

The Camp Meetings in connection with the Chapel were quite a sensational event in the quiet life of the village. These would be held on a suitable meadow when the weather was fine. Crowds would come from surrounding villages, and when word got round that so and so from a certain parish was coming to the meeting we would tell ourselves that we were in for a good time.

In the evenings they would hold what they called a 'Love Feast'. Everyone who wished could take part, and I found it of great interest to watch the attitudes of the different converts as they unfolded their feelings in public of how they came to be saved.

One of the 'Feasts' I have in mind was conducted by the fishermen from a neighbouring town. Never before had I seen such an array of jerseys. One of these fishermen had a striped shirt underneath his jersey, and I am not certain whether it was through pride in his garment or whether it was through nerves, but when ever he was on his feet speaking, he would roll up his jersey and then unroll it again after displaying a great deal of striped shirt. Another of them began by saying 'I could have preached you a rare sermon when I was walking over the golf links on my way to the meeting, but the bottom seems to have dropped out of the bag now'. To get the full effect of this sentence, one would have to hear it spoken in the local dialect, for instance the word 'sermon' sounded more like 'Sarinond'. This man got in a great muddle in trying to tell his audience of his experiences and convictions, as his opening sentence implies.

There was such a good muster of these men that they could not all get into the pulpit so they had to speak where they could find room to stand up. One of these bore the nickname 'Butcher' and I must say he looked like one, although he was a fisherman. I must describe his speech. I might have mentioned that this particular 'feast' was held in the Chapel on account of the weather and this 'Butcher' had been seated just in front of me. As soon as he rose in his pew to speak he gave himself full room for action, swinging his arms about wildly and shouting at the top of his voice. With each sentence he moved still further forward eventually forcing his way into the aisle. He looked very fierce, but seemed quite happy to relate his convictions in this manner.

After performing like this for a minute or so he felt fit to offer an apology for his lack of education, and shouted out at the top of his voice 'What matter if the words do come out arse-upwards!' No sooner had this been said than he calmed down and slunk back to his pew very much embarrassed.

When at the height of their oratory, speakers' movements were frequently a menace to those seated near them and you had to do some ducking if you sat in front of one of them, as my Uncle can testify. He came from the North and was not used to this kind of behaviour in Chapel, so instead of leaning forward in his seat when the man behind him got to his feet to speak, he remained seated upright, and it was not long before he received such a clout from the gesticulating man.

He said afterwards that the blow was entirely unexpected.

For more of Jimmy High's autobiography, see pp 156-162

THE METHODIST CHURCH SWAFFHAM CIRCUIT

PREACHERS' PLAN and DIRECTORY

OCT. 3rd to DEC. 26th 1971

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Deaconess :

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Methodist Church, Litcham, King's Lynn.

Supernumerary Minister :

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12 Pit Lane, Swaffham.

Circuit Stewards :

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MR. H. JOHN HARROWING

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Price - 5p

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

for the Quarter ended 31st August 1971

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Quarterages :		Circuit Staff :	
Swaffham	113.52	Stipends	507.50
Castleacre	38.28	Allowances	68.01
West Acre	22.85	Ministers' Retirement Fund	40.62
Sporle	70.00	General Assessment	28.25
Lt. Dunham	29.35	District Levy	4.95
Gt. Dunham	20.00	Manse Rent	25.00
Litcham	34.61	.. Rates	31.36
Tittleshall	14.00	.. Insurances	1.15
Beeston	11.70	.. Repairs	1.05
Weasenhams	14.00	Caravan Insurances	3.35
Rougham	35.00	Garage Rent	3.25
Gt. Massingham	26.10	Printing Plans	8.50
United Service Collection	7.37	Circuit Insurances	2.50
	436.78	Local Preachers Sub.	3.00
Home Mission Fund	56.25	Sundry Expenses	0.50
Stipend Equaln. Fund	17.19		728.99
Plan Sales	8.25	Deficit 31.5.71 b.fwd.	391.10
Market Fayre	402.00		
Bank Holiday Effort	28.98		
Deficit 31.8.71 c.fwd.	170.64		
	<u>£1120.09</u>		<u>£1120.09</u>

ROBIN ROBERSON
H. JOHN HARROWING
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} Circuit Stewards

PASTORAL LETTER

Methodist Manse,

SWAFFHAM.

September 1971.

