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## ERMININE WEEK

### June 28th — July 5th in aid of St. John's Parish Church Building Fund

*Fancy Dress "Ermine Sports and Gala" June, 1957*



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Last year's Sports and Gala was a great success, in spite of the weather; but it was the general opinion that too much had been packed into one day. This year's Ermine Week will allow for a more ambitious programme and with ample time for each part of it to be enjoyed to the full.

Plans are not yet completed, but the week will start with a Sports and Gala. A special area will be roped off for the Children's Fancy Dress competition, as also for the Beauty Competition. The sports will cater separately for the children during the afternoon, and conclude into the evening with the Open track events, and the Tug o' War competition. Two novelty races will be the Ladies Pram Race, and the Ermine

### Married Couples Three Legged Championship.

The range of side shows is to be increased, and teas and refreshments will be served.

This year, the Baby Show will be held during the week, the three sections on separate days. The Show will be held at St. John's Hall where spectators can watch in comfort, and refreshments will be available.

On the Sunday there will be an Open air Service. The weeknight events haven't been decided in detail yet, but they will include, a cricket match between East and West, a Grand Concert, Bumper Whist Drive, Pet Show, and Gala Dance.

## *Building the Parish Church*

Thursday, May 8th will be a Day of Prayer to seek God's blessing on our combined efforts to prepare for the building of St. John's Parish Church. On Friday, the vicar will be at Church all day to receive gifts for the Building Fund, and on the Saturday he will be at the Main Shopping Centre. On both these days it will be possible for those who haven't done so yet to buy 'Shares' in the Parish Church.

Will you please do all that you can to help to build YOUR Parish Church.

## *Shovels Ready ?*

Councillor F. Eccleshare has kindly loaned and erected a large builder's hut on the site for St. John's Community Centre. This means that a start can be made on digging the foundations in the very near future. The hut will be invaluable, not only for storage, but for committee meetings and for planning out the work with the voluntary labour force. Our aim is to have the roof on before the Winter. If you haven't got a shovel, we'll lend you one.

## **MAY - - FAIR**

On Saturday, May 17th a Fair will be held on Ermine West in aid of the St. John's Community Centre Building Fund. There will be all the usual Gala attractions, games and competitions, but as it is a Fair we shall need lots of goods to put on the stalls for sale. Will you please see what you can make or give to one of the stalls.

The evening Barbeque promises to be the best yet, with plenty of succulent food and open air dancing.

The Jumble Sale held on March 15th raised £10, but there is another £2,000 still needed. Two dances have been arranged. One on Easter Monday at St. John's Hall, and the other on May 9th at the Co-op Hall, Free School Lane.

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## ***Holy Week and Easter***

**Monday, March 31st—Sunday, April 6th**

Monday.

Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.  
Compline 9-15 p.m.

Tuesday.

Holy Communion 7-0 a.m.  
Compline 9-15 p.m.

Wednesday.

Holy Communion 9-15 a.m.

A combined service for all denominations at Ermine Congregational Church at 7-30 p.m. The address will be given by Dr. Oliver Tomkins, Warden of Lincoln Theological College.

Compline, St. John's 9-15 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday.**

Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.  
**Family Communion 7-30 p.m.**

**Good Friday.**

Morning Prayer 9-30 a.m.

**Family Service 2-0 p.m.—3-0 p.m.**

The Passion Story in Words and Music 7-30 p.m.

Saturday (Easter Even).

Holy Communion 8-0 a.m.

Decoration of Church 10-0 a.m.

**Easter Sunday.**

Holy Communion 8-0 a.m.

**The Family Communion 9-15 a.m.**

Holy Communion 11 a.m.

**Public Baptism 3-45 p.m.**

**Evensong 6-30 p.m.**

Easter Monday.

Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.

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## GARDEN NOTES

— APRIL —

Complete planting hardy border and rock plants, finish pruning bush and polyantha Rose Trees. April is one of the best months for the general sowing of most vegetable seeds. Plant early potatoes during the first fortnight and follow up with second and late varieties.

Keep down weeds, for if they are allowed to seed trouble will be experienced later on. Spring flowering trees and shrubs such as Prunus Cereus and Forsythia should be pruned as necessary as soon as flowering is finished.

Lawns should not be cut too close and it pays to dress with a good spring lawn restorer. The sowing of lawn seed should not be delayed any longer. Plant asparagus roots at the end of the month.

Newly planted Dwarf Roses should be firmly pruned in early April: most gardeners leave too much wood on new plants. Climbing roses must not be cut hard back as otherwise all the flowers will be sacrificed. All that is necessary is to thin out weak shoots and branches that flowered heavily last year, encouraging young strong growth. The best time to prune climbers is after they have flowered.

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## Entertainment Guide

Easter Monday. **Dance.** Admission 2/6.  
At St. John's Hall.  
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8—12 p.m.

April 9 **Bumper Whist Drive.**  
At St. John's Hall, 7-30 p.m.,  
Adm. 2/-.

April 16 **Ruston's Silver Band** and guest  
artists at St. John's Hall, 7-30 p.m.,  
Adm. 1/-.

April 19 **Dance.** 7-30—10-30 p.m. 2/-.

May 9 **Dance.** Admission 3/6.  
Co-op Hall, Free School Lane.  
Music by "The Clubmen."  
8 p.m.—1 a.m.  
Refreshments and Late Transport.

## St. John's 'Vicar'

Priests of the Church of England have a great variety of titles, Rector, Curate, Vicar, Canon, Priest-in-Charge, Curate-in-charge, etc. It's no wonder that many people are at a loss on how to address their parish priest. The problem presents itself particularly in a new area like our own Conventional District of St. John the Baptist.

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# ROUND THE CLUBS



## Evergreen Club

On February 13th Miss Jahn gave a talk on her work at Lincoln Public Library, and the ladies of the Congregational Women's Meeting were the guests of the club for the afternoon. Several Whist drives have been held, and on March 6th there was some brisk bidding at a Mock Auction. Goods offered ranged from groceries to cycle capes, and the 52 members present had soon realised £3 towards the Summer Outing.

In the future programmes there will be a whist drive alternate weeks, and from May onwards it is hoped to arrange a monthly visit to the country.

## Drama Club

The drama group is now well on the way to its first production. The first programme will consist of two one act plays with one or two other items to make a full evening's entertainment. It is hoped that with any money we raise we can put the stage of St. John's in order. On Saturday, April 19th we are running a dance at the hall as part of our fund raising effort.

There is still room in the drama group for anyone, male or female, who is interested in stage work and play acting. The group meets each Monday at 7-30 p.m. in the back room of the St. John's Hall.

More details about the plays will be in the next issue of the Ermine News.

## Youth Fellowship

The Friday club night has become very popular and we now have 58 members. There is vacancy for one or two more young people, provided that they live within the parish of St. John's.

As the summer draws near we hope to have full cricket kit, netball posts, and volley ball nets. We have already been promised nets for cricket practice.

Apart from the monthly dance the Friday night programmes have consisted of Billiards, Table tennis, team games and dancing. On Feb. 28th we had a visit from two of the city councillors.

The Sunday night club consists of about twenty members of the Friday club. Friday's programmes are arranged here, and there are also debates, talks, discussions, etc. On Sunday,

Feb. 14th Miss Diane Bailey led a discussion on the subject, "Cruelty to animals." Feb. 23rd. The two subjects of "Blood Sports" and "Cruelty to children" were led by Peter Cole and Walter Volberg. Lincoln City was the topic for Mar. 1st. What could be done to improve the City and its traffic problems?

The Club visited Moorland Park Methodist Youth Club on Monday, March 3rd, for an evening of social entertainment and dancing. On Sunday, Mar. 9th all members had to give a one minute talk on subjects picked out of a hat, e.g. Stove pipes, How to train fleas, The fall of the Roman Empire, etc. Mr. Trevor Brett (chairman), being in his C.L.B. uniform then gave us a demonstration on how (not) to do footdrill!!!

That brings us up to date on going to press. Further programme reports will appear in each issue of the Ermine News.

## Young Wives

A Shrove Tuesday Party was held on Feb. 18th, and on March 4th Dr. C. A. Lillicrap gave a most interesting and humorous talk entitled "When to call the Doctor."

On March 18th the Vicar showed some films of last years Sports & Gala, and then gave a talk on "The Family of God & the Prayer Book."

## Girl Guides

An open evening was held on February 27th—in spite of the snow and ice. Besides demonstrating their usual activities the Guides performed several amusing sketches.

The Colour (flag) of the original 19th Coy. has recently been located through the efforts of Mrs. Irving, and when it has been renovated it will be formally presented to the 19th Lincoln (St. John's) Coy.

## C.L.B.

The Church Lad's Brigade and Junior Training Corps were very smartly turned out for their Enrolment Service on Sunday, March 9th. After the March Past (in the snow) the parents entertained the boys and the visiting companies to tea.

The Open Night on Monday, March 10th was very well attended, and the demonstrations of foot-drill, gymnastics, vaulting and pyramids were of a high standard.

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April	Servers	Offertory	Intercessions	Children's Nursery
6	A. Gaunt S. Appleby	Mr. and Mrs. Harrison	Broxholme Gardens Baptisms	Mrs. Wilson
13	A. Chamberlain B. Parsons	Michael Page Ruth Cattle	Allandale Close	Mrs. J. Wilson
20	G. Tibbs J. Parker	Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt	Harewood House	Mrs. Hodgkinson
27	R. Mason A. Gaunt	Jeremy Page Barbara Tipler	Barkston Gardens	Mrs. Barsley
May				
4	M. Page A. Chamberlain	Mr. and Mrs. Freestone	Torrington Road	Mrs. Daines

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## St. John's Register

### Baptisms

Mar. 2 David John, son of John and Jean Howes.  
Peter Chris, son of Leslie and Doreen Cole.  
Leslie Edwin, son of Kenneth and Dorothy Ward.  
Paul Robert, son of Alan and Irene Baggley.  
Paul David, son of Harold and Joan Woodcock.  
Lynne Jane, daughter of Douglas and Beryl Harrison.

### Burials

Feb. 25 Grace Bass.  
Mar. 10 Frederick Ellis.  
„ 14 William Buttery.

## What's on this month

April  
1 Tues. Young Wives' Group. 7-45 p.m., Rev. D. Woodroffe, 'Colourful America.'  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER—  
see front page.  
7 Mon. Easter Dance 8-12 p.m. Blue Star Band. 2/6.  
9 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive. 2/-.  
13 Sun. **Easter I.**  
15 Tues. Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m. "Home Decorating."

16 Wed. Band Show 7-30 p.m., Admission 1/-. Ruston's Silver Band and Guest Artists.  
17 Thur. Dedication of Church Hall at Harts-holme, 7-30 p.m.  
19 Sat. Dance, 7-30-10-30 p.m.  
20 Sun. **Easter II.**  
22 Tues. "Gentlemen Entertain." A social organised by the men. Admission by ticket only.  
25 Fri. S. Mark, E. & M. Holy Communion, 7 a.m.  
Ermine Week Meeting 8-0 p.m. All interested persons invited to attend.  
27 Sun. **Easter III.**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

**The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.**

(Young children may be left at St. John's House)

**Evensong, 6-30 p.m.**

**Holy Baptism.**

1st Sunday in the month, 3-45 p.m. (Please give a fortnight's notice).

## Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion	Monday	6-30 a.m.
„	Wednesday	9-15 a.m.
„	Thursday	6-30 a.m.
„	Friday	7-0 a.m.
„	Saturday	8-0 a.m.

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