



**All Saints' Church**

**ENFORD**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## EDITORIAL.

The Dictionary defines Foot & Mouth Disease as "a kind of fever especially found in cattle", and thus in a few quiet words dismisses the whole ghastly prospect from our minds. Yet we cannot forget the fear, the misery, the waste and the ensuing barrenness of farms in infected areas. The Law now insists on wholesale slaughter as a means of eradicating the menace, and lately we have all been affected to some extent by the threat of its invasion into Wiltshire.

We watched it spread from its origin in Oswestry as far as the northern limits of Gloucestershire, and speculated on the likelihood of its arrest there. Fortunately, sufficient warning had been given and precautions taken at once, so that our own County remained outside the infected area (though only just!).

These precautions, however, had to be observed by everyone, high and low, to make them work. Shooting and fishing had to be suspended, dogs couldn't be exercised freely and walks over our local countryside had to be curtailed. We were all affected to some degree, including the man in a local pub who, when asked of he would like to see the paper replied "What's the use, there's no racing!". The Minister of Agriculture has just helped in this latter respect and he may well have been enabled to do so as a direct result of people observing the request "Foot & Mouth Precautions. PLEASE KEEP OUT".

## VICAR'S LETTER

### Enford Vicarage

Dear Friends,

It always appears to me as though writing a monthly letter in this Newsletter causes the time to flash by even faster than my age warrants. Last month we were reporting on Christmas, this month we are looking to Lent, which begins on February 28th. The Olympic athletes are training desperately hard in the hopes of winning a trophy which they can't take with them when they die. The Christian is urged to train for something which will be his for ever. St Paul knew what he was talking about when he drew the comparison ... it all seemed so obvious and straightforward to him, and so it should for us.

There will be a Confirmation at Fig-heldean on Ascension Day, May 23rd at 7.0 p.m., to be taken by the Bishop of Salisbury. If we have any candidates from Enford, we shall be joining in that service, so will anyone who wishes to be confirmed please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make my plans in good time.

Every year since I came to Enford adults who wished to be confirmed have mentioned after the Confirmation "If I'd only known that there were some other grown-up candidates, I'd have come forward myself." Please, if you are in this position, let me know. I will be able to tell if there are some others, and if there are, perhaps you will be encouraged to come along. I feel that people who are unable to join in the Holy Communion because (often through no fault of their

own), they had missed being confirmed when they were young, are missing something of immense value, and I would do anything I could to help them to share in this, the greatest gift the Church has to offer. So please don't just "wait and see." Let me know, and we will try and arrange things for you.

We have had an unusually high number of funerals during this last four weeks. We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives of Miss Edith G. Farley and Mrs E. Pearce (nee Elkins), who formerly lived many years in the parish. And to Mr and Mrs A. Worsdell on the tragic loss of their baby son.

The number of Communion made in Enford church in the last year still rises slowly... 870 in 1966, 928 in 1967. But it is still a long, long way short of what it ought to be in a community of this size. Are you doing all you can to swell the number?

Yours sincerely

NAH Lawrence

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The Newsletter apologises to Mr F. Sherman for misspelling his name so vilely in the announcement of his marriage in last month's issue. The fault was entirely due to the Newsletter typewriter which, in spite of all we can do, does not always spell very well. (See what I mean?).

CHURCH SERVICES, FEBRUARY

2nd PURIFICATION OF THE B.V.M.  
H.C. 10.0.  
4th EPIPHANY V. H.C. 8.0. Family  
H.C. 9.30. Evensong 6.0.  
11th SEPTUAGESIMA. H.C. 8.0. Mattins  
11.0. Evensong 6.0.  
18th SEXAGESIMA. H.C. 8.0. Mattins  
11.0. Evensong 6.0.  
24th ST. MATTHIAS. H.C. 10.0.  
25th QUINQUAGESIMA H.C. 8.0.  
Mattins 11.0. Evensong 6.0.  
28th ASH WEDNESDAY H.C. 10.0.

ALTAR FLOWERS, FEBRUARY

4th Mrs Maddocks 11th Mrs Crook  
18th Mrs Matthews 25th Mrs Darke

SERVERS' ROTA

Feb. 4th D. Cherrie (8.0) B. Chalmers (9.30)  
11th H. Lawrence 18th V. Reddick  
25th L. Ellis Mar. 3rd B. Dark (8.0)  
M. Bird (9.30).

