

THE OTHER FACE OF AFRICA

MEET Joseph Peghama, his family and guest. The Peghamas farm 5 acres of land in a village not far from the town of Bamenda in Cameroon, West Africa. They grow enough food for themselves and sell their surplus at the local market. The skinny fellow from Caversham on the right is the one who looks most in need of a good meal!

The Peghamas and tens of thousands of Cameroon farmers like them are the other face of Africa — the one to which the mirror is rarely held.

Cameroon is one of the small number of African countries which is self-sufficient in food. It has made a determined effort to eliminate hunger and raise living standards — and now feeds its people and even exports food to neighbouring countries. Since 1971 output of major foodcrops such as maize, yams and potatoes has doubled.

By John Madeley

has devoted a large slice of its national budget to agriculture than is normal in Africa. It has also given farmers the incentives they need to produce more food and helped them to obtain some of the new and higher-yielding seeds.

But an important reason behind its success has been the attention paid to women farmers. Women grow most of the food in Africa but are often neglected. A deliberate attempt has been made in Cameroon to help women farmers to obtain basic agricultural inputs such as seed and fertiliser and also with credit and better storage facilities.

Isolated pockets of hunger may still exist in a huge country with many isolated areas. But Cameroon is a sign of hope on a hungry continent — it shows that hunger can be overcome. With good policies for agriculture the government has been successful in releasing the potential of the country's farmers — most of whom are like the Peghamas with less than 5 acres of land.

I visited Cameroon in February to see how it was being done. For a start the Cameroon government

I visited one village where a women's group had been helped to build a store for their potatoes.

Now, instead of selling them straight after harvest when the price is rock bot-



— John Madeley

tom, they store them and sell months later, often obtaining over twice as much for them.

The chief priority for the extra money the women earn from their food crops is education for their children. Although schooling is free, parents have to buy books and uniforms to enable them to attend school. Illiteracy rates are tumbling as a result. Only a few years ago they were as high as 80 per cent. Today that is down to around 50 per cent and falling fast, with all that means for the development of people's potential.

The money the government devotes to agriculture means that many farmers are able to obtain advice on how to grow more food.

In 1984 the Peghama family took such advice, bought 2 oxen on credit and began farming in a more systematic way. Previously Joseph grew coffee and rice, his wife grew maize, beans and a crop called plantain. Today the couple share the farming tasks, producing the food together. They say their farm is now producing half as much again as in 1984.

As I walked around their farm on a hot February day it was their warmth and hospitality which

really stood out. Some chickens were running around by the house and as we were about to leave, Joseph picked up the largest and put the cluck-clucking bird into my hands saying: "I would like you to have this." The first thought that went through my head was to say thank you very much but facilities for live chickens in hotel bedrooms are not quite what they might be these days, and I was flying to Nigeria the next day... customs might not like it, etc., etc.

An official who noticed me hesitate came up and whispered: "You mustn't refuse it, people's homes

be and offices there offended." I took the chicken, the official later finding a home for it in his own chicken run back home.

Cameroon is impressive as one of the success stories in African agriculture but also because of the strength and vitality of Christianity in the country. On the Sunday I was there I joined worship at a jammed packed Baptist Church with well over a thousand people. But what impressed me most was the visible display of Christianity all around. Business signs contained more direct Christian messages or short passages from the gospels. On cars and buses, in people's homes

be and offices there were messages.

No one who lived in that town could get through a day without being challenged by the Holy Spirit through a visible Christian message. In Caversham, as in Briarcliffe, as a whole, people could get through a whole year without thinking about the Christian faith.

We talk about the need for us Christians to be a good example but I couldn't help thinking that we can learn a great deal from the direct approach of African Christianity — which is now one of the fastest growing in the world.

TALKING POINT

Fr. Tony Dalton

Priest-in-charge St. Andrew's Church, Caversham



A GUESSING GAME

THERE is a party game where one player has to guess the identity of a character agreed on by the rest but only has yes/no answers to help... "Were you born in the eighteenth century? ... Yes ... Are you Napoleon? ... No." Well, Our Lord's Resurrection appearances were a bit like that. He did not appear and say "Hello, it's me!" The disciples had to make that decision themselves. So, Mary Magdalen in the garden guesses that this man is the gardener, she is wrong but guesses correctly next time saying "Rabboni" — Master. Similarly the two men on the road to Emmaus guess that the man they meet is just a passing stranger, only as He breaks the bread do they guess rightly that this is Christ himself. This is the way the Resurrection appearances are, like a guessing game. The Christian religion as we live it is rather like a game too, with rules to tell us how to do it properly.



To say that religion is like a game is not however to make it trivial. One thing children learn in playing games is the need to obey the rules and far from being trivial that is an essential lesson for adult life. Our Lord said that we are to regard God as our Father, and that we must accept the Kingdom of God like little children. It is plain that none of us no matter how brilliant can ever be more than a child before God, and in fact we all know that we stand before Him not just as children, but as naughty children. It is necessary for us, God's children, to learn to play by the rules.

This means that you cannot join Christ's Church and yet say: "I have my own faith, I believe my own things." You cannot do this because to join means commitment to Christianity's own internal logic, to its rules. You cannot play a game making up the rules to suit yourself and call it official "scrabble" because the official rules come in the box. You will see that this has certain consequences for us, and for theologians and Church leaders. There are some things which they are not in a position to teach since the rules define what is legitimate. In scrabble there are rules like "no foreign words, no plurals, no proper names," so the faith's rules define words that can and can't be used, and Resurrection, Incarnation and Virgin Birth are all written in the rule book. When you play scrabble new words sometimes come up — when you find a word like "byte" in a computer magazine is that allowed? There is room for original decisions here. It is all right for us to try out new Christian words but we are not at liberty to alter or discard the old ones and still claim to be playing the same game.

Children play their games very

seriously to prepare for the end, the object, of childhood, adult life. We must take our religion seriously to prepare ourselves for the object of adult and all life ... meeting our God. "Be as little children" ... this means that we must realise that we are part of the universal Church, genuinely involved and not just attend then dash out of the door doing our own thing with never a thought for the wider Church beyond Caversham. Watch in the playground! It looks as if all the children are playing because everyone is running about, but if you look carefully you'll see a lonely one who isn't. He will be running around but when everybody else is playing "Japs and commandos" he won't be. Now when this happens to a child it is sad and unfortunate, so too when it happens to us. You cannot play the game on your own, you cannot be a Christian, even running around the Church, on your own. The Bible shows us the first Christian converts being very serious and sticking to the Jewish rules ... nothing unclean ever passed their lips and they certainly never associated with horrible pagan foreigners ... like children in the street shouting: "We're not playing with you!" But God's revelation is that you can't play His game in a little holy-huddle on your own, you have to get all the kids to join in. The Christian faith is corporate, it's not just your faith or the faith of your parish, it is the faith of the Universal Church.



But, if you can't play alone and have got to be involved, there is also the fact that you can't have it all your own way. St Paul taught the Church that: at first they didn't want the foreigners joining in but they had to live with it. Imagine the child who won't be dead or who always wants to play the game he's best at. The important thing for children is to be involved in the game and so to learn about life whether they are in the best team and win or not. So for the Christian the important thing is to play the Christian game and not to insist on having it just as we want it. Jesus said: "Be like little children," he also said to the Pharisees (in Matt. 11) — you are like silly children saying "when we wanted to play music you wouldn't dance, and now we want to play funerals and you Jesus won't mourn, so we are not playing with you anymore!" (You see the game image has a respectable source). So this Holy Week and Easter let us all answer God's call to join in His game, the game of the Christian life. It is a rough game and we will get bumped and bruised, but "Thanks be to God who has given us the victory in Our Lord Jesus Christ."

CAVERSHAM SCOUT'S AWARD



Presentation to Ian Gough

— E. S. Archer

THERE was a special ceremony held on mother's aid, by February 16 at switching off the Desborough School, Maidenhead, when Ian Gough, of 22nd Reading Scouts (St Johns) was presented with a certificate for Meritorious Conduct "In recognition of his prompt action and presence of mind when going to his mother's aid, by switching off the power, giving First Aid and calling an ambulance after she had received a severe electric shock from a lawn mower." A presentation was also made to Ian's younger brother, Kevin, in recognition of his help in saving his mother's life.

A GOOD TURN?

DID you know that there are Guides and Brownie Guides meeting in Lower Caversham, Emmer Green and Caversham Park, somewhere on every evening of the week? These cater for girls between the ages of seven and fifteen who have fun as well as covering a wide variety of interests. To enable us to give the girls a full programme we urgently need more Guiders and other adult helpers. There is no need to have been in the movement yourself, just interested adult experience is enough.



If you feel you would like to help, even if it is on a non-regular basis, please phone Reading 477860 or 482386.

CONGRATULATIONS!

First to Lucy and Adrian Dorber at St Barnabas' for the birth of a beautiful baby daughter Clare Elizabeth Mary...

... and to the Rev Canon D. N. Griffiths, Rector of New Windsor, who will be the new Archdeacon of Berkshire.

And just in time at proof stage to one of our Editors, Nigel and Dawn Wright, a bonny bouncing boy, Edward.



Save the Children Week

April 26 - May 2

GIVE FOR GROWTH

The newspaper produced by members of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches of Caversham and Mapledurham for the local community.

EDITORS: Mrs Margaret Baily, Mr Eric Chappell, Mr John Mullaney, Mr Nigel Wright, c/o Church House, 59 Church Street, Caversham, Tel: 471703.
ADVERTISING MANAGER: Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham, RG4 7PE. Tel. 471816.
CIRCULATION MANAGER: Mr R. Kitcher, 8 Blenheim Road, Caversham, RG4 7RS. Tel. 472660.
COMPANY SECRETARY: Mr H. Pilgrim, 64 Highmoor Road, Caversham, RG4 7BG. Tel. 474017.
POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER: Miss E. Stark, 36 Auburn Court, Caversham, Tel. 473045.

All contributions for the June issue should be sent to Church House by noon on Wednesday, May 6.

All advertising copy should be sent to Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham by Friday, May 1.

The Editors wish to make it clear that the views expressed in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the board.

Published by Caversham Christian News Ltd, Church Street, Caversham, Reading. Telephone Reading 471703.

Printed by Thames Valley Newspapers Ltd, Tessa Road, Reading.



