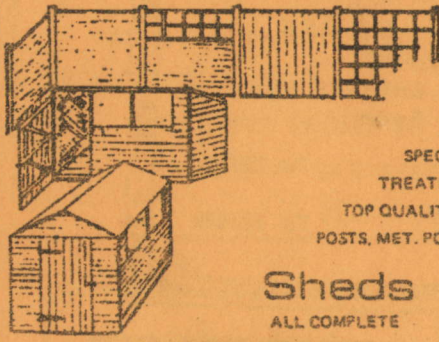


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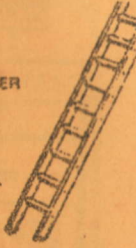
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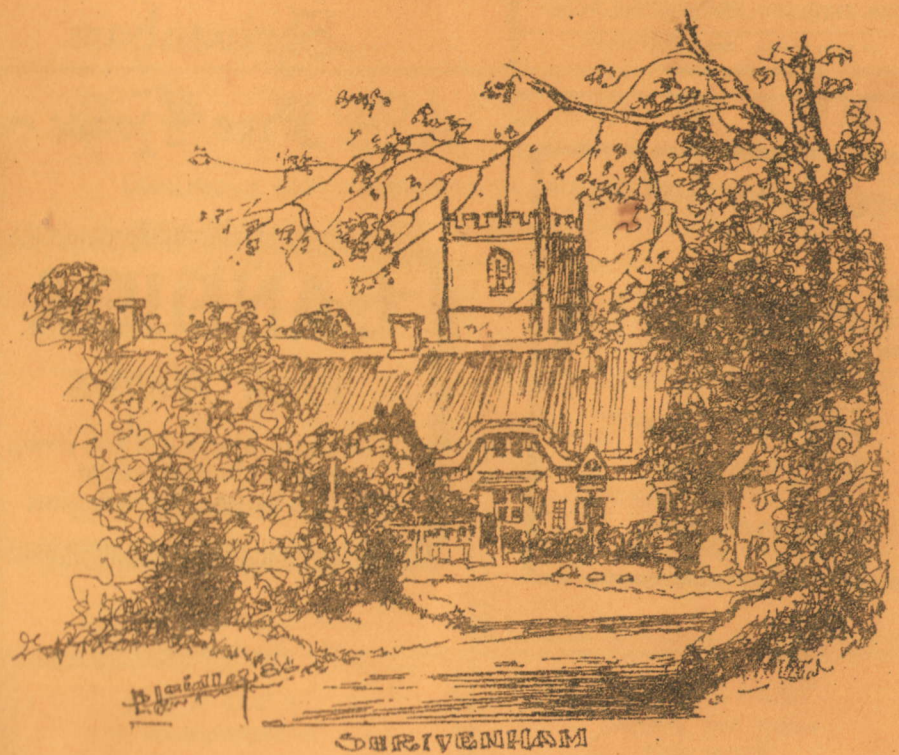
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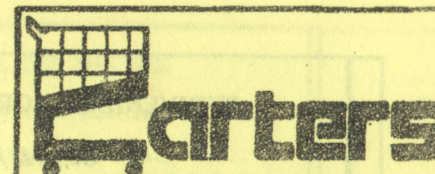
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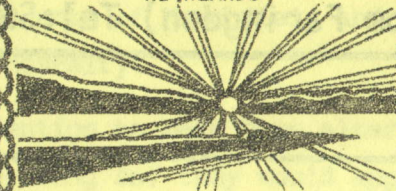


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VICAR: Revd Canon John Wade, The Vicarage, Shrivenham (782243). Surrogate, Rural Dean, Vale of the White Horse.

### Churchwardens:

Dr A W Morley, 11 Curtis Rd, Shrivenham (782736)  
 Mr J Z F Hamilton, 32 Fairthorne Way, Shrivenham (782428)  
 Mr W C Curtis, Sumach Cottage, Watchfield (783188)  
 Mr P G Jessey, Pothkerry, Bourton (782523)

### Hon Sec, P.C.C.:

Mr A Davies, 6 Chapelwick Cl, Shrivenham (782649)

### Hon Treasurer:

Mr G H Ryder, 26 Claypits Lane, Shrivenham (783165)

Organist: Mr R C Guyon, Robin Hill, Damson Trees, Shrivenham (782724)

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Mr G L Belcher, 5a Marlborough St, Faringdon (Far. 22114)

