



All Saints' Church

ENFORD.

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

A Happy New Year to all Parishioners of Enford and to all our readers outside the Parish.

This is the time for making resolutions. If we were asked for advice in this connection we would say "Do not resolve to do anything that you know is beyond your ability", but we can all resolve to be good neighbours.

Last month we expressed our gratitude to one good neighbour and we now refer to another. Recently whilst clearing the Hall our Youth Club Leader dropped the tennis table top, the corner going through the floor. This has now been repaired by a local carpenter at no cost to the Youth Club, and we know its members will be pleased to join us in saying "Thank you, Sir." You are quite a newcomer, and we trust we are not too late to say "Welcome to Enford."

It has recently become clear that there is still quite an interest in the Young Wives' Group; and we in turn are interested to note that the December meeting of the Women's Institute was held at 7.0 p.m. We are keen to learn of the success of this meeting.

The area opposite the Post Office has been looking quite nice — a new fence and a green patch under the signpost, but as we returned from Church two questions came to our mind.
1. How are we to become the best-kept village when that tidy little

patch right in the centre of the village is turned into a muddy dumping ground?
2. Are our roads being properly repaired or just patched? To date we cannot begin to express approval.

Last month we asked you to write to us. We have had letters of appreciation from places as far apart as Ilfracombe and Hastings which assure us that Enfordians who now live far away really appreciate having the village news every month, and this makes us feel that quite apart from the village itself we are doing something of value for people outside it. No less than 20 copies are sent away by post by us each month, besides those which local people send on to friends and relatives as far away as Canada and Australia. Among others we were delighted to get one from Mrs Vaux (better known to most of us as the former Miss Morton-Fisher). Mrs Vaux wishes us well and sends seasonal greetings to all in the parish. She looks forward to the Newsletter each month and says she is continually on the move but still regards Enford as "Home".

The word "Home" has a different meaning for each one of us, but all who have been in the services - particularly overseas - will agree that home is where your heart is. So Enford cannot be too bad a place to live in, and this thought is confirmed when we learn of the activities of football crowds in other parts of the country. Our youths are wise enough to realise that there is nothing clever about spending a night in a cell.

VICAR'S LETTER

Enford Vicarage

Dear Friends,

One drawback about a monthly Newsletter is that often our news is by the time that publication date comes round again. Most of you will have heard or read some weeks ago of the great success of our Campaign. The response was truly splendid. There were 57 pledges totalling £534 a year, and 17 covenants totalling £333 a year. Add to these last the tax which the Church will recover (at no further expense to the covenanters), £233; and some sums promised verbally, but not pledged. And so we reach the magnificent total, if everyone honours their pledges, of £1,100.

Thanks be to God who has shown us the way and inspired so many to work together and to give so generously to make it possible for the Church to carry on its work.

This seems the right moment to pay a tribute to a gentleman who is not known to many people in Enford outside the P.C.C. - the Rev. A. Addis, Rector of West Dean. He is the priest appointed by the Bishop to organise Christian Stewardship in the Diocese and he has helped us at every stage, giving unstintingly of his time and his great experience. We were most sorry that he was unable to come to our Supper, and we here stress the immense debt of gratitude we owe to him.

You will no doubt have noticed that we have lacked a flagstaff on the

church for many weeks. The old one was taken down to be repainted and was found to have a large crack halfway down. The expert who examined it pronounced it dangerous and past repair. Through the good offices of Mr Painter we got a replacement from Savernake and we thank Mr Cross for kindly transporting it to Enford. It still has bark on and so cannot be painted until it is seasoned.

The Annual Vestry meeting will be held on January 29th. Every year I appeal to all Church people to come along to this and help in the election of their Church Officers for the coming year. The response to these appeals has been poor, but there have been signs recently that more Church people are beginning to recognise their responsibility in this matter.

