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Some people may think there is something fishy about this new magazine delivered free. You don't often get something for nothing these days. Where's the catch? There isn't one. Advertisers - to whom we are most grateful - knowing this publication will reach every home have put up enough money to pay for the printing. So do support them and quote this magazine when you do so. The only fishy thing about it, is that Network has been started by the Fish Scheme - your neighbours who have offered to have a share in an Emergency Help plan. We've called our magazine "Network" because of the Fishy association but mainly because it speaks of communication - people at the top of Stede Hill for example being kept in touch with those who live Fairbourne way, people in the Tennis Club knowing about the latest activities of the Darby and Joan Club and so on. We seek to serve people of differing views and beliefs and therefore Network is non-party and ecumenical. Partisan and controversial issues can be aired but the editorial staff will try to express a fair balance. So do let us have your comments and suggestions; (we have much to learn), and do keep us supplied with news of club and other village activities. This must reach the editor (Douglas Baldwin of 15 West Street) by the 15th of the month.

Terry Hodges (4 Rectory Lane) has offered to help net our news. Ian Mackenzie has already netted the advertisers and Mrs. Jackie Brasington and Miss Norah Cutbush hope to net everyone in their distribution plan. We are most grateful to all who are helping in this way. The writer of these remarks as editor of this magazine's ageing parent (now deceased) will serve as Consultant and is responsible for the Christian Message which each issue will contain. These will be written by local Christian leaders of (continued on back inside cover)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF MAIDSTONE

In an uncertain and rapidly changing world one thing remains constant, that we all need one another and that, as John Donne said "No man is an island". So much unhappiness is caused by loneliness, by feelings of being unwanted or inability to cope with even the ordinary pressures and anxieties of day to day living.

In a community like Harrietsham one of the clear opportunities for Christians is to be on the lookout to meet this need wherever it is seen. Very often the need is closer to us than we suspect - and when we talk of the importance of the Church being a "caring Community", we are talking about ourselves. The Fish scheme in Harrietsham was the practical result of the growing together in friendship and understanding of the Christians in the community who belong to different administrations within the whole Church, but who worship the same Lord and are together concerned to exercise His ministry of care and compassion to those who need such help.

Harrietsham is a scattered community and because of this there is a need to keep communications open and alert, so that it cannot ever be said that anyone living alone, or meeting any trouble or difficulty had no one to whom they could turn. The Harrietsham Network is a vital way in which communications through the Helping Hands can be made alive and effective. This is one clear way in which as Christians we can all show our concern for our fellow men and women in a practical way. So often lack of imagination and preoccupation with our own affairs are at the root of our failure to show that we have understood Our Lord's bidding, repeated over and over again in the clearest terms, to care for those who are troubled, friendless, anxious and in need. Every day of our lives there are

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opportunities to do this if we are on the lookout for them.

I commend most warmly this first issue of the Network and wish it great success. May it be one of the ways in which the members of this community are helped to be at the service of one another whenever the need is known. This is Christianity in action and is something in which everyone can share together as those who try to serve Our Lord in His world.

+Geoffrey Maidstone

THE CHURCH IS NOT A PRIVATE CLUB for people interested in religion; it is a people called by God to serve him in the world. This service, of course includes caring for people in trouble but it is also very important that the church should make a positive contribution to the building and maintaining of a healthy community life for all.

These are reasons why I warmly commend the venture at Harrietsham to give up a separate church magazine in favour of one which covers the life of the whole community. In spite of understandable regrets for the passing of what has become familiar and in spite of problems of adjustment it is an experiment to persevere with. If it were the first of other such ventures it would be very encouraging indeed.

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- 4th House Evensong 6.15 p.m.
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- 6th 9.30 a.m. & 8.00 p.m. Communion of the
Epiphany (parish church)
- 7th School term begins.
Young Wives Group A.G.M.
- 8th W.I. parish hall 2.30 p.m.
(Miss Newbury talks on antiques)
- 9th P.C.C. 7.30 p.m. Rectory
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- 28th Young Wives dinner
- 30th Conservative Association A.G.M.
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WOMEN'S PAGE

Here are two contrasting recipes for fish pie both of which are simple to prepare and excellent in cold weather.

