



All Saints' Church
ENFORD

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL.

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We are delighted to learn that the first copy of the Newsletter had, on the whole, a favourable reception in Enford. Naturally there will be teething troubles and one of these is the problem of distribution. If you know of anyone who was inadvertently missed out, please let the Vicar know - we will try to see that it doesn't happen again.

The highest praise is due to those members of the Enford Youth Club who cheerfully undertook the distribution, and did it most efficiently.

If you know of any item of news concerning Enford, or wish to publicize any meeting, jumble sale, litter of kittens or what-have-you, we will include it if humanly possible. But it must reach the Vicar by the 20th of the month.

Some people are still concerned about payment for the Newsletter, and we would like to make the position quite clear. It does cost money, and we shall need some. But we would like you to receive this free for a month or two so that not only can you form a proper estimate of it, but also so that we can get a more accurate picture of what the average monthly cost is going to be. In due course our readers will be invited to contribute what they wish. But we will only ask once a year, (unless we are going bankrupt!). So please do not send any contributions until asked.

Thank you for your kind reception of volume 1 No. 1. Here's to many more!

VICAR'S LETTER

Enford Vicarage.

Dear Friends,

The number of communicants at Christmas was the greatest on record. In all 90 people made their Communion. But while this is most encouraging, it is, in fact, many more than last Easter. And the Prayer Book lays upon its members the minimum duty of communicating at least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one. Please let us make this coming Easter a really memorable one for Enford by surpassing the Christmas figure.

Lent begins on the 8th of this month. I am afraid that in these days people are much less aware of its purpose than they used to be. It is one of the seasons when in olden days marriages were not allowed, and our Bishop has wisely re-introduced this restriction. It is not fitting that an occasion of such a festive nature should be celebrated during a period which commemorates Our Lord's fast in the wilderness, and which the Church has set apart for some form of self-discipline and self-denial. It helps, at least, to recall to our minds what Lent is. I am reminded of the man who was told that he could not have the use of the organ for his wedding in Lent, because, (the Verger explained), "It's Lent." "Good gracious!" was his reply. "Who to?"

Let us, at least be more aware than that.

Yours sincerely

N.A.H. Lawrance

CHURCH SERVICES, FEBRUARY 1967

- Feb. 2nd Purification of the B.V.M. Holy
Communion 10.0 a.m.
- 5th QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY. H.C. 8.0
Family H.C. 9.30. Children's Service
2.30. Evensong 6.0 p.m.
- 8th Ash Wednesday. H.C. 10.0
- 12th FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. H.C. 8.0
Mattins 11.0. Evensong 6.0 p.m.
- 19th SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. H.C. 8.0
Mattins 11.0. Evensong 6.0 p.m.
- 24th St Matthias. H.C. 10.0.
- 26th THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. H.C. 8.0.
Mattins 11.0. Evensong 6.0 p.m.
The Choir will sing at Evensong on

The first Sunday in March (the 5th)
will be Mothering Sunday. There will
be a special Mothering Sunday Service
at 3.0 p.m. for children with their
parents. Please keep this date
free.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY.

5th Mrs Denning. There will be no
Altar Flowers during Lent.

SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY.

5th D. Cherrie (8.0) P. Coppock (9.30)
12th H. Lawrance
19th B. Dark
26th J. England

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Enford Women's Institute meeting was held on January 11th. Mr Scripps of the N.S.P.C.C. came over and gave a really wonderful talk. Mrs Whitehead presided and Mesdames Darke, Young and Fribbins were tea hostesses. Mrs Rowlands won the competition "Three Boiled Potatoes" and Mrs Grace won the raffle.

There was a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., and this raised 30/- for their funds.

The next meeting will be held on February 7th, when the speaker will be from Trowbridge, giving a talk on "Home Safety".