We have received a complaint about the mess made by dogs in the Churchyard. We do realise that the path through the Churchyard is a public Right of Way. And that therefore people have as much right to go through with a dog as without one. But we ask for your cooperation in this - please keep your dog on a lead or otherwise under control, especially while traversing the new part of the Churchyard.

May God's blessing rest on you all throughout the coming year.

Yours sincerely

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CHURCH SERVICES, Jan. 1969

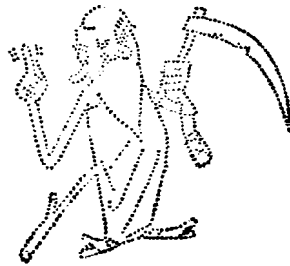
1st Circumcision H.C. 10.0
5th 2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. H.C.
8.0. Family H.C. 9.30. Evensong
6.0
6th THE EPIPHANY H.C. 10.0
12th EPIPHANY I H.C. 8.0. Mattins
11.0. Evensong 6.0.
19th EPIPHANY II H.C. 8.0. Mattins
11.0. Evensong 6.0
25th CONVERSION OF ST PAUL H.C. 10.0
26th EPIPHANY III H.C. 8.0
Mattins 11.0. Evensong 6.0

ALTAAR FLOWERS

5th Mrs England 12th Mrs Baillie
19th Mrs Worsdell 26th Mrs Gay

SEWERS' ROTA

5th T. Lawrence (8.0) M. Bird (9.30)
12th C. Painter 19th L. Ellis
26th V. Reddick.



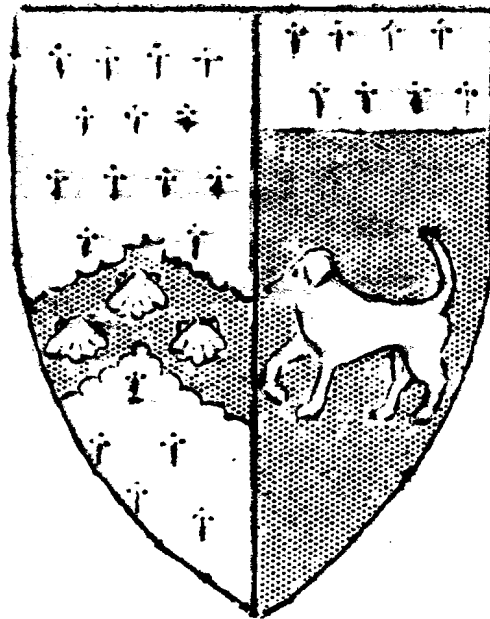
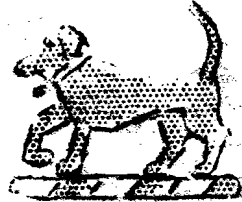
NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF ENFORD (25)

All visitors to Enford church must have noticed the three heraldic tablets painted on canvas and framed in wood which hang on the walls. These are called "hatchments", and it was once the custom to instal one in the church on the death of a member of some notable local family.

If the arms are shown on a shield they denote a man; if on a lozenge, they denote a woman. If the arms are what is called "impaled", that is, divided down the middle, they show that the deceased person was married, the left-hand side (as we look at it) containing the arms of the husband, the right-hand side the wife's. And lastly, the background behind the shield may be black or white or black and white, from which we can tell which of the two was deceased.

The hatchment in the north aisle shows an impaled coat of arms. On the left the field (or background) is ermine and bears a red chevron with spiked edges. On the chevron are three golden scallop shells. These are the arms of the family of Grove who lived at Chisenbury Priory. The arms on the right are red and bear a golden talbot (an old type of hunting dog), and there is a band of ermine (known as a chief) across the top. The crest is a black talbot, standing on a wreath of white and red. The arms on the right are those of Chafin, and the whole marks the death of John Grove in 1699, whose wife Mary (nee Chafin) survived him, as we see by the fact that

the right-hand side is on a background that has once been white. These arms actually contain an error, as the three scallop shells are shown as gold, whereas they should have been a gold scallop between two silver ones. This mistake of the painter has been corrected on the hatchment over the pulpit, which we shall be looking at next month.



