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Ermine West Election

There was some very keen voting for the nine elected members of St. John the Evangelist Community Centre Management Committee, when the Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20th.

Of the fourteen candidates, eight who had previously served on the Appeal Committee were re-elected, Mr. Jagger, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Preece, Mr. Rushton and Mr. Spring. Mr. Baker (the manager of the Co-op), and Mr. Barratt were also elected.

The other nine members will be appointed by the Parochial Church Council after the Annual General Meeting of the parish on January 27th.

The Vicar expressed the thanks of the Appeal Committee to Mrs. Downs who had served as Secretary from its inception, and Mrs. Scarborough, who was also a founder member, and had organised the very successful series of Whist Drives. Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Scarborough were not standing for re-election.

Mrs. Williamson presented the financial report for the past year. With the building now erected and equipped, it looked as though we should be within £700 of the total cost. It was now necessary to raise this sum over the next 18 months, in addition to the everyday running expenses, and the repayment of mortgage. This is a goodly sum of money to raise, but with the continued support of the community this should not prove to be too difficult.

How Modern should a Modern Church be?

This is a vexed question, and one which concerns us all as we think about the building of St. John's Parish Church.

Mr. S. Scorer, a well-known Lincoln architect who has studied this problem in some detail, has designed a modern church to be built in Welwyn Garden City, and can therefore speak from experience.

At a meeting at St. John's Hall on Tuesday, 24th February, Mr. Scorer has kindly consented to give an illustrated talk on architecture in general, but with special reference to church buildings. There will be an opportunity for discussion afterwards. This is an open meeting, and we would like to see you there.

Confirmation School Parties

The Infant School party will be held at St. John's Hall on Friday, February 6th at 4-15 p.m.

The Junior School party will be held on Saturday, February 7th at 3-0 p.m.

SOCCER SPECTACULAR

One of the outstanding attractions of the Christmas holiday took place on Boxing day, when the bald and bearded men of St. John's accepted the challenge of the Youth Fellowship to a game of football.

The match took place at the fabulous Ravendale Stadium and although the weather was fine, heavy rain had left the pitch in perfect condition, with hardly a blade of grass to be seen down the middle and huge pools of water at both ends specially prepared for the goalkeepers.

A capacity crowd was expected, and although it wasn't necessary to close the gates before the kick-off, a ground record for a match of this type was established.

The Youth won the toss and took advantage of the brilliant sunshine by attacking the Ravendale end. Play was very fast, in fact a little too fast for some of the players, but a lot of good football was seen, including some clever acrobatic turns and spectacular dives by the "mens" goalie. As a matter of interest, it has been suggested that he might easily have qualified as England's "Under 23" goalie, if only he hadn't been 24!

There was no score at the interval, when certain players were seen to be drinking their lemon juice from suspicious looking bottles.

The game ended with a 1-0 win for the Youth Fellowship, the goal being scored by Jeremy Page in the last minute. It has been rumoured however, that the ref. took pity on them and extended the game by a minute or so to give them a last chance to save their faces.

However, everyone appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly and it is hoped to stage a return match on Easter Monday.

Teams:

YOUTH—Worthington; Dice, Freklington; —, Page M., Gadsby; Frecklington, Hartley, Spring, Page J., Hudson.

MEN—Appleby; Hodgkinson, Coles; Dent, Archibald, —; Parker, Harrison, Page W., Garner, Hewitt.

Referee—K. Priestley.



THE EVERGREEN CLUB PARTY HELD ON JANUARY 10th

The Lambeth Film

On Sunday, February 15th, Mr. Martin, the Area Secretary for the S.P.G. will be showing two very fine films at St. John's. There will be no sermon at Evensong, and the films will be shown immediately after the service. The first film is the colourful story of the meeting of the bishops at Lambeth last year, and it is a film which everybody ought to try and see. "The Last Candle" is the true and lovely story of a cripple boy in Africa.

Evensong is at the usual time of 6-30 p.m.

Tuesday Needlework

In any church there are always a thousand and one jobs needing to be done with a needle and thread. The choirboys' cassocks and surplices, the vestments for the priest and servers, the altar frontals, and altar linen, are continually being needed to be made or repaired. Some of the work is very simple and some very skilled, but all ladies who would care to help with this important work are invited to meet at church on the first Tuesday in each month at 2-30 p.m.

