



New Year Greetings to all our Readers

TRAFFIC — TIME FOR ACTION!

ONCE again, with the coming of winter, Caversham traffic grinds to a halt. Once again motorists' frustrations lower their standards, making them more aggressive and potentially more dangerous. Once again bus passengers fume and pay increased fares because of the resultant inefficient service. Once again pedestrians take their lives in their hands as they try to cross side roads where the waiting cars force a way out. And once again, there is a cry from the local media for the long-term solutions of bigger and better roads (no, no, no) and for improved and cheaper Public Transport coupled with a Park and Ride Scheme (yes, yes, yes).

But why, oh why, cannot the experts see that there are two simple measures which would bring considerable relief to Caversham and to the town in general, in a matter of days.

First let's deal with the small minority of anti-social and illegal parkers who for their own convenience care not a jot for the inconvenience they cause to hundreds of others. Their effect is out of all proportion to their numbers. One motorist parked on Bridge Street when he pops in to buy his Evening Post can hold up traffic back along Caversham Road as far as the town. One lorry parked on the Church Street/Prospect Street corner can jam every road in central Caversham as well as adding to the danger by blocking the view. Double yellow lines are an excellent idea, but not if they are ignored with impunity. Selfish parkers will only learn the error of their ways if they are hit where it hurts. Fine them, even if they have two wheels on the pavement and their hazard warning lights on which some think absolves them from sin. And keep fining them until they stop offending. Other towns do it. Why can't Reading?

If the police are too over-worked to leave their Castle Street headquarters or to get out of their comfortable cars, what is wrong with Traffic Wardens? They seem to be becoming an endangered species. How

often does one see one in Caversham? For an hour on a Thursday afternoon, once a month? And never in the rush-hour when they are most needed.

The shortage can't be due to the economy cuts. Traffic Wardens must be self-financing. Indeed the service must make a profit. Give me a cap, a badge, and a pad of stickers and pay me a quarter of the fines and I could make a very comfortable, albeit short-term living in Caversham. The police will tell you that they can't get Traffic Wardens because it is such an unpopular job. Rubbish! How many job adverts for Traffic Wardens have you seen in the local press lately?

Rapid relief could also be brought about by Reading's Department of Technical Services at no cost to the rate-payers. Of course road repairs have to be done but why start so many different jobs simultaneously? Why not get one job finished using maximum man-power before going on to the next? And why must bollards, lorries and equipment be set up at the end of a week and just left there, unused for days. Why can we afford overtime rates to demolish the Gosbrook Road toilets — hardly an urgent job even if it was necessary at all — on a Saturday, when on the same day we could not afford to continue the work outside Huntley & Palmers on the Kings Road/Forbury Road corner where unused equipment caused jams throughout the town and back into Caversham? Why, in November, was the paraphernalia outside Reading Bridge House so often deserted with the workmen's hut roped up with plastic, while for weeks the attendant bollards closed one lane of the bridge? Surely there is someone in the Civic Offices with the ability to plan efficiently so that inconvenience is minimised.

So come on police and planners. Get off your seats. Use your intelligence. You can't all be as stupid and idle as you appear.

D.E.T.

A plea by a Caversham resident



Typical centre of Caversham crawling traffic. The law is handy in case of a complete standstill. What can we do? It will get worse by the end of the year

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TALKING POINT

By Father Thomas Meagher
St Anne's RC Church



WHILE I write these notes, long before the end of 1986, I can't promise that the papers, at the beginning of 1987 will be full of suggestions for a New Year Resolution. I am sure that many of us will have made some effort to do something. New Year is recognised as a time for starting afresh, and I suppose that any time is good for this, even though New Year is merely a date on the calendar.

The Christian Church, apart from giving us every opportunity throughout our lives to turn back to God, gives us several "official", or liturgical, beginning-times. a) The Church begins its New Year in Advent, four weeks before Christmas, b) Christmas, to celebrate the Incarnation as the beginning of our Redemption, and c) above all, Easter.

One might venture to hope that, all over the country people have been resolving to give up (or cut down on) smoking, to give up, or cut down on the consumption of alcohol; either of which good intentions may have been hastened by a certain over-use in the last few weeks, or to improve one's general conduct.

I hope that the present New Year does not become submerged by the deafening sound of smashed resolutions; but if it has, will we start again?

Christmas, rather than the New Year, should have provided us with the IDEA of making a good resolution. One might here say "hands up all those who went to Church", or, as a consequence "hands up those who went at Christmas, and have not been back since." There is a certain mystique, perhaps a trace of something on people's subconscious which persuades them to go to Midnight Mass, or an appropriate service, or simply to see the Crib (not "kiddies corner" as was the description given to me once — to my evident apoplexy.)

Is there still a glow left from the fire of love that should have kindled our hearts; one would hope that at least there is more left than the ash of belief, worship and love.



At the first Christmas time there was a glow in the sky which persuaded three wise men to leave their country and come to the place where Jesus lay. Their reaction? "And falling down, they worshipped Him." The current Solemn Feast is that of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Our Lord in the manger to the wise men (hence to the non-Jewish world). The gifts they brought were both symbolic and instructive; gold for Our Lord as King, frankincense for the Worship of God, and myrrh for the ointment in His embalming. It would be interesting to know how many of us reverence Christ as our King, adore Christ as our God, and share in the representation of His death on Calvary as given to us in the Mass (as a regular practice).

When Jesus came to found His Kingdom, He came to renew mankind in the love of God, not simply to make things only slightly better. Pilate asked our Lord if He was a king; Our Lord's reply was to tell him that His was not an earthly kingdom. Time and again He had reminded us that the Kingdom of Heaven was like the grain of mustard seed, the pearl of great price, the treasure, the wedding feast ... all these parables tell us that Christ as God comes to give us His life (by which we can exist in His kingdom) to raise us up to Him. This is the new life of the Kingdom, the life that keeps us close to God. This is truly the love of God in us. St John said "This is the love I mean, not our love for God, but God's love for us when He sent His Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away." We cannot love God without His help; we need this great gift of God to live with the life of the Kingdom.

Our Lord said to the Samaritan woman. "If thou didst but know the gift of God ... and He compared grace to "living water".

But God's gift is not something that is dead in us and about which we do nothing (it will die in us if we do nothing).