STAMP COLLECTORS' CORNER

We are now more convinced than ever that the Postmaster-General is influenced in his policies by criticisms made of his efforts in these columns. How else can you explain the fact that he produced a Christmas issue which wins our ungrudging admiration? Taking children's toys as a theme the artist produced three excellent stamps depicting a rocking-horse for tinies, a doll's house for girls and a railway set for boys, attractively drawn and in less offensive colours than usual. On January 15th, two days before the Queen Elizabeth 2 begins her scheduled maiden Atlantic crossing we are to have six new stamps as a tribute to British shipbuilders and seamen. The 5d, three times normal size, shows the Q.E.2 herself. There are to be three 9d stamps showing the Cutty Sark (1869); a 16th century galleon which doubled as a warship and merchantman; and an East Indiaman (18th century). And two 1/- stamps (treble-sized) show Brunel's "Great Britain", 3,270 tons, the first iron-built screw-propelled ship to cross the Atlantic (1845); the other the Mauretania, 31,938 tons, completed in 1907 which held the Atlantic Blue Riband for many years. We note that the P.O. craftily make the cheapest stamp 5d instead of 4d in the hopes that this will tempt us to patronise its alleged express service. We also think that the provision of three ninepennies and two shilling stamps is a bit of a racket. But do we have to have three treble-sized stamps? They take an awful lot of licking!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A well-attended meeting was held in the Parish Hall on December 10th.

It was decided to hold a Social Evening instead of having a Speaker.

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After the conclusion of business the members enjoyed mince pies, biscuits, cakes and a glass of sherry. Mrs Goodship and Mrs Hatcher were in charge of the Social and Mrs Malcolm entertained members with a harmonica.

The competition for mince pies was judged by Mrs Malcom and Mrs Wiltshire and the winners were (1) Mrs Rowland, (2) Mrs J. Young and (3) Mrs Darke.

Our annual visit to the Pantomime at Bristol has been arranged for January 17th. Will any member who wishes to go please contact Mrs Young?

Our annual Old Folks' Party will be held as usual and a date will be announced in the next Newsletter.

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At our January meeting there will be a demonstration by Kleeneze.

Please note these dates in January —
6th W.I. Bingo
14th W.I. Meeting
17th W.I. Visit to Pantomime.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1968

The annual Service of Nine lessons and Carols has become one of the highlights of the Church's year in Enford.

The Church, lit entirely by candlelight looked lovely, and much credit is due to Major Matthews for all his work in arranging this.

The lessons were read by Captain S. Firth, Sir Richard Harvey, Mr L. Hill, Mr C. Painter, Mrs D. H. Cross, Alec Wares, Mr G. Perrett, Mr P. Coppock and the Vicar. The Choir sang one new carol - the traditional French carol "Whence is this Scent", and the School children contributed two charming little Czech carols - "The Birds" and "Hearken, my good Sir".

The Clerk of the Weather let us down badly. While much of England had a more or less white Christmas, here in the Avon Valley we had rain, rain and more rain, and the atrocious squally gusts accompanied by intense cold certainly accounted for a smaller congregation than usual at the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve. It was still raining at 8.0 on Christmas morning and still at it by the time of our Morning Service at 10.30. In all 71 people made their Christmas Communion compared with 86 last year.

We have just completed one year with the new Communion Service and I am most thankful that our P.C.C. was forward-looking enough to adopt this. At every point I am made aware how all the weak points of the 1662 Service are overcome leaving us with a Service that is simple, intelligible and well-constructed

ENFORD YOUTH CLUB

On Friday, 20 December members of the Youth Club split into two groups and sang Christmas Carols all around the Parish. The response was most gratifying and enabled the Club to give Christmas parcels to fourteen older members of the community, with the very best wishes of our members.

Mrs Dart and Gillian represented the "weaker" sex on this walk, and we are grateful to Mrs Dart for making up the parcels.