1. 1 lb cooked white fish (fillet of cod etc.)
2 tablespoons mashed potato
4 oz grated suet
2 tablespoons white breadcrumbs
1 egg (beaten)
Milk to mix to soft dropping consistency
Seasoning and parsley or herbs
Browned bread crumbs and dabs of butter

Mix together fish, potato, suet and white breadcrumbs, add seasoning, herbs etc. Beat egg and stir into mixture. Then stir in sufficient milk, and put mixture into casserole. Top with browned breadcrumbs and dabs of butter. Cook in centre of pre-heated oven at Mark 4 (350°F) for about 45 minutes.
(Serves 4 - 5).

2. 1 lb cooked fish flakes
2 lb creamy mashed potato
1 oz butter
1 oz flour
2 tsp. chopped onion
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk
1 tbsp. parsley
2-3 tbsp. grated cheese
few drops vinegar

Melt butter, cook onion without browning. Add flour, grated cheese, vinegar and flaked fish. Mix well, season with salt and pepper. Fill pie dish with alternate layers of potatoes. Cook 20 - 30 minutes in moderate oven.

If you have any recipes you think worthy of passing on to others, please send them to the editor.

MAINLY FOR CHILDREN

You might think that nature is asleep in this chilly month of January, but there is a lot to see and admire. There will be some flowers around - not multi-coloured but nevertheless pretty, including the winter aconite with its yellow crown and green-frilled collar, Christmas roses, and snowdrops.

The birds are active and you can watch them closely from your window if you encourage them by putting out scraps of food. Can you tell the difference between a coal tit, a blue tit and a great tit? The first is the smallest and has fawn coloured underparts and a dark grey cap, the blue tit has pale yellow underparts and a blue cap, and the great tit which is the largest, is bright yellow underneath and has a black bib.

You may be lucky and see some of the birds which visit us from other countries during the winter. Two birds which are seen together and look like thrushes with speckled breasts, are the fieldfare with a grey head and white "armpits", and the redwing which as you might guess is red under the wings. If you have any berries on the bushes in your garden, some waxwings which are small birds with yellow tips to their tails and funny little tufts on their heads, may come and eat them, especially if there is bad weather over in Europe.

Can you solve this puzzle?

My first is in Christmas but not in December,
My second's in Guy Fawkes, but not in November,
My third is in pen, but isn't in ink,
My fourth is in peony, pansy and pink,
My fifth is in yellow, but isn't in blue,
My sixth is in doing but never in do,
My seventh's in eagle, but not in its wing,
My eighth is in wedding, but isn't in ring,
My ninth is in many, but never in more,
My tenth is in apple, and also in core,
My eleventh's in riddle, now guess if you can!
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MANY GOOD THINGS IN OUR LIFE, many nice things, we take for granted: so that at times it seems as if only an orphan appreciates what a wonderful thing "the family" is. Families are the foundation of human society. The moral and material welfare of a nation depends ultimately upon the moral and material welfare of the families which make it up. Yet, in England today, not only the family itself; but almost everything it has been created to achieve and preserve, is under constant, direct and grave attack.

The recent Divorce Reform Bill has altered what was the legal concept of marriage as a freely contracted life-long union into a contract of convenience that can be severed by mutual consent, and worse, by the whim of a guilty party. The consequences of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act horrify many - even among those who viewed the Bill with favour. The Voluntary Euthanasia Bill failed; but will rear up its head again. Should this ever pass, surely the next step will be the compulsory extinction of the unfit or the malformed. And then?

Against such a background it is very cheering to find a venture such as this magazine. A voice for the whole village. A bond to bind the many families into the one large family of the village. May it prosper, and may it speak out - LOUD AND CLEAR!

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Dick Maxwell

We are indebted to Miss Elizabeth Hammond and extend our thanks to her for designing the cover of the magazine. In future issues small personal ads. at 1d. per word will be accepted and your own preprinted inserts can be delivered with the magazine at £1 per monthly issue.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Roger Tong on the untimely death of his father, Mr. Bert Tong.

We hope that Mrs. Gladys Tong who is in hospital will have a speedy recovery and soon be restored to good health. Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Nancy Tong on her retiral from the "Bank House" after 33 years and although she has not gone far, she can be sure of a welcome in Harrietsham.

(Answer to childrens puzzle - Happy New Year!)

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