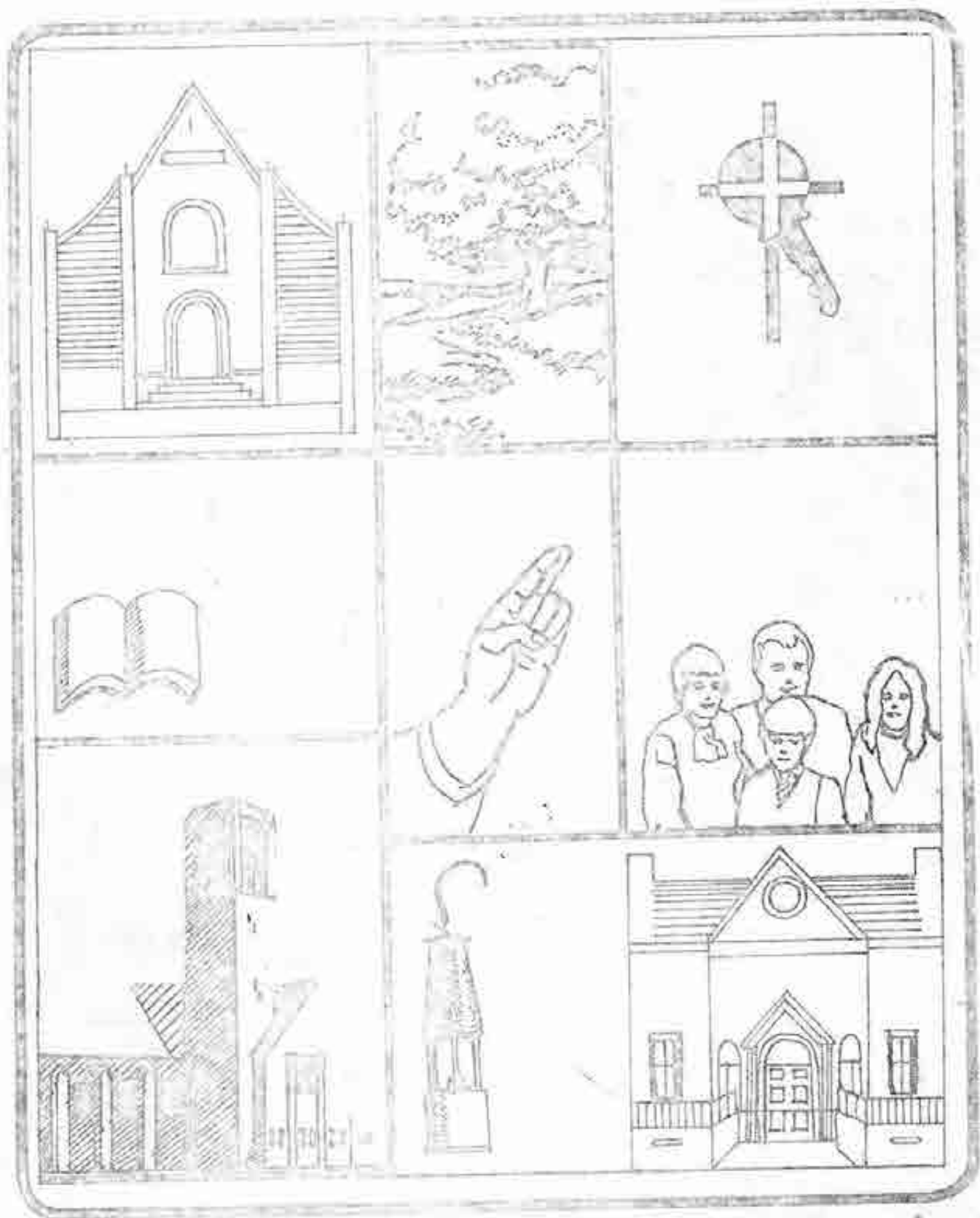


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St John's Diary for August

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1st Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion

4th Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
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10.00 am Parish Family Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong and sermon

8th Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion

9th Fri 7.45 pm Baptism Preparation Group

11th Ninth Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
3.30 pm Holy Baptism  
6.30 pm Evensong and sermon

15th Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion

18th Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong and sermon  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

22nd Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion

23rd Fri 7.30 pm September magazine ready

25th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong and sermon

29th Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion

Essington Men's Society

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This month's guest speaker was the Reverend Neville Platten of the Wolverhampton Team Ministry, who spoke of the problems encountered in attempting to establish harmonious cultural and social relations in a multi-racial society.

As the holiday season is upon us, there will not be a meeting in August.

However, our next meeting on 2nd September promises to be a lively one, with our guest speakers Messrs A. Roebuck and Rex Roberts, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of South Staffordshire District Council, respectively.

