

Account of Purley on Thames

Purley in 1966

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A series of articles in Jean Debney's From my history Notebook articles 116-123 published in PPN June to December 1993. They were extracts from Honor Gutch's reports to the Berkshire newspapers.

115. Purley in June 1966

Here are some more extracts from Mrs. Gutch's reports to the local papers of events in Purley 27 years ago:

8th June 1966 - At the weekly meeting of the Old Age Pensioners in the Community Hall, arrangements were completed for a week's* holiday in Bognor Regis from 20th June.

The Purley Branch of the Mothers Union met at the Rectory last Wednesday, 1st June when Mrs. Hawkins presided. The speaker was Dr. Barnardo from Reading, a great nephew of the founder of the Barnardo Children's Homes; the theme of his talk was the love of God for all mankind. An outing to Nazeing has been arranged for Thursday, 16th June.

15th June 1966 - **SUNFLOWER DAY** - £17.7s.9d was collected in Purley for the Church of England Children's Society.

The Over Sixty Club have returned to the Community Hall after a grand week's holiday in Ilfracombe.

On Wednesday, 15th June the Purley Church of England School celebrated their Annual Sports Day in brilliant sunshine in the grounds of the Memorial Hall. There was a bumper attendance of parents and children. The 17 exciting sports events included the rabbit hop, potato, sack and mat races and, of course, the egg and spoon race. The winners were presented with colourful certificates.

22nd June 1966 - The Purley Old Age Pensioners spent an enjoyable day** at Bognor on Monday. On 14th June they were entertained at the Community Hall in Purley by the Central Reading O.A.P. Concert Party, and on 21st June by the South Reading O.A.P. Concert Party.

On Thursday last, 16th June, the Purley Branch of the Mothers Union enjoyed a day's outing by coach to Nazeing, Essex, the former parish of (the Rector) Rev. Harold F. Hawkins. A special tea was provided by members of the congregation of St. Giles Church to mark the occasion.

The monthly meeting of the Purley Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday last with Mr. Theobald in the chair. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to write to the County Medical Officer and all doctors in the vicinity stressing the urgency of a resident nurse in Purley.

DEATH - STOKES - on 29th June 1966 at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Alice May, beloved wife of Fred, in her 62nd year. Till we meet again.

Mr. F.W. Stokes wishes to thank all friends, neighbours and relatives for their kindness and sympathy and floral tributes in his sad bereavement; 9 Wintringham Way, Purley.

Jean Debney

**** Was this a day outing or a week's holiday? Does anyone know which?**

116. Purley in July 1996

Further extracts from Mrs. Gutch's reports of Purley Village activities in 1966.

13th July 1966: Jumble Sale - A very successful Jumble Sale held in the Rosewood Hall organised by members of the Thames Vale Singers raised £30 for the Choir funds.

Mothers' Union - The Purley branch of the Mothers' Union met at the Rectory on Wednesday last week when Mrs. Hawkins presided. The speaker was Lady Rucker from Yattendon who spoke on her experience and reminiscences as Presiding Member of the Mothers' Union.

Pensioners - The Purley O.A.P.'s held their weekly meeting in the Community Hall last Tuesday when birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. Newman (1).

20th July 1966 : Purley Parish Council Meeting - At their meeting on Monday last, the Purley Parish Council agreed to write to the County Surveyor pointing out the necessity for a private footpath to be made leading from Beech Road to the new School in Long Lane (2). It would not then be necessary for the children to cross and re-cross the Oxford Road to attend school. It was also decided to write a further letter on the question of the bad state of the road between Beech Road and Long Lane along the Oxford Road. Residents were kept awake at night owing to the noise and vibration caused by the rush of heavy vehicles.

Congratulations to our Lock Keeper at Mapledurham (3) on winning First Prize for this Section of the River Thames.

Over Sixty Club - The Purley Over-Sixty Club enjoyed a wonderful outing to Swanage on Monday.

Pensioners - The Purley O.A.P.'s were entertained at their weekly meeting in the Community Hall by the "Harmony Band" from Bracknell.

27th July 1966 : St. Mary's Parish Church Sunday School outing to Whipsnade Zoo included a visit to Mrs. Pryor (4) at Much Hadham (Herts).

