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OFF TO THE BRINY

On Saturday, May 18th, 49 members of St. John's Evergreen Club (East) set off by bus to the Happy Hearts Week organised by Mablethorpe and Sutton Town Council. About 400 pensioners gathered for this week at Mablethorpe, and in spite of indifferent weather they all had a wonderful time.

St. John's Evergreen club members entered in all the fun and competitions and they were very successful. In the needlework competition Mrs. M. Wilson won first prize, Mrs. A. Dixon second prize, Mrs. Dove third prize and Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Hird were highly commended.

Mr. White romped home to an easy victory in the Knobbly Knees Competition, and St. John's provided five finalists in the Fancy Hat Competition with Mrs. Gott winning the first prize and Mr. G. Dixon the third prize.



The Party sets off for Mablethorpe

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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 will be up in church shortly asking for the names of those who will provide bed and breakfast for one of the missionaries. Another list will ask 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 that the missionaries may come and meet you and talk with you.

FROM GHANA

The Rev. Isaac Amaning of Ghana visited many organizations on the Ermine during the week June 11th-19th. Mr. Amaning who stayed at St. John's House is a Presbyterian Minister who is in England on a World Council of Churches scholarship. The purpose of his visit is that he may see as much church life as possible and take back to Ghana new ideas and thoughts. During his time on the Ermine Mr. Amaning visited all the sections of the Church Lads Brigade, the Brownies, the 63 Club, the Evergreen (East) and some Sunday Schools on East and West. He visited some houses, Lenton Green and took part in Evensong in St. John Baptist. The children of the Junior School were visited by Mr. Amaning while he wore his national dress.

While Mr. Amaning lived here he also visited other Churches in the city, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist. His especial interest is in Youth Work and we hope that the work of the Church in Ghana will profit by Mr. Amaning's visit to Lincoln.

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MY VISIT TO RUSSIA

By FATHER BILL

On May 10th, with the hammer and sickle flag waving proudly, the ship *Michaél Kalenin* left Tilbury for Leningrad. It was a most exciting feeling to be on a Russian ship, trying Russian food and drink.

The ship is a show piece, beautifully kept and very smart and comfortable. The crew go about their jobs with a great pride. We were given concerts of Russian songs and dancing and instrument playing. In the Baltic Sea we saw the remains of the winter ice. And so, five days after leaving home I landed in the U.S.S.R.

For the record we stayed in Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev and visited a Palace of Culture, a Home of Pioneers, countless museums, the Kremlin, a Police Station, churches, an astronomical observatory, youth clubs, and an Old Folks Home. We attended concerts, the ballet, the cinema, church services, a wedding in a 'Palace of Marriages', and we went round factories, a school and the Moscow University. We saw Fidel Castro in Leningrad, and in Moscow we went to the Lenin Mausoleum and some of our party saw Mr. Khrushchev.

All these were interesting and stimulating, but for me they were not the most important things. What was more use, and also in a way more enjoyable, was meeting ordinary people, on buses, in cafés, shopping, or while I wandered around. We were given complete freedom to go where we wanted when we wanted. Our programme was planned according to our wishes, and on one or two occasions we were unable to visit the places we hoped; I am sure that this was either on account of language trouble as we tried to make our wishes known, or else it was the sort of difficulty that is liable to crop up in any country when a visitor asks to be shown a particular place.

When we went into restaurants or went for trips on ferry boats or used the Metro or buses it was at once obvious that we were foreign. People, the ordinary people, were kind and were interested in us in a friendly way. In Leningrad we stood in the streets for an hour and a half to watch Fidel Castro go past. We might easily have been part of a London crowd, the happy carefree atmosphere was just the same. A dust cart drove down the street with its crew bowing and waving to receive the cheers of the crowd. Small children were passed through the crowd to the front; and officious policemen were laughed at! When our neighbours in the crowd divined that we were British, little gifts were showered on us, badges (many Russians seem to wear lots of little badges), flowers and flags to wave as the cars passed us.