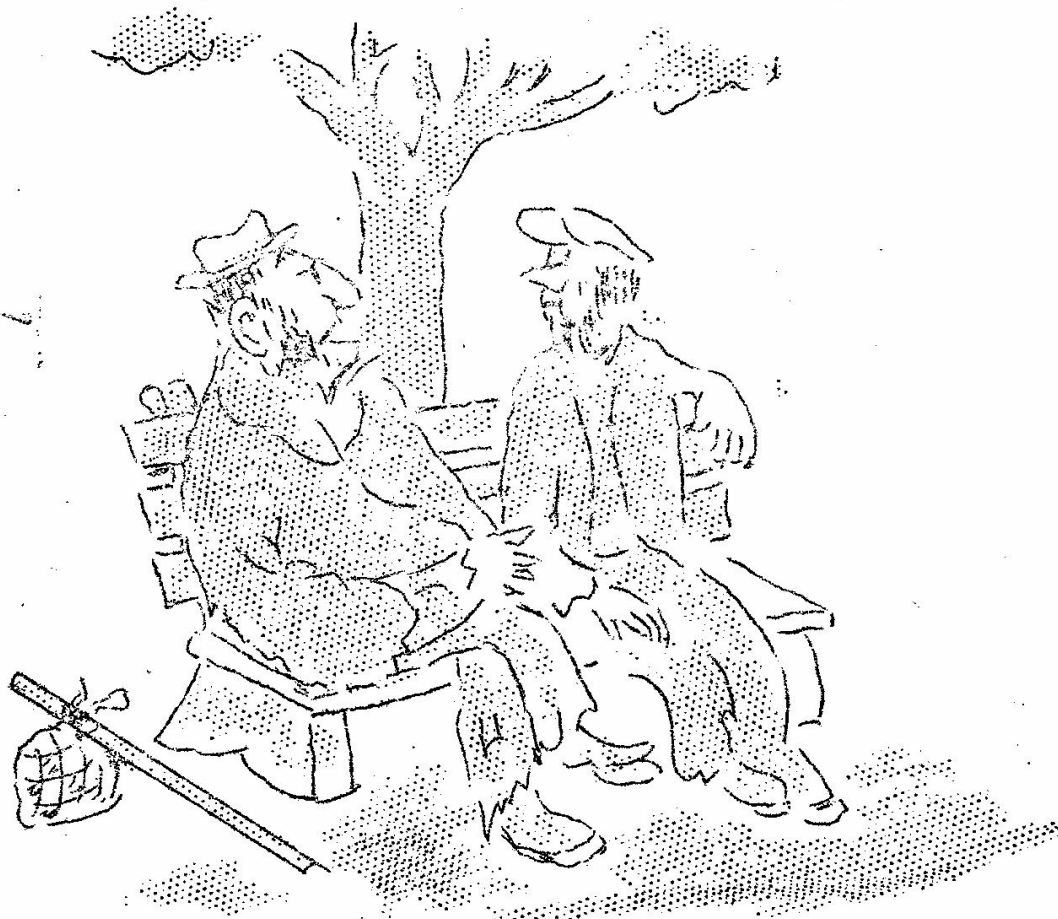
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VILLAGE HALL

There will be a meeting of the Management Committee of the Village Hall on Thursday, February 9th in the Hall at 7.30. Will members please make every effort to attend?

Organizations which nominate representatives to this Committee are reminded that their representatives for 1967/68 should be elected (re-elected) by the time of the Annual General Meeting, and their names sent in writing to Mr P.J. Bushell, 2 Agra Villas, Compton.

Users of the Hall are asked to note that heating appliances should not be switched off at the close of their meeting.



The Tramps' Ball held at Enford Village Hall on 23rd December was very well conducted and highly successful. Approximately 70 guests arrived, and of these about 60 were dressed as tramps, and some were very well disguised.

Although this dance was run on a non-profit basis, it was so well patronized that the sum of £6 .13 .0 is now being held in hand. This is to be used to make the next dance more gay than ever!

The date is to be announced in due course.

I will organize it. Only you can make it.

DON'T MISS IT!!

FOOTBALL CLUB.

As recounted in the last Newsletter, Enford F.C. finished the 1965/6 season with a great win in the Six-a Side Competition at Salisbury.

At our Annual General Meeting last February, new blood was introduced into the Committee, and three new players joined the Club. One of these, Paul Goodship, has been in the wars already. He had to miss work for a week, but is now happily back at work, though not yet fit enough to play, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Committee this year contains many more players than before. This knits the Club together and the players can see for themselves what work there is to do besides just playing football.

One innovation this year has been fortnightly Bingo. This has proved a great success and serves to bring the Club and their friends in the village closer together. This can be seen at our home games, where we are now getting many more supporters than before.

We also had a Christmas Draw, which we hope to make an annual event. Most of the prizes were won by our friends in Enford, although some went to Upavon.

Now for football itself. We finished fourth in Division VI last season, and moved up into Division V, which includes teams from Porton, Broad Chalke and Salisbury... new places for us to visit and new teams for us to face. Our football this season has been successful beyond our wildest dreams! So far we have only lost one game - the first game of the season. In all, Enford F.C. has played 15 games in Division V, winning 13 with one lost and

one drawn. We have scored 94 goals with only 21 against. In Cup games to date we have scored another 24 goals, so we have already notched well over the century!

The Wilts Charity Cup match against Redlynch on January 7th resulted in a win for Enford by 9 goals to 3; and just as we go to press we learn that Enford defeated Langford in the Dock Cup by 7 - 0. This puts Enford in the semi-final of this cup.

Please see "Dates for your Diary" for our February fixtures and Bingo dates.

