

Dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham

The Sunday Eucharist on 6th May at Our Lady and St Anne RC church in Caversham was the setting for the Dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham. In his own words of introduction, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham came to Caversham (accompanied by Sister Luke Lennon and Fr. Dominic Cosslett, his Secretary) not only as the principal celebrant at the mass, but as 'a pilgrim'. He told the congregation more exactly that the shrine is 107 miles from Church House in Birmingham, alluding to the substantial dimensions of the archdiocese spanning the Staffordshire Moorlands in the north to the banks of the Thames. Unlike our previous priest Fr. Paul Martin who succeeded in making the refurbishment of the shrine a goal of his four years in the parish, Archbishop Bernard made his pilgrimage by car in a couple of hours on a very sunny and peaceful spring morning. By contrast Fr. Paul undertook an 11-day pilgrim walk from Walsingham, Norfolk to Caversham (186 miles in all) not only raising monies, but also making clear the spiritual and physical purposes of pilgrimage (see *Caversham Bridge*, July 2017). At its heart pilgrimage is a journey and 'movement of the mind' as much as 'movement of the feet and legs' so contrasting one with another is not more than that.



'Panorama of the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham'

But there can be no doubt about the joy and pleasure in the parish to receive our Archbishop (whose visits to the South are less frequent than he would like them to be) not only to celebrate the Eucharist but to dedicate the shrine. His arrival prefaced a



'Archbishop blesses the shrine'



'Mgr. Fr. Patrick Daly with altar services await'

momentous moment, which over the previous four years had been marked by inspiration, thought, discussion, physical planning and design, artistic creation, a project management cycle, parish participation and fundraising, completion of preparatory works (damp control in the shrine chapel!) and then artistic implementation in summer 2017. As the artist, Marcelo Lavallen, worked long days at the paint face, the parish looked on and snatched an occasional glimpse in anticipation. Then in August 2017 all was revealed and a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Renovation of the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham was held on Friday 8th September (see *Caversham Bridge*, October 2017).

To assist the congregation to participate in the dedication our parish secretary, Lis Leddy, produced an elegant service order booklet, which continues a

practice established by our parish priest Mgr. Fr. Patrick Daly. The richness of the Dedication liturgy, as well as those for other feasts and festivals of the church, can not only be participated in the moment of worship but also digested and shared reflectively afterwards. Lis also formed an appendix to the booklet of artistic notes which Marcelo Lavallen had prepared during his work on the shrine. The iconography of the Bridge mural in the apse and the Palm Tree decoration on the wall panels is made clear in the notes. And, above the archway entrance to the Shrine itself is a brilliant Tree of Jesse which projects visually out into the church itself. These notes will find their way to the parish website in good time.

The Roman Catholic mass is a structured liturgy, but one that allows additional elements to take their place within its form, and the potential for the musical element to play its



'The Archbishops' portrait for the church is unveiled'

part in worship and celebration significant and enriching. There are hymns for the congregation, chants and plainsong for the Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, the Sanctus and the Lord's Prayer as well as an anthem after the Communion. The parish is blessed with a choir that leads and supports the musical enrichment. The Dedication ceremony followed the readings from scripture (the Liturgy of the Word) and before the



'This Archbishops' portrait will hang in Birmingham'

Liturgy of the Eucharist (the culmination of the Roman Catholic worship). The Archbishop accompanied by fellow clergy and servers moved from the high altar to the Shrine chapel. The shrine was incensed, the Archbishop pronounced prayers of blessing and lit the altar candle in the shrine. With the overall celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy and the whole mass, the Dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham is not only a 'jewel event', but also the proper beginning of a new phase of pilgrimage and worship of one of Britain's major shrines.

The Archbishop used his homily not only to greet us all formally on the occasion but to set this shrine dedication in its fuller and wider context. His message that Mary accompanied Jesus not only in her familial role as his Mother, but as a disciple in his spiritual mission on earth and then in the final days between Resurrection and Ascension is significant. At this time the lectionary is focused on the Acts of the Apostles and reading this in context of Mary's role in Jesus' life on earth and then in the early development of the Christian church provides insight and matter for thought.

As is customary at these events we were able to gather afterwards in the Cenacle. Father Patrick then revealed his 'surprise' to the parish. Father had commissioned a portrait of our Archbishop to be displayed in the church and by the same artist gifted a smaller portrait of his Grace for display in Birmingham. Words of thanks were given, and refreshments served: just like any other post Sunday mass, but actually rather different and very special for the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham.

Stephen A. Roberts

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TALKING POINT

by Mgr Patrick H Daly

I am familiar with Caversham Bridge since my first day at Our Lady & St. Anne. Given that I arrived in Reading by train, it was impossible for me to get to 2 South View Avenue without crossing the Thames. This newspaper is named after the town's principal landmark. Its vocation is to keep people informed about what is going on in the town and in the various Christian communities in particular. In the case of Caversham, the bridge is the gate of entry into the town; once you have crossed the bridge, you are here.