We must foster it and nourish it by receiving God in the ways that Jesus laid down by the Church that He founded; but we must also show that love in practice.

Time and again in the New Testament we are urged in different ways to "put on Christ". "For me", says St Paul, "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." St Paul was one of the great imitators of Christ. How do we "put on Christ"?

Surely, if we are to make any resolution at all, it should mean a complete change with Christ, in Christ and to Christ. Even before Our Lord's coming John the Baptist, one of the great patrons of the season of Advent, preached a "gospel" of repentance ... "for the Kingdom of God is at hand".



Our Lord's Gospel was the New Testament of Love, which involved both service and doing His will, a sign of our love. In order to achieve this, there must be a process of change, of repentance; Christ preached a gospel of "repentance unto the remission of sins". This word "repentance" means change of heart, conversion in the fullest sense. At the beginning of Lent, yet another of the Church's "official" starts, we are urged to "rend our hearts, not simply our garments".

When Our Lord asks us to be His disciples, He begs us to have the simplicity of children; "Unless you become converted and become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." This is a clear command to change; we all know how our lives have become over-complicated. Not only is faith called "simple faith", because God is simple in the sense of being uncluttered by material, or complicated; the simplest things are the truest things, and God is infinitely True. So we should follow the words of St Paul "let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus." To have the mind of Christ Jesus, we must be turned back to Him by repentance, conversion.

To continue to live in the love of Christ, we must not only use the means of Grace provided by the Church, but we must treat the spiritual life as a fight, for which our weapons are faith and hope, but above all ... "put on love" (charity). In St Paul's paean of praise of charity (I Corinthians XIII) "if I have faith sufficient to move mountains, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

To remind us of the dual obligation of loving God and our neighbour, St John tells us that we can hardly say that we love God whom we cannot see, if we do not love our neighbour whom we do see.

To illustrate the love of our neighbour, Our Lord gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan being the true neighbour by not simply helping anyone in need, but a Jew, one who had been passed by fellow Jews.

In our repentance and conversion, love for God and our neighbour must be paramount.

At the start of a new calendar year (even if we haven't used the chance of Advent), and not very long before we begin Lent as our preparation for Easter, it is time to turn back to Christ, and follow Him in His love and His teaching, in the means of Grace given to us by His Church. Through our co-operation in God's plan for us, and the purpose for which He created us, we can be transformed in Christ and by Christ. Let the beginning of January be "the acceptable time ... the day of salvation ..." for us.



Postbag

My Dear Friends,
IT IS with feelings of sober and subdued joy that I hasten to tender you my most sincere greeting for the year upon which we have now entered. Exuberant joy and merriment ill become a Christian Pastor at any time, still less when he knows full well how many hearts among his flock, though resigned to the Divine will, are still bleeding from the sore bereavements sustained during the past year. It is scarcely too much to say that the heart of the Parish still bleeds from the wound it sustained in the irreparable loss of one, or rather, we ought to say two of its most faithful friends and officers. Let us not forget at this season while we "rejoice with them that do rejoice" to "weep" also "with them that weep" — to sympathise with our brethren's sorrows not less than to share their joys.

The New Year, I need hardly say, will be a memorable year in our national annals: seldom does it fall to the lot of a nation to commemorate

the Jubilee of its Sovereign; more seldom still can a nation thankfully recognise the real unquestioned blessings which have flowed to it from a wise and beneficial reign of half-a-century. Let us hope (at least, those of us who have the spiritual welfare of the Parish at heart) that the year may also be memorable in our parochial annals, and that the long broached theory of a church for Lower Caversham may become a reality, an actual fact ere the year 1887 has expired. Let us, one and all, "arise and be doing", throwing all our energy (like the Jews of old) into the "honorable work" of rearing a Sanctuary to the Most High God, a Sanctuary which, by its solid structure and its Cruciform shape shall at once symbolise the sure and steadfast promises of that "Eternal God who

is our only refuge" amid the changes and chances of this mortal life, and shall also ever keep before our eyes the blessed Cross of the Redeemer, in which the Christian loves to glory.

One word more. We are nearer to the goal of our earthly race! Are we nearer to God, nearer in heart and mind to our Heavenly Father, reflecting more and more brightly, as each year rolls by, the Image of His dear Son?

Are we growing in grace, gradually developing the Christ-like character? Are we nearer to God or further from Him? That is the all important question for you and for me!

Ever your faithful Friend and Pastor.

The Vicarage, Caversham: 1-1-1887.

NEW ORGAN FOR ST. PETER'S

THE PCC of Caversham and Mapledurham has given the go ahead to St. Peter's district to buy a new organ. This will be an electronic model, a Copemen-Hart two-manual pipeless instrument and is of the highest quality from a firm of high repute in church music. It will replace the present organ, rebuilt in 1949 from its predecessor and which has, certainly over the past few years, been nurse-maided just to keep going. The removal of the pipes will open a new vista in the church when the ancient Vanderstegen chapel will again be visible. The cost of the

organ and the work entailed in the removal of the old one and the new installation and making good, will be in the region of £20,000.00. Friends in the community are being asked for generous help, the congregation itself will be making their own efforts too to raise money. Contributions will be gratefully received by the Church Treasurer at St. Peter's, and Mr Norman Kent in Church House has also kindly agreed to collect any donations on the church's behalf. It is hoped that the new instrument will be in place for the Easter services.

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KATY IN (AND OUT OF) CAVERSHAM

FOLLOWING last month's article on antiques and collections, I've been doing some more investigating. The subject becomes more interesting all the time and in the new year I hope to write more on the subject. It was very encouraging to discover that our tutor at the class I'm currently attending, Martin Rendall, is an enthusiastic reader of the "Bridge" — and, I may add, a fervent believer in the need to retain Caversham as a community. I hope to get a contribution from him. And I've spoken to Gail Spence who, as

many know, advertises in the "Bridge"; her business is at Twyford but she, like the others, does a great deal of home clearance in this area. She's very anxious to contribute, so between us we should have a lot of Caversham people joining in the collecting business.

Clearing a Home

Though it's obviously sad to have to break up and clear a home, for whatever reason, all the people I've spoken to and named in this paper come with the highest recommendations for helpfulness and

fair dealing, so if you do find yourself in that position don't be afraid to call on any of them.

