

JUNE, 1954

# MARSTON NEWS

The News-Letter of St. Nicholas Church, Marston, Oxford.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR.

My dear Friends,

The Church Fête is now an annual event to which all who live in Old Marston look forward. The newcomers to the Parish find that the oldest and newest inhabitants enjoy working together side by side. This "old-time Village Fête" is "for the people by the people." We wish to give a lead in providing plenty of good clean games and fun, money's worth in goods, and scope for raising money in a straightforward and worthy way. It is a "team effort" in which we hope every family in the Parish will in some way be represented. This year we have a special need; to find £350 for the installation of a new heating system into the Church. This year our Fête has a special privilege, of welcoming the **Duchess of Marlborough** to open our Fête. Will you please help to make this a record year?

Your friend and Vicar,

*Gordon Savage*

## THE CHURCH FETE, SATURDAY, JULY 3rd

**Place:** The Orchard, Old Marston (20 Oxford Road, next to the Reading Room).

**Time:** To be opened at 2.30 by Her Grace the **DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH**.

### GRAND FANCY DRESS PARADE (details below)

**COMPETITIONS AND GAMES FOR YOUNG AND OLD**  
(Games include Aunt Sally, Darts, Skittles, Quoits, Hoop-la and such like.  
Prizes for highest scores.)

**GIFTS : PRODUCE : HOUSEHOLD GOODS : TOYS**  
**WHITE ELEPHANTS AND JUMBLE : SCHOOLWEAR**  
**PONY RIDES : REFRESHMENTS : TEAS : ICES**

Admission : 6d. (Children under 14 : 3d.)

### 2.45 p.m. FANCY DRESS PARADE FOR CHILDREN

Entry fee : 6d. (including admission to Fête). Please use Entry Form obtainable from Mr. Oliver's, or Mrs. Sprittles (113 Oxford Road), or the Vicar. Entries to be made by July 1st, though some late entries may be received on the day. There will be three prizes for each class (10/-, 5/- and 3/-) and a number of consolation prizes. **All Dresses to be made of paper.**

**Children's Class No. I :** Children of 3, 4 and 5 years ;

**Children's Class No. II :** Children of 6, 7, 8 and 9 years ;

**Children's Class No. III :** Children of 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 years ;

**Decorated Vehicles :** Children of 14 years of age or under (in fancy dress or not) with a decorated vehicle.

### 4 p.m. BABY COMPETITION

6 or 6.30 p.m. **DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES**

## "WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE CHURCH FETE?"

In response to enquiries about help which would be welcome, the following suggestions are made, in the hope that you will find just the way in which you would like to help. Any gifts may be sent to those named below to the Vicarage or to Mr. B. G. Oliver, or can be collected.

- (a) **SECONDHAND AND OUTGROWN CLOTHING, JUMBLE AND WHITE ELEPHANTS** : Everything will be welcome. Mrs. Barnsley, 13 Elsfield Road (Tel. 3579). **Everyone has some white elephants!**
- (b) **"EATS" AND REFRESHMENTS** : The Refreshments Committee is collecting Strawberries, Raspberries, Tinned Fruit, Grapes, Jellies, Synthetic Cream, Sandwich Fillings, Tea, Sugar, Small Cakes, Tinned Salmon. **Every little helps!** Send it to Miss Wood, Alan Court, 13 Mill Lane, after 8 p.m., or to Mrs. King, 100 Oxford Road.
- (c) **GIFT STALL AND TOYS** : Any articles suitable as gifts. Gifts, Mrs. Harlow, Fir Tree House, 14 Oxford Road (Tel. 3872), or to Mrs. Davies, Orchard Cottage. Toys, Mr. Cattermole, c/o Mr. B. G. Oliver, Marston Road P.O.
- (d) **HOME-MADE CAKES AND SWEETS** : Mrs. Marsh, The Close, 33 Oxford Road, or Mrs. Savage, The Vicarage.
- (e) **GARDEN PRODUCE AND HOUSEHOLD STALLS** : Any items welcome. Garden Produce, Mrs. R. Haynes, Cross Farm, 2 Oxford Road (Tel. 4570). Household, Mrs. Kath. Ward, 22 Oxford Road.
- (f) **HELP IN PERSON** with the preparation of The Orchard, at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 28th, Thursday, July 1, Friday, July 2nd. **The help of many men is needed.**
- (g) **GIFTS IN KIND OR CASH** for Prizes at the Fancy Dress Competition and Stalls (10/-, 5/-, 3/-).
- (h) **CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH** towards any of the above. Please expect a receipt from the Vicar or Mr. Oliver for all money given.