TRAFFIC—ON IT FLOWS?



Traffic in Caversham — A Conservative View by Councillor Fred Pugh

BY LETTING the other political parties speak first I could be accused of trying to have the last word, but it isn't really like that. The political differences are a matter of degree, not principle, and I should like to draw the debate together by saying we all agree what the problems are and to a large extent agree on the solutions.

"Solution" is perhaps the wrong word, because this is a problem we are never going to solve without unlimited cash (which is not there), or wholesale destruction of the environment, or draconian restrictions on the use of private transport (which is both impractical and unacceptable in a free society).

Having been a member of the Borough Transport Committee for over ten years, I have arrived at two inescapable conclusions. Firstly you do not "solve" traffic problems — you merely move them around; and secondly a sort of Parkinson's Law applies — traffic expands to occupy available road space and road improvements simply attract more traffic. We are trying to impose

late 20th Century traffic demands on a 19th Century road network and, short of knocking Caversham down and starting again, the best we can do is try to make life a little easier for the motorist.

As local politicians we are in a "no-win" situation — by helping one person, we risk harming another, and decisions must be on the principle of the greatest good for the greatest number, while trying also to protect the interests of the minority. Nearly everybody agreed that the temporary one-way system using Westfield Road, Gosbrook Road and Prospect Street aided traffic flow and from that point of view in isolation should be made permanent. But for the people living there it was an environmental disaster and their quality of life had to take priority over the demands of the motorist passing through twice daily. Likewise, the proposal to incorporate Caversham Road in the future Cross-Town Route would isolate the community between there and the river, and a very difficult decision will have to be made. Urban Clearways can destroy the livelihood of

shops along the radial route, while, more locally, the only practical solution to the problem of the all-day parker in Chester Street Car Park caused such uproar, it had to be dropped.

But I am not saying there is nothing we can do, and the political parties are agreed on the way forward, at least on Reading Council. The first step is to get rid of the selfish parker in sensitive places. The driver stopping for a newspaper on the yellow lines in Bridge Street must be made to learn that it can be a very expensive newspaper when you include the cost of a heavy fine. The Public Inquiry into the proposed peak-time urban clearway along Caversham Road and over the Bridge

found in favour and it will be implemented very soon. The next step is to look at tidal flow over Caversham Bridge. Work continues on the Inner Distribution Road, which will disperse traffic more quickly once it has crossed the river. The first section of the Cross-Town Route from Reading Bridge to the A329(M) at Suttons Seeds, together with the Vastern Road widening, will also help to clear traffic at the south ends of George Street and Caversham Road.

Looking further ahead, the Third Bridge will relieve the pressure on the existing two, but will probably benefit Sonning more than Caversham.

All these measures will occupy us for the next ten years, by which time unrestricted growth in car ownership will observe

my Parkinson's Traffic Law and we shall be back where we started by the turn of the century.

The only real answer is more use of public transport. In many European countries towns much smaller than Reading have highly efficient and heavily used systems of light rail transport (or trams). My ideal transport solution for Reading would be a light rail network serving all the radial roads, possibly with feeder services of minibuses penetrating the residential areas. Since the cost would be far beyond our means, we must build on what we already have. Reading Transport is the finest urban public transport system in the South of England, but we must make it even more

attractive to tempt the commuter out of his car and onto the bus. A recent all-party meeting between Reading and Berkshire Councils agreed on a package of measures to make bus travel more attractive and reliable — bus priority measures, park-and-ride schemes, more penetration into residential areas and a scale of car-park charges in the town centre to deter the all-day parker. Some of these may be unpalatable at present, but we must learn to accept them if our traffic is not to grind to a complete halt by the turn of the century.



"Creeping like snails" down St Peter's Hill

Dear Sirs

While I sympathise with John Madeley's fears for what might happen to traffic coming into Caver-

sham by the Woodcote Road once the Crowmarsh Gifford by-pass opens, I was horrified by his suggestion to prevent

lorries using this route. If a lorry barrier near the Griffin pub forced heavy vehicles to use Hemdean Road an already congested traffic situation would be reduced to chaos. Hemdean Road is already a bus route, and a route for three buses at the lower end. There are frequent jams when buses cannot pass because of inconsiderate and dangerous parking, often right on road junctions, by people wanting to get to the shops. What is worse, heavy vehicles would be passing children going in and out of three schools, namely Hemdean House and Caversham Primary, as well as Highdown school at the top of Hemdean Road. Surely the dangers of this cannot be contemplated.

It also seems to me that the current plan to make Caversham Road an urban freeway can only make an increase of lorry traffic down the Woodcote Road inevitable.

Bet Tickner
22 Hemdean Road
Caversham

Dear Sirs
Lesley Hammond is quite right to point out that Hemdean Road already carries too much traffic and I am sorry that my letter in January overlooked this. The question of access, and the issue that Marion Kitcher raises of deliveries to the shops facing the Griffin, could be solved by placing the lorry barrier at some point along the Woodcote Road between St Annes Road and Shepherds Lane. With the Crowmarsh by-pass due to open in April, and the additional heavy traffic this is likely to bring to Caversham, something is needed!

Yours etc.
John Madeley
19 Woodford Close
Caversham



H. F. GODFREY

The Market Garden
Goring Heath

Phone Checkendon 681541

FAMILY BUSINESS ESTABLISHED 1912

Supplying Fresh Fruit,
Vegetables & Potatoes

OWN FROZEN SOFT FRUIT

Local Free Range Eggs, Dairy Produce from
Hardwick Estate, Home Baked Cakes and Bread,
Stone Ground Wholemeal Flour, Honey, Home
Made Jam, Marmalade and Pickles

AND MOST RECENTLY A SELECTION
OF WHOLEFOODS

Tuesday to Saturday, 9-1am, 2-5pm;
Sunday, 9.30am-Noon

Suprema

OFFERS

DRY CLEANING AT ITS BEST
AND AT KEENEST PRICES

WE'RE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK AT

32b CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM

TELEPHONE: READING 477713

PERSONAL ATTENTION FREE ESTIMATES

YOUR LOCAL DECORATOR

M. LEWINGTON

Interior and Exterior decorating

148 Upper Woodcote Road
Caversham
Reading

Telephone
Reading
479642

PHILIP COTTAM

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

We aim to provide a comprehensive range of financial and business services for small and medium size businesses.

To find out how we can assist you, telephone **Reading 477129** to arrange a free initial meeting or write to:

Philip Cottam FCA, JDipMA

FREEPOST
Caversham
Reading RG4 7BR

**ABSOLUTE
TREE
CARE**

All aspects of quality tree surgery
Restoration of mature trees
Hazard tree removal
Pest and disease control
Health and safety appraisal
24-hour emergency service
Fully insured

Philip Warren and Tony Saunders
Experienced and qualified in arboriculture

Tel. READING 54546**VANDERPUMP &
WELLBELOVE**

and Wellesley-Smith & Co

CHARTERED
SURVEYORS
AUCTIONEERS
AND ESTATE AGENTS VALUERS

Sales of Antique Furniture and Other Effects

40 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM
Telephone Reading 482002

**J. LUCKETT (Insurance
Services) LTD**

PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY UNBIASED ADVICE

**NATIONWIDE, 14 Church Street,
Caversham**
Telephone Reading 481130 or 472950

**BARBARA
LADIES' HAIRDRESSER**

30 Church Street, Caversham.
Tel. 473564

Reduced prices for senior citizens Tuesday and
Wednesday. Late nights Thursday and Friday

**RESIDENTS'
VIEWPOINT****By Watchdog****NOT TRAFFIC
AGAIN**

Traffic takes up such a large part of the local press that it almost requires an apology to talk about it yet again. The feeling often gained is that we might have been far better off if the private car had never been invented — except of course for mine. All the same, because it has been a major subject of public debate Caversham and District Residents' Association considered it to be a suitable subject of discussion at their annual general meeting on Monday, April 6, at 8.00pm. As soon as the formal business has been concluded, Cllr. A. Page, Chairman of Reading Borough Transport Committee, will introduce the subject, making special reference to Caversham. The meeting is open to all, though non-members may like to take the opportunity whilst there of buying three years' membership for £1.25, a bargain indeed.

**RATES FREEZE
AND RISE**

At another meeting in Caversham recently, this time organised by the Borough Council to inform the public of budget proposals for 1987-88 and to hear their views on the subject, Cllr. M. Orton, Chairman of the Policy Committee, announced that Reading's rate would remain unaltered for the coming year. Before you start cheering wildly and rushing out to celebrate you had better realise that although the Borough Council collects the rates, they only keep 12 per cent of it, handing the other 88 per cent over to the County Council, who are finding it necessary to raise their rate. At the same time Reading Borough Council intends to restore some of the services cut in the past years or to introduce new ones.

This worried some members of the audience who wondered where the money was coming from. Cllr. Orton said that past economies had produced reserves far beyond what was required for prudent house-keeping. His questioners then asked what would happen in two or three years time when these reserves had fallen below acceptable levels. Cllr. Orton said that economies could be made by cutting out inefficiency and selling assets. Surprise was expressed that inefficiency still existed after years of cuts in local government expenditure and that any assets remained to be sold after years of selling them off. Cllr. Orton replied that economies had previously been made by cutting services rather than cutting out inefficiency, and that there was land on the outskirts not scheduled for house building which could be sold.

Some questioners were worried about the new method of collecting rates with a once instead of twice yearly payment. W. H. Tee said this only brought the Council into line with the majority of Councils. Still not mollified, several members of the audience intimated that, with the rebate for prompt payment already dropped, they intended to hang on to their money to the last possible moment before parting with it. (You can, of course, still pay in ten instalments).

Not that the meeting was as acrimonious as the foregoing possibly makes it sound. There were useful suggestions made from the floor pinpointing common irritations, and Cllr. Orton specified several ways in which the Council intended to improve services. In fact the thirty or so people present thought the meeting was a good idea.

**COMMUNICATION
ISSUE**

What seems less of a good idea is the appointment of a London PR firm to promote awareness about the work of the Borough Council amongst Reading residents. They were paid £3,000 to publicise the seven meetings, which works out at quite a lot per head for those who attended, without including all the other expenses. It's a good job for community life that those of us charged with the responsibility of organising meetings can publicise them for much less than that.

