has lived in and around Marlborough all her life. Now, in her happy retirement, gardening is her chief hobby.

"Knapton's"

Miss L. Knapton is another Marlburian who is enjoying her retirement. Knapton's Bakery was started in 1904 and closed down in June 1959. Until 1919 they used an oven under the pavement ("a jolly good oven too," said Miss Knapton), and then opened a bakehouse in a building, originally a carriage-house, in the yard. Miss Knapton's house, No. 115 was (with Nos. 111-114) formerly the Hart Inn, where Samuel Pepys is known to have stayed. The cottages behind (recently demolished) were the servants' quarters. The inn yard was traditionally known as "the old theatre" where travelling players

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

HOW OTHER PEOPLE LIVE. *The Rev. Harold Stentiford, now Minister to the Lozells and Aston Park Congregational Churches in Birmingham, writes to tell us about his parish*: To walk through the area where my Churches are set is to walk past rows and rows of drab houses: if there is a garden in front it is about the size of a postage stamp and looks as if it has seen too many stray dogs. But at night when the rooms are lit — clean and bright with flowers in the windows — one can see the courage of these people. On each street corner there is the Pub, well-lit and very Victorian in appearance. My great discovery is that though I have the care of two Churches I am not expected to run things. In both of them there are many youth activities and there are people who see to it that these activities go on. Only last evening I found all 32 of the Life Boys in the care of a girl who had done a day at the office: at the other Church one of the men was painting a door, and the church treasurer and a member of the Youth Club were decorating a room: they had simply decided it was time it was done. In another part of the building girls were holding a sewing class, and although the leader, a widow, had had to visit her son in hospital after leaving the school where she works, she had turned up to look after them. This is how these people see things: they do what needs to be done because it is the expression of what they believe.

H.S.

LIVE THEATRE. M. A. D. O. S. (Chairman: Deputy-Mayor Howard Lansley), is putting on a show this autumn for the first time for three years — an excellent farce, *Fool's Paradise* by Peter Coke. Place: the Town Hall. Time: Nov. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Cast: Mrs. T. W. Edwards, Mrs. L. Ross, Mrs. H. Milton, Mrs. T. Clay, Mrs. B. Lansley, Mrs. B. Simpson, Mr. R. Gardner, Mr. R. White. Producer: Mr. R. Gardner. Those who see this play will find their pleasure increased by the knowledge that they are supporting a grand example of initiative and courage on the part of their fellow-townsmen.

COINCIDENCE. Mr. Anthony West, the typographer who has helped us with the lay-out of *Tower and Town*, turns out to be a great-nephew of Herbert Leaf, who was a master at the College and the town's foremost benefactor of recent years. The Borough Council was able to light up the town through Mr. Leaf's gift of an electricity installation to the College, and when he died in 1936 he left the town £15,000 and eleven cottages.

WHAT'S COOKING? Just the thing for those winter days —

Marlborough Faggots

1½ lb. pig's liver, ½ lb. fat pork, ½ pt. bread-crumbs, 2 eggs, 1 teasp. each sage, parsley, thyme and pepper, 2 teasp. salt, 1 good-sized onion, pinch of nutmeg, caul.

Mince the meat finely, mix with seasonings and steam in a basin for one hour. Cool; add the crumbs and beaten eggs. Scald the onion, chop finely and add. Beat mixture to mix well, form into balls, wrap each in a piece of caul and bake in a slow oven until nicely brown. Sheep or calves' liver may be used or a kidney may be added.—Contributed by

MRS. S. BARCHAM

What next?

High Street Changes (*from p. 9*)

acted — Shakespeare's company amongst them, so possibly even Shakespeare himself. Amongst the other ghosts, the delicious smell of newly-baked bread must now haunt Russell Square. The shop has been sold to Mr. Prout who has opened a cafe there. Miss Knapton is a distributor of *Tower and Town*.

"Dale's"

Dale's the ironmongers was already long-established when Mr. Jack Fletcher took it over in 1926. The house has a panelled room, and one day, rummaging in the cellars, Mrs. Fletcher found a collection of painted tiles showing scenes of Savernake Forest. Mrs. Fletcher and her sister Mrs. Webber (widow of a former Mayor), two very good embroideresses in a town noted for expert needle-

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St. Peter's Boys' School

The Fair and the Circus brought a lot of excitement to the school. We have an extra view because a lot of the Fair comes down from the Common on the lane beside our school.