BURIALS.

2 January Edith Gertrude Farley, 60  
13 January Emily Pearce, 58  
18 January Andrew Mark Worsdell, 2 days  
R.I.P.

## ENFORD YOUTH CLUB

If you have not heard much about the Youth Club recently it does not mean that we are about to close down. On the contrary, the Treasurer reports that we are by no means short of funds, but of course we intend to spend our funds wisely for the benefit of all members of the Club and the future members.

A peep in the Village Hall any Friday evening will convince anyone of the Club's popularity, for which we are indeed grateful to our Leader. The team spirit is very evident both in the Hall itself and in the kitchen.

No doubt the Junior Club is just as popular. Perhaps one of their members will let us know what they think about it?

Carol-singing just before Christmas raised funds to provide Christmas parcels for 30 pensioners. Future projects include a Road Walk for the 10 to 14-year-olds (start practising now!), a competitive "Roller Race" with other clubs, commencing from Devizes, Marlborough and Salisbury, and finishing at Enford with a well-earned tuck-in. We shall be asking for sponsors here, please. And finally, a diary note, please, for our Fete on May 18th. There will be side-shows, Tug-of-War for a cup, various competitions and Six-a-side Football. We repeat the date — May 18th 1968.

Dancers please note that on February 10th you are invited to dance, rock, roll, shuffle or what you will to the music of THE INTROS.

Finally, will the Adult Committee please note that the next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Friday, February 2nd at 7.30 p.m.?

And your Duty Rota:-

Feb. 2nd Mr Waight; 4th Mr Wyatt; 9th Mr Painter; 11th Mr Bushell; 16th Mrs Dart; 18th Mr Pethick; 23rd Mrs Gillett; 25th Mr Waight; March 1st Mrs Bird; 3rd Mr Bird.

Please make a note of this date

MAY 18th

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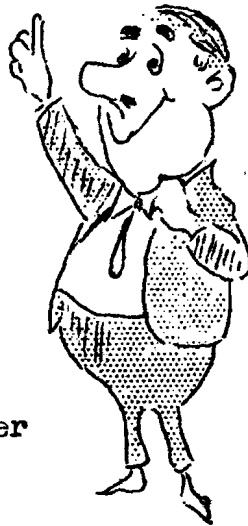
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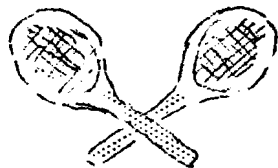
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And we shall be able to give you more details nearer the time.

MAY 18th!!





ENFORD TENNIS CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the Village Hall

on

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 1968 at 8.0 p.m.

Please come and vote for the 1968 Committee and bring your new ideas, constructive criticism and points of view.

Boys and girls wishing to play tennis or wanting to learn are MOST WELCOME and their opinions are valued.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The January meeting of the W.I. was a Members' Meeting. Mrs Darke presided in the absence of Mrs Raymond.

The Speaker was Mrs T.Crook, who showed us slides of her husband's World Tour, and she was thanked by Mrs Clarke.

The competition for "A Slice of Home-made Christmas Cake" was judged by Mrs Crook, and the winners were Mrs Maddocks, Mrs Darke and Mrs Bee. Another competition was won by Mrs Grace. Teas were served by Mrs Bee and Mrs Clarke.

Our annual Old Folks' Party was held on January 5th. Owing to the flu' fewer than usual were able to attend, but those who came enjoyed themselves and went home with a tin of sweets.

On January 12th members and friends went to Bristol to see the Pantomime "Babes in the Wood", arriving back home again about 12.45.

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CHISENBURY METHODIST CHURCH.

Parents joined with the Sunday School for their Christmas Party which was held in the Village Hall on Saturday, January 6th.

After tea the children played games which were organized by Mr C. Hughes of Amesbury.

Avon Valley Women's Own.

In spite of a bitterly cold and wet afternoon, and though some members were indisposed, a fair number gathered for our first meeting of the year.

We welcomed our Minister, the Rev. W. Leedham, who gave us a very interesting and often humorous talk on his visit to Russia with members of a Youth Movement.

Our next meeting is at Figheldean on February 7th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr and Mrs A. Worsdell on the death of their baby son.