This sum was in addition to the £35,000 paid for a six months' contract.

The report the firm has so far drawn up seems to savour more of searching round for minor improvements that could be made rather than for anything more far reaching. The logo has been hyped up, but even some borough councillors appeared not to know the difference between the logo and the coat of arms.

The Borough already has a public relations

department and one is left wondering what it does. Everyone believes, or should believe, in open government, but it should not need that kind of money to promote it. We can all think of better ways of spending it.

**POT HOLES AND
PARKING**

It was good to see traffic wardens appearing more frequently in Caversham following the article on the front page of a recent edition of the Caversham Bridge. Irresponsible parking still continues but at least the miscreants are more likely to pay for it. Do people know that the bay outside Waitrose is a bus stop and not a parking bay? Apparently not, for one sees otherwise responsible citizens driving up and parking there while they nip into Waitrose (sometimes it is more than a quick nip too) to save going round to the car park.

Potholes too are slowly being made up, even if more are not so slowly appearing. The section of the Technical Services Department with responsibility for this in Caversham is aware of where the worst ones are and a new type of asphalt is being used for repairs which stands up better to heavy wear, particularly that of buses, so we could be seeing a more long term improvement.

**NOT GOOD
ENOUGH**

It was good news that plans for a restaurant on Richfield Avenue were rejected on the grounds of unsatisfactory design and as a contributory factor, the loss of wild life. Whilst this latter would never have stood up on its own, it is good to see that it is now taken into consideration. We are almost certain eventually to get a restaurant there but it is now likely to be something more worthy of its position.

MORE HOUSES

After years in which no council houses were being built and the Council's housing stock had dwindled because of council house sales, the Borough Housing Department is proposing to start building again so that some of those unable to afford the ludicrously inflated prices of private housing can find somewhere to rent. Land of course is at a premium in the borough, but one possible site that is being investigated is at Amer-

sham Road. This is however on flood plain land which may make it impractical, though this is by no means certain. It should be understood that this is the only good reason for objection. Let it not be said that Caversham objected because it was council housing.

A development of twenty-two flats for the elderly on land to the rear of Priest Hill has caused concern, partly because of there being no provision for warden accommodation and partly because of access. If no warden accommodation means that these flats are mainly intended for retired people, then considerable car use can still be envisaged. If they are for older people who require some help from the social services in the way of transport either by mini-bus or sitting ambulance, access will be even more of a problem as the site is a considerable way from

public roads with the approach being made through what is virtually the back way to the existing houses.

A re-think is required here. Much needed as accommodation for the elderly is, this site is not suitable. Something that can fit in better with the existing means of access is what is required.

ANOTHER TREE

A replacement tree has been planted in St Martin's forecourt and a splendid specimen it is, hopefully too big to vandalise. Let us hope it survives and lives to a good old age to bring pleasure to generations yet unborn. Unfortunately there is no caretaker at St Martin's now so there is a question mark hanging over who waters it when the drier weather comes. It will require five gallons at a time and with a busy road to cross, this rather precludes public spirited residents.

**BATH LODGE
REGISTERED
REST HOME**

Long and short term stay
Full 24-hour care

A lovely house in beautiful
grounds with a very homely
atmosphere

For further information ring
Mrs M. Cousins (Proprietor)
Reading 589726
8 BATH ROAD, READING,
BERKS,
RG1 6ND

**Walton Adams
& Son Limited**

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Telephone Reading 477904

1 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM

PHOTOGRAPHS
WEDDING AT HOME PASSPORT

**PAINTING and
DECORATING**

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR
GENERAL MAINTENANCE NO JOB TOO SMALL
(OAPs reduced rates)

B. J. BOULTON

Phone READING 477178 or 479759

ROUND THE CHURCHES

John and Richard go to Synod

A FEW HOURS AFTER FEBRUARY'S GENERAL SYNOD CLOSED, having voted 2-1 to prepare legislation to allow women's ordination to the priesthood, Robin Day's Question Time on BBC TV dealt with this subject. His panel members were all in favour. The audience voted unanimously that women should be allowed to be ordained priests. Not a single person dissented. Yet, we had been led to believe, this issue will "split the Church of England"! General Synod hardly represents "the mind of the Church," much less of the nation.

□□

John Madeley and I, Caversham chums, with 400 others spent the last week of February at this busy little synod session. It was busy in the amount of issues dealt with. It was, in my opinion, little in its lack of vision on the issues discussed.

Clearly, the ordination of women was the "big one." TV and press reporters swarmed in for this debate, focusing on the well-known names. John Selwyn Gummer seemed to spend as much time in front of the cameras as in the debating chamber. For the record, Synod did not decide to ordain women priests. It invited the Standing Committee to produce legislation to authorise the ordination of women to the priesthood, in accordance with the guidelines of a House of Bishops' report. This legislation will doubtless be contested clause by clause by the vociferous minority of opponents. "Right, it's total war now," declared my old friend whose college chaplain I had been, the Revd Peter Geldard (leading opponent of women's ordination) over coffee after the vote. Given even optimum conditions, the legislation will not be effective until 1992 at the earliest, in the lifetime of the newly

elected 1990 Synod. Women priests are, therefore, by no means inevitable. February's vote, however, moves the momentum from first to second gear. Stalling, road blocks and diversions lie ahead.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury warned, it is premature to remove tar-paulins from the lifeboats and to start signalling to other ships to take on board "survivors." Despite that, I suspect that street-wise opponents will now start to make approaches early to secure their future in the universal (if not Anglican) Church. Much of the seven-hour debate was diverted to dealing with amendments. It would be uncharitable to caricature these as delaying tactics, but it is a fact that a disproportionate amount of time and patience was spent on dealing with amendments proposed, to a man, by those "against women priests." Hence my prejudicial "littleness" of February's Synod. The final voting in favour of authorisation of legislation was, by my calculations: Bishops 80 per cent, Clergy 65 per cent, Laity 69 per cent.

□□

Synod opened with a flurry of formal questions (a pale imitation of Questions in Parliament) and the Archbishop of Canterbury with icy charity dealt with six separate questions on AIDS and homosexuality. "The bedside of people suffering from AIDS is not the place for pastors to be working out their own feelings about questions of homosexual practice," he said. Nevertheless, concern was expressed about homosexuality, in society and in the all-male priesthood. Here, perhaps, Synod did reflect the mood of the nation?

Then, despite a strong lobby by northern speakers, it was agreed to keep the Synod's administrative headquarters in London, though a move was approved from Westminster's Church House to share quarters with the Church Commissioners in their

equally prestigious Millbank building. London rules—OK?

The Clergy (Ordination) Measures — to allow divorced men or men who married divorcees to be ordained — was given a surprisingly easy passage by a nearly 2-1 majority. Marital infidelity need no longer bar a man from ordination, though accident of genes still prohibits a woman. (I'm not saying how I voted on this, but I suspect John and I differed!)

□□

Overwhelmingly Synod noted the achievements of the Welfare State but expressed concern about its future. An important paper "Not Just for the Poor," urging public services to be available to all irrespective of personal circumstances, was unanimously welcomed. Diocesan Education Boards will have more power if a new Measure to reconstitute them is successfully steered through its future legislative stages. Unanimously we approved a Measure to enable more Church resources to be redirected to deprived inner city areas. The Ecumenical Relations Measure was passed, encouraging Churches to work more closely together and share their buildings (legalising much current practice and quickening the Rector's pulse momentarily as he contemplated an Ecumenical Parish of Caversham Park). The Church Commissioners were urged to speed up disinvestment in South African-based companies, but a move to boost the amount of aid to overseas dioceses in the Anglican Communion failed to find sufficient support. The House of Laity chewed over the "Bishop of Durham controversy" and by a large majority required future bishops to believe, teach and uphold the historic Christian faith. And so we came to the Ordination of Women, which is where I came in.

"Busy but little" is my impression of February's Synod. How in touch is Synod with the pressures and excitements of "normal life"? Two reassuring incidents stay with me. First,



Presentation to Mrs Olive Morgan

— Peter Bean

Caversham Heights Methodist Church

On Sunday, February 8, the church was full to acknowledge the thirty-three years' faithful service which Olive Morgan has given to the Junior Missionary Association of the Methodist Church. Jan Keating, the longest

commemorating the two hundred years of World Methodist serving collector, ism. Olive was also made the presentation of a Loving Cup given a bouquet by Helen Garforth.

HOUSE CLEARANCE UNDERTAKEN

We offer honest evaluation, prompt service, total confidence. You and your property fully respected.

also

EXPERT RE-UPHOLSTERY

UNDERTAKEN WITH PERSONAL PRIDE AND SERVICE

COMPLETE CURTAIN MAKING SERVICE, SUNDRIES SUPPLIED

FOAM CUSHIONS CUT TO SIZE

PROSPECT FURNISHINGS

6 PROSPECT STREET
CAVERSHAM, READING

Telephone READING 476565



AUTO ELECTRICAL AND
MOTOR COMPONENTS

LEADING SUPPLIERS OF
ALL YOUR MOTORING NEEDS
FOR HELPFUL, FRIENDLY SERVICE
AND AUTO ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

FREE ALTERNATOR AND STARTER CHECKS

OPEN: MON/TUE 8.45-6.00 WED/SAT 8.45-5.30
THUR/FRI 8.45-6.00 SUNDAY 9.30-12.00

AUTO ELECTRIC & MOTOR COMPONENTS

49 DONKIN HILL CAVERSHAM, READING
BERKSHIRE RG4 0DG

Reading 472175

TRY OUR BATTERY PRICES

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICES

6 BANBURY GARDENS, CAVERSHAM
TEL: READING 473308

Sales and Services
Agents for

FLYMO
MOUNTFIELD
HAYTER
ATCO, etc

Always large stock
of
NEW AND
RECONDITIONED
MACHINES

Free estimates

MILWARDS
SHOES

— the name that fits

Branches throughout the Thames Valley

For brochures, prices, etc on EVEREST SOLARPLUS
WINDOWS, DOORS, PORCHES, CONSERVATORIES,
SECONDARY UNITS please telephone

JOHN R. WALDRON

HENLEY 573898

17 years personal experience most properties



A member of the Glass and Glazing Federation

Everest



CHRIST IS RISEN

Services for Holy Week and Easter

St. Peter's

April 12 — PALM SUNDAY

8.00am—Holy Communion
9.15am—SUNG EUCHARIST (Preacher: Bishop Eric Wild)
Weather permitting, meet at riverside in Caversham Court for 9.15am Blessing of Palms and Procession to Church.
During the service the NEW ORGAN will be dedicated for use.
11.15am—Morning Prayer
6.30pm—'THE CRUCIFIXION' (by Sir John Stainer) will be sung in place of Evensong.