### ST. ANDREW'S, SHRIVENHAM

Sundays 8.00 am Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays)  
 9.30 am Family Service (1st & 3rd Sundays)  
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (10.15 1st & 3rd)  
 (Children's Church in Church Room)  
 6.30 pm Evensong (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Weekdays 9.30 am Holy Communion (Wed & Sat)  
 5.30 pm Evensong (except Tue & Fri)  
 6.30 pm Intercessions for the sick (Tuesday)  
 6.45 pm Holy Communion (Tuesday)

### ST THOMAS', WATCHFIELD

Sundays 9.00 am Holy Communion (1st Sunday, sung)  
 6.30 pm Evensong (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

### ST JAMES', BOURTON

Sundays 11.15 am Matins (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)  
 Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sat	1st	<u>All Saints Day</u> 9.30 am Holy Communion
SUN	2nd	<u>8th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS</u> 8.00 am Holy Communion (Shrivenham) 9.00 am Holy Communion (Watchfield) 9.30 am Family Service (Shrivenham) 10.15 am Parish Communion (Shrivenham) 11.15 am Matins (Bourton) 6.30 pm Evensong (Watchfield)
Mon	3rd	<u>Commemoration of All Souls</u> 7.30 pm Special Service
SUN	9th	<u>7th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS</u> REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9.00 am Holy Communion (Watchfield) 10.00 am Parish Communion (Shrivenham) 10.30 am Family Service (Watchfield) 11.15 am Holy Communion (Bourton) 6.30 pm Evensong (Shrivenham)
SUN	16th	<u>6th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS</u> As for 2nd November <u>except</u> 10.00 am Combined Family & Parish Communion (Shriv)
SUN	23rd	<u>5th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS</u> As for 9th November
SUN	30th	<u>ADVENT SUNDAY</u> 9.00 am Holy Communion (Watchfield) 10.00 am Parish Communion (Shrivenham) 11.15 am Matins (Bourton) 4.00 pm Evensong for Combined Parishes at Watchfield, followed by Carry-in Tea at the Village Hall.
DEC	1st	<u>ST ANDREW'S DAY</u> 7.30 pm Evening Parish Communion

## PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM



19th Oct

'Made a child of God'

At St Andrew's: son of Sgt & Mrs W Peterson  
(USAF) of Stallpits Road.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

4th Oct



Julie Ann Tylee (formerly of Shrivenham) and  
Michael Kalupa, both of Swindon.

## THE DEPARTED

2nd Oct

Service of Thanksgiving, Bourton, preceded by  
Cremation and Interment of Ashes: Rupert Arkell.

13th Oct

At St Andrew's: Muriel Ruth (Polly) Lawrence of  
2 Hartens Road, Shrivenham, aged 77, followed  
by Cremation and Ashes Interred in Garden of  
Remembrance.

14th Oct

At Kingsdown Crematorium: Nellie Tucker of 2  
Recreation Ground, aged 94. Ashes Interred  
in husband's grave, Shrivenham Cemetery.

20th Oct

At Kingsdown Crematorium: Mrs Beatrice Alice  
Rees of 30 Gardener House, Swindon, aged 86,  
mother of Mrs Perkins, High Street, Shrivenham.

## MR RUPERT ARKELL

The sad death at the age of 59 of Mr Arkell may have been a little softened by the fact that he had lain so very seriously ill after a major stroke. By his very nature, and with his zest for life, Rupert would have found it so difficult and frustrating to have had nothing but to have been an invalid for years.

He had served with obvious esteem, respect and affection with the Wiltsire Yeomanry and in later years as a magistrate

both at Faringdon and further afield. He was a well-known and loved member of the farming fraternity, locally and far beyond. To give some idea of his kindness, which not everybody would know, he took upon himself the arduous task of visiting men who were in prison.

Bourton Church was crowded for the Service of Thanksgiving, and fortunately microphones had been installed inside with loudspeakers outside, so almost as many again were able to participate fully in the Service.

We thank God for Mr Arkell's life, and we remember Mrs Susie Arkell and their daughters Harriet and Kate very much in our prayers now and in the future, that by their faith they may be sustained.

## MRS MURIEL RUTH (POLLY) LAWRENCE

Shrivenham's large Church was almost filled for the funeral of Mrs Lawrence - one of the village's true natives and older members - which went to show the love, esteem and respect that she was held. One of a large family herself (her father having been killed on the railway line when she was very young) she was a lovely and lovable person.

