

## St. John's Community Centre

The New Look is complete at last. The wall and rear fence to St. John's Community Centre are now completed, and a handsome new notice board really catches the eye. The forecourt has been concreted, and at a later date something will have to be done about the ground at the back. All depends on how plans develop for extending the Centre.

The Bingo Committee are to be congratulated on the generous effort in running a special session in aid of the Spastic Appeal. This follows on the fine effort by the Whist Drive Committee in aid of the Blind.

### GALA NIGHT

Saturday, 10th November

7-30 — 11-0 p.m.

Dancing and refreshments and fun for all.

Note the date.

## Ermine Townwomen's Guild

At the October meeting of the Ermine Townwomen's Guild Mrs. Stowell was the speaker and her subject was 'Children in Care'. The November meeting is the annual General Meeting, when voting for the new committee takes place.

In response to an appeal from 'The Care of the Elderly' committee, an elderly lady has been adopted by the Guild.

D. LEE,  
Ass. Secretary

## Ghoulies and Ghosties

Friday, November 2nd is the date for the Friday Night Club's Hallowe'en Party. Members are coming marked with Turnip Lanterns; we hope that the 'Nightriders' group will play for jiving and twisting.

The Club now has 56 members and 10 people are on the waiting list. At a recent meeting some of our trophies came up for competition again. The Jive Cup was won by Kathryn Lee and Linda Phillips, the Twist Cup by Tony Lawson and Peter Blyth and the Dancing Cup by Linda Briggs and Barbara Freeman.

Plans are going ahead for the Club to put on a Christmas Entertainment the proceeds of which will be split between the Building Fund and Club Funds. The St. John's Drama Group are very nobly looking after the production of this entertainment which will be on December 21st.



## The Church is Growing

In every sense of the word, the Church is growing. Not only is the Church building coming along well but the Family of the Church is increasing both in adults and children. The picture illustrates part of this truth.

The Loyalty Dinner held on October 16th was a vivid illustration of the growth in adults, and the fellowship which is growing amongst them.

The parish can be proud of the teams of twenty men and twenty women who have given up so much of their time to visit the families of the

Church. 160 families have shouldered their financial responsibilities and generously responded to the Appeal.

Over £4,100 has been promised during the next three years, and this means that we can look forward to considerable progress on the building of our Parish Church. More important still this means that a lot of families are learning to say thank you to God, and they alone know the joy that this gives.

A special thank you to those who have accepted positions of special responsibility during the Planned Giving Canvass. Ken Priestley, General Chairman; Mrs. A. Dixon, Hostess Chairman; Les Smith, Canvass Chairman; Sydney Ashton, Initial Gifts Chairman; Cecil Robinson, Arrangements Chairman; Jim Gregory, Teams Chairman; and Hostess Vice-Chairmen Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Wilson.

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Most of you, especially those who are mothers of young children, will have met the health visitor already and will be familiar to some extent with her work.

Although she is primarily concerned with the health of expectant and nursing mothers and young children, she is concerned also with the welfare of the whole family. She visits each mother when the baby is 14 days old and then at various periods until the child is 5 years of age. At school she attends medical examinations and also visits the school during the term for hygiene inspections and to discuss with the head teacher any problems which may arise.

As many of you will know, at the infant welfare clinic mothers can ask her advice about infant feeding and management. There is also a doctor present to examine the children if necessary to give advice and carry out immunisation.

To remind you of the **Ravendale Clinic** sessions: they are held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** between **2 to 4 p.m.**

We are delighted with the new clinic and I am sure you are, and as more people avail themselves of its services so the atmosphere of friendship and helpfulness will grow.

Expectant mothers attending the new **Stork Club** each **Wednesday, 2 to 4 p.m.** will support me in this I know. This club, which started with five mothers, is increasing in size and one mother remarked last week, "I look forward to this all week". Here the expectant mother receives simple instruction about the art of relaxation, preparation

for the new baby and motherhood and talks are given by the midwives, health visitors and medical officer of health amongst others. Here too she can talk over her fears and problems not only with the health visitor but with other expectant mothers. I have a high regard for this aspect of the work and would urge expectant mothers to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The health visitor does not work in isolation but aims to work in co-operation with your family doctor and other people concerned with the family welfare; people such as the school teacher and the parish priest.

I have been pleased with the welcome I have received in the homes I have visited during my short time on Ermine East. The children too are particularly friendly as I meet them in the street and I look forward to making acquaintance with many more families in the future.

BARBARA LEES.

### Journey to Rome

The twelve classes which make up the 10-30 a.m. Junior Confirmation School are engaged in a Race to Rome. During the school we are doing a study of the life of St. Paul, stoned, whipped, put in prison, shipwrecked and covering many miles to tell the world about the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have a big map drawn by Susan Tatton and on this is marked St. Paul's last journey from Jerusalem to Rome. Children earn points for their class by regular attendance. The journey is divided into 300 points and each week Andrew Mason calculates how far the classes have got. At the moment Andrew Chamberlain's class is just in the lead.

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## Coaches and Turnpikes

Do you know where Dunston Pillar is—the base still stands today with a main road nearby. Five years after its erection, where a lantern was kept burning to guide travellers over the heath to Lincoln, roads in this district as well as others in Saxilby areas, were handed over to the Turnpike Trusts and they undertook road repairs. An 'Act' was passed to enable Trustees to set up Toll Gates in payment. There was one in Lincoln at the end of Canwick Road near the cemetery. Better roads meant more road transport.

