

THE GAP
1953-1968

A SUMMARY
The 20th Century.

The East Bridgford Magazine, like many other present (1986) activities, was started by the Revd. Du Boulay-Hill. The first issue was in 1899. During his Rectorship he was editor of, and principal contributor to, a lively magazine covering all aspects of village life, interlaced with articles about East Bridgford in the past. By 1908 the circulation was 200. Succeeding Rectors kept the magazine alive, some only just alive, until it "died" at the end of 1952. Advertisements first appeared in 1930. Bound copies of all these magazines are in the Rector's study.

A Deanery Magazine, with sections from all the Parishes in the Deanery was started in 1953 but no trace of the early numbers could be found either in the County Records Office, the Bingham Library or in East Bridgford. It was referred to in Church Council Minutes in 1954, 1957 and 1958. However from 1960 copies of most numbers have been found either from the village, Bingham Library or the County Records Office. Copies or summaries of the East Bridgford entries are bound into this volume.

In March 1968 this Deanery Magazine "died" so St. Peter's Church Council decided to relaunch their own magazine to be "a community publication of value and interest to all who live in East Bridgford" (quoted from the March 1968 Deanery Magazine). With very few gaps, bound copies of this relaunched magazine, already up to 1985, are in the Rector's study.

Other sources of village history are the minute books of the Parish Council and the Church Council. A Church Council was started unofficially by Du Boulay-Hill in May 1899. The first minute book covered meeting until April 1920 and the second from May 1920 until the end of 1942. Both these books are kept in the County Records Office. Regretably the third book, from 1942 until 1953 is lost. The fourth, May 1953-July 1958 and fifth October 1958 - December 1971 are kept in the Rector's study and the 6th, the current, is naturally with the present secretary.

The Parish Council Minute books are kept in the Parish Office, at present behind the Post Office in Main street.

"The Gap" therefore concentrates on 1953 - 1959. The 20th Century summary so far, with spaces to complete over the next 14 years, contains lists of some of St. Peter's Office holders. It also highlights a few incidents gleaned from Church Council Minutes not covered by the relevant magazines.

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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

1953 - 1958

1953.

Trouble with the church clock was left to Verger Bateman.

1954.

It was decided that the flag staff given by the Reids of The Hill for the churchyard should be placed in the grounds of the new Rectory. (This was done but it is there no longer)

The memorial stone to the unknown Saxon who first preached on St. Peter's site was carved by Bryant Fedden, then of the village, and was placed on the North wall of the Chancel.

Members of the Church Council personally paid for post-confirmation refreshments.

A framed plaster cast for the vestry was accepted from Mrs. Streets of College St. (It is still there)

The Christmas Fair was moved from November to December.

1955.

There were protests about cricket being played on Butts Close on Sundays.

The Council were worried about the dangerous trees facing Kirk Hill, so, on the advice of Major Mould of Bloomers all but the Copper Beech were felled. Even that he said might have to go. (It is still there)

Bryan Dodsworth of the Old Rectory was allowed to increase the height of the wall between his garden and the churchyard by four feet. He entered into a contract that he, and subsequent owners, would maintain the wall.

1956

A visit by a party from St Peter's to Magdalen College, Oxford was not well supported. The loss of £6 (£50 at 1985 prices) was met from church funds.

The Christmas Fair in the Village Hall was not run by the church, so it was taken over by the Village Hall Management Committee. A "gift day" was started instead. This raised £117 (£960 at 1985 prices)

An Annual New Year Dance in the Village Hall was organised by St.Peter's.

1957

St.Peter's Church helped with an Old People's Tea on Feast Sunday.

A Ladies v Gentleman Cricket Match was played on 25th June.

The Church clock was repaired by Storer of Nottingham for £18. (£69 at 1985 prices)

1958

Ashton-Hill gave a cup for Best Junior member of the choir, to be awarded yearly.

The Rector blamed poor church attendance on the Television.

There was much talk about a notice board to face Kirk Hill. This was also talked about in 1959 and again in 1969 but in every case the decision was reversed before it was carried out.

Tennis on Sundays at the Village Club on glebe land was agreed between 2pm and 5pm.

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Numbers taking Communion last Sunday in June

(2) means total of 8am and 9am service.

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| 1955 | 3 | 1972 | 35 | |
| 1956 | 5 | 1973 | 48 | |
| 1957 | 3 | 1974 | 50 | Bishop |
| 1958 | 10 | 1975 | 67 | Markham |
| 1959 | 7 | 1976 | 75 | |
| 1960 | 4 | | | |
| 1961 | 2 | 1977 | 52 | |
| 1962 | 18 | 1978 | 47 | |
| | | 1979 | 47 | Wilkins |
| 1963 | 4 | 1980 | 46 | |
| 1964 | 23 | | | |
| 1965 | 18 | 1981 | 69 (2) | |
| 1966 | 28 | 1982 | 90 (2) | Haydock |
| 1967 | 21 | 1983 | 93 (2) | |
| 1968 | 15 | 1984 | 76 (2) | |
| 1969 | 13 | 1985 | 55 | |
| 1970 | 16 | 1986 | 53 | |
| 1971 | 14 | | | |

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A FEW ITEMS FROM EARLIER CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

1924. There were 109 males and 147 females on the Church Electoral Role.

1925. The churchwardens were authorized to spend £5 (about £100 at 1986 prices) on the churchyard.

1926. The Rector and Churchwardens were to buy a fireproof safe.

1927. A faculty was applied for for two stained glass windows in the South aisle.

1930. An electric wiring quotation from Holand Walker to wire 20 lights for £48-19-0 was accepted.

1931. The Rector entertained the bell ringers to tea. It was decided there was no need for a leader as Tenor Bell led. Instruction was needed.

1932. It was proposed to hold a social event with the annual meeting. This was tea for 6d.

1937. Due to influenza there were only 52 at the tea and the A.G.M.

1937. To deal with the disgraceful behaviour of certain young people at the back of the church at evensong it was decided that duty sidesmen should sit in the back pew on each side.

1938. It was decided that in future the Vestry should coincide with the A.G.M.

1940. Comment on the excellent tea at the Annual Meeting.

Church Wardens of St. Peter's East Bridgford.

| <u>YEAR.</u> | <u>PEOPLE'S =</u> | <u>RECTOR'S</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1899 | C.H.Duff. | C.H.Bell. |
| 1900 | C.H.Duff. | C.H.Bell. |
| 1901 | C.H.Duff. | C.H.Bell. |
| 1902 | C.H.Duff. | C.H.Bell. |
| 1903 | C.H.Duff. | C.H.Bell. |
| 1904 | C.H.Duff. | C.H.Bell. |
| 1905 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1906 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1907 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
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| 1911 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1912 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1913 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1914 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1915 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1916 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1917 | Robert Swanwick. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1918 | Gertrude Fox. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1919 | Richard Beaumont. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1920 | Richard Beaumont. | Joseph Turner. |
| 1921 | Richard Beaumont. | R.D.Shardlow. |
| 1922 | Richard Beaumont. | R.D.Shardlow. |
| 1923 | Richard Beaumont. | George Cartwright. |
| 1924 | Richard Beaumont. | George Cartwright. |
| 1925 | Richard Beaumont. | George Cartwright. |
| 1926 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1927 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1928 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1929 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1930 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1931 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1932 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1933 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1934 | Richard Beaumont. | F.S.Molyneux. |
| 1935 | Nelson Rhodes. | Chas.Allwood Snr. |

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| 1936 | Nelson Rhodes. | Chas.Allwood Snr. |
| 1937 | Nelson Rhodes. | Chas.Allwood Snr. |
| 1938 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1939 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1940 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1941 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1942 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1943 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1944 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1945 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1946 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1947 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1948 | Nelson Rhodes. | Richard Wing. |
| 1949 | Harry Curtis. | Richard Wing. |
| 1950 | Harry Curtis. | Richard Wing. |
| 1951 | Ernest Millington. | Richard Wing. |
| 1952 | Ernest Millington. | Richard Wing. |
| 1953 | Ernest Millington. | Richard wing. |
| 1954 | Ernest Millington. | Richard Wing. |
| 1955 | Ernest Millington. | Richard wing. |
| 1956 | Fred Hunt. | Richard Wing. |
| 1957 | Fred Hunt. | Richard Wing. |
| 1958 | Fred Hunt. | Richard Wing. |
| 1959 | Fred Hunt. | Charles Westley. |
| 1960 | Fred Hunt. | Charles Westley. |
| 1961 | Fred Hunt. | Charles Westley. |
| 1962 | Fred Hunt. | Henry Russell. |
| 1963 | Fred Hunt. | Henry Russell. |
| 1964 | Fred Hunt. | Henry Russell. |
| 1965 | Fred Hunt. | Henry Russell. |
| 1966 | Fred Hunt. | Peter Slack. |
| 1967 | Fred Hunt. | Peter Slack. |
| 1968 | Fred Hunt. | Peter Slack. |
| 1969 | Fred Hunt. | W.A.Wing. |
| 1970 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1971 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1972 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1973 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1974 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
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| 1977 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |

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| 1978 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1979 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1980 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1981 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1982 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1983 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1984 | Fred Hunt. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1985 | John Finch. | Gordon Stobbs. |
| 1986 | Steve Cumberland | Gordon Stobbs. |
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Robert Swanwick, Richard Beaumont, Harry Curtis and Ernest Millington died in office and Geo. Cartwright John Finch resigned during his year.

HEADMASTERS of St. PETER'S SCHOOL.

1885 - 1923 Henry Goldston
 1923 - 1957 Nelson Rhodes
 1957 - 1970 Hugh Rees
 1970 - Garth Powel

A FEW ITEMS GLEANED FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES.

In 1952, 1953, and 1954 there were many minutes recording discussions on the proposal to buy the piece of land next to the entrance to Butt Close from College St, which was then part of the grounds of "The Barn" and which now has a bungalow called "BYWAYS" on it. It was intended to use this land for a Village Memorial Garden. Proposals for compulsory purchase were even talked of, but in the end no action was taken.

In 1955 there were complaints about the Hanson's pony using Butt Close.

Complaints about cycling on the twitchels and talk of problems at the Wharf frequently occurred.

In 1955 it was decided to take no action against Sunday cricket on Butts Close.

In 1956 there was a proposal for gates at each end of Trent Lane to prevent it becoming a route for cars. (It seems that no action resulted)

20th CENTURY RECTORS & INTERREGNA

| | RECTOR | INTERREGNA |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Arthur Du Boulay-Hill | 1899 - May 1927 | |
| Alfred Bater | Jun.1927 - Sep.1929 | Sep.1929 - Nov.1929 |
| Rupert King | Nov.1929 - Nov.1937 | Dec.1937 - Feb.1938 |
| Lorimer Rees | Mar.1938 - Mar.1941 | Apr.1941 - Feb.1946 (R.A.F. service) |
| Roger McLean | Mar.1946 - Jul.1962 | Aug.1962 - Apr.1963 |
| Victor Johnson | May 1963 - Aug.1971 | Aug.1971 - May 1972 |
| Bernard Markham | May 1972 - May 1977 | Jun.1977 - Jan.1978 |
| John Wilkins | Jan.1978 - Sep.1979 | Sep.1979 - Sep.1980 |
| Alan Haydock | Sep.1980 - | |

January 1960-March 1968.

BINGHAM DEANERY MAGAZINE

Photocopies of East Bridgford Items where possible. Some gaps filled by extracts from copies in County Record Office.

Following copies could not be found:-

August 1960-October 1960
December 1960
January 1967
March 1967

JANUARY 1960

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- 8.0 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (1st and 3rd Sundays).
Morning Prayer (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays).
3.30 p.m.—Children.
6.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Baptisms—4.15 p.m., or by arrangement.

John Reddish his my Name
And England his my Nation.
Bridgford his my Dwelling place
And Christ his my Salvation.

What a good description! It comes from an old Bridgford book of the turn of the seventeenth-eighteenth hundreds. It is written in several places.

It has been copied by Walter Garves Reddish in 1888. But how often from today!

Well over £110 has come in for the Rector's Gift Day, and there is still a little more on the way. This is a very handsome total and grateful acknowledgement is here made to the many donors. It comes at a time when many calls are made upon the pocket, and the response is very good indeed. Other appeals have also done well. The Poppy Day total for Bridgford was up. The Boys' Brigade has once again raised the £50. The Village Hall Committee raised nearly £20 at its usual dinner and entertainment on December 15th.

Ahead lie the New Year's Eve services, the Twelfth Night Christmas plays (a church play) and the annual church singing (January 4th, 7.30 p.m.) and the annual church meeting, for which the date has not yet been fixed.

On Sunday, November 1st, All Saints' Day, the following Sunday School children received their prizes for 1959 from Mrs. Dobbs: Heather Winterburn, Susan Bateman, Jane Angley, Stephen Hall, Richard Hall, Caroline McLennan, Jane Hunt, Helen Grocock, Elizabeth Hunt, Mary Allwood, Elizabeth Bateman, Charles Pearce, Jonathan Pearce, Robert Hingham, Jacqueline Bingham, Diana Hicks, Margaret Buckberry, Rosemary Buckberry, David Bontoft, Linda Bontoft, James Buckberry, Linda Joyce, Gordon Lawson, Sarah Rush, Jennifer Taylor, Phillip Allwood, Hazel Cook, Linda Cook, Peter Lawson, Christine Lilley and Sandra Lilley. A word may be said here of gratitude to those who have helped to keep the Sunday School up—Miss Mavis Paling, Miss Barbara Mallett, and Mr. James Lester.

A very great—indeed irreplaceable—loss has been sustained by the village in the death of Mr. Charles Farmer, of the Old Hall, at the age of 92. A quiet, retiring man of strong views, but charming personality, he felt that he kept himself rather to himself. Unscared by terrible tragedy in his life as a young man, he lived up to the highest standards. He acquiesced in an unobtrusive way to be host to most of the county and all of the village. His garden and grounds are the pride of the village and known in many parts of the county.

moved on, that it would be his last flower show this year. Gradually he retreated from life. It is certain, however, that Bridgford is unlikely to see his equal in character, uprightness, and willingness.

Another quiet man preceded him to the grave—Jack Wilkinson. Long afflicted by an insupportable complaint, he went along without complaint under his lips. He will be remembered for his feats on the cricket field—by the numbers which he bowled—and for the knowing efficiency of his bowling.

Both these have completed their earthly journey. But another long service was marked in a different way on Sunday, December 20th, when the Ringers, on behalf of the ringers, made a little presentation in church to Mr. Anthony Dent, for his services as belfry. It is a matter of great regret that recent operations have precluded the work from being done longer. His interest and his pleasure remain, and his skill lives on in those whom he has taught.

A very happy 1960 to everybody!

BAPTISM—Nov. 29th: Richard James Hogg.

BURIALS—Nov. 24th: John Wright Wilkinson (82 years). Nov. 30th: Charles Farmer (82 years) cremated. Service in church at Wilford.

FEBRUARY 1960

The old Bridgford book from which a quotation was made last month started off in a very practical and utilitarian way at Lowdham.

"9 February, 1780. This Book was bought Price one shilling for a memorandum Book of milliners accoms for the use of Wm. Reddish of Lowdham mill By me Simon Reddish of Lowdham aforesaid, Nottinghamshire.

"1792, March 17. Our Break wheel Gear'd by Wm. Mackly. She was finish'd on Saturday the 17 of March 1792.

"1792, April 13. Our wheat millwheel Gear'd by Wm. Mackley. She was finish'd then it was Easter fryday that year."

But the book soon changed its character, giving a few items of personal history and a few instances of notable local events, but being mostly filled with the words of popular songs of the period, which one of the Reddishes seems to have sung at local concerts.

Christmas, 1959-60, was quite remarkable in Bridgford. There was a very good number of communicants on the day itself—nearly 100. The Rector was most fortunate in having the Rev. C. W. Wheatley, of Alton in Hampshire, fresh from an invigorating visit to the United States, and full of experiences with the Episcopal Church of America, to assist him. The services were splendid. On St. John the Evangelist's Day, the Sunday after Christmas, there was a first-class rendering of the Nine Lessons and Carols. Not only were the readers very good, but the performance of the Choral Class was one of

setbacks with a cheerfulness and a fortitude that were themselves an example. He was unshaken when it came to any matter of underhand dealing. Both the cricket field and the parish council are the poorer for his going. The parish itself will miss the smile and the forthright judgment.