"Why ever didn't you tell me : I should have loved to help" is what someone always says each year when the Fete is over. This note is to make it plain that the help of everyone is welcome, and that there is no need to wait for a personal invitation to take part. There are occasions provided on which you can offer help, or you can mention your readiness to do something to Mr. Oliver or to the Vicar at any time. There are three main ways in which help can be given (i) by making or giving something, or turning out jumble for the Fete, (ii) by giving help in person in preparation for the day and on the day, (iii) by giving money or a gift as one of the many prizes needed. If you are going to be away, you can still send along what you might have spent had you been present, and certainly we can all give of our prayer, thought and good wishes for the success of the day. That is why on **Sunday Evening, June 27**, at the 6.30 Service we shall specially dedicate our efforts and humbly seek God's help. We hope all helpers at the Fete will endeavour to be present.

**Fete Committee.** Mr. B. G. Oliver is Chairman of the Fete Committee, and Mr. F. W. Cattermole is Treasurer. Miss Wood is assisted by a sub-committee of ladies for the provision of teas. Mr. A. Gammon is in charge of the preparation of the Orchard and will value the help of men.

The Laying of the Foundation Stone of the new St. Michael's Church, New Marston will be on the same afternoon as the Fete. It seems that every year, despite the long notice we give, other functions are bound to take place on the same day, and normally this does not matter overmuch. But this important day in the life of Old Marston's big daughter parish is one which specially interests us, so when we learned that July 3 was the only date which they could manage we conferred in case it was thought desirable to make some change. However, as both parishes understand and appreciate the reason for this unavoidable double event, it was felt best to go ahead with the plans already made. There will certainly be no lessening of our prayer and interest for New Marston Church on that great day.

#### ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, MARSTON.

**Vicar :** The Rev. Gordon D. Savage, M.A. (Proctor in Convocation), Marston Vicarage, Oxford. Tel. Oxford 47034. (The Vicarage is 11 Elsfield Road, and the Vicar may usually be seen at the Church or Vicarage on Fridays, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., Saturdays 10 to 11 a.m., or after any Service.)

**Churchwardens :** Professor V. T. Harlow, C.M.G., D.LITT., Fir Tree House, Oxford Road ; Mr. B. G. Oliver, Marston Road Post Office, 463 Marston Road, New Marston.

#### DIARY FOR JUNE.

6. **S. Whitsun Day.** 8.15, H.C. ; 11, M.P. ; 12, H.C. ; 3, Family Service ; 6.30, E.P.
  7. **M.** Monday in Whitsun week.
  8. **Tu.** Tuesday in Whitsun week. 2.30, Whitsun Farthings Service in Cathedral.
  11. **F.** St. Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr. 11.30, H.C. ; 6.45 to 7, M.U. Wave of Prayer ; 7, Fête Meeting ; 8, Y.W.G. Committee.
  12. **S.** 3.30, Diocesan Youth Festival (Cathedral).
  13. **S. Trinity Sunday.** 8.15, H.C. ; 11, M.P. and Litany ; 6.30, E.P. : 7.30, H.C.
  - 15.—18. Church Assembly (Westminster).
  20. **S. I Trinity.** 8.15, H.C. ; 11, M.P. ; 6.30, "Bring a Friend" E.P.
  21. **M.** 7.30, Cromwell Club Committee.
  22. **Tu.** 2.30, Mothers' Union Service (Church).
  23. **W.** Moral Welfare Meeting (Regents Park College). 7.45, Young Wives' Group (Vicarage).
  24. **Th.** Nativity of St. John Baptist.
  27. **S. II Trinity.** 8.15, H.C. (M.U. Corporate) ; 11, M.P. (Scouts and Cubs) ; 6.30, E.P., a Service of Preparation and Dedication.
  28. **M.** 7, Men's Working Party at Orchard.
  29. **Tu.** St. Peter, Apostle and Martyr. 10.30, H.C. ; 5.30, Cromwell Club to St. Michael's House.
  30. **W.** Diocesan Missionary Festival.
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  3. **S.** 2.30, Church Fete at The Orchard.
  4. **S. III Trinity.** A Day of Praise, Prayer and Gifts. 8.15, H.C. ; 11, M.P. ; 12, H.C. ; 3, Family Service on Recreation Ground ; 6.30, E.P.

