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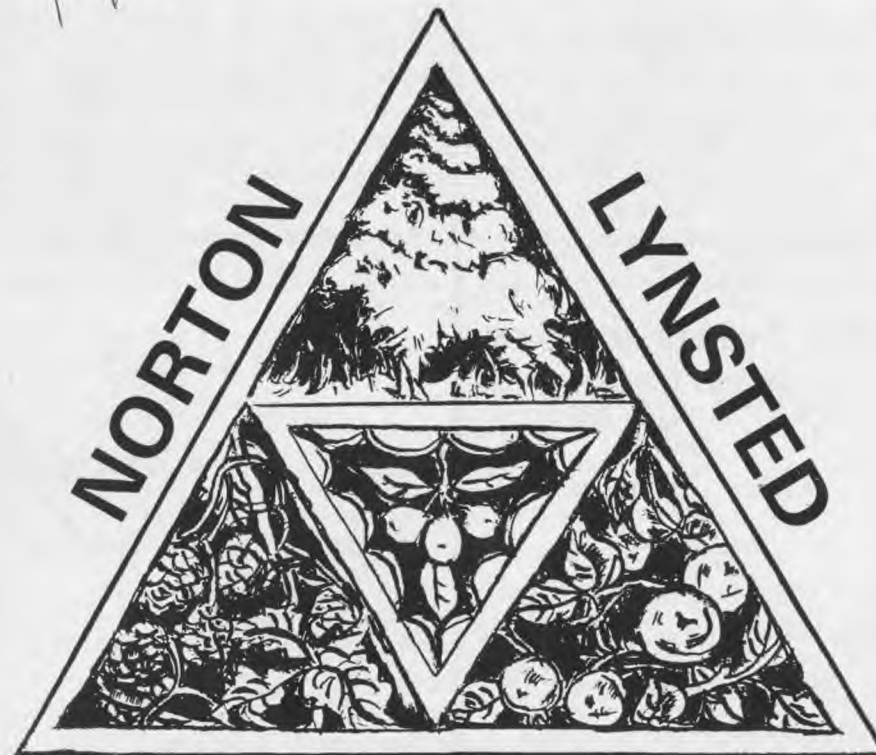
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The Vicarage,
Lynsted.

I am writing this on Boxing Day after the main rush of Christmas is over. Pat and I have been deeply touched this year by everyone's kindness. Never have we had so many cards, so many gifts and so many good wishes. I hope that we have thanked everyone. If we have missed anybody it is not deliberate and to you all we can only say a very humble and grateful 'Thank-you'. This has, for us, been a sad year but we have been supported by people's kindness and we look forward to 1978. To you all our love and best wishes for the New Year.

God bless you all

B.M.H.77

P.S. We have had trouble this month - the duplicator broke down and is out of action. Emergency plans had to be made and so this issue may be a little late. Our apologies. Christmas seems to be a season of breakdowns. My tyre on Christmas Eve, followed by my gearbox, then the typewriter and now the duplicator! That's life!

LYNSTED CAROL SERVICE

Lynsted held its carol service on the Sunday before Christmas. We departed from tradition this year by incorporating some action. The theme was the Coming of the Light into the world, and with the aid of the young people of the village we tried to symbolise the idea of light. From the opening procession of lighted lanterns to the final procession the children were a great success. Our thanks are due to Miss Easton and Jeanne for their help. Miss Easton started the idea going and worked hard to make it the success it was.

KINGSDOWN CAROL SERVICE

Kingsdown's service was before Christmas and took its usual form of lessons, carols, poems and music. As our instrument has broken down and emits wheezes instead of notes we borrowed an electronic organ which provided the music. The young people's recorders made a happy contrast.

Afterwards the congregation adjourned to the Church Oast where as usual Mr. & Mrs. Crabtree made everyone welcome. Our annual thanks to them for their kindness.

LYNSTED CHURCH PATH

Lynsted's church path has been a problem recently. The surface is covered with mud and leaves and it is very dangerous. Several people have slipped and one at least had a nasty fall. Brian Howard has taken the matter in hand and we now have a very nice gravel path. This has improved the appearance no end and has also made the approach to the church safe. Brian - very many thanks from us all.

SCHOOL CAROLS

LYNSTED

The children of Lynsted School together with parents gathered in the school hall on the last day of term to sing carols. This is an annual event which rounds off the term before breaking-up. In the evening the young people and some parents toured the village singing carols as they went. From comments that we have heard this was much appreciated and people hope that it will become an annual event. Our thanks to Ron Harwood and the children.

An account of the school's Christmas Service will be found elsewhere in the issue.