The sudden stroke while shopping in Nottingham of Mrs. Dent (and her death the subsequent day) was a terrible shock for her husband. She was an older and a quieter person, long cut off by impaired hearing from much life beyond her home. But she had contrived in her unobtrusive but effective way to give much to her children, and she saw the reward in her brilliant grandchildren, now at the threshold of good careers. Here was an abiding Christian influence; that it was recognised was proved by the great and universal kindness shown to her widower, who wishes his especial thanks to be expressed.

He himself is recovering from the sudden major internal operation which he underwent almost immediately after his wife's funeral. The Newark district of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Ringers rang a splendid peal (Bob Minor) for his retirement from active belfry work on February 20th. It so happened that it provided an added celebration for the birth of the royal prince.

Another death was of a lady who was a frequent visitor of late to Bridgford. This was Mrs. Mitchell, the widow of a former M.P. for Lanarkshire. She died in London after fighting courageously against many heart attacks. She was a most faithful and devout churchwoman; her granddaughters grace the parish church choir.

The Village Hall Committee is now established for 1960 with its new secretary and treasurer—Messrs. Meylan and Turner respectively. It has never (it is thought) been able to show a balance sheet with such a record of money raised as for last year. This was a fitting close to Mr. Wales' long term of office as treasurer.

Shrubs are now planted in the churchyard flanking the War Memorial sward. They should soon begin to look well. Further Confirmation candidates are sought for this Lent, when also an effort will be made to respond to the challenge of the needs of the Church from overseas.

BURIALS.—January 23rd: Frederick Butler Kirkland (55 years); January 28th: Helen Beatrice Mitchell (75 years) in London; February 9th: Frances Dent (75 years).

Why I hard ye good Chaplin palaver one day,
about souls heaven mercy and such
And my timbers what lingo he'd coil and belay,
why twas just all as one as high duch
But he said how a sparrow can't founder d'ye see,
without order that come down below
And many fine things that prov'd clearly to me,
that providence takes us in tow
for says he d'ye mind me let storms e'er so oft,
take ye toplifts of sailors aback
there's a sweet little cherub sits pirch'd Up aloft,
to watch for the life of poor Jack.
From "Poor Jack".

feeling and beauty. Congratulations go to Mr. Edgington, their conductor and trainer, and to all who took part. Then on Twelfth Night (the Epiphany), January 6th, what was perhaps one of the best things in Bridgford Church for many a year took place, and that was the performance of three abbreviated scenes from mediaeval mystery plays. These were the Salutation from the Towneley Ms. plays, the Shepherds from the Wakefield cycle, and the Magi from the Coventry cycle. They were preceded by a short exhibition of handbell ringing accompanied by the organ. It proved a delightful overture of Christmas music. The plays themselves were performed by members of the congregation, and were produced by Miss Gornal of the Hall (she followed this was a much praised production of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Nottingham High School for Girls). The whole performance with the singing was moving, reverent, dignified and alive. It certainly would not have disgraced a cathedral church or even London itself. It will live long in the memory of those who saw and heard it. Thanks must go out to the organist and choir (for all their Christmas hard work), to the performers and those who produced, costumed, staged and lighted.

The departure of old friends in the village has been much felt recently. This is particularly noticeable at morning service on Sundays, where the removal of two families has certainly made a gap. Mr. and Mrs. Sheath are now at Sheffield; but they intend one day to return. Mr. and Mrs. Wing, alas! are farther away in Devon. The many years of Churchwardenship, flower decoration and unobtrusive support are still remembered in the beautiful cross and candlesticks which "make" the sanctuary of Bridgford Church.

Amid all the other activities, the New Year's Eve dance was another outstanding success. It did well financially, although the object was not the making of money. Mr. Lester worked very hard as M.C., and Mr. Hunt saw to the distribution of tickets (which were sold out). This is a very good social occasion.

BAPTISM—Jan. 10th, Charlotte Richardson.

MARCH 1960

"Mememory of the Flood on Wednesday the 11th. of February 1795 Came up to the fish house thack within about 8 inches that side next ye trent and I went to shelford mannor when it was Just at the hight in John Millingtons Boat to help to fetch 195 Sheep out of the water the property of Mr. Wm. Welson then tennat at Shelford Mannor."
From Simon Reddish's Bridgford Book.

February has not been a good month for Bridgford this year. Once again there have been great floods and parts of Shelford were endangered. It is not often that the new Gunthorpe Bridge road is closed. The floods were succeeded by a severe wintry spell. It has been a bad month also for bereavements, sickness and accident. The early death of Mr. Fred Kirkland has removed a great character from the village. His inexhaustible sense of humour (and of mischief!) was a continued delight. He bore all

BAPTISMS.—Feb. 28th: Lucy Anne Mannering Jones. Mar. 13th: Ann Elizabeth Mary Newman.

CONFIRMATION.—Mar. 5th, by the Rt. Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe, D.S.O., D.D., formerly Lord Bishop in the Sudan: Frederick William Cooper (senior) and Frederick William Cooper (junior), in St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford.

BURIAL.—Mar. 21st: Emily Pickford (89 years), after service cremated at Wilford Hill.

The following are extracts—:

MAY 1960.

The extreme beauty of the Holy Week and Easter weather was mentioned. There were 90 Communicants at Easter.

Bob Gray and Brian Smith had made the church look good. Leslie Johnson and his aides had made the churchyard look very well.

The sudden death of Bernard Thornton in the prime of his life while at work in the fields during Passion week was mentioned.

JUNE 1960

The G.F.S. branch had done particular well in a drama competition being awarded a certificate of 1st Class Merit at the County Youth Festival (Dramatic).

Mr. A. E. Cave left "The Hollies". Tribute was paid to his work in Churchyard, Village, and British Legion. Mentioned was made of improvement in standard of bell ringing. Mr. John Higgs has got outside help but a long peel in honour of the Royal Wedding had mistakes shortly before the conclusion.

JULY 1960

Reference to the burials of Mrs. Annie Butler of Millgate House and of Major Fred Coope.

NOVEMBER 1960

Start of reading casualties at War Memorial. Coffee at Dodsworths for roof repairs following lead theft. School's parents voted staggeringly high to continue church teaching. Rector's Gift Day 3rd. Dec. Hoped the last. Boy's Brigade 39th year.

APRIL 1960

Holy Week and Easter approach. The great tradition of the Easter Communion is well maintained; but alas! Good Friday (a hangover from the days of wartime necessity) is increasingly neglected. It has become in many quarters a working day—solemnly (a difficult thing for some) has been overlaid with the distraction of the diurnal commonplace. Yet to be unable to ponder, if but for a moment or a short period on the greatest of sacrifices and achievements is an impoverishment of life.

Services will be as follows: Good Friday—10 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion, 11 a.m. Children, 7 p.m. Evensong and address. Easter Day—Holy Communion 7 a.m. (plain), 8 a.m. (hymns), and 11 a.m. (sung), Evensong 6.30 p.m. Easter Eve—decorating 11 a.m. onwards.

The Annual Church Meeting was held on Monday, February 29th. It was possible to report an improvement in the attendance at the early morning services, and an increase in financial contributions. It was felt however that in the latter connection more covenants would be welcome. The following officers were appointed or elected: Rector's Warden, Mr. C. Westley; People's Warden, Mr. F. S. Hunt; Sidesmen, Dr. Brooks, Captains Jay and Marshall, Messrs. Dent, Hand, Ingram, Lester and Whyley; Parochial Church Councillors, Mrs. G. G. Morris, Mrs. H. Russell, Misses Colcutt, Curtis, Hand and E. Widdowson, Dr. Brooks, Captain Jay, Captain Marshall, Messrs. Dent, Hand, Higgs, Ingram, Lester, Russell and Whyley. This new Church Council appointed Mr. H. Russell to be its Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. J. T. Lester to be its Hon. Secretary. The Rector took the opportunity to thank all officers and helpers for their support and work during the past year.

There was a very special and important occasion in the parish church on Saturday, March 6th, when a father (at the time a very sick man) and his son were together confirmed by Bishop Gelsthorpe with a few friends present. The sun shone beautifully that morning; the ceremony was impressive in its simplicity.

The organ has now been renovated and rewired throughout. The work was carried through without a hitch by Messrs. Groves; it has cost just under

£300. Some money has been taken out of the Fabric Fund to meet this temporarily. The choir managed very well for a few Sundays with a borrowed piano. On Sunday, March 20th, the fine instrument was rededicated by Bishop Gelsthorpe; and the Minster Organist, Mr. K. A. Beard, gave a splendid recital as part of the worship of the service of rededication. This was another great occasion.

The Rector has now about five or six names for confirmation. He would like a few more and will start classes shortly.

At a great age—89 years—Mrs. Emily Pickford has died. Quiet and grateful for all that was done for her, to the end she radiated a certain influence and charm on those around her. She always worked hard, was a very loyal wife and mother, and a splendid member of the Mothers' Union. A little joke, a smile and an unobtrusive gentleness stayed with her until she literally fell asleep. She was one of those for whom people always seemed to have a good word.

JANUARY 1961

1899. The Parish Magazine started in January this year. A Choral Society gave its first Concert on January 28th. Mr. W. F. Fox came to live at the Hall, which has been vacant since the death of Mr. Milward. Mr. George Beaumont died on March 17th. On St. Peter's Day (June 29th) there was a Garden Fete and Sale at Mrs. Bouverie's (the Manor) for Church Restoration. A Church Council was formed on May 25th. In this year also the Boer War began and there was the first Choral Communion Service (or Eucharist) in the Parish Church. A Paten, Bread-box and Litany Desk were given to the Church by Mr. C. H. Bell. Rector Hill's Notes.

1960 has ended with a spate of generosity. First there was the Coffee Morning at the Old Rectory in aid of the Church roof. This has now realised £30 net, which is a very good figure; the gross amount was £33 6s. 1d. This was a most welcome occasion and seemed to be enjoyed by all who came (in spite of a wet morning). The Rector's Gift Day was on December 3rd. It poured heavily all day. Even so by the end of the day some 90 envelopes had come in, and they are still coming in. The total at the time of writing is the splendid sum of £115 15s. 3d. The Rector was able to get about 320 letters through letter boxes or into hands in one week. He is most grateful for the response. The Boys' Brigade also kept up their funds, their week realising over £50. The Village Hall Saturday (December 10th) was not primarily a money-making effort, but was designed to give pleasure to the children; even so over £35 was cleared. The Legion Fur and Feather Whist Drive had some wonderful prizes given and there was a good attendance on December 17th.

As this is written Christmas and New Year still lie ahead. On New Year's Day an experiment is being made of an afternoon family service at 3 p.m. On Twelfth Night (January 6th) it is hoped to stage the whole of the Coventry Play of the Wise Men (The Magi, King Herod and the Slaughter of the Innocents). This is ambitious, but should be well worth while. Rehearsals have already started. Last year's extracts from this and other plays were really very good indeed.

It is planned to have a big Confirmation Service at East Bridgford on the afternoon of Sunday, April 9th, at 3 p.m. This is the Sunday after Easter Day. The Rector would very much like to see all prospective candidates at the Rectory on Sunday, January 8th at 3 p.m.

The New Year's Eve Dance is again taking place in the Village Hall. It has previously been a particularly successful social occasion. This time it has a Scottish flavour.

The school is full of activity. Mrs. Hawkes staged an attractive Christmas play for both the juniors and the infants, and the number of speaking characters was noteworthy. It was enjoyed by performers, children and parents alike. Two very good collections were made, one for spastic and one for refugee children. Mr. Rees and the staff are to be congratulated on the performances and universal enjoyment. A Christmas Service was held in Church on December 19th, and Christmas parties also have been in evidence.

The new rose trees, so kindly presented by the Legion, have now been planted alongside the Memorial site by Kirkhill. They should add a touch

of colour and beauty to what is already a dignified and well-kept spot. The village is indeed grateful.

December 7th saw an occasion which is likely to be more frequent in the years ahead. The ashes of Mrs. Day, of Hoveringham, were buried in the grave of her parents in Bridgford Churchyard on the day of her cremation. She is much missed in her locality and is spoken of with affection and sympathy.

All best wishes to Bridgford for 1961.

BAPTISMS.—December 11th: Amanda Lee Cornell.
December 18th: Susan Louise Hall.

BURIAL.—December 7th! Ivy May Day (59 years) after cremation at Wilford Hill.

FEBRUARY 1961

1900. There were floods from the Trent due to melting snow in February. On May 24, a new joint station (Victoria) was opened in Nottingham by the Great Northern and Great Central Railway Companies. There was a public meeting in this year on Church Restoration. The President of Magdalen College (afterwards Sir Herbert Warren) was in the chair, and the report of the architect (Mr. Ponting) was read. Rector Hill's Notes.

1960 ended on a wonderful note and 1961 has made a good beginning. Christmas was one of the best. Except for 11 a.m. the services were well attended. There were 92 communicants, and it was gratifying to find that at last the Christmas afternoon service at 4 p.m. was really appreciated. Whether this was because it was also Sunday remains to be seen. The collections on the day were excellent—indeed a larger amount than on any single day at any date since the war.

By Christmas, too, the Rector's Gift Day had exceeded a total of £126; and although this included one unexpectedly large contribution, it was a very good effort. The New Year's Eve Dance was a greater success than ever. It is true that some arrive very late for it (being Saturday it had to end at midnight, so that they did little more than look in); but it had a wonderful spirit. The opening of the evening was partly devoted to children (of the middle ages). Thanks are especially due to the ladies who saw to refreshments, to the small committee who supervised and ran the dance, and to the two who looked after the younger element so well.

The experiment of an afternoon family service of moderate length was tried on New Year's Day. It proved successful. A number of children brought their fathers and mothers, and a number of familiar faces were seen again. This will be continued once a month for the time being, in February and March, the first Sunday being chosen.

Christmas finished on Twelfth Night with a very wonderful play, produced by Miss Gornal, of the Girls' High School. It was the mediaeval Coventry Epiphany play of the Magi, Herod and the Slaughter of the Innocents. King Herod had an enormous part, and altogether 15 persons gave up much of their Christmas holiday to providing this first-class performance to the glory of God and the service of the parish. It was introduced by the hand-bell ringing for which Bridgford has now a local reputation.

More members are needed for the choir and the ringers, both of which have been very active. They

collected exactly £7 by carol-singing and ringing (£5 to the bells, and £2 to the Children's Society) on Christmas Eve. A donation of 10/- for the junior members of the choir is gratefully acknowledged.

The British Legion Dinner—always a great occasion—is upon March 2nd, a Thursday. An Evening Institute Scottish Dancing Class has been arranged for Fridays at 7.30 p.m. in the School. This is the only night the instructress has free. The passing of the Misses Olliphants' shop in Browne Lane means the end of an epoch almost. It had a wonderful early 19th-century flavour; and it is sad that both have left—Rose to Bingham and Grace to Great Gonerby, near Grantham.

February is the month of the Annual Church Meeting (Thursday, the 20th, at 8 p.m. in the School). The local company of the Girl Guides has reached its 40th year. This is a splendid length of existence. It now meets in the school, with its wonderful facilities. A birthday party is being held on March 4th. On Saturday, February 11th, there is a Bellringers' Ball in the Village Hall.

The local treasurer of the British and Foreign Bible Society is happy to report a record collection of over £38 for the Society during the year. This is a most splendid result.

It is perhaps a little disappointing to end upon an unpleasant note. It is, however, discouraging to those who try to provide for the amenities and welfare of the village to discover that public gifts are unappreciated. For many years efforts have been made to secure to the community its own field for recreational purposes, in the face of the most determined opposition by variously interested parties; at the same time, schemes for its improvement and beautification have always met with sympathy and generosity. It is all the more distressing, therefore, to find the Coronation oak tree wantonly destroyed; and this but a culmination to the earlier loss of red chestnut trees. But does the Bridgford public really mind?

BAPTISM.—January 8th, Kevin John Willis.

MARCH 1961

Parochial Vestry—1803 Mar. 15. Letting of Wharf. W. Huskinson, W. Upton, Rd. Green and Thos. Forrest tenants of Wharf, to be released on payment of £20 and to supply Coal for the parish. John Bettison, Commissioner for Enclosure, to be asked to give directions as to necessary steps for state of Roads (under Enclosure award).

1810 The above tenants of Wharf agree to deliver on Wharf 8 boatloads of gravel. "Surveyors of Highway" undertake to pay said tenants.

From the Churchwardens' Books.