It is also the gateway to Reading, a bigger city with which we have so many ties. Were it not for the bridge, communication with our neighbours the other side of the river would be much more difficult. Caversham Bridge links the Catholic dioceses of Birmingham and Portsmouth, particularly necessary for me, given that I have priestly duties in two deaneries in the two separate dioceses. Some of the most magnificent engineering constructions in the world are bridges: the Clifton Bridge in Bristol, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Golden Gate in San Francisco or the new bridge linking Copenhagen and Malmö at the entrance to the Baltic. There are bridges which played a very important role in history: the Milvian Bridge to the north of Rome where Constantine won the imperial crown, the Charles Bridge in Prague from which St. John Nepomuk, patron of confessors, was thrown into the River Vitava for refusing to reveal the confessional secrets of his penitent the Queen of Bohemia, or the bridge on the River Kwai. Bridges connect people.

When nations or peoples are in dispute, we often say it is essential to build bridges. We talk of negotiations between couples at odds, between employers and employees in an industrial dispute, or between countries at war as bridge-building exercises. It is significant that on each Euro note we find a viaduct, aqueduct or bridge: the European project is about linking nations together, enabling people to move freely, assisting those of different languages to communicate. One of the titles given to the Pope and taken over from the Roman Emperor was *pontifex maximus*, the supreme bridge-builder. And the Pope so frequently reconciles parties who are at odds within the Church as well as reaching out to other denominations and the family of nations to bring them together and facilitate communication with one another.

The (re)construction of a bridge is often a powerful exercise in reconciliation: the old bridge in Mostar, destroyed in 1990 in the Balkan conflict and restored in 2004 as a UNESCO protected monument is but one eloquent recent example. This meandering reflection on bridges suggests that the title of this newspaper is singularly apposite. It nods in the direction of Caversham's most significant monument. It provides a pathway between people who are secure in their different identities but desire to share more of what they have in common. It links diverse individuals and groups and, above all, it is itself an exercise in bridge-building across a multi-cultural community, because it informs, it explains and it is inspired by a dedication to Him who prayed "that they may all be one."

Mgr Patrick H. Daly
Parish Priest Our Lady & St. Anne



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6.30pm Evensong (usually Choral on second Sunday)
Fifth Sunday – Parish wide service (check website for details)

St John's, Gosbrook Road

9.30am Holy Communion (first, third and fourth Sundays)
9.30am All Age Worship (second Sunday)
Fifth Sunday – Parish wide service (check website for details)

St Margaret's, Mapledurham

11.15am Holy Communion (first, second and fourth Sundays) Morning Worship (third Sunday)
Fifth Sunday – Parish wide service (check website for details)

St Andrew's, Harrogate Road

8.00am The Eucharist
10.00am Parish Eucharist (Sung)
First Sunday, Family Eucharist
11.30am The Eucharist first Sunday BCP

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Caversham buses: red route 22 update

It has been over three months since the new Caversham bus timetable came into effect on 19 February 2018. The impact of the new Red 22 route and reduced frequency has been felt by many residents.

Concerned of Caversham was formed by concerned residents on the first day of the Reading Buses Caversham consultation back in October 2017, with the aim of raising awareness of these changes, and has worked tirelessly to see Caversham residents treated fairly and equally.

Reading Buses have pointed out the routes in Caversham have not been making money for many years. However, the largest population of over 65s living in Reading reside in Caversham, and they quite rightly use their concessionary bus pass, along with a large number of school children travelling on half fare. There is an issue country wide regarding the rebate for all concessionary bus passes and the effect it has on bus companies. However, Reading Buses is different to many other bus companies: it is not privately owned but is a municipal bus company, owned by Reading Borough Council. It is our understanding that Reading Buses can redistribute their profits (which currently stand in excess of £1m per annum) from the rest of their routes to ensure all Reading Borough residents have an acceptable and accessible bus service. We have pointed this out to Reading Buses on many occasions. Reading Borough Council can step in to mediate on this should they have the will, but this does not appear to have occurred to date, despite our continued presence in Council

committee meetings and submitting questions. Emails sent to many elected councillors have not received a reply. The only councillors who have responded directly to the issues regarding the issues facing residents living along the 22 route have been Isobel Ballsdon and Ed Hopper: the lack of response by others is very disappointing.

A summary of changes to the Red 22 service

The off peak service has been reduced to one an hour which has also regularly experienced delays and the peak service which used to run every 20 – 30 minutes has gaps of 40 minutes during the key commuting time where a frequent and reliable service is required. When Reading Buses announced the conclusion to the consultation, a cut of almost 50% to the rebranded Red 22 Bus was going to be imposed. Concerned of Caversham worked tirelessly to persuade Reading Buses to recognise the cuts were too deep and has been successful in ensuring more buses are returned to the service. However, the cut is still 20% of the previous level. Cuts to the service have been made worse by frequent breakdowns, terminated buses and vulnerable residents left stranded in all weathers.