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The cupboard under the stairs will only hold so much, and if it is half full of junk, then it will hold correspondingly less of the important things that we really need. A thorough sort-out is obviously called for.

This is what Lent really means for us. A tidying up of our lives to make room for happiness. This business of sorting out what it is that keeps happiness out of our lives is called Confession. In the same way that a Doctor helps to get rid of what is bad in our bodies, a priest helps us to get rid of the badness in our souls. The result is more room for happiness.

A good Confession will make room in your heart for God's peace. There are two ways of keeping it there, and these could be your rules for the six weeks of Lent.

- (1) To join with God's family in worship every Sunday.
- (2) To set a time apart every day for prayer and bible reading.

During Lent

The Vicar will be in church to hear confessions or for private interviews at 7-15 p.m. on Saturdays, and on Shrove Tuesday, February 10th, at the following times: 6-30—7-30 a.m.; 2-0—2-30 p.m. and 5-30—6-0 p.m.



The Evening Service of Compline will be held every Tuesday during Lent at 9-15 p.m. Evening song will be said daily at 5-0 p.m. and on Saturday at 6-30 p.m.

What are King's Messengers ?

For those readers who are not familiar with the work of this group of children we give here brief details of the organization.

King's Messengers are boys and girls who have been baptized and who are banded together to help the work of the Church overseas through the Society for the Propagation of the gospel.

S.P.G. is an Anglican Missionary Society, founded in 1701, which has helped to build up the Church in every continent of the world. For more than 250 years its workers have served our own countrymen overseas as well as taking Christianity to non-Christians of other races. It has helped the Church in the U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand to become self-supporting, and it has trained and is continuing to train people of other races to become leaders of the Church in their own lands. Africa, India, China, Burma, Japan and the West Indies all have men of their own race who are their Bishops, or hold positions of responsibility in schools and

hospitals; but well qualified missionaries are still needed to work for them.

It is because our boys and girls want to help forward the work of this great Society that they become King's Messengers.

They LEARN about the work of the Church, particularly in the countries where S.P.G. works, through talks given at the meetings.

They PRAY for the work of the Church, for those who have gone out as missionaries and for those to whom they minister.

They GIVE their money and work and time, so that they may share in building God's Kingdom throughout the world.

The St. John's Branch is open to all boys and girls who attend the Junior Confirmation School and meets each Wednesday at 6-30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Members pay a weekly subscription of 2d. and look forward to their hour of Christian Fellowship within the structure of this great Missionary Society.

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ROUND THE CLUBS



Evergreen Club (West)

New members arrive each week, and Tuesday afternoons have become a regular date at St. John's Community Centre. A steering committee has been formed and it has soon achieved a high state of organisation.

An Annual General Meeting will be held in the Spring. Everyone should know one another by then and it will be possible to elect officers and committee for the next twelve months.

With the kind assistance of Miss Jahn of the City Library, a free lending library has now been established for the club. The problem of where to keep the books was solved when Mr. Eccleshare turned up with a good sized cupboard.

At the meeting on January 13th it was proposed and unanimously carried that Mr. Eccleshare be asked to become the President of the club.

(East)

On the evening of January 10th we held our New Years' Party and members entertained the Rev. John and Mrs. Hodgkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eccleshare, the Lay readers and Church Council members with their wives, Mrs. Stone who assists us with Horlicks and Ovaltine from the Red Cross, the Steering Committee of our Club on Ermine West and their own friends.

Many of our members were unable to be present owing to the cold weather and sickness but an enjoyable evening was held by 160 people.

Preparations are now in hand for our annual outing in June.

Mrs. W. T. Armstrong from St. Nicholas' Vicarage gave us a most enjoyable afternoon when with her grace and charm she spoke of her husband and children on a camping holiday.

Young Wives' Group

Our usual Christmas Parties again proved very successful, the children's party on 30th December was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Appleby organised the games and with the Committee members provided refreshments.

On Tuesday, 6th January, 1959 jointly with the Mothers' Union and Men's Fellowship we held our own party although it was very cold and wintry outside a grand sporting crowd turned up and were treated to an evening of games and dancing very well planned by Mr. Appleby who acted as M.C. The meal was first class and great credit must go to those members of the Young Wives' and Mothers' Union who prepared it. Many prizes were won, including one by our Vicar, Fr. John for being the champion "Hula-Hooper."