There have been many village activities in the first period of 1961, and more are due for the month of March. Both the Horticultural Society and the Village Hall have held annual general meetings, and both had a good balance to show. The most noteworthy innovation was an experimental afternoon for old people on February 10th, in the Village Hall, at which members of the committee very kindly and efficiently gave considerable help. It was sufficiently successful for a regular gathering (once a fortnight) to be tried; and it seems to fill a need.

The dance for bell improvements was a great success and has resulted in a profit of well over £30. This was very good and was well patronised and organised. A further extension of Evening Class activities (in addition to choral and dress-making) has been achieved in a group for Scottish dancing—a great success apart from stiffness and strained muscles! Ahead lie the Legion Dinner (March 2nd) and the Guides' 40th Birthday (March 4th).

After a longish free period, there has been a little group of deaths. First came that of Mrs. Streets, formerly well known in Bridgford, a woman of

many parts. Music was one of her great interests. She was a strong personality. Her friends had lost touch with her, but quite a little gathering of them came to her funeral in Nottingham.

This was followed by that of Mrs. Huskinson, of Holloway Close, who lived formerly behind the Methodist Chapel. She had long been ailing, though her spirit remained intact to the end. A proud, independent "character", she will be missed by those who knew her in Bridgford for many years.

A little new born boy, to the distress of his mother, followed next; the breath scarcely came forth from God to return to him again. Mrs. Wilde, of Kingsland Cottage, came soon after him, finishing a life of unending activity—her years of retirement (if they can be called so) being spent in Bridgford. She had had the pleasure of celebrating her golden wedding, but with the onset of influenza, she suddenly found that she could go no further; an irrepressible, but tired, spirit came quietly and completely to the end of a chapter.

Last of all there was Denty Crossland, a real Bridgfordian. He was very proud that he was the oldest left to be born, brought up and to have lived throughout in the village. He was a member of a famous Straw's Lane triumvirate, who rule village affairs from the vantage point of a certain corner. But he had become frail in his advanced years and the savour had gone out of life for him. He was always a ready one—with a word, a smile; an affectionate father and a good friend to his neighbourhood.

Family Service is on Sunday, March 12th, at 3 p.m., mid-Lent or Mothering Sunday. The children will have something for their mothers. Two choristers—Susan Bateman and Susan Johnson—have been admitted to the choir in a little ceremony at Sunday morning service.

BAPTISMS.—January 21st: Claire Jayne Tucker. February 12th: Keith Morton.

BURIALS.—January 27th: Winifred Streets, (72 years) at the Nottingham Church Cemetery. January 30th: Norah Huskinson (69 years). February 1st: Anthony Grayson (1 day). February 10th: Matilda Jane Wilde (74 years). February 18th: John Denton Crossland (86 years).

"When I was six years old I was in the street on a Christmas Day morning opposite my father's house, a group of boys came past. 'Lad-like' I asked them where they were going. They said, 'to Frear's, for Caunt's bread'. I went with them and received two loaves but I got a sound scolding for going. I remember John Frear told us never to come again for he could not afford to give any more away, and that was the last time Bread was given away. ... The poor used to say Frear put the money into his own pocket instead of theirs." Letter from Mr. Charles Newbound, Parish Clerk and Schoolmaster before 1860 to Rector Hill.

Good Friday, Easter Day and Low Sunday have the following arrangements: Good Friday, March 31st, 10 a.m. Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion, 11 a.m. Children, 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Address by the Rev. R. A. Edwards, Vicar of Kirklington and Rector of Hockerton. Easter Day, April 2nd, 7 a.m. (plain), 8 a.m. (hymns), 11 a.m. (sung and sermon) Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. Low Sunday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Confirmation and Family Service, The Rt. Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe, Assistant Bishop of Southwell and Rector of Bingham. Decoration of the church will take place on Easter Eve, April 1st. There should be wonderful flowers this year of early spring. The Confirmation Service will make a wonderful completion of Easter.

The Family Service on the afternoon of Mothering Sunday was really quite good. It consisted of a baptism, and the presentation of bunches of violets to the children for their mothers. Mr. Lester had most excellently arranged this, and the congregation was very pleased.

The annual church meeting took place on February 27th. It was a good meeting. The accounts showed an improved balance, although there is a large sum expended on the organ which is due to be repaid into the Fabric Fund. The following officers were appointed: Rector's Warden, Mr. C. L. Westby; People's Warden, Mr. J. F. Hunt; Sidesmen, Dr. Brooks, Mr. Dent, Mr. Hand, Mr. Ingram, Capt. Jay, Mr. Lester, Capt. Marshall, Mr. Russell, Mr. Wylie; Church Council, Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Russell, Miss Hand, Miss E. Widdison, Dr. Brooks, Mr. Caunt, Mr. Dent, Mr. Hand, Mr. Higgs, Capt. Jay, Mr. Lester, Capt. Marshall, Mr. Russell, Mr. Wylie. Mr. Higgs was able to report a wonderful success and profit from the Ringers' Dance. All officers, helpers and supporters were thanked for their great assistance during the year.

The Legion Dinner was another great occasion—indeed the attendance was over 100, a splendid achievement, and what is more the spirit was excellent. Many congratulations go to the Committee and to the ladies.

Owing to space restriction it is not possible to say much of the Girl Guides and their 40th birthday, nor of the new venture for the old people, though both were good. The latter is a fortnightly Thursday afternoon gathering. Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Coulson on their golden wedding.

The burial list is again heavy. Mr. Downs led a quiet life; his last illness was fortunately not long, but he was not an old man. It will be hard for his widow—for they were much to each other. Mrs. Westby's mother, Mrs. Gisborne, died in hospital at the age of 80; she was not well known in Bridgford, but to the last she took a lively interest in her family. She maintained the habits and interests of a lifetime almost until the last. The death which really affected the village deeply was that of Miss Bramley, for she was a public servant and a public friend. It was an ironic stroke that swept her away so much too soon, for she had done much to alleviate suffering—always cheerful, in the face of asthma and ill-health of her own, as she dispensed in the surgery. It probably surprises her now that it is found truly hard to replace her. The village misses a good woman and a true friend.

BAPTISM.—March 12th: Russell John Hunt.

BURIALS.—March 2nd: Frederick William Downs (63 years), cremated at Wilford Hill. March 8th: Frances Ada Gisborne (80 years) cremated at Wilford Hill.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. — March 9th: Evelyn Paige Bramley (52 years), buried in Danby Churchyard, N. Yorkshire.

MAY 1961

"I remember the walls and the ceiling being whitewashed, John Gilbert and his son George did the work. The Church was full of scaffolding . . . We came through the tower wall into the gallery where Caunt's board hung. The gallery had little steps. At the bottom step facing the centre Aisle I stood and played my flute. That will be 72 years ago . . ." Schoolmaster Charles Newbound to Rector Hill in 1914.

The remarkably early season made a really beautiful early Easter, though a rather chilly one. The flowers were especially lovely in the church, the lilies being given by five sisters to commemorate the passing of a sixth. The Good Friday evening service was well attended, when the Vicar of Kirklington gave a most carefully prepared address. There was a fair number of communicants on the great day, and a very good Easter offering. The Rector takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation.

On Low Sunday there was an excellent congregation for the Confirmation Service. This was one of the best in Bridgford recently. The girls looked particularly nice, and the choir sang really well.

The Ascension Day falls on May 11th this year. There will be the usual School service at 9.15 a.m., although the scholars do not now climb the tower to sing a hymn. This was after the manner of the Magdalen May-day custom, but was always a little bit risky at Bridgford, where the ascent is both long and steep. Whitsunday falls on the 21st. Holy Communion will be at 7, 8 and 11. A Family service will again be held on the 2nd Sunday, May 14th at 3 p.m. Usually this is Youth Sunday, and they will be especially remembered.

The Women's Institute has done particularly well with a great composite effort representing Bridgford Feast. They just lost the local championship, but 18 members had worked very hard on various aspects. Every fortnight on Thursday afternoons, the senior inhabitants (or some of them) gather in the Village Hall. It is much enjoyed by those who go; they wish a few more would join them. The oldest institution at present running in the village is the Horticultural Society; the G.F.S. was started in 1898 before Rector Hill's arrival, but it is now in abeyance; after them comes the Mothers' Union, with 59 years to its credit, closely followed by the King Edward Club. The Church has been running for a thousand years in Bridgford!

The death of Mrs. Ellis, of Highfields, removes a staunch Methodist and a devoted mother. She had come courageously through operations and ill health in recent years; she was recovering from a stroke in hospital, when another quickly took her away. She left Bridgford a few years ago for her daughter's at Bingham, but she was frequently over at her son's. The number of mourners testified to the esteem in which she was held. It was a privilege to know her.

BAPTISM.—April 16th: Jacqueline Ludwig.

CONFIRMATION on Sunday, April 9th (Low Sunday) by the Rt. Rev. A. M. Geisthorpe, D.S.O., D.D., formerly Lord Bishop in the Sudan: Malcolm Harpley, Julia Margaret Dunbar McLean, Jacqueline Bingham, Janet Irene Marczak, Mary Jane Cox, Christine Ann Johnson and Linda Anne Covill.

BURIAL.—March 30th: Annie Louisa Ellis (76 years).

JUNE 1961

Once upon a time: "I have one more thing to tell you about John (Frear) and then I have done with him for ever. On one Sunday morn a very respectable man came into church, he walked up the centre aisle and sat in Caunt's pew. There were several persons seated when the stranger came in. In time John made his appearance; when he got to Caunt's pew and saw stranger seated, he opened the pew door and said 'Come out here!' people were horror-stricken at Frear's conduct. The gentleman obeyed and sat in the next pew; That was the first and last time I ever saw Frear at Church. Caunt's pew would seat seven adults with comfort."—Letter of Charles Newbound.

Summer has suddenly burst upon the world with Ascension Eve. The growth and earliness of vegetation, due to the absence of prolonged frosts, are remarkable. Thoughts turn quickly to Bridgford Feast, which falls this year upon June 25th. The Flower Show is thus upon Midsummer Day. The Family Service will be at 3 p.m., on Sunday, June 11th.

The notes are written very early; it is because, alas! the printer of the Deanery Magazine is compelled though lack of staff, to discontinue its publication, and this is his last number. A great debt of gratitude is owed to him for his interest, his patience, his tact, his judiciousness and his generosity. He has upon many occasions printed more than one edition. It is sad to see the close of this Hucknall connection.

Ascension Day was glorious; there was a good school service with beautiful singing. Mrs. Hawkes must go with her husband to the south of England. Her music will be much missed in the school.

The new Parochial Church Council is addressing itself to the problem of stewardship. It has made its appointments — Mr. H. Russell, to be Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. J. T. Lester to be Hon. Secretary, and welcomed its new members, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Garland.

Kind friends are helping out with the church music during the organist's well-deserved holiday. Many thanks go to Mrs. Sowden, Mr. Wales and Mr. Ward Hunt. The following new choristers have been admitted: John Harpley, Susan Atkin, Jane Baguley, Beryl Birkin and Hazel Cook.

BAPTISM.—April 29th: Annette Elaine Smith.

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The Royal Arms in Bridgford Church. "I will now give you some idea of what the work on the wall of the arch was like. . . . The lion and unicorn both stood on their hind feet with their front feet nearly at the top of the arms — (a sketch enclosed). . . . I think the whole work must have been one of the finest in this country or any other. Every stranger that came into Bridgford Church said 'They had never seen such a lovely work.' The colours were as fresh and bright when I left 54 years ago as when I first saw them. The Royal coat of arms 5 inches deep and 8 inches wide. The above surface was painted grey and reached down to the gold band. . . ." A letter of Charles Newbound in 1914.

Whitsunday was fine. There was a fair congregation at 8 o'clock, at which the celebrant was the Dean of Ripon (the Very Rev. Llewellyn Hughes) who was staying in the parish; but the other services were not well attended for a great festival. There were however a number of baptisms over the week-end and a wedding. The organist and Choirmaster, Mr. G. Caunt, was away on holiday. Very kindly Mrs. Sowden, Mr. Wales and Mr. Ward Hunt came and most ably carried through the musical parts of the services for two Sundays.

The Rector will be away on Sundays, August 13th and 20th. The following services have been arranged: 13th, 8 a.m., Rev. J. Rockwell Hutchins, 11 a.m., Mr. Westley; 3 p.m., Rev. A. H. Wyatt (family), Evening Prayer at Kneeton, 6.30 p.m.; 20th, No 8 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. H. W. Pearson, 6.30 p.m., Mr. Westley.

On Saturday, July 29th, there will be, as last year, a small sale in the Rectory garden in aid of church funds. Good support, especially from children, is hoped for and invited.

The Old Folk's Tea on June 3rd was once again a thorough success. The number of guests was the largest so far, and the entertainment was both good and full, so that time was well exceeded. As usual the organisers and ladies had worked very hard. There is now a regular fortnightly meeting of senior residents; this was given a good send-off by the local director, Mrs. Torrance, and other Red Cross ladies on May 25th, Mrs. Russell of the Barn being in the chair.

The Scottish dancing class has met and danced out of doors; a very successful jumble sale has been held in aid of the Red Cross clinic; a beautiful cup has been presented to St. Peter's School for the best naturalist of the year by Flight-Lieut. and Mrs. Waiting; and the Church Council ponders great matters.

On Whitsunday evening it was a great pleasure to dedicate an additional set of hand-bells, providing (with those existing) a good range. The local fame and prowess of Bridgford belfry is constantly widening; and these additions were entirely provided out of their own efforts.

Two deaths must be recorded — Jack Allister was truly Bridgford. For many years he was the devoted companion of his wife who suffered terribly from asthma. He was also a particularly affectionate father. His end was swift and sudden, though not unexpected; he would not have asked for a better.

Mrs. Frank Green's death, when only 59, leaves a dreadful gap in her children's lives. She had long struggled with ill health in her widowhood; she had almost launched all her boys into full manhood. Her good qualities will prevail in them in their present adversity.

Baptisms. May 20th, Colin Ward and James Ward; May 21st (Whitsunday), Nigel Craig Glynn; May 22nd, Paul Antony Foster.

Wedding. May 22nd, Peter John Dickens and Edith Elizabeth Baguley.

Burials. May 29th, John Allister (79 years); May 31st, Dorothy Grace Green (59 years).

"A dark blot will ever remain on the name of that man who gave orders for our Saviour's Prayer to be chipped to dust from off the walls of God's House. That blot will remain in my memory till I close my eyes in death . . . There were two frames of wood with cornice (in my time) did hang on the East End of Chancel-wall and on them were written the commandments and nothing more . . . When you have read the contents of my letter you will know more about your parish than any of your parishioners ever did know" Letter of Charles Newbound to Rector Hill.

Once again Bridgford maintained its tradition of fine feast weather. The eve of the feast was glorious, if hot, and the show very successful, even if the competition in some classes was not so keen and widespread as usual. The ladies' section, however, exalted itself. Feast Sunday was particularly lovely also, and the outdoor ceremony in the cool of the day could hardly have been bettered.

Fine weather also marked the sports day of the school (June 21st), when the inter-house competitions were closer than usual. There was a good number of supporters out on the Butt Field who much enjoyed the afternoon. The scholars all came to church for a special school service on St. Peter's Day, June 29th.

There have been a number of outings this summer, notably the Mothers' Union to Capesthorpe in Cheshire, which involves traversing the Derbyshire Dales, and the Women's Institute to York, where nobody got left behind in the museum; in the meantime the senior residents are reputed to be making for Dovedale.

Arrangements for August are as follows: Sunday, 13th, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Rev. J. Pickworth-Hutchinson; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Mr. C. L. Wesley; 3 p.m., Family Service, Rev. A. H. Wyatt, Vicar of Flintham with Kneeton; Sunday, 20th, No 8 a.m., 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Canon H. W. Pearson, Rector of Lambley; 6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer, Mr. C. L. Wesley; Wednesday, 2nd, Bible Society Coffee Morning at Daffodil Cottage, 10.30 to 12; Saturday, July 29th, Children's Sale at the Rectory for Church and Bells, 3 p.m.

It is hoped that a full Evening Institute programme will be available this autumn, with classes in choral singing, dressmaking, Scottish dancing, soft furnishings, flower arrangement, drama and French. Mr. A. Jones of the Hollies, has been appointed by the committee to be in charge of activities.

