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## Race Results

The Balloon Race held at the Community Centre May Fair on 17th May has resulted in the return of 15 tickets, all from abroad, 9 from Holland and 6 from Germany.

The most distant spot from which one was returned was Regensburg in Germany, approximately twenty miles from the Czechoslovakian border.

This balloon was released by Miss Jean Clarke, of 3 Percy Street, Winn Street, Lincoln, who wins the prize.

The buyers of the 14 other tickets that were returned will receive them in due course to keep as souvenirs.

An illustrated booklet on the history of Lincoln will be sent to the person who returned the winning ticket and the finders of the other tickets will each receive coloured photographs of places of interest in Lincoln.

Thanks are due to Mr. Patrick Walker, of the Lincolnshire Motor Co. for his assistance in helping to organise this event.

## St. John's Community Centre

An Open Meeting was held on June 19th, to review the first year's work.

Despite the weather, which drove the gathering into the temporary hut, a very lively meeting was held. Many questions were answered by the Chairman (the Rev. J. Hodgkinson), members of the Appeal Committee, and the three Councillors who attended.

The Chairman opened the meeting by giving a detailed statement of the financial position, showing the various sources from which money had been received and announcing that the total fund now stands at £2,133 11s. 0d. The final figure will be in the region of £3,500 and this needs to be raised by January.

Questions were invited about the actual building of the Centre, and these were answered by Councillor F. Eccleshare, who said that unless the weather is very unfavourable the roof should be on by August. Although all the plastering would be done by the contractors, serious thought will have to be given to the electrical, plumbing, flooring, and decorating, that will still need to be

done. It is hoped that the majority of this work will be done by voluntary labour.

Many questions then followed about the use of the Centre when completed. Councillor Potter listed the types of activities pursued in other Centres, such as St. Swithin's, Lincoln, and special mention was made of the needs of the young and the elderly members of the community. The Vicar mentioned that although the Centre would be used on Sundays for Sunday Schools and Family Worship, there were six other days when clubs could be formed for all ages and needs.

Councillor Ward reminded the meeting that the Community Centre Committee would have to relegate the use of the Centre by the various sub-committees responsible for sports, games, social functions, etc., with priority being given to activities that raise money to clear off debts. One optimist even wanted to know what would be done with the profits!

## CONGRATULATIONS . . .

The marriage of Robert William Gordon of 1 Edendale Gardens and Margaret Atkinson took place on Saturday, 31st May, 1958. The Rev. John Hodgkinson officiated.

The bride wore a white nylon lace ballerina length dress, and carried a bible and the Matron of Honour Mrs. Sheila Boucher was wearing a lemon nylon dress and carried a prayer book.

Mr. Wallace Totty, her brother-in-law, gave the bride away. The honeymoon was spent at Skegness.

Mr. Gordon is a corporal in the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and has already served six years of a nine years engagement, two of them in Malaya. He is now looking forward to going to Germany in the near future.

Mrs. Gordon, a former N.A.A.F.I. assistant in Lincoln, is a Wakefield girl and met her husband in her home town. She is at present employed as a Ledger Clerk by Rentaset Ltd., Lincoln.

Also married by the Vicar on 31st May were Mr. Donald Malcolm Critchley, of 19 Brattleby Crescent and Miss Irene Margaret Upson.

The bride, whose home was in Enfield, Middlesex, wore a ballerina length pink nylon dress and carried a pink bible, and her sister-in-law, Miss Muriel Critchley, also wearing pink nylon and carrying a prayer book, was bridesmaid.

Mr. William Albert Upson gave his daughter away.

After the ceremony the guests attended a buffet luncheon at the home of the bridegroom.

Mr. Critchley is a maintenance fitter employed by Ruston-Bucyrus but is shortly due to undergo his National Service in the Army.

## WHAT A SITE!



There is an acre of ground surrounding St. John's Church, and when the P.C.C. asked for a rough estimate of the cost of converting it into a lawn it was told that it would cost about £400. The Church has had to tackle the job itself, and the photograph shows a few of the helpers who turned out one Saturday afternoon.

There is still a long way to go, but as the ground is cleared it can now be kept down with a motor mower which is specially built to cope with rough grass. Ermine Congregational Church have had to face the same problem, so the two churches have clubbed together and bought the mower between them.

## NEWS !!

Mr. J. H. Preece, of 41 Chatterton Avenue, a member of St. John's Community Centre Committee, has agreed to become Sub-Editor of the Ermine News.

Although Mr. Preece will be especially interested with news items from the West he will welcome

details of all local events throughout the parish e.g., weddings (golden, silver, etc.), retirements, promotions, and any family or community event.