Pensioners - The Purley O.A.P.'s were entertained by the "Evergreen Players" from Woodley on Tuesday last; and on Wednesday they journeyed to Cheltenham Theatre to see a performance of "The Right Honorable Gentleman".

1. Kelly's Directory for 1967 lists Clifford G. Newman at 78 Wintringham Way and Frederick J. Newman at 7 Colyton Way; does anyone know which Mrs. Newman this item refers to?
2. "Purley New Primary School" was opened on 25th April 1966; at the Managers' meeting held a month later it was agreed that the school should henceforward be known as "Long Lane Primary School".
3. Len Overy was lock-keeper at Mapledurham Lock from 1957 - 1975.
4. Mrs. A.S. Pryor lived at the Old Rectory until it was sold in the early 1960s. Lister Close is now on the site of the grounds. Her daughter still lives in Purley.

Do any of our readers remember Purley in 1966 and the conditions mentioned in the reports? or possibly were a member of or present at an event or meeting mentioned? If so, I would be pleased to hear from you with your memories and additional comments. The observations about the conditions and traffic noise on the Oxford Road are interesting when one remembers how much road use has increased in the last two decades.

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117. Purley in August 1966

Further extracts from Mrs. Gutch's reports on Purley Village events.

Saturday, 23rd July 1966 - Wedding, conducted by Rev. Harold F. Hawkins at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Purley of Peter James Tappern, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Tappern, 13 Glebe Road, Purley and Miss Sylvia Mary Burbedge, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.L.H. Burbedge, 46 Westwood Green, Tilehurst; the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white figured silk; the bridesmaid, Miss Susan Watkins, a cousin of the bride, wore a full-length yellow brocade dress; the best man was Mr. David Morgan; the reception was at Goodwin Hall, Tilehurst; the bride's travelling dress was an oatmeal dress and coat with brown accessories and the honeymoon is to be spent touring. The hymns were "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us" and "Love Divine all loves excelling"; the Groom is leader of a local dance band, The Peter James Quintet, and the Groom's father is Musical Director of the Pangbourne Brass Band.

3rd August 1966 - PURLEY PARK RIVER ESTATE - The Annual General Meeting (was held on) Sunday, July 31st with Mr. B. Theobald as President. A hearty welcome.

The existing committee was re-elected with the exception of Mrs. L. Duerdoth, Acting Secretary, who has resigned after a period of excellent work in favour of Mrs. Rix.

Treasurer's report: incomings were £2,379.8s.2d (£2,379.41p) and outgoings ££2,462.19s.5d. (£2,462.97.5p) in the seven months from 1st January. The debt in January of about £1,600 has been decreased to about £500. It was unanimously agreed that the annual subscription to the Association should be increased to 10s (50p) per annum from next March. The Social Committee hope to hold another dance in the near future to add to the Association funds.

The Vice Chairman, Col. Cooper, Chairman of the Estate Committee, stated that his Committee is very active and working hard to improve the amenities of the Estate.

PENSIONERS - *The Purley Old Age Pensioners held their weekly meeting on Tuesday; arrangements were made for two coach trips to the seaside.*

9th August 1966 - *At the recent Church Council Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Purley, the following matters were discussed: development of the Rectory Grounds and some land adjoining; alternative methods of heating the Church (by) gas, electricity or oil - at present much stoking is required to keep the fires going; the appointment of a Lady Lay Worker in the Deanery in near future; the need to erect signposts pointing the way to the Church. Arrangements were made for a Coffee Morning in the Rectory on Monday, September 19th, the Harvest Festival Supper on Wednesday, September 28th at the Memorial Hall and a Mini Bazaar on Wednesday, November 16th at the Rectory.*

Jumble Sale - *The 1st Purley Guide Company held a Jumble Sale at the Rosewood Hall on Monday last, organised by Capt. Lynn Barnes, (when) £21.10s.0d (£21.50) was raised.*

The Purley Over Sixty Club enjoyed a day's outing to Lee-on-Solent on Monday last, by coach.