Dear Friends,

Let me begin my first Pastoral Letter with a word of thanks. In the first place for all the efforts made on your behalf by the Circuit Stewards, their wives and friends to make us welcome and at home in the Manse. Already we have settled in and are beginning to feel very much a part of you.

I also want to thank you for your loyal response to the Circuit Induction Service on Sunday evening, September 5th. It was an inspiring occasion and I trust that we can build on the splendid words spoken to us all by the Chairman of the District. It was a pleasure too to meet many of you afterwards over the cup of tea so kindly provided by the Swaffham friends. I look forward in the near future to becoming better acquainted with you all, and knowing you personally as we share together in the work of God's Church and Kingdom. My family and I want you to be our friends, and to feel in return that we are yours. These are not easy days to fulfil our calling, and we need to encourage one another to grasp our opportunities, and pray that God will give us the strength and grace to match the need of this hour.

Let us continue the work so splendidly done by the Rev and Mrs Frank Mellor. We shall think of them often, as I have no doubt they will of us, and we will express our gratitude in the service we render.

The major work on this plan has been done by Sister Marjorie, and we offer her our grateful thanks. Please take note of the Circuit Calendar, and the special events mentioned there, and let us go forward at local and Circuit level into the new Methodist Year with the confidence and courage that is the birth-right of the people of God.

Yours sincerely,

TOM BRYANT.

PREACHERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

- 1905 Kedge, C. W. — 1 Spinners Lane, Swaffham.
 1911 Clarke, W. C. — Necton Road, Lt. Dunham, King's Lynn.
 1927 Harrowing, H. J. — 36 Priory Place, Sporle, King's Lynn.
 1931 Bly, J. W. — Warren Cottages, Westacre, King's Lynn.
 1932 Lord Hilton, J.P. — 9 Spinners Lane, Swaffham.
 1942 Howlett, C. — 31, Lamberts Close, Weasenham St.
 Peter, King's Lynn.
 1945 Dawson, H. J. — Laburnum Cottage, Beeston
 1953 Bowman, Mrs. W. — 6 Southfield, Sporle, King's Lynn.
 1955 Christian, P. E., "Luceanor", Northwell Pool Road,
 Swaffham.
 1957 Wagg, N. — Church Street, Litcham, King's Lynn.
 1958 Jackson, Miss D. M. C. — 52 High Street, Tittleshall,
 King's Lynn.
 1959 Dye, Miss H. E. — Norbrick House, Sporle, King's Lynn.
 1959 Mackney, F. F. — Beeston, King's Lynn.
 1961 Ayres, H. G. — Feltwell Lodge, Feltwell, Nr. Thetford.
 1961 Barrett, A. J. — "Bethlyn", Gt. Dunham, King's Lynn.
 1961 Lambert, E. C. — 4 Bailey Street, Castleacre, King's Lynn.
 1963 Butcher, Mrs. G. — "Maranatha", 58 New Sporle Road,
 Swaffham.

Preachers on Trial

- Mr. B. Woods, 17 Hills Close, Sporle, King's Lynn.
 Mr. G. Butcher, "Maranatha", 58 New Sporle Road,
 Swaffham.
 Mr. S. J. Casburn, 7 Mill Farm Nurseries, Swaffham.

Auxiliary Preachers

- Mr. C. Addy, B.Sc., School House, Litcham, King's Lynn.
 Mrs. M. I. Hammond, 35 Brackenwood, Necton, Swaffham.
 Miss V. Goddard, Lexham Rd., Litcham, King's Lynn.
 Mr. K. S. Smith, 7 Station Drive, Gt. Fransham, Dereham.
 Mrs. G. L. Dye, Norbrick House, Sporle, King's Lynn.
 Lady Hilton, 9 Spinners Lane, Swaffham.
 Mrs. E. R. A. Arbon, Swaffham.

Reader's Service

- Mrs. B. G. Banham, Chevington House, 30 Haspalls Road,
 Swaffham.
 Mrs. N. Betts, "Penlan", Chantry Lane, Necton, Swaffham.
 Mrs. R. Lunn, 23 Ash Close, Swaffham.
 Miss S. M. Bly, Warren Cottages, Westacre, King's Lynn.