Out and About

Having been advised on more than one occasion in recent months to try to live as normally as possible in spite of my recent illness, I've been taking advantage of British Rail's cheap November offers to railcard holders. Between us, my sister and I have had something like £200 worth of rail travel for £32. We've visited friends, seen the Brighton Pavilion, the Burrell Collection at

Glasgow (a must for anyone visiting that area) and taken in the National Craft Fair at Birmingham. The rail service on the whole has been excellent; but we were disappointed not to see more Caversham people on our travels. Let's hope if British Rail make similar offers in the future we'll find more of our friends travelling with us.

Far Flung Recipes

Thanks to the travels of some of our readers, it is interesting to know that the Cookery Book produced by Liz Cheney in aid of the fund for Reye's Syndrome children,

is now in use in America and the USSR — I wonder what they make of it. Has anyone else taken the book to other countries, I wonder?

Apologies

I'm taking advantage of this column to apologise to the customer and the assistant I was rude to in a local supermarket in November. I hadn't realised I was queue jumping and it was my fault, but did the customer really have to sound so disapproving. Surely she realised it wasn't deliberate. But perhaps, like me, she was having an off-day. Apologies anyway.

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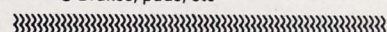
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The Tent Peggers of Nuney Green

UNTIL fairly recently, when walking in the woods around Mapledurham you sometimes came across the tent peg makers at work. They carried on their trade wet or shine, winter cold or summer sun sheltered by rough huts with walls made from the heaps of chips and shavings from their work and a roof of tarpaulin, corrugated iron or sacking. In cold weather a cheerful fire provided a little comfort. These rough shelters were erected wherever timber was being felled. The

trees used did not need to be the best specimens but were often the poor misshapen ones, for tent pegs did not call for quality wood. The two Great Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 brought a huge demand for tent pegs and in the latter alone local tent peg makers were contracted to produce one million.

Another group of people working in woodland industry were the bodgers. They were the chair turners. The name bodger is slang and

probably came about because these men only roughed out the chair legs and stretchers from beech, leaving the finishing to be done in the factories of High Wycombe. Bodgers worked in the Buckinghamshire woodlands from the end of the eighteenth century

when the demand for furniture making developed, but they did not appear to have come to the Oxfordshire beechwoods till the middle of the 1800's. Rather like nomads following fresh pasture, they followed the trees and as those in the Buckinghamshire Chilterns were

used up they travelled further afield. With the coming of modern techniques in the furniture trade this ancient industry finally died out in the 1960's.

M.K.

(I am indebted to Mrs Pat Preece for this information.)



Tent peg makers' shelter at Phillips Hill, Nuney Green, in the parish of Mapledurham. c1940.

THE ADVENTURES OF SEB

LATISH one Friday night in November our next-door neighbour, Vernon John, called to ask if we'd seen anything of young Seb — named for his turn of speed — their much-loved Manchester terrier who seemed to have disappeared. We alerted Petwatch and advised Vernon to contact the petshop and the local vet if Seb failed to turn up by the morning.

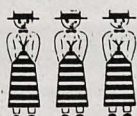
Meanwhile a minor drama was being played out in Prospect Street. John Mul-

laney, one of our editors, had seen a small dog run over and realising he was hurt, set after him. Chasing a hurt and frightened dog around the roads east of Prospect Street was no easy task but at this stage Jerry and Sue Brown from the Pet Shop joined in the fun and games and between them they managed to manoeuvre young Seb to the vets where, without anyone knowing who he belonged to, treatment for his injuries began immediately. The delighted John family

found him there the next morning.

Now well on the way to recovery but, we hope, cured of the habit of roaming among the traffic, Seb would be the first to pay tribute to the combined ops which prevented him from being a serious casualty and which showed that Caversham cares for its pets as well as its people. One can only hope that the motorist who ran over Seb and who drove on once he'd seen what happened was not a Caversham person.

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

Famous organ at risk

JUST what is going on about Reading Town Hall? Plans to insert a mezzanine floor into the large assembly hall, resoundingly defeated a mere three or four years ago, have suddenly been resurrected as if the outcry they provoked had never occurred. On that occasion protest came not only at local level but at national level. The Victorian Society was appalled, and so were organists of international renown who had been delighted to play the Father Willis organ because, however much its repair may have been neglected, it was the only unaltered secular Willis organ in the country, still in the hall for which it was purpose built. They all recognised that its mighty voice when at full power and requires the existing space round it. Raised till it all but touches the ceiling, however artistic the surrounding decor, it would never sound the same again. In the face of such united opposition the plans were apparently withdrawn.

It was about a year ago that work was started on Phase I of the Town Hall restoration, the south west Waterhouse section, and all appeared to be going well, apart from the scandal of selling off the Waterhouse chairs when everyone was on holiday, until a few months ago when the costs escalated well beyond the estimates and work was called to a halt. It was then that the old plan to insert a mezzanine floor into the large assembly hall was brought up from the vaults, dusted down, and presented for what was brazenly described as a pub-

lic consultation exercise.

Caversham people on the whole are reasonably alert and take an interest in civic amenities, but how many of them knew about this exercise? Not surprisingly, very few did, for there was a minimum of publicity and the so-called exercise took place in the foyer of the Civic Offices for five working days of a week only, between the hours of 10am and 4pm.

Two questions were asked. One was straightforward, seeking views on uses for the restored rooms. The second asked whether you wanted a mezzanine floor, restored organ and increased art gallery space or no floor and decreased gallery space, a loaded question if ever there was one. There were pictures to help you make your choice. An architect's drawing of the hall with the mezzanine floor looked as attractive as any baroque concert hall possibly could (no mention of the fact that its four hundred seats would not cover the cost of a good scale performance) whilst the faded photograph of the assembly hall appeared to have been taken on a wet Monday morning in the darkest time of the year. Altogether it was a travesty of a public consultation.

Notwithstanding this, the small number of people who voted were overwhelmingly opposed to the mezzanine floor and in favour of community use of the other rooms where the earlier plans had offered a conference centre and a pub or restaurant. Far more telling, the Berkshire organists and Friends of Reading Abbey presented petitions at the

Borough Council meeting, numbering several hundreds and collected in under a week, all opposed to spoiling the hall and organ with a mezzanine floor. And there the matter stands at the moment, whilst Council committees deliberate and Councillors seek to familiarise themselves with the background.