9th August 1966 - *Mr. D. Hutchings presided at the meeting of the Purley Memorial Hall Management Committee on Wednesday 3rd August. It was decided that the entrance gate to the front of the Hall should be repaired and kept locked, also a Notice Board erected marked "PRIVATE PROPERTY".*

A letter was read from the Parish Council enclosing a donation of £50 towards the general expenses of the Hall, for which the Committee expressed their grateful thanks.

It was noted that Mrs. Richards had arranged for a Children's Concert to be given on November 12th Next, the proceeds to be given to the Hall Funds.

The date for the next Purley Memorial Hall Management Committee's Annual General Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, October 26th at 8 o'clock.

16th August 1966 - **Purley Parish Council** - *Mr. B. Theobald presided at the monthly meeting on Monday last. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk, Mr. Fullbrook, should write to the County Surveyor on the following matters which are causing deep concern to the residents of Purley.*

1. *The extremely bad road conditions existing between Long Lane, Purley and the Roebuck Hotel, Tilehurst along the Oxford Road.*
2. *The new dangerous condition of some rather large elm trees along the Reading Road, Purley.*
3. *The almost impassable condition of the public Bridle Path at Purley Village leading from Westbury Lane; here the path is a bog during wet weather, making it very difficult for children using it to attend the Village School; Pensioners are also deprived from using this otherwise very pleasant walk to avoid climbing up a steep hill to the Post Office.*

Recreation Ground - *Mr. Theobald said it was hoped to have the tennis courts and cricket pitch turfed by the end of the week, and that the children will be able to use the ground shortly.*

Pensioners - *The Purley OAPs went for a day's trip to Southend on Monday last and held their weekly meeting in the Community Hall on Tuesday when members held a "Bring and Buy" sale for their funds.*

23rd August 1966 - Death - *It is with deep regret that the death is announced of Mr. John Edward Turner Palmer of Long Lane, Purley, who died suddenly on Friday morning, August 12th in his 68th year. Born at Westwood Farm, Tilehurst, where his father was a Farm Manager, he and his late wife came to live in Long Lane after their marriage. For a time he worked for Memphis Nurseries, Long Lane, where he became a keen gardener. Later he joined the Southern Electricity Board and was on their staff for 25 years. As a young man he was a keen football player and cricketer for Tilehurst. He was an ardent Church worker for St. Mary's Church, Purley, where he was sidesman for many years.*

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on August 18th. There was a large congregation, the Rev. Harold Hawkins conducted the Burial Service, and Mr. A.N.M. Cooper played the organ.

31st August 1966 - *The Purley Park Plot Owners' Association held a Bank Holiday dance in the Community Hall on Saturday last, arranged by Mrs. M. Clarke. The Impson Dance Band played the music. There was a crowded attendance.*

The Purley Old Age Pensioners held their weekly meeting in the Community Hall on Tuesday and were entertained by the Cookham OAP Concert Party, compered by Mrs. Brown; the pianist was Mrs. Underwood.

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118. Purley in September 1966

Further extracts from Mrs. Gutch's reports of Purley Village events to the Editors of the Reading Chronicle and Reading Mercury.

7th September 1966 - Pensioners - The Purley Old Age Pensioners spent an enjoyable day in Brighton on Monday (5th Sep), and on Tuesday (6th Sep) were entertained by the Pangbourne OAP Concert Party in the Community Hall.

Accident in Purley - A coach and a lorry collided head on at about 5.30-ish this evening. No-one (was) badly hurt.

13th September 1966 : Holiday Occupation for eight Schoolchildren - A Jumble Sale in aid of the Policemen's Widows Fund was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday last (10th Sep). The organiser was Miss Teresa Bielanski ⁽¹⁾ aged 14. Her helpers were Marilyn James ⁽²⁾, Helen Macbeth, Alan Winters ⁽³⁾, Stephen Critchell ⁽⁴⁾ and Linda Cowdry, all 14-year-old pupils of Theale Grammar School. Two other helpers, Yvonne Leddington ⁽⁵⁾ and Christine Knott ⁽⁶⁾ aged 15 are pupils of Little Heath Secondary School. The proceeds of the Jumble Sale amounted to £13.12s.0d (£13.60p). The children were two weeks collecting the jumble.