Two exceedingly pleasant surprises have recently occurred to the Church; the notice board was suddenly and without warning rebalanced, and looks very well; and a splendid wooden covering has appeared to lie over the entrance to the stoke-hole. Many thanks are due for both these unexpected and unobtrusive improvements. The beautiful look of the churchyard turf, beds, plants and bushes has drawn forth much favourable comment. The care of Mr. Leslie Johnson and his father is everywhere manifest.

Baptisms. June 18th, Bryan Andrew George Winter; July 1st, James Basil Reid and Andrew Gordon Reid; July 2nd, Anthony John Pickford.

"Goose Fair, the great holiday fair of Nottingham, is of great antiquity. It is said to have formerly continued for 21 days. People must have had plenty of time and little to do, but it was not the whirl of excitement then, which seems to be looked upon as necessary now. When the means of communication with other parts were limited, traders would travel about with their wives, and were glad to set up their booths in a populous town for some length of time. Afterwards it was reduced to nine days, and some few years ago to three." Rector Hill, October, 1910.

A great village venture is taking place on Michaelmas Day, September 29th, in St. Peter's School. All households are being invited to a Harvest Supper. The village does not normally sit down unitedly with itself — It is splendid that it should have the opportunity of doing so — Alas, it is anticipated that not everyone will be able to get into one room, but they will all be in the one building. It should be a quite unique occasion. But it is a venture; it is so hoped that all will support it. Socially it will be invaluable to Bridgford. A place where people stand together is strong. Such too is the strength of a nation. These things are voluntary in England, and all the better for that. Every house will be receiving its invitation.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services are on Sunday, October 8th. There are two visiting preachers — at 11 a.m. the new Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. M. R. W. Brown and at 6.30 p.m. an old friend, the Rev. N. L. Cribb, Chaplain and Lecturer at the Nottingham and District Technical College. A good attendance and many helpers to decorate will ensure a worth-while day.

Two events have taken place in the last month. On Saturday, July 29th, there was a holiday sale and garden party organised by some of the junior element in the Rectory garden, in aid of church funds and of the bells. It had a fair day and made over £19, which was considered excellent. On Wednesday, August 2nd, Mrs. Tay again held a coffee morning for the Bible Society. Owing to many supporters being away, it did not make as much as the previous year, but even so it cleared £7, 13s. 6d.

St. Peter's School Prize Day was on Wednesday, July 26th. The speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Lyth, the Principal of Brackenhurst Farm Institute. There was a good programme of events (in a high wind). The prizes were presented by Mrs. Stewart Fraser. It made a farewell also to Mrs. Hawkes, who has taught now for some years in the school, but is moving with her husband to Sussex. All was once again well staged by Mr. H. Rees, who takes great trouble over school occasions.

The familiar figure of George Priestley will be missed. In his day he played a big part in village and church life. He was once clerk and a regular ringer. He represented a sturdy English independence. His swinging stride had an admirable determination in it.

Baptism. July 30th; Alison Jane Louise Solomon.

OCTOBER 1961

"The most violent Thunderstorm we have experienced for many years broke over East Bridgford at about 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 23rd. Mr. Bright's house, Walnut Cottage, was struck, the flag-staff on the gable being shattered. The lightning passed through the wall to the inside, whence it was conveyed along water pipes to the other end of the house and discharged itself with a dazzling flash and loud report. A chimney on Mr. Richard Upton's house was struck and fell, doing damage to the roof; and Mr. Capern's house at Newton also suffered some damage. We must be very thankful that no more serious disaster happened." Rector Hill, October, 1909. This cannot have been more spectacular than the wonderful storm of September 2nd this year; but perhaps some will be able to remember.

The Harvest Thanksgiving services are on Sunday, October 8th. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., the Ven. M. R. W. Brown, Archdeacon of Nottingham; 3 p.m., Children's Service; 6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer, the Rev. N. L. Cribb, Chaplain of the Nottingham and District Technical College. These follow upon the great venture of the Michaelmas Day Parish Harvest Supper.

A great effort is being made this year to bring church and village more closely together in Bridgford, which will strengthen both. It is so important that people should feel

they belong and have a stake both in their Christian living and in their ordinary community. Goodwill (and how much there is of it) by itself does not really mean quite enough. The impact of television, mobility and the encroaching activities of sporting events (a golden calf—it made Moses so angry) will wane. The church represents abiding things. At any rate the heavenly Father does like to see his children regularly — or at least to hear from them in private and to know some tangible proof of their affection.

On Sunday, October 22nd, the Sunday following St. Luke's Day and Trafalgar Day, the offerings will be divided between the Red Cross Clinic and the Missions to Seamen.

Church life has suffered a grievous blow in the sudden death of Reg. Scarborough, for he gave of himself. He was a man without enemies, and was regarded highly in all his activities. He is particularly missed in the choir, and by the junior choristers in whom he took a most kindly interest. His loyalties were unwavering — to his firm, to Nottingham Forest, to Bridgford and to his Church. It is difficult to speak of him in adequate terms.

It is pleasant to record the recently celebrated golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gadsby of Providence Terrace. It is always a gracious sight to meet a couple whose faithfulness and partnership is so marked; and may they have more anniversaries in Bridgford, now that they have fully settled down here.

Baptisms. September 3rd: Nigel Richard Tutin; September 10th: Colin Derrick Longdon; September 17th: Delia Joy Curtis.

Burial. August 26th: Reginald Maddison Scarborough (52 years).

NOVEMBER 1961

Bridgford Names. The first recorded name in the registers is MAWRE, MOWER, MAURE or MORE.

Baptized. 1557 Dorothe Mawre filia Roberti 10th Deceber.
1561 Henrie Mower 15th of Aprill.
1562 Alice Mawre filia Roberti 23rd Januer.
1564 Johan Mawre filis Rob. 8th Noveber.
1566 Thomas Mower 20th Januarij.
1569 Agnes Mawre filia Rob. 29th Septeber.
1571 Roger Mawre filis Rob. 6th Januarij.
1575 Robert Mawre filis Rob. 1st Noveber.
1592 Isabell Mawre 7th Septeber.

This family or two families seem either to have left or died out. There are only 4 entries in the 17th century, and only the death of the daughter Isabel connects with these names. The entries will be continued next month.

The great event of the past month was the Parish Michaelmas Harvest Supper — nearly 170 of the 600 persons on the electoral register sat down all together in the hall of the school. The meal was hot, good and much appreciated. The friendliness of everyone was an excellent feature. The speeches (by Dr. Brooks, Mr. Russell and Mr. Hunt) were in their very different ways first-class. These with the superb booklet (made possible through the generosity of Mr. Howitt) made it a really memorable evening. It is not possible adequately to thank those who worked so hard for this success — particularly Messrs. Lester and Hunt.

The beginnings of the fruits of this were seen in the Harvest Thanksgiving Services on October 8th. It was particularly noticeable in the morning, when the Archdeacon of Nottingham was the preacher, and when there was the largest morning congregation for years. But the evening was also good. The choir excelled itself, particularly in the morning. The decorations were lovely, and the produce was much appreciated by the Institute for the Blind. The ladies who toiled (and also at the flower arrangements for the supper) are to be congratulated.

Ahead now lies the winter's work — the organisations are all going, and the classes are enrolled. November 2nd is to be the annual meeting of the Bible Society. It is unlikely that Bishop Lasbrey (who is still very unwell at 80 with shingles) will be able to come; but the Rev. S. E. Bennett of Newton Camp is ready to substitute for him; and he has some fascinating records of singing and services from Christmas Island.

An incident of great significance to the village was the death of Miss Gertrude Fox of the Hall on her 95th birthday, at Sadlescombe in Sussex. A memorial service was held for her on October 9th. For most of her life she was the best-known Bridgford resident of the county. She sat on the Bingham Bench, she found the W.I. branch in Bridgford, and branches in other places as well. Above all she was a devoted, faithful and generous churchwoman. The sweetness and uprightness of her personality, and her undaunted figure were one of the graces of the place. To the last she still corresponded with Bridgford, and it was never far from her thoughts.

Baptisms. September 24th: Jacqueline Curtis; October 1st: Peter Hugh Douglas Jones.

Wedding. September 30th: Dennis William Hall and Cynthia Dorothy Lake.

Memorial Service. October 9th: Gertrude Louie Fox (95 years).

DECEMBER 1961

Bridgford Names. MAWRE etc. continued.
Burials. 1634 Feb. via Brigitta Mower filia Gul: Maure.
1637 June xix Elizabetha Caunt filia Isabelis More
sepulta est.
1641 Aug. vto Anna uxor Gul. Maure ex puerperio.
1676 July 13 Mary the wife of Willm Moore.
1637 was a plague year.

The second recorded name seems to occur only once.

ORAM
Baptized 1558 Joane Oram xxiiird Martij.

Best Christmas wishes go to everybody. The day itself falls upon a Monday. The Christmas Eve services will therefore be a lovely preparation for one of the great days of communion. The range is as follows: Advent IV (December 24th), Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer 11 a.m.; Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m. Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 7, 8 and (sung) 11 a.m.; Family Carols and Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. The church will be got ready on December 23rd, decoration and decorators being most welcome from 11 a.m. onwards. This year a beautiful series of figures have been sculptured by Mrs. Rosa McLean and are to be given to the Church. They will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

Normally collections are now being taken in the church, except upon very rare occasions for especial objects. But all offerings made under the new scheme are taken to the altar. It cannot be too strongly emphasised how generous people are being, but how much more their presence is desired than their financial substance. Many are now saying they would like to come to the next supper, if and when there be one. But perhaps they would think of the parable of the great supper that was made, and to which everyone was invited, but remember also that there is still time to become one of the expanding band who are pledging themselves as of the King's household.

Remembrance Day has impressive in its ceremony and in its numbers. The contribution to Earl Haig's Fund was well increased. Sunday, November 26th is noteworthy for a visit from the Archdeacon of Nottingham, who himself offered to come on that day. At 3 p.m. at the Family Service on December 10th the Sunday School children will receive their prizes.

Mr. M. W. Harrison of Daleside Road, Nottingham, has made and given an additional offertory box as well as a cover for the stove-vault. His generosity is much appreciated. A new strong-box also is being fitted just within the south door of the church.

Various generous donors have made extensions to the churchyard frontage possible. It will look exceptionally well next year — And what a blaze of autumn colour Mr. Johnson senior has contrived at the Trent Lane end!

In accordance with its rules the Mothers' Union has held its three-yearly elections, and there is a new committee — Mrs. Turner of Millgate is now the enrolling member and Mrs. McLean the president. An enrolment is taking place on December 19th. There has been a recent strengthening of membership.

DECEMBER 1961 (continued)

This is the 40th year of the Boys' Brigade in East Bridgford; celebrations will be held to mark the anniversary which will include all members, old boys and parents, and the club room is to be redecorated inside. Meetings take place for those over 11 on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. and for the Life Boys (8-11) on Friday at 6.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hammerton who have assisted splendidly while living at Newton have now returned to Lincoln. Mr. Bullers would greatly appreciate some help with the Life Boys.

A most wonderful Coffee Morning was held for the seniors' fortnightly afternoon, at the Barn in College Street. Mrs. Russell raised £50 in this way, and it was very enjoyable as well. The annual meeting of the Bible Society was held on November 2nd. It was a slightly better supported occasion than upon some years, and the audience was skilfully introduced into life in mid-Pacific Islands by the Rev. S. G. Bennett of Newton and felt that it belonged to the coral church that was built upon a natural foundation that was cross-shaped in itself.

Ahead lie a number of things, notably the Village Hall Committee's Christmas Fair on December 9th.

Wedding. October 21st: Donald Berry and Edith Margaret Barnes.

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Bridgford Names. Held over until next month

A very happy New Year to everyone! But it brings its problems and questions. In the widest human sphere the sixties are seeing the emerging of continents. What is going to happen in Africa? How will Asia stand? Will a really united Europe survive? And then what of Latin America, and South America, and so on? These are disturbing things. It does seem clear though, that even places like Bridgford must play a full part and "pull their weight" as they say, if the children who are growing up are to have a world. A tremendous surge of missionary interest, support and encouragement is essential. It is the one "colonial" sphere where the door is still wide open — 1962 must see an advance. It is the only means of really influencing the future and eliminating such awful things as the Congo. The larger issues must be left in God's hands; but humans must live up to the best they know.

Similarly at home wide and long views must be held. It is no good having a higher standard of life, that may simply be swept away. With it go wider and higher senses of responsibility. 1962 surely will see a growth in stature along these lines — and then a greatness will emerge.

New Year resolutions may be out of fashion. There is a great deal to be said for them. Could they be threefold for 1962 — more worship, more care for others (in actions, in feeling, in prayer), and more care for standards of justice, honesty and morality?

December has seen another successful and enjoyable Christmas Fair — the £100 mark was topped. This greatly pleases those who worked hard and gave generously; and many beautiful and useful things were bought. The children were there also in force. The Village Hall is such an asset — for dancing, whist, meetings, badminton and parties — and it is so much improved, that it is really everyone's duty to support it. The Annual General Meeting is fixed for January 23rd.

On Sunday, December 10th, the following awards were made at the afternoon service — Scholars: Elizabeth Bateman, Linda Bontoft, Linda Cook, Anne and Beverley Cornell, Jane Henson, Jane and Elizabeth Hunt, Margaret and Jennifer Newcombe, Mary Pinkerton, John Baguley, John Bannister, Roger Bateman, Robert Bingham, David Bostock, Richard and Stephen Hall, Gordon and Peter Lawson, Richard Marczak, Kenneth and Geoffrey Newcombe, John, Tony and Paul Solomon, Kenneth and Alan Ward, Richard Wing. Choristers: Susan Atkin, Jane Baguley, Susan Bateman, Beryl Birkin, Hazel Cook, Linda Covill, Jane Cox, Susan Johnson, Ann Morris, Malcolm and John Harpley.

The School presented Nativity Plays on December 13th and 14th, the juniors on the first day, and the seniors on the second. These were much appreciated by friends and parents. A collection was made for famine relief.

Baptism. December 3rd: Michelle Elizabeth Lowe.

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FEBRUARY 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSON, etc.
Baptized. 1558 Agnes Branston xxvth Aprill.
 1561 John Branston i November.
 1565 Katheren Branston fila Joh 29 April.
 1571 Henrie Branston fils Hen. 28 Martii.
 1574 Roger Branston 14 Noveber.
 1578 Elizabeth Branston fila Rob. 25 Martii.
 John Branston fils Rich. 7 Noveher.
 1579 William Branston fils Hen. 29 Julij.
 1580 Agnes Branston fil Rob. 3 August.
 1582 Thomas Branston fil Rob. 13 Januarij.

Christmas, though cold, was quite notably observed. Christmas Eve fell upon the Fourth Sunday in Advent; at the morning service a beautifully modelled set of figures was dedicated in preparation for the festival, where they had been placed in a stable-setting in front of the pulpit. They are a gift to the church from Mrs. Rosa McLean, whose work on them received much approbation at the Nottingham School of Art. In the evening the service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held; there was a splendid congregation; the reading was very good, and the singing was a credit to Mr. Caunt. There were many communicants on Christmas Day, and in the afternoon there was another and quite different carol service. There is such a wealth of lovely Christmas music, and a great range of it is always presented in Bridgford Church. The choir indeed worked very hard and excelled themselves, as they did upon the following Sunday; they had fresh carols into the Epiphany season. Carol singers were also in evidence — some mounted (they went out three times and collected £11), some belled and some in choral class array. These local efforts are most welcome in telly-ridden days, and so a happy Christmas was had by all (or ought to have been).

February will see the Annual Church Meeting — This comes when the Hon. Treasurer is able to complete his accounts and have them audited. A word must be said in thanks to those many who are now contributing regularly to church funds and have relieved any financial anxiety. A new strong box is being fixed in the porch, near the main south door, for the convenience of callers.

1962 will see many changes. Among them will be the departure of the Rector after 15 years. This is only half the span that Rectors of East Bridgford once had, but it is longer than is usual these days. But Bridgford Church life is strong enough to benefit by a change. The Rectory house is to be subjected to enlargements and completion. There seems every likelihood of a good new Rector being found. The Rector has been nominated by Christ's College (which is his own) to the benefice of Keyworth in the diocese of Leicester (just), to which he was once before appointed, but to which he was not well enough to go. It is not very far away; but it is with many regrets that he will go, though he is not going immediately — It is a bigger parish with a fine tradition. Until five or six years ago no Rector since the beginning of the 16th century had ever left it, except to become Master of the college; nor, since the re-founding of the college by the Lady Margaret Beaufort in 1505, has there been any Rector who was not a Christ's man.