## The Bishop of Lichfield speaks of 'Moral Rot' from inflation

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The Presidential Address to the Diocesan Synod on 15th June 1974.

### The Upsurge of Evil

I am afraid it is only too true that we meet at a time of great depression, when problems abound in the world, and when there is foreboding as we face the future. What I think is particularly worrying and even frightening is what I might call the upsurge of evil in the world. So many of the good and kindly virtues and graces seem to have gone to the wall, and the situation which confronts us has some most unpleasant characteristics.

We are, of course, only too familiar with the terrible state of affairs in Northern Ireland, and the readiness to resort to violence in such forms as bombing, kidnapping and hi-jacking. We are beginning to wonder just how far corruption has made its cancerous inroads into our public affairs, and once again I must publicly deplore the type of film which only too often seems to deface the screens of our cinemas. All that we know only too well; but the evil of which I am speaking is rather different.

We are constantly told, and rightly so, that if rampant inflation continues unchecked it might not only destroy our currency but might also cause grave danger to our whole democratic political system. We sometimes feel tired out by our efforts to keep pace with it, and in our diocesan affairs a steadily rising standard of giving is required merely to maintain our existing level of work and witness. But there is another result of inflation that I do not think is sufficiently taken into account, namely the fact that it carries with it the possibility of the moral rot of our people's nature and character. This is the danger and the evil to which I am referring.

When prices keep on steadily rising for one reason or another, it is only natural that people want to have more and more money to maintain their standard of living, let alone raise it. They watch first one group of people and then another obtain substantial rises, possibly by the threat or fact of industrial action, and they want to have more themselves, because they feel that they are being left behind in the rat race and treated unfairly. The result is that there is constant thought about what we hope to receive, and the weakening of the realisation that we have a duty to give service to the community.

### A duty to Give

For many years I have been personally closely connected with the hospital system of our land. I have been responsible for the chaplaincy of a great hospital, and I have served for almost twenty-five years on hospital boards. If anyone had told me only a comparatively short time ago that on the TV screen I should watch the spectacle of nurses trooping out of hospitals as they take industrial action in order to press their claim for higher pay, I would not have believed it. It is only fair to say that the organisation to which these nurses belong is only one of several operating in the hospital sphere, and the others have refrained from the action, stating, in my opinion rightly, that it would only lessen the warmth of public feeling for them and might bring the profession into disrepute.

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The fact remains, however, that they have done it, and whatever the result I do not see how the profession can ever be quite the same again.

#### Vocation needs a fair wage

I cite this example because the nursing profession used to be regarded as a classic example of a vocation, and the moral evil to which I am referring today is the danger that the whole idea of vocation may be lost. Vocation means that a person undertakes a certain form of work because of a compelling urge to do so, and because of a deep-seated desire to give service to the community in a particular fashion. A fair wage or salary ought to be given to such people, and we are constantly reminding our Church congregations that their clergy should be regarded as labourers who are worthy of their hire; but with the sense of vocation a person puts the idea of service first, and is ready to accept the fact that remuneration is secondary to this. That was a fine conception, and it was one which not only brought great gains to the community as a whole but also a deep satisfaction to the person concerned in the discharge of his duties. Frankly, if this attitude to life is lost we shall get very few men offering themselves for ordination, and few people coming forward for such a profession as nursing, because it will be seen that far greater material rewards can be obtained elsewhere. I am certainly not advocating sweated labour, but when it is said that if you want the best man for the job you must pay a high salary I would reply that this may not be the whole truth.

#### The Virtue of Contentment

I believe that in the present climate it is the duty of the Church to proclaim very clearly the idea of vocation in relation to one's work in life. I am sure that it can bring a very real sense of fulfilment, and envy of other people who seem to have got more in the way of material rewards than we have ourselves only brings frustration and unhappiness. We need to have enough so that we can live without anxiety, but this having been achieved we need to practise the virtue of contentment, which can do much to enable one to live a happy and a peaceful life, while in addition we should remember that we are only entitled to think of our rights if first we have honestly tried to fulfil our duties.

If then, as I think, the Church must endeavour to inculcate this attitude to life, it must also, if it is to be listened to, show clearly that it is really concerned with the problems with which people have to grapple in life today. In recent years a great deal of our time and attention has been devoted to our own internal affairs. This may be necessary and desirable up to a point, but we must remember that from the evangelistic point of view it will probably not make much difference. I cannot think myself, for instance, that a time when only a small minority of people are regular worshippers it will make much difference if the bishops are appointed in some manner other than that which obtains at the moment. What the Church has to do is to help people to have a living faith in God, to understand the value of prayer and worship, and then to go out into the world and live responsibly as faithful followers of Christ who are really trying to walk in His footsteps day by day. These are the people who are filled with a desire to serve their fellow-men, and I believe that as the result they are also those who find life most worth living.