She took an active place in nearly every part of village life - a 'real villager' - being a member of W.I., the Royal British Legion, the M.U., the former Over-Sixties, a regular and active member of St Andrew's congregation, and the Women's Fellowship. A marvellous mother, grandmother, sister (and in-law) and aunt - but also very loving and caring for others as well. She was a sort of spokesman for some, say at the almshouses, and her serious concern was interspersed with her own unique brand of humour.

We thank God for her life, pray for those who mourn, and may she rest in peace.

## MRS NELLIE TUCKER

If not the oldest, nearly the oldest, inhabitant of Shrivenham, Mrs Tucker was loved and held in great esteem. She had been widowed very, very early in her married life, and had a degree of acceptance which was remarkable. She had been a founder member of some organisations like the W.I. and the R.B. Legion, and was always busy - almost to the last - knitting for other people and causes.

6 She was always cheerful and always grateful for her many friends and for acts of kindness shown her, especially by her neighbours, Mr and Mrs Wiltshire, her home help especially Mrs Rose Bradford, and to those who visited her.

It is good and right to thank God for such as that of Mrs Tucker.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The clocks have been put back - the darkness falls earlier - but the mornings are lighter earlier. Until now we have tried, and rightly so, to enjoy every bit of sun to make up for the summer we didn't seem to have, but with the latered clocks we feel winter has arrived. November seems to be full of remembrance: and with it, inevitably, memories, and in particular of those we have loved - but not lost. November 1st, All Saints Day, November 2nd, Commemoration of All Souls (transferred, with the 2nd a Sunday, to Monday 3rd), and then November 9th, Remembrance Sunday. How could we, with such a concentration on remembrance, fail to remember all those who have passed from the earthly scene. However, this does not imply much thought just at such times and not others. And whilst there is inevitable sorrow (we would not be human if not affected that way) - the Christian hope speaks both to our condition and to those we have loved. 'We seem to give them back to Thee, O God who gavest them to us. Yet, as Thou didst do not lose them in giving, so do we not lose them by their return. Not as the world giveth, givest Thou O Love' of Souls. What Thou givest, Thou takest not away, for what is thine is ours always if we are Thine'.

Having been here quite a long time by present day standards of Ministry, I have shared with so many of you over the years your sorrow; if a Priest loves his people he cannot help but bear in his heart others' pains: he shares them and they all become a part of one. One does not forget - but one does remember. That is how it should be; and we should not be silent - but speak their names. We may know many people still living (some more than others), but I sometimes think that number is exceeded by those who have died. But because the line between the two is precariously thin (as many know), I feel an overwhelming sense of their reality and presence of so many I have had the privilege to know and love. They have taught me a great deal by their lives, their love and their



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courage and their attitude towards the great adventure that lies ahead for us all. As one writer has put it 'Why should I be out of mind, if I am out of sight! I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner ..... All is well .....

Come as they may - winter and those early dark evenings, but as the mornings brighten, time passes - and quickly. It is always later than you think. If some lived to be a hundred they would still not be ready to die and would be shamed by others who hadn't half that time.

Soon Advent will be here. It speaks to us of Christ's comings: yes - plural! As surely as He was born into this world to save us, celebrated at Christmas, He has promised to come again. When, nobody knows - except God alone. So we are told to be ready whenever it may be. And, if He doesn't come in our lifetime, we still pass from here - and Advent is a time of preparation - and Hope - just as all our lives should be. Sadly in some ways because of our commercialisation, consumer oriented and greedy society, Christmas has been turned into a time of grasping, and over indulgence. Rather I would turn your thoughts to the fact that love cannot be measured by spoiling children and ourselves ('I can't understand it - we have always given him/her everything he/she ever wanted') - that is the trouble. Love IS - that God gave us His Son and in Him, to those who believe - He GIVES what the world cannot give - and that is eternal life.

In His Love and Service

John M Wade

FOR SALE! - at Mrs Moon's

2 Armchairs, 2 Kitchen Chairs, 1 Sideboard, 1 Kitchen Cabinet.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPECIAL NOTE

Remembering all 'those we have loved' - after ALL SAINTS DAY (Sat 1st Nov), COMMEMORATION of ALL SOULS is transferred from Sun to Mon 3rd Nov - when we remember by name those of our parishes we knew and have died. Special Service at 7.30 pm.

There is a long list of names, which will be on the table at the back of Shrivvenham Church. if there are names you would like to add, please do so - but please do check (to avoid duplication) that it is not already on the list.

### SAD TO REPORT

Still no Bishop of Oxford has been appointed, despite various rumours.