February will also see the British Legion Dinner, one of the great social events of the year. It is always very good, and the envy of every branch in the county.

It is hoped, if enough desire it, to hold a Confirmation Service in April. The Rector would be very pleased to hear of names that perparation may begin as soon as possible in the month.

MARCH 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSON, etc. continued
 Anno Domini 1615 Alice Branston baptiz. ye 8th of October.
 Christinges 1627 Henry Branston baptized the 3d of June.
 Ano Dni 1629 Novembris xxiiijo John ye sonne of Henrie and Margaret Braunson was baptized.
 1631 Novembris xixo Elizabetha filia Henrici et Margaretae Braunson erat baptizata.
 Baptized 1635 Aprilis 4. Margareta filia Henrici et Margaretae Braunson.
 Anno Dni 1638 Julij xxijo Elizabetha filia Rogeri et Elizab: Braunston baptizatur.
 Ano Dni 1639 Septembris viiio Anna filia Richardi et Elizabethae Braunston baptizatr.

The Mothers' Union held its Christmas Party on Tuesday, January 16th. Mrs. Hardy, lately President of the Branch, came out from West Bridgford; and the numerous children and grandchildren of members seemed especially to enjoy themselves. Mothering Sunday does not fall this year until April 1st. It is hoped at one of the services again to have violets for children to give to their mothers.

All being well there will be a Confirmation Service at Bridgford on Sunday, May 13th (Easter III) at 11 a.m. Bishop Gelsthorpe has most kindly agreed to come. This is a privilege, as he came also last year upon Low Sunday.

The Annual Church Meeting was held on Monday, February 12th, when the accounts for 1961 were presented and the appointment of officers was made. The Rector expressed thanks to the many who in many ways had given service and been of assistance during the year. The accounts clearly and ably set out by Mr. Russell, did not present an unsatisfactory picture, and it was possible to see the beginnings of the great fruits of the Harvest Supper. But this will appear more fully during the current year.

The following appointments and elections were made: Rector's Warden, Mr. H. Russell; People's Warden, Mr. F. Hunt; Sidesmen, Dr. Brooks, Captain Jay, Captain Marshall, Messrs. Dent, Ingram, Hand, Lester and Westley; Parochial Church Councillors, Mrs. Garland, Morris, Russell and Westley; Misses Hand and Widdison, Dr. Brooks, Captains Jay and Marshall, Messrs. Dent, Goddard, Hand, Higgs, Lester, Slack and Westley.

Many thanks to those ladies at Kneeton who take the Diocesan Stamp Calendar and thus provide for payment of the parish Quota. Thanks also to Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Wilkinson for undertaking the church cleaning and brass polishing in February.

APRIL 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSON etc. continued.
 Ano 1640 Junij xivo Anna filia Rogeri et Eliz: Braunston baptizatr
 Junij xxvijo Margareta filia Henrici et Margaretae Branston baptizatr
 Ano 1641 ? ixo Anna filia Richardi et Elizabethae Braunston
 Ano Dni 1643 Junij xvijjo — filia Rogeri et — Braunston p. Magtr Winter
Baptizati
 Anno Dni 1644 Martij xxvo Elizabetha Fil: Rich: et — Braunston
 1645 Martij xxvo Rogerus filius Rogeri Caunton, et Eliz: Braunston
 1646 Martij xxjo Johannes filius Rogeri, et Elizabethae Braunston

Easter Day falls on April 22nd. The services will be at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. It is always a splendid day at Bridgford, as throughout Christendom — Privately it is glorious; publicly it witnesses to the world far more effectively than any demonstrations against nuclear warfare (it means that Christians are not prepared in any sense to "sit down" whether in the street, before the T.V., or under any form of unreasonableness), and far more effectively than the words (and indeed arrangements) of politicians. The Church of England has but few rules that meet with normal acceptance from its members; but it has its rule on communion on that day.

On Good Friday, April 20th, there will be Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion at 10 a.m., and a children's service at 11 a.m. At 7 p.m. Evensong will be sung, and Canon Clement Leeper, Chancellor of Southwell Minster, will give the address. He is the leading priest of the diocese, and recently received universal tributes on his 80th birthday. He was born at Bingham in February, 1882.

Mid-Lent Sunday falls on April 1st. The afternoon service will be held on that day, being traditional for the gift of violets by daughters to their mothers. This breaks the routine of a year's standing of the second Sunday in the month.

On April 6th, Friday, at 7 p.m., members of the church are invited to help with a great spring-cleaning, which the building needs. There will be coppers, hot water, scrubbing brushes and dusters. On the following day, Saturday the 7th at 2.30 p.m., an onslaught will be made on the porch.

The Confirmation Service arranged for May 13th has now been postponed for the convenience of some candidates to 3 p.m. on May 20th. This will be the afternoon service for May.

On Wednesday, April 11th, at 10.30 a.m. onwards, there will be a Coffee Morning at the Rectory. The proceeds will be for missionary work, which is not overwell supported in Bridgford. The attendance at the excellent film on March 16th was disappointing. £1. 16s. 3d. was however collected.

The Rector will be going to Kegworth somewhere in the Whitsuntide season. The date is not fixed at the time of writing.

The British Legion Dinner on February 23rd was in some ways the best for many years. The attendance was excellent, the ladies' fare was very good indeed, and the local talent was much appreciated. Mr. Cornell can be very pleased with his chairmanship; the President was in his usual best form, as also was Mr. Cox of long service.

Application has now been made for a faculty for work on the bells, which have become rather stiff to ring. It will mean considerable expense, something over £250. It has been known for some time that within a limited period of years this would have to be undertaken.

Two deaths have occurred. Mrs. Freestone, recovering from one operation; succumbed to a second. It is a deep blow to her husband, and Brickyard Lane will feel her loss. Mrs. Beestonn also was recovering from an operation. Her spirit was wonderful, and she was most grateful for the expressions of sympathy and kindness which she received. She never ceased to look forward. Again it is a deep blow to her widower in his advanced years.

Baptism. March 4th: Matthew John Cornell.

Burials. March 7th: Maisie Clara Freestone (66 years); March 19th: Olive Nina Beestonn (61 years), cremated at Wilford Hill.

MAY 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSON etc. continued.

Marriages

1616 Henry Blagge and Katherine Branston Nupt 27th of November.

1626 Henrye Branston and Margaret Scartlish ye 26th of June maryed.

1630 Feb. ii. Johannes Humphrey de Ratleife sup Trent et Elizabetha Braunston de East Bridgford nupti erant bannis matrimonialibus publicatis.

1638 Nov. viij Richardus Braunston et Margeria Ragsdale nupti.

1641 Maij viio Richardus Braunston et Anna Staley.

The Assistant Bishop of Southwell and Rector of Bingham, the Rt. Revd. Morris Gelsthorpe, is visiting Bridgford on Sunday, May 20th, for a Confirmation Service at 3 o'clock. This is an occasion of great importance in the lives of candidates; much depends also on their parents and friends. There was a time when it was known as bishopping and it was performed perfunctorily for hundreds of candidates at a time, some of whom (in the eras of difficult transport) waited about the whole day for it. Now it is not so universal as it was (and perhaps the better for that); but it remains one of the really memorable family events, as well as being an impressive and real spiritual experience. It is a matter of great pleasure also to a rector when he prepares to present those whom he has already baptised as infants.

The Rector and Mrs. McLean will be away for ten days after Easter, to take an early summer holiday before starting at Kegworth in June. The institution and induction will be performed on Whit Tuesday, June 12th at 7.30 p.m. by Archbishop Horstead (late of West Africa), for the Bishop of Leicester (who is in America) and the Archdeacon of Loughborough. A 'bus has been ordered provisionally in case anyone from Bridgford would like to go to this. The Rector's last sermon will be at Evensong on Whitsunday, a lovely day at the Church.

On Low Sunday, Morning and Evening Prayer will be taken by Mr. Westley, who gives great voluntary service in this way. The early Holy Communion service is being provided by Bingham, where the Bishop-Rector is always responsive to any reasonable call.

The last day of May is the Ascension Day. There will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and the traditional school service at 9.15 a.m.

April has been an eventful month. Some new trees have been planted in the churchyard, given in addition to the rose-bushes of donors and the Legion. It was fortunate that there were violets for Mothering Sunday, another gift. On the 6th a splendid band of sixteen willing helpers scrubbed and cleaned the church throughout, and though some said it looked no different, a great deal of grime came out. Later some ladies polished the pews. This is the first time that this operation has received full-hearted support. A small Coffee Morning at the Rectory for the S.P.G. on the 11th produced £12. 15s. 9d. which also was a good effort.

A faculty is now well on the way for the improvements to the bells, and work will soon be in hand. The Rectory also will be in the hands of builders as soon as it is vacated. By means of the sale of glebe land, a diocesan grant, a donation of £600 from Magdalen College, and a grant from the Church Commissioners, an expenditure of over £2,000 has been sanctioned. This will mean a permanent garage, and extended accommodation, which should prove attractive to a prospective Rector.

A splendid gift must be acknowledged. The Nottingham Electronic Valve Company, who are to be congratulated on their successes in the photographic and other technical fields, and are now rapidly established as part of Bridgford's life, has given a new motor mowing machine for the churchyard. This is most welcome and will play its indispensable part in maintaining the pride of the parish.

The sudden death of Reginald Newham was a great shock, and a depletion of church life. Though living in Gunthorpe he worshipped regularly for years at Bridgford. He was a quiet faithful Christian man, and much liked by those who had dealings with him. It was always a pleasure to see him, and he will be much missed, not least by his widow, from whom he was inseparable.

Sympathy also goes out to Mrs. Roby Blagg on the death of her father Mr. Wells at an advanced age. A true countryman he was laid to rest beside his wife in Hayton Churchyard by Bridgford's the Rev. Arthur Thorpe.

A former Bridgford resident, Mrs. Edith Hardman (Bateman), aged 77 years, has died in London after a short illness. She was buried at Finchley Cemetery with her husband. She was a frequent visitor to her native village and will be much missed by her relatives and friends.

Burial. April 7th: Ernest Reginald Newham (59 years).

JUNE 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSTON etc. continued.

Burials 1616 Roger Branston vijth of Maye

1619 Roger Branson Buryeed xijth of Februarie

1627 William Branston buried Januarie 27th

Ano Dni 1635 Noveb vijo filia Henrici Braunston erat sepulta

Ano Dni 1640 Julij xix Gulielmus Braunston sepultus

Anno Domini 1641 Sept xxiii Henricus filius Gul. Braunston, et Annae Bell

Anno Dni 1645 Sepulti Novembris quinto Elizabetha filia

Rich: Braunston ante cancellum in orient:

1648 Julij xxvo Helena filia Richardi et Elizabethae Braunston

Easter Day was the first really lovely day of the year. The church never looked better and the services were well attended. There was a good body of decorators, and some beautiful flowers were given. Bridgford's thanks is due to workers and donors. A special word of thanks is made by the Rector for the record Easter Offertory, which has never before reached £20, and this year nearly touched £25. He is most grateful for this generous mark of appreciation.

There was a splendid address on Good Friday by Canon Leeper. It seemed impossible that he was 80 years of age (nearly 60 of them spent as a priest in the Diocese). His words made a profound impression.

June 10th is Whitsunday; it is the Rector's last Sunday of his 15 years. He feels (and so does his family) very sad at going, although not very far away. His institution is on Whit Tuesday, June 12th, at 7.30 p.m., by Bishop Horstead (lately Archbishop of West Africa) and the Archdeacon of Loughborough. All who can come from Bridgford will be welcome on that day.

Feast Sunday falls on Midsummer Day (June 24th). The Archdeacon of Nottingham has kindly agreed to take the evening service and the out-of-doors remembrance. A heavy burden will fall on the Churchwardens during the vacancy, which it is hoped will not be long. The Rectory house is to be enlarged immediately upon its being vacated. The Rector will be moving on June 7th, though he will be back for the Whitsunday services.

The Mothers' Union outing is on June 21st. They are hoping to see something of the wonderful new cathedral at Coventry, and are having a meal at Warwick. The Deaconry Service is on June 6th.

At the time of writing it seems too soon to say farewell. This will be kept for the July issue, when also arrangements for the interregnum will be better known.

The death of Mr. Marshall after an illness bravely and calmly borne removes one who has meant much to the older people. He received his communion on Easter Eve.

Baptisms. April 21st: Penelope Jennings; April 23rd: Rachel Anne Burrows; May 13th: Stuart Adlington.

Admission of Choristers. April 15th: Caroline Mary McLean; May 13th: Linda Bontoft.

JULY 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSTON etc. continued.

Anno Domini 1651 Bepizati

Decebris 15th Maria filia, — et — Branston.

1660 July. Natus, the daughter of Richard Branson the twenty six day.

1662 Aug. 10. Elizabeth, the daughter of Richard Brandeston and Mary his wife.

1663 July 19. — the daughter of Richard Branston was baptized.

1664 Baptized Jan. 22. Margery the daughter of Rich. Brandston.

Baptisms 1667 March 8. George, the son of Richard Brandston was baptized.

Dear Bridgford,

I do not usually write to you all in the first person, but I should like to this time; for it is to wish you farewell. My wife and I want very much to thank you for all your support during the number of years we have lived with you. It was indeed difficult for us to decide to leave, particularly as there were a number of pleasant things with which our 15½ year-old stay with you was finished. The Confirmation on May 20th went off without any mishap at all. We were pleased to welcome candidates both from Bottesford and from Kneeton, and thanks go to those who helped my wife with the tea afterwards. It is always a pleasure to have Bishop Gelsthorpe with us. Whitsunday was our last Sunday, and it was well attended throughout. An impressive number went over to Kegworth for the institution and induction, together with a number of the clergy from round about. Feast Sunday coincides this year with a big Kegworth Church day — their Sunday School Festival. The Archdeacon of Nottingham is taking the great evening service at Bridgford, and already your list of distinguished visitors during the interregnum is filling out, being started off with Canon Tinsley, Rector of Holme Pierrepont.

The swift death of Mrs. Bett after an operation was a shock to her friends, though a release after some months of most uncomfortable ill-health, which she bore very bravely. For many years she served the Mothers' Union well. She will leave a big gap in her husband's life, for she was a model wife; she will also be missed by her little granddaughter. Laying her remains to rest was my final task in Bridgford Church.

The improvements to the Rectory are now under way. It is rumoured also that a new Rector is on the horizon. Perhaps a few words from John Betjeman may not be out of place.

"And this new man is far more 'Low'
 Than dear old Reverend so-and-so,
 And far too earnest in his preaching,
 We do not really like his teaching,
 He seems to think we're simply fools
 Who've never been to Sunday Schools."
 That Vicar left, and by and by
 A new one came, "He's much to 'High';"
 The people said, "Too like a Saint,
 His incense makes our Mavis faint."
 So now he's left and they're alone
 Without a Vicar of their own.
 The living's been amalgamated
 With one next door they've always hated."

And so, whoever he is, give him all the help you can.
 This comes to you with love and good wishes from old
 Reverend so-and-so.

ROGER MCLEAN.

Baptisms. May 27th: Angela Jane Harwood; June 3rd:
 Alfred Edward John Cornell.

Confirmed on Sunday, May 20th (Easter IV) by the Rt.
 Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe, D.S.O., D.D., Assistant Bishop of
 Southwell, formerly Lord Bishop in the Sudan: John Atkin,
 Ivor Frederick Birkin, David John Bontoft, Susan Atkin,
 Jane Ann Baguley, Beryl Sylvia Birkin, Jane Margaret
 Brooks, Anne Dulce Morris; and on Friday, May 25th in
 Bingham Parish Church: Elsie Cox and Molly Atkin was
 received into the Church of England, being already confirmed
 June 3rd at Lincoln: Roderick John Wilde.

Burial. June 12th: Ella Florence Bett (aged 61 years),
 cremated at Wilford Hill.

AUGUST 1962

Bridgford Names. BRANSTON, BRAUNSTON etc. continued.

1657 Pub. The Bondes of Matrimony were published upon
 the Twenty sixth day of December, the Thirde and the
 Tenth dayes of the p'sent Januarie between John
 Kerke and Elizabeth Braunson.
 Nupti. Married John Kerke and Elizabeth Braunson,
 this fifteenth day.