Carrier carts and stage coaches have quite a history from about 1650 coming to and from Lincoln. The Royal Coach (James I) came to Lincoln in 1617, although King James left his coach and went horse-racing on the heath, while the Mayor and clergy who waited to welcome him were left standing.

By 1810, after the improvement of so many roads by the Turnpike Trusts, a regular daily service of coaches left the Saracen's Head and Spread Eagle in High Street. Carrier waggons conveying merchandise, two of which left for London each week completed the journey in four days.

It was possible to reach Scarborough by coach in one day. By using the railway for part of the journey (the Royal Mail coach leaving the Saracen's at 6-30 p.m., after travelling through Bourne arrived at Peterborough), from Peter-



borough to Euston by train, the traveller arrived by 6 a.m. The service by Kettering and Northampton took rather longer.

In those days the Saracen's Head certainly knew the clatter of hoofs, tooting horns, smell of horses as coach after coach pulled out to the minute. Here are but a few—

- 7-45 a.m. daily, 'Royal Mail Coach' for Hull.
- 1-0 p.m. daily 'Royal Mail Coach' for Grantham.
- 5- 0 p.m. daily, 'Royal Mail Coach' for Nottingham.
- 12- 0 noon, 'The Imperial' to Newark and Nottingham.
- 9- 0 a.m., 'The Tally-Ho' for London.
- 2-15 p.m., another for Hull.
- 3- 0 p.m., 'The Defiance' to Louth.
- 5- 0 a.m., 'The Pelham' for Masborough via Rotherham.

These were the great coaching days of Tom Brown and Mr. Pickwick.

## Church Lads' Brigade

The St. John's Company of the Church Lads' Brigade continues to grow in strength. The Annual Inspection of the Company was on October 1st when the inspecting officer was Major the Rev. W. T. Armstrong, senior chaplain Northern Command T.A. and Vicar of St. Nicholas. Mr. Armstrong who looked extremely smart was very pleased with the behaviour and appearance of all the Officers and Boys of our Company.

Any boys who would like to join the Company will be welcome at St. John's Hall, Laughton Way on any Monday evening.

## Birth to Nine Months

At the Christmas Fair on December 1st there will be a stall selling everything a baby needs in

its first nine months. Come and buy your Christmas presents here, the money is all being given to Home and Foreign Missions.

## TALENT!

All the groups associated with the Church are having some effort to help raise money for the Building Fund. The Young Wives' Group have a talent scheme. Each member has been asked to do something they are good at and to give the profits to the fund. Some are making jam or marmalade or pickles, selling to friends, keeping enough money to cover the cost and giving the profit. Others are holding coffee parties or giving hair dos.

A prize will be presented by Mr. Ken Priestley, chairman of the Appeal Committee, to the young wife whose talents produce the most.

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# WHAT'S ON?

November

- 1 Thu. **All Saints' Day.** Holy Communion, 7-15 a.m.
- 4 Sun. **Trinity 20.**
- 6 Tue. Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m.
- 7 Wed. St. John's E. Management Committee.
- 8 Thu. } Drama Group
- 9 Fri. }
- 10 Sat. West Gala Night, 7-30—11-0 p.m.
- 11 Sun. **Trinity 21.** At Evensong 6-30 p.m., Film Unit from S.P.G.
- 13 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 14 Wed. P.C.C., 7-45 p.m.
- 18 Sun. **Trinity 22.** Interchange of pulpits throughout the city.
- 20 Tue. Young Wives' Group.
- 25 Sun. **Trinity 23.**

December

- 1 Sat. Christmas Fair.
- 2 Sun. **Advent Sunday.**

## St. John's Register

### Baptisms

- Oct. 7 Denise, daughter of Clifford and Eileen Fox.  
Paul Andrew, son of Edward and Greta Stimpson.  
Carol Lesley, daughter of Malcolm and Brenda Grundy.
- „ 14 Christopher Ian Robin, son of Claude and Ida Henderson.
- „ 21 Alison and Joanne, daughters of John and Barbara Raddings.  
Helen, daughter of Robert and Barbara Burrell.  
Denise Elizabeth, daughter of Francis and Jean Hickson.  
Deborah Jane, daughter of Leslie and Doreen Meredith.  
John Mark, son of Arthur and Cynthia Bilton.

### 'At Rest'

- Sept. 25 Ethel Coney, 67 years.  
Nellie Greaves, 52 years.
- Oct. 23 Frank Henry Thistleton, 58 years.

## Christmas Fair

December 1st

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### Home and Foreign Missions

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### Confirmation Day Fixed

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1963

The Dean of Lincoln will be visiting St. John's on Sunday, March 31st to confirm adults and boys and girls during the Family Communion at 9-0 a.m.

Boys and Girls are presented for Confirmation during their third or fourth year at a Senior School, and classes are now being held every Sunday morning at St. John the Baptist at 11-45 a.m.

Classes for adults and older teenagers will be started after Christmas, but it would be helpful if names were given to the clergy as soon as possible.

### Care of the Elderly

The Church has agreed to assist the Council for the Care of the Elderly by arranging for Church Representatives to be responsible for the regular visiting of all elderly people in the parish.

It will take some time to find out where all the elderly folk live, and there are some of them of course, who won't want to be visited. We are looking for men and women who will undertake to visit six elderly people about once a month. If you wish to help will you please contact the clergy.

There are many services and helps available to elderly people through the Council and the Church Representative would help to co-ordinate these services, e.g. meals on wheels, free outings, food parcels, etc.

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### St. John the Baptist

Family Communion, 9-00 a.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3-45 p.m.—Two weeks notice please to clergy.

#### St. John the Evangelist

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Evensong, 1st Sunday in the month at 6-30 p.m.

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