



All Saints' Church
ENFORD

NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER.

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As many of you will know, the "Country Churchman" which has served us as a Parish Magazine for some years, has found it necessary to confine the old Pewsey Vale edition to the Pewsey Deanery, which means that the Avon Valley parishes can no longer be included in it.

It is because of this that we are trying to give you instead this Newsletter which we hope you will read and enjoy.

This is not a Church Magazine, though it will carry Church news. It is a village Newsletter, and it is hoped that it will serve as a useful means of communication between the various organisations in the parish and the public, and it will have the advantage of reaching everyone, instead of just the few who subscribed to the old Magazine.

We are not making a charge for this at present, (and we hope not to do so), for two reasons:- One is that it would involve far too much work and inconvenience to our helpers. And secondly because we want to reach everyone in the parish. We want to include all the activities of the village... they don't affect or interest everyone equally, of course, but they are all part of our communal life.

Through the generosity of one who believes that this Newsletter can do great things for Enford, we have been enabled to make a start. For the future we rely on your reactions to its usefulness, and on the generosity of the people of Enford.

We ask you to overlook its imperfections - we are beginners at this; we hope to improve as time goes on.

VICAR'S LETTER.

Enford Vicarage.

Dear Friends,

The great event of the Christian Year in January is, of course, the Feast of the Epiphany on the 6th. This, the oldest feast in our Calendar, (older than Christmas itself), commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Tradition makes them three in number and endows them with names and royal status. The number comes from the gifts they brought, and the kings, perhaps, from Isaiah 60, verse 3. But it doesn't matter - the importance of it lies in the fact that it was the first revelation of the Christ to the non-Jewish world.

This was something the Jews found hard to accept, that anyone outside the Chosen Race should be allowed any share of God's goodness. But we are the spiritual heirs of those Gentile Sages, and in the event it is to us, as to the whole world, that the Son of God is revealed.

The Annual Vestry Meeting at which the Churchwardens and other Church Officers are elected, will be held in the Village Hall on January 18th at 7.30 p.m. This is open to all Church members over the age of 18, and we would like to see many more people at it. It is your right and your duty to take your part in the affairs of your Church, so please come along.

Yours sincerely

N.A.H. Lawrance.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ENFORD.

Church Services for January 1967.

- Jan. 1st The Circumcision of Our Lord.
H.C. 8.0 a.m. Family H.C. 9.30 a.m.
Children's Service 2.30 p.m. Even-
song 6.0 p.m.
- 6th The Epiphany of Our Lord. H.C.
10.0 a.m.
- 8th Epiphany I. H.C. 8.0 a.m.
Mattins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 6.0
- 15th Epiphany II H.C. 8.0 a.m.
Mattins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 6.0
- 22nd Septuagesima Sunday. H.C. 8.0 a.m.
Mattins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 6.0
- 25th Conversion of St Paul. H.C. 10 a.m.
- 29th Sexagesima Sunday. H.C. 8.0 a.m.
Mattins 11.0 a.m. Evensong 6.0
p.m. The choir will sing at Even-
song. There will be no Sunday
School on this Sunday.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

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| 1st | Mrs Worsdell | 8th | Mrs Rowland |
| 15th | Mrs Marson | 22nd | Mrs Holmes |
| 29th | Mrs Hill | Feb. 5th | Mrs Denning |

SERVERS FOR JANUARY

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| 1st (8.0) | B. Dark | (9.30) | J. England |
| 8th | M. Spreadbury | | |
| 15th | C. Parfitt | | |
| 22nd | V. Reddick | | |
| 29th | J. Coppock | | |

CHISENBURY METHODIST CHURCH.

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The Methodist Manso,
Amesbury.

Dear Friends,

Your Vicar has very kindly asked me to write a few words for the first copy of the Parish Newsletter, and I am most happy to do so. I would also like to express the hope that the Newsletter will prove helpful and informative to all in the Parish of Enford.

We live in an age of mass communication where satellites such as Early Bird can put us in touch with the other side of the world, so that we can see on our T.V. screens things happening as they happen. Yet we often fail with communication at a local level, and find that we didn't know about an important meeting, or we get annoyed when two functions in the village clash, because no one knew exactly the dates planned beforehand.

In these past days we have been sharing in the greatest news ever revealed to our world - proclaimed first by the Angel to the Shepherds out on a lonely hillside - that God had visited us in the form of Jesus Christ, His Son. Emmanuel - God with us.

As we stand now on the threshold of another year, may I close by wishing you a happy, peaceful and richly blessed New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Leedham.



CHISENBURY METHODIST CHURCH.

Programme for January 1967.

Date	Sunday School	Evening Service	Preacher
1st	2.30	6.0 p.m.	Mrs Young.
8th	2.30	6.0 p.m.	Mr R. Annetts
15th	2.30	6.0 p.m.	Mrs Page.
22nd	2.30	6.0 p.m.	Mr C. Hughes.
29th	2.30	6.0 p.m.	Mr Jennings.

ENFORD FOOTBALL CLUB.

When the Sports Club hut was burnt down some years ago, Enford lost the Football Club which they had always had.