NORTON

Norton School was prevented from having its carol service in church this year and so the service took place in school. The Electricity company proposed to charge us over £20 for making the heating available in church. It was felt that this was too much money and because it meant the children sitting in a cold church during the service it was decided to move to the school instead. This was a great pity and we all regret it. Next year we will do our best to make other arrangements so that we can hold the service in church.

On the evening of the 14th the children joined with others to sing carols around the village. Wendy Waters writes - We would like to thank all who gave so generously to our carol singing evening on December 14th, and say that the sum of £15.52p was raised. £5 of this was sent to Bensted House and the rest will be used for the benefit of the children in Norton School. We must mention that it was grand to have so many of the 'big' boys and girls join us: It was generous of them to give their time and voices.

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- Village Hall Committee, Norton**—Mrs. McKillop, Little Russet, Norton (Tel.: Teynham 479).
- Youth Club, Greenstreet Methodist**—Mr. Bray, 50 Station Road, (Tel.: Teynham 308).

SECRETARIES, ETC., OF LOCAL CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (Corrections & Additions)

CORRECTIONS

- British Legion, Ladies' Section:** The Secretary's name should read Mrs L. Rowles.
- Teynham Strikers Ladies' Football Club:** The Secretary, Miss Matson's address should read 36, London Road.
- Lynsted & Teynham Women's Institute:** The new Secretary is Mrs K. Brown, 11, Rivers Road, Teynham. (Tel. Teynham 389)

ADDITIONS

- Barbary Nursery School** - Mrs M. L. Lacamp, Barbary Farm House, Norton. (Tel. Teynham 470)
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- J. WYLES, INSURANCE: Add "Teynham 416 after hours".
- B. M. HOWARD, BUILDING CONTRACTOR: Delete "Teynham 416 after hours".
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They do say that 'When the Police look young, you are getting old'. This could well be true, because your correspondent inadvertently referred to the Young Folk of Norton who worked so hard painting and decorating the Village Hall as children. Sorry about that but perhaps now that I have some new glasses, I'll see things in a different light. Are there any carpenters listening? We have two doors to be swapped-over and one of these to be converted into a 'stable-door' serving hatch. The key can be collected from Jim Wood, 1 Church View.

THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY PARTY was a grand success - the evening went with a swing thanks largely to the MC'ing of Mrs Mary Andrews. The Committee would like to thank all who donated items towards what must now be surely an annual event. A total profit of £54 was realised and this will be spent on kitchen equipment. One thing did mar the evening however. A child's anorak hanging in the cloakroom was torn and burnt with a lighted cigarette. The organisers are hoping that the owner will allow them to make the loss good. Also a ladies black glove was picked up. It can be collected from 1, Church View. Next Village Hall meeting January 11th.

Jim Wood.

NEWS TRAVELS

We asked how far this Newsletter gets around. We had a letter this month from Mrs Audrey Home of Ramsgate who receives a copy each month via her cousin. She passes it on to Canon Williams who was a curate at Teynham and who now lives in Ashford. Mr Home was a dental surgeon in Teynham and no doubt our older readers will remember him. During the war he often helped out by playing the organ in Lynsted Church especially after the bomb damage. Can anyone else produce a much-travelled Newsletter?

WEIGHT LIFTING

We mentioned Allan Daynes's weightlifting classes a few months ago and we saw the practical value of them recently. When the Hugesson Memorial was being restored it became necessary to move an iron box which stood alongside it. Maurice Keevel and I tried to lift it between us but gave up the attempt! I then had an inspiration and called on Allan for help. He arrived, surveyed the box, asked where it was to go and lifted it, carried it across the chapel and lowered it gently into its new place. Maurice and I watched with admiration. To Allan it is commonplace to lift several hundred weight. To us lesser mortals it was a minor miracle. Many thanks Allan. Anyone else like to try their hand at it?

SCHOOL PARTIES

Both Lynsted and Norton held their school parties on the 19th December. A considerable amount of food was consumed and to use the time honoured phrase 'a good time was had by all'. As is the custom the pupils who left Norton last Summer were presented with bibles given by the Managers. This year Paul Beale, Mark Brander, Martin Holmes and David Henwood received their Bibles.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

On December 23rd the plaque in memory of Sir Harold McMichael and his family was dedicated in Norton Church. The lesson was read by Lord Aldington and members of the family had come from considerable distances to be present. It was nice to see many people from the village present to pay their tribute to Sir Harold who had lived at Nauds for many years.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We were pleased to see a good number of people at the various Christmas services. What was especially welcome was the sight of people in churches other than the ones they usually attend. For example we saw Kingsdown and Lynsted people * at Norton and Lynsted people at Kingsdown. I wish that this would happen more often. We do tend to keep ourselves very much to ourselves. It would be a nice thing occasionally for us all to meet at another church. We are, after all, members of the Christian family and it would be nice to worship as one.