Youth Council Duty Roster

Jan. 3 & 5 Derek Ford
 10 & 12 Rodney Hatcher
 17 & 19 Colin Ford
 24 & 26 John Ellis
 31 & Feb.2 Richard Ford
Feb.7 & 9 Linda Goodship

YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Duty Roster

	Friday	Sunday
Jan. 5		Mr Pethick
10	Mr Painter	
12		Mr Wwatt
17	Mr Bird	
19		Mrs Gillett
24	Mr Pethick	
26		Mrs Dart
31	Mr Wyatt	
Feb. 2		Mr Painter

Mr E.W.Grant

Many people in Enford were sorry to hear of the death on December 5th of Mr Eddie Grant of Whiteways, Shrewton. Mr Grant farmed for some years at Lower Farm, Enford, where he had a notable and successful dairy herd. He was at one time Chairman of the the local branch of the Civil Defence and served on both Church and Parish Councils.

When the Rural District Council was prevailed upon to build some much-needed houses in Enford, it was Mr Grant who cheerfully agreed to give up some of his land for the purpose and it was thought a fitting thing in view of this to name Grant's Road after him. For some years he has never failed to send us some corn for the decoration of the church at Harvest Festival. In these days of combines and corn-driers, loose sheaves of corn are not easily come by, and this gift was very much appreciated.

Canon Robert Finch

"When you have stopped creating, you have stopped living." These are the words that Canon Robert Finch spoke to me as we stood by his car near the Enford Lychgate on a raw winter's afternoon four years ago.

The Canon had come as he did on innumerable other occasions during our 3½ year interregnum to officiate at a service. Never during that period did I have to appeal to him in vain, whether to come to the aid of our church, our School, or the occasionally bewildered sequestrators. Always forthright, saying what he meant and meaning what he said, Canon Finch was at once a solid pillar on which to lean and an inspiration to all who knew him. We of Enford will always be grateful for what he did on our behalf.

May he rest in peace.

L.H.

P.T.A. WHIST DRIVE

The annual Christmas Whist Drive was a great success and the sum of £12. 6 was raised. Mr Jim Maggs was the M.C., Mrs Brend organised the raffle and Mr R. Baillie and Mrs Bushell handled the finances. Refreshments were provided and served by Mrs Brend and Mrs Turner. I am very grateful for the monetary and whist prizes given by so many kind donors to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas Party.

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The Raffle prizewinners were Mrs Waite and Mrs Perry. The Whist prizes were won by Mrs Crowe, Mr E.J. Goodship and Mr J. Maggs, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs Clarke, Mr Huntley, Mr T.V. Culley, Mrs Maddocks, Mr Gilbert and Mrs J. Young.

L. Hill

The School Christmas Party took place on the 19th December and it was preceded by the School Carol Service, which was one of the most delightful which we have attended. Lessons were admirably and clearly read by Simon Emm, Alec Wares, David Baillie, Gillian B rend, Jacquie March, Mark Derrington, Jacquie Marshall, Michelle Pearse and David Wilson.

After a really sumptuous tea the guests enjoyed the adventures of Mickey Mouse and settled down to games, which were only interrupted by the arrival of Father Christmas with a full sack.

A lovely party in the best traditions of Enford School.

ENFORD CRICKET CLUB

We all seem to agree that we want a Cricket Club, but not many of us earn the right to criticize. There are two things to do before that right is earned; first, to attend the Annual General Meeting - prepared to join the Committee if elected - and to join in debate; and secondly, to pay your subscription. The second item should not be difficult. Most prices have rocketed in recent years, but your Cricket subscription is no more than it was thirty years ago!

As to the first, we can do better than we did last year — there were five of us at that A.G.M. That's not the way to run any Club. It is your Club, you must run it. The date is in the list on page 19 - make a note of it. It is not January 31st. Make sure you attend.

B. Wyatt
Village Hall Representative.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

My first words must be to wish you all a Happy New Year, and a good year for Enford football.