HOLY WEEK — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:

7.00pm—Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday:

9.30am—Holy Communion
8.00pm—SUNG EUCHARIST (followed by Compline)

GOOD FRIDAY

12-3pm—Three Hours' Service of Devotion, led by The Revd Ronald Mitchinson (Diocesan Industrial Chaplain)

Easter Eve

10.00am—Ecumenical 'Carnival of Praise' and street procession starts from St Peter's (7pm Quiet half-hour in preparation for Easter)

EASTER DAY

8.00am—Holy Communion
9.15am—SUNG EUCHARIST
11.15am—Holy Communion
6.30pm—FESTAL EVENSONG

St. Margaret's Mapledurham

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am—Devotional Service

EASTER DAY

8.00am—Holy Communion
11.00am—Parish Communion

St. Andrew's Caversham

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am—Holy Eucharist
9.15am—Procession of Palms and Solemn Mass (Please meet in the hall for this service)
11.15am—Holy Eucharist
6.30pm—The Cross of Christ. A devotion on the Passion

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

8.00pm—Mass and devotional address on the theme of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

8.00pm—Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, followed by Vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am—Stations of the Cross
1.30pm—Liturgy of the Passion, with veneration of the Cross and Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

11.30pm—Midnight Mass of Easter, sung by candlelight, with lighting of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle and renewal of Baptism Vows

EASTER DAY

8.00am—Holy Eucharist
9.15am—Solemn Mass of Easter
11.15am—The Easter Story, Easter music and story, within an hour. Especially for children and parents!

Confessions and Spiritual Direction:

Good Friday 12.30; Holy Saturday 6.30pm or by appointment.

St. John's

PALM SUNDAY

9.15am—Parish Communion and Procession of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.45am-3pm—Children's Activities and Eucharist.
8.00pm—United Service with Methodists and Baptists followed by vigil of prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am—Passion and Litany

EASTER DAY

8.00am—Holy Communion
9.15am—Parish Communion

St. Barnabas

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am—Eucharist
9.15am—Assemble in St Barnabas Hall for the Blessing and distribution of Palms, followed by the procession into Church

9.30am—The Solemn Eucharist of Palm Sunday and the Reading of the Gospel of the Passion

6.30pm—Stations of the Cross and Devotions

Monday in Holy Week:

8.00pm—Eucharist and Address

Tuesday in Holy Week:

7.15am—Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week:

10.00am—Eucharist and the Sacrament of Healing

8.00pm—Eucharist and Meditation

Maundy Thursday:

6.15pm—for 6.30pm Assemble in St Barnabas Hall for the Passover Meal (tickets required)

8.00pm—The Solemn Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, followed by the stripping of the Altar and the watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am—Service of Penitence and Stations of the Cross

2.00pm—The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

EASTER EVE

5.00pm—Evensong and Meditation
5.30pm—Confession and Spiritual Direction

EASTER DAY

5.00am—The Easter Vigil and Mass of the dawn (This includes the Easter Ceremonies, the Vigil, the blessing of the Baptismal waters and the renewal of Baptismal Vows) The Liturgy is followed by Breakfast in the Church Hall

CARNIVAL OF PRAISE

Easter Saturday, 18th April 1987

The Carnival of Praise is now less than three weeks away and there are only three Rehearsal evenings left — on the 1st, 8th and 15th April. All these are Wednesdays, at 7.45pm, at the Baptist Centre, Prospect Street. Players

The Assembly Point for the procession will be St Peter's Church at 10.00am on the Saturday and even if you have not been able to attend any rehearsals just turn up then to encourage those who have been preparing and

to give witness to our neighbours. Songsheets will be available.

There are some 30,000 of these "neighbours" in Caversham and surely a hundred or two will be prepared to witness in this way to their faith in their Lord in joyful praise and song this Easter Saturday.

Praise God with shouts of joy, all people!
Sing to the glory of His name; offer Him glorious praise!

Psalms 66

NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL

READERS may wonder what news there has been at Caversham Hill Chapel. Barbara Fletcher, who regularly contributed to this column, left for Oswestry in Shropshire last June.

It has been an important year in the life of Caversham Hill. For some months Chris Justice, the pastor, was ill with hepatitis. The Chapel is now glad to say that he is substantially recovered from this. The Lord, however, used this time to remind members that the Church is centred on Christ alone. Many were

encouraged to develop gifts of preaching and ministry to others.

During the summer then they have more than one hundred people from the Chapel travelled to Summerhouse Bay, a Christian centre, in South Wales. They had good fun and fellowship there — it's always good to be reminded that we are a family and can enjoy together in all sorts of activities. In early February Chris Oliobi came to speak at the Chapel. Chris, his wife and their three children were members of the church from 1979 to

1982 while Chris was researching livestock diseases at Reading University. Since then they have returned to their native Nigeria. Chris now works as full-time director of "The Navigators" in Nigeria — an organisation dedicated to the work of evangelism and making disciples of new Christians. Chris spoke of how God is moving in this ministry to point people to Christ in a country dominated by Islam where Christians are increasingly the object of discrimination.

Jesus says... "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

JOHN 10:10

HEMDEAN HOUSE SCHOOL

CAVERSHAM

Founded 1859

GIRLS 4½ TO 16 YEARS BOYS 4½ TO 8 YEARS

The Junior department provides a sound general grounding in all basic subjects including French and Science. The Senior department prepares girls for public examinations in a wide range of subjects.

Pupils benefit from:

- 1 Tuition in small classes
- 2 Regular homework and assessment
- 3 The expectation of responsible behaviour

All girls are required to wear school uniform

HEADMISTRESS
MRS M. K. RALPH

FOR FEES AND PROSPECTUS
APPLY TO SCHOOL SECRETARY

Tel: READING 472590

GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

ON THE occasion of The Overseas Missions Anniversary, the Church had a visit from Mrs Jan Pickard, who is the Editor of Now magazine, which is a national Overseas Missions magazine.

Mrs Pickard showed slides of China during her talk on the Saturday, and this was followed by a buffet supper when friends from other Methodist Churches joined Gosbrook Road for the evening.

On the Sunday Mrs Pickard led both morning and evening services. In the morning the children were delighted by a panda

glove puppet which taught them to say "thank you" in Chinese.

At both services the Youth Fellowship Choir took part and gave much pleasure with their fresh young voices and uplifting songs. They were accompanied by Miss Catherine McCready, who is a very able young pianist. We wish this new group every success and blessing in all they do... and a little bird told me that one of the treats in store has something to do with a young man in a coloured coat!

Telephone:

Reading (0734) 478756

GET CARTER ELECTRICAL

Office & Domestic
New Installations
& Maintenance

Free estimates

116 WOODCOTE ROAD
CAVERSHAM, READING

HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA



8.00am—Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal Vows
9.30am—Sung Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal Vows
11.30am—A short act of Easter Praise

Caversham Park Church PALM SUNDAY

11.00am—Morning Worship including blessing of palms and procession of witness

Maundy Thursday

8.00pm—Holy Communion (1 Aldenham Close)

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00pm—10.00pm "An Hour to Consider..." Meditation and prayer (51 Galsworthy Drive)

EASTER DAY

11.00am—Easter Communion

Caversham Heights Methodist Church April 5—PASSION SUNDAY

8.00am—(Communion) Jesus—The True Vine—The Rev Keith Sanders
11.00am—Jesus—The Saviour—The Rev Paul Kenchington
6.30pm—Jesus—The High Priest—The Rev Keith Sanders

PALM SUNDAY

11.00am—Jesus—The Servant—Dr John Ogden
6.30pm—Jesus—The Prophet—The Rev Keith Sanders

HOLY WEEK

8.00pm—(Monday) Jesus for Today—The Rev Richard Kingsbury
8.00pm—(Tuesday) Jesus in Music—The Rev David Jenkins
8.00pm—(Wednesday) Jesus through Art—Martin Beek

Maundy Thursday

8.00pm—United Communion Service at St John's

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am—United Service at Caversham Baptist Church—The Rev Keith Sanders

Saturday

Carnival of Praise in Caversham

EASTER DAY

8.30am—(Holy Communion) Jesus—The Resurrection and Life—The Rev Keith Sanders, followed by Church Family Breakfast
11.00am—(Communion) Jesus—The Lord—The Rev Keith Sanders
6.30pm—Jesus the King—Mr Dudley Coates

Gosbrook Road Methodist Church

EASTER SUNDAY
11.00am and 6.30pm

Caversham Baptist Free Church PALM SUNDAY

10.30am and 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday

8.00pm—United Communion Service at St John's

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am—United Service, Preacher: The Rev K. Sanders, Minister, Caversham Heights Methodist Church

Easter Saturday

10.00am—Carnival of Praise start from St Peter's

EASTER SUNDAY

10.30am—Service of Believers Baptism
6.30pm—Evening Service

Roman Catholic

Church of St. Anne, South View Avenue
Week ending Saturday, April 11. Penitential Services throughout the Reading Deanery during the week.