On October 3rd Dr. Topham conducted a medical examination on the boys who were born in 1949 and 1952.

The boys who go to school dinners now cross the road at a different place because there are a lot of lorry accidents along by the surgery. We cross by Figgins Lane. M. BENCH

St. Mary's Girls' School

Mrs. Bowman our 1st Form mistress is unfortunately ill, so we now have Mrs. Norris who is taking over the 1st Form. We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Fargus, who comes every Tuesday to take Prayers and to help with our Church teaching.

We have been very fortunate with our crop of apples and have had quite a few each.

We have started country dancing again and we hope to take a team to Devizes next year. JANE LANSLEY

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Once again Gwynne Dewick hits our headlines, this time as a candidate for International fame. He has been selected to run for England in the International Cross Country Match against France, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

News of two old pupils continues to inspire us. Norma Streader has won a County Scholarship which enables her to take a course at a school of Dramatic Art. Iris Robins, a State Registered Nurse, is now in America on a Year's Exchange Course, nursing in a New York Hospital.

A very successful Harvest Festival, a visit to see the film "The Ten Commandments" and a Fashion Show by Simplicity Patterns are three of the events which have already made this term interesting.

David Watts and Robin Palmer played for the mid-Wilts team against North Dorset when mid-Wilts defeated North Dorset 4 – 3 in the English Schoolboys Football Shield Contest.

SYLVIA HEAD

Marlborough Grammar School

One of the regular features of life in the school is the activity of some eight or nine school societies. They are always increasing in number, and hardly a day goes by without one of them holding a meeting. So great is the demand for after-school time that there is no longer time for all the societies to hold the weekly meetings most of them would like. Some of these societies, such as the Music Society, Dancing Classes and Discussion Group, work entirely within the horizons of the school, but a few, such as the History Society and Christian Fellowship depend mainly on outside speakers. The Discussion and Debating Society and the Christian Fellowship both hold occasional joint meetings with the College, and are now looking forward to one such, a Forum organised by the Christian Fellowship, at which the guest speakers will be the Rector and the Rev. Maurice Hillier, the Methodist Minister.

GRAMMARIAN

High Street Changes (from p. 10)

women, have been helping with the new hassocks for St. Mary's. Mr. Fletcher sold his business to Mr. W. F. White of Pewsey in March 1959.

"Milburn and Phillips"

When, in 1886, Miss Irene Phillips' father came as manager to the business later known as Milburn and Phillips it was at least seventy years old. Richard Howse, clock and watchmaker, advertised in the first issue of the *Marlborough Times* in 1859 that he had been established "over forty years" as a china and glass merchant. His daughter Phoebe married Joseph Milburn, then in business as an iron-monger at the premises now Nos. 8/9. On his marriage he moved to No. 139 — and also built Highfield on the Common. Mr. Phillips went into partnership with Joseph's son Ernest in 1919. Miss Phillips sold her business in June to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kearslake; and since her retirement has worked for the National Savings Movement, and on the distribution of *Tower and Town*.

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FAMILY NEWS

** Those who live at *Coombe End House* have written, through their Matron, to say thank you for the present of Harvest Festival produce, and especially for the Harvest loaf, which "was greatly enjoyed by all and made their tea a delight".

** Grateful thanks to *Mr. and Mrs. F. Blanchard* for giving the parish an invalid chair.

** Congratulations to *Carole Sheekey* on her County and inter-club swimming successes. Carole was one of our 1958 Confirmation candidates.

** In October the *Ramsbury Church Magazine* — recently chosen as one of the four best in the Diocese — paid *Tower and Town* some compliments and urged Ramsbury people to buy it. Ramsbury's editor is *Miss Hilda Lawrence.*

** *Mrs. Turner* asks for all *kneelers* to be returned to her finished by Nov. 19th, so that they can be mounted ready for the Dedication ceremony on Dec. 11th.