## Lichfield Link

News and views from around the Diocese

### Prayer Power

From one of the parishes in the Diocese comes the story of how prayer can involve a number of people. The centre of the group is a man unable to read or speak with any clarity, who spends much of his time lying on his front. Many in such a situation would have resigned themselves to doing nothing - but not he. He has developed a prayer ministry, and four times each day he intercedes for those on his lists. But as he cannot read, others have to bring him his material and help him to memorise it. Those who bring him his information are responsible for seeing that it is kept up to date. And that means visits and telephone calls.

So the result of one man lying permanently incapacitated is that a whole ministry of praying and caring is developing. Deo Gratis

### Militant or Moderate ?

Militant is a dirty word. Moderate is considered more respectable. Given the choice, which description would you prefer ? Moderates, as some people are styled today, may be respectable but they are the devil's best hunting ground, in Church or Industry. Shut up in private castles, they might not notice if someone were to rise from the dead.

Militants are awkward and upsetting, arrogant, jealous and extravagant. They concern themselves with one cause to the detriment of all others and they often look foolish and stupid.

But by whom is the Gospel proclaimed and the Church increased ? By the militants, of course. We must wrest this title back from those who have usurped it and misused it and not be ashamed occasionally to be thought fools for Christ's sake. (One Old Testament writer pictures God spewing the moderates out of his mouth)

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### Testimonial to the Bishop

At a special service in the Cathedral on 23rd November, a Testimonial will be presented to the Bishop on his retirement after 21 years. He has served this huge Diocese, covering two counties, with tireless devotion. Only a person of his enormous spiritual reserves could have stood up to the wear and tear of the many demands made upon his time and the amount of travelling involved in meeting them.

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### Men for the Ministry

In 1973 there was a slight increase in the number of men ordained from 361 to 373, but there was a decline in the number recommended for training from 404 to 339, although more graduates were accepted.

### Archbishop warns the doctors

The Archbishop of York warned doctors at the BMA Annual Conference, of the 'tragedy of industrial action' He hoped the day would come when people could look back on the days of industrial action as "the days of immaturity beyond which we have moved"

The Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist Essington

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increasing wages all the services cost more, and whatever new systems of taxes or rates are formulated the same amount of money has to come from one pocket or the other, so we must try to ensure that a fair system operates with any new scheme, there is no easy solution, perhaps if some of the money that went on the Pools and gambling were put into Local authority funds, some of our problems could be solved. I am not advocating this, but it makes you think. The fallout from the chimneys of the Tileries has constantly been troubling the Parish Council, efforts have been made to cause remedial action to be taken. It was reported to the Council that the firm was to use Gas; a letter in reply to this Council's request for information will be presented to the next Council meeting. One would not feel too pleased if John Aidan suddenly claimed the credit for putting things right because of an article in the Parish News, Essington Parish Council has been pressing for a long time now, and it now seems a solution is close at hand; people must not be given the impression that Councillors sit on their bottoms until pressures from outside are brought to bear on them, but in saying this let John Aidan continue with his comments, only make sure that it's highly likely that the Parish Council are already at work on those problems that can be cured, and those which will appear in this imperfect world, still together perhaps we can try to make it just a little better.

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Just in case the people of Essington may be getting the wrong impression of Essington Council and Councillors, I believe that some facts should be put on paper in the matter of the report in the Parish Magazine of July. I am referring to OUT AND ABOUT with JOHN AIDAN.

The Planners have been pressed for some years now to produce an integrated plan for Essington itself. At one time it was the County Planners who were being pressed, of course now it is the Planners of South Staffordshire who after all only took up this matter in April, 1974. Essington has been put as a number one priority for a Village Plan, but we must also remember that the County Council still has a say, and in fact our people should also take the opportunity to have their say when this matter of the Structure Plans for Staffordshire is examined in public at the Staffordshire county Show Ground, Weston Road, Stafford, commencing on 22nd October. This matter will be reported to the Parish Council at its next meeting on 15th July, this meeting being held in the Broad Lane Pavilion at 7 pm. Plans can now be seen at the District Council Offices at Penkridge.

We agree that nibbling at the edges can be wrong, but I am afraid that it is only on the edges where land can be available. Again it ought to be pointed out that as the result of pressure by the two Councils the County Council agreed nearly three years ago to release the land off Hobnock Road for housing purposes, but only for the Public Sector. The District Council were not too happy about this and they suggested building at High Hill. (You will also recall that proposals and planning permission was granted to build on land to the rear of houses in Hill Street.) This was not proceeded with, owing to local objections.

With reference to Hobnock Road, the local farmers protested that the land by the school was good agricultural land, but it was rather surprising that the land owner also put in an application for planning permission to build on this same land. This was refused by the County Council. The District Council agreed to put a Compulsory Purchase Order on the land, but the Owners put in a Planning Appeal against the County's refusal to grant planning permission to them. This had the effect of stopping the C.P.O. until the Appeal is decided. We badly need land for housing our people. This is more important than Green Belt - it was about 1952/3 when Essington had its last Council houses built.