Chester Street Car Park

Confidence on the role of public consultation in the process of decision making took another knock over the proposed charges for the Chester Street car park. The Director of Technical Services received fifteen objections and a petition, but is still introducing charges for shoppers. Forty pence for four hours sounds generous, but who spends four hours shopping in Caversham. Most people get it over in half an hour and some are there for not much more than ten minutes, but prefer to use the car park, when they can get in, to parking on double yellow lines. What will these shoppers do now? There has been an improvement in the scale of charges for long-term parkers, the cost to be £1. It is not clear, at the time of going to press, whether you can get two separate four hour periods to cover a day's work. Perhaps "they" haven't thought of that one yet. The paying period will end at 5pm.

Standing in the rain

It's no fun standing in the rain and wind with a load of shopping waiting for a bus that seems as if it will never come. When the bus stop serves three services and is close to a busy "daily needs" shopping district, then homeward bound or not, a bus shelter is called for. Such a stop is the

one in Hemdean Road, nearly opposite the library, which serves the 20, 24 and 29 buses, and is where passengers get on laden with shopping, these being the carless or public spirited ones who don't clutter up the streets and car parks.



Caversham Residents' Association approached Reading Transport over this problem, aware of the fact that it was not policy to provide shelters for outward journeys (you can dry yourself off and get warm at home) and received a sympathetic reply though the final decision rests with the Director of Technical Services. On the whole then it does pay to make your views known, even though it sometimes seems like banging your head against a brick wall.

Ruts and rat runs

Residents of St Peter's Avenue were thrown into a state of alarm when they found themselves threatened with bills of £6,000 per household to repair and make up

the road. The top half of the road is already made up and so is half of the lower half. It is this lower section that is in trouble. Because it is gravel, over the years it has become severely rutted. Being an unadopted road, the householders themselves are responsible for its upkeep and they were not very happy when they got a letter from the Borough Council telling them the road was a danger to service vehicles and would be made up properly at their expense. Although poverty is not a problem associated with St Peter's Avenue, such a sum is far from negligible. The alarm, however, was not confined to the lower part of the avenue. Residents for its whole length could see their road being used as a rat run to avoid the traffic queues in Woodcote Road, which on a bad day can back up as far as Richmond Road. The lower part prevented this, even if they did no good to cars owned by those residents who could not avoid using that

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THAMESIDE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

DRESSED in pin-nies and short trousers, the girls and boys entered through separate gates to taste school life of 1906 when they arrived at school on Friday, November 21, 1986.

The staff built the foundation to the studies by visiting Oxfordshire and Berkshire Record Offices and Museums and by contacting local residents, the Caversham Bridge, Reading Newspapers and many other local resources. The whole school spent some weeks investigating a multitude of different aspects of life dating back over the last eighty years.

Fashions, transport, food, education, hardships and leisure are just a few of the subjects studied. As the work progressed evidence of the children's participation grew up around the school in classrooms, in the workshop, in the library and in the corridors. Artifacts, contributed by parents, friends and staff representing the period, formed exhibitions and the school presented a colourful and stimulating array of



Thameside School Edwardian Assembly

— E. S. Archer

pictures and writing. Much learning arose from senior citizens joining us in school and chatting about "the good old days" — some were not so good!



Neighbours, families, books, magazine pictures, museum items; all were used to resource the project.

The school assembly in the hall, parents and friends were seated around the edges whilst staff looked down from

their lofty perches on the stage. Mr R. Wells, Acting Headmaster, the Reverend R. J. Kingsbury, Rector of Caversham and Mr M. Francis, Chairman of Governors also surveyed below them the lines of segregated pupils. The Reverend Kingsbury in almost Edwardian style delivered a sobering address introducing a catechism which stirred the consciences of the staff — some were seen to turn quite white! The children assim-

ilated the instructions with innocent ease and even the threat of a check up for understanding in following weeks left them totally undisturbed.

Lessons of drill, copy-writing on slates, still-life drawing and number work took place during the remainder of the day. Visitors, friends and parents popped in during the course of the day making very complimentary remarks about the project.

At the end of the

day the children reported that the formal lines of desks, regimented lessons, segregated situation and even quaint garb suited them well. "Can we do it all again?" asked one excited pupil. The staff wearily flopped in chairs — no energy left to give a proper answer.

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

section of the road. Reading Borough Council were adamant, however, that something must be done, so the upshot is that the road will be repaired to a minimum standard for safety at a cost of £250 per household, but not to a standard to encourage rats to take a short cut down it. On the whole everyone seems happy and again discussion has paid off.

Harley Road
It was continuous grumbling and complaining that finally led to Grndon's vacating their Harley Road site and the Hous-

ing Committee of the Borough Council is to acquire the land for houses to rent. This is a site where housing is a welcome alternative to what went before, as even the traffic generated will not compare with heavy lorries starting early in the morning and ploughing their way through children going to and from school.

Prime site
It is on sites which act as a green lung amongst surrounding development that there is less welcome if not downright opposition. A large, somewhat

run down house in Priest Hill, standing in a large garden which gives access to an even larger site has recently been sold, and occupiers of neighbouring property for a long way round are anxiously waiting to see what will happen. Mere passers-by walking to work or the shops, and others stationary in traffic queues are also watching with some concern, for the garden has in it

two magnificent copper beech trees beneath which every spring appears a carpet of white and purple crocuses. Spirits jaded by the winter are lifted by the annual appearance of these harbingers of spring, just as they take delight in the changing colour of the beeches as the seasons advance. Whatever happens behind the scenes, it is to be hoped these remain.

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

THE Coffee Morning at the end of October was very successful and enjoyed by all who were able to join members on this occasion when they raised a total of £57 to enable them to provide a Christmas Party for some of the patients from Borocourt Hospital and also for their own Branch Funds. Grateful thanks go to Mildred Hutchison for her hospitality and to Vera and Marjorie Travers who nobly

manned the "Coffee Pot" and did the "Washingup". "Food for Thought" aptly describes the November meetings. On the first Tuesday afternoon a lively group discussion followed the reading of the Hebrew Poem of "A capable wife" found in the thirty-first chapter of the Book of Proverbs, and at the evening meeting the Revd Peter Mullins told of his work with the children in Northern Ireland.