## ROMAN REMAINS DISCOVERED AT ENFORD.

The current issue of the Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine records the discovery of two sets of Romano-British remains in Enford. The discovery of both was made by Mr J.W.Covey of Pow-drills while driving a mechanical excavator.

The first lies between the River and the A.345 roughly opposite to Mr Couzens' cottage and extending to a point nearly opposite the New Buildings. Here the grab cut into a lead cistern containing Roman glass, nails in charred wood and sherds of New Forest ware. Further items of the same sort were discovered in the area as well as a length of foundation and the conclusion reached by the experts is that the site contains the remains of a large Roman domestic building of the 3rd century A.D., at least part of which had been destroyed by fire. The finds have been sent to the Devizes Museum and the site has been scheduled as an Ancient Monument.

The second lies to the west of the A.345 on a trackway to Compton. Most of the finds here consisted of Samian and coarse wares of the 1st to 4th centuries A.D., roof-tile fragments and animal bones. Objects of later date found in the vicinity comprised pottery of 17th to 18th century date, an iron axe-head with part of a bone haft still attached and an iron stirrup. These finds are also in the Devizes Museum.

## NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF ENFORD

### Rectors of Enford.

It is a matter of some difficulty to trace the names of the rectors, occurring as they did before the earliest surviving Bishops' registers at Salisbury. The names of only three have so far come to light.

Ralph de Loharing made an agreement with one Gilbert de Cornelay, a monk of Bee Abbey, regarding the chapel of Compton. Compton was once a much bigger place than it now is, and there was a chapel-of-ease there where the people might worship instead of coming to the parish church. This chapel at first belonged to Chisenbury Priory, which was a cell of Bec Abbey in Normandy. But later it was agreed that it should belong to St Swithun's Priory at Winchester, as did the parish church, and thus it came under the jurisdiction of the rector of Enford. The latter agreed to pay a mark (13s 4d) a year to Bec, to compensate the monks for any financial loss. De Loharing's agreement was made in the time of Theobald, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1139 to 1161, and this gives us a very approximate date for de Loharing.

No other rector's name is found until 1252, when the King ordered his forester at Chute to provide Master John de Lyeth, rector of Enford, with ten oaks for timber. ("Master" means that he was a Master of Arts).

We come across no more until 1280 when the King presented one William de Estdenne to the rectory of Enford "by reason of the voidance of the see of Winchester." When there was no Bishop such rights

normally lapsed to the Crown. William evidently had some difficulty in obtaining possession, as the presentation had to be repeated in 1282.

Edward I's mother became a nun at Amesbury Priory and after her death various people gave lands and other gifts to the Priory to found a chantry in her memory. Among these gifts are lands and rents in Coombe, Littlecott and Enford given by William de Estdene. He is not there described as rector but the coincidence is so strong that it is virtually certain that William was still rector at least till the year of the Queen Mother's death in 1291. It is quite possible that he was here until the appropriation of Enford Church to St Swithun's Priory and that the vicarage came into effect after his death or resignation.

In such roundabout ways we have to piece together the scraps of information we can find about those far-off times.

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#### MURDER MOST FOWL!

I feel sure I am not alone in regretting that Christmas should be an occasion for the slaughter of an exceptionally large number of ~~hex~~ birds and beasts. The sight of rows of carcasses in the shops always seems to me painfully at variance with the original spirit of the Festival, for Christians at least (Letter in "The Observer").

## FOOTBALL CLUB.

First of all we would like to express a hearty welcome to Brian Thicket as a member of our Club. Brian has been playing for Netheravon for some years and it is great to have him back in our village team. So far he has scored five goals for us.

Since the last issue we have played three matches. The game against Woodford arranged for December 30th had to be postponed owing to the prevalence of flu' and injuries to the team. There was a feeling in some quarters that we should have scraped up a team somehow and played the fixture. But this criticism is made without understanding of the situation. We have plenty of forwards, but very few defenders to call upon. This would have been a hard game under any circumstances, and it will be played later on when we hope to be able to field a more representative side.

Our first game in 1968 was against Fovant, away, which we won 14 - 0. This sounds one-sided, but I would like to say that this Fovant team is one of the most sporting we have yet met. I don't believe there was a single foul throughout the game. Our goals were scored by B. Thicket (4), D. Hope (4), D. Ford (2), W. Plank (2), R. Hatcher and Ivor Carn. The football field at Fovant is close to the hill which has Army badges cut out of the chalk.