F.W.Goodship

Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO ENFORD SCHOOL!
FIFTY YEARS OF NATIONAL SAVINGS.

On Tuesday, January 17th, in the presence of the children, the Staff and three of the School Managers, Mr A.G.Hunt, Clerk to the Marlborough and Ramsbury R.D.C., and a District Member of the National Savings Committee, presented a framed certificate to Enford School in recognition of the fact that they have participated as a school in the National Savings Movement for fifty years.

Mr V.V.Morgan, District Commissioner for National Savings, who was also present, informs us that this is a very notable distinction, shared by only four schools in the District, which includes all of North Wilts and a large part of Berkshire.

Well done, Enford! Keep it up!

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SCHOOL NEWS.

The children who sang a selection of their favourite carols and songs at the W.I. Old Folks' Party on January 6th were:- Michael Brend, Myra Rackstraw, Beverley Ellis, Christopher Pearce, Suzanne Hatchman, Lesley Hedges, Simon Emm, Audrey and Jacqueline Marshall, Wendy Boorman and Mary Clark. Soloists were Myra, Michael and Simon.

Our Christmas Party was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks again to our P.T.A. (and Santa).

School leavers this time were Charles & Sally Jane Burnard, Jacqueline and Deborah March, Wendy Boorman and Dawn Wells. We wish you all the best of luck and good progress in your new schools. New entrants are Jacqueline and Audrey Marshall, and Lorraine Spreadbury. Welcome to Enford School! We look forward to happy and busy times with you.

The presentation of our certificate for fifty years' service in the National Savings Movement has been described elsewhere in this magazine. Our current figures are well above average for schools. Can we have even more members to keep us ahead of the field? If the new "2/- only" stamp is deterring the 6d savers, please see Mrs Lawrance, who has a plan to cover your requirements. The children would be interested to know of any of our Senior Citizens who were in at the start in 1916. This was the year when T. White, Bob Dear, Gladys Sawyer, Eliz. Curtiss, Bob Maggs, E. Hurkett and Arthur Hurkett passed the "Labour" exam., and Mr J.H. Webber was Headmaster.

Training for the National Cycling Proficiency Test will resume as soon as the

weather improves for practice. We hope to take the test before the Easter holidays.

(Overheard at the Christmas Party).

A very small Small, pointing at a plate of chocolate finger biscuits, asked, "Can I have some more fish fingers, please?".

YOUTH CLUB.

It has been suggested that the Youth Club be open on Sunday nights as well as Fridays. This will become effective for a trial period from the beginning of February. The time of opening on Sundays will be from 7.0 to 9.30 p.m.

Fete or Fair. The Youth Club members are hoping to put on a fete or fair on May 13th. Details about this will be issued at a later date.

Litter bins will be required for the fete; we thought that a verse or rhyme might help to remind people of the usefulness of these bins. If there is anyone in the community, of any age or sex, of a poetic turn of mind, we would like to hear from you. We want ~~to~~ about four lines of verse persuading people to put their litter in the bins, and not on the ground. So put your pens to paper, and include your name and address. There may be a nice surprise for you!

A.T. Turner.

Club Leader.

CHISENBURY METHODIST CHURCH.

The children of the Methodist Sunday School and their parents had an enjoyable time at the Christmas Party which was held in the new Village Hall on Saturday, January 7th. Many thanks to all who helped in various ways to make it such a success.

The "Women's Own" will be held at Netheravon Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 1st at 2.30 p.m., and a welcome is extended to all ladies to come and join with us.

Ruth Goodship.

We would like to thank through our columns the anonymous parishioner who has paid for the altar frontal in the North aisle of the Church to be cleaned.

THE PRICE OF SALVATION?

Extract from a cobbler's bill actually received by the Vicar in Surrey:-

"To mending Mr Lawrance's soul...10/6"

ENFORD CRICKET CLUB.

This winter, like all the others, will not last for ever, and it will not be long before Enford's newest sports fraternity is seeing action on the field.

Thanks to a good response from Founder Members, and promises of more to come, the Cricket Club is becoming established and ready for the spring practices and games.

A great deal of work will need to be done on the wicket during March and April, (or earlier if weather permits), but it seems that volunteers are forthcoming. The Committee welcomes advice and helping hands from all interested, as there are some tricky problems to deal with, (e.g. hoof-marks).

The list of Vice-Presidents continues to grow, and the Club would like to extend its warm thanks to all our generous patrons including the Enford Football Club, which underlined its good wishes with a welcome cheque.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at the Village Hall at 7.30, and all interested are warmly invited to come along.

Subscriptions will be most welcome, and if anybody knows of any cricket gear going cheaply, please contact a Committee member.