** This month we enclose a form suggesting that a subscription to *Tower and Town* would make a good Christmas present for that son or daughter or friend who has left Marlborough but still likes to know what goes on in parish and town. Christmas may seem a long way off still, but we have to know by Nov. 17th how many extra copies of the December number will be needed. So fill in the form soon and send it to Mr. L. T. Smith, Ashfield, Back Lane, and he will do the rest — send off the magazines each month enclosing a slip to say they come as a present from you, and arrange for your Magazine Distributor to collect the money: 8s. postage paid for twelve issues.

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS—NOVEMBER

This month please ask God to bless all who live in these roads, on the Sunday named, and the week following:

1st Sunday Barn Street
2nd Sunday The Green
3rd Sunday Lainey's Close
4th Sunday "The road I live in"

"*O Heavenly Father, bless our neighbours, that they and we may share Thy Heavenly calling; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*"

If you know a family living in one of these roads, include their names in this prayer

The Wardens for these streets are: 1 Mrs. Chandler, 2 Miss Mabel Pearce, 3 Mrs. Ford (Nos. 1-14), Mrs. Baulch (Nos. 15-42)

HOLY BAPTISM

Sept. 18 Tina Louise Fry. Susan Jean Barugh. Martin James Cheetham. David Christopher Ponting.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Oct. 1 William Alexander James Hawkins to Barbara Sawyer.

R. I. P.

Sept. 22 Charles Masters, of Poulton Cottages.
Oct. 11 Caroline Edith Maurice, of Lower Lloran.

Youth Committee : Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARISH BREAKFAST. Twenty young people attended the first Parish Breakfast on Oct. 9th and tucked into tea, cereal, rolls and bread-and-butter with various spreads. From now on Breakfast will be served in Church Cottage every Sunday after 9 a.m. Holy Communion. All are welcome and it would be a great encouragement to the younger members of the congregation if those who have joined the adult Church during the last few years could come and give their fellowship sometimes. Dorinda Brown has undertaken to make the tea and clear up the kitchen : Geraldine Hodge and Marion Cooke are two of her helpers — but we don't want them overworked : who can help ? *we expect fifty breakfasters on Nov. 20th : Will you be there ?* M.H.

Youth Fellowship

FUN OF ALL SORTS. The winter programme began well with Music at Church Cottage and Games in the Toc H Room. Both parties then joined up to hear a recording of the *20th Century Folk Mass* which Mr. Gartside had brought. After we had practised a bit, he recorded our singing — and, it was discovered that it wasn't all that easy ! We hope to improve. *Hallow'een Party* Oct. 31st : any surplus nice eating apples could be made good use of ! Ring 651 for collection. M.H.

Brownies : 3rd Marlborough (St. Mary's) Brownie Pack, Wednesdays 4 p.m., Toc H Room. Brown Owl : Mrs. J. M. Leach, Windrush, Manton Hollow.

" FLYING-UP." We are very sorry to say goodbye to Alison Garnett and Margaret Davis who have gone to Calne to School. We also have said goodbye to Sheila Phillips who has gone up to Guides. When people go up to Guides we call it a flying-up ceremony, because they have gone up to higher classes and are seniors, if they have gained their Golden Hand (1st Class). When we have a flying-up ceremony we all go to it and the Guides too, and who ever is flying-up is introduced to their Captain. On Nov. 2nd we are going to have an open meeting to which all the parents are welcome. THE FAIRIES SIX

Men's Society : 1st Thursdays, 7.45 p.m., October to May, Toc H Room : Correspondent : Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.

STIMULATING. Our first meeting on Oct. 6th was most stimulating. Bishop Cockin gave the first of his three talks on the work of Laymen in the Church — in other words, Christian Faith and Everyday Life. During the break for refreshments the Bishop left us, so that we could talk over what he had said " without benefit of clergy." The twelve members present thought up some questions for him on his return half-an-hour later — *how can a man gain in knowledge of religion ? . . . what is the real function of sermons ?* . . . After a general discussion of all the points raised, we went home feeling that it had been a well-spent evening, and looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting on Nov. 3rd. Please note future meetings will begin at 7.45 p.m., not 8 p.m. G.L.E.B.