21st September 1966 - A Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy Sale was held in the Rectory on Monday (9th Sep). The amount raised in aid of St. Mary's Parish Church funds was £18.13s.0d (£18.65p).

Pensioners - The Purley Old Age Pensioners had a special afternoon at their meeting on Tuesday (20th Sep) in the Community Hall.

The report for Wednesday, 28th September 1966 is missing.

The following information has also been found in Kelly's Directories and the parish Registers:

1. A. BIELANSKI of 13 Glebe Road, Purley was listed in 1967.
2. There are three different JAMES families listed in Purley in 1967: Wyncroft, Beech Road; Trio, Long Lane and 26 St. Mary's Avenue.
3. There are four WINTERS families: 4 The Short; Windy Nook, Westbury Lane and 19 & 21 Glebe Road.
4. Hy CRITCHELL is listed at The Lilacs, Westbury Lane from 1956 - 1972.
5. Kenneth LEDDINGTON was at 34 (formerly 16) Glebe Road from 1960 - 1972. 10-month-old Tracey Kim Leddington from this address was buried at Purley on 8th May 1967; and on 21st January 1974, the ashes of Eva Honor Leddington of Bath Road, Calcot, aged 70, were interred in the same grave plot.
6. Albt W. KNOTT was living at 74 Bourne Road between 1958 and 1972; in 1956 he was listed at No. 86 Bourne Road.

Mrs. Lyn Nicholson, who now lives at 22 Wendy Ridge, Rustington, West Sussex BN16 3PJ and was, for many years a resident of Purley, has written to me as follows regarding my query as to which Mrs. Newman had her birthday greetings sung at the Purley Pensioners Club in July 1966:

"I still get the Purley News and noticed your query about Mrs. Newman (see July 1993, page 15). Clifford Newman died 6th March 1988 in Wales, where his widow, Kitty, still lives. They moved there from 78 Wintringham Way, Purley in about 1972 and Kitty and I still correspond at intervals. She used to help at the Social Club or the Community Hall. I am sure it must have been for her that the birthday greetings were sung - unless it was his mother who, I believe, lived with them in her later years. I don't remember the Newmans at 8 Colyton Way."

Thank you for writing to me. The information is much appreciated.

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119. Purley in October 1966

5th October 1966: HARVEST SUPPER - Following the successful Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall last week, St. Mary's Parish Church celebrated its Harvest Festival in the Church on Sunday (2nd Oct.). Both the morning and evening services, conducted by the Rev. Harold Hawkins, were well attended. The solo, "God's Garden", was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Rabone at the evening service. Part of the collection money will be given to the Royal Agricultural Beneficent Institute.

Pensioners - The Purley Old Age Pensioners were entertained by the Woodley Old Age Pensioners Concert Party, led by Mr. Grimes, in the Community Hall on Tuesday last (4th Oct.).

12th October 1966 : Mothers' Union - The monthly meeting of the Purley Mothers' Union was held in the Rectory on Wednesday last (?5th or 12th Oct.). Mrs. Hawkins presided. An interesting discussion followed a reading on the subject of "Prayer" by the enrolling member. It was arranged to join Pangbourne Mothers' Union for the next meeting.

Pensioners - The Purley Old Age Pensioners Concert Party with (other) club members travelled to Woodley on Tuesday (4th Oct) and entertained the Woodley Old Age Pensioners in the Coronation Hall.

18th October 1966 : Purley Memorial Hall - There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Management Committee on Thursday last (13th Oct.) (led by) the Chairman, Mr. D. Hutchings Mrs. V. Venners, following her usual custom, kindly agreed to arrange for the Poppy Wreath to be hung in the front of the Hall Porch on Armistice Day. Mr. Len Nevard reported with pleasure that the informal whist drive held on Saturday had made a small profit. The Chairman was pleased to announce that the First aid classes, now being held in the Hall by Mrs. Pratt on behalf of the British Red Cross, are being extremely well attended. The augres (sic)

well for the examination at the end of the term. The A.G.M. will be held on October 26th next.

