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EDITORIAL

It looks nice on Christmas cards, but those of us who have reached middle age cannot say anything better about this white stuff. This is how conversation goes in one house... "More snow! I'm not going out in this". "Oh, good-ee! I'm going to make a snowman". "Perhaps Daddy will make a snowman for you". No! He'll say "Brrrrh! I don't like it".

And Daddy has nothing to add. But he is very grateful that Spring begins in March, for he has gone past the stage of being a hero just for the sake of being a hero.

Despite much grumbling and grouching, we do not suffer unduly from the effects of snow in this country; just a little dislocation of traffic for a day or two, followed, perhaps, by floods. But rarely are floods so great as seriously to affect traffic.

We can remember, however, that one Sunday about ten years ago, Chippenham was cut in two by the swollen River Avon. Many acres of farmland were flooded, and our Sunday afternoon spin in the car was very much restricted. Those who took the twelve-mile trip to Bath in the morning found that the return trip was over ninety miles! We went out through the village of Langley Burrell until we reached the river, where we found that the roads were also rivers. But it was still possible to cross this now very wide river on foot — and our thoughts went to the top of the hill near Bremhill where stands a tall monument in memory of

(and surmounted by) Maud Heath. She now looks across Wiltshire into Gloucestershire over land which will be crossed by the new M.4

Some hundreds of years ago she used to walk from Bremhill to Chippenham market along muddy paths and tracks which then passed for roads, carrying her wares as best she could.

The path to the monument is not very much trodden, and probably very few know in whose memory it was erected. Not many stop to read the plaque at the junction of Langley Road and Foundry Road. Thanks to this good and hard-working lady, who left money (in 1474) for that purpose, a hard path now runs between these two points, and it is above any known flood level. This is Maud Heath's Causeway.

The River Avon referred to is not, of course, the one which runs through Enford. It will be realised that there are many rivers with the name 'Avon'. It is perhaps not so well known that 'Avon' means 'river'. In Wales the word is 'Afon'.

Our thoughts now turn nearer home — to the market town of Devizes, where the name of Ruth Pearce is remembered, but not for her good deeds. It is sincerely hoped that our parish contains more Maud Heaths than Ruth Pearces. Even if we are not rich or able to save, we can still be remembered for our kind thoughts and deeds.

And now is the time to start thinking about being the best-kept Wiltshire village for 1969. Let us all be litter-conscious; let us all attend to our

hedges, walls and gates, and make a special effort in the garden this year. Let every committee decide what part they can play, around the church, the Village and Parish Halls, and let the Parish Council cast a fatherly eye over us all — and over the activities of the County and Rural District Councils.

VICAR'S LETTER

Enford Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Mothering Sunday this year falls on March 16th. Last year we were most unfortunate in that it coincided with a cloudburst and a bitterly cold gale, and the congregation was thin on the ground, to say the least. But it was sad to see several children who had braved the storm, but whose parents would not bother to come with them (... "and they all with one consent began to make excuse..."). This is the occasion in the year which is above all a family service, and I hope there will be a special effort this time by Mums - not to send the children, but to bring them. Dads are, of course, extremely welcome too. It is not too early to mention Easter which comes on April 6th, and to remind you once again that this is the one day in the year when all confirmed members of our Church are required to make their Communion. It is not a

heavy demand, but one which is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. Please do try not to miss - if you are prevented from coming through illness I am always happy to bring it to you in your home.

The Churchyard Improvement Scheme is at last going through. As I write the Faculty Citation is posted in the Church Porch, and by the time this reaches you the Faculty itself should be through. The implementation of it will, of course, have to be done by voluntary labour, and as I have many offers of help I am optimistic that our Churchyard will eventually be one of which the whole village can be proud. I am sure that its present condition loses us many marks in the Best-Kept Village Competition.

The new Church shed erected by Major Tofield is a great improvement, having much more floor space, a concrete floor and easier access. I have had several offers of help with the mowing, and once the ground is prepared this should not be the problem it has been in the past. This new shed stands on the site of a former cottage which used to belong to the church. It is at the foot of what used to be called The Mount, on the top of which was another cottage which housed the Curate, when there was one. The cottage was later enlarged to become the Vicarage, and later still became Hill House.

Yours sincerely

M. J. Lawrence

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CHURCH SERVICES, MARCH 1969

Mar. 2 LENT II. H.C. 8.0. Family
H.C. 9.30. Evensong 6.0

9th. LENT III. H.C. 8.0. Mattins
11.0. Evensong 6.0.

