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Ermine West Goes Ahead

The St. John the Evangelist, Community Centre, Ermine West (to give its full name), will be dedicated on Saturday, December 13th at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. You are invited to come, though it is not possible to guarantee that you will get a seat. The Mayor and Mayoress and local Councillors will be present, and also, we hope, our local M.P.

A Social and Dance will be held in the evening, and a children's party on the following Tuesday.

The St. John's Evergreen Club (Ermine West), will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, December 17th at 3 p.m., and in the evening there will be a dance in aid of the Ermine West Football Club.

For the time being, two Services will be held each Sunday, the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and a Family Service for young and old at 3 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting when nine members of the Management Committee will be elected will be held on Tuesday, January 20th. Suggestions will then be considered by the full committee for the mid-week use of the Centre.

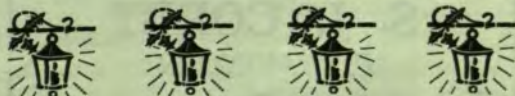
A Full 18 Months

In the Spring of 1957 St. John's Parochial Church Council successfully applied for a site for a hall on Ermine West. With little money available, the only hope seemed to be to build the hall ourselves, and Councillor Frank Eccleshare's offer to help was gladly accepted.

On June 5th and June 7th, six house meetings were arranged throughout the Estate and each one was visited by the Vicar and Councillor Eccleshare. These meetings culminated in an open-air meeting on the proposed site under the chairmanship of Mrs. Murfin, the Mayor.

Church and Community were now working together to raise funds and to build St. John's Community Centre. The Diocesan Church Extension Society bought the land, and donated £1,000 towards the fabric. A weekly street collection and local appeal realised another £1,000

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St. John the Baptist

- Dec. 6 Christmas Fair 3 p.m.
- " 10 Christmas Whist Drive 7 p.m., Ad. 2/6.
- " 23 Christmas Whist Drive 7-30 p.m., 2/6.
- " 24 Midnight Communion 11-45 p.m.
- " 25 The Family Communion 9-15 a.m.
- " 28 Children's Service 2-30 p.m.
- " Carol Service 6-30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Community Centre

- Dec. 25 Holy Communion 8 a.m.
- " 26 Boxing Day Carnival Dance, 8-12, 2/6.
- " 28 Carol Service 3 p.m.

SUCCESS FOR ERMINE THEATRE

St. John's Players gave a fine performance of "The Paper Chain" on Friday, Nov. 14th



Lights blazing, a gramophone record of a motor car starting up, nails being driven in with cheerful chatter—this was the scene that caused one of our City Policemen to drop in on us at St. John's at 12-30 a.m. only two or three nights before the curtain was raised on the production of "The Paper Chain" a three act murder mystery.

Claud Sharran had produced a masterpiece of a switchboard and Dave Barsley, in his usual efficient way, had produced the flats, french windows and doors. Les. Wilson too, with able assistance, had covered and sized the flats and helped to erect them. Under their able Producer, Mrs. J. Martin, much spare time has been given up since July from play reading, at first, then gradually over the weeks to live playing and dress rehearsals. A story of enthusiasm, despondency, frayed nerves, and despair until the last two weeks.

Then an all out effort to success at the final curtain.

However, none of this would have been possible without you, the Church, for this is your group, and it was your Parochial Church Council that gave us their blessing and approval to go ahead and use the Church Hall for rehearsals and productions. St. John's Youth Fellowship co-operated with us and helped beyond all expectations. It was these youngsters who were instrumental in providing the electrical fittings, and they also provided the money for the scenery flats.

Now to the future. We are going ahead with a full three act comedy to be presented at the end of April, 1959. Our Committee will be selecting the play in a few weeks time, and meetings will be held in January to cast the various parts. If you are interested in joining our group either as a

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Child's Life Saved!

Congratulations to City Transport Bus Driver, Les. Leek, of 43 Highfield Avenue. On Tuesday afternoon, October 28th, he was driving along Laughton Way towards the Lincoln Imp when a young child suddenly dashed on to the road. With great presence of mind he jammed his brakes on and brought the bus to a halt just as it touched the child, who was unhurt. By a split second Mr. Leek's good driving saved a child's life.

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BETWEEN BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION —

Last month we thought about the significance of having a baby baptised and reached the understanding that parents and godparents must undertake to:—

1. Teach their child the Christian Faith.
2. Teach him to pray.
3. Bring him up in the Christian Life.
4. See that he is prepared for Confirmation and Holy Communion.

It is with this responsible task that the Confirmation Schools at S. John's can help you. In fact, it is for this reason that we refer to our schools as Confirmation Schools and not just Sunday Schools.

As members of the large junior family of the Church, our children receive a thorough and gradual course of preparation for confirmation.