While we object to the Mini Town, one must recognise that here is an Authority that wishes to build, and unless the new District Planners help us, one can see that there are very good arguments that houses must be built somewhere. Let's do all we can to further the aim of building in Essington for our own people first.

We do not wish to be too critical of John Aidan's comments, if it makes people think. If it helps to right some of the wrongs that we know exist, then good comes of it.

Rates have certainly gone through the roof, but these are not just applicable to Essington, South Staffordshire, or the County Council, but they apply to the country as a whole, so surely not everybody can be wrong. One would hope that the services given for the rates will continue to improve, but we cannot get something for nothing. People constantly seek improved services, and it is the Council's job to improve those services as economically as possible, but in days of

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increasing wages all the services cost more, and whatever new systems of taxes or rates are formulated the same amount of money has to come from one pocket or the other, so we must try to ensure that a fair system operates with any new scheme, there is no easy solution, perhaps if some of the money that went on the Pools and gambling were put into Local authority funds, some of our problems could be solved. I am not advocating this, but it makes you think. The fallout from the chimneys of the Tileries has constantly been troubling the Parish Council, efforts have been made to cause remedial action to be taken. It was reported to the Council that the firm was to use Gas; a letter in reply to this Council's request for information will be presented to the next Council meeting. One would not feel too pleased if John Aidan suddenly claimed the credit for putting things right because of an article in the Parish News, Essington Parish Council has been pressing for a long time now, and it now seems a solution is close at hand; people must not be given the impression that Councillors sit on their bottoms until pressures from outside are brought to bear on them, but in saying this let John Aidan continue with his comments, only make sure that it's highly likely that the Parish Council are already at work on those problems that can be cured, and those which will appear in this imperfect world, still together perhaps we can try to make it just a little better.

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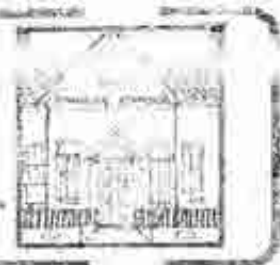
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# Essington Wood Notes



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As the holiday season reaches its climax we prepare ourselves for a fairly eventful August, the aim being to provide plenty of activities for those not currently away (for all of the people are not away all of the time, even during August).

If your magazine distributor is on the mark, you may well be reading this in time to come along to our Family Service on the morning of July 28th when our Sunday School scholars lead our worship on the subject of 'Young at Heart'. Then on the same afternoon they go 'On Tour' to share in the Midsummer Festival with our near neighbours at Upper Landywood.

Last month Vanessa, Rena and Paul shared in the morning service conducted by Mr. David Arbon on the theme of 'following the instructions' and we look forward to another service in this series when David is with us again on the last Sunday of this month.

In the meantime we have a Junior Sponsored Walk on August 10th, a Jumble Sale on August 17th and a 24-hour Sponsored Darts event from 8.0 pm. on Friday, August 23rd to 8.0 pm. on Saturday, August 24th. People, whether skilled at the game or novices (like the writer!) are volunteering for 30-minute or 60-minute spells and if you can come and throw a few darts please sign the list now pinned up in our Schoolroom, indicating the time you can play. Sponsors are invited to offer, say, 3p a game if sponsoring individuals; or, say, 1p a game if sponsoring the number of games played in the whole of the tournament.

The beginning of September sees us become part of the new Willenhall-Bloxwich Circuit which will comprise Bloxwich, Willenhall Trinity, Spring Bank, Portobello, Short Heath, Lane Head, Reedswood, New Invention, Great Wyrley, Upper Landywood, Jacobs Hall Lane, Allens Rough and ourselves. An Opening Rally will be held on Wednesday, 11th September at St. Johns, Bloxwich, conducted by Rev. Brian S. O'Gorman, Chairman of the District and we also aim to publish a new enlarged Circuit Plan from September onwards with articles of topical interest as well as the normal information about Services, etc.

We are pleased to report that two of our stalwarts, Mrs. Sheila Lowbridge and Mr. Bernard Hawthorne are making good progress after recent operations and we hope to see them out and about again soon.

## SERVICES FOR AUGUST

11.00 a.m.

6.00 v.m.

Sunday 4th  
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Mr. Norman Hough  
Rev. Brian Dennigan  
Rev. Jim Hestyn  
Mr. David Arbon  
(Family Service)

Mr. Howard Ford  
Mrs. Grace Jordan  
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Rev. Brian Dennigan  
(Sacrament)

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There is nothing obscure about Psalm 150:3 in the Prayer Book version (Praise him in the sound of the trumpet), nor is it in any way a falsification of the Hebrew text. Apparently, however, it must be changed, for we have in the proposed revision, 'Praise him with the blast of a horn' which translation turns a celebration into a traffic problem.