Preachers from other Circuits and Churches

- Rev. G. H. B. Smith, Toftwood, Dereham.
 Mr. A. Oakley, 24 Market Lane, Crimplesham, Downham Market.
 Mr. B. Laws, Avenue Close, Hilgay, Downham Market.
 Mrs. W. Lander, Brook Lane, Brookville, Methwold.
 Mr. P. Robinson, 4 Vicarage Close, Foulden, Thetford.
 Mr. P. Durrant, 4 Oxborough Road, Stoke Ferry.

CIRCUIT CALENDAR

Society Stewards are asked —

To refer to this Calendar **each week**, and include in their pulpit notices anything here shown to be taking place during the next seven days or so.

Swaffham 'Festival of Praise' October 6th at 7.30 pm. Given by "The Messengers" and the "Circuit Singers".

Swaffham Bazaar. Saturday, November 6th.

East Anglia District Folk Music Teach-In to be held at the Swaffham Youth Centre, Saturday, November 13th. 10 am - 9 pm.

Circuit Overseas Missions Rally at Swaffham, Thursday, November 18th at 7.30. Speaker: Rev. Douglas Elliott of Fakenham.

Circuit Manse Trust, Monday, November 22nd at Swaffham, 7 pm. Followed by **Circuit Chapel Committee** 8 pm.

Circuit Local Preachers Meeting, Sporle, December 3rd at 7.30.

Circuit Quarterly Meeting at Litcham, Tuesday, December 7th at 7.30. Preceded by Circuit Stewards Nomination Committee at 7 pm.

Circuit United Carol Service at Litcham, on Sunday, December 19th, at 6.30.

Important Notice :

All requests from Preachers or Churches regarding the next Plan must be sent to the Superintendent in writing not later than November 13th 1971.

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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

		3	10	17	Education 24	Sun. 31	L. P. M. A. 31	7	Remembrance 14	Christian Citi- zenship Sun. 21	Overseas Missions 28	Bible Sunday 5	12	19	26
SWAFFHAM	10.45 6.30 2.45 7.30 Thursday	Bryant Bly Bryant	S Sister Christian	Lambert Bryant	15 Bryant Sister Sister	R. Butcher Lander Bryant Bazaar (Sat.)	Sister Bryant	S Bryant FS Circ. Rally OM	Casburn Sister Sister	Sister Bryant Bryant	S G. H. B. Smith Howlett	S Bryant Sister	Sister Litcham	Sister Litcham	G. Butcher Bryant Social and Watchnight Service
CASTLEACRE	11.00 6.30 2.30 7.00 Wednesday Thursday	Casburn Sister	Lambert Bryant Bryant	Bryant FS Bryant	S Sister Bryant Sister	Bryant Durrant	Christian Bly Bryant	Sister Bryant Swaffham	S Bryant Barrett Sister Bryant	Banham Sister	Sister FS Bryant	Betts Wagg Bryant	Bryant Litcham	Lambert LA	
WESTACRE	2.30 6.30 7.00 Wednesday	LA	Sister Bryant	S S. M. Bly	Dye	15 Bly	Bryant Bryant	S Casburn Swaffham(Th)	Betts	Woods	Lunn Bryant	Bowman	15 Bryant Litcham 6.30	S Bly	
SPORLE	11.00 6.30 7.30 Tuesday	Sister S. M. Bly	Bryant FS	S Sister Wagg Bryant	Hilton N. Hilton	Sister Robinson Bryant	Bryant Howlett	15 Harrowing Sister Bryant Swaffham(Th)	S Sister Bly	Bryant FS Bryant	Bowman Barrett	Sister Bryant Bryant	Casburn Litcham	Bryant Bly	
LITTLE DUNHAM	2.30 7.00 Wednesday	R. Butcher	11 Casburn	Bowman Bryant	12 Sister	S Harrowing	9 S. M. Bly	Dye Swaffham(Th)	Bryant Bryant	Betts	Hammond	Bryant Bryant	S LA Litcham 6.30	Carol Service	
GREAT DUNHAM	2.30 7.00 Wednesday	Harrowing	11 Hammond	Dye Bryant	12 Bryant	S Oakley	Barrett	Hilton Swaffham(Th)	Sister Bryant	S Bowman	1 Bryant	LA Bryant	G. Butcher Litcham 6.30	Barrett	
LITCHAM	2.30 6.30 6.00 2.30 Monday Tuesday	Betts FS	11 Bryant Sister ATM(Thu)7	S Woods Sister	12 LA Sister Sister	Laws Sister	Sister Sister Sister	S Hammond Sister Swaffham(Th)	Banham FS Sister Sister	3 Bryant Sister	1 Christian Sister QM	Sister S LA United Service Sister	Wagg		
TITTLES HALL	6.30 6.00 Wednesday	Bryant	HF HF, C. of E. ATM(Thu)8.30	Sister Sister	S Barrett	FS Sister	Sister	S Bly Sister Swaffham(Th)	Butcher	Wagg Sister	Bryant	S LA Sister	Litcham	Carol Service	
BEESTON	2.30 6.30 7.15 Tuesday 6.00 & 7.15	Woods	LA	Bryant Sister	S Hammond	S. M. Bly Sister	Banham	N. Hilton Sister Swaffham(Th)	Harrowing	3 Sister Sister	S R. Butcher	G. Butcher Sister	Sister Litcham 6.30	Bryant	
WEASENHAM	2.30 6.30 7.00 Tuesday	Lambert	9 Howlett	Sister	S Lunn	7 Woods	Casburn FS Sister	Bryant Sister Swaffham(Th)	S Bowman	12 Dye	5 Sister	S Christian	Howlett Litcham	Carol Service	
ROUGHAM	2.30 6.30 2.30 Wednesday	Bryant Banham ATM(Mon)7	S LA Sister	R. Butcher Bly Sister	3 Bowman FS	7 Sister Barrett Sister	S Woods G. Butcher	LA Wagg Sister Swaffham(Th)	Dye Bryant	12 Harrowing Bly Sister	5 Casburn Sister	S. M. Bly Howlett Sister	15 LA Litcham	R. Butcher Carol Service	
ST. MASSINGHAM	2.30 7.30 Thursday	Sister	9 S LA Sister	Banham	3 Betts	Bryant Sister	S LA	Sister Swaffham 7.30	Woods	12 G. Butcher Sister	5 S. M. Bly	Lunn Sister	Hilton Litcham 6.30	Carol Service	