PALM SUNDAY

5.30pm—Saturday Evening Mass. A sung Mass with the Blessing and Procession of Palms
9.00am—and 11.00am. Sunday Morning Masses. Blessed Palms will be available during the day
6.30pm—Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Monday

7.15am—Masses at 7.15 (Convent) and 9.00am

Tuesday

7.15am—Mass

Wednesday

7.15am—Mass. Also 9.00am

Maundy Thursday

9.00am—Mass for those who cannot attend Evening Mass
11.00am—Mass ('of Chrism') at St. Aloysius, Oxford
8.00pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, with Procession to the Altar of Repose. Watching until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am—Stations of the Cross and Sermon
3.00pm—Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, followed by veneration of the relic of the Cross.
Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Collection for the 'Holy Places'

Holy Saturday

Confessions as announced
8.00pm—Vigil of Easter with Blessing of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle, Service of Readings, Vigil Mass with Blessing of Baptismal Water

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am—and 11.00am Masses. No other Masses or Services

Church of our Lady of Caversham, Richmond Road PALM SUNDAY

8.30am—and 10.30am and 5.00pm: Masses. Blessing and Procession of Palms before 10.30am Mass

Tuesday

10.00am—Mass
(For Services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, see details for St Anne's—except Confessions on Holy Saturday as announced)

EASTER SUNDAY

8.30am—and 10.30am and 5.00pm: Masses

United Reformed Church, York Road EASTER SUNDAY

11.00am—also 6.30pm 2nd and 4th Sundays

Society of Friends (Quakers) Church Street, Reading

10.45am—Meeting. Third Sunday 7.30pm Church House Caversham

Chapel On The Hill

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am—in the Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY

10.30am—in Hill Primary School)
6.30pm—in Chapel

LINK GROUP

ON FEBRUARY 23 bereaved. Mrs Dussek showed great understanding of the house. With other problems of bereavement, both from training and personal experience. Link members agreed they found it very helpful to be made aware of the nature of the traumas suffered at such times, so that they could deal with the grief of others more sympathetically. On the brighter side it was evident that Cruse in Reading is very active in providing social gathering grounds where bereaved people of all ages could find their way back to a normal life. (Anyone who knows someone who could benefit from this help should be encouraged to ring Reading 588133 for full details).

The principal purpose of the meeting was to welcome their Speaker, Mrs Dussek of CRUSE, who gave an enthusiastic report on her organisation for the support of widows and the

The Link Group meeting concluded with a discussion on membership. A warm welcome was given to a new Member from the Methodist Church, but it was agreed that there is an urgent need for more new and active people, particularly anyone free to help with afternoon tea-parties for the disabled. The Link is an ecumenical organisation, and welcomes members from all denominations in Caversham and other interested clubs and societies. Anyone interested—do telephone their Chairman, Pat Jenkins on 478502 to discuss what "Link" really does, or come to meet members at the Nearly New Sale on April 4.

St. Andrew's NEWS

'LENT AID FOR WATERAID'

AS A curtain raiser to Lent the Missionary Committee arranged an excellent "Shepherd's" lunch of, of course, Shepherd's pie, two vegetables, cheese and biscuits, followed by coffee and meringues. Some ninety people attended and with the raffle £109 was raised towards the Lent Project.

A speaker from WaterAid gave a very inspiring and instructive talk on how the people of Africa, or anywhere else that needs help, are shown by Thames Water Engineers how to

help themselves to a clean water supply.

St. Andrew's FELLOWSHIP

St. Andrew's Fellowship were lucky enough to have a visit in February from the New Elizabethan Singers, conducted and trained by Frank Terry. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed a wide selection of songs performed with verve and enthusiasm by the choir. It was a very pleasant evening.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union

EVERY month is busy for the Mothers' Union, but this year February will stand out as the busiest, two branch meetings, a successful coffee morning and a Quiet Day at Springfield St Luke. The outstanding event however must be The Deanery Festival, which this year was held at St Peter's Earley in thanksgiving and celebration for their nineteenth birthday.

The church was full to capacity with some three hundred Mothers' Union members from all parts of the Reading Deanery. After Evensong, which was led by the Mothers' Union choir and preceded by the procession of the Mothers' Union branch banners, members were entertained to tea, which was generously provided by the members of the St Peter's Earley members.

Mrs Janet Bond the Mayor of Reading and Mrs Barbara MacGregor, the Diocesan President, were able to join with everyone for this memorable occasion.

N.G. KENT & SONS LADIES AND GENTS ALTERATION TAILORS

CHURCH HOUSE
59 CHURCH STREET
CAVERSHAM

Telephone: 479378

- ★ TROUSERS SHORTENED WHILE YOU WAIT
- ★ INVISIBLE REPAIR SERVICE
- ★ MEN'S DRESS HIRE
- ★ QUOTATIONS & ADVICE FREE

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

Education Sunday (February 15)

"WHY Education Sunday?" Radio 210 asked. No one in the packed congregation which overflowed into the vestibule, was left in any doubt. The baptism of baby Thomas showed that Christian education begins in the home. It continues in schools

like Caversham Primary School, whose Head Teacher, Mrs Lawrie, read the lesson and whose choir sang four hymns. It grows through uniformed organisations like the Guides, Rangers and Boys Brigade taking part in this parade and enrolment

service. It comes to fruition in the dedication of teachers and youth workers, and involves the whole church by the creation of a rich fellowship and true Christian worship.

Another resident of Caversham, Miss Sylvia White, has recently retired as Junior Missionary Association Secretary at Wesley Methodist Church in Reading after thirty-eight years' service. Her work over this period was marked by a presentation at a special service at Wesley Church.



GAIL SPENCE ANTIQUES CAVERSHAM

Tel. 473011

Do you have something to sell that is antique, or just old or unusual? Do you want to be sure you get a fair price?

Gail Spence lives in Caversham and buys and sells antiques in the area. She depends on her reputation for fair and honest prices.

Give her a ring. There is no charge and no obligation.

WELSERV TYRE SERVICE LTD

Your local tyre service

~~~~~

- New and remould tyres in stock
- Puncture repair service
- Wheel balancing (computerised)
- Wheel alignment
- Free tyre and battery check
- Breakdown service
- Car servicing
- Brakes, pads, etc

~~~~~

TEL. READING 479011 NOW

WELSERV TYRE SERVICE LTD
18 CHESTER STREET, CAVERSHAM
READING RG4 8JH

711007

Announcing the opening of



**The Rocking Horse
Montessori Nursery School**

April 1987

at

**26 St Peter's Avenue
Caversham, Reading**

Interested parents please write to
the above address for further
information

or telephone **Mrs Vivien Vincent**
READING (0734) 477644
(Qualified Teachers)

991954

WELLS & HOWARTH

MELJON

BUILDING ★ DECORATING
PLUMBING ★ HOUSE REPAIRS

READING
475253

GORING
873040

12183

CHILTERN NURSERY TRAINING COLLEGE

The Day Care Centres are open throughout the year for the care of children from 0-5 years. The Nursery School is open during term time. The babies and children are cared for by trained staff assisted by our own student nursery nurses.

Particulars from: **The Principal**
16 Peppard Road, Caversham, Reading
Telephone Reading 471847 or 471131

MIKE DORE MOTOR REPAIRS

Servicing, Mechanical, Welding,
Accident damage, Spraying,
M.O.T. work, etc.

Tel. Reading (0734) 504604

ROUND THE CHURCHES



Humanoid scientists in search of alien space craft.

—P. Mullins



Aliens in search of fuel for stranded craft.

—P. Mullins

THE PILGRIMS' WAY

SINCE last autumn a Youth Group has started to meet at St. Peter's again. Its first adventure beyond the attempted destruction of St. Peter's Church, 25 Ilkley Road, and the Mapledurham Playing Fields was into darkest Surrey in February.



They spent three nights at the Wanborough Youth House near Guildford. The ancient Pilgrims' Way from Winchester to Canterbury passed within a mile of the house and provided a theme for the weekend. Something was learnt about pilgrimage ancient and modern, a trip was made to Guildford Cathedral, and an attempt to recover part of an alien space craft for future scientific research did not quite come off. Nineteen members of the group claimed to have enjoyed themselves, and four adults are still catching up on their sleep.

Abbeycrest

Nursing Home

A superb modern house
superior rooms overlooking
lovely parkland 24 hour
nursing care

Please 'phone **Matron**
READING 724414

**Kennylands Road
Sonning Common
near READING**

OBITUARIES

Mrs Rita Armstrong

IT IS with much sorrow that we write of the passing of Rita Armstrong. Rita was with us during Guy Armstrong's time as Assistant Priest at St. Peter's and Priest in Charge at St. Andrews. Her assistance to Guy will never be forgotten by all who knew her. It was she and Guy who were instrumental in starting up both the MS Society in Reading and the Reading Branch of the Samaritans. She threw herself into work in both parishes, and welcomed all outsiders into any scheme she was involved in. She loved people, and was at her best when with teenagers.

She was a great character and never altered even in her

times of trouble, always full of new ideas to put into operation. She was under the care of St. Peter's Convent, Woking, during the final years of her life and she contributed a great deal to the sisters by her ability to make lovely handicrafts. She fought

a supremely brave fight with terminal cancer and her humour and strong faith continued to the end.

We would extend to Guy and their two daughters and their families our love and prayers at this time of sadness.

J.G.

Miss Nellie Jones

IT IS with much regret that we record the sad loss of our oldest member, on February 20, Miss Kitty Ellen Jones, who was in her 100th year.

Miss Jones had been a life-long member of Caversham Methodist Church, and indeed, had seen the foundation stone laid. During her life Nellie had been a member of the Church

Choir, Women's Fellowship and a keen supporter of Overseas Missions.

As has been mentioned, Nellie saw the foundation stone laid, and was one of the members who were the very foundation of the Church at Gosbrook Road. We regret her passing — but thank God for her life and her work and witness in this Church.

The Last Supper

An exploration for children and young people Groups, shared meal and Last Supper Eucharist from 11.45 on
Maundy Thursday at St. John's
Thursday, April 16th

RAY GALLAGHER DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE

Prompt friendly attention NO job too small

Telephone Reading 475599

1 Kirkham Close,
Caversham Park Village, Reading

91051

Learn to manage your MICROWAVE

with lessons on your own microwave in the convenience of your home by a qualified home economist. Lessons with a microwave provided and presentations to larger groups also available.

For further details phone

Jennifer John

READING 476224



STAN ELDON'S COLUMN

THE fifth Dec Reading Half Marathon is only days away now. Many people from "the fastest" to the "not so fast" have been training throughout the winter for the big day on April 5. For some the Race is the one and only event they take part in throughout the year, but for others it is just one of many in their running calendar.

This year many will be coming back to Reading for the fifth time whilst others will be coming for the first time; but for all except the first few who

will be battling for victory, it is a personal challenge, not a race against other people, but a run for personal satisfaction and achievement. In many cases runners will have the added satisfaction of running for their favourite charity or good cause.

A Few Changes This Year

This year the Race will again start from the South Reading Leisure Centre although the actual Start Line will be moved back about 250 metres to compensate

for the loss of that distance at the 5 mile mark when the runners go through Waverley Road and not Water Road. This change is brought about by Reading's endless road works!!!