- Letter in American Church Magazine.

## ESSINGTON AND DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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- Aims To keep a watch on ALL COUNCIL SPENDING.  
To demand that with immediate effect stringent measures be taken by the council to achieve a TOTAL RATES FREEZE effective from April, 1975.  
TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE GROUP.  
To maintain the interest presently being shown in the Group and to increase membership growth rate by City, County and Country level.  
To attack the apathy shown by Ratepayers generally by use of all forms of media.  
To achieve a better deal for ALL Ratepayers by insisting on a restructuring of the method of rates levying.

### Conditions of Entry

1. Members must agree to abide by majority decisions on all matters.
2. Any member who attempts to introduce Party Politics into any of the meetings will be expelled at once.
3. No member may address any article, or communicate with the Press or any other media, or in any way use the name of the group without prior knowledge or consent of the committee.
4. Members must agree to share equally the cost of administration by means of a fixed annual subscription of 25p.
5. Membership books and accounts will be kept up-to-date and will be open to inspection by any member, at any time.
6. No member must incur any debt, or enter into any contract on behalf of the group, without prior agreement from the committee.
7. No member will receive any personal financial reward.

It was agreed at the meeting that through our own inaptitude and apathy the re-organisation of the rating areas was allowed to sail through without any prior knowledge or opposition, which has a great bearing on the high increase of rates. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

Rates are not only paid by house-owners but by every house-holder. Therefore, the fight for fair rates means everyone.

A Steering Committee was formed to organise an Essington and District Ratepayers Association.

For further information and names of other Steering Committee members contact any of the following:

CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Mr. W. Morgan	Mr. G.W. Derry
W'ton ? 210, Cannock Road	Bloxwich 79498
SECRETARY	TREASURER
Mrs. G. Bradburn	Mrs. R.E. Beacon
Bloxwich 402223	W'ton 731788

A letter from Mr. Geoff Walker, Chairman of the Bloxwich Residents Action Group thanked Mr. Derry and the residents of Broad Lane, Essington for their donation of £69.13 towards the Solicitor's 'Bill of Costs'. £600 has yet to be found. It is hoped to raise this (or part of it) with a Raffle and at a Barbecue with Side Shows, at Mr. Roe's farm, Hills Farm, Bloxwich, on Saturday 17th August (300 tickets only are available).

### DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUES

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September issue - 17th August

October issue - 14th September

# Allens Trough Methodist Church

Minister: Miss David Read, 25, FLEETWOOD WALK, NEW HAVEN, WOLVERHAMPTON  
Secretary: Mrs. W. H. COLEMAN  
Stewards: Mrs. J. P. SMITH, Mrs. E. G. BOSTON



Dear Friends,

On Saturday, 14th July, some 80 people enjoyed a ride on the Canal from Autherly Junction, Wolverhampton, to Brewood. Rain was falling when we arrived at Brewood, but many of our company spent some time 'on shore' before the return journey. We thank the organiser Mr. Jim Evans and the car owners who ferried us to and from Wolverhampton.

From 1st September, the Churches of the present Bloxwich Circuit and of the Willenhall Circuit, will form one new Circuit to be known as the Bloxwich and Willenhall Circuit. I felt that this month it would be helpful to give some information about the Willenhall Churches. The largest Church is 'Trinity' in Union Street. The 'Chapel' was built in 1832 and is one of the oldest Methodist buildings in this area, still being used for worship. Discussions are taking place with a view to providing more modern premises for the present Congregation, Sunday School and Fellowship Meetings. Trinity has a membership of about 200, and the Minister is Rev. F.W. Bliss.

Also in the care of Rev. Bliss, is Portobello Methodist Church in New Street. This is a modern Church opened in 1966, replacing an older building, and has a membership of 70.

At the northern end of Willenhall there are two Methodist Churches. On the corner where Coltham Road meets Wesley Road, stands Short Heath (Wesley). This Church has a membership of about 80 and among its activities there is a Wives Group and a Company of the Boys' Brigade. A Play Group also meets here. Then, over the canal bridge into High Road, there is Lane Head Methodist Church. The present building was opened in 1961, again replacing an older 'chapel', which for some reason was known locally as the 'Grandad's Chapel'. This Church of about 80 members boasts another Company of the Boys' Brigade and provides a meeting place for a play group. The Minister of both these Churches is Rev. B.A. Hughes, who also has the care of Spring Bank Methodist Church, in St. Anns Road, this being a small Church of about 30 members.

In the coming months we shall be getting to know the Ministers, Preachers and some of the members of the Willenhall Churches. Let us pray that the new Circuit will be a means of strengthening the work and witness of the Christian Church in this district.