REFERENCES
 HM Home Missions
 CA Chapel Anniversary
 S Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 ATM Annual Trustees' Meeting
 ASM Annual Society Meeting
 LA Local Arrangement

GCF General Chapel Fund
 QM Quarterly Meeting
 LM Leaders' Meeting
 FS Film Service
 OM Overseas Missions
 SA Sunday School Anniversary
 CC Church Council

HF Harvest Festival
 CS Covenant Service
 RS Reader's Service
 WF Women's Fellowship.

CHURCH OFFICERS

No. of Members	Society Stewards
71 Swaffham	B. G. Banham, Chevington House, 30 Haspalls E. Manning. [Road, Swaffham. W. E. Ansell.
15 Castleacre	P. R. Barnes, North St., Castleacre King's Lynn. E. C. Lambert.
6 Westacre	Mrs. J. W. Bly, Warren Cottages, Westacre, [King's Lynn.
25 Sporle	H. J. Harrowing, 36 Priory Place, Sporle, W. P. Ayton [King's Lynn. Mrs. H. J. Harrowing.
12 Lt. Dunham	Miss E. Wright, 3 Old Council Houses, Little [Dunham, King's Lynn.
7 Gt. Dunham	A. J. Barrett, "Bethlyn", Gt. Dunham, King's Lynn. Mrs. A. J. Barrett.
19 Litcham	R. Wagg, Pound Lane, Litcham, King's Lynn. N. Wagg.
4 Tittleshall	R. Roberson, 49 High Street, Tittleshall, K. Lynn.
13 Beeston	H. J. Dawson, Laburnum Cottage, Beeston, [King's Lynn.
8 Weasenham	C. Howlett, Weasenham St. Peters, King's Lynn. S. Lynn.
12 Rougham	Mrs. A. E. Bear, 22 Rougham, King's Lynn. E. Manning.
15 Gt. Massingham	F. P. Worboys, 48 Sunnyside Road, Great [Massingham, King's Lynn. Mrs. E. M. Carlton.