We have a very full and interesting series of programmes to look forward to, including "Old Tyme Dancing," Film shows, "Any Questions" and many more enjoyable evenings to come. There is still room for more Young Wives to join us and we meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month.

King's Messengers

Mrs. Harrison has consented to be the leader of the Young Boy's Corps section of the C.L.B., and her place as leader of the K.M's. has been taken by Mr. Parsons. All K.M's. would like to convey to Mrs. Harrison their appreciation of all that she has done for them since the group was formed.

With the resumption of activities after the Christmas break the group are continuing a very interesting study of the Church in Africa. Towards the end of the current session parents and friends will be invited to an "Open Evening," when work will be displayed, and short plays performed during a general "Overseas" evening.

Guide Notes

On Thursday, 15th January our Guides made a visit to the Scout Headquarters at the Glory Hole, to see three films introduced by "Coca-Cola." The guides were then given a bottle of "Coca-Cola," after which we made our way home after an entertaining evening.

C.L.B.

A section of the Young Boys Corps has now been registered with National Headquarters and there are a limited number of vacancies for boys between the ages of 8 and 10 years who attend Confirmation School. The object of the Brigade is to extend the Kingdom of Christ among boys and make them faithful members of the Church. The Chaplain and Commanding Officer will always be delighted to see any parent who would like to know more about the activities of the Brigade in general. The Company were distressed to hear that L/Cpl. J. Fisher was suddenly taken ill and wish him a speedy recovery.

St. John's Youth Club

The bus load from the club who went to see Beryl Reed and Audrey Jeans in "Jack and the Beanstalk," showing in Nottingham, all enjoyed the outing very much. The show was very good, and after stopping for some fish and chips on the way home we arrived back in Lincoln at about twelve o'clock.

Our Christmas party was a great success. We had jelly and fruit, sandwiches and cakes, and also fruit drinks. Paper hats were provided to give the evening a party atmosphere. We played all sorts of interesting games and we had a lot of dancing. The party ended at about eleven-fifteen and we hope everyone enjoyed it.

On Sunday evenings now a few of our club members are able to have more instruction from Mr. Archibald on how to play badminton. Also, other members can play billiards and table tennis. Later on in the evening we have some dancing and other games. The Sunday evenings are now only open to the worshipping members of St. John's Church who are over 15 years of age. A.D.S.

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What's on this month

Events marked * at St. John's Community Centre.

February

- 1 Sun. **Sexagesima.**
- 2 Mon. Purification of the B.V.M. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.
- 3 Tues. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
Whist Drive 7-30 p.m., Admission 2/-.*
- 4 Wed. Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.
Concert Party 7-30 p.m., Admission 1/-.*
- 5 Thur. Film "Like Paradise" 7-45 p.m.
- 6 Fri. Infant Confirmation School Party 4-15 p.m.
- 7 Sat. Junior Confirmation School Party 3 p.m.
- 8 Sun. **Quinquagesima.**
- 10 Tues. Mothers' Union 7-30 p.m.
- 11 Wed. **Ash Wednesday.** Holy Communion 9-15 a.m., 7-30 p.m.
- 15 Sun. **Lent I.**
- 16 Mon. Ruri-decanal Conference, St. Botolph's Hall 7-30 p.m.
- 17 Tues. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.*
- 18 Wed. Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.
- 22 Sun. **Lent II.**
- 24 Tues. St. Matthias A. & M. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.
- 25 Wed. Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.
- 27 Fri. British Railway Choir 7-30 p.m.*

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Jan. 4 David Gordon, son of Thomas and Ivy Launders.
- Richard Randle, son of Robert and Frances Dalrymple.
- Peter John, son of Frank and Dorothy Pearson.
- Denise, daughter of Arthur and Freda Montague.
- Malcolm Keith, son of Stanley and Ena Strickson.

Marriage

- Dec. 26 Robert Turner and Ann Jackson.

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Audrey Stentiford
- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Cattle Mrs. Wilson
- 15 Christine Shaw Mrs. J. Wilson
Valerie Arnold
- 22 Mrs. Taylor Mrs. Hodgkinson
Mrs. Pratt

March

- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Daines Mrs. Barsley

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 9-15 a.m.

EVENSONG, 6-30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 10-45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE, 2-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism is held on the first Sunday in each month at St. John the Baptist, and two weeks' notice should be given to the Vicar.

CONFIRMATION SCHOOLS

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

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