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'Summer
90'

Dear Reader,

The Spring Poem was by A. E. Housman. The picture was a representation of the Editor, one week before the deadline for printing!



This picture (<---) is what the Editor would like to be doing, if he had the time and talent!

Many thanks to all those who contributed to this edition and I apologise for not giving a deadline date. (The Autumn edition will, hopefully, be

published mid September). Unfortunately, I didn't receive any letters for publication this time around so I cannot reiterate my previous claim that everybody in the village is reading these editions. I live in hope! However, it was reported to me about the achievements of one Coddington youngster: CONGRATULATIONS to Richard O'Brien, who with his mother and grandmother, was introduced to the Duchess of Kent at the Commissioning of H.M. Submarine Upholder, at Barrow in Furness, on June 9th. Richard was especially congratulated by the Duchess as he is the youngest submariner on board, and has already, although only just 20, passed his exams to move on to Plymouth for training as a Petty Officer. WELL DONE!

Actually, it is really very pleasing to report successes and achievement if anybody out there has anything noteworthy, relating to villagers, that they wish to see "up in lights" (an editor is allowed to exaggerate just a little bit!!), please don't hesitate - Drop me a line.

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CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Mrs. Sue Kemp took over as Clerk in June 1989 *

The Parish Council requested and received a Precept of £1,600 for the coming year. The yearly accounts were passed at the A.G.M. and have been presented for audit.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

24 Planning Applications have been received in the previous year, and been processed by the Parish Council.

Newark Local Plan

A Public Meeting was held on 31st July 1989 at which 45 Parishioners attended. The Parish Council have submitted a document covering all the points that were made to the District Council. The revised plan has been delayed due to the problems associated with the proposed new village on the site of Balderton Hospital. The final report is due to be presented during the Summer. Parishioners who wish to comment on the document will be allowed 6 weeks to respond after publication. Copies will be available for viewing in Public Libraries and at Kelham Hall.

Tree Planting Scheme

75 trees have now been planted around the village at Harvey Avenue Estate, Balderton Lane, Drove Lane and Valley View. 100 + are to be planted in the next year.

N.B. The trees have survived quite well. Only 5 have, so far, been damaged but more crucially they are all suffering stress from a water shortage. It would be gratefully appreciated, by the trees in particular (!), if parishioners could pour the occasional bucket of waste washing up water over the roots

HELP SAVE OUR TREES

STOP PRESS The N.B. above was somewhat optimistic and premature - unfortunately, over a third of the plantings are either dead or damaged. Is further comment necessary?

* Sadly, Mrs Kemp has had to resign the Post of Clerk for personal reasons. The Chairman and Parish Councillors would like to employ the C.C.M. to record their appreciation of all the work and dedicated service that Sue has provided over her term of office.

Housing Survey

After a tremendous response, copies for comment and consultation have been sent to the District Council, Rural Community Council, County Councillor Mrs. Yates and District Councillor Mr. Ridge.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

This is now in operation and Neighbourhood Consultants have been appointed.

ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES

The Parish Council rents land from the District Council for use as Allotments. Anyone wishing to rent an allotment should contact Mr. B. Allen.

TRANSPORTATION & SERVICES

Drove Lane

The Parish Council totally supports the demand for lighting and/or bollards at this junction. County Councillor Mrs. Yates and Mr. Alexander M.P. supported our campaign and the Department of Transport agreed to locate bollards.

The campaign will continue as we consider the junction to be a potential accident "black spot".

Litter Bins

5 extra bins have been provided by the District Council and the Parish Council have purchased 2 Topsy letter box bins, which are to be situated at the school and the shop.

Litter Warden

The Parish Council successfully applied for a grant from the District Council to help towards the cost of a Litter Warden. Mr. N. Hessey took up this post on 12 December 1989 and at present works 4 & a 1/2 hours per week (although this is under review)

Bus Stops

The Parish Council fully supported the petition of 60 signatures raised by Mrs. Parratt, concerning the bus stops on Old Newark Rd. The County Council are unwilling to alter the present situation and this matter is ongoing.

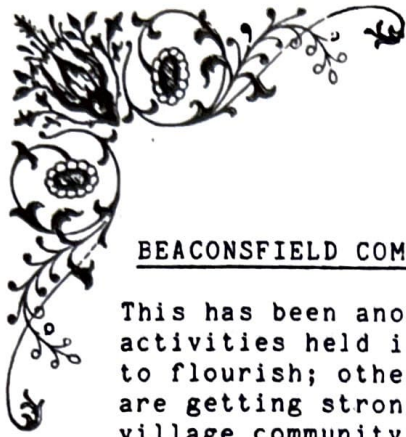
Coddington Church of England School

No report was made available for the A.G.M. because the Governors have decreed that "members of the Governing Body are not individually responsible to their electing bodies and should not report details of the school to such bodies"

Beaconsfield Community Centre

This is to be demolished and a new centre built within one year. The Parish Council helped towards emergency repairs due to the breach of fire regulations.

(See later report from the B.C.A.)



BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 1989-90

This has been another successful year for the Association. Some activities held in the centre last year have carried on and continue to flourish; others have started during the course of the year and are getting stronger. All the activities are important for the whole village community.