If you don't want to write the details down, just let Mr. Preece know (Lincoln 22489), and he'll come and see you personally.

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## Who's Next?

How many times have you sat in your doctor's waiting room and as your turn to enter the surgery has arrived you have been taken aback by someone else jumping to her feet and saying "You came in after me," leaving you speechless and too embarrassed to protest or create a scene that would break the tense silence that usually prevails in doctors' waiting rooms!

I am quite sure that I could gain far more enjoyment from looking at ancient copies of "Vogue," "The Motorist," "Picture Post," etc., if I knew without a shadow of doubt exactly when it was my turn.

Perhaps a doctor will some-day institute a fool-proof system which will eliminate the necessity of each patient making mental notes of the dress and appearance of the person who followed them in, and as a suggestion I offer the following cheap to provide and easy to operate idea.

A supply of numbered discs (metal would be everlasting) with a hole near the top, should be placed near the entrance to the waiting room with number 1 at the top with a card telling each patient to take the top one when entering the waiting room. Near the exit leading to the surgery should be a board with hooks, on which each patient, going into the surgery would hang his disc in numerical order, when leaving the waiting room. I am quite sure that this system or any other, would go a long way towards relieving some of the tension that always exists in doctor's waiting rooms.

We should be glad to publish any other suggestions on this subject.

J.H.P.

## POST OFFICE PETITION

The thanks of all the residents on Ermine West are due to Councillor Frank Eccleshare for his valiant efforts to secure a Post Office for the Estate.

The petition organised by him containing over 1000 signatures, has been sent by Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, M.P. for Lincoln, to the Postmaster General and the subject was due to be discussed in the House of Commons on Friday, 20th June.

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There is evidence among all members of the Church of England of an increasing desire to learn to pray, and to find time for prayer. In order to meet this need, a Retreat for laymen has been arranged at a week-end on the above dates to make it possible for working men to attend.

The Retreat will be conducted by the Rev. H. G. Mitchell, Rector of Fulbeck.

If you would like to come or to learn more about this week-end, then please contact the Vicar at St. John's House.

## PIANISTS!

In September Miss Jean Pikett will be leaving Lincoln to teach music in a school at Croydon. For the last year Miss Pikett has been in charge of the music at St. John's, playing for Church Services and also training the choir, which is now stronger than it has ever been before. Meanwhile, there is an urgent need for someone to assist Miss Pikett in order that he or she is fully prepared to take over in September.

There is also a need for a pianist for morning Sunday Schools, and if any competent pianist is interested in either of these two positions, I would be grateful if they would contact me (Rev. J. Hodgkinson) at an early date.

## OPEN MEETING (from page 1)

Emotions ran high when the subject of an official playing area for children was raised—responsible residents hate to see the well tended green areas being mutilated by children who, after all, must play somewhere and a suggestion was made that the Councillors look into this question very seriously. All three Councillors present were whole-heartedly in sympathy with our feelings, but without exact facts and figures to hand, they explained why it was impossible to make any rash promises about providing such an area in the near future. They assured us that they would make exhaustive enquiries on our behalf and would call an open meeting to disclose their findings as soon as they were in a position to do so.

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# ROUND THE CLUBS



## Young Wives Group

Mr. Harrod, the headmaster of Ermine Junior School, gave a very interesting talk on May 27th, and the last event of the season's programme was a Social and Dance on June 10th.

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 3rd. The Vicar said that Mrs. Hodgkinson was to become Enrolling Member of St. John's Mothers' Union and that he had asked Mrs. Appleby to become the Leader of the Young Wives' Group. The new leader asked Mrs. L. Wilson to assist her as secretary, and the following members of the Committee were then elected: Mrs. Blythe, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Temporal, Mrs. Tomlinson.

The Enrolment Service for the newly-formed branch of the Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, July 1st.

## King's Messengers

During the past few months the syllabus for the King's Messengers has been "Round the World to Lambeth." This has helped them to understand the object of the meeting of the Bishops at Lambeth, which takes place July 3rd—August 10th.

On June 22nd, nine children were enrolled as King's Messengers during the Communion Service.

During the lighter evenings games are played out of doors.

## Evergreen Club

The aims and ambitions of the Evergreen Club continue to be realised each Thursday, when members meet for their weekly get-together over the ever-welcome cup of tea.

A number of the members enjoyed the beauties of the Derbyshire scenery, when they visited Matlock, calling at Haddon Hall and Chatsworth House.

The annual Outing will be a trip to Newstead Abbey, calling at Nottingham for an hour's shopping.

The Afternoon Tea and Bring and Buy on June 7th proved most enjoyable and the entertainment given by Miss Ashton's pupils was deservedly well applauded.