1662 Marriges. Aprill 1. John James of Sutton in Ash-
 field and Hester Brandeston the daughter of Henry
 Brandeston of this parish were marryed.
 Feb. 10. John Peck and Ann Branston were marryed.

1667 Marriges. June 25. William Hudlestone and Anne
 Branston.

Dear Bridgford,

I write to thank you for the very lovely presentation that
 you made to my wife and to myself. I cannot tell you how
 much it means and how touched we were. The candlesticks
 gleam upon our mantelpiece, a constant reminder of Bridg-
 ford faces, and already the magnificent typewriter is in
 constant use, a typescript flowing from its keys to a publisher.
 Such undeservedly nice things were said at the moment of
 giving by Dr. Geoffrey Brooks that we cannot but remember
 them; it was for us a wonderful, though sad, moment at the
 Flower Show, where my wife so missed her exhibiting, and
 where I was so happy to look after the village's money for a
 good many years(!) Thank you all indeed.

I hear the Feast Sunday was splendid — a wind, it is true,
 outside; a marching parade with full drums; a distinguished
 preacher (the Archdeacon of Nottingham); and "Abide
 with me" floating to the four lanes. The Flower Show was
 good for the season too; enlivened by local ponies and
 riders, by the fancy dress and its usual ingenuity, and by the
 visiting dancers. Bridgford has seldom done better.

It is sad to write of the death of George Jackson, long a
 sufferer from asthma, missing his wife for many years, a
 dignified keeper of the Hill during Mr. Clay's occupancy,
 with his daily walk to the Post Office. His perfect courtesy
 and manners were a model. It is even sadder to write of
 Norman Green, so keen and alive, his sudden fall and
 death writing another page in the tragedy that has dogged
 that family. There is surely a special place in memory and
 affection for orphans, and that is his by right. His brothers
 and sister can be assured of that.

By contrast it was a great pleasure to return for a christen-
 ing in Bridgford Church — a boy after some years of waiting,
 whose parents were married at the same place.

The Mothers' Union had a wonderful trip to Coventry
 and beyond on June 21st, and were thrilled to get a good
 inspection of the cathedral. It is such a great building
 that one is proud to belong to the century that has provided
 it.

Thanks go to all those who are keeping the church going
 — the wardens and officials, Mr. Wesley with his indefatig-
 able taking of the services and the visiting clergy. Bricks
 are still awaited for the Rectory extensions. I shall be
 coming back on July 29th in the evening for the dedication
 of a sanctuary chair because of the years of happiness spent
 at Bridgford and in its church. It has been designed by my
 father-in-law to go with his cross and candlesticks given
 by Mr. and Mrs. Wing; and the ceremony will be performed

by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. We both hope therefore
 to see you all then. We like Kegworth very much, but we
 don't feel that we are Kegworth yet, as we are Bridgford
 people. Once again Goodbye, which is God be with you.

Always your friend,
 ROGER MCLEAN.

Baptism. June 30th: Julian John Charles Tucker.

Burials. June 22nd: George Jackson (87 years); July
 10th: Norman Green (23 years).

SEPTEMBER 1962

Last month the Rev. Roger McLean in his farewell
 message thanked the Parish for their parting gifts to him
 and Mrs. McLean. This time it is our turn to thank him
 for his splendid gift of a Sanctuary Chair for the Church,
 a beautiful piece of craftsmanship which will be a lasting
 memorial of his 15 years ministry here. We were very
 happy that he and his family were with us for Evensong on
 the last Sunday in July for the memorable ceremony of
 dedication by the Lord Bishop of Southwell. It was our
 final farewell to them. We take this opportunity of thank-
 ing them for their work among us and wishing them all
 good fortune in their new life at Kegworth.

We have no new rector in sight and our thanks go to the clergy and Lay Readers who are keeping our services going. It is good to record that the 9 a.m. Communion services are being particularly well attended. Next month, September, there will be no Matins. There will be a Communion service at 9 a.m. each Sunday, and Evensong at 6.30 p.m., except on the second Sunday, when there will be, instead, a Family Service at 3 p.m.

One of our youngest institutions here is the Friendship Club, formed for and by our oldest people. It is now firmly established and has just organised its second annual outing, a most successful one to Haddon Hall and Dovedale.

Baptism. July 22nd: Catherine Annette Plumb.

Marriage. July 28th: Ronald Hare and Ann Goodwin.

OCTOBER 1962

in sequestration

What a disappointing holiday season this has been! Few people have been able to enjoy to the full their annual break with routine. Even more serious has been the effect on the farms and the delay with the harvest. Rather optimistically, perhaps, our Harvest Festival has been arranged for Sunday evening, October 14th at 6.30 p.m., when the Rev. J. N. Perkins of All Saints, Nottingham, will take the service. There will, therefore, be no family service in October.

Sunday School has started again after the August holiday. If any more parents would like to enrol their children, now is the time. It is hoped that an outing will be arranged in October for the Sunday School and the junior members of the choir.

Work on the bells is due to start on Monday, 17th September, when a party of volunteers will help the contractors to lower them down for repairs. This will mean a silent tower for some weeks, but we hope that when the work is finished a strong peal will ring out again. If any young people, or old ones for that matter, would like to join our band of bell ringers, will they please get in touch with Mr. John Higgs of Cherryholt Lane who leads the ringers and who would welcome some additions to his members?

No new Rector is in sight yet and again we have to thank all those who are keeping our services going. Our thanks are due also to Miss Calcutt who performed a number of church duties while Miss Hand was having a well earned holiday and to Mr. Wales who, on two Sundays, took Mr. Caunt's place at the organ. And congratulations to Mr. Ingram on his 90th birthday!

During October there will be a Communion Service at 9 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. every Sunday. In November the arrangement will be the same except that a Family Service at 3.0 p.m. replaces Evensong on the second Sunday.

Marriage. September 8th, 1962: Frank Colin Johnson and Florence Mary Hall.

Burial. August 23rd, 1962: Sarah Blagg, aged 68 years.

NOVEMBER 1962

Bridgford, East, St. Peter

in sequestration

As though to make amends for the greyness of the earlier months, we have had golden days as summer turned to autumn and the last of the harvest came in. The gardens with their autumn flowers can seldom have been more lovely than in the October days. Their glory was reflected in church on Harvest festival Sunday with flowers and the fruits of the earth, generously given and beautifully arranged, symbols of the ever-recurring miracle of harvest in field and garden.

The evening service, with the church floodlit, every pew occupied, the school choir augmenting the church choir, and a splendid sermon from the Vicar of All Saints, Nottingham, was one which will be remembered for a long time. While we give thanks for our own plenty it is well to remember that there are other countries in which there is famine and distress. If anyone would like to give, or suggest ways of giving, practical help to those in want, will they get in touch with Mr. J. T. Lester, Brown's Lane, the secretary of the Church Council, or with any member of the Council?

Since the September magazine was printed we have lost two members of our community, who held the respect and affection of all who knew them. Walter Harrison, once of Newton Mill, who was for many years a Manager of East Bridgford School and never lost interest in it, died in September. On Harvest Festival Sunday we learned of the death of Anthony Dent. He began and ended here a career of 53 years as a bellringer. Both were staunch Legion members, and Anthony Dent's fund of quiet common-sense will be much missed on the Church Council. It is largely due to him that the East Bridgford band of bell-ringers have a reputation, and a list of engagements, extending well beyond the confines of this parish. It seems appropriate here to say that volunteers are needed, men and women, to maintain the numbers of the ringers and so keep up this reputation. John Higgs of Cherryholt Lane takes over from him as leader of the ringers.

The Mothers' Union expedition in September to Kegworth Church and Rectory must have given great pleasure to the Rev. G. R. D. and Mrs. McLean.

The Churchwardens would like it to be known that any parishioners who would like a special hymn to be sung on any particular Sunday, are invited to mention it to Mr. Westley, Strathmore, Kneeton Road, or to any member of the Church Council.

Remembrance Sunday on November 11th, falls on the 44th anniversary of the original Armistice Day and the 43rd since the first keeping of the two minutes Silence when, in 1919, all factories, trains, and traffic stopped, and there was stillness over the whole land. The Silence will be observed this year at the War Memorial, where the Legion will parade at 10.55 a.m. for the wreath laying ceremony. This will be followed at 11.5 a.m. by a special Remembrance service in church taken by Mr. Westley. At 5.55 p.m. the Legion will parade at the Methodist Church for the evening Remembrance service there. The collections at the services will go towards the Earl Haig Fund Poppy Day collections made in the neighbouring villages, covered by our Legion Branch, in which we join.

There will be a Communion service at 9.0 a.m. every Sunday in November, Family service at 3.0 p.m. on the second Sunday, Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays, as well as the Remembrance service on 11th of November.

Baptism. October 7th: Carol Marita Blagg.
Burials. September 26th: Walter Harrison, aged 85 years; October 4th: Ethel Nina Wilkinson, aged 74 years.
Marriage. September 22nd: Malcolm Fred Widdison and Pamela May Savage.

24th NOTTINGHAM EAST BRIDGFORD COMPANY
Boys Brigade, Founded 1922

Meetings held in the Boys Brigade Hall: Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., Boys 11 years and over; Fridays, 6.30 p.m., Boys 8 to 10 years. All boys are invited to visit the Club.

Classes are also held for P.E. and Gymnastics. Competitions and Social Events are being organised.

The Annual B.B. Week Collection will be held November 17th to November 24th when we hope to have your generous support.

DECEMBER 1962

We still have no definite news of a new Rector, but there is one development to report. Six months having now elapsed, the Bishop takes over from Magdalen College and is free to make an appointment, with the usual consultation with the Churchwardens, and we all hope he will soon be in a position to do so. In some ways this interregnum has been good for us. Perhaps we had been leaving it to the Rector more than we should. It was most fortunate that, after much anxious thought the Council had last December launched its campaign for greater support for the Church. The absence of a Rector's lead has underlined the need for the parish to give this support. Quite apart from financial help, on which there may be something to report next month, response to the appeal has been noticeable in a number of examples of unobtrusive but valuable help. The number of man hours put in one week-end recently to dig a trench and lay a pipe line to supply frost-proof water to the Church boiler, is a good instance.

We wrote last month of the opportunity for the parish to help in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. It is pleasant to record that the Women's Institute has already raised a substantial sum for this cause. Also in the news is the outstandingly successful 45th Birthday Party. Seventy-eight members and guests sat down in the hall which was lit entirely by candles on the tables. The company included five of the seven former presidents, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Hill, Miss Sims, Mrs. Wales, and Mrs. Jones as well as Mrs. Rhodes, who was secretary for 24 years. We have heard with regret of the death of Mrs. Mason, the Founder President, only a few days after her wonderful 92nd birthday. We have lost a greatly respected and well-loved figure whose memory will endure in the hearts of many, and whose work and name is part of the history of East Bridgford. Her message of good wishes will be all the more remembered.

The Legion and the Guides paraded at the Memorial for the Wreath Laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday. This was followed by a short but very impressive Remembrance Service in church, and an evening Remembrance Service in the Chapel. The floodlit Memorial was a reminder to all who passed by of what it stands for. The Annual General meeting of the Legion Branch will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, December 4th. The Women's section held a sale of ex-Servicemen's work on November 22nd.

The Legion will have a Fur and Feather Whist Drive at Shelford on December 22nd.

For several years now the P.C.C. has organised a New Year's Dance in the Village Hall, but last year New Year's Eve was a Sunday, and the dance did not take place. The Dance will be held again this year, however, and we hope to see there all who read this magazine, and many others who at present do not.

The arrangements for the Christmas services are not yet complete. We must ask you, therefore, to look out for notices in the church porch.

This will be the last magazine number for 1962. The Church Council wishes everyone in the parish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Ladies' Working Party will be very glad of help for decorating on the Saturday before Christmas Day.

Baptism. November 11th: Matthew Robert Gould.

Burials. October 17th: Anthony Victor Dent, aged 75 years; October 20th: Robert Gadsby, aged 83 years.

JANUARY 1963.

The Christmas services together with festivities, like the New Year's Eve dance, the Legion Fur and Feather whist drive, the Choir and Sunday School pantomime visits, the M.U. Bring and Buy stall in aid of the branch Banner, will all have passed by the time this magazine reaches you. However, we can report on the end of the first complete year since we launched our appeal for increased support, which coincides with the end of the Church year.

Mention was made last month of practical ways in which increased support has been evident. As to the financial result, our income in this last year has been almost 50% greater than in the previous twelve months. If this splendid response, for which we thank everyone who has taken part, is carried on, we shall be confident that we can in our turn maintain the church which former generations have bequeathed to us; and when need arises we shall have something to spare to help others. The time has come now to ask all who helped us last year to do so again. We shall be trying also in the next few weeks to bring our appeal to the notice of all in the parish whom it did not reach last year.

Some people have wondered if there is any connection between our appeal and the work that has been going on at the Rectory. There is none. The Church Commissioners, who are responsible for the building of Parsonage houses, have a minimum constructional standard. The building licence system which was in force when the rectory was built prevented the attainment of this standard. Now advantage is being taken of the gap between rectors to bring the house up to the recognised minimum.

There has been a Baptism at each of the last two "Second Sunday" family services. They have fitted in so well with the family service, that it has been suggested that this should be a regular feature. So we would like to invite the parents of all new babies to arrange to bring them to church for the first time at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday of any month.

Finally, a special word of thanks to Miss Hand and her band of helpers, who over the past year have brought you this magazine month by month.

Baptism. December 9th, 1962: Simon Cox.

Christmas is a time for returning thanks. First, to those who took the Christmas services: The Rev. Hare Duke, who came all the way from Nottingham for 8.0 a.m., the Rev. F. Wadsworth, who came at 10.30 a.m., giving up a service in his own parish to do so, and Mr. Westley, who took the evening Carol service. Next, the decorators earned special thanks. The church looked beautiful, and many of the decorations have been stowed away carefully for use next year.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the Sunday after Christmas was very impressive, with the Choral Society adding beauty to it, and the School and Methodist representatives among the readers of the Lessons. Snow

had fallen by Epiphany and the flood-lit church stood out magnificently from it. Epiphany was marked, too, by the ringing of the church bells since the completion of repairs. It was good to hear their music again, and we congratulate the bell ringers. Now that the bells are ringing, the clock, too, will be heard again striking the hours.

The ringers were in action again, with their handbells this time, at the Womens' Institute Christmas Party. The Friendship Club also had a party this year with a fine display of coloured slides after tea. The New Year's Dance, however, was the chief event of the festivities. It was the best that a lot of people can remember. Every ticket was sold and everyone there was obviously enjoying it. Jim Lester was, as usual, the mainstay of the organisation, but Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Widdison and Miss Widdison who organised the refreshments had a lot to do with the success of the evening.

Forthcoming events include the Choir outing to the pantomime, on 2nd February, to be followed by a tea in the village; the Legion's Entertainment of the Women's Section on 6th February and the Legion Dinner on 22nd February.

The Mother's Union is starting the New Year's Programme on Tuesday, 19th February, in the Methodist School Room at 3 p.m. New members will be very welcome.

Holy Communion on the second Sunday in the month will be at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

Mrs. Downs would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for their gifts and letters. They were of much help and encouragement during her long stay in hospital.

Since Christmas we have suffered two sad losses, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mr. Hannaford. Mrs. Wilkinson was a staunch supporter of the Church and of the Mother's Union of which she was the oldest member. Mr. Hannaford, in his quiet friendly way, has been such a feature of East Bridgford life that it is difficult to imagine the parish without him.

Burials. 3rd January, 1963: Edith Kate Wilkinson, aged 84 years; 17th January, 1963: Ernest Hannaford, aged 56 years.

Baptism (correction): 9th December, 1962: Simon John Cox.

FEBRUARY 1963. (Extracts)

The floodlit church had looked good in the snow. The bellringers had been in action at the W.I. Christmas Party.

The Friendship Club had a party with tea and slides. Every ticket was sold for the New Year Eve Dance, which was the best ever remembered. The Choir went to the Pantomime on 2nd Feb. The British Legion entertained the Women's Section on 6th Feb. The Legion Dinner was on 22nd Feb..

MARCH 1963

It was announced that the Revd. V.K. Johnson, from Stainsby in Lincolnshire would be Inducted on 30th April

APRIL 1963

No East Bridgford entry.

MAY 1963

Thanks ~~was~~ were recorded for the work of the wardens during the interregnum.