Yours sincerely,  
David Read.

Baptism: 21st July  
Dates for your Diary:

David James, son of Carol and Colin Gilson  
Thursday, 29th August - a Meeting of the Church Council, 8.00 pm.  
Wednesday, 11th September - an Inauguration Service for the new Circuit at St. Johns Bloxwich at 8.00 pm.  
Speaker: Rev. Brian O'Gorman.

The Sunday School will not meet in August, but re-opens on Sunday, 1st September at 11.00 am.

A list of preachers for August appears elsewhere in the Magazine.

Swimming - Shareskill School Bath

Awards

- Red Badge For swimming 10 yards and submerging to pick up a brick from the bottom of the bath - 49 children.
- Green Badge For swimming 25 yards and gliding under water - 32.
- Yellow Badge For swimming 25 yards breast stroke, 25 yards crawl, 10 yards on back carrying a brick and a good dive - Michelle Beavon, Joy Newman, Julie Simmonds, Stuart Breame, John Grant, Martin Gudz and Anthony David Jones.

To these children and to all who tried hard, well done and congratulations !

JUDMA SINGH AWARD (Donated by Essington Community, 1973)

This beautiful trophy was awarded to the House Team obtaining the most successes in the school swimming tests and was presented to Raleigh House by Surrinder Kaur at morning assembly on 19th July.

On the Same Occasion

Anthony Jones, Gary McClean and Christopher Asbury were each awarded a 'Leading Player of the Season, 1973-74' trophy. Between them they scored 73 goals and shared 14 player-of-the-match awards. All three also played when they were 3rd year children. Terry Knight, the youngest boy to have represented the school, received a small cup donated by Mr. Hammond for his outstanding performance.

Cannock Primary School Sports.

A team of 24 athletes was selected and on July 1st made the journey by coach to Walhouse School, Cannock. Each child received a Merit Award for being selected to take part in these Sports, and a further three received a second Certificate of Merit and a school gift of a book for being placed in the finals - Dawn McLaren, 2nd in the 75 metres flat; David Jarman, 2nd in the 75 metres flat and Raley Winfield, 3rd in the Sack Race. Both the Lower Junior and Upper Junior Girls' Relay Teams were successful in getting through to the Finals.

Farewell Gift.

A stainless steel meat dish, tray and serving dish, presents from children and staff, were presented to Mrs. B. Parker on her departure from St. John's at the end of term. Mrs. Parker first came to us in October 1966, staying with us until the following July when she left to attend the Wolverhampton Teachers' Training College. At the end of her training there she came back to us for a further four years and now leaves to take up a post at Mossley where we wish her every success and happiness.

Also leaving us this term is Mrs. J. Furnston whose husband has accepted a post in Derbyshire where, alas, Mrs. Furnston must necessarily go ! We wish her well too.

Next term begins on Wednesday, September 4th.

More items from the School Page elsewhere in the magazine.

A Book, tight shut, is but a block of paper. (Chinese proverb)



The Council discussed the advantages to the public gained by changing to the ward system of electing councillors. The village would be divided into areas or wards either geographically or by population. These wards would be represented by their own councillors. This would ensure a more even and proportional representation than at present. A sub-committee was formed to conduct a survey for discussion in Council.

There had been further complaints about the rubbish spread around Brownshore Lane. The Council had asked the County Authority to remove the containers but without result. A stronger letter on this matter is to be sent.

The majority of the Council were disgusted to hear that Haunchwood-Lewis Tileries would not now need to be smokeless before the end of 1975. In spite of residents' protests at the filth from their chimneys the Alkali Inspector had seen fit to waive the 1974 deadline.

L.H. Lowe Ltd. had applied for planning permission to extend vastly their quarrying operations over a further 132 acres and to a depth of 100 feet at Windmill Hill. Westcroft as known at present would disappear for ever if this were allowed to take place. The Council felt that worked-out quarries should be totally reclaimed before any further quarrying is permitted.

#### ESSINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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At present our funds amount to £344.25 which includes £24.60 from Newspaper, £4 from Raffle at Brownshore Infants School, £25.90 from July Disco. 120 came along to the Disco and had a good time. The next one will be held in September.

Your old newspapers are still valuable to us and if you would like them collected please ring Bloxwich 76835, 79430 or 78921. Please support our cause by having a Buy-a-Brick card from Committee members. At a penny a square each card could raise £1 if completed.

#### ST. JOHNS SCHOOL PAGE (continued)

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Over the Second Hurdle At the Gate Inn Riding Club Gynkhana which was held at Whiteacre Heath, Colleshill, on Sunday, 30th June, Diane Rowbotham was placed 4th for 'Best Kept Pony and Tack', gaining her first rosette for 'Charmaine' at this her second show.