Another minor change, this time to help traffic flow out of town, is at Mill Lane when the runners will run on the South side of the IDR and not in front of the Bus Depot on the north side. This will enable traffic to continue over the IDR and into Queen's Road. As always there will be total road

closures around the course and these have been well publicised. They will be kept to the minimum but roads do remain closed longer as the Race progresses and the field spreads.

Reading Leisure Mini Marathon

This will begin 15 minutes after the main event and will start and finish in the same place as the Half Marathon. The three mile route will follow the main event into Basingstoke Road and will then turn into Hartland Road and com-

plete a circuit of Hartland Road, Whitley Wood Road and Northumberland Avenue. Around 400 youngsters between 11 and 16 years old will be taking part in this event which is being run for the first time. All the finishers in this Race will receive a special medal and a "Goody-bag," as will all the runners in the main event.

Charity on the Run

As always the main charity being supported by the event will be the British Sports Association for the Disabled but most major charities

will have someone running for them. As in the last two years the Rotary Club of Caversham will be holding a street collection on the day and they will be the only licensed collectors. The Club members, families and friends will be using a number of vehicles, following the Race as well as collecting at static points around the course. Their collectors will be easily identified. The proceeds of the collection will be going to a number of charities including the Berkshire Hospital Appeal, B.S.A.D. and Rotary's world wide appeal "Polio Plus" which is aiming to control Polio

world wide by the year 2005.

Caversham Support

In the past Caversham has provided some of the best spectator support around the whole route so please turn out and cheer the runners, many of them your neighbours and friends, and of course those very brave athletes in their wheel-chairs. The Reading Chronicle drinks station has been moved back into Caversham and will be in Church Street outside St. Martin's Centre.

April 5 is the one day in 1987 when Reading will come to a halt for a very good reason... See you there and thank you.

UNDER FIVES IN CAVERSHAM

THIS newspaper is going into an ever-increasing number of homes in Caversham. I am sure that in many of these there must be families with young children. There is a wealth of activities available for mothers or fathers, and their pre-school children and this is a good opportunity to mention some of them.

It is not always easy for first-time mothers to dis-

cover details as I myself have found in the past. The following is a discussion of some of the facilities available in this area, though I do not pretend that it is fully comprehensive. Those groups not mentioned will hopefully be mentioned in a further article.

Health Visitor

One of the first people you come across with a new

baby is your health visitor. I have found mine very helpful with both health matters and information on social gatherings in Caversham. The National Childbirth Trust is very active in Caversham and provides a great deal of support both for parents with new babies and as the children get older. Coffee mornings and other activities are frequently organised as well as a variety of support groups.

similar to their own is often helpful too.

Play-groups

Playgroups are a natural development from toddler groups and cater for children between the ages of three and five. After gentle introductory sessions the children are left in the capable hands of the playgroup helpers. This is often their first experience of being away from their mother for a short time and helps them to feel a little independent. A well-run playgroup can be a great source of pleasure to both child and parent.

There are numerous playgroups in Caversham, one in the centre of Caversham at the end of South Street, in the Baptist Church, is called School Lane Playgroup. A group is attached to Micklands School, one is run by the Caversham Heights Methodist Church and another is held in the Mapledurham Hall. Children attend playgroup for as many sessions per week as they choose and fees are usually paid at the beginning of each term.

Nursery School

Another type of pre-school activity available is the Nursery School. There are two State-run schools in Caversham — Newbridge and Caversham Nursery School. Children usually attend either every morning or every afternoon from Monday to Friday during term time. Both schools are so highly regarded that a waiting list is imperative. You must put your child's name down as soon as possible after its second birthday to ensure a place. Nursery Schools tend to

be slightly more formal than playgroups, being run by trained teachers and funded by the Education Authority. Both schools have excellent playgrounds and other play facilities to stretch them physically and mentally!

A private nursery school opening soon is the Rocking Horse Montessori Nursery School in St Peter's Avenue. This is a new venture which we hope will be successful.

Chiltern Nursery

The final place I am going to mention is the Chiltern Nursery Training College. This is a well-known college whose students are trained to be nursery nurses. They have Day Care Centres for children from nought to five years where you can pay to leave your children. These are open throughout the year, and so especially useful when both parents go out to work and wish to leave their child in totally reliable hands.

The Nursery School is open during term time and run by trained staff and student nursery nurses. Again it is highly recommended and a waiting list is usually in operation.

Caversham is such a friendly place with a real sense of community that I think it must be almost impossible not to make friends here. I have made so many good friends through a variety of these organisations and know that many other people have too.

The subject of pre-school activities in Caversham is so wide I think it would take more than this one article to cover it all, so do let me have additional information.

Frances

J. P. MOTORS

- ★ MoT while you wait (by appointment)
- ★ Servicing by top mechanics
- ★ Bodywork, any job undertaken
- ★ New and used car sales
- ★ Collection and delivery service can be arranged

Call us today for first-class personal service

Tel: 477377 — 24-hour Ansafone

J. P. MOTORS

TILBURY CLOSE, CHILTERN ROAD
CAVERSHAM, READING, RG4 0JF

CRAWFORD & LEACH LTD

GENERAL BUILDERS

ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

Personal attention at all times

Telephone (0734) 475773

A. SIMMONITE PAINTER & DECORATOR

Interior and Exterior
Artexing and Coving

Also

General household repairs

FULLY INSURED

For free quotations
and advice

Phone Reading
(0734) 722322

NICHOLAS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Est. 1882

for

ALL ASPECTS OF PROFESSIONAL
WORK
including

VALUATIONS, STRUCTURAL
SURVEYS AND TOWN PLANNING,
etc

and for

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTIES, RENT REVIEWS

24 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DP
Tel. (0734) 591231

TILES CAVERSHAM TILE CENTRE

OVER 2,000 TILES ON DISPLAY
ITALIAN WALL TILES FROM £5.94 SQ YD

FIXING SERVICE BY OUR OWN
EXPERTS

FREE DELIVERIES
JANNERFLOW KITCHEN ON DISPLAY

14 NORTH READING CENTRE
EMMER GREEN (OPPOSITE POND) TEL. 478853

9-5.30 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat
LATE NIGHT OPEN WED 8pm

ROUND THE CLUBS

Commercial & Industrial Agents, Surveyors & Valuers

- ★ Lettings and Sales
- ★ Acquisitions ★ Valuation
- ★ Rent Reviews ★ Lease Renewals
- ★ Investments ★ Development
- ★ Property Management

George Chilvers & Co.

24, Cross Street, Reading RG1 1SN
Tel. (0734) 580656

CAVERSHAM BOOKSHOP

18 PROSPECT STREET
CAVERSHAM, READING
Telephone Reading 482800

Wide range of all types of books,
globes and maps
Book tokens sold and exchanged
We are happy to order any book
not in stock

Telephones: Reading 473469 or 473003

LET US CALL AND GIVE YOU
A FREE ESTIMATE

J. D. Sansum & Son

PLUMBING, HEATING
AND GENERAL REPAIRS
KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
SPECIALIST

24 Stuart Close, Emmer Green
Reading RG4 8RE

STITCHIN' TIME

1 CHURCH ROAD
CAVERSHAM
Telephone 478106
NEW ARRIVALS!

Swiss cotton in jersey, crepon, lawn, sateen from
£6.99 per metre
Gingham for school summer dresses — all colours
£2.25 per metre
And lots more!

Expert advice always available
Open 9-5, Monday-Saturday

Telephone (0734) 476026

R. CHANDLER

PAINTER AND
DECORATOR

4 Pembroke Place
Caversham, Reading

Estimates free

Chazey W.I.

Microwave magic enthralled Chazey W.I. at their February meeting. Rosemary Moon, an expert on microwave ovens and microwave cookery who had toured the world demonstrating them for an internationally known company, gave a most amusing and informative demonstration and talk. Members who already owned one of these ovens learned a few tips and were encouraged to try more than just defrost and re-heat, and to cook entire dishes more often. Their usefulness to today's busy women was ably demonstrated.

It was gratifying to hear from Peppard House Home for Children that the £40 collected by Chazey Carol Singers had been well spent for the children's benefit. Some educational toys and been bought and the remainder of the money put towards a music centre.

A sponsored 'Weight-in' is the next charity project for Chazey members. It is hoped to raise a considerable amount of money by shedding those extra pounds gained over the Christmas festivities and become slimmer and fitter for the Spring.

Rosehill W.I.

It was decided that the February meeting should start earlier than usual with a Valentine Lunch, with food made by members at the buffet and delicious sweets. The usual meeting followed, chaired by Miss Vincent, and was enjoyed by all because the talk was most interesting. Mrs T. Hayward telling about her hobby "Eggshell decorating after the style of Faberge." Her husband helps her in various ways and she showed many examples beautifully done with different types of eggs, small and large. The competition for a Valentine cake was won by Mrs Roberts.

Blagrove W.I.

At the annual meeting on March 3, Mrs Poplewell welcomed members for her last meeting as President, having served in that capacity for three years. She was presented with a plant as a token of gratitude from the members. Mrs Joan Ford takes over as President with Mrs Doreen Sawyer continuing as Secretary. Two visitors were present who hopefully will be joining the Institute. Blagrove is

always keen to welcome new faces at the meetings at Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion at 2.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month. The competition for a jar of home-made marmalade was won by Mrs Aldiss, Mrs Hutt and Mrs Benham. Mrs Peacock was lucky in the raffle.

St. Peter's Wives Group

Mr David Randall, of the Planning Department, Berkshire County Council, was with St Peter's Wives Group for their February meeting. He outlined the work of his department, with regard to the improvement of the visual aspects of Reading's Waterways. Many of the town's businesses, both past and present, turn an unacceptably ugly back on to our rivers and streams. This was seen only too well, from the many colour slides with which he illustrated his talk.

However, all was not gloom, some improvements have already been made and they saw several attractive views of the Thames and Kennet, as they appear to our boating visitors. The aim of the planning department is to make more of our rivers beautiful to behold and, at the same time, as the opportunity presents itself, to improve access to their banks with restored and newly made pathways.

The Group's next meeting will be on April 21 at Church House, when Mr Peter Harms will give an illustrated talk entitled "Flowers and Travel with Peter." For details of this year's programme please contact the Group's Chairman, Mary Duncan (Reading 481189), or the Secretary, Ruth Collins (Reading 475925).