On 13th January we travelled to Bulford and again recorded a good win, this time by 3 - 1, goals coming from

B.Thicket,I.Carn and G.Goodship. Both this game and that against Fovant were played in terrible weather.

Our third game was against Post Office Reserves, and this we won 6 - 1, goals coming from I.Carn (2),G.Goodship,R.Hatcher,W.Plank and C.Willis.

Now a few words about our Youth Team. They have only been seen in action once — against Laverstock and Ford, which they lost 1 -12. This may sound a crushing defeat, but we should remember that our boys had never played together before. They never gave up trying, and with a bit of luck might have scored at least seven times. A good try, lads! Your next game is against Porton on February 10th and perhaps we shall have better luck this time.

The pontoon has been won again, this time by Graham Goodship. R.Swanborough won the prize for the highest score.

We thank all the readers of the Newsletter for their support and encouragement. The footballers, for their part will do all they can to play good football.

If I may end on a purely personal note, I would like to express through these columns my gratitude to many good friends for their expressions of sympathy to my wife in the recent loss of her mother, and also to the Vicar for all his kindness.

F.W.Goodship, Chairman.

## THE GREEN DRAGON



(The Newsletter artist's impression of Miss Michele Pearse in the Title Role.

As well as entertaining the Old Folks at their Christmas Party with carols on handbells, the School children also gave for them their excellent little play The Green Dragon, which they had largely written themselves. Space precluded a mention of this in last month's Newsletter, but I would like to say how much we all appreciated the zest they brought to it and the clear way they spoke their lines.

Keith Perry made a convincing village bogey of the old school, notebook always in evidence, and George Bedford was a delightfully pompous Mayor, (can it be that coming events cast their shadow before?). Michele Pearse, as the speaking end of the Dragon had most of the laugh-lines and made full use of them. But for me, David Wilson stole the show as the old, old man whose legs were wobbly. But everyone was good and it gave great pleasure. May we have some more, please?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Feb.2 Youth Club 7.0. Youth Club  
Management Committee 7.30.
- 3 Enford F.C. v. Fovant,home.
- 4 Youth Club 3.0.
- 5 Junior Youth Club 6.0. W.I.Bingo,  
Parish Hall 7.30.
- 6 Tennis Club A.G.M.,Village Hall 8.0
- 7 Avon Valley Women's Own,Figheldean
- 9 Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club 7.0
- 10 Enford Youth Team v. Porton. Enford  
F.C. v. Farley,away. Youth Club  
Dance,Village Hall
- 11 Youth Club 3.0.
- 12 Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young Club  
Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30.
- 13 County Library Van 10.50. W.I.Meet-  
ing,Parish Hall // 2.15.
- 14 F.C.Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30.
- 16 Youth Club 7.0.
- 17 Enford v. B.R.S.A.,home.
- 18 Youth Club 3.0.
- 19 Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young Club  
Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30.
- 23 Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club 7.0
- 26 Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young Club  
Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30.
- 27 County Library Van 10.50. Young  
Wives Group,Village Hall 7.30
- 28 Football Club Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30
- May 18 YOUTH CLUB FETE

Don't throw them away!

Mrs Hayley Williams of Chisenbury Priory urgently requires used postage stamps to help in the vital job of providing guide-dogs for the blind. These she cleans and sorts and makes up into lots which are sold for this most worthy cause. It costs £250 to provide one trained dog, so clearly a lot of stamps are needed. Any stamps will do, even the most ordinary ones off your mail, but foreign, Commonwealth and the British commemoratives are especially welcome. If you do not find it convenient to take or send them to the Priory, the Vicar will be pleased to receive them and deliver them for you. Please help — it may mean the world to a blind person.

As we go to press there are two items of local news, one of which will perhaps only interest a few, the other of more general interest.

The first is that through the good offices of Mr Allison, late Clerk of Christ's Hospital two valuable old documents have been handed over to us for inclusion among the Church archives. They are both parchment deeds relating to the gift of the living, one dated 1656, the other 1676. I hope to say more about these at a later date.

The second item is that we have acquired a 16 mm Film Projector with sound equipment which will be available for hire for any village organisation which wishes to give a film show.