Deficiencies in the service and impacts on users

We have been grateful to MP Matt Rodda's team for taking up the plight of individual residents directly with Reading Buses along with issues reported to Concerned of Caversham. It is disappointing despite assurances from Reading Buses to Concerned of Caversham and Matt Rodda personally that the return of some peak buses promised to the timetable has not materialised. We would request residents continue to raise issues faced with the buses to Matt Rodda's team by emailing mattroddampoffice@gmail.com and copy in concernedofcaversham@gmail.com along with Customerservices@Reading-Buses.co.uk

Since the timetables came into effect on 19 February *Concerned of Caversham* have reported over 100 serious incidents to Reading buses including breakdowns, terminated buses, and incidents with vulnerable residents. These incidents exclude the times the buses have run behind schedule which has been a daily occurrence across the timetable. It is clear that the long route has at least three pinch points which have been causing delays at each end and in the centre of Reading. If the buses were run at the frequency they were previously then the effect of late running or terminated buses felt by residents would not be felt so harshly. A 20% reduction means that a great many residents are being affected negatively at all times of the day. The practice of sending a duplicate bus to cover for delays and overcrowding is not sustainable and was not necessary in the pre-consultation timetable! The 'red' branding promise has been repeatedly broken with a very mixed fleet deployed to the 22 route. The digital information display's and voice announcement are no longer consistently provided.

Throughout all our communication with Reading Buses we have looked to provide suggestions from a passenger's angle, whilst also taking on board the challenges Reading Buses face. We have continued to put forward workable solutions to Reading Buses over the past few months and we hope they will listen. At

the time of going to print further alternative suggestions have been put to them to secure the return of the peak buses promised. A cut of 20% to the service is unwarranted. We continue to press Reading Buses to pay attention to passenger needs and points of view.

Fiona, on behalf of *Concerned of Caversham*

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"Please would you bring me a cup of water to drink and some bread to eat?" Elijah asked her.

"I'm sorry," the woman answered, "but I've only got a handful of flour and a little olive oil. I'm going to make a fire and bake one loaf for me and my little boy, and then we will have nothing else left to eat."

Elijah said, "I promise you everything will be all right. Go home, make some bread and give me a small piece of it. God has promised that you will always have enough flour and oil to make more bread. He will never let you and your son go hungry."

And God did make sure they had enough food to eat.

1 Kings 17:8-16



Concert success at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church



Renato played the flute with David and Rachel in various pieces adding to the pleasure of the evening. A favourite was 'Gabriel's Oboe' written by Ennio Morricone. Renato also played some pieces written especially for him by a Brazilian friend.

Refreshments were enjoyed in the interval when David's CD's of music he had written were on sale. The

concert raised money for The ODA School in Cambodia, where children are given an education, a safe place to live, plus health care. £430 was raised during the evening.

Many thanks to Revd. David Jenkins for producing, directing and organising such an excellent concert. It was a joy to be there.

Eunice Cooper

On Saturday April 14th Revd. David Jenkins produced and directed an evening of wonderful music. David is very talented in being able to sing and play the piano at the same time. He also writes his own music. One piece was a Wedding March which he had composed for a friend.

David fits in two or three 'World Premieres' during each concert and we are lucky to be hearing those compositions for the very first time.

We were treated to a trip to the theatre stopping off at West End musicals, where we enjoyed familiar favourite songs.

David was joined by two young musicians, Rachel Scarlett (soprano and flautist), and Renato Fonseca (flautist). Rachel sang Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Wishing you were somehow here again' from 'Phantom of the Opera', 'I dreamed a dream' from 'Les Miselable', plus other delights from classical composers such as Bizet and Puccini.

THE CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS SOCIETY

April saw the end of this season's formal lectures for the Society with two fascinating talks. These were all the better because a new sound system made everything so much clearer.

The first talk, on 4th April, entitled 'Treasure beneath our feet' was given by James Mather, a keen metal detector. James took us through how he became interested in metal detecting 25 years ago; how the hobby is regulated by the Treasure Act of 1996; and how any finds of significance have to be recorded by one of 38 Government appointees. Most of the time finds consist of odd coins, some of which may be centuries old, some relatively recent, axe heads, agricultural equipment and the like. If gold or silver is found this must be reported to a coroner within 14 days to assess its value and to see if any museum is interested. If not, the finds are returned to the finder. However, what sets our speaker apart is that one day in October 2015, as he was thinking of packing up and going home after 5 hours walking up and down a farmer's field near Watlington, his detector suddenly went wild. He realised that he had discovered a large hoard of silver coins. He covered his find, alerted the farmer and made contact with a Government assessor. It turned out that the find was not only valuable, [about £1.5 million], but of great historical importance. The find consisted of 200 Anglo-Saxon silver coins, 15 silver ingots and 7 items of jewelry. They were dated to between 875 and 880 AD and are the first Viking hoard to be found in Oxfordshire on the edge of King Alfred's Wessex and Mercia. The Watlington Hoard can be viewed in the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

The final talk was also based around Oxford since Dr Simon Wenham enthralled us with the 'History of Salters Steamers' dating back to 1836. Simon had taken a summer vacation job working for Salters when he discovered a mass of documents of all sorts hidden away in boxes. As he began to look into these he became so intrigued that he went on to write his doctoral thesis on the Salter family which

is still involved with providing passenger boat trips on the river Thames though less so than in earlier years. Salters is one of the oldest family firms in Oxford. The firm made its name by providing the boats used in the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race from its inception in the mid-1800s. Between 1857 and 1976 Salters had the most successful wooden boats on the Thames and in 1893 they owned over 900 boats! Many of these were used by Londoners going up the river for a weekend's leisure of camping. Such activities were made famous by Lewis Carroll and K. Jerome. At one stage over 300 boats were being built each year. These ranged from skiffs to passenger barges, paddle steamers to boat houses, some of which can still be seen. Some vessels were used as ambulance ships in both world wars. Such was the firm's reputation that they began exporting globally to Europe and the Empire, especially India. One large paddle steamer was even used by the Baptist Mission Society in the Congo. The firm also developed hydroplanes in the 1920s and '30s, a regular timetable and a Guide to the Thames. Simon's enthusiasm and range of knowledge left the audience much wiser and also eager to learn more!