## Girl Guides

25th May—6th June was the Shilling for the Willing fortnight. After paying our share of money to Headquarters the Guides were left with a sum of six pounds, the Brownies four pounds.

27th May. 21 Guides and Captain went for hike and to cook a meal at "Switzerland" (off Burton Road).

June 20th. A Division "Camp Fire" was held in the High School Hall. Owing to wet weather it was not possible to hold this event in the Bishop's Garden as anticipated. After a good

sing the Shield was presented by Mrs. Riches to the winning Company of our recent Competition which was St. Faith's.

## C.L.B.

This month's Church Parade took place on Sunday, 8th, and once again there was a very good attendance. The lads met at Blankney Crescent, but this time, owing to rain, marched directly to Church. The Vicar who is Chaplain of the Company, presented Mr. Dent with his commission as 2nd Lieut. Michael Smalley, Leslie Benton, Anthony Golding, Dennis Whiteley, David Carter and Alan Bradley were formally admitted as members and received their membership cards.

On Saturday, June 14th, both C.L.B. and J.T.C. took part in the Youth Pilgrimage to the Cathedral. The assembly point was at St. Michael's Hall, Steep Hill, and from there the Procession took place. Our Company was given the privilege of leading the many Youth Organisations to the Cathedral. After the service, pilgrims visited the Castle grounds and they were entertained by massed square and folk dancing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Instead of the usual parade on Monday, 16th, a Dance and Social evening was held. This was very well attended by parents and friends. Dancing, games and competitions were organised for all ages, and there were numerous prizes. The Canteen provided hot peas, hot dogs, cakes, sandwiches, minerals, etc. This was a very successful and enjoyable evening.

## St. John's Youth Fellowship

On Friday, June 13th, we held a Rummage Sale in St. John's Hall. As a result of our work a satisfying sum of money was raised which we added to our funds. On the same evening a Youth Dance was arranged and our own band played for us again. We should like to thank all the people who donated rummage and also those who helped in the sale and the dance. Our next dance for young people will be held at the beginning of July.

On one fine Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago a group from the Youth Club went with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Garner for a bicycle ride to Bardney. We took some refreshments with us and spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Badminton has become very popular with the youth on Friday evenings and we try to arrange it so that everyone has a chance to play.

A stretch of grass has been levelled next to St. John's Hall and the girls use it for playing netball. Although the boys have had little chance to play cricket on Friday evenings, they are still very interested in practising. We are hoping for better weather to carry on all our outdoor activities. A.S.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

**The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.**  
(Young children may be left at St. John's House)

**Evensong, 6-30 p.m.**

**Holy Baptism.**

1st Sunday in the month, 3-45 p.m. (Please give a fortnight's notice).

## Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion	Monday	6-30 a.m.
" "	Wednesday	9-15 a.m.
" "	Thursday	6-30 a.m.
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## St. John's Register

### Baptisms

June 1 Graham Anthony, son of Frederick and Iris Jones.  
Jaqueline Anne, daughter of Dereck and Betty Pratt.  
Simon Darly, son of Frederick and Vera Fisher.  
John, son of John and Florence Morris.  
Alan George, son of Reginald and Ruth Doughty.  
Kay, daughter of George and Joan Dawson.

### Weddings

May 31 Robert William Gordon and Margaret Atkinson.  
Donald Malcolm Critchley and Jean Margaret Upson.

### Burials

June 2 Gertrude Webster (81).  
" 6 Liddon Cyril Surfleet (45).

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## What's on this month

### July

- Tue. Mothers' Union Enrolment Service, 7-30 p.m.
- Wed. Moral Welfare Offering Service, St. Mark's, 7-30 p.m.
- Thu. Coffee Morning, St. John's House, 10-11-30 a.m.  
Bumper Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
- Fri. The Merry Mascots, 7-30 p.m.  
Adults 2/-; Children 1/-.
- Sat. Gala Social and Dance, 7-30 p.m. 1/-.
- Sun. **Trinity V.**
- Tue. Parochial Church Council, 7-45 p.m.
- Wed. Bumper Whist Drive. Adm., 2/-.  
7-30 p.m.
- Sat. Outing to Cleethorpes.
- Sun. **Trinity VI.**
- Tue. M.U.
- Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m. Adm., 1/6.
- Sun. **Trinity VII.**
- Tue. S. Mary Magdalene. Holy Communion, 7-0 a.m.
- Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m. Admission, 1/6.
- Fri. S. James, A. & M. Holy Communion, 6-30 a.m.
- Sun. **Trinity VIII.**  
Public Baptism, 3-45 p.m.

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