Success in another Field International Dance Teachers' Association Reports on Tracey Clarke show that this year she has gained top marks with honours in no less than five examinations involving every type of dance. Tracey started dancing at the age of six at the Keeling School of Dance and takes part in Acrobatic Dancing, Tap, Ballet and Stage. Only just turned nine it looks as if Tracey could go places in the dancing world. She is certainly not lacking in tenacity and perseverance and that can't be had for one so young!

Did you Know? "We get pasteurised milk, sterilised milk and gray day milk."

## 1st ESSINGTON SCOUT GROUP GRAND GALA

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The weather was fine as the band swung away,  
This was the start of another fine day,  
Long planned - our Gala had at last begun,  
The smart parade led one and all to the fun,  
The Scouts and the Guides, the Leaders too,  
Marched round the village with much ballyhoo.  
How smart they all were, marching proudly and  
So were the boys of the Sea Cadet Band.  
There were side shows and food, hot dogs and much more,  
Punch and Judy and Bingo and fun by the score.  
Oliver and Jean did a roaring trade,  
And Wes with the fishes high profits he made.  
There were 'home nades' and punchboard, Tombola and pop,  
A raffle and 'Straws' and icecream on top.  
A basket of fruit for the raffle was sent,  
And scores of folk came on pleasure bent.  
The sports - oh! the sports what fun they all had,  
With races for all, yes and Mum and Dad,  
Dennis Corbett in charge, his whistle a-blowing,  
(L.T.V. and A. Ellis green with envy are growing).  
Then Rene and Les running here and there,  
Proved that they really had quite a flair.  
And who could forget the 'knockout' events?  
Arthur worked hard getting equipment and tents.  
The 'Monday Club' entered to make the teams up,  
And were outright winners of the Frank Kitson Cup,  
Our thanks to the Rugby Club we renew,  
Who gave us their pitch for the Gala's venue.  
Also Police and First Aid and the men on the gate,  
(What a boring job they had) and sad to relate  
They missed all the fun being duty bound,  
Standing there in the lane just out of the ground.  
The Committee's thanks too to help all about,  
Like Hazel's mum and Chris who saw the day out.  
We made quite a lot and we really were glad,  
Tho' the end of this tale is a little bit sad.  
We finish the story on a mournful keel,  
As that same night someone sought to steal  
The results of our labours but all in vain,  
As the cash was elsewhere, so don't come again  
Whoever you are, as the damage done to H.Q.  
Makes us all not very keen to get to know you!

The net result of the Scout Gala was £267.82½p.  
Winning Programme number turned out to be unsold, so the prize of a  
Transistor radio was donated to the Wightwick School for Handicapped  
Children with whom we have connections.  
Winning Raffle ticket was Pink Ticket No. 440 - as yet unclaimed.  
The basket of fruit was sold and a fresh one will be sent to the  
person who claims it.  
There will be no Guide or Brownie meetings during August.  
The recent series of coffee parties proved very disappointing, so the  
Guides are busy planning a coffee party of their own, which will also  
be an 'Open Night'. This will be on 15th October. More details  
later. The results of the coffee parties and the Guides' Coffee  
Party will be then announced all together.

We are indebted for the Scout Notes and,  
we fancy, for the poem, to Mrs. Kitty Beech.

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How quickly the months pass by in the summer. No sooner I tell you about one outing than we get another. This time we went to Windsor, 86 of us Senior Citizens, starting at 8 am., all looking very eager and happy and ready to enjoy ourselves. Our first stop was for tea and cakes, taken with us and served on the coaches. Away we went again (refreshed) on to Maidenhead where we boarded a pleasure boat to complete our journey to Windsor where most of us made our way to the Castle. It made us Senior Citizens very proud of our forefathers for the work of Art and Skill they achieved without the help of modern machinery, all done by hand and brain and with the help of God Almighty. No wonder tourists from all over the world come over here to stand and admire all this wonderful work. I hope many more of our Senior Citizens everywhere can have the opportunity of seeing some of these splendid memorials our forefathers have left us. Our next outing will be of a different nature. This is to Chester Zoo on 30th July, where I think we may really see some of our Ancestors!

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Tel. Bloxwich 74350.

Church Services

Every Sunday	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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	11.00 a.m.	Sunday School (Except 1st Sunday of the month)
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong & Sermon
	7.45 p.m.	Holy Communion (Third Sunday of the month)
Each Thursday	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Aidan Room

Baptisms, Weddings and Churchings by arrangement with the Vicar, who is available in the Church Hall every Tues. & Thurs. 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Tel. Bloxwich 76301.

Regular Meetings

Essington Men's Society	1st Monday of each month at 7.45 pm in Church.
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Essington Pre-School Play Group	Every Tues. Wed. Thurs. & Fri. (during term) from 9.15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church Hall.
Essington Sequence & Old Time Dance Group	Every Saturday 7.00 pm Beginners. 8.00 - 11 pm Dance.
Monday Club (11-15 Confirmees)	Every Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall.
Ballet Class	Every Saturday 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 pm in the Hall.