It was not until 1965 that interest was revived, and at a public meeting it was decided to re-form the Club, and Mr F.W. Goodship was elected Chairman and Mr C. Pearse Secretary.

Friends in Enford responded generously to our appeal for funds to get the Club going, and to all of them we wish to say "Thank you".

The Club members did their part by organizing a jumble sale and raffle, and these were so successful that they hope to make them annual events. They also run a "Hidden Names" competition which is still operating successfully.

Finance was not our only problem. It was found necessary to go outside the village to make up our team, and we acknowledge with

gratitude the loyal support of our players from Upavon, where they have no team of their own.

Our Club had a great first season in Division VI of the Salisbury and District League. Local interest in the Club was growing, and we began taking a coachload of supporters to away matches. 14 games out of 22 were won, and one was drawn. In this latter game, our Captain of last year, P. Cook, had the misfortune to break his leg. Since some curious rumours were circulating about this accident, we would like to put on record that the Club is compulsorily insured against such accidents, and an injured player receives £3 a week from the insurance during the period of his disability. We are glad to report that Peter is now back playing for Enford again.

Our team finished fourth in their Division, and to crown a successful season our youngsters won the Salisbury and District 6-a-side Football Tournament.

In the Wilts Charity Cup this year we won the first round against a team from Andover 7-4, and now meet Redlynch away on January 7th. In the Cook Cup we beat Broad Chalke 8-0, and now play Langford away on January 21st. If we win there we shall be through to the semi-final. Other news of our fortunes in the current season will have to wait until next month. Meanwhile, please see the "Dates for your Diary" at the end of this Newsletter.

F.W. Goodship.

Chairman.

OVER 60s CLUB.

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We have had a happy year, which started with a most enjoyable visit to the Pentomime in Salisbury.

When summer came we enjoyed taking our tea in the gardens of various kind friends.

In September we shared a mystery tour with the Netheravon Club, which was a great success, and we have now finished the year with a splendid Christmas Tea Party, at which Mrs Curtis, a friend of Mrs Darke's, showed us her film slides of Yugoslavia.

Mrs Stansfeld would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all those who have made cakes and helped with the Club through the year; and also to say to those "Over 60s" in the village who do not come to the Club, that she and all the Club members would be more than happy to see them if they care to come, (and she hopes they will!).

The next meeting will be on January 13th at 3.0 p.m. in the Village Hall, and then every fortnight.

ENFORD YOUTH CLUB.

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The Youth Club has only been in being for a short period. Like any other service, it has its faults and worries, but I feel that the youngsters are beginning to work more as a team.

I find that, given a job or responsibility, they show a most admirable enthusiasm and initiative.

I am given to understand that in the near future we may expect new members. To

these I would say " Come and find out for yourselves!" We can offer you company, entertainment and food. If you like the Club, perhaps you will come again and possibly take a fuller part in the Club activities.

There is nothing definitely arranged for the New Year, but many items have been noted, e.g. Dances, Drama, Talent Contests, Tournaments, etc.

Some of these ideas will take a little longer to prepare and organise, but I feel sure that Enford Youth Club will make quite an impression in the coming year.

The dance held on 17th December with the "Tango Terrifics" was apparently a HIT with the youngsters, and from all to whom I spoke I gathered that they really enjoyed themselves. It might be noted that the youths really did put in some work for this dance, and enjoyed the rewards too!

All being well, the Club should be open every Friday night from 7.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m., (provided that booking arrangements allow). Members will be duly notified of any alterations to the Friday night date.

A.T. Turner.

Club Leader.

Overheard at a village whist-drive, fairly late in the evening:-

"What are trubs? Clumps?"

"No! Spumps are trades."

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF ENFORD

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The study of the origins of place-names in this country has become a much more exact science in later years. Gone are the wild and erroneous guesses and fanciful explanations. It is now generally recognised that the great majority of English place-names derive from a relatively small number of old English words descriptive of the place. The farther back we go, the nearer we get to the ~~xx~~ original form, (and hence to the original meaning) of the name.

In Wiltshire, ("Wiltunscir"...the district dependent for local government upon Wilton), the lands were divided into "hundreds", i.e. Originally 100 householders, and each hundred was named from its meeting place.

This was either a village which already had a name, or a descriptive phrase, such as Swanborough, ("Peasants' barrow"); Kinwardstone, ("Cynweard's stone"); or Selkley, ("Seolca's wood").

The hundred of Elstub, of which Enford formed part, met in a field which still bears that name, situated to the south-east of Newtown. It is mentioned in Domesday Book (1086) as "alestabe", and it means "elder-tree stump". Elder trees are still to be found there. Besides Enford, this hundred included Everleigh, Netheravon and Fittleton. Space is limited so we shall have to leave Enford itself for next month.

ENFORD W.I.

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The Women's Institute meeting was held on December 13th. Mrs Rowlands was in the chair and the tea hostesses were Mrs Clarke and Mrs Crabbe.

Arrangements were made for the Old People's party on January 6th.

There will be an Institute outing to the Bristol Pantomime on January 2nd.

