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Thirty Tons in Three Nights



Volunteers working on the site at St. John's new church moved thirty tons of earth with shovel and wheel-barrow in three evenings. A few of the workers are shown in the above photograph, but there are many more who just weren't present on that particular night.

It is well worth noting however, that the Rev. Frank Barker, Minister of the Congregational Church came and spent an evening digging with us; a fine gesture which has been much appreciated. Reading from left to right, Sydney Ashton, Fr. John, Don Thompson, David Barsley, Jim Parker,

Rev. Frank Barker, Horace Lincoln, Margaret Parker and Cecil Robinson. The two boys in front are Keith and Kevin Robinson. Fr. Bill took the photo.

Besides moving earth, a wooden fence has been built and a good start has been made on the interior decorations.

There is still a lot to do before October 6th and all volunteers are welcome anytime, but especially on the main work nights, Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Ermine to Great Staughton

After three and a half eventful years as Assistant Curate at St. John's, the Rev. W. J. T. Brockie (better known as Father Bill) will be leaving us to become Chaplain of a Borstal, and Vicar of the small parish nearby.

This will be a sad occasion for us, for we have come to know and love Fr. Bill and Jenny and their wee daughter Anne. Nevertheless, we rejoice with them as they go forward to a new work.

The date of institution as Vicar of Great Staughton is not fixed yet, but it will be sometime in November. Anyone who wishes to contribute to a farewell present should contact either the church wardens or the vicar.

Fr. Bill writes of his new work:—

The Parish of Great Staughton, and to give it the older name, Staughton Magna, bears no relation to Orbiston Parva of Peter Sellars fame. It is an area of about 10 square miles and contains 875 people living in the hamlets of Great Staughton, Staughton Green, Staughton Highway, Staughton Moor, Agden, West Perry, Dillington; and another 300 people living in Gaynes Hall Borstal Institution. The Vicar of Great Staughton is usually the Chaplain of Gaynes Hall. The parish lies to the west of the Great North Road as it goes through Buckden in Huntingdonshire and it is within the diocese of Ely.

St. Andrew's Church is a lovely building built between the thirteenth and sixteenth centuries and containing some very fine old monuments, among them one to a man who signed the death warrant for Charles I, and one to a member of the crew of H.M.S. Centurion, one of the early ships to sail round the world. At the moment there is much restoration work to be done to the church and there is an appeal for £10,000.

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Wednesday, 4th September at 7-30 p.m. Place the Ravendale Clinic.

So many of you have been asking if you can form a club; a sort of follow-on from our Stork Club for some, for others a new venture. A welcome break from the home routine, a chance to discuss problems with others if you wish to do so, an opportunity to hear speakers of interest, their subjects varying from health to holidays.

We have been invited to the opening meeting of the 'City' Mother's Club at the Occupation Centre on September 19th at 7-30 p.m. to give us an idea of their activities.

Please do come to our first meeting and then we can discuss the proposed programme for the following year.

Mothers take note that it is **your** club, so please attend if you can. Further notices of meetings will be shown at Ravendale Clinic.

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FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

Most weeks during the holidays have seen some activity of the Friday Night Club. Twice the members were foolhardy enough to go swimming at Boutham Baths.

In Trip Week a small group was taken round the stage dressing rooms, etc., of the Theatre Royal by Mr. Stephen Webber the production manager. As we stood on stage amongst the scenery of Maria Marten we saw most of the props; the same small group also went to the theatre to see the show, and enjoyed it immensely.

The club members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sternfield at Ivy Lodge Farm, Holton-cum-Beckering. The twenty odd people were packed on a trailer and taken on a tour of the farm; we then met the animals including a fifteen hour old calf and later its father. We then had hot dogs round a blazing fire, wandered through the woods and came home. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Sternfield for a grand evening.

At the time of writing we still have an under sixteen dance at the Community Centre, music by the Falcons, and a visit to Smiths Crisps to complete the Summer Programme.

The Club re-opens with a party on September 6th, again dancing to the Falcons. We have a good programme arranged for the Autumn Session; a visit to Whitton's Bakery, a visit from the Judo Club and some films and perhaps next year a visit to Great Staughton.

Gift from the Copperbelt

One of the first gifts to be received for the new church came all the way from Northern Rhodesia and consists of a pair of hand made copper flower troughs.

Pat and Neil Griffin, whose idea and gift this is, remember St. John's in the 'early days', seven or eight years ago. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Coleman of 4 Bassingham Crescent and she was our first regular pianist.

In Rhodesia Pat still plays for church and on some occasions she and Neil have had to get up early, see to the children and then all travel twenty-five miles to get to church for morning service.

OCTOBER MISSION

For eight days beginning Saturday, October 12th, two nuns and eight theological students will be living in the parish.

Hospitality is required for these people who are giving their services during this week. Lists are up in church asking for the names of those who will provide bed and breakfast for one of the missionaries. Another list is for those who will invite one of the missionaries to join them on one occasion for dinner or tea.

It is the intention that the missionaries should have tea and dinner each day at some other house than the one where they are staying.

25 House Meetings

Special services will be arranged on the two Sundays, but on Monday to Friday it is hoped to arrange five house meetings a night so that the missionaries may come and meet you and talk with you.

Would you be prepared to invite your friends and neighbours to meet some of the missionaries in your home?

CONSECRATION DAY

October 6th

9-0 a.m. Consecration of St. John's Parish Church

By the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, Bishop of Lincoln.

3-0 p.m. Civic Service

To be attended by the Mayor and Sheriff, Clergy and Representatives of Lincoln's Churches.

Address by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon V. I. Dalby.

6-30 p.m. The Family Communion.