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Light shone through the stained-glass windows, as young and old gathered together for the moving service which was led by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Andrew Proud.

Those attending included Richard

Bennett, Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire. The readings were read by Janice Walker and also by Mel Bloor. Candles were lit in memory of loved ones who had died.

Director, Julian Walker, said: "We know that for many people the funeral is just the start of the emotional journey. Our annual Service of Remembrance is an opportunity for those who have been bereaved to be with others who have also lost a loved one. I hope that those who attended will have gained comfort and inspiration for the coming months."

A.B. Walker offer access to the Link Bereavement Care Course. Anyone in Berkshire and South Oxfordshire who has been bereaved and feels they can benefit can apply to go on a six-week group course. The Link was set up in partnership with the charity Cruse Bereavement Care and the programme is free of charge.

Anyone who would like more details about The Link Bereavement Care Group can contact Melissa Walker at support@abwalker.co.uk or on 957 3650



Mel Bloor and Janice Walker



The Right Reverend Andrew Proud who led the service



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Caversham Salvation Army

(Part 1 of 3)

Back in 1955 I was "dedicated" into the Salvation Army as a baby and attended along with my four older brothers. My eldest brother played in Reading Central Boys Band as a youngster, but I went to Caversham hall up until it closed. My earliest memories were at the Sunday School which I attended with my father Fred Smith. We would often walk but as an upwardly mobile family the tandem bicycle and side car would come out with Dad steering and one of my older brothers peddling in the rear and the rest of us in the sidecar.



The hall stood back from the edge of the road in Prospect St on the left side as you come down from the traffic lights it's a restaurant today. In the front was an 'air raid' shelter made of brick and concrete surrounded by shrubs and trees which we would often hide in. The main door was on the right hand side and you came through into the hall with several rows of chairs on either side of the aisle with a coal stove near the front with a railing around it and a metal chimney going

up through the roof. Dad would often arrive early to get if fired up during the winter with the coal bunker around the back next to the outside toilet. There was a small raised platform with the 'Penitent form' in front ready for sinners to repent. The front end had a small kitchen with large metal tea pots and kettles for the making of those 'Army cups of tea' which they are so famous for around the world.

Brig Tilney and Mrs were the officers for a number of years and lived in Mayfield drive like us. They officiated at all the regular meetings. The Tilney's were very traditional Officers always impeccably attired and full of the 'Fire and Blood' required in any of the many Corps they had served in. He had a walking stick and was of stocky build often seen walking the dashound dog. Mrs was very prim and proper and liked everything just so. As you can imagine with older brothers they found this irritating and recall the laughter when she accidentally cut through the cable on the Christmas tree whilst removing some small gifts to children only to blow the fuse and get a slight shock. On one occasion my brother made a funny remark to me and I started giggling to which Mrs Tilney came and sat next to me and putting her arm around my shoulder in an attempt to calm my laughter but made me chuckle even more and I was asked to stand outside to calm myself. She told my Dad that I'd become hysterical but luckily Dad saw the funny side of it although I was told in no uncertain terms not to repeat the episode again.

At Sunday school we would be in groups covering the various biblical events and learning a text at the end. Another of my brothers Keith was a very good artist



and at the back of the hall during a long somewhat boring evening meeting her drew a picture of one lady who always attended the meetings wearing a hat which looked like a wooden fruit bowl, this in its self was not that illuminating other than he did it in the back of a song book. Well it took some time before it was discovered and could only be one person, so the balloon went up and Dad called to explain his vandalism. Dad pointed out that it was a superb sketch and wondered if perhaps Keith could be asked to draw each member of the congregation in each book for posterity, but the Officers were having none of it and he was duly reprimanded.

Now I mentioned my Dad who was CSM, but my Mum had many roles at Caversham but when I was 18 months old she contracted rheumatoid arthritis and was confined to bed for 23 months during which time I had to do everything to assist her as Dad worked in London and my brothers were all at school. Dressing, washing, turning taps on filling kettles were all very difficult so we had to work as a team. My Mum Ruth eventually got more mobile and despite her fingers being deformed she continued to play the piano and this is a very important ability in any church if you want musical accompaniment. Mum was home league treasurer, so we attended the meetings and although Mum was not sixty plus (nor was I) at the Over Sixties we both went to them also as she played the piano there as well. Mum organised everything from 'specials' speakers who would come to meetings to talk about all manner of things and all the outings involving coach trips to the coast, mystery tours, strawberry teas in Tadley etc which would always end up at a Salvation Army Hall for tea. As we did not have a phone the arrangements involved Mum and I going around to the phone box in Chiltern Rd where she would contact the various corps and sort the details out then confirm in writing. These trips were really enjoyed by all especially me, but I wonder if anyone ever realised just how much work went on behind the scenes by my Mum. Although I do not possess my parent's musical abilities Dad with the cornet, piano,