Our Pontoon is still going strong, and we have paid out twice since I last put pen to paper. The winners were F. Williams; C. Ford (highest score); and 13 people shared the prize for the lowest score. Last week Mr F. Stewart of Grant's Road won the Pontoon; Mr Jolliffe of Upavon and Mrs Hatchman of Grant's Road had the highest score; and Mr T. Young had the prize for the low-

est score. We are really grateful to all who belong to this Pontoon and make it so well worth our while. Our Bingo is still going well, and again thanks to everyone who helps to keep the Club going. Our Christmas Draw was held during our Bingo on December 18th and it was enjoyed by a good crowd. The Vicar helped us by making the draw and announcing the winners. The complete list of prize-winners can be seen in the Post Office. Enford F.C. has only played twice since our last issue. Away to Radnor Hall we won 1 - 0. The goal was scored by Rodney Hatcher who has since left Enford to try his luck with Figheldean. Our other game was against Woodford which we lost 1 - 6. This is a big score, I know, but at that time we had quite a job to get a team together; and bad luck again came our way as Richard Everett was injured after only 5 minutes play, and we had to battle on with only ten men. At least this game gave Peter Cook a chance to try out his injured foot. We are glad to say that two of our injured players, Richard Everett and Graham Goodship are both back at work and hope to be playing again soon. We have a Charity Cup fixture on January 4th, but at the moment we do not know who our opponents will be. On the 11th we go to Salisbury to meet Bemerton, and on the 18th it is Cup Day - again against opponents still not known. And on the 25th we have a home game against Victoria Casuals. This is all for the time being, but I hope to have more football news for you next month.

F.W. Goodship, Chairman.

ENFORD RACES

Apollo 8 started its race to the moon on Saturday, Dec. 21st. About 24 hours earlier another race started in Enford. Some rather masculine-looking mums paraded their prams across the road at the Swan. Babies are usually beautiful little things, but we could not so describe the occupants of these prams. We've seen a variety of legs since the mini-skirt arrived, but no ladies would have been proud of this bunch of hairy legs...we'll leave it at that! What were they doing, and for whose benefit? We learnt that Mr Derek Ford of 28 Coombe Lane had organised this event, so we asked him for details.

(We regret that Mr Ford's lengthy and most amusing report reached us rather late - 7 days late, in fact - so we have had to shorten it drastically).

The intention of this race was to supplement the efforts of the Youth Club for the Old Folks; in the event, our elders not belonging to the Club were through it helped to keep warm this Christmas. On the bright but chilly morning of Dec. 20 six teams of "Mum" and "Baby" (the latter fortified by 'milk' in shapes ranging from Coca Cola to Carling Black Label), eventually got away on the first leg up Longstreet to the turning point at the entrance to the Sports Field. The leading Swannie/Ellis team managed to overturn after a collision with the Hatcher/Ford pair, leaving the original leaders, Keith Reddick/Eddie Edgall, to stagger on in the lead once

more. After some understandable delay at the Swan on the return part of the first leg, the crews managed to get started on leg two to Littlecott Farm where David Cross had kindly arranged a small course for the teams (for which we are very grateful). Soon we saw the arrival of Keith and Eddie, closely followed by Colin and Rodney. "Through mud, through blood, to the green fields beyond" has nothing on this escapade. After escaping from being bogged down in the clay the competitors met a further disaster in the shape of a ramp liberally sprayed with water. All this, closely followed by the collapse of a certain set of wheels, saw the Swannie/Ellis combination gallivanting back towards the Swan, still in the lead.

As supporters sat comfortably in the warm, thinking "they'll be a while yet" ...surprise, surprise - John and Pete coasting in to an easy victory, with a rather bent and battered Rod and Colin trailing to a well-deserved second. The remainder fought their way across the finishing line in dribs and drabs. The 'Race Recovery Vehicle' supplied by Richard Belcher, ably assisted by rotund Robert, proved a necessary requirement by having to take Graham Amor and John Howell in tow.