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Chess by Post

Comic cartoons have spread the idea (an erroneous idea actually) that chess is a very slow game. Even so, the most wildly imaginative cartoonist would hesitate to suggest that a game might take two years to play.

There is one form of the game, however, that does need two years or more. This is chess played at the international level, by post, between teams from different countries.

Each move is written on a postcard, using a numerical code by which any move on the chess-board can be represented by a four figure number. The card is then sent by air-mail.

One of our parishioners, 'Ossy' Dixon of 3 Welbourne Gardens, is engaged in this fascinating hobby. He is currently playing in three British

teams against Russia, Czechoslovakia and India, and the games will probably end in 1965. He expects to lose against the Russian, as chess is the national game in Russia and their team is the strongest by far in the world.

Although there are many thousand people who play chess seriously in this country, not many of them care for chess by post due to the long time needed to complete the games and the great amount of spare time used up in careful analysis. For instance, in the winter which is the busiest time for postal players, Ossy can spend up to 15 hours a week working out moves for games and up to 20 games can be played simultaneously.

In this form chess requires careful working out of almost an infinite number of variations, rather than a special aptitude for the game.

Sunday School Outing

We were lucky to have a brilliantly hot day for the Sunday School Outing to Mablethorpe. A packed coach left the estate and reached the coast by a devious route, and, wonder of wonder, we could see the sea from the coast.

The party split into small groups and greatly enjoyed the day. We met for tea, provided by the church and organised and prepared by Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Cottrell in Mablethorpe Parish Hall. Great thanks are due to these ladies for their efforts.

We returned home on the dot of the advertised time after a fine day.

Balloon Race Result

A balloon race was staged from the Cornhill, Lincoln on Saturday, July 6th in aid of the Parish Church Building Fund.

A rainy afternoon didn't help matters, but a goodly number of balloons set off on their journey towards Grimsby and it seems that most of them must have come down in the North Sea. Nevertheless the furthest travelled balloon to be recovered and sent back to Lincoln came from Anne Doughty of 21 Scarthoe Road, Scarthoe, Grimsby. The prize of a Premium Bond goes to the sender of this balloon, M. Vaughan, 6 Kirkby Street, Lincoln.

Young Wives and Mothers' Union

For four and a half years we have had two groups for women meeting at St. John's, the Young Wives' Group and the Mother's Union. Both groups have similar aims and programmes.

At the last meeting of the Young Wives' Group in July it was decided that it would be the most practical thing to join the Mothers' Union and to

concentrate on one group and one really good programme.

The Mothers' Union will meet every fortnight during the coming session and the first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at St. John's Hall at 7-45 p.m.

In Memory of . . .

Flowers soon fade away, but a pew in St. John's new church will be a fitting memorial and thanksgiving for centuries. Furthermore, a memorial like this will be doing untold good.

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WHAT'S ON?

September

- 1 Sun. **Trinity 12.**
- 4 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 7 Sat. Evergreen Garden Party, 2-30 p.m.
- 8 Sun. **Trinity 13.**
Sunday Schools re-open.
- 9 Mon. Monday Night Group, 8-0 p.m.
- 10 Tues. Mother's Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 11 Wed. St. J.E. Management Committee, 7-30 p.m.
- 15 Sun. **Trinity 15.**
- 18 Wed. Visitation of Elderly (East) Quarterly Report Meeting, 7-45 p.m.
- 21 Sat. **St. Matthew.**
Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
- 22 Sun. **Trinity 15.**
- 23 Mon. Monday Night Group, 8-0 p.m.
- 28 Sat. Conference at Old Palace, 2-30 p.m.
- 29 Sun. Harvest Festival at St. John the Evangelist (Ermine West), 10-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

Musical Afternoon

On Tuesday, August 13th Canon O. Jones brought two friends of his, Sgt. Jack Swift and Miss Mary Johnson to give a concert to the Evergreen Club (West).

Canon Jones seated himself at the piano and introduced the items and played the accompaniment. Sgt. Swift sang old favourites such as Love's Old Sweet Song and There is a Tavern in the Town. Mary Johnson sang and also danced the Charleston. The three guests were then joined by Mr. Abbott to make a quartet to 'render' the old barber shop favourite, Nellie Dean.

Club members went on a day's outing to Bridlington on August 27th.

Harvest Festivals

St. John the Evangelist (Ermine West). September 28th, 10-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

St. John's Parish Church. Wednesday, October 9th, 7-30 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- July 21 Lorraine Angela, daughter of Derek and June Waite.
Janet, daughter of Alan and Barbara Mellars.
- Aug. 4 Andrew Clive, son of Walter and Winifred Flatters.
Hayley Susan, daughter of Anthony and Nora Morgan.
- „ 18 Deborah Ann, daughter of David and Betty Lawson.
Janine Dorinda, daughter of Colin and Winifred Fearnley.
Jane Elizabeth, daughter of John and Florence Morris.
Neil, son of Dennis and Sylvia Johnson.
Lynda May, daughter of George and Ann Smith.

Funerals

- July 23 Florence Amelia Allen, aged 70.
- Aug. 14 Judd Cattle, aged 58.

Evergreen Club (East)

We are planning to hold our first Garden Party on September 7th (Saturday) and trust you will favour us with your support.

Our Target is £100 as Evergreen contribution to our Church.

We have been fortunate to catch the sunny days to see the countryside at its best and have travelled over 500 miles since our Annual Week last May, so one more sunny day for our Garden Party and with your help we hope to achieve our Target.

Ermine Evening Townswomen's Guild

The Autumn Session commences for all sections in September. Social Studies have a full programme. Music section requires two or more soprano voices.

Dressmaking in Arts and Crafts section is well in hand.

We are going to Bournville for our annual outing on October 16th.

A very warm welcome to all new members.

G. DIXON,
Chairman.

St. John's Church Ermine

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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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