organ. I was highly trained by my Mum in turning the pages of the music books whilst she played the piano. I would wait for the raised eyebrow to prepare and nod to turn the page but concentration had to be uppermost as the page sometimes had to turn back for a repeat chorus. This meant standing out the front in meetings even funerals. I think it was the funeral of Mr Smith the retired park keeper from Westfield Road who used to live in the terraced houses in Gosbrook Rd near St John's Church. They put a put another door inside the hall with a little corridor to make it warmer, but it gave the undertakers a very tricky manoeuvre getting in.



Mr & Mrs Smith were lovely people and Mum, Dad and little me would call into see them on Sunday evenings after the meeting as we would catch the bus from Washington Rd sometimes. Dad would have long conversations with Mr Smith about the WW1 and the horrendous nature of war fare combined with the consequences of ridiculous decision making. He had also been gassed. The Smiths had the most beautiful garden with a colour second to none during the summer. Another officer at Caversham was Fred King who lived in Marshlands Square and after a meeting one day a Salvationist from another corps watched as Mr King walked up the aisle in a slightly military fashion and this fellow said Fred would you like to come and talk about your war time experiences at our *Over Sixties Club* to which he replied "I've spent the last twenty years trying to forget them" I had the pleasure of speaking with him several times later in life and he was a smashing chap. Another retired officer Colonel Calvert who lived in Oakley Rd was at one meeting where everyone was asked to say what hymn they would like sung and why it was their favourite. He got up and said in a very loud voice 'To God be the glory GREAT things he hath done' with an emphasis on the great. Major Bunker a very small lady who lived in Kidmore Road but her whole life was 'witnessing for Jesus' and to that effect had a sign on the gate saying 'Jesus Saves'. Sissy Miles lived in Oxford St Caversham. As with all Corps they would have 'Open Air' meetings and today I often chuckle as I would not wish to stand in the middle of Chester St or Oxford St today as you really would be putting your life in danger. I have a picture taken by my father which has Brig Tilney with his 'Squeese box' accompanied by a group of Salvationist from another Corps. I remember when they put yellow lines down one side of Prospect St to assist traffic flow which would be non-existent by today's standards!

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From the Lookout Post

CADRA AGM 17 April 2018

As part of the brief AGM business, Helen Lambert, CADRA Chair reported on another busy year for the CADRA committee. This included work on Planning, Conservation Areas, Traffic and Transport and Police and Safety. 2017 marked fifty years since the founding of the association. The special edition of the newsletter is still available at <http://www.cadra.org.uk/en/CADRA-Newsletters> on the newly revamped CADRA website.



Following the AGM, Sue Holden, Chief Officer of the Conservation Board explained the important challenges facing the Chilterns Area of

Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The AONB is a protected landscape, comprising 833 square kms of very special countryside, running from Caversham's northern edge to beyond Luton. Sue started by outlining what makes the area unique: its chalk geology, overlain by clay, which creates its rolling landscape, its mix of chalk grasslands and woods. It is one of the most densely wooded



parts of the UK, with nearly 22% woodland cover, of which two thirds is ancient woodland - the highest proportion in the country. It also has over 700 ha of nationally-important chalk grassland. Its chalk streams are internationally important as a special and fragile ecology. But these ecological treasures are surrounded by urban areas which put the area under great pressure for recreation: it receives 55 million leisure visits a year and includes over 2000



km of rights of way. The area is under threat, both natural and man-made. Sue described the landscape changes and losses over the past century and current threats such as ash die-back disease. The biggest threat, however, is from development. Such a beautiful area lying so close to London, with the huge need for new homes, is under constant pressure for development. This is a problem not only within the AONB but, critically, in the views from it, which are so essential to its character. Pressure also comes from infrastructure, such as HS2, which will have a huge impact.

The Chilterns and Cotswolds are the two AONBs with their own statutory Conservation Boards, whose role is to work with their Local Authority partners to try to reconcile these pressures. Their role is:

- to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB;
- to increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB.

Sue closed by outlining some of the Board's projects, many of them funded by the National Lottery. These include the long-term and successful Chalk Streams Project, to manage and enhance this great asset; and the Chilterns Woodland Project, to promote the good management of local woods and raise awareness of their history, archaeology and wildlife.

A new and exciting project is 'Beacons of the Past' - a Heritage Lottery-funded project which will use airborne ground radar to identify Hill Forts throughout the AONB and is likely to reveal many previously-undiscovered ones. This needs match

funding to get it under way, so following a vote of thanks the retiring collection of £134 was donated to this.

More information on the Board's work can be found at www.chilternsaonb.org

Lampstands on Caversham Bridge

If you look closely at the bronze lampstands on Caversham Bridge, you will see that they are marked 'Bromsgrove.' The Bromsgrove Guild of Applied Arts, founded in 1898, was a company of modern artists and designers which grew out of the Bromsgrove School of Art. It was associated with the Arts and Craft movement. The guild worked in metal, wood, plaster, bronze, tapestry, glass and other mediums.