16th. LENT IV (MOTHERING SUNDAY). H
H.C. 8.0. Mattins 11.0. Special
Mothering Sunday Service 3.0.
Evensong 6.0.

23rd LENT V (PASSION SUNDAY). H.C.
8.0. Mattins 11.0. Evensong 6.0

25th ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V.M.
H.C. 10.0

30th LENT VI (PALM SUNDAY). H.C.
8.0. Mattins 11.0 Evensong 6.0

April 14 GOOD FRIDAY Morning Service
10.0

April 6 EASTER DAY. H.C. 8.0. Family
H.C. 9.30. Evensong 6.0

SERVERS' ROTA, MARCH

2nd V. Reddick (8.0) L. Ellis (9.30)

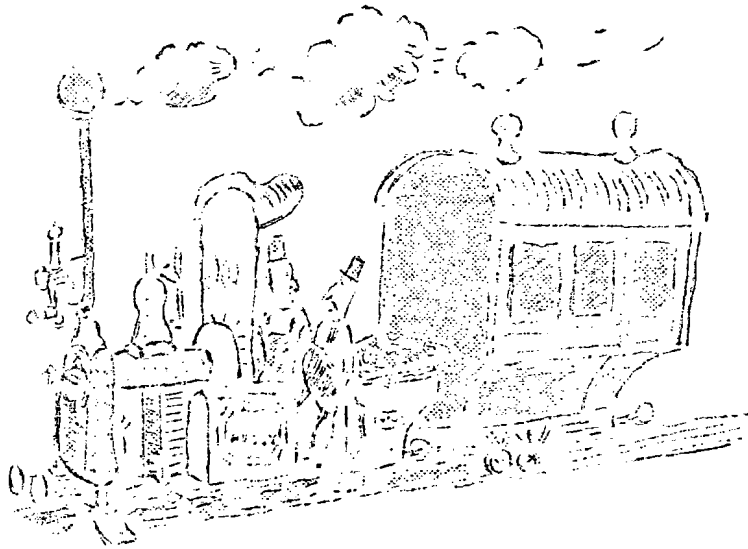
9th J. England 16th D. Cherrie

23rd N. Lawrence 30th M. Bird

Apr. 6th H. Lawrence (8.0) J. Coppock
(9.30)

HOLY MATRIMONY

15th February. David Gerald May
and Josephine Lesley Huntley



OUR VISIT TO SWINDON

It was a bright sunny morning in November when three boys with Mr Baillie and seven boys with Mr Hill set off to visit the Swindon Railway Museum.

On the way we saw some road works at Ogbourne.

We were royally entertained in Swindon by Mr and Mrs Robinson; we had dinner at their house. After dinner we went into Mr Robinson's workshop where we saw some of the engines which he had made. We saw a model of a train that worked by battery — we only had to press a button and the wheels went round. Then we got back into the cars and went to the Museum.

First of all we saw some carriage handles. Then we saw the engines called the Lode Star, the City of Truro and the North Star. There were two other engines there but they were not named. After looking at the engines we bought pink platform

tickets.

Then we went into Brunel's room where there were pictures of bridges designed by him and a model of a bridge. There was also a machine which helped Brunel to calculate the height of water which came into the River Severn when the tide came in.

After looking round we went upstairs where we saw a device for stopping trains. Then we looked at 144 kinds of crests which were used by old Railways Companies.

We looked at a model engine which would really work because it had just the same things as a real engine would have had. This engine was made by Mr Robinson. Then we had a look at three brass whistles in a glass case.

We all went back downstairs and on the wall we saw the Great Western Railway crest. We bought souvenirs, badges, kits, pictures and tickets.

We returned to Enford at about 4.0 o'clock after a very enjoyable day

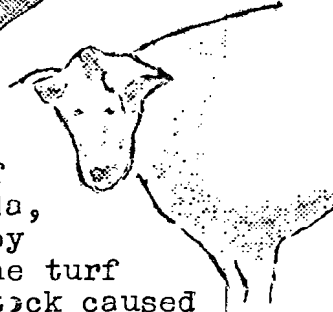
D.Baillie
D.Wilson

HONOURS LIST

We congratulate Mr John Waight on having been named President-Elect of the Wiltshire Friesian Breeders Club.



U.C.N.W



The sudden appearance of the head of a giant panda, measuring some 55 feet by 40 feet, carved out of the turf on a hillside at Laverstock caused lively interest in the press and on television recently; the initials U.C.N.W carved nearby also aroused much speculation, ranging from "The Urchfont Campaign for Nuclear Warfare" to the Upavon Club for Nasty Women.