**A Thought :** "It's not going to Church which is the most important thing. It's know what you are when you get there."—(Rev. Jim Wilson).

**A Verse to Treasure and to Ponder :** "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

**"Elevenses."** The sundry expenses connected with the Fete, for instance the provision of prizes, the hire of tables and printing, are kept to a minimum, and these expenses on the last two occasions have been less than £10. However, two good friends of our Church offered to make an effort on Easter Monday to cover these expenses in advance. Accordingly they ran "Elevenses" in the drive of Orchard Cottage, serving Coffee, providing a small "Bring and Buy" Stall, bunches of flowers and even a "Shoe-Shine" service, with the result that at the end of the morning £10 5s. had been raised. Thank you, Mrs. Bing and Mrs. Davies, and thank you to your helpers too!

**THANK YOU** to all who supported the collections for St. Dunstan's, the Red Cross, and "Bob-a-Job" week of the Scouts and Cubs. The Committees and Officers concerned ask that their thanks should be conveyed to all supporters. This year the Lenten Boxes for the Church contained £10 15s. 11d., compared with £9 17s. 5d. last year. This includes £2 3s. 6d. given by those who used Mr. Oliver's weighing machine during Lent. The number of Whitsun Farthings is not yet known. Last year was our first year in this effort for the work of the Diocese, and we exceeded our the Vicar's target of 3000 farthings by 424. This year the target is 4000 farthings, and we know that this will surely be reached for one girl alone (Cynthia Buckett) has saved each week since last Whitsun until now she has collected 3,120 farthings! Late news: Total collected was 6,888.

**CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD.** It has been most heartening to see the vast improvement in the appearance of the Churchyard as a result of the work of volunteers on their respective sections of the Churchyard. We can make good use of many more men who will undertake to give one hour a month on a specific section of the Churchyard.

**DIOCESAN EVENTS.** Please make a note of these dates:  
Sat., June 12th, Diocesan Youth Festival, at the Cathedral and Town Hall, 3.30 to 7 p.m.  
Sat., June 19th, Diocesan Readers' Annual Day.  
Wed., June 23rd, Council for Moral Welfare, at Regent's Park College, 3 p.m. (The Bishop of Oxford: "The Challenge to Christian Morality")  
Wed., June 30th, Diocesan Missionary Festival, at the Cathedral, Town Hall and City Churches, 11.15 to 8 p.m.  
Full details of these important events are posted in the Church porch from week to week.

**CHURCH ARMY WEEK-END.** The Church Army Crusaders are being sent off from Oxford Cathedral on Sunday, July 4th. They will tramp through the country, some to Hastings, others to Redcar, Bridlington, Lowestoft and such like coast towns. We are to have the privilege of a visit from three of them on Sunday afternoon, July 4th, and there will be a Service on the Recreation Ground at 3 p.m. On the Monday a column of seven sisters will come to Marston in the afternoon and stay the night with us. Who would care to have the privilege of offering a bed to a sister for the night of July 5th? Further details on request. The Oxford Churches are giving hospitality, food and beds, to between 70 and 80. We are too far out to provide hospitality over the week-end, but we could contribute towards the cost or give some food. Offers may be made to Mrs. Savage, who is attending the Oxford Hospitality Committee.