AND ..... as many know, our Archdeacon (of Berkshire), John Brown, has been appointed Bishop of Cyprus & the Arabian Gulf. Sad as we are to lose him, because he has exercised such a marvellous and caring ministry, he is eminently suited to this appointment, having had a great deal of firsthand experience in the Middle East. A Presentation and Farewell Party has been arranged on Thursday, 4th December, at Earley Church Hall at 8 pm.



### THAT SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

So far, it is reported, over £20,000 has been raised by cyclists who took part in this event for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust - not a bad start! Some cyclists rode 60-70 miles, and one was sponsored to the tune of £1600.

'Gird up your loins'! - or your legs - for next September, when (D.V.) we will be off again.



### CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Once again it is time to think about 'Candles' for Christmas - i.e. for the Church.

We are so very grateful to all of you who do respond each year by bringing a packet or two. Only that way can we illuminate the church for the Christmas Eve and Carol Service. If you could contribute some candles - sooner rather than later - it helps us to know whether we are going to have enough.

So, 'thank you' in advance.

## **CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES**

The sources and variety offered are amazing. If you want to support charities, ask what percentage actually goes to the charity in question. Cards for Good Causes give 60-80% of all turnover, and there may well be a local source of supply.

## **Mothers' Union**

Our next meeting will be at 2.45 pm in the Church Room on Wednesday, 5th November.

A car load of M.U. members attended the Admission Service of Mrs Elizabeth Ashburner, the wife of the Vicar of Uffington, to the position of Presiding Member of the Vale of the White Horse, on Wednesday evening, 8th October. We had a very inspiring Service, with quite a number of people attending, and were regaled with coffee and biscuits afterwards. After the Service we presented Mrs D Ferris, the retiring Presiding Member, with a vase inscribed with the M.U. motif, a pot plant and a card.

You will all know of Mrs Polly Lawrence's sudden death, and we shall miss her cheerful presence very much. A sheaf of flowers was sent in her memory on your behalf.

N.B. There will be no meeting on 3rd December - a date later in the month had nearer Christmas may possibly be decided upon.



## ADVANCE NOTICE

CHILDREN'S SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AT  
ST ANDREWS

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

FAMILY SERVICE 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

Come and see the Children's Nativity Tableau  
With COFFEE AND MINCE PIES AFTERWARDS



SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER  
AT 4.00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTINGLE  
SERVICE

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SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER  
AT 10.00 a.m.

Come and worship with us at our Christmas Family Communion  
Service

CHRISTMAS EVE - 24TH DECEMBER

TWILIGHT SERVICE AT 4.00 p.m.

Let us join together to light a candle in the darkness and  
let the love of Jesus light us.  
All proceeds will be given to a local children's charity.



## FRIEDA JOHNSTON

On behalf of my family and I, we would like to thank all our relatives, neighbours and friends for the kindness shown, messages of sympathy received and the generous contributions to Shrivenham Cancer Research Fund in lieu of flowers.

Words of thanks seem so inadequate at this moment to express our gratitude for all the love and support that we have received, but it will remain with us forever.

**ISN'T THERE SOME MISTAKE**

"WHEN you have brass duty please  
include buffing and polishing the verger  
whenever the Bishop visits."

-Altar Guild minutes of Grace Cathedral,  
Topeka, Kansas

CHURCH CLEANINGROTA FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Mrs S Colyer, Mrs V Moss,  
Mrs J Hmailton, Miss S Berry-Benton.
- 8th Dr A Morley, Mrs C Morley, Mrs J Deacon,  
Mrs J Venables, (Major Wade on Sat. if needed).
- 15th Mrs A Spencer, Mrs K Simmonds,  
Mrs H Mitchell.
- 22nd Mrs E Smith, Mrs M Prescott,  
Mrs K Haines, Mrs N Field.
- 29th Mrs P Hawkes, Mrs S Green,  
Mrs F Farley, Mrs I Chapman.