THE LINK GROUP

THE Link Group meeting on Monday, November 24, was at the new home of Doreen and Ken Bennett, and began, appropriately enough, with a reading by the Chairman of a poem asking for "blessing on this house".

Time was taken to finalise plans for the Christmas Tea Party, carol singing and distribution of toys. Tickets were available for distribution in the Churches for the Ecumenical Lunch to be held on January 24, which it is hoped will be well supported.

Doreen talked briefly on the Caversham Care Centre, which is now being well used. The Centre is open for inquiries every morning, and it appeared from discussion that most problems

brought to the Centre could be dealt with through known channels. It was pointed out that it was ten years since plans for such a Centre were first discussed and that one purpose then considered was to look into overlapping of facilities and to try to cover any gaps in the care available in Caversham. It was agreed that as far as was known this was being done. The "Pop-In" part of the Centre, open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, is well attended by people of all ages and provides a happy meeting point in Caversham.

The meeting ended with House Communion, conducted by the Revd Peter Mullins, whom the Link were very pleased to welcome on a first visit.

NEW BISHOP FOR OXFORD

THE Board warmly welcomes the news of the appointment of the Rev Richard Harries as Bishop of Oxford. Mr Harries is at present Dean of King's College, London. He was formerly at Wells Theological College and before that, Vicar of All Saints, Fulham.

GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW



Judith Skinner and Tim Wale with the new book stall

— Eunice Cooper

BAPTIST NEWS

Worship

ON SUNDAY, November 2 we were given an encouraging message from Mr Stephen Greasley, a student minister from Regent's Park College, Oxford. He reminded us that we come to church to worship a God who is Alive! Our worship every Sunday should not be an act of weekly formality or religious ritual, but should be a time of sincere praise and thanksgiving to a God who loves and cares for us in all aspects of our lives. The Lord is so Almighty that we as mortals can only begin to understand a little of His greatness. Psalm 8 v 3 reminds us "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers ... what is man that you are mindful of him?" Yet through the work and ministry of Jesus, who "is the same yesterday, and today and forever" (Hebrews 13 v 8) and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit who lives in the heart of every believer, God has shown us that we can know Him personally.

Mr Greasley reminded us that our worship and praise to God is something that should be in our hearts seven days a week, not just one in seven.

Tear Fund

Missionary, Sally Ann Ousley, continues to work in Bangladesh, and on Saturday, November 8, a coffee morning was held on behalf of Tear Fund. A substantial sum was raised for the support of this

organisation, which is very active in the Third World.

Housegroups

People can often get to know one another better if they meet in small groups for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. Not only do they get to know one another more personally, but they can also encourage one another in their faith. To this end, four housegroups within the church meet in one another's homes two to three times a month. Since September, housegroups have been studying a booklet entitled "God's Bridge Builders" written by the Revd David Coffey, President of the Baptist Union. It is a series of Bible studies. Mr Coffey writes "the burden of my heart is that Christians will do what God intends — build bridges of love and understanding starting right where we are:

Bridges of acceptance in the local church

Bridges of tolerance towards believers in other denominations

Bridges of compassion to a broken world"

The housegroups are being encouraged to discuss such topics as: bridge building across misunderstandings, social divisions, bridge building across the churches and across disunity, and bridge building within the church. All these topics are discussed in the light of what the Bible says, and members of the housegroups find this helpful and encouraging.

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A SPECIAL ceremony was performed by the Rev Brian Skinner at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church, when a book-stall was dedicated to the memory of Mrs Kathleen West who died earlier this year. Kathleen was a "pillar of the church" in every way and had been a very loyal, hard working member for many years. She has been greatly missed and will be remembered as one of the outstanding characters of Gosbrook Road.

The Church family enjoyed a very happy Gift Day and Church Anniversary, when the Rev Leslie Griffiths (a former Minister of Gosbrook Road) was the after dinner speaker and guest preacher for the Sunday services. Rev Leslie Griffiths is now Superintendent of The West London Mission. Grateful thanks must be expressed to the new Fund Raising committee for their hard work during the year and their fine organisation for events such as this and the Christmas Fair. Congratulations to all concerned.

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

St Peter's Wives Group

At the beginning of November St Peter's Wives Group held their Autumn Fair in Church House. Support for the event was good and the home-made cakes, plants, bric-a-brac etc provided by members of the Group soon started to disappear.

Before the formalities of their AGM later in the month Jean Pugh, the Group's retiring Chairman, welcomed Group Captain Denis Rogers, the Support Group Co-ordinator for the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed and presented him with a cheque for £200, the proceeds from the Autumn Fair. This sum included an anonymous donation on the day of £25.

The Revd Richard Kingsbury chaired the Group's AGM. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports showed that the Group was in a very sound position. Jean Pugh was warmly thanked by the Group for her leadership over the past two years. Mary Duncan was ratified as Chairman and five new Committee members were elected. After coffee and cake, provided by the Committee, the Group had fun learning how to fold and display table napkins.

The Group's next meeting to be held in Church House on January 20 at 8pm will be a talk by a member of the Audiology Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

POSTBAG

Were you mystified by the letter appearing on Page 2?

What a change in style — just think of last month's Talking Point from Richard Kingsbury!

The letter in fact was from the Rev A. E. Molyneux, Vicar of Caversham 100 years ago, and his January message was reprinted from the St Peter's Caversham Magazine.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

The Advent Procession and Ceremonies

A moving service of preparation was held in St. Peter's Church on Advent Sunday. A darkened church was slowly lit from west to east by a procession of Acolytes, Crucifer and a Priest (the Rev. Adrian Dorber from St. Barnabas). After each reading, hymn and prayer, the small procession lit candles at the pew ends and the light was passed along the rows by the congregation. Thus by the time the Gospel was reached, the church shone with candlelight. A tree was also decorated to represent the Advent themes. The choir sang well and the hymns and carols chosen illustrated the readings. The service was much appreciated by the full congregation.



The Revd Leslie Griffiths and his wife Margaret with Senior Steward Mary Prior at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church.

— Eunice Cooper

ST MARGARET'S NEWS

PERHAPS there has not been much news of St Margaret's lately but the church at Mapledurham is alive and well. A few weeks ago a harvest barn dance was held and in spite of a smaller attendance it was the usual happy social occasion it always is. A small but energetic group spent one Saturday giving the churchyard an Autumn tidy up.