When Castro did come it was something of an anti-climax, his car raced past so fast that all we could see was a tall bearded figure standing and waving; we received an impression of Castro, more than a look at Castro. As we left the crowd the Russians with whom we had stood cheered and clapped, so following local custom, we clapped and cheered them.

I went to church three times while I was in Russia, once in Leningrad and twice in Moscow. The churches, two Russian Orthodox and one Baptist, were all packed solid with people. This is in some ways not surprising. Leningrad, a city of three and a half million people has only seventeen churches open for worship. A Russian priest with whom I chatted in Moscow said that he thought that the percentage of Christians in Russia was the same as in Britain; he is probably right. The congregations had about the same ratio men to women, young to old, as we have. The priests I saw were nearly all young and I was told that there is no shortage of men who are being trained to become priests.

There is little open persecution of the Church, but much that makes it difficult to be a Christian. In Leningrad there is an Anti-Religious Museum where all the faults of the Church are held up to ridicule. In schools the stories of the bible are taught as fairy stories with Little Red Riding-Hood. Any Russian with whom I discussed Christianity assumed that I believed God to be an Old Man with a beard who lived above the clouds; to them it was absurd that I should hold such a belief since their Cosmonauts have clearly proved that such a person is not there. When I suggested that such a view of God was not held by Christians, my friends were surprised and rather incredulous.

The Church in Russia is not allowed to do anything other than have services, it cannot have Sunday Schools, Youth Clubs, Old People's Clubs or any of the many activities which we have. You may only teach your own children about the Christian faith. A Christian child cannot belong to the State youth organizations. This is a considerable penalty, for Pioneers (7-14) and Komsomol (17-28) include education in their programme and to judge by what we saw are very good and well run. (More qualified observers say that Komsomol is going through a period of upheaval.)

The public buildings in Russia were built in a most generous style. A great change has come

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ROUND THE PARISH

C.L.B. News

27 Boys and Officers enjoyed a week-end camp at Ingoldmells. They attended morning service at the village church. Great thanks are due to Messrs. Geo. Barnes & Sons, who kindly provided transport to and from the camp. The Company has just purchased a very large tent which will accommodate 30 boys for dining, or about 18 for sleeping, now making it possible to take up to 35 boys at one camp.

The band played for Branston Church Gala on Saturday, June 8th and have been requested to play at Ingoldmells on June 27th.

A Balloon Race is being held on Saturday, July 6th by the Company in aid of the Church Building Fund.

K.C.D.

In The Forest

A great big 'thank-you' and hearty congratulations on a job well done is extended to the 19th Lincoln Brownie Pack for amassing the sum of £13 during the "Shilling for the Willing Week". This is a magnificent effort and one of which they should be justifiably proud.

Three of the Brownies were successful in obtaining the 'Golden Hand' which enables them to fly up into the Guide Company. It is a great honour both to themselves and the Company to achieve this distinction and special congratulations are extended to these brownies namely Linda Froggatt, Christine Allen, and Margaret Dobson.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Brownie Meeting on the 13th June, when a surprise visitor was introduced, this was the Rev. Isaac Amaning from Ghana. He was most interested in the meeting and took an active part in the games and concluded his visit by taking a photograph of the pack. After a rather shy and subdued start, the Brownies rallied more and more as their confidence improved and they went home tired and happy after a hectic but convivial evening.

Brown Owl.

Over 21 Club Ermine West

On June 5th the members took their children on a mystery tour and a picnic. After a tour round the countryside they had their picnic in the lovely grounds of Newstead Abbey. After a ramble round the lovely gardens they again took to the road and landed back in Lincoln around 7 p.m.

K.M.F.

Sunday School

While Father Bill has been exploring the wilds of Russia, the 10-30 Sunday School has been left in the hands of the teachers. Andrew Mason has been responsible for conducting the services and keeping general order.

We have now acquired a pianist, Peter Allen, a member of the Church of St. Faith's. This post has only been filled temporarily, as Mr. Allen will soon be leaving Lincoln for University.