JUNE 1963

The Legion was to assemble at the Village Hall on Feast Sunday 23rd June. On the 26th the M.U. Coach party to Ashbourne was to take place with tea and garden party. The Guide "Jumble" at Shelford raised £16-10-0. The "Open Night" on 15th May was a success.

JULY 1963

40 members of the Friendship Club visited the bulb fields of Lincolnshire and The Stump at Boston.

The Brownies won the cup at Wyberton Hall on 25th May. They were the best of 11 packs. The Church Council to meet in the school at 8p.m. on the 3rd.

The Church Army Summer Crusade would be in the

JULY 1963 (Continued)

Village on the 16th and 17th. The Captains would camp in the Village Hall.

AUGUST 1963

The M.U.'s outing on 26th June was much enjoyed. The garden party at St. Monica's was visited. Tea was served at Ashbourne. The Harvest Supper was planned for the School on Friday 22nd September. Church Council at School, 8pm 4th September. Mark Stuart, son of Dr. Fraser, was baptised on 23rd June.

SEPTEMBER 1963

The M.U. to meet on the 24th.
The Harvest Supper on the 27th.

OCTOBER 1963

The first report on the Church Fabric from the Diocesan Surveyor under the Inspection of Church's Act 1955 had been received. It was the first complete survey of St Peter's for 50 years. Points included:-continuing of subsidence at east end, bats infestation, roof and heating. These all required action before the winter.

Evening Classes in the village included:-
~~German~~ German, Pottery, Archeology, Local History, Dress Making and Choral Singing.

NOVEMBER 1963

Large congregation admired lawns and floodlighting at Harvest Festival. 107 acceptances for Harvest Supper. Cost of dealing with bats and woodworm estimated at £2000 of which £500 was in hand.
Annual Boy's Brigade week 23rd-30th.

NOVEMBER 1963 (Continued)

The Rector offered for sale 2 Barlay(sic) Hill books about East Bridgford published at 16/-, now valued at 48/-. What offers?.

DECEMBER 1963

It had been found that there were death watch beetles as well as woodworm in the roof.

JANUARY 1964

On Tuesday 7th January the War Memorial Plaque unveiled in Boys Brigade Club. Tom Cooper invited car owners to use his car park when at Church.

FEBRUARY 1964

MARCH 1964

Annual Parochial Meeting to be in School at 8pm on 9th April.
File copies of Magazine still need April 47, Jan 49, and August 53.
John Higgs retired as Ringing Master after 20 years.

APRIL 1964

MAY 1964

Blandy, Treasurer had presented accounts

JUNE 1964

Horticultural Society Centenary. 27th June
School Centenary. 22nd June
Request for information about descendants
of-:

The Revd Richard Hutching. Rector died 11.9
11th September 1859.

The Revd Arthur Barker. Rector died
18th October 1897.

JULY 1964

Joy Goddard called for volunteers for choir.
John Guy called for volunteers for bells.
Brunts Charity gave £200 for Church Restoration.

AUGUST 1964

Talk of joining Methodist and St Peter's
Sunday Schools.
Seven eighth of the roof repair work is
out of sight.

September 1964

Boys Brigade enrolment. 4th September.

October 1964

Entry on next page after November.

NOVEMBER 1964

Nottingham Battalion at Church Parade on
11th. Church filled to overflowing.

NOVEMBER 1964 (Continued)

Mention of repairs needed to Church
Clock. (77 years old)
Parish Council contributed to wall, clock
and memorial repairs.

OCTOBER 1964.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10.15am
Boys Brigade Parade 3pm on 11th October.
Outing to Eyam by 25 parishioners who
visited church and the plague cottages
Delf and Cacklet.

DECEMBER 1964

Reference to redecoration of church by
Mr. C. Dunsmore at minimum cost.
Reference to new choiristers.

A copy of Du Boulay-Hill for sale for highest
offer over £5.00.

Mr. David Guy of 10 Crossways Drive was
welcomed as a Reader.

APRIL 1965

The Rural District Council are to build
4 flats, 8 houses and 8 garages in Straus
Lane for £30,488-19-8. The Parish Council
were thinking about a Library and Clinic
on Cuttle Hill as a Churchill Memorial.
Doris Hand had been invited to a Royal
Garden Party.

R.I.P. Mabel Green 83, bell ringer and

APRIL 1965 (Continued)

choirister. Anne Rees 23 a 'medic'

MAY 1965

Old names for new roads. Closes Side Lane was Closenside. Moss Close come from the 1612 map. Magdalen Drive without the final 'e'.

Magdalen College Oxford is paying for two of the new weathervanes.

On Ascension Day, 27th there was a school service in Church at 9.15am.

The project for a £3000 Library and Clinic on Cuttle Hill is going ahead. (But it didn't)

JUNE 1965

Three new class rooms, a craft room and kitchen for the school are at last to go ahead to be completed by Jan. 1966. The school now has more than 300 pupils. St. Peter's Quota is £114 and it gets back £290.

David Guy of Crossways Drive and Graham May of Browns Lane elected to Church Council.

The Rogationtide Service was held at Old Hill Farm by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. Covell.

JULY 1965

The Heathcote Hacker vault was opened on 17th May 1965. It contained 7 lead coffins. The Revd. Edward Heathcote died 7th April 1811 at 82 years old.

60 ringers from the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers held meeting in Tower.

The electoral roll contains 50 names.

AUGUST 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Randsley completed 9 years of church cleaning. The present plan is to have a rota of volunteers.

Mr. B. L. C. Dodsworth won the Olive Murrell Trophy at the British Iris Society's Show at Westminster.

Mr. Leslie Hand was to bake the bread for the Lammass Mass.

SEPTEMBER 1965

Records presentations to Miss M. McHardie and Miss Moore on their leaving St. Peter's School.

Congratulations were sent to Mrs. Denton Crossland on her 90th birthday.

The Boys Brigade entered its 45th year.

OCTOBER 1965

The Headmaster and Choir from Brunts School Mansfield were at Harvest Festival.

Civil Defence Volunteers were wanted.

An essay competition was announced. Subjects Magdalen College's Association with East Bridgford; or Samuel Brunt and his Charity; or How best to preserve and enhance the amenities of East Bridgford. It was open to all residents and past and present pupils of the school. Prizes £5, £2, and £1. Linda Bontoft now a 1st Class Guide.

NOVEMBER 1965

Details of tree presentations:-

Mr. H. Rees. Red Oak, rowan, and 6 silver birch.

Mr. R. Gibson. Rhododendra.

Royal Oak. A royal oak.

Reindeer. A Christmas Tree.

School. 3 double pink cherry trees.

NOVEMBER 1965 (Continued)

The Youth Club had begun its winter session with a new leader, Mr.S.J. Hinchliffe.

The Church had given £70 to various good causes in the Vullage. The population in 1961 was 906 which compared with 938 in 1832, a peak of 1155 in 1853 and a minimum of 731 in 1921.

Mrs.Kate Kemp had her 88th birthday. Her granddaughter Mrs.Millichamp, aS.R.N. had been awarded a Diploma in Sociology at London.

In October Mr. and Mrs. Sanders were congratulated on their garden opposite the V llage Cross.

DECEMBER 1965

A weathervane was given by Mrs.Willoughby as a memorial to Hugh Willoughby. This was the York Province Arms. Farewell to David Guy (Reader) A maple tree was given by Mrs.Blatherwick. A flowering cherry tree was given anonymously.

JANUARY 1966

There were plans to dig over and re-seed some of the churchyard. Wing Commander and Mrs.T.Bryant gave two silver birches.

FEBRUARY 1966

Elaine Hobbs awarded cup as best allround member of church choir.

Mr.T.Cooper invites church goers to use his car park.

St.Peter's Church had been included in list of buildings of architectural and historic interest. Thus it cannot be demolished, altered, or extended without two months notice to the planning authority and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

East Bridgford voices would be heard on Gardeners Question Time on the Radio om 27th March.

MARCH 1966

A task force from Saxondale cleared and extended pathway down Trent Lane.

The 'Pancake Bell', the 4th, was rung on Shrove Tuesday at 11am. Buns and newly minted pennies were given to the children who then played games on Pancake Hill. The new school library was started. Cost quoted was £144.

The weathervanes almost ready. The old ones on sale for conveaion by Mr.Mort the blacksmith.

APRIL 1966

The weathervane 'Topping Out' to be on 19th May.

11 anonymous rhododendons given. A Chalice and Ciborium given by Mrs. Mabel Brown of Nottingham in memory of her father Charles Palmer who died at 97.

MAY 1966

There was a school service in church at 9.15am on 19th May.

Brunts School to come to mount their weather vane.

There was to be a cricket match of the school against E.B.Club.

The King Edward Club won, for the second time, the Lowdham and District Darts and Dominoes League trophy.

JUNE 1966

The Bishop made a waterborn visit up the Trent.

Reference to the East Bridgford magazine ceasing publication 15 years before.

A nightingale was heard in the village.

Brunts School to sing from the Church Tower on Ascension Day.

John Spick appointed Deputy Head of the School.

JULY 1966

Reminder that 31st July last day for the essay competition.

AUGUST 1966

The Robin Hood's beat retreat on Feast Sunday.

Two parish councilors attended a University Course on "Village and Countryside Planning"

The Trent Valley Birdwatchers, founded in 1935 by the late Arthur Mason, now has

200 members and meets in the W.I.Hut.

Nicholas Bach (9) observed and identified 3 wax wings.

E.B.Cricket Club won Albert Cope Cup.

DECEMBER 1966 (Continued)

The Rector had put a large card on the Church Porch Notice Board.

The 1965 population was 1,295. 300 increase in 4 years.

1967.

FEBRUARY 1967

Repeat of T.Cooper's invitation to use his car park when at church.

Boy's Brigade still active. Collected £90.

Trevor Allwood designed 1967 flower arranger's list.

SEPTEMBER 1966.

On 11th August 1873 Henry Palmer was struck by lightning while haymaking, then age 29. His 5 year old son Charles lived until 1966. His brother ~~Charles~~ William carved his name on the exterior west wall of the church tower "William Palmer 1866" and then went to the U.S.A.. Charles went to Nottingham and became a jobmaster with hansom cabs on hire. His son, Leslie was a probation officer and his daughter was present at the presentation of Chalice and Ciborium in memory of Henry Palmer 1844-1873 and Charles 1868-1966.

The Boys Brigade had their 45th anniversary.

OCTOBER 1966

The Church Council decided to study the "Alternative and Experimental Church Services". The senior essay competition was won by Joyce Norman of 2a Cross Lane. The junior Competition was won by Janet Wallington, Sarah Hunt, Nadine Lupton.

NOVEMBER 1966

An anonymous parishioner had given a 1st edition copy of the Jerusalem Bible to loan to parishioners. The Bishop and the Archdeacon were at the Harvest Supper on 13th October in the school. Ken Adlington did the catering. The Gedling Folk Singers entertained. The Tennis Club A.G.M. was to be on 18th Nov..

DECEMBER 1966

It was suggested that parishioners should make a charity donation rather than send local cards.

APRIL 1967.

Church Services. After April the 11 a.m. Morning Service on the first Sunday of the month will be discontinued during the summer months.

Confirmation Service for East Bridgford candidates by the Bishop of Sherwood will be at 9.30 a.m. Sunday, April 30th at Whatton.

Bible Society. Annual Meeting, Friday, April 21st, 7.30 p.m. in W.I. Hut. Films will be shown. Bring and Buy Stall. Coffee.

Congratulations. To Guides and Brownies. In the Bingham Division Homecraft Exhibition at Radcliffe on March 4th, cups for most points were won by 1st East Bridgford Guides 2nd East Bridgford Brownies. Cup for best individual Brownie was won by Patricia Stobbs. To King Edward Club on winning for the 3rd year in succession the Stanley Bourne Shield in the Lowdham and District League for Indoor Games (postponable). To Mr. J. Lester on his adoption as prospective Parliamentary candidate in the Bassettlaw constituency. To Miss Julia McLean on winning the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Medal to be presented on July 10th at Buckingham Palace. To the Reverend H. L. O. Rees, former Rector on his efforts to obtain his 'Pilot's Licence'.

R.I.P. February 14th, 1967: Ada Hall, aged 79 years.
Received for Discretionary Fund: Anonymous, £1.

MAY 1967

Church Finances. In accordance with Christian Stewardship, insistence on Direct Giving has precluded other money raising efforts or appeals. The time has now come either to renew and expand Direct Giving or else to revise our policy. First we must consider and study the actual figures over the past 3 years.

| | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Deeds of Covenant and Tax recovered | £329 | £357 | £468 |
| Subscriptions and Donations | £111 | £46 | £60 |
| Envelope Scheme | £175 | £101 | £70 |
| Cash Offerings | £207 | £239 | £236 |
| Totals | £820 | £743 | £834 |

which indicate that although total income has increased, subscriptions and donations, and also the envelope scheme show serious decreases. The question is, what about 1967? Can you help? or make any suggestions.

Dates to remember. Tuesday, May 9th: Polling Day for election of Parish Councillors. Sunday, June 25th: Feast Sunday. Thursday, October 5th: Harvest Supper. Sunday, October 8th: Harvest Thanksgiving. Sunday, November 12th: Remembrance Sunday. Saturday, December 30th: "Year's End" Dance.

Congratulations and Good Wishes. To Mr. J. T. Lester on election to the County Council. To Dr. G. O. Brooks on retirement after 37 years' practice in East Bridgford.

Discussion Group will meet May 3rd, 8 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. The topic will be "Joint Anglican Methodist Activities in East Bridgford."

Holy Baptism. March 19th: Thomas Roger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colston; March 26th: Kathryn Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harding; April 16th: Christopher Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

R.I.P. March 30th: Mary Gadsby, aged 88 years.

JUNE 1967.

June as ever is a month so full of activities that only a few can be briefly mentioned.

Tuesday, 6th June: Discussion Group meets 8 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom to consider "Religion in Education" introduced by the Reverend R. P. Prothere.

Wednesday, June 14th: 2 p.m., School Sports.

Thursday, June 22nd: 7 p.m., Address on "Comprehensive Education" in Village School Hall.

Saturday, June 24th: 3 p.m., The Flower Show begins with Fancy Dress Parade and ends by midnight with Carnival Dance and Barbecue.

Advance Notice. Wednesday, 18th October, St. Luke's Day: Organ and Choral Concert of Sacred Music by Lenton Choir.

Confirmed, 30th April, 1967, by the Bishop of Sherwood at Whatton. Sheila Ann Johnson; Jane Florence Hunt; Grace May Marczak; Elaine Hobbs; Elizabeth Anne Brooks; Lizabeth Ann Hunt.

Holy Baptism, 7th May, 1967: Ashley Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson.

R.I.P., 5th May, 1967: Edgar Straw, aged 71 years.

Our Bellringers now number about 16 with an age range from 10 years upwards. The recorded attendance at practice and on Sunday duty is excellent. The peal of six bells, is notable; the oldest was cast in 1631 and inscribed "Jesus be our spede" the other five are subsequent but prior to 1870. They were last rehung in 1962 and are in excellent order. Mr. John Guy and other experienced ringers regularly give instruction in the more advanced arts of campanology.

JULY 1967

Churchyard Wall. At 9.20 a.m., Monday, 15th May, 1967, the 125 year old brick wall east of the lych gate along Kirk Hill collapsed. The immediate cause was the recent heavy rainfall; but the wall was due to be rebuilt. Fortunately the wall west of the lych gate had already been rebuilt at a cost of £265. The emergency rebuilding of the collapsed portion will be a heavy burden on our depleted Fabric Fund; but it must be put in hand as soon as possible.

Parish Council. Congratulations and good wishes to the four newly elected Councillors, and to the seven 1964 Councillors who were re-elected. The 1967 Council consists of Mr. L. E. Allwood, Mr. D. D. Atkins, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. R. F. Chapman (Chairman), Mr. C. H. Dunsmore, Mr. T. N. Hall, Mr. J. F. Hunt, Mr. J. Kemp, Mr. A. Lodder, Mr. G. E. Wales and the Rector.

Social Tea Party. More than 60 people attended the annual tea and entertainment in the Village Hall on 20th May, 1967. The Reverend A. R. Cornwell, Methodist Minister, was particularly glad to attend because he is about to retire.

Congratulations and good wishes to Nurse R. Allcock on her retirement after 30 years service in East Bridgford.

Holy Baptism. May 7th, 1967: Ashley Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson. May 28th, 1967: Adrian Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hare.

Holy Matrimony. May 13th, 1967: John Kelvin Toulmin and Carolyn Merton Gullick.

