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ASH WEDNESDAY

EVENING COMMUNION

7-30 p.m.

The Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral, the Rev. Canon N. S. Rathbone will give the address at the service on Wednesday evening, February 27th.

Ash Wednesday is, of course, the first day of Lent, when all Christians are called to a time of special prayer and fasting. Make a good start by coming to this service.

There will be refreshments after the service and a chance to meet and talk with one another.

GENTLEMEN ENTERTAIN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

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63 CLUB



A new style Youth Club for the 15's to 21's opened at St. John's on Friday, January 25th.

The latest jive records, a well-stocked coffee bar and as few rules as possible form the basis of a good club. Here is the meeting ground for the young folk of our parish and their friends.

There may be non-stop dancing in the hall, but there is plenty of chance to gather in the softly lit coffee bar and read and chat. For those who don't like coffee there is ice cold Coca-cola.

Various excursions are being planned to the coast and places of interest, and from time to time competitions will be held. One competition that seems to be popular is the best snap-shot and the best coloured slide.

Visiting Jive Groups will be welcomed, and amongst the best is our own local group, "The Casuals", whose rapid rise to success is told on the back page, and whose photograph is shown in this column.

New Guide Captain

Miss Christine Tinker who has been Captain of the Girl Guide Company at St. John the Evangelist since its formation three years ago, will soon be leaving to get married.

This is a suitable time to thank her for all her work in forming the Company and leading it over these three years.

Welcome now to Mrs. Buckthorpe of 31 Garfield Close, who will become the new Captain.

Over 21 Club

Successful parties have been held in past weeks, one for 60 children who were fed, entertained and sent home with a gift. This party was organised by Mrs. Flintham, Mrs. Flatters, Mrs. Wadsworth and Mrs. Johnson.

The Adult Party on January 2nd was organised by Mrs. Sidebottom and Mrs. Wadsworth as joint M.C.'s.

Forty-five members braved the snow and ice to go to the pantomime, "The Princess and the Frog" at Bradford on January 12th. They left Lincoln at 1-30 p.m. and arrived home at 1-45 a.m. There were a lot of worried Dads, but the Mums arrived home in great form.

C.L.B. News

Handball. On Friday, January 18th, 15 boys from St. John's Company went to take part in the Diocesan Handball Competition at Scunthorpe.

Grimsby Battalion team was successful and it will go on to the area finals, and with a bit of luck, the National finals.

Royal Review. It is hoped to take three boys from this Company to the Royal Review at Windsor next July. This Review is to celebrate 75 years of C.L.B., and the boys will be inspected by H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Camp. Bookings for this year's camp are now closed and 52 Officers and boys will be spending a week at the Y.M.C.A. Camp, Winthorpe, Skegness.

Engineering. A course of Motor Engineering will begin in the near future under Mr. K. Parnham, who is a qualified motor engineer.

SUNDAY NIGHT PLAYS

At Evensong at 6-30 p.m. during Lent instead of a sermon, there will be a series of plays depicting the history of the church.

Also, during Lent there will be refreshments available after Evensong, when the Coffee Bar will be open until 8-00 p.m.

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An exhortation in the Prayer Book which is not often used suggests what we should do on the night before we come to a Communion Service.

1. Repent: Say "Help me, Holy Spirit to know my sins and to be truly sorry", and then think over the things you have done wrong or might have done better. Tell God about these things, ask for his help to do better and try to think how you can make up for them.

2. Believe: Remember that God is always ready and wanting to receive and forgive us. Trust in God and say, "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief".

3. Be glad: Coming to Communion is a happy occasion when Christians meet joyfully at God's command; come out of love for Jesus. As preparation say this prayer:

"O Lord Jesus Christ, my saviour, give me your Body and Blood in this precious sacrament, that you may cleanse me, strengthen me and draw me closer and closer to you. Help me to love and serve you more faithfully until I come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen."

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FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

The Club has had a busy month. After Christmas we put on a Christmas Concert in which more than thirty members of the Club took part; there were sketches, singing, playing and dancing with the full cast on the stage for the final chorus.

The week after was the Christmas Party when fifty three Club members sat down to a fish (cake) and chip supper followed by jellies and trifles and

cakes galore. Games and dancing followed and the party ended with a display of conjuring by Mr. John Thursby.

On January 18th we had the film "Lavender Hill Mob", an Ealing Studio production which was much enjoyed. Our plans for the future include a trip to London and competitions with other Clubs.