C.M.S. Group : Meetings generally fortnightly. Secretary : Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street—from whom all information can be obtained.

A THRILLING STORY. On Sept. 26th Miss Priest gave us a most moving account of the work on which she and sister Pat Bennett are engaged at the hospital at Bollobhpur in East Pakistan, with inadequate supplies of drugs and equipment and, usually without a doctor ; no gas or electricity is available and kerosene is rationed. We heard of miraculous recoveries from illness which Miss Priest attributed to the prayers put up at home by friends of the hospital ; and the whole inspiring story centred around the three daily meetings for prayer in the parish church or hospital chapel.

Important Notice. The Rev. Cyril Hooper will speak to the C.M.S. Group and the Men's Society on Monday, Nov. 7th, at 8 p.m. in Toc H Room.

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

Young Wives' Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

TERRIFIC SUCCESS! was the verdict on our Social Evening with Buffet Supper on Oct. 13th in aid of the Pestalozzi Children's Village, to which we invited Young Wives from all over the North Wilts Archdeaconry. Over 250 Young Wives were present, the Bring-and-Buy Stalls made over £40, ten knitted quilts (also for the Children's Village) were entered for competition — winners were Holy Trinity, Trowbridge. Altogether a most successful evening — good fun, and a good contribution towards our £100-by-Christmas. M.B.

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursdays, 2.45 p.m., Toc H Room. Enrolling Member: Mrs. P. E. C. Hayman, Half Acre, Back Lane.

A NEW EXPERIENCE. The Quiet Afternoon conducted by the Rev. D. V. Galloway, Vicar of Westbury, in St. Mary's on Sept. 20th was the first held in our Deanery and was attended by 110 members from nine parishes. The service was based on Evensong, and the Address, given in two parts divided by a hymn, was a simple, helpful "meditation" on the 23rd Psalm. Afterwards we all had tea together in the Toc H Room.

Two Corrections: The *Corporate Communion* will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 10.15 a.m. in St. Mary's. The *Whist Drive* will be on Friday, Nov. 11th. (Prizes wanted). Tribute is due on Nov. 17th. C. STEVENS

Bell Ringers: Practices—Friday 8 p.m., Beginners 7 p.m., St. Mary's Tower. Captain: Mr. J. Fuller, Juamar, Elcot Lane.

BELFRY NEWS. Once again the weather was very kind to us for our annual Guild outing on Sept. 24th. Two coaches left for the Ross-on-Wye area with ringers from the Marlborough and District Branch. Some very good rings were heard from towers with six or eight bells. Two more learners joined us this month: Alan Lilley (brother of a former ringer) and Diana Rolls — another ten year old. We welcome them both. We still have room for more — we want the Marlborough Christmas bells to be really something!

VALERIE FULLER

Other Organisations

Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.
S.P.G.: Secretary — Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George Lane.
U.M.C.A.: Secretary — Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.
Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: Worker — Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, 116 High Street. (Tel. 478).

CHOIR NOTES

Goodbye. Yet another farewell — this time to David Moore, who leaves us for Cardiff University. He has been with us for over six years as Treble, Tenor, Bell-ringer and Server. We wish him well and hope to welcome him back in the Choir during his vacations.

Third Sundays. With the introduction of the Beaumont Folk Mass on 3rd Sundays, the boys in future will have the choice of attending *either* Parish Communion *or* Matins on this Sunday, whilst continuing to sing at Holy Baptism at 3 p.m. The adult members of the Choir will attend the 9 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. services as usual.

Filmstrip. The Rev. G. Fargus has promised to give the Choirboys instruction in the Holy Communion service at a practice this month, and he hopes to be able to show us a filmstrip about the service.

Harvest Apples. One of the traditional "perks" of choristers is an apple from the Harvest Festival decorations. As usual these were much enjoyed, and this year we felt we ought to include John Figgins (although not strictly entitled to it!) because he was recovering from a short illness. TREVOR GARTSIDE

FINALISTS

Some flies were having a game of football in a saucer. The captain of one team said — "Come on, chaps, play up. We're playing in the cup tomorrow!" *Ack. to St. Peter's, Barnsley.*

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