BRASS CLEANING

- 1st Mrs Walters
- 8th Mrs Hodder
- 15th Mrs Mitchell
- 22nd Mrs Jeans
- 29th The Rangers



METHODIST INFORMATION

MINISTER	Revd P Ashby, 2 Brookfields, Highworth (tel. 763359)
Church Steward	Mr M Sandford, 25 Charlbury Road (782530)
Organists	Mr J Winskill and Mrs H Penny
Treasurer	Mr J Belk, 16 Colton Road (782707)
Property Stewards	Mr W B McDiarmid, 59 High street (782119) Mr H L Taylor, 1 Martens Road (783308)
Church Secretary	Mrs P Belk, 16 Colton Road (782707)

METHODIST CHURCH, SHRIVENHAM

Sundays	10.30 am	Morning Worship, including Sunday Club
	6.30 pm	Evening Service (Holy Communion as planned)
Wednesdays	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship (2nd & 4th Wed)
Thursdays	8.00 pm	Christian Fellowship

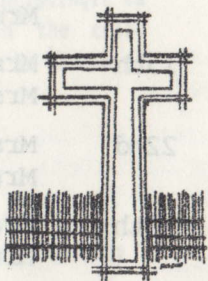
METHODIST CHURCH, WATCHFIELD

Sunday afternoon Service at 3.00 pm.

METHODIST NEWS

Preachers appointed for November:

2nd	10.30 am	Mr G Nicholson
	6.30 pm	Rev B Evans
9th	10.30 am	Rev S Lloyd Langston (Communion)
	6.30 pm	Rev P Ashby (Communion)
16th	10.30 am	Rev P Ashby (Family Service)
	6.30 pm	Rev M Ward (Overseas Missions)
23rd	10.30 am	Mr Belgrave
	6.30 pm	Mr Belgrave
30th	10.30 am	Rev C Gibbs
	6.30 pm	United at St Andrew's

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We shall be meeting on Wednesday, 12th November, when Mrs Sue Sandford will be speaking to us, and also on 26th November when the Rev. Byron Evans from the Bible Society is coming to give us some latest information about this vitally important work. Both these meetings are at 2.45 pm, and everyone is warmly invited to come.

On Wednesday, 19th November, we hope to go to Lease Hill to hold a Service for the elderly residents, leaving Shrivenham at 2 pm.

SPACE CLUB

For all boys and girls every Friday evening from 6 - 7 pm, followed by .....

ET CLUB

For the 10-year olds and over, from 7.15 - 8.15 pm.

SHRIVENHAM NEWSTHE ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

Notice is given that a vacancy exists for an almsperson of this Charity. Persons of good character who have resided in the area of Shrivenham for not less than 3 years preceeding the time of appointment are eligible for appointment.

Application for appointment must be made in writing to Revd. Canon John Wade at The Vicarage, on or before 17th November, 1986. Applicants must state his or her name, address, age and occupation, and be prepared, unless physically disabled, to attend in person if necessary. He or she may be required to supply evidence of his or her qualification for appointment.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOMES

The recent collection in the village raised £249.73, a very good effort thanks to the willing band of helpers. My grateful thanks on behalf of the children to you all.

Joyce Walters,  
Local Secretary

Our annual Christmas Card Sale will take place on Saturday, 8th November, 10 am to midday in the Men's Institute. Come along and buy all your Christmas cards, wrapping paper, calendars, etc. We shall also be selling Portmeirion china, household linens, Usborne books, handmade jewellery and many other gifts. Bring-and Buy Stall and Coffee.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE

We are pleased to announce the dedication of our ambulance on 16th November at 2.30 pm in the Barrington Park headquarters. Revd. Canon John Wade will conduct the Service, and invitations are being sent to the people that donations have been acknowledged.

We feel that the committee have contributed so if you would like to see the ambulance please come along. Our thanks to you all.

RADIO OXFORD NARROWBOAT APPEAL

On Wednesday, 26th November, at the Memorial Hall, I.V. Florist will be putting on a floral demonstration, entrance £1 and time 7.30 pm. Arrangements will be demonstrated and sold, silk arrangements will be on sale, plants and accessories. A Raffle will be held and there will be refreshments.

Radio Oxford are trying to buy and fit a narrowboat for handicapped and needy children to use as a holiday project. Tickets from Mrs M Wood (782936), 7 Chapelwick Close, I.V. Florist, High Street or Mrs Ann Jordan, 41 Highworth Road.

SHRIVENHAM FETE

Did you take any photographs at the Village Fete?

If you would like to display them for others to see, please contact Gwyn Synes (782918) who will arrange a venue.

SHRIVENHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting begins at the slightly earlier time than usual of 7 pm, in Shrivenham Memorial Hall on Thursday, 27th November. This is the date of the AGM. After the business side of this annual meeting, there will be an illustrated talk by Mike Collins from Highworth Historical Society, entitled 'Life in a Roman Town'.

FRIENDLY CLUB

The new Friendly Club will meet on Tuesday, 4th November, at 2.30 pm in the Institute. Demonstration - Microwave Cooking. Those who wish to have a lift down the High Street may board the coach by the bungalows, Martens Road, at 2.10.