In 1901 the metal workshop was expanded, with representatives of the Guild based across the country. In 1905 the Guild was commissioned to provide railings and gates enclosing Buckingham Palace and the Queen Victoria Memorial. The project was completed in 1908 and the Guild received a Royal Warrant.

During the 1920s the metalwork department was producing decorative pieces in a wide variety of materials (bronze, iron and lead) as well as name plates and memorial tablets. Towards the end of the decade the firm became involved in the production of standardized goods including: signs, gates, rails, casements, canopies, memorial plaques, ecclesiastical objects, sundials, pendant light fittings, etc.

Although seriously affected by the depression in the 1930s, the Guild continued much longer than many other Arts and Crafts companies and finally closed in 1966.

Reading and Caversham Bridges were planned in 1913, but work stopped for the duration of the First World War. Caversham Bridge was opened in 1926 so it seems likely that the lampstands were produced in the 1920s. Given the many famous works produced by the Guild, including the Liverpool Liver Birds, Caversham is in good company!

We have not yet identified a maker's mark on the lampstands on Reading Bridge, unless you know otherwise?

St Peter's Conservation Area

The consultation on St Peter's Conservation Area, undertaken last summer showed overwhelming support for the proposals which included extending the boundary to include, Bridge Street and Caversham Bridge as well as Church Street, up to and including the Telephone Exchange and Priory Avenue Surgery. The Conservation Area Advisory Committee formally submitted the re-appraisal to the Council in December. Following discussions, the Planning Officers have given their support to the proposals which will be considered by the Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee on 2 July 2018. A statutory consultation will follow, and it is hoped the re-appraisal with the extended area can be adopted by the end of the year. CADRA expects to have more details on their stand at the Church Fete in Caversham Court Gardens on 14 July 2018.

ENVIRONMENT

The Dawn Chorus: 6th May 2018

Sunrise happens every day! But, the early morning May sunlight slanting through soft



new green leaves and the sound of birds is magic! On 6th May, 20 early risers came to Clayfield Copse to enjoy it. At 4.30 a.m. Mars and Venus are still clearly visible,

two tawny owls are signing off, and a muntjac barks at us. But as the sky lightened the air was full of birdsong as we walked stopped and listened across the playing field, through the woods, then stopping for coffee and cake around the kettle [thank you Sandra and Steve] before going around the regenerating fields as the full sunlight reached us. One and a half miles, ages 7 to 70+, all abilities, absolute beginners to experts.

From the list of 32 'hearings' there was a new sighting/hearing of a lesser black backed gull (?).

And someone heard a shrew! My favourite a blue tit singing his heart out.

The most unwelcome sound was the 5am take off from Heathrow! Same again first week in May 2019! Don't miss sunrise it is magical. The list can be seen on our website econetreading.org.uk

MALLOW

Common Mallow starts flowering this month and continues to flower well into the autumn. The flowers are large, colourful and attractive, and in the past the leaves and roots have been used as food and as medicine. The English name for the plant has been in use since Anglo-Saxon times, and has found its way into literature. Tennyson, in his poem, *The Brook*, wrote about "many a fairy foreland set with willow-weed and mallow," whilst John Clare, the poet of the countryside, remembered:

*Then sitting down when school was o'er
Upon the threshold of the door,
Picking from mallows, sport to please,
The crumpled seed we called a cheese.*

The round and flattened seed-capsules of mallow were thought to look like tiny cheeses, giving rise to such popular names for the plant as 'bread and cheese' and 'fairy cheese.' Children once ate the seed-capsules, and it was reckoned that they tasted like monkey-nuts. Many of today's children probably think that cheeses are oblong, and come vacuum packed, and probably don't know what monkey-nuts are either. For me as a child, whole cheeses, piled up on the grocer's counter, seemed enormous, and a common simile for a hat or cap which was too small was that it was 'like a pippin on a cheese.' Just before Christmas, in Cheshire, some of the cheeses sported rosettes, to denote prize-winners at the local cheese show.

Archaeological evidence suggests that the Roman legionaries sent to Britannia during the occupation actually cooked and ate mallow as a vegetable, and the soothing properties of its juices once made it a constituent of poultices and ointments. Nicholas Culpepper, the 17th-century herbalist, listed a host of complaints which mallow could cure – wounds, bruises, shortness of breath, wheezing, chin-cough (whooping-cough), morphew (scurvy), the king's evil (scrofula), and excoriation of the guts.

Other kinds of mallow you might find round Caversham are the Musk Mallow, and the Dwarf Mallow. The flowers of the former give off their musky scent especially if they are brought indoors and put in water. And because of its short stature and sprawling habit, the Dwarf Mallow tends to live up to its Latin name, *Malva neglectum*.

The two you probably won't see are those which tend to grow round the coast – the Tree Mallow and the Marsh Mallow.