Caversham Ladies Club

It was a very interesting afternoon listening to Miss Snell talking about her unusual annual holidays which took place at Kentwell Hall, Long Melford. Each year was a return to the past, also an educational venture for school children who spent one, two, three or more days at the Hall. They could learn more easily if they were partaking in the old ways.

Last year was Tudor time. No it is not a gimmick: they eat, dress, etc., as in those days. Miss Snell is the cook and her name is Meg. No modern

stoves or equipment for her to use, and the water was from outside; if it was dark outside, too bad, flashlights were not known of. Meat was cooked on a spit. No cleaning teeth. People's teeth were nearly black. No wonder so many died when young with the hygiene in those times. For a faithful servant the pay was £4 a year, and on meeting their employers and their friends they always curtsied.

Meg's dress was made from a blanket which she had made to Tudor specifications; over this was a piece of sheeting tucked into a piece of thick string tied around her waist. When this apron got dirty it was turned over. On her head was a type of close-fitting hat, hanging down her back, not a scrap of hair to show.

When the Lord dined, the meat (half a kid) would be carried on a spit resting on the lackeys' shoulders and wench and lackeys had to stand and watch them eating until they had permission to leave. No one partaking was allowed to forget it was Tudor times. Even the recipes were cooked and ingredients used as in those days. Club members grimaced or laughed at some of the things cooked, and all were surprised when Miss Snell had to come to the end of her talk owing to time. One could have listened for a lot longer. But what a relief to go home and just plug in a kettle, switch on a fire, etc.

Miss Snell was presented with £5 for the Church of England Children's Fund.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild was very well attended on Tuesday, February 10. Miss B. Bran gave a full and informative report from Federation and told members they had won the first round of the Guild's Quiz. Mrs M. Cooper, Arts and Crafts, is busy organising sewing and knitting, the articles made to be sold at the end of the year in aid of the Royal Berks Hospital.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Tyler, an extremely witty and entertaining lady. The QE2 and Concorde trips she made in 1980 sounded marvellous. The grand ship was a world in another period of time, the twenties or thirties.

Shops, theatres, casinos, restaurants, a swimming pool, were just a small part of the luxuries aboard.

One day in New York and a whirlwind tour of the city by courtesy of a friendly cab driver, then on to join the beautiful Concorde. On Concorde she was treated like porcelain, ate off Royal Doulton, drank champagne and ate smoked salmon whilst going through the sound barrier!

of radio and TV by one hundred and thirty Monitors from Eastern and Western Europe, North Africa, Afghanistan, etc. Members learned of the importance of broadcasts from Russia, which entailed having thirty-six monitors listening and looking in. Within minutes, items of news were transmitted to the White House, USA, our Government and news media.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Mary Lewis.

Caversham W.I.

At the February meeting members were very interested to hear from Mrs Linda Ebbert about the BBC Monitoring Service at Caversham Park. She explained how the service had grown from hearing news broadcasts from Italy in 1938 to complete coverage in 1987.

Maplewood W.I.

The History and Mystery of Tea was the subject of a fascinating talk by Mr A. Boxer at the February Meeting. Members heard that when tea was first brought to

Turn to page 11

Holloway's

Incorporating
BUCKELL & BALLARD FINE ARTS and
NICHOLAS AUCTION DEPARTMENT

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS
12 High Street, Stratley, RG8 9HY
Tel. Goring-on-Thames (0491) 872318



A professional service from complete contents to a single item.

Transport and storage facilities. Free pre-sale inspection and advice.

Entries for future sales invited.

Valuations for probate, CTT and insurance purposes.

and at 49 Parsons Street,
Banbury, Oxfordshire

The professional alternative to London

We are agents for

THE ABBEY NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY

THE STOCKPOT

14 KIDMORE END ROAD, READING
TELEPHONE READING 484306



Morning coffee and breakfasts
Lunches, afternoon teas and dinner
Takeaway food and freshly made sandwiches
Parties catered for and children welcome
Our prices are very reasonable and we pride ourselves on giving good value for money

Monday to Saturday 10am to 3.30pm and 6.30pm to 9.30pm

PASSPORT SERVICE
YOUR WEDDING OR PORTRAIT IN COLOUR

HYMOR Photographers

43 PROSPECT STREET,
CAVERSHAM

Tel: Reading 475656 and 479450

ROUND THE CLUBS

From page 10

Europe in the sixteenth century the tea clippers took ninety days, and this, together with a heavy tax, made tea a very expensive commodity and led to much smuggling. The very selective picking of just the tip and two leaves on each branch makes hand picking still necessary.

Each member of the Institute has received a letter from the President saying that due to the very steep increase in the charge for St Andrew's Hall the Institute will transfer to Mapledurham Memorial Hall, Woodcote Road, from April 21 and the meetings on the third Tuesday in each month will start at 2.15pm. Any potential new members will be very welcome. A coffee morning held at Mrs H. Baker's raised £18 for Institute funds. The flower of the

month competition was won by Mrs P. Turner with lenten lily.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

The speaker at Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild was Ellsie Russell, whose slides of Iceland and its "Land of Ice and Fire" were spectacular.

The first round of the Federation Quiz was a close contest and Emmer Green Guild won by only two points.

Mrs Mills Holiday Club was well supported and plans are going ahead for a holiday in Snowdonia.

At the end of February members were taken on a visit round the Evening Post Offices at Tessa Road.

Caversham Community Association

A whist drive was held on February 2 with Doreen Crawley in charge of the proceedings. Prizewinners included Kit Ewer with the highest number of points, Daisy Heath in second place and Joyce Roddy who received the consolation prize.

Mr Charles Moss made a second visit to the club the following week when he gave a talk and slide show. His subject was the river Thames and Mr Moss gave a talk on its history and growth accompanied with some excellent photographs of the bridges, the beautiful scenery and wild life that he had taken when he cruised along the famous old river. The members were informed that the river was 215 miles long and had over 100 bridges and 44 weirs. Maida Feast, the Chairman, thanked Mr Moss for his interesting talk.

At the Valentine party on February 16 the members brought a contribution towards the refreshment table, this resulted in a very tasty selection of food. The members were asked to make their own Valentine brooch or pendant. Prizes were awarded to Maida Feast and Margaret Payne for their handiwork. Sue Broadway and her

talented troupe of dancers provided the entertainment. The programme consisted of dances, songs and acrobatic displays which received enthusiastic applause from the audience. The Chairman expressed thanks to Mrs Broadway and the dancers for the enjoyable performance.

On February 23 the dancing enthusiasts had the chance to try some more Old Tyme dances. May Plant led the members through the various routines and a pleasant time was had by everyone.

Caversham Heights T.G.

Second sight, the future foretold! All you ever wanted to know about those incredible coincidences — well, yes, but not quite all! A little at least of this ground was covered at February's meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild, where members were entertained in St Andrew's Hall by Mr N. Somerville, who came to talk about ESP, or extra-sensory perception. Very entertaining and mystifying it all was, an evening not to miss, and one to stimulate thought now and for many weeks and months to come.

It should be explained that Mr Somerville is a writer and researcher into this subject. An example of the many stories that he told was

that of President Lincoln, who told his wife and several journalists of forebodings that subsequently came true. Even Mr Somerville's own Mother had premonitions of strange things she was to discover in a house she had not at that time visited. Had you scribe more type space more phenomena illustrated by the speaker could be mentioned.

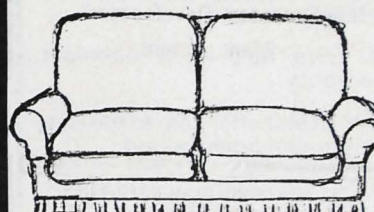
At social studies at the end of the month there was a discussion about a summer outing to Exbury Gardens in Southampton. An engraver, who from time to time engraves heraldic symbols, Mr F. G. Spriggs, gave an interesting talk about heraldry and showed an historical map of England, Wales and Scotland.

Armorial bearings were used from around the time of the Crusades, as a way of identifying a leader, and are a means of recognition even in these days. For instance Eton and Magdalen Colleges have the same coat of arms, but the lilies which decorate both of them have not yet opened on the shield for Eton, whereas they are fully opened in the case of the Oxford college. The College of Heralds grew up in the early 1300's, about the time of Greyfriars Church, to control the use of armorial bearings. Rules differ from country to country, English ones being different from Scottish.

John Kitcher & Son

5a CHURCH ROAD, CAVERSHAM
Telephone 472306

Free Estimates in your own home if required (evenings also)
CURTAINS/DRAPES/PELMETS
CARPETS
LOOSE COVERS:
UPHOLSTERY



Large range of patterns to choose from

TOP QUALITY BUTCHER

P. MUNDY

324 Hemdean Road
Caversham, Reading
Berks

Tel. Reading 479955

Retail deliveries twice weekly, Tuesday and Friday

HOME FREEZER MEAT
SUPPLIED AND
DELIVERED

24195

E. & R. STACEY

Proprietor: Capt David Clark (ret)

257 PEPPARD ROAD
EMMER GREEN, READING
Telephone 472096 or 479253 evenings

Panel beating, spraying, chassis repairing
Accident and insurance work undertaken

91219

Margaret Cutts

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Accountancy, book-keeping and taxation services for the small business and personal client

READING 472987

13064

CAVERSHAM CARS

Private Hire Car Chauffeur driven approx half normal fares. Tested and registered by Reading Council. Weddings, Airports, Long journeys a speciality

Advance booking taken evenings

READING 470690

Martin & Pole.

16 CHURCH STREET
CAVERSHAM
Telephone Reading 472877

Ten other offices throughout the local area to give specialist advice on valuations, mortgages, property transactions and management



Estate agents, auctioneers, chartered surveyors

Martin & Pole

You'll be well advised

Clean your Carpets the Professional Way and hire

ESCORT CARPET CLEANER

from
Suprema

DRY CLEANERS

32B CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM
Telephone 477713

Use it just like a vacuum cleaner and see the dirt being removed

M. J. GODDARD

Builder and Decorator

FREE ESTIMATES

18 GOSBROOK ROAD
CAVERSHAM
READING
BERKSHIRE

Telephone 475582

18021

CANCER AFTERCARE AND REHABILITATION SOCIETY

CANCER Aftercare and Rehabilitation Society was founded by George Poole in Bristol in 1971. Now it is a charity and a national body consisting of about thirty branches including Reading.