Activities held at the Centre include:-

The Play Group - held each Wednesday and Friday morning

The Mother and Toddler Group - this was started by Playgroup mums and has been running successfully for about two months. This meets on a Thursday morning (A "Women's Group" associated with Mother and Toddlers, has been set up. Anybody interested? Come along on a Thursday morning and find out more)

The Beaconsfield Youth Club is up and running and receives support from the Area Youth and Community Service (See later)

The Tenants Association and the Parish Council regularly hold their meetings at the centre.

At major holiday times the Playscheme Committee stage a Playscheme and these are always a great success.

This year we have also seen the Scouts Gala Day held at the centre and we hope that this might become an annual event.

This year the Association Committee (and friends) have been busy lobbying the District Council for changes to the "HUT". After a great deal of gentle (and sometimes not so gentle!) persuasion we have managed to get the Council to agree to fund the building of a new Community Centre, for whole Village use. Building will commence towards late Summer and it is hoped that it will be completed and fitted by early Spring. (Which will be a great relief as the existing building might not survive a severe winter!) Details of the building and plans can be obtained from the secretary of the Association (Mrs. Steph. Checkley)

The Annual report ends with a note of thanks to all those who have helped with activities in the centre and to all Officers and Members of the Committee for all their hard work. A special thanks is given to the officers and members of the District Council who have supported the Association throughout the year.

The coming year will see the opening of the new centre and it is to be hoped that this will prove to be the start of an exciting new era for the Beaconsfield Community Association, the Village and for the area it serves.



BEACONSFIELD YOUTH CLUB

This has been running since Christmas in coordination with the County Council Leisure Services.

The club has qualified Youth Workers to help and they have organised trips and activities such as:

Whitewater rafting at Holme Pierpoint, rock climbing with qualified instructors in Derbyshire, football training at Nottingham Forest Football Club, and visits to Nottingham for ice-skating and the cinema. Each week some form of competition is held - pool, snooker, darts, table tennis, etc.

Monies for the club has been raised by sponsored events and profits from the Snack Bar and new equipment has been purchased with help from the Princes Trust, in Nottingham.

We have a membership of 43 - 45 in the senior group (age 14 onwards) and 8 - 10 in the junior section (age 11 - 14). Children come from all over the village, some from Balderton and a number from Beacon Heights. Any new faces will be welcomed.

The Youth Club meets on Friday evenings from 7 - 10 p.m. Hopefully, with extra help, we might be able to open on another night. Are there any volunteers?

Any queries should be addressed to
Mrs Steph. Checkley on 72211



CODDINGTON W.I.

The March meeting took the form of the institute's 56th birthday party. President, Mrs. Gillian Southgate, welcomed members and guests from North and South Clifton, Besthorpe, Collingham, Winthorpe and Barnby; and Spilsby (twinned with Coddington)

Members of the Committee prepared a hot meal. The cake, made and iced by Mrs. Margaret Smith was cut by Mrs. Rosemary Robb, author of "Ghosts and Legends of Nottinghamshire" and guest of honour, who entertained members with reminiscences of wartime Coddington.

Mrs Mary Brocklehurst arranged the flowers, and each guest received a decoration at the end of the evening.

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of long serving member Mrs. Minnie Simpson.

On April 10th Mrs Christine Wiltshire talked about toy making and displayed many examples of her craft with various kinds of beautiful dolls and toy animals. It was a most enjoyable evening.

On April 26th, after visiting the W.I. Craft Exhibition at Rufford Park and having a boat trip in Newark, thirty members from SPILSBY W.I. finished their day's outing at Coddington. Members prepared a buffet meal and a social evening followed which everyone declared a success.

The A.G.M. was held on May 8th and Mrs. Karen Marsh read the proposed resolutions for the national A.G.M.

New officers elected were Mrs. Karen Marsh, president, Mrs Betty Freeman, treasurer, Mrs. Thelma Fry, secretary. Mrs. Gillian Southgate, retiring president, vice president, and Mrs. Ann Beck joined the committee.

Mrs. Margaret Storer won a cup for competition points gained during the year.

Mrs. Jane Richardson received a bursary for Denham College and will study Reflexology.

FUTURE EVENTS :

July Outing to be arranged

August 14th Social Evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Handbury.

The W.I. are looking for new members. If you are interested do come to one of our meetings. You will be most welcome, or contact Marjorie Wilkinson, on Newark 700273 or 4, Greaves Close, Beacon Heights, Newark.



CODDINGTON PLAYGROUP NEWS

With a new school year starting in September, we will soon be having some movement in Coddington Playgroup.

We welcome Alex Douglas, William Britnell, Delikrystal Hillier, Samuel Coy and Edmond Anderson. We hope they have a happy and enjoyable time with us.

We must also say goodbye to Chris Frostick, Natasha Higgins, Jenna Wright, Kirsty Noble, Michael Pegg, Laura Yeomans and Kate Watson. We wish them the best of luck at school.

The period June 18 - 22, was National Playgroup Week and with this in mind, here is a poem for Playweek, quoted from a Playgroup magazine.