A most successful jumble sale recently

took place to raise funds for Gillian Rose at the mission hospital in Bollobhpur and once again we have had a most moving Remembrance Service with Tim Atherton sounding The Last Post and the choir singing an anthem. Our team of bell ringers continue to call us to worship each Sunday and the Youth Group and Sunday School flourish. Praise be St Margaret's is alive and well.

OBITUARIES

Maureen Dawes

A GREAT many people in the Mapledurham part of Caversham knew, loved and admired Maureen Dawes and were greatly saddened to hear of her sudden death on November 10. As a little girl she went to St Peter's Hill School and when schooldays finished she worked in Barclays Bank Caversham.

Although Maureen lost her sight several years ago and did not enjoy the best of health, nevertheless she lived life to its fullest. She helped run the Reading Talking Library, belonged to Blagrave WI and also the Townswomen's Guild. Musical appreciation classes were another of her interests. She also delivered the Caversham Bridge News for many years in Hewett Avenue with the help of her faithful guide dog. To

meet and talk with her was a humbling experience for she was so utterly selfless.

The board of the Caversham Bridge are most grateful for her wonderful example as a deliverer of this paper.

She will be remembered by her many friends with great love and affection. To her family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr Ted Tiffen

AS we go to press we learn with regret of the death of Ted Tiffen in the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed. A local resident for many years, he was a keen member of the Caversham Horticultural Society and after his retirement, his garden gave him great pleasure. He was a good neighbour and a great support to his housebound friends.

Caversham Bridge Good Neighbour Scheme

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Guest Speaker: Mrs Charlotte Salvesson, Senior Social Worker, Geriatric Unit, Battle Hospital.

Gently does it!



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— E. S. Archer



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Wealth Creation and the Christian

THIS was the theme of the last of a series of four evenings at St Barnabas, each meeting considered an aspect of the role of the Christian in the world today. Work and Unemployment featured in two sessions led by the Revd. Philip Lee-Bapty, Reading's own Industrial Chaplain from the Council of Churches' Industry, Trade and Employment Mission, the third on "Goals for our future society" was led by Prebendary John Gladwin, the Secretary of the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility. The series was rounded off when the Revd. Ron Mitchinson, the Diocesan Industrial Missioner, challenged us to think about "Wealth creation and the Christian". This is summarised here and was a fitting conclusion by one of the Churches in Caversham to Industry Year.

Ron Mitchinson analysed the problem in some detail. He started with Kenneth Adams' views, which have drawn the attention of the Church to the need for it to affirm the essential goodness of wealth creation as the end product of industry. By so doing he has returned to the 19th-century view of wealth and the protestant work ethic, with which is associated John Wesley's dictum that we should work as hard as we can, to gain as much as we can, in order to save as much as we can, so that we may be able to give as much as we can. These ideas were set against those where each group

pursues its own self-interest, where supply and demand dominate and the needs of the greatest number of people are met, often to the detriment of the others. He also drew attention to economic theory and the Marxist and capitalist view of things — serious matters to get to grips with after a heavy day at the office — but the real relevance sprang into sharp perspective when we were reminded that we should look at economic life in the wider context of the Kingdom of God, when we did this our economic life should be transformed.

In a vigorous discussion, there was a call for a greater public consciousness of what is going on in the world today. So long as those in power do not share their knowledge, an awareness-building exercise is needed. We need to use the power we have to ensure adequate education (how much has this been weakened in the State sector by people opting for private education for their children?), adequate health care (has the diocese helped the Health Service by circulating literature for private health care in the diocesan mailing?), adequate housing (the stock of rented accommodation is woefully short). We were urged to use our talents and such power as we had to follow up contemporary issues, such as the problems in urban priority areas, which are so often unknown and not recognised by those living outside.

4. the need to involve as many people as possible in economic decision making, in the hope that this would lead to increased productivity;

5. the need to give attention to proper husbandry of our resources and environment.

At present issues are only taken seriously when they become acute. The Church is not giving enough encouragement to those who are engaged in the secular world. The Church of England structure is the envy of all political groups, we have good opportunities for communication, and we are interested, yet we do not use the opportunities we have. We need to explore what Christians can do collectively. We should do more to discover what it means to be part of the Christian community. The Church has many powerful people in the parishes up and down the land, it needs to share its feelings with these people in a more positive way. It would then obtain supporters who would challenge issues at a fundamental level, such as might occur by talking to MPs. Strategies could be worked out in dialogue and debate. Christians need to confront issues in the community. We should see ourselves as instruments for radical change. We should be more involved in the political arena and support our fellow-Christians in such activities. We

need to be more collective and more community minded in our actions. It was suggested that the Gospel message is not good news to the rich and it is only good news to the poor if they gained a share in the riches. It is necessary for Christians to take a stand alongside those who are oppressed because the oppressed are either sinful or sinned against, we need to discover who these people are. Finally we were reminded that the Church is a pilgrim people who should be travelling light but so often could not because of the lumber it carried around with it.

Preliminary plans exist for an opportunity to explore these matters further at a weekend parish conference next June, when we might examine what value we put on power and powerlessness among other issues, to discover what they are all about and to pray through these matters.

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THE WEEK AT SYNOD

By John Madeley

"THE most gruelling synod week I've attended in 16 years" was the view of a Church Times journalist on the November synod of the Church of England general synod. Gruelling, because much of it was about theology. The week started with a debate on a report called the "Priesthood of the Ordained Ministry". Amazing though it must appear to Christians in other churches, and also non-Christians, the debate barely touched on whether women should be ordained to the priesthood of the Anglican church in England — as they were in many other Anglican churches.



However, the priesthood is already wider than I thought. One speaker pointed out that all Christians are part of the priesthood and that all the clergy are part of the laity. If that is so — and it seemed good stuff to me — why don't we just think of all church people as Christians, rather than ministers and lay people? And how longer must we keep making a "priestly" distinction between women and men?

But that debate was just for starters. The really heavy stuff came on next. In a hot,

stuffy atmosphere, on an unseasonably warm November day, the theologians in our ranks sank their teeth into the Church of England's response to BEM and ARCIC. Readers familiar with BEM and ARCIC can skip the next two sentences.