KINGSDOWN SERVICES

During the winter there will be a slight change in our services at Kingsdown Church. In future until Easter, services will be 1st Sunday in the month - Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

3rd Sunday in the month - Family Service at 3 p.m.

THE NEWSLETTER

People have been asking us how we manage to distribute the Newsletter free of charge. Thanks to our advertisers we hoped to break more or less even for the first year. Unfortunately the cost of additional sheets have made it possible that we will go into the red. Several people have suggested a small charge to cover the cost. We do not want to do this and will make no charge for it. However, if anyone feels like making a contribution towards the cost we would not say no!

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will notice some additional pages amending some of the information already printed and providing some new details we have been asked for. Once again we are indebted to the advertisers for making this possible.

from the Assistant Editor

Last month our thanks were given, albeit anonymously, to B..... who kindly types out the newsletter for us; I think it is time, too, that we expressed our thanks to the Editor whose brainchild it all was and who as he signs page one each month will have difficulty in remaining anonymous. He drafts the bulk of the copy for each issue and struggles with a duplicator, which has a mind of its own, to run-off around 4,000 sides of print each month. Also most months he is involved in the collating, stapling, etc. referred to in the last issue and I make a further plea for help in this direction.*

-RUBBISH !! (Ed.)

* Help has been forthcoming. In future the Newsletter will be assembled alternately in Norton and Lynsted.

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(Corrections & Additions)

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DEATH

Ronald Spicer of London Road died early this month. Our love and sympathy to his family from us all. May he rest in peace.

GREAT SORROW

We at Norton have been shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Terry Harman. He was in church as usual on Sunday morning and flew off to New York the following day. He collapsed and died a few hours after his arrival in the U.S.A. We will miss him very much and to Helene and her family can only send our love and sympathy in their great loss. May he rest in peace.

LYNSTED CHURCH PARCELS

There was a pleasant variation in our Christmas parcels this year. George and Gladys Macey gave a chicken and sausage meat to pensioners in the village. They are celebrating their Golden Wedding over Christmas and this was a way of showing their joy. The vicar did the transport and he can assure George and Gladys that their gesture was much appreciated. In addition about twenty people received parcels from the church.

We will all be thinking of George and Gladys on Boxing Day which is the actual anniversary. Congratulations and all best wishes for the future from us all.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We have always said that this Newsletter is for everyone. We do not want it to become 'churchy' that is we do not want it to contain only news of church activities. This publication is for everyone and therefore we want to include as much local news and gossip as possible. To do this we need help. So may we ask everyone who has some item of news to let us have it. Secretaries of societies etc. please let us have any items of interest, dates of future meetings, reports, etc. As far as possible we will print them all.

NORTON CHURCH ROOF

Norton church lost a considerable number of tiles in the gales at the beginning of the month. The builder replaced about 100 of them only to have them blown off again in the gale at Christmas. We are waiting for them to come to replace them once more.

At its last meeting the Norton P.C.C. began considering what needed to be restored. We will be drawing up a plan of work to be done and details will be announced later. We are happy to say that the church is on the whole in good repair but there are several things which need doing and we will be getting on with them as time and money allow.

Some of the damage following the break-in has been repaired but we are waiting for the experts to deal with the broken leaded window.

By the way, Norton and Buckland P.C. still have a number of Jubilee Crowns unclaimed. Norton children who still have certificates should call and exchange them for Crowns at Lion Yard, Lewson Street, as soon as possible.

DATES FOR JANUARY

1st	Kingsdown	Holy Communion	9 a.m.
	Lynsted	Sung Eucharist	10 a.m.
	Norton	Mattins	11.30 a.m.
		CAROL SERVICE	6.30 p.m.
3rd	Mothers Union	7.30 p.m.	Vicarage
6th	Epiphany	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. Lynsted
8th	Norton	Holy Communion	9 a.m.
	Lynsted	Sung Eucharist	10 a.m.
10th	Lynsted Parish Council		
11th	Lynsted, Kingsdown and Norton. Joint meeting of the P.C.C.s. 8 p.m. Vicarage		
15th	Lynsted	Holy Communion	8 a.m.
		Sung Eucharist	10 a.m.
	Norton	Holy Communion	11.30 a.m.
	Kingsdown	Family Service	3 p.m.
22nd	Norton	Holy Communion	9 a.m.
	Lynsted	Sung Eucharist	10 a.m.
	Norton	Evensong	6.30 p.m.
27th	Curry Party at Bumpitt		
29th	Lynsted	Sung Eucharist	10 a.m.
	Norton	Holy Communion	11.30 a.m.

NOTE: The date of the Mothers Union Christmas Party to be announced.

COUNCIL NEWS

There have been no meetings of the various Parish Councils this month so we have no reports. We will be including reports on proceedings in our next issue after each has held its next meeting.

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