St. John's Hall

The Hall is available for hire for wedding receptions, demonstrations and similar functions. For further details please contact the Vicar.

Registration, Welfare & Surgery

Registration of births & deaths at Essington Wood Chapel every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Welfare Clinic at St. John's Hall & Essington Wood Chapel alternately,  
Wednesdays 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

Surgery at Brownshore Lane 11.00 am - 12 noon every day except Saturday & Sunday.

Family Planning Clinic St. John's Hall alternate Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

with John Aiden in Essington.

The day before you wouldn't have taken any money on a fine day for the Essington Carnival and Pete. Luck, 800 people superb organisation and the usual village spirit, not to mention a streaker and a record profit of £404.54 made the day the best ever. We thank all those who manned the 27 attractions, created the eleven floats, and just came along to enjoy the fun. £50 has been sent towards the restoration of Great Wyrley church. The Vicar of St Mark's, the Reverend John Craig, writes: 'It would have been encouraging to have received a far smaller amount, and to know that your thoughts were with us - but such a large cheque is doubly welcome and myself and my PCC are most grateful'.

This holiday promises to be an interesting one for Essington children. We congratulate those responsible for setting up the Essington Sport & Recreation Association, and were delighted to hear that at their inaugural meeting, they were able to announce the cutting of red tape, and their hire of a playing field, at last, for the children of the village. They deserve more than applause, they need our support. Already work is well advanced on Essington's tennis court, which will be used for tennis, netball and five-a-side football.

The County Library service are visiting twenty seven villages, once a week during the holiday, with a mobile library specially stocked with children's books. This is in addition to the adult mobile library. It will call at Essington each Thursday during the holiday from 2.30 - 3.00 pm, opposite St John's Church hall, when each school age child may borrow and exchange four library books.

The party of 41 German students to visit this area were kept busy by their hosts exploring Carnock Chase, playing table tennis, swimming and visiting the cinema. One lucky lad even visited the Wolves ground to meet the players. On 20th October a group from Great Wyrley will make a return visit.

We congratulate St John's organist, Mr Don Pitchford, on his new appointment as general administrator (operations) with Sandwell Area Health Authority. We also congratulate his daughters Anne on obtaining her B.Ed, and Jane on being accepted for an honours course. We wish two older residents of the village, Mrs Attwood of Westcroft and Mrs Bourne from Hill Street, much happiness as they settle at the Residential Home at Bilbrook. There will soon be some new residents in Sneyd Lane, as the Whittingham homes project, the Hamlet, erects a planned 57 houses.

We wish former vicar, Cyril Jenkins good success as he takes up his new appointment as head of the religious education at Runshaw Sixth Form College for 450 pupils at Leyland. We congratulate David Morris on his engagement to Mrs Katherine Finn, Mr Robert Hadley on his engagement to Miss Christina Jones, and we wish every happiness to John Cox and Denise Warren who are to be married on 31st August at St John's Church.

We send our best wishes to Bernard Hawthorne, Eva Ashury and Jeremy Sargeant in hospital together with Ernest Perks from Westcroft. We are glad to hear that Philip Winfor and Mrs Mary Griffiths have returned home. We record with sorrow the death of Deborah Oakley, formerly of Long Lane, and Elsie Lowbridge after a prolonged illness in New Cross and Florence Evans from Brownshore Lane.



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Every Sunday	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9.30 a.m.	The Parish Communion
	10.00 a.m.	The Family Communion (1st Sunday of month & Festivals)
	11.00 a.m.	Sunday School (Except 1st Sunday of the month)
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong & Sermon
	7.45 p.m.	Holy Communion (Third Sunday of the month)

Each Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Aidan Room

Baptisms, Weddings and Churchings by arrangement with the Vicar, who is available in the Church Hall every Tues. & Thurs. 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Tel. Bloxwich 76301.

Regular Meetings

Essington Men's Society	1st Monday of each month at 7.45 pm in Church.
Essington Mothers' Union	1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in Church.
Essington Pre-School Play Group	Every Tues. Wed. Thurs. & Fri. (during term) From 9.15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church Hall.
Essington Sequence & Old Time Dance Group	Every Saturday 7.00 pm Beginners. 8.00 - 11 pm Dance.
Monday Club (11-15 Confirmees)	Every Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall.
Ballet Class	Every Saturday 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 pm in the Hall.

St. John's Hall

The Hall is available for hire for wedding receptions, demonstrations and similar functions. For further details please contact the Vicar.

Registration, Welfare & Surgery

Registration of Births & Deaths at Essington Wood Chapel every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Welfare Clinic at St. John's Hall & Essington Wood Chapel alternately.  
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