

ERMINE'S FIRST MAYOR OF LINCOLN



On May 19th Councillor Arthur Stanley Woolhouse became the first Ermine resident to serve as the Mayor of Lincoln. Mrs. Jessie Woolhouse, though born at Brigg, has spent most of her life in Lincoln and she joins her husband as the Mayoress. The first twenty-four years of their married life were spent on St. Giles, but for the last two years they have lived at 22 Barkston Gardens. Their two sons, Kevin and Howard are both working in the city, Kevin in the Fire Brigade and Howard at the 'Echo'.

Councillor Woolhouse first represented the Ward in 1956 and has not lost an election yet. The last time he was returned with his majority increased by 1,005. During that time he has been greatly concerned as Chairman of the Children's Committee, and he was chairman of the Librarys, Museum and Art Gallery Committee. As Mayor he will not serve on committees except for the rest of his term on the Education Committee.

Eight years from first election to becoming

Mayor of Lincoln! The appointment of Mayor is above party politics, and although the appointment is made by the Leader of the Council, there is an understanding that the appointment is made strictly according to seniority. As, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Woolhouse will have the assistance of a secretary to deal with his correspondence, a Town Clerk to advise on legal matters, and a chauffeur and car, complete with the Mayor's Officer who is the official Sword Bearer on ceremonial occasions.

There is of course a Mayor's Parlour at the Guildhall and this is a private room which may be used by the mayor for work or entertaining as he thinks fit. In between his many functions as Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor Woolhouse will continue to work at his usual job at Ruston Bucyrus.

The residents of Ermine (East and West) will I am sure join with me in wishing our first Mayor and Mayoress a very happy year. J.H.

Football Buster

The promoter of the Ermine West Community Centre Football Buster would like to express his thanks to all who supported us through the years it ran and a special thanks to all the agents for their co-operation.

RON WILLIAMSON.

Welcome to Father Barry

Barry Etherington was made Deacon in Lincoln Cathedral at an Ordination Service held by the Bishop of Lincoln on Sunday, May 31st. Fr. Barry will serve in St. John's Parish as Assistant Curate and he and his wife, Anne, are now living at St. John's House, Sudbrooke Drive.

CHURCHES UNITE

At the meeting of representatives of St. John's, Ermine Congregational and Ermine West Methodist Churches plans were made for future united action. Most important was the decision to meet on the first Tuesday in every month for study together in groups. The first meeting will be on September 1st at Ermine West Methodist Church.

Imp Accepts Challenge

On behalf of St. John's Church, Father John challenged Reg, mine host of the Lincoln Imp, to raise teams for a three fold competition. The match to be held on a Wednesday evening on the playing fields (Woodhall Drive) and to consist of a cricket match, a tug-of-war and a 400 yards relay.

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 ★ **Patronal Festival** ★
 ★ *Nativity of St. John the Baptist* ★
 ★ **Wednesday, June 24th** ★
 ★ **EVENING COMMUNION** ★
 ★ 7-30 p.m. ★
 ★ (Address: The Rev. Colin Evans) ★
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Care of the Elderly (East)

Visitors are needed to visit elderly people in several areas. Each visitor is asked to visit up to six people once a month and to report on their welfare at a meeting held twice a year.

If you would like to help please contact the clergy or Mrs. Hills, 43 Welton Gardens.

£40 for Children

A tea party arranged for May 13th in the Vicarage Garden was held at the Parish Hall because of the weather. Nevertheless, Mrs. Dixon, who organised it was able to report that £40 had been raised for the work of the Church of England Children's Society.

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Holy Land Pilgrimage

A Tourist asks, "Is this the exact spot where Christ was crucified?" but this is not a Pilgrim's question. It is sufficient to worship in the Holy Land, and to get a better understanding of the Gospels.

Old Jerusalem, Jordan, is little changed from Bible days. Its name no longer means City of Peace, with its barbed wire and closed gates. The Golden Gate or Gate Beautiful, has been bricked in by the Muslims to prevent the expected Messiah entering Jerusalem that way, for they believe their ruling would then end.

The golden dome of the rock, a mosque built on the site of the sacrifice of Isaac, marks the temple area where pilgrims spend much time. Here are the Church of the Ascension on the highest point; the Church of Paternoster where the Lord's Prayer was first used and whose walls show this prayer in fifty-three languages; the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which contains the last five Stations of the Cross and also five different types of Christian worship. We were allowed to enter the Mosque after removing our shoes and covering heads and arms.

Each Friday the Franciscans lead a pilgrimage from the House of Caiaphas, along the Via Dolorosa, pausing at each Station of the Cross. Crowds join in, until the procession stretches for a mile along the narrow alleys. Finally, they reach the Church of the Sepulchre. Our leader, the Bishop of Warrington, took us on this route at six o'clock in the morning, but even then the donkeys and human beasts-of-burden were struggling up the steep incline with heavy loads for the bazaars. The veiled women carry loads on their heads.