The real explanation is much simpler and since a noted resident of Enford was among the "carvers", we feel that this can be ranked as local news.

U.C.N.W. stands for the University College of North Wales and this exploit was by way of publicity for their Reg Week, the keynote of which was "Pandemonium"... hence the panda.

The operation was magnificently organised. One visit to stake it out carefully - no mean feat in itself - followed by a co-ordinated "dig", with the creditable result that we all saw in our papers or on the television screen. A much better

representation, we must admit, than our artist's hasty impression of it.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF ENFORD (27)

Heraldry (iii)

"Serendipity" is described in the dictionary as the faculty of making happy chance finds. The word was coined from a fairy story "The Princes of Serendip" whose heroes were always making discoveries by accident or sagacity of things they were not in quest of. I mention it because it is the only word which describes a lucky find in the County Record Office at Trowbridge recently. In the History Notes in the February Newsletter we referred to the hatchment on the north wall of the nave as something of a mystery. I am delighted to say that it is no longer mysterious. It commemorates the death of Hugh Grove of Chisenbury Priory, the son of John and Mary Grove whose hatchments also hang in our church.

This Hugh (grandson of the Colonel Hugh Grove who was executed by Cromwell at Exeter), married in 1721 Anne, daughter of Edward Naish, gentleman, of Bristol. This fact, hitherto unknown to us, came to light by serendipity. In searching for something quite different, one of the first documents we examined was Edward Naish's settlement on his daughter on the occasion of her marriage to Hugh. It consisted of two farms, one at Milton Lilbourne and the other at Sedgehill.

The printed pedigree of the Grove family

gives as the name of Hugh's wife "...
Noyes", which, it must be admitted, is most
misleading.

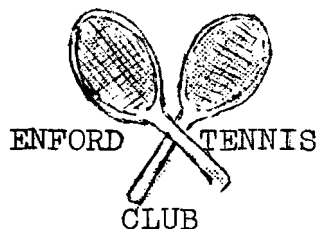
As we intimated in the last article, the
artist has not depicted the arms of
Naish correctly. The greyhounds should
be running, not walking:

and the charges on the chevron
should be "sprigs of ash" not
whole trees.



But we are most relieved to have been ab
able to solve this puzzle, and pleased
that our guess should have been so near
the truth.

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WE WELCOME YOU TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AT ENFORD HOUSE ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 4th AT 8 O'CLOCK
LET'S HAVE SOME NEW BLOOD!!

VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL CHURCH

MEETING, January 29th 1969

At the Annual Vestry meeting the Vicar paid tribute to Mr Burnand who had had to relinquish the office of Churchwarden last September on his departure for Australia. Mr L.Hill had come to our rescue and kindly filled the vacant post for the remainder of the year. We would have wished that he could continue for another spell as People's Warden but as he is now resident in Salisbury this would have been difficult. We would like to place on record the debt which the Church in Enford owes him over the years in ways too numerous to mention, and we hope that we will still help us as far as he can. Mr R.A.Baillie was elected as People's Warden and Mr T.J.Crook was re-elected as Vicar's Warden.

At the Church Meeting which followed, the resignations of Mr Eyres and Mrs Maddocks were accepted with regret. Both have done the Church great service, and will, I am sure continue to do so. Mr Eyres has served on the P.C.C. for twenty years, during several of which he was Churchwarden. With these exceptions the P.C.C. was re-elected, with the addition of Mr B.Wyatt. Mr Baillie kindly agreed to act as Minutes Secretary and Mr D.H.Cross was re-elected Treasurer. Mr Cross presented the accounts for the past year, which were approved. The funds have already benefited (as was to be expected) from the Envelope

Scheme and from Covenants and we ended the year with a more satisfactory balance, which, I am afraid will be eaten up by the next stage of urgent repairs. The accounts are given on page 18

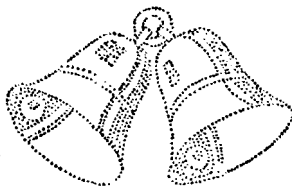
BELLRINGERS' MEETING 30 Jan. 1969

The Enford Ringers held their annual meeting in Church on Thursday, January 30th.

After a mention of the bands who had rung in our Tower during the year, the Vicar again congratulated the Enford band on winning the Salisbury District Striking Competition at Broadchalke.

Mr R. Wilson was re-elected Tower Captain, Mr I. Behan as Steeple Keeper and Mr A. Goodship as Treasurer. Mr Goodship presented the accounts for 1968 which showed a most satisfactory balance. A discussion followed on the disposal of part of the accumulated funds.