Thames Vale Singers dress rehearsal of their current show "The Pirates of Penzance" - on Monday (16th Oct.) was gay, colourful and well done. The Producer, Mr. Rowland Hill, Conductor Mrs. Mary Richards, Asst. Producer Mr. Arthur Harwood, Set Designer Mr. Len Nevard, Wardrobe Mistress Phyll Clarke ⁽¹⁾, Pianist Mrs. B. Baker and splendid cast were in good form, all set and ready for a performance on Tuesday in the Pangbourne Village Hall in aid of the British Legion, on Wednesday in the Purley Memorial Hall for the Cripples and Blind Association. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances in the Hall are for the choir funds. Incidentally, each night is booked to capacity. The first performance of this comic opera was in a small hall in Penzance. Later, in America, a larger hall was its popular home.

21st October 1966 : Obituary - Mr. W. Hughes of Beech Road, Purley, died on Wednesday, October 12th after a long illness, aged 67. He was a retired grocer. He leaves a widow and one son and daughter. The funeral was at Didcot on Thursday 19th. (Written on the back of an envelope with the following added in pencil : Dictated by Phone) ⁽²⁾.

26th October 1966 : On Wednesday last (21st Oct.) a coach party from Purley enjoyed the performance of "Ruddigore" given by the Sainsbury Singers in the Town Hall.

Parish Council Meeting - In the absence of Mr. Theobald, Mr. John Bucknell presided at the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday (24th Oct.) in the Memorial Hall. After listening to reports on the bad condition of one of the approaches to Beech Road, caused by an excessive flow of water from the playing field in wet weather, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to write to the County Councillor for advice on this now serious matter. It was also decided to ask that attention be given to Bourne Road and that the necessary steps should be taken to drain rainwater off the road into the natural ditch. With regard to the lopping of elm trees on the Oxford Road, it is now ascertained that this is the responsibility of the owners. A notice will be served on them in due course. It was noted that improvements to the houses owned by the Council in Glebe road are making good headway the matter of the footpath from Beech Road to the School in Long Lane is now in hand.

Pensioners - The Purley Old Age Pensioners with their concert party, in company with the Over Sixty Club, attended the Annual Grand Concert held by the National Federation of O.A.P.'s at the Town Hall on Monday evening.

The following information has been found in Kelly's Directories:

1. Miss Phyllis Clarke is listed at 10 Glebe Road from 1956 - 1972.
2. Wm. A. Hughes lived at Adventure, 19 Beech Road from 1958 : in 1972, Nellie P. Hughes is listed at this address.

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120. Purley in November 1996

Further extracts from Mrs. Gutch's reports on Purley Village events.

1st November 1966: The 18th A.G.M. of the Purley Memorial Hall Management Committee was held last Thursday; the attendance was double that of last year. Mr. Cox read the minutes of the last A.G.M. and the Chairman, Mr. D. Hutchings, read the Report of the last 12 months' work, which had been most satisfactory and encouraging in every way. The Hall had been much in demand throughout the year and, during this time, the outside of the building had been painted for the first time in seven years and connection with the main sewer had been accomplished. The Table Tennis Club was in full swing and Mr. P. Ayres had recently won a Tournament Shield. The Westwood Playgroup, formed a year ago, was still well patronised. Miss Dorothy Scott Stokes was very much missed from the Committee - she was a very active member for many years, but owing to ill health is having to rest. The Treasurer presented a most satisfactory report of the year's accounts which shewed (sic) a profit over last year. Mr. Hutchings was re-elected Chairman and the Committee was again re-elected. It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Accountants, and also to Mrs. Hutchings for their valuable assistance during the year.

A Whist Drive held at the Purley Memorial Hall on Monday produced £10 for the Church of England Children's Society. The first and second prize winners were Mr. Hutchings and Miss Bosher respectively.

2nd November 1966: OBITUARY - It is with deep regret that the death is announced of Mrs. Florence A Higley of Karyle-Lyn, Oxford Road, Purley, who passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday morning. Her age was 66 years. She is survived by her husband Mr. Arthur Higley, their three sons and five grandchildren. The funeral, conducted by the Rev. H. Hawkins, was at St. Mary's Parish Church on

Thursday afternoon. Floral tributes were from her husband, her sons and their families, friends and neighbours.