In the Garden of Gethsemane the Easter lilies were in full bloom and ripe oranges and lemons

hung from the trees. Some of the cypress trees were there in the time of Christ on earth. These trees have sent up new trunks from their roots. Here is the lovely Church of All Nations which was donated by U.S.A. Its alabaster windows throw a red light on the scene of Christ's agony.

Bethlehem is unchanged. Water is drawn from Mary's Well and shepherds live with their sheep. The crypt of the Church of the Nativity has a star on the floor which is said to mark the spot where the Christ-Child was born. Little children sit there for hours, holding lighted candles.

The Jordanians refuse to be photographed. They think the camera is an evil eye. The Bethlehem shepherds hustled their flocks away from us and the Bedouins removed their camels. At the Good Samaritan Khan, the desert riders closed the stable doors on their Arab horses.

At Jacob's Well at Schechem, the Greek priest allowed our Bishop to bless some water for our Joint Communion of all denominations. That day our pilgrimage ended at the Dead Sea where we proved that we could not sink in the salt water. Later, when the salt stuck, even after a bath, we agreed that Lot's wife might well have turned into a pillar of salt.

I visited the Helen Keller Homes and workshops and brought back samples of work done by the blind. The deaf and dumb children were delighted with pens from St. John's, Ermine.

Our passports were retained at Amman until we crossed No Man's Land into New Jerusalem, Israel. We then went on to Tiberias, Galilee. Perhaps the Editor will allow space later for a description of life in a Kibbutz and the strange Druse tribe.

ANN JOHNSON.

BROWNIES

During the course of our Brownie Meetings we try to embody work with games, thereby making it as entertaining as possible. The Brownies at present are having fun making a chart for their particular corners and as a token of encouragement I am awarding a small prize for the most original. In order to judge this detail and neatness will be taken into account.

We are looking forward to the Annual St. George's Day Parade, which is to be held on

Sunday next, 26th April, an occasion where the Brownies feel as if they really belong, lining the route through which the Scouts and Guides will be marching.

I must confess that never yet have the Pack turned out anything but spick and span, a credit which is due to you the parents and for which I say a very big thank you.

For any future occasion may I again encroach upon your generosity and seek your co-operation.

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St. John's '63 Club

Since the last Ermine News the Sunday Night 63 Club competed in the Lincoln Youth Pick of the Shows. This is a contest between the Youth Clubs of Lincoln who stage a show of 15 minutes duration for each club. Our Youth were successful in the heats at St. John's Hall and went forward to the Theatre Royal, where they put up an excellent performance and were just beaten by the St. Giles Methodist Club. Anyway, 2nd place this year gives us 1st place to go for next year.

The Club held an outing to Nottingham on Saturday, 9th May and they enjoyed the afternoon shopping and then went on to the Locarno ballroom at night.

A team has been entered into the sports events at the Lincoln Youth Rally on the 23rd May at St. Peter and St. Paul's School, Boultham.

We have already plans in mind for the start of the Christmas Panto which we hope will be a combined effort of all the youth organisations of St. John's Church and the St. John's Drama Group; and we hope will find Christmas entertainment for all the Estate.

The boys are challenging the men of the Church one evening to the Annual Cricket Match and we hope the youth will turn out to support us.

Any boy or girl between the ages of 15 and 20 who wishes to join the Club should contact the leaders any Sunday evening after evensong. The only conditions are that the Club is for members of the Church only and that the Club starts at 6-30 p.m. at Evensong and then continues in the hall from 7-30 p.m. until 10 p.m. for games such as table tennis, battoning, billiards, shooting, skittles, chess, darts, etc.

During the summer months several rambles are being arranged and a cycle treasure hunt.

ANN DENT.

Evergreen Club (West)

On April 21st Mr. J. Harrod gave a very interesting talk on, 'Consider what you hear or see or say or think'. A selection of slides on the Channel Isles and some unusual views of Lincoln were shown by Mr. C. A. Hudson on April 28th.

A new venture is a cake competition. The judge was Mrs. Allen and prizes were won by Mrs. Parkinson, Mr. Lilley and Mrs. Sykes. A 'Sash' was presented to the club and will be held by the winner of subsequent competitions.

Seventy members went on a tour of the bulb fields on May 12th and the next day 28 members went on a tour of Kemp's Biscuit Factory at Cleethorpes and Grimsby.

Evergreen Club (East)

Thirty members once again joined 300 O.A.P. from various towns to spend a very enjoyable holiday for a week at Mablethorpe organised by the 'Happy Hearts' Committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gott was appointed Matron of Honour to the Pensioner Queen and received many lovely gifts including two bouquets for the charming way she performed her duties. Excitement soared as we reach farewell day when Mr. Jack Tyler of Myrtle Lodge where 22 of us were his guests had a draw at lunch time for a weeks free holiday for two in September and was won by Mr. and Mrs. W. White, Laughton Way.