The object of the Society is to provide a supporting service for cancer patients, their relatives and friends.

It is becoming widely recognised that cancer patients often need to talk over feelings and worries with an independent person. There can be a feeling of isolation and a need for mutual support.

At Reading there is a telephone link to answer queries or simply just to listen. Sometimes it is beneficial to put the caller in touch with someone else who has had the

same illness. Usually it is possible to do this. Cancer Aftercare is compiling a national register of people willing to talk and write to others. This is the ongoing provision of mutual support. Likewise relatives and friends have worries and concerns. They also can turn to the Society for help.

It is emphasised that medical advice is not given. However, having been through the mill themselves, members can offer the benefit of their own experiences.

The branch has only been established for three years. It is a small but very active group based in Reading, and most of its work is in the locality. However, it has a growing reputation and this is reflected in the number of calls it is getting from further afield.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Postgraduate Medical Centre at Craven Road. Most meetings have a speaker and the subjects are not cancer related. After all, it is an opportunity for members to socialise. If anybody comes along with a problem, then they are only too pleased to listen and help.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings and if later you would like to become a member of the Society the annual subscription is £1. For that you are kept in touch with the Society's activities.

For further information please call the telephone link — Reading 470585. They will be pleased to hear from you.

CAVERSHAM CARE CENTRE

Church House, 59 Church Street

Office open Monday to Friday 9.30am-11.30am. T.N. 483466. Please ring, or call personally, if you need help or information from the many local charitable and caring organisations on the LINK GROUP files, or, if you need assistance from the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME, who will:

1. Give help in a domestic emergency;
2. Visit and offer help to the sick, lonely and/or housebound;
3. Provide emergency transport. (Emergencies out of office hours — T.N. 479048 or 476181).

The "POP-IN" CENTRE in which to relax quietly, find someone to talk to, or obtain help is open:

Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 12 noon and coffee is available.

Please note — offers to help are also always welcome.

HOUSE MAINTENANCE

CARPENTRY, FITTED KITCHENS
PAINTING AND DECORATING
WALL TILING, GLAZING

D. R. MILES

FREE ESTIMATES
Tel: READING 422188

NETLEY LANDSCAPES

Garden design and construction
Hugh Netley, NDLC

PATIOS, FENCING, NATURAL STONEMASONRY,
WALLING, PLANTING, SHRUB AND TREE
CLEARANCE, WATER FEATURES, ETC., ETC.
COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS

Tel. READING 477466

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Digging, panel
fencing, hedge
trimming, lawn
cutting, planting,
pruning and
weeding.

N. H. HILL

Tel: Reading 410075
Winter after 7pm
Summer after 8.30pm
Competitive rates for
regular and one-off jobs

PLUMBING

Central Heating
General Repairs

K. C. BARNES

209 Kidmore Road
Caversham

Telephone:
481929 or 417512

QUALITY CATERING

Buffets
Dinner Parties
Wedding Receptions

Reading 473889

G. J. BOXALL

Painter and
decorator
344 HEMDEAN
ROAD
CAVERSHAM
Telephone
Reading 472181

PROFESSIONAL MOBILE BEAUTY THERAPIST

Many treatments
available
DIANE HITCHINS,
ASBth
READING 481300

THE HIGHDOWN SHOW SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1987

PLANS for the annual Highdown Show are well under way and this year's event, to be held for the first time on a Sunday, promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Despite the day long rain in 1986, thousands of regular visitors refused to miss the show and flocked to Highdown School, Emmer Green, for what has, in recent years become one of the leading one day shows in Reading.

The Show boasts two separate programmes of spectator events, one in the arena and another on the popular Tea Lawn. Provisional plans for May 17 include a motor cycle display team, humorous gymnasts, a marching band, Punch and Judy and a Steel band. During the afternoon an auction of old and interesting items will once again

take place in the school's historic barn. Following last year's highly successful Fashion Show the Middle School pupils, in conjunction with Top Shop, Top Man and Littlewoods, will be staging a similar event specifically in aid of Cancer Relief.

As usual there will be a fifty stall street market and bookings are already pouring in for this and the Charity Stall section. In addition, the school and Parents' Association run many games and selling stalls.

Other attractions, to entertain all age groups, include a folk group, dancing display, archery, an art and craft exhibition, mini-motor bike rides, fun bus and bouncers, super stars competition, fancy dress, model boats, vintage and

modern fire engines, tug-of-war, decorated bikes and a fun football match.

As in previous years, Scotchbrooks, Estate Agents, are sponsoring the programme and this year Jacksons, the Family Store, and Brian Williams, Painter, Decorator and General Repairs, will be sponsoring events. The Show committee would be happy to consider other sponsorship offers from local firms and can be contacted on Reading 481172 for sponsorship inquiries or Reading 479852 for general inquiries.

Every year the Show raises thousands of pounds for the school and local charities and this year's event with the innovation of running on a Sunday and with an entry charge of only 75p, promises an even greater day out for everyone on May 17.

CAVERSHAM DIARY

- April 1st Baptist Centre Prospect Street, 7.45pm, Rehearsal for Carnival of Praise
- April 4th Link Group Good as New Sale, Baptist Church Centre, 10am
- April 4th Bridge Drive (in aid of St. Peter's Organ Fund), 7.30pm, Church House
- April 4th Easter Fair, 2pm, Hill School, Peppard Road
- April 6th Church House, Church Street, 8.00pm. Caversham Residents' Association AGM, Guest speaker Cllr. A. Page, Chairman, Reading Borough Council Transport Committee
- April 8th Baptist Centre Prospect Street, 7.45pm, Rehearsal for Carnival of Praise
- April 15th Baptist Centre Prospect Street, 7.45pm, Rehearsal for Carnival of Praise

CAVERSHAM CLERGY

ANGLICAN

The Rev Richard Kingsbury, Caversham Rectory, Church Road. Tel: 479130. (Parish Office: Monday - Thursday 9.30-12.30. Tel: 471703).

The Rev Alan Wilson, St John's House, 9 South View Avenue. Tel: 471814.

The Rev Adrian Dorber, 33 Grove Road, Emmer Green. Tel: 473095.

The Rev Paul Kenchington, 51 Galsworthy Drive. Tel: 475152.

The Rev Tony Dalton, St Andrew's House, Harrogate Road. Tel: 472788.

The Rev Peter Mullins, 25 Ilkley Road, Caversham. Tel: 472070.

BAPTIST

The Rev Dennis Weller, 80 Balmore Drive. Tel: 478668.

The Rev Dr Philip Egglestone, 324B Hemdean Road. Tel: 470554.

METHODIST

The Rev Keith Sanders, 72 Highmoor Road. Tel: 472223.

The Rev Brian Skinner, 48 Allhallows Road, Caversham. Tel: 482530.

UNITED REFORMED

The Rev Philip Lee-Bapt, 41 Highmoor Road. Tel: 471909.

CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

The Rev Chris Justice, 119 Peppard Road. Tel: 474529.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The Rev Thomas Meagher, The Presbytery, 2 South View Avenue. Tel: 471787.

(For Caversham Park Village)
The Rev Cecil Keane, 18 Peppard Road, Sonning Common. Tel: 723418

WE RECORD

BAPTISED

St. Peter's
January 4: James Downs
Ashley Bond

St. John's
October 5: Lauren Dewar
Matthew McKiernan
Janetta Barrett

October 12: Adam Swannell
November 2: Stephen Barter
November 23: Robert Goodchild

January 4: Rhianon Jenkins
St. Anne's
January: Philip Maynard
Katrina Pascal
Sarah Johnson
Carlo Ricciardi
Aime Gill

MARRIED

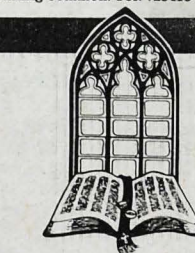
St. Peter's
January 31: Jolyon Seward and Frances Sainsbury

St. John's
October 11: Brian Williams and Susan Briggs

October 25: Christopher Hope and Amanda Mellor

November 1: David New and Susan White

November 15: Ian Moss and Patricia Way
St. Anne's
January: Nigel Lovell and Paula Job



FUNERALS

St. John's
July 9: James Hawkins
August 4: Roy Lowin

12: May Cane
13: Ethel Jobbins
26: George Tull

September 1: Victor Hart
8: Richard Dean

16: Ernest Wyeth
October 7: John Cullenaine

10: Malcolm Rowe
November 5: Frederick Frampton

21: Lillian Coleman
December 23: Doris Bartholomew

St. Anne's
January: Francesca Carey
Rupert Fenn

A. B. WALKER & SON LTD

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Independent Family Business
serving Caversham since 1826

ELDON HOUSE, 36 ELDON ROAD,
READING
(Opposite Royal Berkshire Hospital)

Tel: Reading 53650

Day and night service
Monumental Masons Private Chapels

J. R. McCARDLE STONEMASON

Fine Memorials in
Marble, Stone and
Granite

Restoration and all
other masonry
undertaken

READING 62362

A. H. WHITE (N.A.F.D.)

New Offices and Private
Chapel

15 BOULT STREET
READING

(Rear 11 The Grove)

Telephone 54334

Late 63921

TOMALIN & SON (N.A.F.D.)

Funeral Directors

48 New Street
Henley-on-Thames

Telephone 3370

DAY AND NIGHT

A. F. JONES

MASTER MASONS

Craftsmen in Stone

BEDFORD RD
READING

Telephone

53537

L. W. YEATES LIMITED

Central Heating and
Plumbing

Complete systems
designed and installed
by qualified engineers

21 Star Road
Caversham
Reading
Tel: Reading 471016

Your PET SHOP in

CAVERSHAM

Gee Gee Pets
and Aquaria

29 PROSPECT STREET
Reading 472422

also at
READING MARKET
on Wednesday, Friday
and Saturday

ARCHERY

A unique family sport suitable for all ages
(children over 10). Beginners lessons available soon.

For further details contact
South Oxon Archery Club
Reading 694389

The British Chiropody Association
is pleased to announce

MRS S. M. CHUMBLEY

MSS Ch, MB ChA
QUALIFIED CHIROPODIST

Phone Reading 470762
for home visits by appointment