A very successful Bingo evening was held on December 4th, and a Whist Drive on December 17th. The W.I. Committee are very grateful for all presents and help that were given for both these parties.

THE VILLAGE HALL

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I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Vicar on producing this Newsletter.

As you know, the Village Hall is now in use. This is your Village Hall, and it is run by a Trustees Management Committee, every organization in the Village having a representative on it.

I feel that many people in Enford do not realize that had it not been for the new Hall we would not have retained our School in Enford, and without the School the Hall would not yet have been built, owing to the "Freeze".

By combining the Village Hall with the School we are carrying out a wonderful experiment, which is one of the first in the country.

It is our aim to proceed as soon as

possible to build on a stage and dressing-room as well as a verandah. The two former are not only essential if we are to provide means for putting on shows and entertainments of any kind; the space under the stage will also provide storage space which is urgently needed to give more floor-space in the main hall.

This, I am told, will cost £1,200 to £1,400. I have already been promised £1 for every £1 we can raise for this, as well as a donation of £50. This brings the target well within our reach if we all work together, and we appeal to all sections of the community to help us to achieve this as speedily as possible.

John Waight.

Chairman of the Village Hall Building
Committee.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

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The group met in the new Village Hall on November 29th at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. and Mrs Jones of East Grafton gave a very interesting talk illustrated with slides, of the churches in Ceylon. December 15th. Many Mothers' Union members and Young Wives attended the Advent Carol Service at Woodford Church. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Giles Clayton of Durrington. Mrs Goodship (Grant's Road) read one of the lessons.

The next meeting will be on January

31st in the new Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Please bring a friend with you. Canon
Finch, Vicar of Netheravon, will give a
talk entitled "The History of Netheravon
and Fittleton"

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

(A brief report)

Bus Shelters. Plans for the proposed bus-
shelters have now been accepted by the
Town and Country Planning Committee.
They are to be erected in the Spring.

Allotments. The Wilts County Council are
taking back the smallholding in Water
Lane now used as allotments. Tenants
will be given notice in due course.

Safety Competition. There is to be an
inter-town Safety Competition at War-
minster on April 10th 1967. A team
to represent Pewsey Rural District is
wanted to take part in a quiz, to be
held in Pewsey in February or March.

BELFRY NEWS.

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Times of ringing:-
Sundays 10.15 a.m. (except the first
in the month), and 5.20 p.m.
Friday (practice), 7.15 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will be held on
Friday, January 20th at 7.15 p.m. at the

Church. It is hoped that all ringers will attend.

More recruits are need to bring the band back to full strength. Any able-bodied person between the ages of 12 and 100 who may be interested should apply to the Vicar or any member of the band.

Bellringing is an ancient English art which requires, not necessarily a great deal of strength, but quite a measure of skill, which has to be acquired by regular practice. Many people who have mastered the technique of ringing a bell, (which is not simply a matter of hauling on a rope), and have progressed to the more advanced stage of change-ringing, find it an interesting pastime which helps to keep the body fit and the mind alert.

Former ringers who have given up for any reason will be very welcome to try their hand again.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking that small number of ringers whose devoted service has kept things going during the difficult times of the past year. I am glad to say that prospects for 1967 are rather brighter.

Peter J. Bushell.

Tower Captain.



ABOUT WHISKERS.

Many people in Enford have been speculating on the identity of the bewhiskered stranger seen around Longstreet recently.

We are all relieved to find that this herb-
age concealed the features
of the genial Landlord of the
Swan, now happily vis-
ible once more.

Enford boasts some of
the more notable beards to
be found in the Avon Valley,
including the Vicar's, (Satur-
days and Bank Holidays only);
and the Headmaster's, (during
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- Jan. 2nd W.I. Outing to Bristol.
3rd Football Club Committee Meeting,
Parish Hall 8.0.
4th Football Club Bingo.
5th Enford School recommences.
6th The Epiphany. Holy Communion
10.0. W.I. Old People's Party.
7th Football, Enford v. Redlynch (away).
Wilts Charity Cup.

11th W.I. Meeting.
13th Over 60s Club, Village Hall 3.0.
Youth Club 7.0.
14th Football, Enford v. Old Manor
Hospital, Salisbury (away)

17th Youth Club Management Committee,
Village Hall 7.30.
18th Church Vestry Meeting, Village Hall
7.30.
20th Ringers' Annual Meeting, Church
7.15.
21st Football, Enford v. Langford (away)
Cook Cup.

25th Conversion of St Paul. Holy
Communion 10.0.
27th Over 60s Club, Village Hall 3.0.
Youth Club 7.0.
31st Young Wives Group, Village Hall
7.30.

STOP PRESS.

The Carol-singing by members of the Enford Youth Club on Friday, December 23rd last in aid of the needy, realised £9 .8 .8.

The money was used to buy parcels of food which were delivered on Christmas Day by Youth Club members.

May I express my thanks to all who took an active part in bringing about a delightful surprise to those who, I feel, needed it.

A.T. Turner.

Club Leader.



THE NEWSLETTER WISHES ALL ITS READERS
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.