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This photograph was taken on the occasion of the first presentation of awards to the Janet Ashton School of Dancing. Twenty-two girls were entered for the Royal Academy of Dancing examinations and they all passed. In four and a half years the girls have grown almost beyond recognition so I'll include their names. Annette Madry, Linda Knighton, Julie Pompa, Jennifer Robinson, Beverley Parsons, Sandra Matthews,

Charmaine Collins, Carol Davies, Linda Garner, Cheryl Mumby, Mary Roberts, Janet Dickinson, Marion Malloes, Margaret Garner, Sandra Turner, Christine Vincent, Christine Galloway, Joan Barrett, Angela Blow, Marta Szczpanska, Janice Reams, Jacqueline Dean.

Miss Ashton has now become Mrs. Seddon, but the Janet Ashton School of Dancing still goes on from strength to strength.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTIES

St. John the Baptist Infants

had their party on December 29th. This unfortunately clashed with a works Christmas Party, but even so a good number of children turned up and greatly enjoyed the tea provided by Mrs. Wilson and her helpers. Some games were organized by Fr. Bill with Miss Driver providing the music. With games, films and tea the children had a happy afternoon.

St. John the Evangelist Infants

party was on January 5th. Mrs. Johnson decorated the hall and brought along a Christmas tree and the children demolished a fine, big tea. There were games and films. It is hard to say which the children preferred, Abbott and Costello or the Chimp Circus, but we can be sure that a good time was had by all.

St. John the Baptist Juniors

gathered in hordes for their party on January 5th, the first child arriving well over an hour before the party was due to begin, and at least forty came

twenty minutes before opening time. The tea was prepared by the hard working teachers and provided by parents of the competitors! We had films and games and the party ended when a net was lowered from the ceiling and balloons in dozens were rained upon the waiting children.

St. John the Evangelist Juniors

instead of having an orthodox party went to the Theatre Royal on January 8th to see the production of Humpty Dumpty. We understand that the Theatre is still there and even yet prepared to offer reduced rates for parties.

The Confirmation School Party

was the last one to be held and took the form of a Fish and Chip Supper on January 19th. After supper we saw a comic adventure of three small bears and saw the very fine Disney film 'Bear Country'. Some records were played and the inevitable argument began over Cliff and Elvis and on this high note Christmas Parties 1962 came to a happy end.

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WHAT'S ON?

February

- 3 Sun. **Epiphany 4.**
- 5 Tues. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 6 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 10 Sun. **Septuagesima.**
- 11 Mon. St. J. E. Management Committee, 7-45 p.m.
- 12 Tues. Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m.
- 17 Sun. **Sexagesima.**
- 20 Wed. 'Gentlemen Entertain', 7-30 p.m.
- 24 Sun. **Quinquagesima.**
- 26 Tues. Collections Committee, 7-30 p.m.
- 27 Wed. **ASH WEDNESDAY.**
Evening Communion, 7-30 p.m. The Chancellor, the Rev. Canon N. S. Rathbone.

March

- 3 Sun. **First Sunday in Lent.**

St. John's Register

Baptism

Jan. 20 Andrew Mark, son of Kenneth and Norma Bohlman.

Burial

Jan. 23 John Henry Horton, aged 77.

Dick Taverne, M.P.

St. John's Young Wives' Group which meets alternate Tuesday evenings at 7-45 p.m. continues to arrange evenings to suit all tastes.

On March 12th Mr. Sansbury, who is an extremely fine artist, will be coming to talk and show examples about 'Modern Art'. On March 26th the Rev. David Wilcox, Sub-Warden of Lincoln Theological College will talk on 'Presenting Religion to Children'.

On April 9th, Dick Taverne will be visiting the Group to talk about his work, and there will be plenty of time for 'Any Questions'.

THE CASUALS

Two years ago on Friday nights at St. John's Community Centre two lads used to come to the Junior Fellowship and practise with their guitars. They made such good progress that their parents allowed themselves to be badgered into buying electrical instruments.

John Tebb of 10 Sudbrooke Drive, and Howard Newcome of 1 Wellingore Road were now developing their technique with their Hoffner Colourama guitars and producing quite a lot of sound through an eight watt Hohner amplifier.

The Group was built up by the addition of Don Fortune on drums, and 'The Casuals' were ready to accept engagements. The name was really Howard's idea. He was looking through a magazine and saw an advert. for a pair of trousers—Glenford Casuals—and it struck him that it sounded better as the name of a group, so The Casuals came into being.

Fortnightly bookings at the Carpenter's Arms Dance Hall at Fenton have led to many other engagements at Immingham, Retford, Gainsborough, Ripley, Scunthorpe, Cleethorpes Pier, and on the coast.

This summer saw the Group in a position to improve its equipment and the guitars now in use are the famous Fender Stratocasters at nearly £200 each. Another £142 is going on a bigger amplifier, a Vox Super Twin, which as The Casuals say, is one size bigger than the amplifier used by The Shadows.

On February 1st The Casuals will be playing at the 63 Club.

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Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

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