You say you love your children
And want them to learn today
So do I - that's why I'm providing
Lots of kinds of play

You're asking me the value
Of blocks and other such play?
Your children are solving problems -
They will use that skill every day.

You're asking what's the value
of having children play?
Your daughter's creating a tower;
She may be a builder some day.

You're saying you don't want your son
Playing that "sissy" way.
He's learning to cuddle a doll+
He may be a father some day.

You're questioning the interest centres;
They just look like useless play?
Your children are making choices -
They'll be on their own some day.

You're worried your children aren't Learning,
And later they'll have to pay?
They're learning a pattern for learning

For they'll be learners always.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (Coddington)

On Saturday, June 16th we held a cake stall to raise money as part of the National Cake Bake Day. A record £185 was made in 4 hours of selling!!! (What a brilliant achievement - Ed.)

I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution - it really was appreciated. All monies raised by Church volunteers goes to this very worthy cause.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To celebrate the Queen Mother's 90th birthday (H.M. is Patron of the Society) We are holding fund raising events to celebrate this happy occasion.

There will be a Prize Bingo on Thursday, 19th of July, at 7.30 p.m., in the Village Hall. Please come along and bring your relatives and friends too.

On Friday 20th of July there will be a children's disco in the Village Hall from 7.00 till 9.00 p.m. The cost will be £1.00. Drinks and crisps, etc., will be on sale. Ages 5 - 11 years, welcome.

Please Join Us And Have Some Fun.

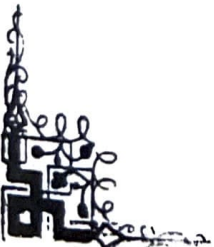
On Saturday, 4th of August, a Summer Fair will be held near the Church on Chapel Lane. Come and Enjoy a Strawberry Tea. Have some of Her Majesty's Birthday Cake. There will be a Bouncing Castle, various stalls, games and raffles.

We are praying for a sunny day so please put this date in your diaries. Everyone is welcome. We shall be in the Village Hall if it is wet.

Thank you for reading all this. We hope you will support our ventures to help our children.

THANK YOU

(Ruth Tysoe, Sec. Church of England, Children's Society)





ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, CODDINGTON

INVITES YOU TO A

"MIDSUMMER MEDLEY"

COME AND ENJOY A SUMMER EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN CHURCH

FEATURING:

"EUPHORIA"

SATURDAY JULY 7TH, 1990 AT 7.30 P.M. ADMISSION £1.50 BY PROGRAMME

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS.

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE VICAR.



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SUMMER FETE AND GARDEN PARTY

at

CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE GABLES

Main Street/Chapel Lane Corner, Coddington

Saturday 7th July

2pm - 5pm

in aid of the

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

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The Balderton Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) have been invited to organise a Summer Fete and Garden Party at Coddington Village Hall and at The Gables on the corner of Main Street and Chapel Lane, Coddington.

Through the CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER, we are hoping to regenerate the very considerable enthusiasm and support which once existed within the Coddington community.

There will be stalls, games, tombola, raffle and refreshments, and given a fine day, there should be something for everyone. RNLI souvenirs and gifts will also be on sale. We shall be pleased to explain how anyone can make a modest annual subscription to further help the work of the RNLI.

Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall, where the event will be held if the weather is unkind to us.

We are looking for anyone generous enough to make gifts of cakes, etc. and we need prizes for the raffle and tombola. Contact us on Newark 705085, or Mary Molloson Newark 78150.

Come and enjoy an afternoon with us and help support the RNLI in Coddington.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday the 7th July at 2pm.

George Parker
Chairman
RNLI Balderton Branch

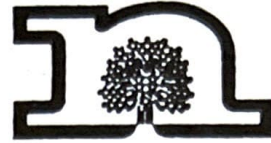
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BEST KEPT VILLAGE and BEST VILLAGE CONSERVATION PROJECT 1991

Is anybody or village organisation interested in participating in this "friendly" competition organised by:



If you want details of the scheme please contact the P.C. Clerk. The Parish Council, via the Clerk and the Chairman, will coordinate any ideas, plans for activity and circulate information.

The Parish Council quite often receives interesting publications through the Post (and some that is turgid, at the very least!). One such piece was an article in "Countywise", the journal of the Notts Association of Local Councils, on the Midland Forest Conference. This meeting explained the reasoning behind the setting up of a New Sherwood Forest. Copies of the briefing report are available from the Editor of the C.C.N.

Also, the Parish Council have received an enquiry about the provision of General Medical Services in Newark, with particular reference to the Hawtonville Estate. The P.C. consider that this issue may well concern parishioners in Coddington.

The questionnaire sent to the Parish Council has been adapted for the purpose of readers to consider the issues raised and the Council would be interested to hear from anybody who has any concerns or thoughts about the provision of medical services within the Parish.

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Do you consider that access to general medical services for the residents of Coddington is adequate?

Yes/ No

Do you consider that access could be best improved by:-

- (a) Improved transport (please specify)
- (b) Additional G.P.'s
- (c) Branch surgery
- (d) Mobile surgery
- (e) Other options (please specify)

Any further comments:

