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HORSEHEATH PARISH MAGAZINE 1899.

APRIL 1899.

Sign boards are frequently of a Historic, or Heraldic nature – ‘the White Hart’, the Badge of Richard II, ‘the Swan’, the Badge of Henry V, the ‘Boars Head’ of Richard III, are signs familiar to all, and many others such as ‘the Red Lion’, ‘the Griffin’ and the ‘Swan’ were badges of old families, but to account for some of the strange combinations in signs – ‘the Axe and the Saw’, ‘the Shovel and Boot’, etc. we must remember that it was the custom to combine a new sign with an old one, for an apprentice to place his master’s sign with that of his own. The sign-boards bearing ‘the Red Lion’ and ‘the Montford Arms’ in Horseheath were robbed of all Heraldic interest some time ago, and now it is to be regretted, the ‘Batson Arms’ (ar. three Bat’s wings sa., on a chief gu. a Lion passant guardant or.) have been painted out, and replaced by gaudy lettering, ‘the Batson Arms’. This sign-board is the most modern in Horseheath; the family bearing the arms in question were not connected with Horseheath prior to the year 1783, when Stanlake Batson, Esq. became the possessor of the estate. The sign of ‘the Montford Arms’ is of earlier date, as Henry Bromley, grandson of John Bromley, who purchased the estate of the Allington family, was created Lord Montford, Baron of Horseheath, in 1741.

A sad feature in our record for February has been a slight outbreak of Diptheria in a family, formerly resident among us, but now living at Streetly End, West Wickham. We sincerely sympathize with those who have already lost three children, whilst others are still suffering from the disease. It is a comfort to know that only one other case of Diptheria has, as yet, occurred in our own village. But the school has, very properly, been closed for a fortnight by order of Dr. Armistead (M.O.H.)

HORSEHEATH PARISH MAGAZINE 1900

The Annual Meeting of the Mother's Union will be held on June 11th. (St. Barnabas' Day), at the Rectory, commencing at 2.30. This meeting will be for members only, but we shall be very glad to see any mothers who wish to join the Union on that occasion. We hope that Mrs. John Clay, who so kindly came last June to start the Union in our village, will again visit us, and give us another address. It is proposed, after the meeting, to hold a very small Jumble Sale, the proceeds of which will go to a fund for keeping our Churchyard in better order.

We regret to record the death of little Ada Free (9 months), daughter of George and Ellen Free, who was buried on July 7th. This is the second death among infants traceable to whooping cough. The epidemic is, we trust, now gradually dying out, but not before it has wrought serious injury to our parish school by lowering the average attendances.

manner. The first mention of a church at Linton does not occur until 1254, but that there was a church here in Norman times there are still remains to show; the round holes above the arches on the south side of the nave are the clerestory windows of the Norman church. And when the tithes were given away to three different religious houses, probably each division of the parish had its church.

Now when the tithes of an English parish were given to a French Abbey, what happened was this. The Abbey sent over a monk who was appointed rector, and it was his duty to collect the tithe, turn it into money, and send the proceeds to the Abbot in France. Such a rector being a monk was called a Prior, and so the Rectory or Priory of Linton is often mentioned in the mediæval records, but there was never a community of monks living here. The Prior's house probably stood where "that greate messuage called the Guildhalle" (built A.D. 1527) now stands, and the site of his fish stew may still be traced in Mrs. Ficklin's orchard. Although the Bishop of Ely had power to insist on a certain portion of the tithe being paid to a vicar for the due performance of divine service, the greater part of it was sent out of the country, and the same thing was happening in other parishes where the tithe had been given to foreign Abbeys. Now, during the fourteenth century and afterwards, this country and France were often at war, and the transmission of money or farm produce from England to its enemy at such times was unwise for political reasons, and it was this which ultimately, as we shall see later on, gave Pembroke College its first hold on Linton.

W.M.P.

Gorseheath.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Parish Church on Thursday evening, 15th September, at 7.30. The Church was, as usual, prettily decorated, as the result of many kind gifts of flowers, vegetables, etc., sent by thoughtful parishioners, and the ready assistance of kind helpers. There was a good congregation (though we should like to have seen more of our men, by whose labour the harvest had been gathered in), and Rev. John Steele, Vicar of Saffron Walden, delivered a very helpful sermon. The collection, which amounted to £2 ros. 9d., was duly forwarded to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

We are glad to find that the attendance of children at School keeps quite up to the usual good average, and there are several waiting to receive the medals promised by the C. C. C. to those who attend most regularly.

As we go to press we have to record the quarterly meeting of the members of the Mothers' Union, which was held in Church at 3 o'clock to-day (27th). There was a good sprinkling of the members present, though not quite so many as we have sometimes seen. Rev. J. Carter Jonas (Weston Colville), gave a very useful and sympathetic address, which we feel sure would be valued by all who heard it.

Arrangements are being made for two Technical Classes to be held during the approaching winter, (i) Dressmaking, (ii) Carpentering; also Miss Heitmann has kindly consented to hold a class for Vocal Music for men's voices. We hope that our room may be available for these; there is still opportunity for entering them, application to be made to Mrs. Borrer, or Miss Heitmann.

The walls of our Parish Room are rapidly rising, and we hope that it will be open for use towards the end of November. But the mere cost of building will *more* than exhaust our funds, specially as the roof will involve greater expense than we at first foresaw. What we now want is, help with which to furnish it! Are there not some of our friends, in and outside of the parish, who would like to give something towards making the *inside* of "our Room" cosy?

Will you look over the following list of things, and see if you can make us a gift of *one* of them. We think that our own people will feel all the greater interest and sense of possession in the Room if they can point to something in it as their own offering:—40 Chairs (2/6 each), 3 hanging Lamps, 12/- each; 1 Games Cupboard, £1 5s.; 2 strong Tables, 2 Doormats (large), 2 Scrapers, Pictures, Curtains and Rods for six windows.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Marriage—

September 17th.—George Poulter, jun., to Louisa Dockerill, both of this parish.

Baptisms—

September 11th.—May Sarah, daughter of Henry Samuel and Eliza Parmenter (Bartlow).

September 11th.—Harold William John, son of John and Mary Ann Stinton (Linton).

September 11th.—Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth Dockerill (Bartlow).

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Horseheath.

The Rector has been ordered by a good London physician to take a rest, and he is, therefore, trying to arrange for this. It comes at a very important time, but has to be faced. It is possible that he may be obliged to leave home for two to three months, but every effort will be made to see that the parish does not suffer during his absence.

We hope to observe the Dedication Festival of our Church (All Saints' Day) on Tuesday evening, 1st November, at 7.30 p.m., when the Rector hopes to be able to secure a special preacher.

The end of the month will find us entering once more upon the solemn season of Advent, and we hope that it may be possible to arrange for the usual Services on Wednesday evenings, with special preachers, but, owing to the Rector's probable absence no definite arrangement can, at present, be made.

We are glad to hear that there is a prospect of forming a nice Singing Class for men, several having already sent in their names, and others, we hear, being likely to follow suit. It sounds a very pleasant way of spending some of the long winter evenings.

On October 27th we complete the fourth year of our Coal and Clothing Club, and it is good to note that each year the deposits of members have steadily increased, and this year amount to £27 12s. 2d. Owing to the great kindness of Miss Solari we are enabled again to give a small bonus but we would remind the members that the bonus is *not* a necessary part of our Club; its object is to give an opportunity to our people to cultivate *regular* habits of thrift and saving. A great deal can be learnt about *character* from the study of the Club Account Book. It is the regular small sums we like, better than the big ones, paid irregularly, especially when they come at the end of the year.

We congratulate our members on having the reward of their savings, in a good supply of coal, or in a happy day's shopping, laying in a store of warm clothing for the winter. Like the good woman we read of in Proverbs xxxi, we feel it may be said of each of our members "She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with double garments." We

start a new year on Saturday, November 5th, at 10 a.m., at the Rectory, and shall welcome new members.

Before next magazine appears we hope our new Parish Room will be opened, and that it will be in full use. It is proposed to call it "The Guild Hall," for we learn from Mr. W. M. Palmer's most interesting paper on "Village Guilds," that we not only had a "Guild of St. Mary," but also a Guildhall in our village, which was used both for religious and social purposes. It was pulled down at the time of Reformation. We may hope that our new Guildhall will start another era of Reformation in our dear village. The date and arrangements for the opening will be soon announced.

Miss Solari has generously promised to give a Piano to our School. This will give great pleasure both to Miss Heitman and the children, and it comes at a moment when they deserve all encouragement for the excellent attendance.

Harold Starling has joined our Choir, and we have now 9 men and 9 boys, all of whom are most regular in attendance at services and practices. We want our boys to remember that reverence of behaviour comes much before beauty of singing.

A Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, November 12th, in the school-room. Doors open at 2.30. Admission 1d. Proceeds for the "Guild Hall" Building Fund.

Whittlesford.

The following sums have been received for the Improvements' Fund, and are acknowledged with many thanks: Miss Wallis (as promised) 10/6; the Church Box £1 1s. 1d. Mr. E. Runham has most kindly made and given the Church Box itself, which is proving so useful. When he brought it, there was £1 2s. 6d. in it!

The Vicar, as Treasurer, has now paid for the work that has been done, so far as it falls on the Improvements' Fund. The bills settled are:—Messrs. A. Macintosh, for the Heating Apparatus, £56 10s. 0d. Mr. E. Runham, for the Boiler Pit, Tower Ceiling and sundry smaller repairs, £24 1s. 4d., Messrs. Jones and Willis, for new lamps, £12 1 3s.

The Rector hopes to return home shortly before Easter, though he will probably be obliged to take work easily for some time. We are all grateful to the kind friends who have given us sermons during the Lent season. God grant that Easter may find us wishing and striving to lead a more faithful life in loving obedience to our risen Lord, but this can never be done without effort. Let us rouse ourselves, therefore, to seek our God more earnestly in prayer, and worship, and Holy Communion. 'Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong'. 'Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you'. Let us try to put away our old habits of carelessness, and negligence, and sloth; 'rising (now) together with Christ' and 'seeking the things which are above'. It is this only that Easter can bring us real happiness and help us forward on our heavenward course.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

'Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.'

Tuesday in Holy Week there will be a Lantern service for children in the Guildhall at 7.30.

Wednesday in Holy Week there will be a Lantern service for women and girls in the Guildhall at 7.30.

Thursday there will be a Lantern service for men in the Guildhall at 7.30.

Good Friday there will be services in the Church at 11 am and at 7.30 pm.

Easter Day celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 am and at 12 pm.

Mens' Meeting — The meeting for men and boys over 16 will be held every Sunday evening in the Guildhall at 7 o'clock pm.

The School has received an excellent report from His Majesty's Inspector, and the attendance has reached the splendid average for the year of 96.8.

A small Entertainment was given for women and girls in the Guildhall on Lady-day. Some of the village children sang and recited and their performance was much appreciated. Thanks are due to Miss Heitmann, who coached them, to Miss Pearl who so kindly sang, and also to Miss Parsons who played the childrens' accompaniments and assisted with the Magic Lantern.

Offerings of flowers for the Easter decorations will be welcome, and may be sent to the Church on Easter Eve at 10 am. The choir are taking great pains in preparing an Anthem for the great Festival.

HORSEHEATH PARISH MAGAZINE

SEPTEMBER 1905.

We have reason to be very thankful for the glorious weather which has enabled us to make such progress with (what the writer believes to have been) a good and bountiful harvest, and we shall soon be wishing to fix a date for our annual service of thanksgiving; so far as can be seen at present this will probably be held about the second week in September. (D.V.)

On Saturday, 5th. August, the Annual Treat was given to the children attending Sunday School, who went, as usual, for a short service in Church at 3 pm., and afterwards joined in games of various kinds in the Rectory grounds. We hope that another year we shall be spared the pain of excluding the few who at present do not attend the Sunday School.

The following members of our congregation have kindly consented to act as Sidesmen to assist the Churchwardens in collecting the alms etc., when they themselves are unable to be present; we are grateful to them for giving this assistance – the names are Mr. John Stinton, Mr. William Rule, Mr. Alfred Petitt.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Baptisms:

JULY 30th. – Cyril Edwin John, son of Edwin and Kate Mears, East Finchley, Middlesex.

JULY 30th. – Matilda Rose, daughter of George and Ada Petitt, Cambridge.

Marriages:

AUGUST 21st. – George Hooper (Sergeant H.M. Coldstream Guards) to Alice Davey, Horseheath. The bright uniforms of the three soldiers present tended to make the above wedding an unusually attractive one.

DECEMBER 1905.

The Rector is returning after another enforced absence from his Parish, and hopes to be able to resume work, at least for a time; and he rejoices to think that he will be amongst his old friends for the solemn season of Advent and the happy festival of Christmas. May God help us all to learn, more perfectly, the great lessons conveyed by both.

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MARCH 1906

On Jan. 25th. medals were publicly distributed to certain of our School children as a reward (provided by the C.C.C. Ed. Committee) for regularity of attendance and general good conduct throughout the past school year. It was very gratifying to see so many of our children claiming these rewards, and it is very creditable both to parents and children alike. There were (as is almost inevitable) some few cases of hardship in which children only lost their medal by missing 2.3 attendances, but the line must be drawn somewhere, and we hope that these children will be more fortunate another time. We should like also to have seen some of the parents present on so interesting an occasion as this. We append a list of recipients, with our hearty congratulations to them. The 'bars' were given to the children who received medals last year.

Bars awarded to: Bessie Hanchett, Mabel Stinton, Rosa Bowers and Reginald Ling.
Medals awarded to: Cicely Stinton, Eva Kettle, Laura Pettit, Violet Freeman, Jane Freeman, Sarah Atherton, Dorothy Pettit, Emily Bowers, Oliver Kettle, William Bowers sen., Reginald Davey, Frank Bowers, Albert Bowers, William Bowers jun. and Archibald Mizon.

In future the subscriptions for the Parish Magazine will be collected three times annually, viz. Jan. 1st. 6d., May 1st. 6d., and Sep. 1st. 6d. Those who have made no payment at all for this year are requested to pay 6d. with their March magazine.

On Feb. 2nd. Mr. John De Fraine (West Wickham) paid us a visit and gave one of his amusing and helpful lectures to a crowded audience. He told some very telling stories and maintained a high tone throughout his address, which cannot fail to have done good, if only his hearers will try to follow out his wise advice.

On Feb. 14th. the Quarterly Meeting of the members of the Mothers' Union was held in the Parish Church at three o'clock pm. having been adjourned from the previous Thursday, on account of the violent thunderstorm. The address was given by the Rector.

HORSEHEATH PARISH MAGAZINE 1907

DECEMBER 1907

Before the issue of another number of this useful Magazine both the Church and the world will have entered upon another year as we compute 'time'. Both the Rector and Mrs. Borrer would therefore take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a truly happy New Year. Most of us have probably found out, ere this, that the life of Holiness is the true life of Happiness. Let us therefore, try, by God's help, to 'redeem the time' which may yet remain to us, and so be preparing for Eternal Happiness in the Life of the world to come.

As we go to press we are thinking of the day of 'Intercession for Foreign Missions' which we have tried, in our quiet way, to observe, year by year, for some time past. That our prayers are needed and have been clearly blessed, is evident to all who take any real interest in missionary work. God grant us an increasing and sustained desire to promote and assist this big important work by any means in our power.

We regret that there will be no special services for 'Advent' this year but the Rector feels hardly able to arrange for them this season.

On Christmas Day there will (D.V.) be an early Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Matins (with short address) at 11 o'clock. Carol Service at 3 o'clock.

We need scarcely say how sincerely we wish all our parishioners a truly Happy Christmas. God help us to keep the Festival as becomes the sober-minded Christian people, who have learned to 'Rejoice in the Lord'.

horrors and ravages of War; the unspeakable cruelties and lusts that our brave allies have endured. Whilst thanking God for these mercies, we must on the other hand have realized the constant need of truer heart preparation and the urgent call for a sincerer repentance for our coldness and indifference in the past, and to our shame at this present time.

Let us resolve to use this Season, and so by God's help draw nearer to one Who is indeed our Saviour and our Friend.

All are asked to attend more constantly the many Services of our Church, and by earnest vigour and self-examination to prepare themselves more worthily to meet at God's Holy Altar at our Great Easter Feast.

It is with very sincere regret that the Vicar and his family are still away from their many friends and happy home.

The Parish is to be congratulated on having their old Friend and Vicar, Mr. Pearson, in residence as Priest-in-Charge.

Last month should have recorded a distribution of prizes to the Sunday School. This was possible owing to the kindness of Mrs. Emerson, who gave one pound, and the balance was made up by three shillings and six-pence each from Mr. Nickett and the Vicar.

Our grateful thanks are again given to the Churchwardens and all their workers, who, by their kindness and willing work are keeping all things in order.

The repair of the organ will, we hope, shortly be an accomplished fact. A small but efficient Committee, consisting of Messrs. Dyball, Rickett, and Lewis, with Mrs. Whittington, have the matter in hand.

HILDERSHAM. PARISH REGISTER.

MARRIAGE.

Feb. 12, 1916—Harry Lawrence, bachelor, of the parish of Hanworth, Middlesex, and Emily Elizabeth Dockerile, spinster, of the parish of Hildersham.

Lent is late this year. On Ash Wednesday (March 8th), the usual services will be held.

Mattins and the Litany will be said at 11-30, and Evensong and the Communion at 4.

When the days get a little longer the Sunday Evening Services will again be held at 6-30.

HORSEHEATH.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Jan. 29—Herbert Alfred Bradnam to Ethel Mary Roope.

The Services on Ash Wednesday, March 8th, will be:—

11-15, Mattins, Litany and Communion.

11-40, Holy Communion.

6-30, Evensong and Sermon.

Offertory and Collection for Rescue and Prevention Work in the Diocese.

March 15th, 17th, and 18th, are Ember Days.

As the Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday, the Services for the Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday, 22nd. Holy Communion at 10. Litany and Sermon at 3.

The following gained Sunday School Prizes for the year ending at Advent, 1915, and received them at the Morning Prayer on Feb. 13th:—

Class I.: Ella Carlton, 438 marks; Maisie Tabram, 438; Basil Tabram, 381; Gladys Covill, 351.

Class II.: Ena Dockerill, 422; May Ling, 408; Doris Tabram, 398; Edward Banks, 387; Kathleen Bowers, 374; Claude Pettit, 366; Gladys Bowers, 356; Maud Atherton, 351.

Infants: Leonard Tabram, 389; Richard Bowers, 350.

The Sunday School Tea, postponed on account of mumps, was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday, Feb. 15th.

On Feb. 1st, in the presence of several parents and friends of the children, the prizes given by the Local Education Authority were given in the Day School, for the year ending March 31st, 1915, by Mrs. T. B. Phillips, and the medals were given by the Rector in the absence, through illness, of Mrs. Green. At the close of the proceedings a vote of thanks

to Mrs. Phillips was proposed by the Rector, and seconded by Mr. Covill.

WINNERS OF PRIZES.

Needlework:

Standard VII. 1st Prize, Dolly Mynott.
Standard VI. 1st Prize, Gladys Covill.
Standard VI. 2nd Prize, Ella Carlton.
Standard V. 1st Prize, Grace Stinton.
Standard V. 2nd Prize, Nellie Dockerill.
Standard IV. 1st Prize, Cissie Mynott.
Standard III. 1st Prize, Ena Dockerill.
Standard II. 1st Prize, Kathleen Bowers.
Standard I. 1st Prize, Florence Ashton.

Writing:

Standard VII. 1st Prize, Mabel Leech.
Standard VI. 1st Prize, Maisie Tabram.
Standard VI. 2nd Prize, Stanley Rule.
Standard V. 1st Prize, Eunice Dockerill.
Standard V. 1st Prize, Edward Ling.
Standard IV. 2nd Prize, Cissie Mynott.
Standard III. 1st Prize, Bertie Green.
Standard II. 1st Prize, Edward Banks.
Standard I. 1st Prize, Elsie Turner.

Drawing:

Standard VI. 1st Prize, Stanley Rule.
Standard VI. 2nd Prize, David Bowers.
Standard V. 1st Prize, Basil Tabram.
Standard IV. 1st Prize, Arthur Rule.
Standard III. 1st Prize, Harry Rawlinson.
Standard II. 1st Prize, Alfred Mayes.
Standard I. 1st Prize, Francis Dockerill.

MEDAL AND BARS FOR FULL ATTENDANCE.

Medal for 1 year: Daisy Reader.

Bars for 2 years: Ada Ree, Emily Green, Gladys Bowers, Claude Pettit.

Bars for 3 years: Gladys Covill, Nellie Dockerill, Arthur Dockerill, Ernest Pearson.

Bar for 4 years: Ena Dockerill.

ICKLETON.

On Friday, Feb. 11th, the Lord Bishop of Ely kindly came from Ely to confirm one of the wounded soldiers from the Hospital. The Service was held in the Chancel of the Church, where a small congregation gathered to take part, and add their prayers.

On Feb. 2nd, the Feast of the Purification of B.V.M., intercessions and collections were made for the C.E.Z.M.S.

Feb. 6th, was the C.M.S. Sunday, when the collections amounted to £2 1s. 8d.

On Feb. 23rd, a Lantern Lecture on "C.E.Z.M.S. Work in the Punjab," was given by Mrs. Shirt, and repeated by the Vicar the next day to another audience.

The Vicar's Letter with arrangements for Lent will be out about the same time as this number.

On Saturday, Jan. 29th, the Ickleton Troop of Scouts and Wolf Cubs gave an excellent entertainment in the Reading Room. They were assisted by six members of the 8th Cambridge Troop, who brought their instruments and gave some instrumental music. The members gave a capital rendering of some scenes from Hiawatha, being cleverly got up in costume. The Scoutmaster, Mr. Huttenly, showed some conjuring tricks; Instructor Brooks sang a song, "Be ready," with full chorus of members. There was a boxing display. Mr. Lummis gave a recitation; Scout Johnson a song; and Mr. Iliffe a whistling solo. The Cambridge Troop gave a sketch entitled, "The Zeppelin Raid." The full audience thoroughly enjoyed the capital programme.

On Sunday, the first Church Parade of the Troop took place. The marches before and after Service were headed by the Cambridge Band. At the commencement of the Service, Troop Colours, presented by J. Binney Esq., were dedicated by the Vicar.

Mr. Binney was present on both occasions.

BURIALS.

Feb. 1—John Day Burton, aged 90.

8—Susan Lindsell, aged 79.

LINTON.

The efficient heating of our Church calls for serious consideration. The present stove may have done its duty in the remote past, but although it consumes quantities of coke it entirely fails to keep the Church even moderately warm now. The Churchwardens and Sidesmen had an informal consultation after Evensong on Jan. 30th, and agreed that definite steps must be taken for an effective system before next winter. Steps are being taken to ascertain the best method with an estimate of the cost, which it is feared will be about £150. In these days of appeals for so many objects connected with the war, together

He was laid to rest on Thursday, August 31st, and a memorial service was held on the following Sunday. We thank God for his life and the example of service which he set. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his two daughters who are left to mourn.

Some months ago it was announced that the late Mrs. Cyril Mundy had left a sum of money for the beautifying of the Church and Churchyard at the discretion of her executor, Captain P. C. D. Mundy. As part of this bequest, a beautiful panelled oak table with handsome brocade curtains hanging from above, now adorn the North door of our Church at Ickleton. A small tablet on the table records the name of the benefactress. We are very grateful for this beautiful gift which is most pleasing to all as they enter Church.

A very pretty wedding took place in Ickleton Church on Saturday, August 26th, between Derek Lucius Nicholls and Alison Mary Welch, daughter of Mrs. Welch, of Ickleton Abbey, and a former Churchwarden. The service was fully choral and there was a large number of guests present. In the absence of the Vicar the service was taken by the Revd. E. W. Bolland, of Durham. As the bridal party left the Church the bellringers rang an appropriate peal.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Church Room on Saturday, October 7th, at 2 p.m. Gifts of clothing, produce, furniture, etc., will be specially welcome and may be sent beforehand to the Vicarage, at any convenient time to the donors. The proceeds will be divided between Church Expenses and the Hospital Supply Depot.

BAPTISM.

Aug. 6th—Keith James Holgate.

MARRIAGE.

Aug. 26th—Derek Lucius Nicholls and Alison Mary Welch.

BURIAL.

Hinxton, Aug. 31st—Thomas George Moule, aged 78 years.

HORSEHEATH.

A special War-time Letter to parishioners will already have acquainted Horseheath readers with much that has happened and is to happen as the result of the outbreak of war.

It may be well however to repeat that the Sunday Evensong is now regularly at 3 o'clock and that there is a special War Intercession Service in Church daily, lasting about 15 minutes. For the time being the hour is changed from week to week, being set at about half an hour before sunset; but later a fixed time will be arranged. Other services are as usual.

We are asked to call the attention of parents and foster-parents to the fact that the two "shifts" of the school's working are now exchanged from week to week. For instance, from October 2nd to 6th the "native" children will be in school in the morning and the "evacuees" in the afternoon; from October 9th to 13th "evacuees" will have the morning and "natives" the afternoon; and so on. Hours of meeting will also have to be altered when the shorter days come.

We are also asked to state that evacuee children may, if desired, have the milk ration on alternate days, on payment of 1d. per child; free milk is not supplied.

The Guild Hall is at present being used on school days for informal activities by the group that is not occupying the schoolroom. For the present no bookings are being made for evening meetings.

The Rector and Mrs. Cooper will give a cordial welcome to any service men stationed in this neighbourhood or on leave who care to make use of the Rectory in their spare time, with access to piano, books, writing materials, etc.

Since our acknowledgment last month kind contributions to the Outing Fund have been received from Messrs. R. C. Parker and T. W. Parsons. The special fund is now closed and the statement of the account will be found in the Church porch.

A special appeal is made to all missionary box holders not to forget the claims of the Church's "front line" in this time of stress. We shall all be called upon to make sacrifices; but there must be few Christians who cannot afford what ever extra sacrifice is involved in keeping the "missionary pence" going. It is not now a question of sending new missionaries out so much as of keeping the existing work going. This may have more bearing than we think on the struggle on which we have entered.

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Working parties are now being held at the Rectory to make wartime necessities for hospitals, etc. All women, whether residents or visitors, will be welcome.

We are compiling a list of men on active service from the parish to be put up in Church and remembered in our prayers. These and others for whom anxiety is felt will be mentioned daily by name if desired at the special intercession service; a card for such names to be written on will be found just inside the Church.

There will be a Mothers' Union meeting at the Rectory on Wednesday, October 4th, at 3 p.m. It is hoped that all members will attend.

LINTON.

Sunday, September 3rd was an epoch making day for this country and Empire for on this day war was officially declared against Germany after a long period of anxiety, and the parish, like many another, has taken on a war-time appearance. A.R.P. work, which includes Air Wardens, also Special Constables. Observers and members of the Red Cross detachments, occupies a large number of people, and the normal population of the village has been increased by several hundreds of visitors seeking sanctuary from London. A central school from Chelsea has found accommodation with its teachers in the Senior School, whilst our Junior Church School has provided a home for younger visiting pupils. Emergency precautions have been taken by the provision of gas masks for all children and instruction is given in air-raid drill against any sudden attack. The frequent bugle calls daily and the presence in Church on Sunday mornings of a company of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, constantly remind us that the country is in a state of war.

Two wellknown friends of the Church have recently "passed on to Higher service"—Mrs. Redhouse and Miss L. Stanton. The former was at one time a teacher in our Church Schools, and had taken a very real interest in the Church as long as her health permitted, whilst the latter, although during recent years she had resided at Holland-on-Sea, never lost her interest in Linton where for many years she had been closely connected with the Church life, the Red Cross, and the Women's Institute. The world is poorer for the loss of such faithful followers of Christ. Our deep sympathy is extended to the sorrowing relatives.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Murfett and also to Mrs. G. Casbolt and all who assisted them in the recovering of the North door, which had long needed attention.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Thursday, October 5th, at 3.15 p.m. when the Revd. A. E. Worsley, Rector of Harrington, Northants, will preach, and on Sunday, October 8th, the services will be as follows: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 o'clock Mattins and Sermon—Preacher, Revd. H. D. Rice, Rector of Hadstock. 3.15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon—Preacher, Dr. G. B. Whittaker, St. Matthew's, Cambridge.

Owing to lighting restrictions it has been necessary to arrange the usual evening services for 3.15, but we hope that in this time of stress a special effort will be made to attend these services to thank God for the abundance of the Harvest.

Wednesday, October 18th, is the Festival of St. Luke, which will be observed specially as a day of Intercession for Medical Missions. Services 8 and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Quarterly Service for members of the Mothers' Union and Women's Guild; address by Revd. A. Hore (Rector of Castle Camps).

The next Church Council has been fixed for Monday, October 16th, at 6 p.m. in the Vicarage.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Every Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. an Intercession Service is held in Church when we pray for Victory for God's truth.

A firm and lasting peace.

Courage and endurance for the nation and its allies.

Guidance to the leaders.

Power and grace to the combatants.

Faith and comfort to the anxious.

Relief to the suffering and afflicted.

And to all faithful souls patience, strength, and confidence in God.

Will you try and join us?

MARRIAGES.

Aug. 19th—James Charles Gliddon and Kathleen Florence Biggs.

" 26th—Cecil Harry Moss and Margaret Joan Caldwell.

BURIALS.

Aug. 4th—Joseph Rash, aged 70 years.

Sept. 5th—Emma Redhouse, aged 82 years.

" 18th—Emma Prior, aged 87 years.

" 15th—Bennett Bradford, aged 70 years.

HORSEHEATH.

We are to have a Confirmation at All Saints' Church in the spring. The date is not fixed, but it will probably be in May; this will be later than usual, but it will have its advantages, as we shall find. Particulars will be given as soon as possible and arrangements made for preparing candidates. It is likely that these may include some adults, and every effort will be made to meet the convenience of all who may offer themselves. We trust that the parish will do its best to justify the choice of Horseheath as a centre for the deanery of which it is geographically rather an outpost.

It was good to see such a good congregation at Church on the morning of Remembrance Sunday, November 9th, when the British Legion held their annual Parade Service for the three parishes of the area, Horseheath, Shudy Camps and West Wickham. Beside the Legion members the Home Guard turned up in strength, and the Salvation Army band as usual led the procession to the Church. There were the familiar stirring hymns which were sung with spirit, special psalms and lessons were used, and the Rector preached from Rev. vi. 9-11 about the "souls beneath the altar," their cry of "Lord, how long?" and the consolation granted them. The Legion colours were presented together with the wreath which was subsequently placed on the War Memorial by Mr. A. Tinney, local president, when the regular ritual was gone through and the Last Post sounded. Together with the names of those who fell in the last war we commemorated Leslie Ashfield and Reginald Murrell, whom the present war has taken from us for a season. We were glad to have Mrs. Parson's laurel chaplets once again in their place on the screen. The collection, amounting to £2 14s. 0d., was given to Earl Haig's Fund.

The Mothers' Union service on November 5th was well attended, and everyone was interested in Mr. Abbott's account of the Waifs and Strays' Society. A number of boxes were asked for, Mrs. Franklin kindly undertaking charge of them as Hon. Secretary for the parish. Here we may remind readers that our Crib Sunday will be observed, as usual, probably on December 14th, and that the Christmas Day offerings will go to the Society as well as the toy collection. The December M.U. meeting will be at the Rectory on the third, and Mrs. McCormick will probably give the address.

Due notice will be given of the Christmas Day services, which will comprise one early Celebration, Mattins with Holy Communion at 11 and an afternoon service.

LINTON.

"O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

We shall sing this once again on Christmas morning, although the war clouds overshadow a large part of the world. *The Light* still shines from the manger-throne at Bethlehem—the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world and as the darkness is always deepest towards the dawn, so may it be in the spiritual sphere. The civilized world was in blackest darkness when the Holy Babe was born nearly 2000 years ago, and many men still love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil; millions of people, however, will give their first thoughts to God and His great love towards us and then remember kindly their friends and neighbours and not least, the loved ones who are striving for a Better Order of Life in the future. May the blessing of the Christ Child be with them—whether in the homeland or abroad, and may He bring them back to their homes in peace.

Christmas Services.—Holy Communion 9 a.m. and 12 (choral); Mattins 11 a.m.; Communicants' Preparation—Sunday, December 21st, at 11 a.m., and a short Musical Service (including carols) at 3.30 p.m., in which all may enjoy the beautiful hymns and melodies of the Nativity season.

Remembrance Sunday was kept by a large congregation in a United Service on November 9th, when a fully representative body of worshippers, including members of the Parish Council, R.D. and County Council, together with detachments of Home Guards, Red Cross (men and women), A.R.P., A.F.S., W.V.S. and Special Constables attended. The collection was in support of the late Earl Haig's Poppy Fund, which was arranged for locally by the Linton branch of the British Legion, who brought their standard to the service.

The Director of Religious Education for the Diocese (Rev. A. Wayment), accompanied by his assistant (Miss Owen), visited our schools on October 21st for his annual inspection. Considering the numerous changes in the staff and the constant alterations in the numbers of children attending, owing to evacuation problems, Mr. Wayment was agreeably surprised by the progress made in the unique circumstances and congratulated the Head Mistress (Miss Kemp) on her good start since taking charge of the school.

The number of scholars in attendance is 189.

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

AT HORSEHEATH.

PALM SUNDAY. April 7th.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.

Blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses.

GOOD FRIDAY. April 12th.

10.30 a.m. Children's Service.

7.30 p.m. Service of Devotion for
Good Friday evening.

EASTER DAY. April 14th.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Parish Communion with Hymns and Sermon.

AT WEST WICKHAM.

PALM SUNDAY. April 7th.

9 a.m. Holy Communion with blessing and distribution
of Palm Crosses.

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

GOOD FRIDAY. April 12th.

2-3 p.m. Good Friday Devotions.

EASTER DAY. April 14th.

9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Please note:- "Every confirmed member of the Church shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one".
Prayer Book ruling.

The Rector and Mrs. Wills send to all parishioners in Horseheath and West Wickham warmest greetings for a happy and holy Easter.

EASTER TRIUMPH.

The Easter message is one of hope, and of ultimate victory for the Christian cause. This does not mean that the struggle will not be long and fierce, and that there will not be set-backs. It has often been said that the British Army loses many battles but always wins the last one. This is true also of the Christian Church, despite the dismal prophetic cries that are sometimes made. The prophets of woe should take warning from the past; they should read their history.

A British Prime Minister bewailed: "When I was a boy everybody was religious. Now I am old nobody is religious!" That was Lord Melbourne in 1846. One hundred years earlier a well-known agnostic confidently affirmed that "religion could scarcely support itself in the world!" Another agnostic, who had no use for the Church or churchgoers, said: "The churches... are losing ground every day. Do you believe the masses will be Christian again? Nonsense." So spoke Adolf Hitler. Alas! some people still agree with him.

WELCOME.

We should like to extend a very warm welcome to the Revd. Canon and Mrs. Maurice Banting who have recently come to live in retirement among us at Cardinals Green. Canon Banting was ordained at Ely in 1929 and, apart from one brief spell in the midlands, has served the Church in this diocese ever since. We understand that he is to continue his work as Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the time being so will not have unlimited leisure. We have already had the pleasure of their company on a number of occasions at both Horseheath and West Wickham and we should like to offer them our warmest good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

As we go to print the Lenten discussions at the Rectory on Wednesday evenings are progressing well with quite an encouraging attendance each week, and it is our hope that the course will prove to have been some help to all those taking part.

It is easy to criticize the Church. No one knows its faults better than those who are closely associated with it. Doubtless there are some hypocrites in our churches, but there are far more hypocrites who never attend a place of worship. In any case, those who go to Church make confession of their sins at every service. The non-church-goer is seldom aware of any sins to be forgiven; he is more concerned to tell you that he is just as good as others. Yes, it is easy to criticize the Church and point to its members who fail. There are many thousands of Englishmen in gaol, but our country must not be judged by them. In any large society there will always be failures. Whatever may be said against the Church, the fact remains that apart from the Church there is no society capable of doing its work, which is to spread true religion and to make the world a happier place to live in, as well as to prepare us for a fuller life hereafter. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," said Christ. And again: "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Easter brings the assurance of the triumph of good over evil, of life over death and of Christian truth over irreligion. Is it any wonder that at this season the word most frequently on the lips of Christians is Hallelujah! Praise to God.

When you see a Church that's empty,
Though its doors are open wide
It is not the Church that's dying,
It's the people who have died.

FROM THE RECTOR.

Since coming to the district last May I have felt the need for some means of contact with the people of our two parishes apart from that afforded by our Church services and parochial visiting. The excessively high cost of printing in these days puts the production of a parish magazine out of reach for small parishes such as ours where the circulation can never be very large and where income from advertisements is not likely to be forthcoming.

The matter has however been discussed and it has been decided to try and produce a duplicated News Sheet such as you now have in your hands. It is hoped that it may be produced at least bi-monthly and that it will be circulated throughout the two parishes.

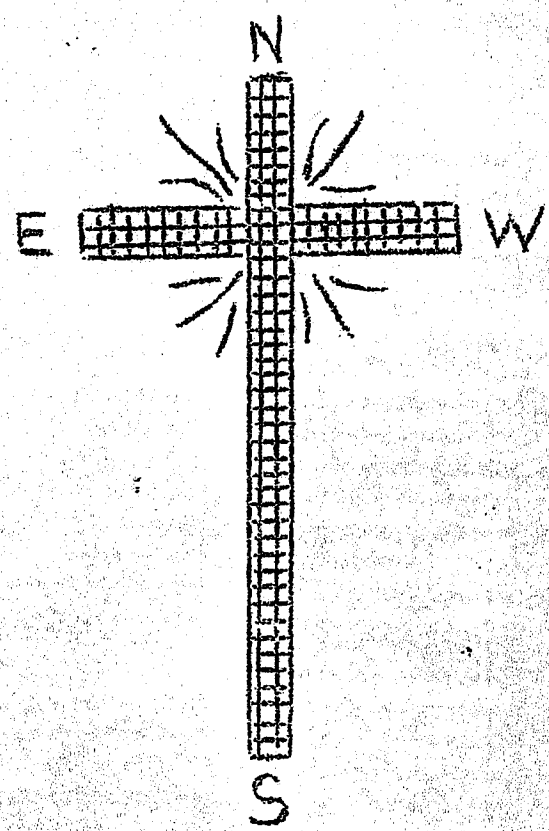
To begin with no charge will be made but it is hoped that those who read it will be prepared to make some contribution towards the cost of the required materials.

We are most grateful to Mrs. J. Johnson who has so generously undertaken to be responsible for the duplicating and we should welcome offers of help with delivery in both parishes.

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Services on Whitsunday, June 2nd.

AT HORSEHEATH.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Parish Communion with Hymns
and address.

AT WEST WICKHAM.

9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

On Whitsunday the Christian Church keeps high festival, for on this day 50 days after the Resurrection, and 10 days after the Ascension referred to in the Acts of the Apostles as the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and changed them from timid followers of Christ into men whom their opponents accused of "turning the world upside down."

No-one can read the Acts, especially the early chapters, without noting in the disciples a release from tension, a banishment from fears and a wonderful sense of confidence in men who but a few weeks before were defeatist in attitude and woefully weak in witness. They knew their inadequacy. Their self-confidence had been shattered at Calvary when they failed Christ miserably.

It was the consciousness of a power beyond themselves and at their disposal which enabled them to lift their heads and look one another in the face, and stand up to the very people who had crucified their Master and who knew all about their weakness. Only the certain

knowledge that Christ was alive could have made this startling difference. this and the equally certain fact that they were conscious of a power which had taken possession of them.

The point of the observance of Whitsunday is that we give thanks for the coming of this Holy Power. Much of the tension and strain of life is due to an inner sense of inadequacy. We secretly feel that we are not equal to the demands of life and this inward uneasiness makes us strain and strive. We waste energy which should be kept for the task in hand. We ourselves cannot supply the power to meet life. That is God's part. Our part is to draw upon His power through quiet dependence upon Him. This is the secret of relaxation, our realisation of the fact that we may draw upon the power of God's Holy Spirit. The disciples, we are told, went everywhere "the Lord working with them." So He will work with and through us.

IDLE HANDS.

As most Horseheath folk will know the Church clock was recently out of action for several weeks and the familiar hourly strike was much missed by many.

Mr. F. Neal of Linton, who has for many years kept the clock in excellent working order, upon examination found nothing wrong with the works, but the spindle which controls the hands appeared to be jammed.

However when a long ladder was obtained in order to get to the clock-face on the outer wall of the tower it was found that the clock-face was pitted with dozens of holes apparently

caused by air-gun pellets! Some of these pellets had pierced the hands and fastened them to the face of the clock thus preventing any movement. It was perfectly plain to see that some person or persons had been using the Church clock face as a target for air-gun practice.

It is true that Satan finds work for idle hands to do and it is a pity that those responsible for this piece of sheer vandalism could not have found something better to do.

If the offenders should happen to read this perhaps they will be good enough to call at the Rectory when they will be quite willingly supplied with the bill for the repairs which Church funds can ill afford to meet.

WANTED.

SPECTACLES FOR KOREA.

There is apparently an urgent need for these. Many Koreans are going blind for the want of spectacles which they are too poor to buy.

If you have any that you no longer require please hand them to the Rector or Mrs. Wills before the end of June.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The Rector wishes to extend warmest thanks to all members of the Church at Horseheath and West Wickham for their most kind and generous Easter offerings.

We also acknowledge with grateful thanks donations to the Magazine Fund from the following:-

Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Fairhead,
Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Allinson,
and Anonymous.

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of West Wickham wish to thank all those who contributed to the Restoration Fund in memory of the late Miss D.C. Taylor. The amount so far received totals £231. With balances already in hand it is hoped that we may be able to proceed with some re-plastering and the interior decoration of the church in the very near future.

MISS DULCE TAYLOR.

With the passing of Miss Dulce Taylor on Easter Saturday, West Wickham has lost a remarkable woman and a greatly loved inhabitant, and the large attendance at the funeral service in the Church was a tribute to the love and respect in which she was held by a wide circle of relatives and friends.

To those who had the privilege of knowing her, Miss Taylor was a wonderful woman. In spite of a daunting physical disability she was able, by her courage and determination,

to lead a very full life. We admired her for this, for the way she maintained a marvellous sense of humour, for her good robust common sense, for her ability to talk with ease to all types of people and above all, for her intense loyalty to friends. Typically, little was known of her quiet generosity to those in need of help.

In a busy life she found time for community service - the Village School, the Parish Council, the National Farmers' Union and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, but it was the Parish Church, which she served as Churchwarden, that was her comfort and the object of her loving and devoted care over nearly half a century. Largely through her efforts, extensive restoration work was carried out for she believed passionately that the Church must be maintained and handed over in good condition to future generations who will, it is hoped, return to that religious faith that brought spiritual comfort to inhabitants of West Wickham over the past 900 years.

May she rest in peace and may her memory remain green in the hearts of those who knew her.

G.J.

Following the death of Miss Tayler the village of West Wickham was shocked by the very unexpected passing of Miss Winifred Stansfeld after a very brief illness, and on the same day the death of Mrs. Audrey Jones in tragic circumstances. To the family and friends of both we offer our heartfelt sympathy and the assurance of our prayers.

More than 200 copies of our first effort, published at Easter, were distributed free of charge throughout our two parishes, and from reports received it appears that the venture was welcomed and appreciated. We hope to be able to improve on its appearance and content as time goes by and that it will prove to be of general interest to all our people and not to just church people alone. This means that there must be many more than just one or two contributors to its pages. A one man band is seldom very successful. The Rector would therefore welcome articles of interest from any organisation or individual in Horseheath or West Wickham and these should reach him by the 20th. of the month preceeding publication. It is our desire to be of service not only to the Church, but to the whole community in our two villages. We are grateful for the donations so far received towards the cost of materials, but we shall need many more if we are to continue to make no charge.

We should also welcome more volunteers to help with the distribution of copies in both parishes. A number of people taking a few copies each is much better than leaving it all to just two or three. Many hands make light work.

THAT SICK PERSON.

So the Doctor called to see her,
But the Rector didn't go;
For the Doctor had been sent for
But the Rector didn't know.
Now the Doctor gets his bill paid
With a useful little cheque.
But the Rector for not knowing
Simply gets it in the neck!

The Rector desires to be informed of all cases of sickness as soon as possible, and when

a person is in hospital it is helpful
if he can be told which hospital and the
ward.

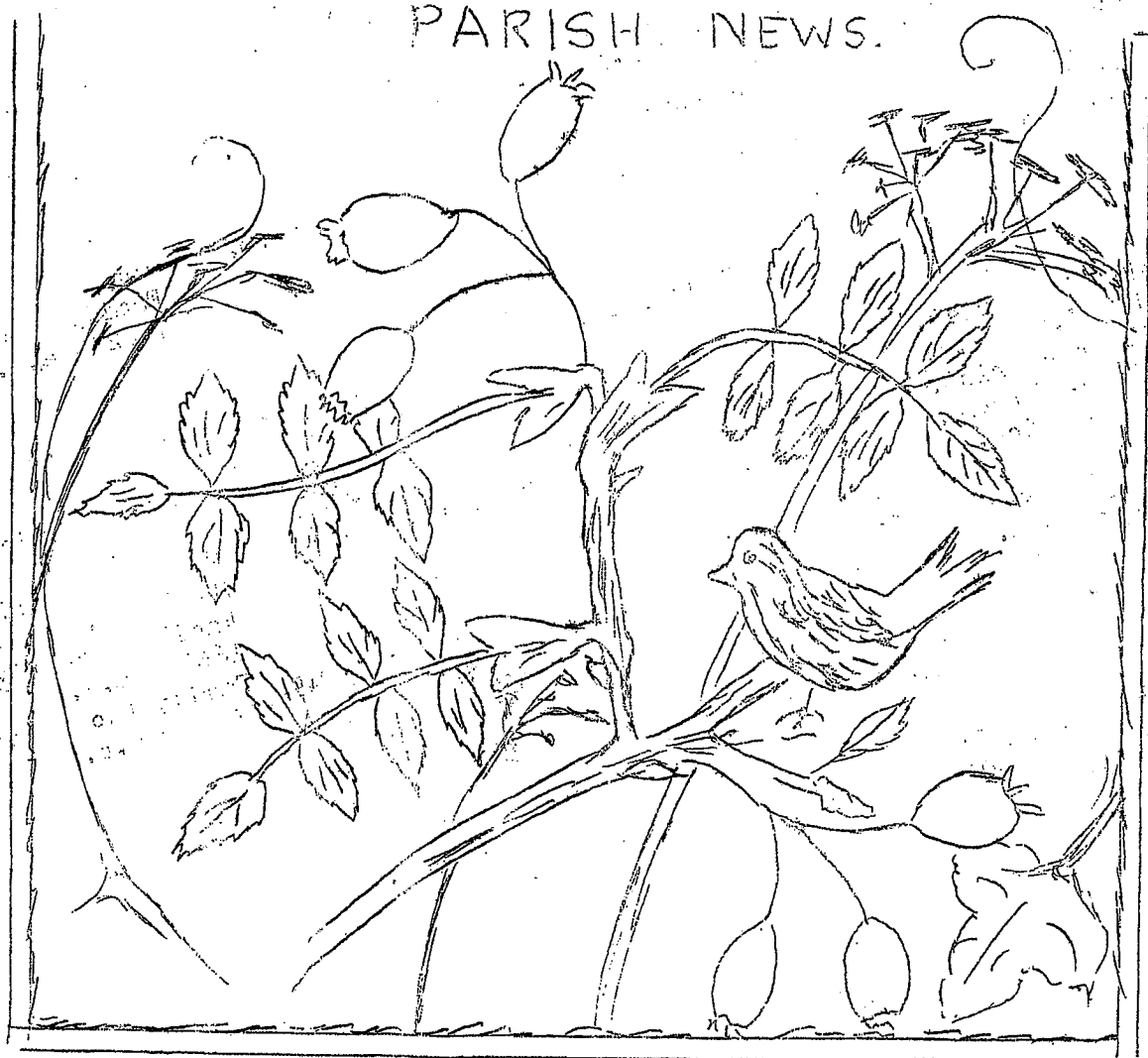
HOLY MATRIMONY.

We should like to offer congratulations
and the best of good wishes to Peter
Noel Hatton and Caroline Fraser, due to be
married in West Wickham Church on June 22nd.
and David Alan Farrow and Anne Barbara
Gilson whose wedding take place on the 29th.

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Dear Friends,

We are all glad to meet friendly people. As sunny days are appreciated so are friendly people, therefore I am sure that you will be as grateful for the Neslings being here as you are for any cheerful, sunny day.

Togetherness.

That word has been used so much as to be almost trite. The fact is, however, that it is important for neighbouring village churches to work together and to support by common effort. John Wesley used to say that the world was his parish.

Villages are proud of their church buildings even if too many people rarely go inside them. Sometimes buildings make people think in a smaller way than persons like Wesley of large outlook used to think. While we need centres of worship it is well to remember that in God's sight it is people who are important.

One good feature in having the church parishes of Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horseheath and West Wickham linked together is that people with all of their talents in the churches may get to know one another a bit better from the various villages and, as a result, serve in a more vital friendly way to the Glory of God.

Faithfully,

Harry Finkenstaedt.

The clergy of the parishes would be pleased if anyone knowing of someone in the parishes of Horseheath, West Wickham, Castle Camps or Shudy Camps who is in hospital would let them know. Also, they would be glad to know of any person who desires to receive sick communion at home.

Contributions in writing of news or thoughts for the magazine are welcome. Please confine length to around 250 words if possible as space is very limited.

The Editors.

Donations to the Venture.

Many thanks to the following:

Mrs. Airs £1.	Mrs. Blackmore £1.	Mrs. Broadberry £1.
Mrs. Burgess.£1.	Mr. Daynes £1.	Mrs. Ford. £2.50
Mrs. Fraser £1.	Mrs. Grenville 50p	Miss Jackson £1.
Mr. Laming £1.		

DEANERY SYNOD.

Linton Deanery Synod is made up from the Clergy and Parish Representatives of Great Abington. Little Abington, Ashley, Balsham, Bartlow, Brinkley, Burrough Green, Carlton, Castle Camps, Cheveley, Dullingham, Hildersham, Horseheath, Kirtling, Linton, Shudy Camps, Stetchworth, Westley Waterless, West Wickham, West Wratting, Weston Colville and Woodditton with Saxon Street.

Our representatives are:

Castle Camps,	Mrs. Jill Newham, The Post Office.
Shudy Camps,	Mrs. Ross, 10, Parkway, Blacksmith Lane.
Horseheath,	Mr. J.K. Davies, Harefield.
West Wickham,	Mrs. Fairhead, Hill Farm.

The Synod meets roughly four times a year to discuss current Church topics. At the moment discussion is going on about marriage, should divorced persons be submitted to any form of discipline concerning the admission to Holy Communion? Should the Church of England have some sort of Nullity procedure for the failure of marriage in certain circumstances?

Also being discussed is a Deanery project to support the training of a priest in Swaziland and of a priest at Westcott House.

Three sets of Bible classes have been arranged for the Autumn, Lent and Summer of the coming year. Although applications to attend this Lay Training Scheme should have been in by September 15th., anyone else who would like to join in (not necessarily members of the Church of England) should let their local representative know.

From the Villages.CASTLE CAMPS.Remembrance.

I had a look at our War Memorial the other day. The names mean nothing to me, apart from recognising some familiar names in the village now.

At least I don't think I know them, that I've never met them is certain as I spent the years of the 2nd. war in London. But I've spoken to their relatives, as now I live among them. So in a sense I do know them.

Perhaps somewhere on another memorial in another village or town there is a name inscribed commemorating some relative of mine however distant he or she may be. That there was some one, somewhere representing my family name in both wars I'm certain. One only has to look back on one's family tree just 50 years to see how many names become involved through marriage, to realise how one belongs to someone else, how interwoven we all are into a relationship that involves every one of us with each other and with the past. Those two wars are no exception.

They recruited whole villages in the first war, all together the young men fought and died. You might not think that's very many as you look at the memorial, but think again - how many young men have we now in our villages? and what would happen if they all went off to war to get killed - all together? The village loses its sons, brothers and future fathers, it loses its life-blood, may even die, many did.

Harvest Time.

I've found it fascinating experiencing for the first time the busyness that the harvest creates.

Being a 'towny' by birth I've rather taken my 'daily bread' for granted and never really thought about how it became a 'loaf'

So I've watched and listened with interest this year as the village geared itself to what for them is a normal yearly occurrence.

The noise of combines busy chomping away like some insatiable monster eating everything in its path, disposing of what it doesn't like on to tractors and trailers waiting hesitantly by its side to rush off when full, then scurry back to attend to its needs like an over-anxious mother nurturing some spoilt child. I've no idea what some of the machines do that pass my house. They are all bent on one thing, the harvest, and obviously have an important part to play. Everyone has this sense of urgency about them, even if not taking part in the main one. Many are still involved even if its just picking apples from their own tree or cutting cabbage and such.

I could almost hear a sigh of relief when all the corn was at last cut and 'safely gathered in'. Once more it had been accomplished. The fields looked as though they'd had a crew cut.

What now takes one combine and a few tractors with various gadgets trailing behind with half a dozen men must have taken our not too distant relatives much more in time and effort and man power. The older members of our community must stand and remember the days when the whole village became involved. Each field must have been a hive of activity - horse drawn machinery plodding steadfastly up and down cutting the corn or men with scythes one behind the other.

There must have been more sweat and tears then, even an odd drop of blood or two, not to mention a curse if weather or machinery went wrong.

Then, even more than now the whole village must have breathed a great sigh of relief when the last corn was cut, last box of apples picked, last spud dug up, and all at last could relax. Then, even more than now the village must have needed to thank God it was all over.

A Harvest Festival really must have meant something then - thanksgiving that once again all was well with the harvest, a sense of personal achievement. No wonder they always chose the very best of the produce to represent their efforts at the Festival. Pride of place where all could see, a token of themselves for God to see they did their part.

Waste Paper.

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The sale of waste paper and cardboard has, over the last three years, contributed to a modest sum in a N.S.B. investment account for All Saints Church, Castle Camps. We hope this will continue and welcome anyone interested to contact Miss Pfaff, Ashdon 428, for details of the scheme.

R.P.

Harvest Festival.

A lovely service was held on Sunday, 23rd. September at All Saints Church, Castle Camps. which was attended by many persons. The sermon 'In the beginning God' was given by the Revd. W. Nesling.

Produce was gratefully received by Symonds House, Linton.

Birth.

September 15th., 1979 Victoria Caroline Rolfe.

May God richly bless her.

Marriage.

September 29th. Paul Duncan Colson and Janet Lois Taylor.

Village Hall Castle Camps, Saturday, November 30th. at 7 pm. A Sale of Work, Produce, Cake Stall and Entertainment sponsored by the Ladies Working Party of the U.R.C. under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Pencold.

Remembrance Sunday, November 11th.

A service will be held at the U.R.C. Castle Camps at 10.45 a.m. to be taken by the Revd. George Johnson. People from all the villages will be welcome at a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, after the service at approximately 12 noon.

Study Camps.

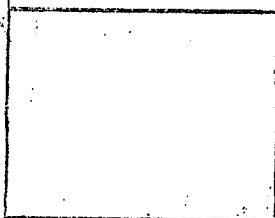
Sympathy.

We extend sympathy to the families of Derek and Susan Hanson and Josephine West and Robert Die, after the most tragic accident on the A 505.

SHUDY CAMPS.

Harvest Festival.

Quote from C.E.N. 10-8-79 by the Revd. Daniel Cozens at the Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's, Shudy Camps: all will find his message a challenge:



'Hold this square of paper in front of you and blow on it.

If it turns yellow - call the doctor.

green - call the dentist.

purple - call the psychiatrist.

red - get your bank manager.

black - make your will.

but if it stays the same colour you're in first class health and there is no reason why you shouldn't be in church next Sunday!'

At Shudy Camps Rectory on Monday, October 1st. 8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Refreshments and open discussion 'FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE'.

Everyone welcome.

For information ring Ashdon 540 after 6 p.m.

Holy Matrimony.

September 15th. Leslie Whiting and Gail Taylor.

September 22nd. Paul Shaddelow and Helen. Teresa Guinivan.

Shudy Camps Church Harvest Festival was held on September 9th. at 6.30 p.m. All produce went to Linton Hospital and a gracious letter was received from the hospital thanking us for the offering.

Shudy Camps Harvest Supper is to be held on October 5th. We hope this supper will be as well attended and lively as the last. Profits will be donated to the church.

Castle Camps School Harvest Festival was held on September 18th. This was very well attended by parents and friends who all admired the beautifully decorated classroom. All produce was sent to the Salvation Army in Cambridge.

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Bryn Baker, September 24th., 1979.
May Light perpetual shine on him.

HORSEHEATH.

On Sunday, 16th. September the Revd. W. Nesling was licensed by the Archdeacon to serve as assistant to the Revd. H. Finkenstaedt in the parishes.

The Service was well attended by people from all the parishes.

Coffee was provided after the service, giving us all an opportunity of meeting the Revd. and Mrs. Nesling.

Friends of Horseheath School.

The 14th. Garden Show and Fete was held in the school on Saturday, 1st. September and once again the weather was lovely. £134.37 was raised for Friends Funds and the Committee would like to thank everyone for their support. Cup winners were as follows:

Managers Cup	Mr. B. Mizon.
Village Cup	Mr. D. Harvey.
Lady Marshall Cup	Mr. L. Tabram.
Stott Children's Cup	Charlotte Tuck.
Newman Trophy.	Mrs. D. Barkway.

ADDENBROOKE'S SCAN APPEAL.

A COFFEE MORNING WITH BRING AND BUY, CAKES, ETC., will be held on WEDNESDAY, 24th. October at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Notley, 13, Alington Terrace, Horseheath.

Proceeds to the above fund.

Ranmoor,
Horseheath.
Telephone 891086

As many of you already know I make marmalade, jams, chutney and pickle onions. If anyone wishes to purchase pickled onions will they please let me

know as the onions have to be ordered.

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Proceeds are divided amongst various organisations in the village.

I should be glad of any jam or coffee jars you may have to spare.

Christine Newman.

Horseheath Monday Club.

Once again we managed to take the children out for a day at the end of the holidays. We hired a double decker bus and took them to Walton. We were blessed with a really beautiful, sunny day and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to your generosity at the Jumble sale and Auction sale, we were able to take the children free of charge. A bank account has been opened for any money collected for the children's outings. As the bus was an hour late arriving the bill we received had been reduced to \$90 which has been paid. This leaves a balance of \$46 to go towards the cost of the bus for the pantomime trip, which Margaret Haynes has very kindly said she will organise again.

We are now looking forward to the Autumn term meetings. We have already been to Parkside Police Station, which proved to be very interesting. We left Cambridge at about 10.15 and were told that no other group of people had stayed so long. I suppose we asked more questions than most - or was it members of the Police Force!

An Adventure with disabled children.

On the third week in July since 1972 Mr. & Mrs. Hood and their family have turned over their farmhouse in Ashdon to 22 disabled children - 11 girls and 11 boys. Mrs. Hood borrows lots of ponies and every day we go for a ride. The children groom their ponies and generally look after them, of course with a watching eye. This is where I come in as a helper. As this was my first time I was a bit apprehensive and went along on the morning before they all arrived to get to know my way about and everything that goes on.

In the afternoon they started to arrive. It was nerve racking - I didn't know what to say or do, so I sat in the background and watched. I saw the different backgrounds they came from. Some were from Institutes and were just left at the house. Others had devoted parents or guardians who found it hard to leave their children in the hands of complete strangers. Some were severely handicapped and others were not so bad. Their ages ranged from 10 - 17 and the younger ones were thrilled when shown their pony for the week. I saw that they clung to the first person they met and were always near that person. I soon came out of my shell and found it great fun to be with these children. They live every moment of their lives - they never want to be still.

The first day they went for a ride - the children on ponies and all.

the helpers walking. One leading the pony and two either side of the children. Some of the older children already belonged to R.D.A., the Riding for the Disabled Association, who help run this holiday. At the end of the week the children did tests especially for the disabled on horses. They all did at least one and without their helpers and I think they all passed at least one.

A tenth of the money for food and other necessities is raised by 'The Ashdon Wait', a group of singers and guitar players who do concerts and make records in aid of the R.D.A. Camp. All the members of the group are active helpers. They also put on a barbecue one night in the village so the easiest way to get the children there was on horse back with the helpers walking. Clubs and societies in Ashdon also helped to raise money. The Ashdon Wait had a small sing song during the week and they did a lot to help at a show in one of the barns.

On several occasions during the week we were able to take the children by mini-bus loaned by the Saffron Walden Round Table to Mr. Vestey's swimming pool and to other activities in the village.

By the time the children had to leave all the helpers were exhausted. We got a lot of tears when they left and I think some helpers did too. As I said we were tired but we overcame this by the happiness we had given to these unfortunate children.

Alan Davies.

Mrs. Barbara Davies, Horseheath Post Office would be pleased to receive the rings from empty drink cans, which are saved for Addenbrooke's Kidney Appeal.

She is also collecting used stamps for charity. If you have a favourite charity perhaps you would let her know.

WEST WICKHAM.

Harvest Festival.

Sunday, October 7th. 6 p.m. St. Mary's Church.
Rev. H. Finkenstaedt & Ref. W. Nesling.

A Harvest Supper is a social event held in many villages after the Harvest Festival. Because of all your much appreciated support in time, effort or money over the last few months with our fund raising events it was decided it was time to relax and enjoy a social evening together, which is why there will be a Harvest Supper after the Harvest Festival. This is something new in West Wickham, we think, and we hope for your interest and support so this can become an annual event.

There are still some tickets for sale and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday evening at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Wickham
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THE FAMILY SERVICE

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Fifty three of us met on September 9th at our Family Service at St. Mary's, West Wickham, to welcome our new Priest-in-Charge, the Reverend Harry Finkenstaedt, who gave us a memorable talk on Thankfulness, and how to appreciate God's countless good gifts to un His children.

Ian Haskell led our opening hymn, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus!" with the accompaniment of his baritone, Barbara and Alan Davies gave us a beautiful rendering of "Amazing Grace", Mr Peter Scull brought Judy Vincent, Sarah Wright, Vicky Greenaway and Trina Morley to sing and play their guitars, Susie and Julie, Bernadette, Katharine, Susan and Hayley accompanied two hymns with their recorders, (one of them written by Mr Wansey!), Anne Boylan recited the Apostles' Creed, Vicky read the Lesson, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, most tellingly, Gavin, Rachel, William and Richard rang the bells, and Renee Grenville presided graciously as always at the organ! And thank you, all who helped with the refreshments!

Note that on October 7th the Family Service merges with the Harvest Thanksgiving at 6.0 p.m.

- Christopher Wansey

On August 15th. we had a coffee morning. It wasn't a world shattering event. It wasn't even village shattering, but we hope you all enjoyed yourselves, and thanks to your generous support we raised nearly all the money we need for another heater for the church. Its very hard to concentrate on higher things when your feet are cold so the heater will be much appreciated. Thank you all for coming and a special thank you to all who helped.

Induction Service September 2nd.

Much hard work went into the preparations for this service. So many people helped to make it a successful evening.
To those who came on the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to polish, sweep and arrange the flowers.
To Mr. & Mrs. Cornish for having the refreshments at their home.
To those who contributed to the refreshments.
To Mrs. Barnes who played the organ.
To Mrs. Eddy who rang the bells.
To Mr. Ling who prevented any pile-ups.
A big THANK YOU everyone.

Over 90 family and friends gathered together for the Induction service. The service was led by the Bishop of Huntingdon. We were very sorry that the Rev. and Mrs. Nesling were unable to be with us.

The refreshments were held at Manor Farm. As everyone agreed, excellent refreshments they were too, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Thank you to Angela and Colin for holding the fort in the Post Office and the shop and we wish both her parents well.

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Thank you to Mrs. Dockerill for holding a Tupperware party on August 29th. The money raised will enable us to buy a new heater for the church in time for the November Family Service.

Fete held at West Wickham, August 4th.

We would like to thank EVERYBODY who helped or gave donations towards the Fete. We raised £266.37. A very happy and successful day. Thank You.

Gate £15.73½	Snooker £22.46	Darts £11.30
Throwing horseshoes £4.61	Produce £16.56	Ice cream and balloons £9.36
Handicrafts £17.50	Teas £15.44	
Brantub £10.42	Jumble £21.47	Tombola £12.24½
Raffle £25.63	Cakes £17.53	Beanbags £4.65
Bric-a-bac £13.70	Smarties, sponges, crackers £6.86	Pony Rides £2.90
Shooting ducks £4.85	Produce Raffle £6.80	Sale of spare tickets 80p
Donations £25.50		

The Barbeque in the evening raised a total of £38.70

The West Wickham Annual Parish Meeting was held on August 10th. One item from the agenda was : Voluntary Transport Scheme.

There will be a six month trial period for the Voluntary Transport Scheme. This would only be to Linton Health Centre, but if successful the scheme could expand to cover Cambridge etc. which the village would have to organise. Mrs. Niki Cornish has been appointed the Parish Council organiser and would like to hear from drivers who would be willing to put their names on to a rota. Drivers would be paid a mileage fee. More details from Mrs. Cornish. Villagers who attend the Health Centre regularly are also asked to contact Mrs. Cornish. This service will also cover emergencies.

West Wickham Salvation Army.

Many parents and friends gathered at the Salvation Army Hall for the Young People's anniversary, which was led by Mr. & Mrs. W. Bowman and Neil from Norwich. After the opening song a very good and varied programme was given by the children which included a solo by Simon Porter 'When lamps are lighted in the town', recitations, recorder items and a vocal by Michelle, Tracey, Denise, Lesley, and Jackie, a violin solo by Jackie Webb and timbrel items by the primary and Junior members.

The highlight of the afternoon was the band item by Dale, Simon, Claire, Barnaby, Jake and Rachel, who mimed 'The Long Trombone' on toy instruments. After the Bible reading and closing song W. Bowman gave the benediction.

The children repeated the same programme on the Monday afternoon to the members of the Haverhill Salvation Army Silver Threads Club.

West Wickham and Horseheath Youth Club.

Information regarding this can be obtained from the Youth Leader Mark Joffe, Telephone Cambridge 891049.

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Playgroup.

There will be a course entitled 'Living and working with the under-fives'. This is due to start in January, probably ten evening sessions - hopefully in the Village Hall at West Wickham. The course is designed to be of interest to mothers with young children, and those people wishing to take the Playgroup Leaders course later.

Please contact Mrs. C. Wright, West Wrattling 503 if you would like further information.

Balsham P.T.A.

The Meadow School, Balsham P.T.A. will be holding its A.G.M. on Thursday, 18th. October at 8 p.m. West Wickham could have another representative on the P.T.A. if anyone else is interested. Nominations will have to be in before the 18th. October please. Suggestions for further social and educational events would be appreciated.

Senior Citizens Club.

As most readers will be aware a meeting was called for Saturday, 22nd. September, but as it clashed with Salvation Army Harvest preparations only six people turned up. However those who came showed an interest in starting a club, so would anyone else interested please contact Mr. R. Porter, 84, Council Houses by 3rd. November, so that it can be assessed whether a club would be a viable proposition. It is hoped that at least twelve people could start such a club. Anyone over 60 or living alone would be welcome.

GIFT.

To West Wickham P.C.C. from the estate of John Alexander Collen who died July 13th, 1979, a legacy of £100 to be applied towards the upkeep of the church for use as need indicates.

Thanks be to God.

The Minister is ordered from time to time to advise the people whilst they are in health, to make wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

FOR SALE.

POGO STICK - adjustable shaft with rubber tip, rubber handles and footplates, almost new £5.o.n.o. Ranmoor, Haverhill Road, Horseheath. Tel.891086.

INFRA RAY WALL HEATER £7. o.n.o. DRY IRON used twice £5. o.n.o. Would like an uncluttered hall so GREEN MARMET PRAM in very good condition £15. Ann-Marie Browning, 8, Maypole Croft West Wickham. Tel. West Wrattling 475.

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Children's Page.

'Hark the Herald Angels sing...'. It is impossible to think of any words to follow that now, except the line of the carol - 'Glory to the new-born King'. It fits so absolutely that we feel nothing else could possibly sound right in its place.

Yet the original author of the carol could so easily have written a different line, which would have become as comfortably familiar to our ears as the line we know so well.

It might have been: 'We to Jesus tributes bring' or 'Praise the Lord for our New King'. Another alternative might have been: 'Bells of joy in Heaven do ring'.

None of these lines are as good as the original, but they demonstrate that writing a carol is not as difficult as we might suppose.

Anyway, we want you to try it. With a little imagination and care you might produce a really good one, well worth putting to music. So let us have your work well in time for our Christmas issue. It need be only two or three verses. We'll be delighted to publish them.

Send your carols to Mrs. Knowles, The Old Forge, Horseheath or to your village representative.

Quiz.

1. Why is 13 thought to be unlucky?
2. Who won the first boat race in 1829?
3. Are sponges animals or plants?
4. How do ants talk?
5. How long is the Equator?
6. What is a palindrome?
7. When was the Suez Canal opened?
8. When were traffic lights introduced to Britain?
9. When was the refrigerator invented?
10. How did the term 'hat-trick' originate?

answers below.

Horseheath Brownies are having a Jumble Sale in the school on Saturday, 5th. October at 7 p.m. Proceeds to Pack holiday and funds. If you have any jumble please let Mrs. Howe, Wigscroft, Horseheath know.

Answers to quiz.

1. There were 13 people at the Last Supper, and one, Judas, killed himself after betraying Jesus.
2. Oxford.
3. Animals.
4. By touching each other with their antennae.
5. About 25,000 miles.
6. A word or phrase which reads the same when reversed - e.g. noon, gag, deed.
7. November 1869.
8. 1926.
9. 1755.
10. When a bowler took three wickets with successive balls a hat would be passed among the spectators.