The Salisbury Branch of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers will hold their next meeting at Enford on May 24th when the Striking Competition will again be held. We wish our band the same success on this occasion as they achieved last year



of SILBURY HILL

In days old (so the story goes), the men of Devizes were renowned for their fighting powers. Marlborough unwisely scoffed at this and was given a most thorough castigation. Wishing revenge, Marlborough sent to Hades, and Old Nick, when told, said he would obliterate Devizes by dropping a huge hill on the town. But St John heard of this and warned Devizes. The oldest man who could tell a fib was sent to meet Old Nick. He carried old shoes and clothes in a bag on his back and was instructed to ask Nick the time. They met near Beckhampton, when Nick was tired and wishing his load elsewhere. A surly, ungracious Nick was asked the time and in return asked how far was Devizes and if he could reach it that night. The old man answered that it was impossible since he had started from Devizes when he was a lad and had worn out all the old clothes in the bag and had bought over 200 pairs of boots; so saying he emptied them out on to the road to prove it. Old Nick wouldn't believe him at first but the old man stuck to his story so well that Nick was fooled and flung the hill down where it now is. Thus was Devizes saved.

We cannot vouch for the accuracy of this story, but we do believe that it is the largest tumulus in Europe — 125 feet high, 2,027 feet diameter at the base, 103 at the top, and covers 5 acres of ground.

We also know that the wind blows cold on the top in winter!

CRICKET CLUB

In spite of our appeals the Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club was poorly attended.

The Treasurer presented the accounts which showed a balance in hand of over £27. He pointed out that though this sounds a healthy state of affairs, the fact is that the turnover is not nearly large enough, and more money should be raised and more spent. There is quite a lot of talent in Enford, and those who turned out to play last summer, on the few occasions when weather permitted, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. But if they are to continue to enjoy themselves they must be prepared to take their share in raising funds, in helping with the work on the pitch, and in running their Club. There is no difficulty in arranging fixtures, but this is not much use if we have not a reasonable pitch for them to play on. We therefore need the enthusiastic support of a body of potential players who do not require a vast deal of running around to find them.

The season will open on May 11th with a practice match, for which we shall have to find two sides. In the belief that this can be done, and some thoroughly enjoyable cricket arranged for the summer months, the Club is pressing ahead with plans to acquire a mower and roller and other much-needed gear. Mr Coppock was re-elected Chairman and Captain, Graham Goodship as Vice-Captain and Mr C. Ford as Vice-Chairman. Mr F. Goodship was elected Hon. Secretary and the Vicar was re-elected Treasurer.

FOOTBALL CLUB

There is not much football news this month, as the weather in Wiltshire, as everywhere else in the country, has been having a good nibble at the fixtures. We have now learned that we shall be at home to the Durrington Dynamos in the quarter-final of the Charity Cup. Our match at Whiteparish on February 8th was frozen off, and we had no game on the 15th. Just as we write this we are due to play Radnor Hall at home, but the snow is still with us.

We have now only one player still unfit to play — Richard Everitt — and it is hoped that he too will soon be back. We are equal third in our Division of the League, after the shock defeat of the previous leaders last week, and this gives us an even better chance of finishing in the first three now. Most of the lads turned out in a friendly match against Bishop' Cannings the other week. It helps to keep the players fit, and in fact we had a most enjoyable game. Our thanks to Mr Clem Ford for kindly refereeing this game, which we won 8 - 0. Once and for all our good friend Derek Ford proved that he does not have to be standing on the goal line to score all his goals!

The Pontoon has been won by Mrs D. Abrahamowicz of Grant's Road; B. Thickett and C. Pearse had the highest score, and Gloria Goodship and Paul Glover shared the prize for the lowest score

(We wish a speedy recovery from his present indisposition to our faithful Football Correspondent, Fred Goodship)

YOUTH CLUB

Towards the end of January five of our lads were engaged in the U.A.Y.C. five-a-side Football Tournament sponsored by Coca Cola, our section of which was held in the Gymnasium at Bulford Camp.

Last year, you may recollect, Enford won this event, but unfortunately did not fare quite so well this year, losing in the semi-finals. However, this is no reflection on our team's capabilities as this year the tournament was run on a league basis.

On the 24th the team went to Bulford to play in their section against Atworth and Corsham, both strong sides from Swindon. We beat Corsham 3 - 0 and then had only to draw with Atworth to qualify for the semi-final, while Atworth had to win outright to qualify. Within two minutes we were two goals down and facing defeat, but with grit and determination the team fought back to draw level, and held on to qualify. On the 31st we went to Bulford again and played in the semi-finals against Durrington and Highworth. Highworth beat Durrington by 2 - 0, and when we played Durrington we beat them 4 - 0. Accordingly we had only to draw with Highworth to qualify for the final. Unfortunately we lost by a single goal a minute from time, and so our hopes of a double were dashed.