Both concern the movement towards church unity, which, hopefully, is happening. BEM is short for Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry and is also called the "Lima Text". This text was drawn up by member churches of the World Council of Churches (all the major Christian churches except the Roman Catholic church are members) at their last assembly four years ago. It is a significant move towards visible church unity. Some areas remain to be ironed out but we agree on many aspects of baptism, eucharist and ministry.

The debate on BEM was more straightforward than the one on ARCIC — short for the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. The final report of this Commission was published in 1981 after more than 10 years work; local synods have since been debating it. The overwhelming view from these synods is that the report offers

a basis for us to take further concrete steps towards the reconciliation of our two churches.

Some of the debate at the general synod was very theological. The question of authority concerned many speakers. There was general unease about the claim of the Pope, since 1870, to be infallible in matters of faith and doctrine. A wide spectrum of views was expressed about what happens to the bread and wine when they are consecrated at the service of Holy Communion — a diversity reflecting the very nature of the Church of England. Differences on this should not however hold back unity; I disagree with my wife about what happens but it doesn't stop us worshipping together! The BEM and ARCIC motions were both passed by sizeable majorities and the movement towards unity took a small step ahead.

At this point anyone reading this who is not a Christian might perhaps be in a state of bemused despair. "What's wrong with you" might be the cry.

"You all claim allegiance to the same Jesus Christ. Doesn't he mean so much to you all that your differences are insignificant?"



On the evening following the ARCIC debate I attended an informal service in Westminster Abbey, which was a preparation for the Taize meeting in London this December and January. Taize is the ecumenical community in France where people from many churches share a common life together — they have broken down the barriers.

As I sat in the abbey, my mind in a turmoil following the events of the day, I became aware of the sheer majesty of God, of the all-embracing love he has for the world he created, for each of us. And it seemed to me that when we truly grasp the greatness of God then all our divisions will seem so petty, so irrelevant and unimportant, that they will not stop us embracing

each other as He embraces us. Then we shall have unity because the things that make for disunity will simply not be important.

It wasn't all theology. There were good debates on a report prepared for the church Board for Social Responsibility, "Our Responsibility for the Living Environment" — which the Archbishop of York, John Habgood, refreshingly called "the most important of the week". There was also a debate on a private member's motion urging the Church Commissioners not to invest in South Africa — this debate continues in February.

My own view, for what it's worth, is that the general synod does the Christian faith more credit when it is looking outwards and discussing its service to the world, rather than looking inward at itself. But to come back to the "unity" debates. These seemed insular at times but we have to remember that our divisions are a stumbling block to many people outside the church. And that makes discussions over unity more "outward" than they seem.

STAN ELDON'S COLUMN Sporting youngsters

THERE has been much media coverage in recent months concerning schools, sport and competition.

In some parts of the country schools have been discouraging youngsters from competing against each other. In Wiltshire a school football league was discontinued because it was thought there was too much competition between competing schools and players. I do not wish to enter the controversy over the merits of competition or the seeking of excellence in schools but a schoolmaster from the cancelled football league did raise an interesting point. He was concerned with the trend towards turning 8 year olds into professional footballers. Although there are some coaches in all sports who advocate earlier and earlier introduction to the training and understanding of a sport in the belief that it will create the stars of tomorrow, there are many more who believe that taking a sport too seriously, too soon, can do more harm than good. An athletic coach pointed out to me recently the number of promising young athletes who fell by the wayside and never made it to the top, whereas some of his charges who took a more casual approach in their early years became first-

class athletes by the time they were 20 or 21.

When young sport should be fun

A sensible approach would seem to be that boys and girls of Primary School age and for two years beyond should play and take part in as many varied sports activities as possible without being labelled a champion in any of them. As their talent emerges at around 13 or 14 that is the time to start the more dedicated and specialist training. There are a few sports, but they are in the minority, where perhaps the early approach is necessary.

Best in the long run to keep it short

Every year we get requests from youngsters to run in the Reading Half Marathon and although we refuse many, a few creep in. This coming year a new Mini Marathon is being introduced over a 3-mile course for the 11-16 year olds and it is hoped that all those in this age group who want to sample the excitement of a road race will enter this event. It is very unlikely that a youngster of 13 who tries to run 13.1 miles will ever make a great marathon runner, but the one who sensibly gets all the experience and speed

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Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

CAVERSHAM Afternoon Townswomen's Guild held its Annual General Meeting in November. Mrs Dora Smith stood down after three years in office, and her place as Chairman was taken by Mrs Enid Mills. Treasurer Mrs Ann Deane's place was taken by Mrs Edna Manning along with two other new committee members. The Guild has had a very successful year with good speakers at each meeting and visits to places of interest. Members look forward to a new programme and welcome visitors and new members at their meeting on the third Thursday of each month at Church House Caversham.

National Council of Women — Kennet Branch

THE October meeting was held at the home of the Vice-Chairman of NCW, Mrs Joan Belcher, where she reported on the Annual Conference held this year in Sheffield. Resolutions at the Conference included, Abused Children and their needs for a Family, Doctors and Child Victims of Incest, Accommodation for Teenagers leaving Care, and Nuclear Disasters — Information to the Public. Conference was well attended and everyone was made most welcome. Next year's Conference venue would be London. In November, Miss Penny Huntley, a Regional Organiser for the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children showed a film of the Society's work and answered questions put by members. She informed them on aspects of her job and gave current information on child abuse and neglect. Coffee and biscuits were served and the meeting closed with NCW business and arrangements being made for the Christmas Party to be held in December.