Marsh Mallows aren't just something you buy from the sweet shop, which you can toast over an open flame, float on a cup of coffee, or just eat as they come. There was a time when the Marsh Mallow plant played a major part in a minor industry. People were paid to go out to the marshes of the Thames estuary to dig up the roots of the Marsh Mallow for the London confectioners. The resulting sweetmeats were for the wealthy only. During the 19th century, cheaper substitutes were found, and whether what you can buy in the shops now is in any way derived from the plant I very much doubt!

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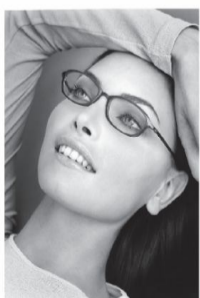
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Pollution alarm in Caversham!

There are no official statistics being gathered by Reading Borough Council to establish whether central Caversham is a pollution black spot. The worrying results from the four air quality test tubes that were installed in March by Caversham GLOBE group to measure the amount of dangerous nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) per cubic metre (µg/m³) on local roads are:

Church Street/Prospect St. junction
41.18µg/m³
Church Street/Priory Avenue junction
46.83µg/m³
On Peppard Road near the Prospect
Street traffic lights 54.17µg/m³
Church Road/St Anne's Road junction
56.90µg/m³

What does this mean? It means we're breathing in dangerous particles! The legal MEAN ANNUAL limit for nitrogen dioxide is 40µg/m³. As these alarming results are for a two-week period in March 2018 they are a snapshot showing how bad pollution is around here. People should be grateful to Caversham residents' association (CADRA) for paying the cost of these four test tubes. Caversham GLOBE group paid for the first one last December that was put up at Church Road/St Anne's Road junction, which also gave a dangerous reading of 56.2µg/m³, so there's consistency.

The GLOBE group has presented these facts, so the information is now public. Residents need to decide what action should be taken. Evidence should be gathered by Reading Borough Council so that urgent remedial action can be taken. The national campaign for clean air map can be seen via this link <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/> Don't stay silent

on this issue. It requires drastic change - but who will make it happen?

To find out more about GLOBE, go to www.cavershamglobe.org.uk or see the group's Facebook Page. We meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm in Church House Caversham and all residents are welcome.

Richard Denney
May 2018

Caversham Horticultural Society

On Wednesday 24th of June come and learn about butterflies found in Berkshire and local efforts to save their habitats, when Peter Cuss of the charity Butterfly Conservation gives an illustrated talk. The talk will be held at Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road and starts at 7.45pm. Admission cost for non-members is £3.00. Refreshments available after the talk.



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Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

In April Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild were in awe of Jane Windmill, who walked *'The Length and Breadth of Britain'* in both fair and foul weather. Our ambling group managed to get as far as the Reading Lido for coffee and back, but we did encounter the foul weather! The Social Studies group followed *'In the footsteps of Shackleton'* with Mr N.Stewart and his lovely wildlife photographs.

Jane Austen's connection to Reading was examined by Joy Pivworth at our May meeting. *Sandhurst Royal Military Academy* by Mr Richard Sullivan was the subject for the Social Studies group.

Then a coffee morning was held at the home of

Mrs Wendy Colton, and a theatre trip to see *'Strictly Ballroom'* took some of us to London. Our Luncheon club meets every month at a local pub/restaurant to enjoy a meal. Additionally, we also have ambling, scrabble and cinema groups.

The Guild meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm in the Woodcote room, Caversham Heights Methodist Church hall, 74 Highmoor Rd, Caversham. Any Ladies wishing to visit or join us will be very welcome.

Chazey WI

This April meeting was our last evening meeting. From May we shall meet on the first Wednesday afternoon in the month at 2.30 p.m. at Caversham Heights Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Highmoor Road and the Woodcote Road in Caversham Heights.

We had a fascinating talk on shoes with lots of examples to look at and Margaret Keen formally thanked Irene Mansen, the presenter.

Tea/Coffee was served with some birthday cake made by Margaret Keen, and members sang Happy Birthday to celebrate Chazey's birthday!

The competition was won by Margaret Keen, second was Ann Jones and third was Helen Hudson. The winner of the year for our competitions was Valerie Wing. The raffle was drawn and one of our visitors won a prize!

Our coffee morning venue was the Herb Farm in Sonning Common followed by lunch at the *'Pack Horse'*. Book Club was held at the *'Caversham Rose'*, the knitting club carries on knitting and the artists met again.

A group of members attended the Annual Council Meeting of the Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes at Reading University, the guest speaker was Rabbi Julia Neuberger who was warmly welcomed by our Berkshire President and the audience. A very interesting and thought provoking talk followed on *'Combating Loneliness'* which was very well received.

We welcome ladies to our afternoon meetings, for more information email: chazeywi@gmail.com

Rosehill WI

We were welcomed to our March meeting by our new president Arlene Riley, who extended greetings to all members and visitors present. Arlene then said that the report for the April meeting was available for all to see.

Secretary, Mary Robinson told us that the bulb order forms had now been received and would need to be completed by 1st June if anyone was interested. Mary also said that she had received a request from the RBH that they were desperately in need of blankets for their dementia patients. Which need to be about 1m square, so please get knitting.

Treasurer Judith Sharp then informed us that the balance of the payment to the Mill at Sonning was now due. Those wishing to purchase a 2019 diary should also contact Judith. Judith also reported that the in April the sales table and raffle had done very well, amassing a total of £50 between them. We now have 65 paid up members.