In the primary and infant departments a course of training in the elementary things about the Christian Faith and Life is given, and when the children reach junior school age they are transferred to our junior department.

This school is now meeting in the Ermine Infant School on Sunday mornings. Each session opens with the schools own 'act of worship.' This makes the child familiar with that most important sense of corporate worship.

Each member of the junior department has his or her own book of work charts which helps with the more specialised study of the five subjects covered in this school.

1. The life of Our Lord.

A full 18 months—continued

within the next twelve months. Lincoln Church Extension Society donated £350, and the Dauber Trust gave £50 towards the furnishings.

F. Eccleshare Ltd. gave their services in drawing up plans for the Community Centre, and in March, 1958, erected a builder's hut and provided wheel-barrows, picks and shovels so that local volunteers could start to dig the foundations. The plans allow for a hall, sanctuary, kitchen, cloakrooms and committee room, with provision for future extensions. The local committee who had worked so hard in raising funds, proved to be the mainstay of the digging also, but amongst the other volunteers they were pleased to welcome Councillor Frank Ward.

It became obvious that with volunteer labour it would take a considerable time to complete the building, and it was realised that once the Centre was in use it would be much simpler to raise funds. F. Eccleshare Ltd. once more came to our aid and submitted a tender to complete the building, charging only for the bare cost of materials and labour. A further £700 still needs to be raised,

2. The Holy Bible.

3. Prayers.

4. Prayer Book and the Sacraments.

5. The Catechism.

A considerable amount of practical expression work is also allowed for in this department.

On attaining senior school age or passing the "11 plus" the boys and girls enter the senior confirmation school. Here they receive a brief period of training each Sunday morning following the Family Communion, the service which, of course, the members of this school should have attended with their parents.

This is the all-important time when our junior family prepare themselves for adult membership of the Church. Towards the end of their time in the senior confirmation school they come into the direct and personal care of the Parish Priest who gives the final preparations for confirmation.

Between the ages of four and thirteen (or over if desired) therefore, the Church assists you to carry out your promises made at the child's baptism. It is part of the Church's responsibility to the community but you are responsible to God for playing your part also.

As we enjoy meeting your children in our Confirmation Schools, so we enjoy meeting you at the Family Communion and at other times when the Family of God meet at S. John's. On the last Sunday of each month, the three departments of the Confirmation School join together in a Children's Service at 2-30 p.m., and they cordially invite mum's and dad's to come along. B.P.

and also the annual repayment on the mortgage of £1,250. The Football Buster is still in progress, and it should raise a very useful sum of money towards this.

School Notes

An open afternoon will be held at the Infants' School during the last week of term. The senior classes hope to give a concert of carols, but accommodation will be limited, and only their own parents can be invited.

A party will be held on the Wednesday at 2 p.m., and there is a special surprise treat for the children.

The Parent-Teacher Association has now ended through lack of support. However, the Head Teachers are always pleased to see parents, to answer any questions with regard to a child's instruction and welfare.

This Term ends on Friday, 19th December, and next Term starts on Tuesday, 6th January.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 6th

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ROUND THE CLUBS



Men's Fellowship

A Men's Fellowship was formed on the 17th July, 1958, and adds another link in the chain of activities within our Church. Our aim is to provide activities of real interest and at the moment we have a guest speaker one month and the following month provide our own entertainment such as discussions, the more controversial the better. From January onward we are having two meetings per month instead of the present one. To end each meeting we have a cup of tea and get to know one another. A strong Men's Fellowship can exert a tremendously good influence within our Church.

One thing has so far been lacking at our meetings and that has simply been the men. Men where are you, will you make an effort and come to our next meeting. It's you we want to see, your views and opinions we want to hear at our discussions, it's you we want to meet. May I enlist the help of your wives, wives put your foot through the telly, tell him to fill the pools in on some other night, put his coat on, push him out of the front door and lock it on the night of our next meeting.

Guide and Brownie Notes

The Concert held on the 30th October was a great success. The Guides would like to extend their gratitude to the many people who so kindly stepped in to help and to those who gave their support. The funds were raised by £12 which will help to buy the equipment so badly needed.

Young Wives

On Tuesday night, the 4th of November, the Young Wives were guests of the Mothers' Union Branch.

Mrs. D. E. Griffin, Diocesan President, was the Speaker for the evening, and we were very interested in reports given by members on Adoption, Gambling, Parks and Playgrounds and other subjects.

The Young Wives' now have two very successful

stalls at their fortnightly meetings, for the sale of Christmas cards, books and children's clothing. The clothing articles are brought by members who receive back the full amount of money raised less 2d. in each shilling which goes to the funds.

