

Extracts from the Heacham Deanery Magazine

April, 1925

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA.

THE outstanding event of the past month was of course the Confirmation, which the Bishop of Norwich held in our Church on March 13th. There were, in all, 31 candidates, from Brancaster, Holme, Sedgeford, Stanhoe, Thornham and Titchwell. The whole service was most impressive, and will long linger in the memories of those whose privilege it was to be present. To us in Holme it was a special day, as we have no record of a Confirmation having ever been held in our Church, and we are very grateful to the Bishop for coming and for his helpful and sympathetic address. We have no special chair reserved for the Bishop when he comes to see us, but Mr. Nelson very kindly came to our rescue with the loan of one of his chairs, for which a cushion had been specially made for the occasion.

THE Members of the Mothers' Union held a Sale in the Institute on Saturday, March 21st. The result of the effort is the addition of upwards of £6 to their funds.

At the Monthly Devotional Meeting of the Mothers' Union the speaker was Mrs. Bettinson, of Lynn, whom we all hope to welcome here again.

At long last something is being done to remedy the state of our roads in Holme. We have been so accustomed to the presence of pot-holes everywhere, that the experience of having them filled up is for us, at least, almost unique.

At a meeting of Parish Electors the members of the previous Parish Council were all re-elected.

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BURIAL.

March 24th.—Susannah Whisson, aged 85 years.

Another link with the past has been broken by the passing of Mrs. Whisson at the ripe age of 85. The losing of our old friends has a sadness all its own, though we know it is ineritable. Her family have our fullest sympathy.

The arrangements for Holy Week and Easter Day will be notified by the usual card.

April 4th provides the Centenary of an event of far reaching importance in the history of this parish, for on that day was executed what is called the enclosure award. Till that date all the agricultural land in the parish lay in two great open fields called the East and West fields. These fields were sub-divided into furlongs, which in turn were sub-divided into many parcels and strips of land, which in turn were separated by strips of grass called Balks or Meres. The allotment field of the present day will give a fair idea of the appearance of the whole

parish. Such an arrangement naturally gave rise to endless strife and quarrels amongst neighbours, besides being wasteful of the land itself; so that the enclosure besides introducing a more economical system of culture brought with it a certain element of peace; appropriately enough the execution of the award was publicly proclaimed in Holme Church on April 8th, 1827.

The quarterly devotional meeting of the Mother's Union took place on March 16th when a most inspiring address on "Our Sisters over the Seas" was given by Mrs. Allnutt who is president of the M.U. for Norwich. We were very glad the members of the Old Hunstanton branch were able to join us.

On March 23rd our members went to Old Hunstanton by kind invitation of the M.U. members and a most helpful address was given by A. H. Hackney.

August, 1926

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA.

BAPTISM.

May 23—Laura Joy, daughter of Frederick Thomas and Laura Florence Smith.

MARRIAGE.

June 19—Percival Victor Crane, of King's Lynn, and Nora Edith Smallbone.

THE Mothers' Union Outing took place on June 9th, a party of about 30 all told making the journey by motor bus to Norwich, where a very enjoyable day was spent.

THE New Lightning Conductor has been erected, so we may now rest satisfied that all precautions possible for the safety of our Church have been taken. Our best thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Simms-Reeve and Mrs. Blyth and all who helped them in their undertaking.

We were fortunately able to utilize the tacking used for installing the Conductor for carrying out some minor—but necessary—repairs to the Church Tower, Mr. R. W. Callaby undertaking what appeared to the onlookers a somewhat hazardous ascent. No doubt there is room to spend a considerable sum of money on the Tower, but we have to be content with doing that which is most urgent. We hope to have a permanent record in picture form as Mr. Nelson was there with his camera.

We are now rejoicing in tarred roads through the greater part of the village; this must be an immense boon to those who live right on the road and in dry weather have been subjected to being smothered with clouds of dust.

November, 1927

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THE Harvest Festival was only held on Friday, October 14th. As in former years we have to thank all those who gave of their services and substance and it is gratifying to think that the usual standard of excellence was maintained. The attendance was as good as we could expect and it was a great pleasure to us all to have the Rural Dean, Canon Hayes, as our preacher for the occasion.

THE Mother's Union began the Winter Session with a Devotional Service in the Church on October 12th. We seem to have a fairly full programme ahead of us.

THE Members of the Bowling Club had a Dinner in the Institute on Saturday, October 22nd and according to reports there was a good muster present and a good deal of enjoyment.

THE Reading Room has re-opened and the members are presently to hold a Whist Drive and Dance for their Funds.

THERE are a good many changes here this Michaelmas, and while we regret to say good-bye to some we give a warm welcome to the newcomers.

THE Council Houses are rapidly approaching completion and have already been allotted.