R.I.P. May 5th, 1967: Edgar Straw, aged 71 years.

Received for Fabric Fund: £5, the Reverend G. R. D. McLean.

AUGUST 1967.

Tragic Accident. The sympathy of us all is extended to the family of Philip Bateman whose bravery cost him his life. In the face of such tragedy words spoken or printed are inadequate and only prayerful sympathy is appropriate.

Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Westley who for the past 30 years have rendered notable voluntary service to East Bridgford in many and various capacities e.g. as Parish Councillors and Church Councillors and severally as Reader and Churchwarden and as Leader of the G.F.S. He will preach at Evensong on August 13th before he and Mrs. Westley depart to Kent where we hope they will enjoy many years of well earned leisure.

Thanks of all worshippers in East Bridgford Church are due to Mrs. Mabel Thraves who for over 10 years has been keeping the brass vases and cross bright and clean.

Congratulations to Trevor Allwood on winning the Alderman Taylor Prize and Cup for Agriculture as well as Distinction in Certificate and Agriculture.

Highway Improvements to Closes Side Lane and to Straw's Lane have been approved at a cost of £10,750.

OCTOBER 1967.

Harvest Tide Programme 1967.

October 1st, Sunday. 6 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving in Methodist Chapel (No Evensong in Parish Church).

October 5th, Thursday. 7.45 p.m. **Harvest Supper** and Social Evening in the village School Hall. Guest of Honour will be the Bishop of Sherwood. As last year all parishoners who attend or support the Church are invited. Methodist friends are, of course, also invited. All arrangements will be similar to last year. All comers are welcome as guests. Contributions from those who would wish to be paying guests are welcome. The estimated cost per head is 10/- and a box will be provided for contributions. But you are welcome regardless of payment. Please notify the Churchwardens of your wish to attend by October 3rd, so that adequate catering arrangements may be made.

October 8th, Sunday. 9 a.m. Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m. Harvest Evensong, at which the preacher will be the Reverend J. R. Gibbs, Methodist minister from London.

S. Luke's Day 1967. will be observed in the Parish Church, Wednesday October 18th 2.15 p.m. Annual Enrolment Service of new members of the Mothers' Union 7.45 p.m. **Recital** of Organ and Choral Music by Holy Trinity Lenton Choir with their choirmaster and organist Mr. W. H. Bland and organ soloist Mr. Peter Price, **And Sunday, October 22nd.** 9 a.m. Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m. Hospital Evensong, preacher Dr D. Patterson.

Brunts Grammar School Annual Presentation of Bibles will be made 3 p.m. Wednesday October 25th in our Parish Church which contains many memorials of their founder and his family including the window. Samuel Brunts was born of an East Bridgford family and is buried in our Churchyard. All are welcome to attend this service.

1st East Bridgford Guides have celebrated a very successful year of achievement and progress which included winning one shield and two cups. The company will welcome new members, aged between 10 and 14 years any Wednesday evening in the School Hall.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Brooks on gaining 1st class badge and to Lavinia Wild on gaining 1st class badge, Queen's badge, and on being chosen one of the three guides to represent Great Britain at camp in Switzerland.

Our Best Thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Johnson for refurbishing the Sanctuary carpet, treating the Churchyard paths with weedkiller and for trimming the churchyard hedges and to Mr. W. H. Price for kindly donating the expensive weed killer.

Postcard views of the Church which are new recent photographs may be purchased at the Post Office.

Population statistics since the last census show that the population of East Bridgford has increased by 390 to 1465.

Remembrance Sunday is November 12th when the two minutes silence will be observed and the British Legion will parade. (No Evensong in Parish Church).

Holy Baptism. On August 27th: Andrew Harold, son and Michelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Blagg. On September 10th Fiona Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douthwaite of Melton Mowbray.

NOVEMBER 1967

Tragic Road Fatality. The sympathy of us all is extended to Mrs. Goodwin and her family in their tragic bereavement. In keeping death off our roads we all have a part to play, men, women, children, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists. The utmost caution, care and consideration are necessary. We must never take avoidable risks; curbing impatience and controlling dogs are equally necessary too.

Remembrance Sunday, November 12th, will be observed as usual. The British Legion will parade at church at 10.55 a.m. If fine, Two Minutes Silence will be observed at the Village Cross, otherwise in church. In the Methodist Chapel the Remembrance Service will be at 6.30 p.m. and there will NOT be Evensong in church.

Local History is detailed in many different records. The original Minute Book of the East Bridgford Overseers 1866-1933 makes interesting reading e.g. about "Lane Letting" by Annual "Candle Auction" in the Reindeer and in the Royal Oak alternate years; about payments for destroying sparrows which at the rate of "½d. for old ones and ¼d. for young ones" must have entailed catches of 2,000 or more.

Holy Matrimony. 17th June, 1967: Malcolm Harpley to Jacqueline Susanne Fraser; 1st July, 1967: Ian Christopher Stockdale Gibbs to Gail Ashton.

R.I.P. 2nd July, 1967: Betsy Wilkinson, aged 95 years; 9th July, 1967: Philip George Bateman, aged 20 years.

Received for Discretionary Fund. Mr. H. Ellis, 10/-.

SEPTEMBER 1967

Sunday School re-opens 10.15 a.m., September 3rd. On the last Sunday in July before the holiday recess at Prizegiving, the Rector welcomed parents and distributed the book prizes. Steady attendance has been maintained and is increasing.

Presentation of books of his own choosing was made to Mr. C. L. Westley after Evensong on August 13th, to mark the completion of his ten years' service as Diocesan Reader and as a farewell gift. Mr. and Mrs. Westley will be delighted to greet in their new home East Bridgford friends. While building is in progress, their address is c/o Post Office, Wittersham, Tenterden, Kent.

Lammas was observed on August 6th with first sheaf of this year's barley harvest and with wheaten loaf provided by the good offices respectively of Mr. Covill and Mr. Hand.

Harvest Supper will be on October 5th. The guest of honour will be the Bishop of Sherwood. Harvest Thanksgiving in the Methodist Church on October 1st and in the Parish Church on October 8th.

The Churchwardens wish to give widest publicity to the provision of transport to Church Services. They will gladly arrange transport whenever necessary. Mr. T. Cooper has offered the use of his Car Parks during Church Services for those who use cars.

Congratulations to Miss Linda Covill, S.R.N., upon qualification as State Registered Nurse. At present she is not only engaged to be married but also is studying for further qualifications.

Congratulations also to Miss Brenda Allwood who has crowned her year as Head Girl of Toothill County Secondary School by achieving 7 First Grades in her Certificate of Secondary Education.

Intestacy usually means sorrow, disappointment, shame and often hardship and loss to the near ones and dear ones left to carry on. Only lunatics and infants can be excused for neglecting the duty of making a will. Clergy are particularly enjoined in the Prayer Book often to remind parishioners "to take order for the settling of their temporal estates". In these dangerous times of road and travel accidents many a family may find itself in queer street because one or both parents have neglected the necessary duty of making a Will. At the Post Office printed forms and instructions are on sale. Any instructed person can advise you but if in doubt, consult a Solicitor.

Holy Baptism. On August 6th: Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Newton. On August 13th: Lindsay Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dewer.

Received for Discretionary Fund: Anonymous £1.

Boys' Brigade re-opens September 8th. Juniors (8-11 years) on Fridays 6.30 p.m. — 8 p.m. Seniors (over 11 years) and Company members, Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. — 9.30 p.m. New members are welcome, so too are senior friends to help maintain the range and standard of activities.

DECEMBER 1967

Christmas Tide Programme. Wednesday, December 13th: 2.15 p.m. School Carol Service in Church. Tuesday, December 19th: 8 p.m. Carol Recital in Church. Sunday, December 24th: 9 a.m. Holy Communion in Church, 6 p.m. Carol Service in Methodist Chapel, 11.45 p.m. Midnight Mass in Church. Monday, December 25th: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in Church, 4 p.m. Family Service in Church.

Year's End Dance on Saturday, December 30th in the Village Hall, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Music by the Johnny Douglas Quartet. Programme will include every variety from Old Time to Latest Pop. So old folks, young folks, everybody come for the last dance of the year 1967.

Plough Sunday, January 7th, 1968, will be observed by Blessing of Plough and Distribution of Bread Charity. The President of Magdalen College, Oxford, the Patron of St. Peter's Church hopes to attend.

R.I.P. October 26th, 1967: Nellie Ferris, aged 92 years.

JANUARY 1968

Church Activities. Advent Sunday the Church was well attended on the occasion of the Church Parade by the East Bridgford Brownies and Guides. Many parents and friends from Shelford were also present. The Brownies brought their new pennant for the Rector to dedicate. In the course of the service the Brownies sang a hymn and heard a special address.

Candlemas will be observed on February 6th: 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. Service of the Five Candles.

Stop Press. At the time of going to press the date of the Rector's return and resumption of duties had not been made known.

FEBRUARY 1968

John Archer Howitt died at his home at East Bridgford on 29th December, 1967, after a mercifully short final illness. After school at Uppingham, and a short legal training, he joined the old family printing firm of J. Howitt and Sons, of which he was chairman when he died. The firm was founded by his grandfather, a former Mayor of Nottingham.

He was married before the first world war in which he served with that most hazardous arm, trench mortars, and was severely wounded at Senlis.

His family have been in Nottingham for well over a century and a half, and were distantly connected with William and Mary Howitt the authors and poets, and the earlier artist Samuel Howitt.

Jack, as he was known to his very many friends, had a real affection for country things and country sports, and he was a connoisseur of hospitality both given and received. With his kindness and good humour, his friendliness and great generosity, he endeared himself to all who knew him in every walk of life.

He leaves two sons and a daughter by whom with his brother and grandchildren and a host of friends, he will be deeply missed.

The Rector. Mr. Johnson is still in hospital at the time of writing, but hopes to be home shortly. We are most grateful to the clergy and lay readers who have taken our services during the last five weeks.

Plough Sunday, 7th January. We thank The Rev. G. R. D. MacLean, our former rector, who preached at this service, which was a happy occasion. We were also glad to welcome Dr. T. Boase, President of Magdalen College, who read one of the lessons. Trevor Allwood read the other lesson. Mr. Covill kindly loaned us a plough.

Electoral roll. Application forms are available in church.

F.J.H. and P.C.S.

Churchyard Wall has been made good and the cost has been met by the generosity of an anonymous parishioner. This good news must spur our efforts to increase our Direct Giving to the church by 33% in order to balance accounts by the end of this year. The Fabric Fund is heavily overdrawn by reason of the very large measure of restoration work completed since the initial Survey and Inspection made in August, 1963. If the work is to be completed by next August when the second Quinquennial Survey is due, it is urgently necessary to raise an extra £200 if the church is to remain solvent.

East Bridgford Youth Club welcomes its newly appointed leader, Mr. Jason Beeson, who is both experienced and trained. Wednesday evenings are Club Nights in the Village Hall.

Our thanks and best wishes are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Graham May who in a relatively short time have rendered signal service to church, and school. Mr. May has been an efficient Secretary of the Church Council and his wife has taught in the Village School. They both helped out in many other ways whenever and wherever they could.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ashton on the magnificent success of their Coffee Morning on behalf of the Portland Training College for which £68 was raised.

To the East Bridgford W.I. on their Golden Jubilee celebration party attended by almost 100 members and guests.

Congratulations to Miss Linda Covill on her brilliant success at Leicester Hospital Annual Presentation. She won the Senior Nurses' Award, the E.N.T. Award, the Matron's Prize and the Griffin Silver Buckle.

Boys Brigade will make their annual Appeal during the week November 18th to 25th. Please support their efforts. The East Bridgford Company meets twice weekly at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 6.30 p.m. on Fridays.

Holy Baptism. October 8th, 1967: Timothy Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hunt; Carole Michele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Backen; Andrea Jayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gihson.

R.I.P. September 17th, 1967: John William Goodwin, aged 57 years.

Mothers' Union made a good start to the winter session by enrolling seven new members. Former and new members are most welcome at the monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

Choral and Organ Recital on St. Luke's Day given by the choir of Holy Trinity, Lenton, and Mr. Peter Price, Organ soloist in aid of charity, benefitted the Shelter Fund for Homeless families and the Boys' Brigade.

Village Hall. The Committee is faced with the task of raising £800 for heating, lighting and toilet improvements. These are immediate basic necessities if the Village Hall is to cater for the many groups, occasions, uses, and functions for which it is in demand. The possibility and probability of qualifying for supplementary grants from outside public bodies will depend entirely upon the degree and scale on which local support is forthcoming. Please help our efforts.

Commemorative Tree Planting. The efforts and policy of the Parish Council to plant trees in the village need the support of all parishioners in protecting the public amenities provided. They need also to be supplemented by private enterprise. Why not plant a tree with a plaque to commemorate a birthday or in memory of a loved one departed? What better family tree than that? Details of suitable trees and sites and commemorative plaques are readily available from the Rector.

Christmas Cards are on sale by some 150 charitable societies. By buying their cards you are helping their funds a little. But if instead, you donate the cost of the cards and postages, you will help them very much more indeed. Instead of sending Christmas cards the Rector takes this opportunity of wishing all readers a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, and of giving to charity what would otherwise be expended on cards and postage.

LAST ISSUE

Basic costs in the printing world have risen so quickly that only the strongest periodicals can survive. Famous and widely read newspapers have ceased publication and others are teetering on the brink. We cannot be surprised that our magazine has toppled over. Its circulation remained pretty steady, but could not rise to match the constantly increasing cost of publication. This, in spite of the generous efforts of Mr. Willson, the printer, to keep that cost down for us.

Other reasons have been advanced to account for the magazine's failure, one of them being that it was old mutton. We tried, therefore, to dress up the mutton to look like lamb and, to some extent, succeeded. Well, there were some good things in the magazine, according to taste: knowledge of what other parishes were doing taking the chief place for many people; others liked the inset. First published in what was practically another world, it has been very useful and will be difficult to replace. Each parish must now look after itself. If it can do that as well as the Deanery Magazine did for it, there will be small cause for complaint.

Life saving measures of all sorts have been applied. The magazine has been pummeled, squeezed and stretched, increased, decreased and breathed upon (or "kissed"), designed and re-designed, by committees. We must mention especially in this connection the efforts to stave off disaster made by the Rev. Geoffrey Blackmore and the Rev. Philip Davidson, and most particularly the Rev. J. Pickworth Hutchinson who earlier gave what seemed to be large slices of his life to the same end. We, who wrote little pieces for our own parishioners, and those from other parishes who read them, must now say good-bye to each other and to our old mutual friend, Good-bye and go well!

A.H.W.

MARCH 1968

The Rector now out of hospital and well on the way to full recovery particularly wishes to thank the very many friends and parishioners for their prayers and good wishes, visits and letters, greetings and gifts; all of which were much appreciated and undoubtedly helped, forward convalescence. While in hospital he was not allowed nor able to write and so takes this opportunity of thanking everyone most warmly.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Westley may like to know that their new address, reminiscent of East Bridgford is Margidunum, The Street, Wittersham, Tenterden, Kent.

Altar Flowers. Mr. Trevor Allwood has again designed a Rota and ladies of the congregation are invited to enter their names for one or more Sundays. It is a good custom to decorate the church in memory of dear ones departed as well as or instead of putting flowers on their graves.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9th at 8 p.m. in the Methodist Schoolroom to elect Churchwardens, Church Council etc. Voters and candidates must have their names on the Electoral Roll.

Next month instead of this Deanery Magazine, East Bridgford will have its own monthly news sheet at least until the end of the year: so that annual subscribers need not feel cheated out of 4s. 6d. paid in advance. If such a venture is to succeed and survive, it is important that ALL village organisations which have reports or announcements to make should send copy to the Rector in good time for publication: it is equally important that circulation should be as large as possible. It is not intended to be exclusively a church paper for church people, but a community publication of value and interest to all who live in East Bridgford. Please help us to make it so!

Holy Baptism. December 10th, 1967: Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Atkins; December 31st, 1967: Jacqueline Stephanie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Standen; February 4th, 1968: Thomas George Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gould; February 4th, 1968: Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

R.I.P. October 13th, 1967: Jessie Curtis, aged 78 years; December 29th, 1967: John Archer Howitt, aged 82 years; February 1st, 1968: John Henry Marshall, aged 85 years; February 10th, 1968: Gervase Gwynne Milward, aged 83 years.

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The 20th Century section can be updated until
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