CONGRATULATIONS AND VERY BEST WISHES

To Mr and Mrs Joe Dixon of 34 High Street on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

RICHARD WEBB SCANNER APPEAL

Vic Day, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council, was invited to Swindon to represent the people in the Princess Margaret's catchment area of the Vale, where Dr R A Riseley Pritchard outlined the use and cost of the Scanner, which is badly needed in this area to detect illnesses and diseases in their early stages and thus prevent surgery.

Together with Mrs Elsie Nichol, the Mayor of Faringdon, they have decided to have a coffee evening on Friday, 21st November, at 7 - 10 pm. There will be a raffle to help swell the funds, and the resident bar will be open for those who want something stronger.

Hope you can support this area appeal. If you cannot make this particular evening, and would like to donate (money or, perhaps, a raffle prize), just pop it down to Vic Day or send it to Elsie Nichol at Faringdon.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SHRIVENHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH

Time once again for the AGM with the election of officers and committee, at 7.30 pm on 6th November at the 65 Club.

All ex-service men and women are welcome to our Remembrance Day Parade and Service, which this year will be at Longcot, fall in outside the Bricklayers Arms at 10.45 am on Sunday, 9th November. There will be a minibus leaving Martens Road at 10.15; names of persons wishing to make use of this to Cyril or Chris Edwards (783071).

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### SHRIVENHAM & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Thanks to everyone who supported our Coffee Bingo in aid of the Poppy Appeal - our gross takings were £100.

October has proved to be such a sad month, with the loss of two of our founder members - Mrs 'Polly' Lawrence and Mrs Nellie Tucker. They worked for the Legion unstintedly in their own way. In later years, Mrs Tucker had been almost housebound, but she faced this in her own placid way. Mrs Lawrence kept us all on course at the meetings, and we will certainly miss her presence. It was the family's wish that she had a family funeral and not a 'Legion' funeral; nevertheless, we were proud to attend and to say our last farewells to an old member. Our condolences to both families.

6th November is our AGM: make sure you attend. we have also booked a speaker, a representative of 'Cotswold Decorations' and the title of the talk will be 'The Origin of the German Christmas' - See you there!!

### SHRIVENHAM CHRISTIAN ACTION GROUP

A big thank you to H.O.L.F. supporters: our October Coffee and Market raised £100. Valerie was unable to be with us, as little Charlotte recently underwent surgery and we are waiting for news of her.

The good news is that Pui, HOLF's State Registered Nurse, hopes to join us in November whilst on holiday in the U.K. So, please join us for our next Coffee and Market on Tuesday, 11th November, from 9 - 12noon in Shrivenhama Institute. Free coffee and a warm welcome to all.

### SHRIVENHAM & DISTRICT CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee gratefully acknowledges donations of £341 in memory of Mrs Frieda Johnston. She had always been a keen supporter of our cause, and our sincere condolences go to Ken and family.

As always, everyone who came and bought from last month's Handicrafts Stall did us proud - we took £102. Our next Stall is on 25th October - come and have a look for those early bargains for Christmas.

Also acknowledged is a donation of £15 from yet another sad mother who has learned that a member of her family has cancer; she gave this sum to go towards fighting this disease.

1986 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER in the MEMORIAL HALL

DOORS OPEN 2 pm

ADMISSION 10p



STALLS include cakes and homemade produce, jams and bottles, sweets, groceries, crafts, books and toys.

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TEAS will be available from 3 pm onwards.

Any contributions to the lunches (Mrs Causer) or teas (Mrs F Brown, 12 Fairthorne Way), or to the stalls, will be gladly accepted.

Cake Stall - Mrs E Smith, 41 Vicarage Lane.

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Toys and Games - Children's Church, Mrs S Green.

Watchfield - Bottles 'any shape or size' - Mrs Coyle or Mrs Corney.

Raffle Prizes - Mr A Chambers, 44 Fairthorne Way.

SHRIVENHAM W.I.

At the October meeting, Mrs Pat Belk (President) told us the sad news of the deaths of Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Tucker. Both were active and enthusiastic WI members, and Mrs Tucker was one of our Founder Members when Shrivvenham WI started in 1919. A collection was taken, and it was decided to donate the money to the Memorial Bursary Fund in their memory.

At the recent Group Meeting, Shrivvenham gained 60 points in the 'Tea for Two' competition, just 6 points behind the winner.