The next meeting will be on the 18th of November when there will be a Beetle Drive and we do sincerely welcome all Young Wives' on the estate.

Evergreen Club

Members are very busy preparing for the stall at the Christmas Fair on December 6th.

We have had very little sickness. Mrs. Dodson is recovering at the home of her daughter. Our two sick visitors, Miss Gittens and Mrs. Hodson are in constant touch with all members.

Flowers were sent to Mrs. Bradbury from the Flower Box on the death of her husband.

Mrs. Turner is back again after spending months round her family. We had a very interesting talk by Mrs. G. Parker of St. John's Ambulance Corps on the many ways her cadets can help our elderly people.

Mr. Galloway has very generously given us a fish and chip tea again, that we shall have on Thursday, December 18th. An outing for the Pantomime at Sheffield to see "Babes in the Wood" on December 30th will end a very happy, full year.

Our first outing for 1959 will be to the Wedgewood Factory and Trenthan Gardens.

C.L.B.

At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee it was agreed that the Company should purchase twenty 5/- shares in the Parish Church Building Fund. The training programme is now under way and our first visitor on 17th November was S/Lt. (S.P.C.) D. Smith R.N.V.R., who aroused much interest in his instruction on semaphore signalling. Early in the New Year preparations will be made for the forming of a Company Band. The December Church Parade will take place on the 28th and all ranks will parade near the Lincoln Imp at 8-50 a.m. The following have been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal:— B. Cox, J. Fisher, M. Hackney and M. Pawson.

ST. JOHN'S PLAYERS

COMMITTEE

Chairman	Rev. J. Hodgkinson
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Committee Members	Mrs. J. Martin
	Mr. E. Griggs
	Mr. L. Wilson
	Mr. D. Barsley

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player or to help behind the scenes, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretary or any of the Committee, details of which are published below.

Incidentally you can also join our group as an associate member for the very small subscription of 5/- per annum (7/6d. for man and wife). This membership entitles you to take part in the Annual General Meeting of the Group, and other meetings held during the year. In addition such members will be admitted free of charge to one performance of each production. Membership cards may be obtained from the honorary secretary.

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21	D. Barsley M. Page	J. Fisher M. Hackney	Mrs. Hill Mrs. Maxted	Mrs. Daines
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P.C.C. Secretary

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Mr. L. Smith, 10 Barkston Gardens.

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.
Holy Communion Wednesday, 9-15 a.m.
Holy Communion Thursday, 6-30 a.m.

Confirmation Schools

SENIORS: All who attend Secondary or Grammar Schools—St. John's Church 10-45 a.m.

JUNIORS: All who attend Junior Schools—Ermine Infants' School—11 a.m.

INFANTS: All who attend Infants' Schools: St. John's Church, 2-30 p.m.

PRIMARY: Children under 5 years. St. John's Church, 2-30 p.m.

Banns, Weddings, Churchings, Confessions by appointment.

What's on this month

December

- 2 Tues. St. Andrew A. & M. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
- 3 Wed. Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.
- 6 Sat. Christmas Fair 2-30 p.m.
- 7 Sun. **Advent 2.**
- 9 Tues. Mothers' Union Enrolment Service and Social Evening 7-45 p.m.
- 10 Wed. Christmas Whist Drive 7 p.m. Admission 2/6.
- 13 Sat. Dedication of St. John's Community Centre 3 p.m. Social and Dance 7-30 p.m.
- 14 Sun. **Advent 3.**
- 16 Tues. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
- 17 Wed. No Whist Drive tonight.
- 19 Fri. Pantomime 7-30 p.m.
- 20 Sat. Pantomime 7-30 p.m.
- 21 Sun. **Advent 4.**
- 22 Mon. St. Thomas A. & M. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.
- 23 Tues. Christmas Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. Admission 2/6.
- 24 Wed. **Christmas Eve.** "Midnight Communion" 11-45 p.m.
- 25 Thur. **Christmas Day.** Family Communion 9-15 a.m. Holy Communion (Ermine West) 8 a.m.
- 26 Fri. St. Stephen M. Holy Communion 9-30 a.m. Boxing Day Carnival Dance (Ermine West) 8 p.m.-12 p.m. Admission 2/6.

27 Sat. ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
Holy Communion (Ermine West)
9 a.m.

28 Sun. **Innocents' Day.**

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St. John's Register

Baptisms

Nov. 2 Janet Heather, daughter of Frank and Marjorie Taylor.

Michael Wayne, son of Peter and Evelyn Dickinson.

John, son of John and Betty Daley.

David Allen, son of Leslie and Phyllis Albans.

Marriages

Oct. 25 Michael Moore and Joyce Amelia Jollands.

Burials

Oct. 25 Eliza Leamy (75).

Nov. 1 Harry Bradbury (71).

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