The Sunday School has been following a course on "Prayer around the World". Each week a story has been told from a different country, based on a part of the Lord's Prayer.

The children have also been shown round the new church and shown the vestments used in the communion service.

There will be five new helpers joining us in the next few weeks. Carol Briggs, Avril Quibell, Linda Foster, David Barsley, Mervyn Potter and Susan Rooke, will all be helping various classes, in preparation for teaching their own classes next term.

The last meeting of the Sunday School will be on July 21st the day after the Family Outing. The Sunday School will then close for the summer holiday. A.M.

Lincoln Diocesan Conference.

Have we any obligations beyond the amount we pledged in our Christian Stewardship Campaign? What can be done to make it possible for women to serve God in a full time capacity equal to the male in Holy Orders?

These matters were amongst the many discussed at the First Session of the Thirtieth Annual Diocesan Conference held in the Chapter House of Lincoln Cathedral by clergy ranging from bishop to curate. In addition to clergy, one layman is elected from each parish, and it was my privilege to represent the new parish of St. John, Ermine. The Conference is divided into three sessions which are held in June, October and November.

The inevitable subject of Finance occupied much of the afternoon session. It would seem that Planned Giving is the only way to keep open our churches. A vicar who declared himself responsible for twelve churches surely has a problem.

After tea had been served in the Cloisters, Evensong followed in the Angel Choir.

The evening session was addressed by Mrs. M. B. Ridley, Vice-Chairman of the Council for Women's Ministry in the Church. Her subject was "Gender and the Ministry".

E.A.J.

Old Folks Visitation

The scheme is going well on the East and almost all that side of the parish is being visited regularly.

On the West the scheme is just getting going. St. John's and the Methodists are working in double harness and visiting has begun.

More helpers are needed, any volunteers please see the clergy or Mrs. E. A. Johnson, at 35 Ermine Close.

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July

- 2 Tues. Rural Deanery Conference.
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- 3 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m. St. John Baptist.
- 6 Sat. Balloon Race, Cornhill, all day.
- 7 Sun. **Trinity 4.**
- 9 Tue. Meeting for Men. New Church 7-30 p.m.
- 14 Sun. **Trinity 5.**
- 20 Sat. Family Outing to Mablethorpe.
- 21 Sun. **Trinity 6.** Last day for Sunday Schools.
- 22 Mon. St. Mary Magdalene. H.C. 7-30 a.m.
- 24 Thur. St. James, H.C. 7-30 a.m.
- 28 Sun. **Trinity 7.**

FAMILY OUTING

TO MABLETHORPE
on Saturday, July 20th

Leave Lincoln, 10-30 a.m.

Arrive back at Lincoln, 8-30 p.m.

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BALLOON RACE

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Visit to Russia—concluded

over them in the last four or five years. Until then they were built in a heavy and over-ornate style which was popular here in the 1930's. Now, however, since cultural relations with the West have improved, so have their buildings and some like the Palace of Congress in the Kremlin and the Hotel Junost near the Moscow River, are very beautiful. This is really a return to early Communist practice, when the very best architects were employed. The ugly style came in with Stalin.

On several occasions I visited restaurants and cafés away from our hotels and simply with one or two others of our party. Food was expensive

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- June 2 Philip Geoffrey, son of Ronald and Joan Carr.
- „ 16 Deborah Anne, daughter of Roy and Irene Smith.
- Robert, son of Frederick and Ethel Tasker.
- Keith David, son of Ernest and Ethel Maddison.
- Adrian Colin, son of Gerald and Joyce Coulbeck.
- Gillian Lesley, daughter of Tom and Edith Brown.

Burial

- May 30 Andrew Ralph Coulter, 13 months.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Every Wednesday morning after the 9-15 a.m. celebration of the Holy Communion, the sacrament is taken to those who are unable to come to church on Sunday. If you know of any one who is permanently or for a short time sick and would like Communion, please tell the clergy.

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Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

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