In his talk, illustrated with slides, Mr F J Turk M.V.O., the Queen's Swan Keeper, gave us a fascinating glimpse of the history of the swan and the historic ceremony of swan-umping. About 900 individuals and companies owned swans on the Thames at the time of Queen Elizabeth I, but today this has dwindled to 3 - the Queen and the Livery Companies of Dyers and Vintners. Mrs I Darton thanked Mr Turk, who judged the competition, to make a swan from newspaper. Mrs Joyce Walters was the outstanding winner, and was presented with a flower vase in the shape of a swan.

November Diary

Thursday, 20th, in the Memorial Hall at 2.30 pm. This is the first afternoon meeting of the season. Dr Dumughn will give a talk on 'The Well-Woman Clinic'. Competition for a Small Christmas Decoration for the table.

SHRIVENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Table Sale on Saturday, 22nd November, from 10 am to 12 noon in the School Hall. Entrance is free, refreshments will be available and there will be a cake stall. If anyone would like to book a table at £4 to sell unwanted or new goods, please ring the School on 782406.

Lottery

Recent winners were as follows:-

August: Mrs L Bailey, Mrs J Drew, Mrs L Palmer.

September: Mrs M D'Andrea, Mrs P Clauson, Mrs K Durham.

October: Mrs E Pinchin, Joanna Jenkins, Mr M Veats.

Pam Mullin, Chairman

## SHRIVENHAM WIVES

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th November, at the home of Millie Phillips, 18 Berens Road, Shrivenham. The topic will be 'The Wildlife Fund'. Visitors and new members are welcome to this meeting, which begins at 7.45 pm.

## RMCS & SHRIVENHAM FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the Rutherford Theatre on Thursday, 13th November, at 7.15 for 7.45 pm. The demonstrator will be Mrs Rita Hill, and her subject is 'The Joy of Christmas'

Visitors are always welcome - 75p. There will be the usual Raffle and Sales Table.

## SHRIVENHAM SEQUENCE DANCE CLUB

If you enjoy ballroom dancing, then how about coming along to the Memorial 'Small' hall on a Wednesday evening at 8 pm to try Sequence dancing. It's good fun, the exercise must be good for you, and what's more it's only 60p.

If you are interested, just come along and try one session, or ring Gwyn Synes (782918)

## SHRIVENHAM MEMORIAL HALL PLAYGROUP

The children very much enjoyed their visit to Swindon fire Station in October; they were even taken for a ride in a Fire-Engine!

We start this half-term with a trip to the Oasis for gymnastics on Monday, 3rd November. On Tuesday, 11th November, we will be serving coffee at Playgroup in the Ladies Cloakroom between 9.30 and 10.30 am. Do stop for a cuppa and a chat. We will also be selling off some of the old Playgroup toys.

Playgroup at the moment is very full, so if you have a child who would like to come - or know someone in that position - do contact Geraldine Farley, our membership secretary, on 782297 in plenty of time; or drop in at Playgroup and see our supervisor, Mrs Round.



## SHRIVENHAM MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

During November we will be visited by Playplan (selling wooden toys) on 6th, Tupperware on 20th, and Toytime on 27th. Also, on 13th, we will be holding a sale of good quality secondhand children's clothes, toys and nursery equipment. Members to bring goods they wish to sell along already priced; 10% will go to Mothers and Toddlers. All unsold items must be removed at the end of the session. For further details, phone Sue Oldnall on 783526.

Although it is still several weeks away, please note that our Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, 11th December, commencing at 12.45. please remember you must sign the notice at Toddlers saying if your child will be attending the party, so that we can make arrangements for Father Christmas to bring sufficient presents!

Remember, too, our travel cot for hire at 50p per night or £3 per week. Handy for visiting infants over the festive season. Phone Shirley Higgins on 783379.

## SHRIVENHAM BOWLS CLUB

With the close of the outdoor season, many of our members are now playing at the Oasis and Westlecot indoor greens.

Please note the following dates for your diaries:

- 15th Nov Club AGM
- 30th Nov Shrivenham play Newbury at Newbury

**SALE**

- 13th Dec Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy Sale - Cakes, Books, Bric-a-Brac, etc. Kindly bring goods for sale to the clubhouse (clothes not required, thank you).
- 20th Dec Club Traditional Christmas Party

Please come and ask your questions, if any, or make suggestions or words of criticism or - dare I say it - approval

SHRIVENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The end-of -season awards, presented at our Annual Dinner Dance last month, were as follows:

1st XI	Captain's Cup	Paul Carter
	Batting Cup	Chris Sugden
	Bowling Cup	Howard More
2nd XI	Captain's Cup	Robert Desmond
	Batting Cup	David Rich
	Bowling Cup	John Whatley
	Mrs D E King Cup	Paul Carter
	F Woodward Cup	Sam Shrouder
	Junior Cup	Stephen Taylor
	Ron Bradford Mem. Shield	Andrew Gipps
	Single Wicket Cup	Mark Hayward

Fixtures for November

1st XI	2nd Nomads	8 pm.	30th B.R.III	5 pm.
2nd XI	2nd B.R.III	7 pm.	23rd Lawn	3 pm.