J.G.B. Coppock

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF ENFORD.

There are some fifty places in Wiltshire ending in "-ford" and half of these are Domesday Manors, showing the great antiquity of these settlements....fords came before bridges.

Enford is mentioned as early as 934 A.D. as "Eneford", which shows us that it got its name from "ened", the Old English word for a duck. Not wild duck, of course, as these would not have remained long enough at a ford used by people to give the crossing its distinctive name; but domestic ducks such as can be seen by anyone crossing Enford Bridge to-day, over 1,000 years later. Other places named after ducks are Andwell, (Hants), and Enbourne, (Berks), both of which mean "duck stream"; and Anmer, (Norfolk), and Enmore, (Somerset), both of which mean "duck mere".

Coombe is mentioned in 1230. It means simply "valley", (cumb). Compton is the farm ("tun") in the valley ("cumb"). Fifield is "Fifide" in 1230 and means "five hides" - a hide being a unit of land sufficient to support one family, estimated variously at 60 to 120 acres. Fifield is thought to be identified with the five hides held by one William at the Domesday Survey in 1086.

Chisenbury, mentioned in Domesday Book (1086) is the "burh" or fortified place of the dwellers on gravel ("cis"). The subsoil at Chisenbury is gravelly. The names of Littlecott and Longstreet are self-explanatory, and both are very ancient, the former occurring in 1198 and the latter in 1249.

(Many friends in Enford joined to send Christmas greetings to a young lady who is well known in the village, but at present in Geneva. She sent this reply which we are pleased to publish).

AN ODD ODE TO ENFORD.

I thank you for your cards so pretty,
Full of joy and Oh! so witty.
I hope there was not too much fighting
To see who had the most sober writing.

Since Enford's joined the export drive,
Geneva's found it hard to thrive.
An accountant, trained in Enford cunning
Soon has the local swindlers running.

As I stroll beside Lake Geneva's shores
I think of the Avon, close by the doors
Of Enford village, snug in the Vale,
Where all they do is booze on ale.

I miss the sound of the Landlord's shout,
"Come on, you LOT, it's time you're out!"
The pubs out here are very queer,
They've never heard of Wiltshire beer.

They speak a foreign language here,
But that they do in Enford, where
"Me" is "I" and "you" is "thee",
And "bism't's" what you never be!

I hope it won't be very long
Before I hear the Landlord's song.
At Easter time with a bit of luck
I'll see you all in the "Mucky Duck."

GENEVOISE.

THE VESTRY MEETING.

At the Vestry Meeting held on Wednesday, January 18th, Mr R.K. Burnand and Mr T.J. Crock were elected as Churchwardens for the ensuing year. The Vicar paid a warm tribute to the retiring Churchwarden, Mr L. Hill, whose services to the Church as Churchwarden, including the difficult days of the interregnum, cannot be overestimated.

Mr D.H. Cross was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

Owing to the cost of repairs, notably to the organ and bells, the accounts showed a surplus of expenditure over income, but this has been offset by the transfer of funds previously held in a Deposit Account.

"I NEVER MISS CORONATION STREET!"

One more member of the congregation (other than members of the P.C.C.) attended this year's Vestry Meeting than last year. Last year there was none. It is a very sad commentary on the state of things that in a parish of about 700 inhabitants only one can be found interested enough to attend what amounts to the Church' Annual General Meeting. Every Church Member over 18 has a right and a duty to come to this meeting, to elect the Churchwardens and to hear the accounts presented.

Not interested? "Can't be bothered"?
Or was it the excuse of our headline?

Whatever it was, we can do better than this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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February

- 1 Football Club Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
- 2 Purification of the B.V.M. H.C. 10.0
- 3 Youth Club 7.0.
- 4 Football. Enford v. opponents not yet known, (Wilts Charity Cup).
- 5 Youth Club 7.0.
7. W.I. Meeting.
- 8 Ash Wednesday. H.C. 10.0 .
- 9 Village Hall Management Committee meeting, Village Hall 7.30.
10. Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club 7.0
- 12 Youth Club 7.0
- 14 County Library Van 10.50
- 15 Football Club Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
- 17 Enford School half-term. Youth Club 7.0
- 18 Football, Enford v. S.E.B. (away) 3.0.
- 19 Youth Club 7.0
- 21 Enford School recommences
- 22 Cricket Club meeting, Village Hall 7.30
- 24 St Matthias H.C. 10.0. Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club 7.0
- 25 Football, Enford v. opponents not yet known, (Cook Cup)
- 26 Youth Club 7.0
- 28 County Library 10.50. Young Wives' Group, Village Hall 7.30. Football Club Committee meeting, Parish Hall 8.0.

TAILPIECE.



O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursels as others see us!

(Robert Burns).