Our appreciation to the competitors and all who supported this effort in raising £17.5 and endeavouring to make a better Christmas for the elder members of our community; and, of course, to Fred for supplying the 'milk'.

Many thanks

DATES FOR Y OUR DIARY

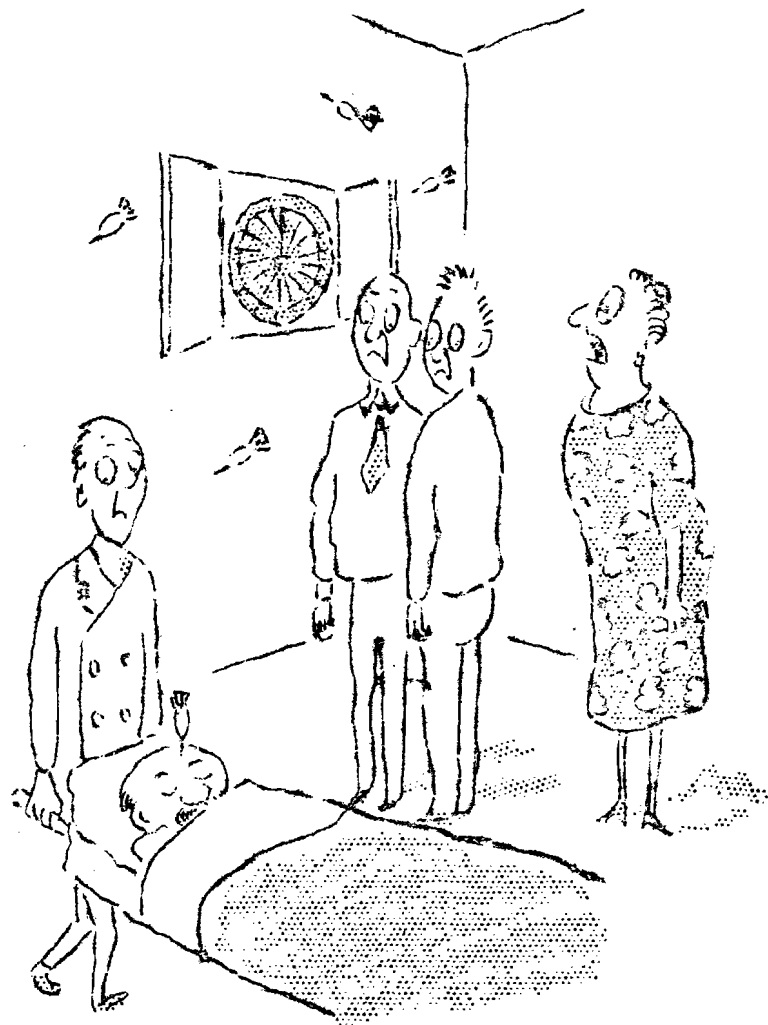
- Jan. 1 F.C. Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
3 Youth Club 7.0
4 Enford F.C. Charity Cup Match

5 Youth Club 3.0
6 Enford School recommences.
Junior Youth Club 6.0. W.I.
Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
10 Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club
7.0
11 Enford F.C. v. Bemerton (away)

12 Youth Club 3.0
13 Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
14 W.I. Meeting
15 F.C. Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
16 County Library Van 10.25
17 Youth Club 7.0. Youth Club
Management Committee 8.0. W.I.
Visit to Pantomime
18 Enford F.C. Cup Match

19 Youth Club 3.0
20 Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
21 Cricket Club A.G.M., Village Hall
7.30
24 Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club
7.0
25 Enford F.C. v. Victoria Casuals
(home)
26 Youth Club 3.0
27 Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo, Parish Hall 7.30
29 Church Vestry Meeting, Village
Hall 7.30. F.C. Bingo, Parish
Hall 7.30
30 County Library Van 10.25

(THEY'RE STILL AT IT IN THE SWAN)



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