Rosehill WI

MISS Vincent welcomed members to the November meeting. A successful coffee morning for

ACWW was held on October 9, also a Jumble Sale on the 25th. The speaker was Mrs B. Brown, her subject "Thames Water". Reading's river is a most interesting one and she most capably told members facts about it that are never thought about and how really very cheap the daily use of water is compared with other domestic necessities. Literature was available for learning about wild life, flowers etc, near the Thames. A competition was held for three Christmas gift tags. This was won by Mrs Barge.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild Annual General Meeting

AT THEIR Annual General Meeting in November the election of officers and a committee by Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild was welcomed by Mrs Joan Read, chairman of Berkshire Federation. Thanks were expressed to the retiring vice-chairman, Mrs H. Richards, and to members of the committee for their work. Officers elected were chairman, Mrs C. Lott; vice-chairman, Mrs J. Brown; secretary, Mrs E. Hawkins; treasurer, Mrs N. Goodman.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Maureen Dawes, who had been a founder member. A coffee morning in aid of guild funds had been held at Norma Jones' home and one was to be held at Mrs Lott's home to help a renal unit. It had been a busy and interesting year, with subjects ranging from a talk by Mr Nash a chartered civil engineer who spoke about traffic jams, to the history of the English ballad. The meeting heard that the drama and singing sections are continuing to flourish. A member of a local

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Greenpeace movement had been in touch with members in Manila about the killing of whales and Philippine wildlife generally. At social studies at the end of the month Mrs Angela Perkins, ably helped by her husband, gave much interesting information about the history of Sonning. One picture taken from the air showed clearly a neolithic ritual site dating from 2,000 BC in Straithanger field. Two mills were working there at the time of the Domesday survey, one remaining as a theatre to this day. The river was once a boundary between the kingdoms of Mercia and Wessex. Mrs Perkins is now writing a history of the River Thames.

New members are welcome at the main meeting on the third Thursday in each month at St Andrew's Hall, Albert Road.

Caversham WI

AT THE November meeting members were treated to an exciting talk about the Mary Rose by first hearing from Mrs Joan Smith of the conditions in England in 1509. Henry VII had five ships in his Navy then, with guns fore and aft, making it difficult to fire at the enemy. By 1538 there were fifty-five ships and the Mary Rose was refitted with guns which could fire broadside, but the openings for the guns were only fourteen inches above sea level. Consequently when she turned to fire at the French by the Isle of Wight in 1545 the water flooded in, capsizing her.

Members were then shown other slides of how the Mary Rose was lifted from the sea bed after four hundred years and is now being fitted as a cross-section (like looking into a dolls house), so that visitors will be able to see exactly what conditions were like. Mrs Mary Lewis gave the vote of thanks for an exceedingly interesting lecture.

Caversham Community Association

THE November meetings opened with a Quiz Evening on November 3. The committee had arranged a varied selection of questions and the winner of each sec-

tion received a small prize.

On Remembrance Sunday representatives from the club joined the Caversham British Legion's Parade to the Thames-side War Memorial. Other club members attended the service, which was conducted by the Revd Alan Wilson. A wreath was placed on the memorial by Maida Feast, the Chairman, on behalf of the association.

Mrs Patricia Macrae, Home Economist from Sainsbury Stores, visited the club on November 10 and gave an interesting talk on the growth of the stores. John James Sainsbury and his wife started with a shop at Drury Lane, London in 1869 and soon opened more branches. Today a high standard of goods is maintained and natural flavours are labelled on many products.

The whist drive on November 17 was run by Doreen Crawley. There was a good

attendance and the joint first prizewinners were Dorothy Coppen and Ethel Thominet. George Feast received the consolation prize.

A "Mini" Bazaar arranged for the members the following week had many bargains on the various stalls. Two visitors also had goods for sale, Antoinette with cosmetics and perfumes, Jennie with clothes.

The Autumn Bazaar held on Saturday, November 1 was a successful occasion. Many visitors attended and the stallholders had a busy time. A total of £180 was raised to help with club expenses.

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BEAUTIFUL sunshine brought out a good attendance of members at the November meeting when the speaker was the Reverend Richard Kingsbury, who talked

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about his connection with prisons first as a prison visitor and later as a member of the Parole Board. His talk prompted quite a few questions and there followed a discussion on the pros and cons of the prison system. The speaker then judged the competition for a decorated peg doll and the winners were Mrs Housden, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Ogden. The raffle was won by Miss Wellstead.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

THE Annual General Meeting of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild welcomed Mrs A. Denning as the Returning Officer.

Miss B. Brann was elected as the new secretary and Mrs V. Havenhand as Treasurer. The new committee members are Mrs B. Jepson, Mrs Y. Spinks, Mrs M. Smallbone and Mrs J. Hodges and all were wished a happy and successful year by Mrs Denning. A noisy Beetle Drive nicely rounded off the evening.

A Fish and Chip Supper served as the Guild's thirty-fourth birthday party and was pronounced a great success. Everyone then enjoyed a musical evening with the Sainsbury Singers "Offcuts".

This has been a very happy and full year for the guild and new members and visitors are always welcome. Commencing in January 1987 meetings will always be on the second Tuesday of the month.



Air Marshal Sir Alan Davies, Chairman, Caversham branch SCF receiving a cheque for £360.00 raised by Quiz Aid from Lindsay Mullaney.

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TO fit in with the Thameside celebrations reported on a page five, we quote from St. Peter's Magazine in April 1906 the following: "We are being faced by a terrible danger, not only to the well-being of the Church, but to that of our nation. Whatever may be the declarations of the present Government, it is only too clear that the intention of the real power at present in the background, which is using our Government as a cat's paw, is to abolish religious teaching altogether from our Day Schools. We are to be allowed, I believe, a little simple Bible teaching at the hands of a Christian or an Infidel, or a Jew etc., according to the views of the master for the time being, for remember there are to be no religious tests. This, however, we must not expect to be anything but temporary. Before long it is intended that only secular teaching shall be given. You can imagine the result upon our National life. Let all Christians, of whatever denomination they may be, stand shoulder to shoulder to resist such a calamity. A petition which is being sent to Mr Birrel, from the parents of children attending our schools has been very largely signed. From all parts of England similar petitions have been pouring in, so that our Minister of Education if he intends to bring forward a Bill based upon the lines above-mentioned will meet with a considerable amount of opposition".

The next month a letter from the Bishop of London was reproduced in full. The aim of the State to take over the church schools was defeated.

CORRYMEELA SUNDAY

THERE will be a service of thanksgiving and celebration for the work of the Corrymeela Community at St. Matthew's Church, Southcote, Reading on Sunday March 15, 1987 at 6.30pm. The address will be given by the Revd. Brian Murphy, Chairman of Corrymeela Link. Whether you come on your own or with friends and members of your church congregation, you will be most welcome. After the service light refreshments will be served, when there will be an opportunity to meet old and new friends.

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11.15am Matins (3rd Sunday)
6.30pm Evensong

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