Came evening and at the Old Tyme Music Hall Mrs. G. Dixon and Mrs. J. Douce were in the finals for the best decorated hat.

This is the fourth successive year we have joined the fun and plans are already laid for next year. The Annual Outing conveying 62 members to tour Derbyshire is Tuesday, June 23rd.

Thursday, June 4th is our evening at the Theatre Royal. Welcome to all new members.
GLADYS DIXON.

St. John's CLB.

The Brigade held its Church Parade to the St. John's the Evangelist, Ermine West on 3rd of May and had a very good turn out. The band played very well for the march across the Estate.

The Annual Whit Camp is being held at Ingoldmells and 21 boys are going together with some of the officers.

The Band of the C.L.B. are getting very busy, they are playing with the Boys Brigade Band as a Mass Band at the Youth Rally on Saturday, the 23rd May. Mr. Hurrell the Band Master has done wonders with these boys neither bands had met together before and in three mass practices he has made them seem as though they had been playing together years. The Mass Bands consist of 12 drummers, 2 big drums, cymbals, 12 bugles and 2 cornets and anyone who can get to the youth show on the 23rd will be in for a real treat.

The main camp at Rhyl is now all booked up and the party will be the largest we have taken, 38 in all. The bus driver and his wife are staying with us for the week so that the bus will be with us all the time. We are hoping to spend one day at the Snowdonian National Park also to visit some of the other places of interest round and about Rhyl whilst we are there.

Now that the nights are getting lighter we have started training for the atheletes badge again. The condition of this badge is that the boy must qualify each year and year by year as he gets older the test becomes harder, should he fail he has to return his badge.

We have vacancies for boys between the age of 13 and 17 and any boy interested in joining us should contact the officer in charge on any Monday night between 7-45 p.m. and 9-45 p.m.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CHURCH

The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.

Senior and Junior Confirmation School, 11-0 a.m.

(Infants in Church Hall, 11-0 a.m.)

Holy Baptism (First and Third Sunday in the month), 3-45 p.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

(Confirmation Classes for boys and girls 13 and over in Church, Tuesday evenings, 6-30 p.m.)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COMMUNITY CENTRE (ERMINE WEST)

Holy Communion, 10-45 a.m.

Infants Confirmation School, 11-30 a.m.

Junior Confirmation School, 2-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism (arrange date with clergy)

Evensong (First Sunday in the month), 6-30 p.m.

BANNS, WEDDINGS, CHURCHINGS AND CONFESSIONS by arrangement.

(Please give two weeks notice for Baptism. Forms can be obtained from the Vicarage.)

WHAT'S ON?

- 2 Tue. Ruri Decanal Conference, 7-30 p.m.
Mothers' Union Evening Outing.
- 3 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 4 Thu. Ermine News Distributors Meeting,
7-30 p.m., St. John's Hall.
- 7 Sun. **Trinity 2.** 6-30 p.m., The Rev.
Bernard Parsons.
- 11 Thu. **St. Barnabas.** Holy Communion,
7-30 p.m.
- 14 Sun. **Trinity 3.**
- 16 Tue. Evergreen (West) Outing.
- 21 Sun. **Trinity 4.**
- 23 Tue. Evergreen (East) Outing.
- 24 Wed. **Nativity of St. John the Baptist.**
Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
- 28 Sun. **Trinity 5**

Church Needlework

Meetings will be held commencing in September. More details from the clergy or Mrs. J. Thompson, 29 Welton Gardens.

St. John's Register

CHALLENGE

Baptisms

- April 5 Lorraine, daughter of Alan and Edith Deighton.
- May 3 Shaun Alan, son of Peter and June Skelly.
Tracey Anne, daughter of Derek and Betty Sendall.
Andrew, son of Alan and Peggy McLaughlan.
Zoe Luanda, daughter of Ronald and Brenda Brown.
Lisa Claire, daughter of Reginald and Mayreen Walton.
Gillian Julie, daughter of Walter and Dorothy Mellars.
Mark Andrew, son of Raymond and Pamela James.
Lynn Marie, daughter of George and Jean Marshall.
Richard Bernard, son of Bernard and Gwendoline Forman.

School children always look forward to the coming of the students. All their original ideas provide a diversion from routine work and the children of class 49, Ermine Junior School were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their student from Bishop Grossteste College. When she mentioned to them one day that they should try to raise some money for OXFAM, they accepted it as a challenge. A 'Bring and Buy' Sale was organised. For a whole week the children ransacked cupboards and drawers, their own and their parents, and by the appointed day a magnificent collection of books, comics, toys, games and jewellery was ready to be arranged on the stalls.

With a refreshment stall, a bran tub, a raffle, various side shows and some delicious toffee apples made by one of the mothers, everything was ready and the doors of the Church Hall were opened to admit the crowds of children waiting outside.

It was a great success, everything was sold, prizes were won, and thanks to the initiative of these children a cheque for £6 was sent to OXFAM

Burial

- May 1 Harold Parkinson, aged 44.

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