The Enford team was:- Derek Ford, Willie Plank, Rodney Hatcher, David Cherrie and Graham Goodship. Mr Clem Ford went with the team, along with a handful of supporters to cheer them on.

Last week some of our members joined

forces with some members of Pewsey Youth Club on a sponsored walk to Tidworth and back (from Pewsey). I feel sure that if it is possible many of our members would like to do another walk as we did last year; or even another run like the one we did a year ago.

G.G.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

About twenty members attended the February meeting of the W.I.

Mrs Ridgeway of Figheldean gave a most interesting talk on "A Day in the Life of a Health Visitor". She was thanked by Mrs Young.

Our Old Folks' Party will be held on March 21st. Members will be visiting the old folks to make arrangements for transport to the party.

A trip to Messrs Wills's factory has been arranged for April 14th and a Garden Fete will be held in July.

A competition for Cheese Scones was judged by Mrs Ridgeway, and the winners were Mrs Rowland, Mrs Darke and Mrs J. Young. Another competition was won by Mrs Behan.

The Tea Hostesses were Mrs Crabbe and Mrs Teagle

ALL SAINTS, CHURCH, ENFORD

Statement of income & expenditure for
the year ending 31st December 1968

INCOME

Balance on 1.1.68	4.13. 0
Almsbox	21. 7. 8
Collections	288.15. 0
Covenants 195.10. 0	
Pledges 24.16. 3	219. 6. 3
Grants towards repairs	364. 0. 0
Fees	6. 6. 6
Donations	80. 8. 0
Interest on deposits	24. 8. 6
Transfer from Deposit Acc.	220. 0. 0
Fete	125. 9. 4
Prepaid covenants	325. 0. 0
Chancel Insurance repay ^t	8.15. 8
Miscellaneous	11.10. 8
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TOTAL	1711. 0. 7

EXPENDITURE

Vicar, expenses of office	120. 0. 0
Cleaning	18. 9.11
Music & Organ	35.10. 0
Repairs	587.12. 4
Electricity	39. 5. 4
Insurance	64. 7. 1
S.P.C.K.	11. 8. 7
Diocesan Quota	75. 0. 0
Special collections	34.13. 0
Transferred to Deposit Acc.	325. 0. 0
Miscellaneous	26. 2. 8
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Total expenditure	1337. 8.11
Balance 31.12.68	373.11. 8
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TOTAL	1711. 0. 7

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mar.1 Enford F.C.v. R.A.F.Upavon,away
- 2. Youth Club 3.0
- 3. Junior Youth Club 6.0. W.I.
Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30
- 4. Tennis Club meeting,Enford House
8.0
- 6. County Library Van 10.25. Village
Hall Committee 7.30.
- 7. Over 60s Club 3.0. Youth Club 7.0
- 8. Enford F.C. v.School of Artillery
(home)
- 9. Youth Club 3.0
- 10. Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30.
- 11. W.I.meeting
- 12. F.C.Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30
- 14. Youth Club 7.0
- 15. Enford F.C. v. Victoria Casuals
(away)
- 16. Youth Club 3.0
- 17. Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30
- 19. P.C.C. meeting,Village Hall 7.30
- 20. County Library Van 10.25
- 21. W.I.Old Folks'Party. Youth Club
7.0. Youth Club Management Com-
mittee 7.30.
- 22. Enford F.C. v. West Dean (home)
- 23. Youth Club 3.0
- 24. Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30
- 26. F.C.Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30
- 28. Youth Club 7.0
- 29. Enford F.C. v. Whiteparish (home)
- 30. Youth Club 3.0
- 31. Junior Youth Club 6.0. Young
Club Bingo,Parish Hall 7.30

CHISENBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Avon Valley Women's Own

At the commencement of our meeting we stood in silence to the memory of one of our oldest members, Miss Elizabeth Spencer of Upavon.

The Vicar of Enford, the Rev. N. A. H. Lawrance was the Speaker.

It is good to get new members at our meetings - almost every month someone fresh arrives, which is most encouraging.

Our next meeting will be at Figheldean on Wednesday, March 5th at 2.30.

Preachers for March

	2.30	6.0
2nd	Rev W. Leedham	P. W. Bailey
9th	S. S.	G. R. Smith
16th	S. S.	Miss Hinxman
23rd	S. S.	W. W. Francis
30th	S. S.	FILM