Arlene told us that Margaret Seal is unwell and therefore, no birthday buttonholes were handed out, but the April birthday people will receive theirs with those who had birthdays in May.

Arlene then told us of a bakery demonstration to take place next year (it is fully booked this year) and informed us that it would be approximately £12.00, and a board would be sent round later for anyone interested.

Margaret Pyle has agreed to be Vice President along with Barbara Wood. Margaret is also working on providing information for the Berkshire Village Book to mark the centenary of Berkshire WI.

Following the business, our speaker for the afternoon,

John Caldecott gave a fascinating talk (with slides) of *'The History of Thomas Coram's Foundling Hospital'*. The charity was founded in 1739 by Captain Thomas Coram, who wanted to help the abandoned children left dying on London's streets. Two of its patrons were William Hogarth and George Handel. After he had told us the story of the charity, John went on to say that he had been one of the children helped by the charity. He attended school and was brought up in the harsh regime of the charity. He also showed us the uniform that he used to wear and this was made of a very hard-wearing cloth, which looked very smart. A very interesting talk.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at St Barnabas Village Hall, Emmer Green at 2.00 pm

Caversham WI

To start the new WI year, we welcomed Sarah Moreland from Reading Voluntary Action (RVA). She is based in Reading Central Library and the team work with over 900 charities operating in and around Reading! So, if you're thinking about volunteering but don't know what local opportunities there are – these are the people to speak to. With RVA's assistance, we are planning to increase the role of Caversham WI in our local community. If you'd like to know more – you can stop by to meet us at the Kiosk cafe in Caversham Court Garden over the second June weekend (Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th).

Next month's meeting brings the annual National WI Resolutions discussion. This time we are discussing *'Why Mental Health Matters'*. There has been much positive talk about mental health recently – and ways that we can all help ourselves and others with our wellness. We look forward to discussing ways that Caversham WI might be able to help too.

Ladies are very welcome to visit our friendly group. We hold meetings on the third Thursday of the month, at 7.30 in the evenings – which helps avoid child-care issues. There is usually easy parking and a lift to the first-floor meeting room at Church House, Prospect Street. More details can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/hwzj6zy> or search for 'Caversham WI'.

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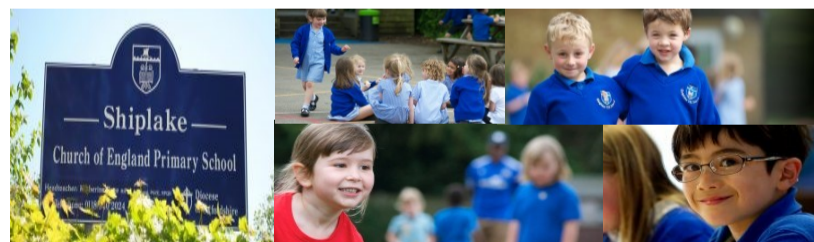


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A House called Caversham

In a rocky field in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe there is a house called Caversham! It is one of several buildings on the site of the Grow Hope Trust, which is a new project recently set up by Matt and Lauren Mbanga, one of the pastors of Highlands Presbyterian Church in Harare. It is a project that St Andrew's Caversham supports and we hope that this will be a long term mission partnership. Matt visited St Andrew's in 2017 and recently addressed the congregation live via Skype at one of our services and members of the congregation were able to ask questions.

Grow Hope is located near the Eastern border with Mozambique, 250km from Harare. It is a Christian initiative, the aim of which is to use the Christian Foundations for Farming (FfF) programme, which has been used successfully in Zimbabwe and elsewhere in Africa, and the world, to encourage young people to take responsibility in their own lives, and as farmers.

In April this year Grow Hope hosted a group of high-achieving under-privileged youth. Matt reports; "I trialled a sustainable development simulation game that I have written for them to put into practice the 'Mutual Gains' approach to



leadership and sustainable development that the camp focussed on; they completed the exercises with flying colours! They applied everything that I had taught them about interpersonal skills, communication, conflict management, creativity and leadership and made me very proud! Thank you again for making this dream a reality for us and for the impact on the lives of those we exist to serve."

To find out more visit www.standrewscaversham.org and click on Mission.



Revd Nigel Jones

St Anne's school pupils have done well in two events during April.



A team of Year Five children took part in the F1 Jaguar Primary School Challenge at the UTC in Reading. At the culmination of nearly three months incredibly hard work, they spent the day displaying and presenting their work. They gave a five-minute talk about their experiences and discussed the engineering of their cars. They then raced the cars that they had designed. By the end of the day the "Furious Falcons" had achieved third place overall and were also awarded best engineered car.

The recently formed Girls Years 3 and 4 Football team took part in a football tournament at the John Madjeski Academy. After drawing the first game 1-1, they went on to win the next three games 5-0, 4-0 and 2-0. The last two games were up against two strong teams and resulted in one loss although they managed to draw the other. Overall, they finished in second place which was a massive achievement in their first ever competition.



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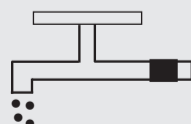
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