207 (2 members in training)

Preachers' Travelling Arrangements

By kind co-operation of car owners, preachers may travel to their appointments as indicated by the number after their names. Please arrange time and meeting place with the motorist concerned. The motorists' numbers are as follows:—

Superintendent Minister	...	1	Mrs. R. Lunn	...	...	7
Mr. J. W. Bly	...	2	Mr. W. E. Ansell	...	...	8
Mrs. B. G. Banham	...	3	Sister Marjorie	...	...	9
Mr. S. J. Casburn	...	4	Mr. A. J. Barrett	...	...	10
Mr. G. Butcher	...	5	Mrs. N. Betts	...	...	11
Miss E. V. Lawson	...	6	Mr. B. Woods	...	...	12

N.B. — 15 against any preacher's name means the Society Stewards must arrange transport for him.

Trust Secretary and Treasurer	Sunday School Superintendent	Organist
Miss E. V. Lawson	G. W. Butcher	Miss O. F. Prouton Mrs. G. P. Young Mrs. G. Butcher. Mrs. F. Deedman
Mrs. W. Colman	J. W. Bly	
Mrs. M. J. Colman H. J. Harrowing		Miss E. M. Wilson
H. J. Harrowing Mrs. G. L. Dye	Miss J. L. Ayton	Mrs. A. Brighty Mrs. G. L. Dye Mrs. B. Woods Mrs. H. J. Harrowing
Mrs. E. R. A. Arbon Miss E. Wright	A. and F. Dye.	A. and F. Dye
Mrs. A. J. Barrett A. J. Barrett	Mrs. A. J. Barrett	Mrs. V. Smith
N. Wagg R. Goddard	N. Wagg	R. Goddard
R. Roberson		R. Roberson
F. F. Mackney Miss R. Emmerson	H. J. Dawson Mrs. V. Skipper	Mrs. V. Skipper
A. Askew C. Howlett	C. Howlett	
Mrs. R. Hall Mrs. A. E. Bear	Mrs. R. Hall	Mrs. R. Hall
F. P. Worboys J. Coker	Miss S. Wagg	

CIRCUIT OFFICERS

Circuit Stewards : R. Roberson, H. J. Harrowing and
B. G. Banham.

Circuit Quarterly Meeting Secretary :
Mr. H. J. Harrowing, 36 Priory Place, Sporle, King's Lynn.

Local Preachers' Meeting Secretary : Mr. J. Bly, Westacre, K.Lynn.

Circuit Overseas Missions :

Circuit Secretary : The Superintendent Minister.

Treasurer : Mrs. R. Lunn, 23 Ash Close, Swaffham.

Circuit J.M.A. Secretary & Treasurer : Miss J. L. Ayton,
16 Priory Place, Sporle, King's Lynn.

O.M. Women's Work :

Circuit President : Mrs. N. F. Burndred.

Secretary : Miss E. V. Lawson, 3 Spinners Lane, Swaffham.

Treasurer : Miss J. L. Ayton, 16 Priory Place, Sporle,
King's Lynn.

Home Missions Circuit Secretaries : The Deaconess and
Mrs. G. Butcher.

Circuit Youth Council :

Secretaries : The Deaconess and Mrs. A. J. Barrett, Gt. Dunham,
King's Lynn.

Treasurer : Miss D. M. C. Jackson, 52 High St., Tittleshall
King's Lynn.

Christian Citizenship Secretaries :

The Superintendent Minister and Miss R. Emmerson, High
House Farm, Beeston, King's Lynn.

Connexional Funds Secretary : The Superintendent Minister.

Methodist Homes for the Aged Secretary : Mrs. B. G. Banham,
Chevington House, 30 Haspalls Road, Swaffham.

Circuit Women's Fellowship :

President : Mrs. T. H. Bryant.

Secretary : The Deaconess.

Education Secretary : Mr. K. S. Smith, 7 Station Drive,
Great Fransham.

L.P. Mutual Aid Association Secretary : Mr. H. J. Harrowing.

Circuit Auditors : Miss E. V. Lawson and Circuit Stewards.

Telephone Numbers

Mr. B. G. Banham	Swaffham 21351	Mrs. G. P. Young Swaffham 21273
Lord Hilton, J.P.	Swaffham 21341	Mrs. C. Peeling Tittleshall 233
Miss D. M. C. Jackson	Tittleshall 212	Mr. A. J. Barrett Litcham 397
Mr. N. Wagg	Litcham 208	Mrs. N. Betts Holme Hale 408
Mrs. G. L. Dye	Swaffham 21331	Mr. S. J. Casburn Swaffham 21773