PENSIONERS - *The Purley Old Age Pensioners were entertained on Tuesday at the Community Hall by the Redlands Concert Party led by Mrs. Walchon.*

8th November 1966: OBITUARY - *Owing to the death of Mr. Mark Skitmore of "Beverley", Beech Road on Thursday last in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Purley has lost one of its most respected and loved residents. He was in his 84th year, and for the past 26 years had taken a great interest in the life and social affairs of this village. He was a very active member of St. Mary's Church and will be greatly missed. The Cremation took place on Thursday and, at the special request of the villagers, a funeral service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Rev. Harold F. Hawkins and assisted by Rev. Anthony Fothergill.*

REQUEST (not for this week)

On Saturday 12th Nov we are having a CHILDREN'S CONCERT IN THE MEMORIAL HALL (trained by Mrs. Mary Richards). She had asked me to enquire if a photographer could come and take a picture. The Concert is timed for 7.30 p.m. What about your Mr. Knight, he lives nearby? We could wait patiently for the photograph to appear next week.

9th November 1966: *At their weekly meeting in the Community Hall, the Purley O.A.P.'s observed a minute's silence in memory of Mrs. Higley, their late member. On Wednesday the pensioners were entertained by the East Reading O.A.P. Concert Party led by Mrs. Williams.*

N.B. COULD YOU PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE OBITUARY TO MR. MARK SKITMORE: *Members of the Thames Vale Singers led the singing of the hymns and responses.* **THANK YOU.**

15th November 1966: PURLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Mr. D. Hutchings presided at the monthly meeting of the Purley Memorial Hall Management Committee on Thursday last, at which it was decided to give immediate attention to the repairs to the main gate. On the advice of the Solicitors it was agreed to leave the matter of boundaries connected with the Hall in abeyance. The purchase of a printing machine was voted for - this would greatly simplify the work of preparing tickets for concerts which have previously been hand-written. The replacement of the existing gas water heater in the kitchen with an electric heater was agreed to. The social Whist Drives are proving a great success and will be repeated on November 19th and December 17th. Arrangements were completed for Mrs. Richards Children's Concert in the Hall on 12th November.

14th December 1966 - **Purley Village Church of England Infants School** enjoyed a very successful Christmas Party on Monday. The mothers kindly provided toys and refreshments. On Wednesday afternoon, the Infants gave a charming performance of a Nativity Play watched by parents and visitors.

Purley County Primary School, Long Lane, enjoyed a jolly Christmas Party on Thursday afternoon with their guests, and on Friday afternoon the children are entertaining parents and friends with a Carol Service.

MEMORIAL HALL - Mr. D. HUTCHINGS presided at the monthly meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee on Monday when it was agreed to let the Dressing Room to the Football Club each Wednesday evening when the Hall grounds would be floodlit for training practice. It was reported that the Electric Water Heater was now successfully installed in the kitchen, also that the addition of a new light on the outside of the ladies' dressing room is in hand. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of thanks to Messrs. Ushers for their generous supply of Whist Cards. The Christmas Whist Drive will be on Saturday.

(The following two items were submitted) by telephone on 14th December 1966:

EARL AIG FUND: The amount of the Poppy Day collection in Purley amounted to £38.19s.8d (£38.98). This sum has now been sent to the Headquarters of the Earl Haig Fund.

The Purley Old Age Pensioners held their annual Christmas Bazaar in the Community Hall on Saturday when over £61 was raised for the Club Funds. The Secretary and Chairman wish to express their warmest thanks to all members who helped to make the occasion such a success.

19th December 1966 - On Saturday last, the **Thames Vale Singers**, conducted by Mrs. Mary Richards, entertained the Cripples and Blind Association at Whitley Community Centre and on Wednesday the Purley Women's Institute. On Thursday, a group of Old Age Pensioners were entertained in the Rainbow Restaurant, Reading.

A Social Christmas Whist Drive held on Saturday in the Memorial Hall was a great success. The Hall was gaily decorated for the occasion. Included in the ten prizes were three raffles, the other seven going to the winners of the games.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH - On Sunday afternoon a Nativity Play, entitled "The Other Wise Man", was presented in the Church by the Sunday School children, when parents and friends formed the congregation. The Producers, Mrs. Lynn Barnes