Christmas Bingo Session

On Thursday, 18th December, at Shrivenham Memorial Hall, 7.15 for 7.45 start.

WATCHFIELD NEWSWATCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The AGM of Watchfield Village Hall will be on Thursday, 27th November, at 7.30 pm. It is important that local residents attend this meeting so that they can find out for themselves how this social amenity in their village is progressing.

With a splendid new stage - now finished - and a smaller hall being added to the large one, the unit is gradually becoming the kind of Hall any village would be proud to own.

Please come and ask your questions, if any, or make any suggestions or words of criticism or - dare I say it - approval

LETTER TO SHRIVENHAM TRADE OR BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, 23rd November, Watchfield Village Hall Committee are to stage an Open Day from 10 am to help all newcomers to the area, and others who are not newcomers, to find out what amenities of all kinds are available. These include social and sports clubs, services such as hairdressers, shops, etc. We would like a good number to take part, and the space area will be free. All that is needed is something of advertising nature, but participants may have someone there to talk to the public if they wish.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Irene Charlesby, Village Hall Committee Chairman (tel. 782543) as soon as possible. We have to arrange space, so an early reply would help.

FRIENDLY CLUB

The new Friendly Club will meet on Tuesday, 4th November, at 2.30 pm in the Institute, Shrivenham. Demonstration - Microwave Cooking.

The coach will pick up members outside St Thomas' at approximately 2.15.

WATCHFIELD ART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

It was flowers, flowers all the way in September, when members tried their hands at an old Mexican craft making things - brooches - in bread. While these dried they turned to another attractive craft, and made realistic-looking roses in crepe paper.

October will see us doing lino cutting and printing - we hope some Christmas cards will result. We are hoping to make Christmas decorations in November, but if this is not possible we will have some other craft demonstrated.

There will be no meeting in December, but January will see us making silken or other fabric flowers.

Further details from 782263.

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME APPEAL

The recent house-to-house collection in respect of the above resulted in the grand total of £106.20 - far exceeding the last two years. May I thank all who generously contributed to this so-worthwhile cause; particular thanks to the collectors for their tireless efforts.

Lesley Haviland  
Area Secretary, Watchfield

## WHIST DRIVE

To be held in Watchfield Village Hall on Wednesday, 5th November, commencing 2.30 pm. Admission 80p which will include refreshments.

## BOURTON NEWS

### BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

In reply to several queries we have had regarding future planning and development in the village, there is in the pipeline the Modified County Structure Plan which is concerned with suggested figures for new housing development. As regards Bourton itself, there are no sites allocated for small housing estates. Infill development of 1 - 5 dwellings will continue to be considered on their merits. The Parish Council has no prior knowledge of any future applications.

There will be a Parish Walk on Sunday, 9th November, commencing at 2 pm by the Cross Tree. Why not come and see parts of the Parish you have not seen before - wear your wellies and, if anything like last year, bring an umbrella!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 10th November, at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

### CHURCHYARD

Are there several willing helpers prepared to form a rota during next season to keep the churchyard tidy? If we get enough volunteers, this may mean only once each.

If interested, please contact Peter Jessey (782523).

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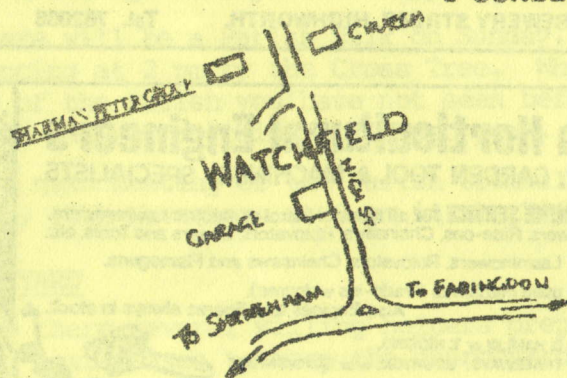
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