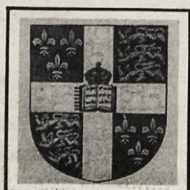


BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT

RICHARD DOUGLAS HARRIES WAS ENTHRONED 41st BISHOP OF OXFORD IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ON 30th JUNE, IN THE PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION AS WELL AS FROM THE UNIVERSITY, CIVIC HEADS, JUDGES, SHERIFFS, LORDS LIEUTENANT AND THOSE FROM COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



Immaculate timing of the 8 processions before the service, the new Bishop's three knocks on the door and the Green Jackets' fanfare heralded the beginning of a service that ran smoothly and reverently. Exquisite singing your would expect from the choir — and that is what it was, with Latin anthems sung to music by Bruckner and Durufle, Wesley's "Let all the world..." and Stanford's setting of Te Deum. En-

thusiastic singing from the large congregation of the well known hymns interspersed the formalities, the welcomes (from representatives of other faiths, of community leaders, of the Jewish community, the Roman Catholic church, the Greek Orthodox church, and the Chairman of the Oxfordshire Ecumenical Council) and the prayers. Lovely flower arrangements were placed high on the pillars and the sun

shone in on them through grids and glass to pattern the people and the remaining floor space.

In his sermon, Bishop Richard repeated the earlier gospel words of the two great commandments of Jesus, to love God and to love one another. The Church's earlier great precepts in building schools, hospitals, almshouses and hospices had been a marvellous grounding for what was

now state responsibility. But other responsibilities remained and there was much to be done as the recent report on "Faith in the City" had shown. It was not possible to love your neighbour without being political. But politics was not everything. There was a grave danger to the community of intolerance and fanaticism and the mutual respect and support from the representatives from the Jews,

from Islam, from the Orthodox as well as from other Christian leaders would be a great support and would help to show conviction to those who had no conviction. The next decade would be a very exciting one for the church. He ended "God help us to receive what we have to receive and to give what we have to give."

I wonder what the large 800 year old dead stone knight, who lay, hands in prayer,

would have thought of it all. Perhaps he would have wished for a new cathedral in Oxford, built in a tiered round, when everyone could see. He could then pray on silently and be left in the peace of a College chapel. He certainly would have been surprised that the descendants of the Saracens were not only in the cathedral but were working with the Christian community in the diocese.

The Master's garden provided a splendid setting for meeting afterwards with Magdalen Tower bathed in late evening sunshine and the lawn thronged with the colourful clothes — male and female.

Welcome Bishop Richard, and it was good to hear that, with much of your own hard work, those listening to religious broadcasts have increased by 20%. Let's hear more from you!



Bishop Richard was able to meet some of the congregation informally in the Master's garden after the service.

Photos P. A. H. Bailey



TALKING POINT

by REV BRIAN SKINNER
Minister of Gosbrook Road Methodist Church

YOUR SUNDAY?

RECENTLY my eye was caught by a placard advertising a Sunday newspaper. The claim of this newspaper on this placard was that it was "An Essential part of Sunday." I do not suppose that anyone would agree that any newspaper is an essential part of Sunday, if the word essential is being used in anything like its true meaning — but suppose we were asked to draw up a list of the essential things about Sunday, what would that list include:

The commandment says: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." In the Bible this word 'holy' has a very special meaning. Holy means different, separate from and other than ordinary things.

A temple is holy because it is different from other buildings; a victim of sacrifice is holy because he is different from other animals and a priest is holy because he is different from other men. God is supremely holy because God belongs to a quite different sphere of being from that to which men belong.

So we could say that the commandment means: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it differently from other days." I well know that the Sabbath and the Sunday are different days, that the Sabbath is the last day of the week and the Sunday the first day of the week, that the Sabbath is a Jewish institution commemorating the rest of God on the seventh day when creation was complete and that the Sunday is a Christian institution commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. So then let us alter the wording of the commandment very slightly and with complete justification: Remember the Lord's day to keep it differently from other days" — Wherein then should the difference lie?

1. It is still true that the Lord's Day should be a day of rest. That is not only a spiritual necessity; it is a physical necessity. Modern life moves at an even faster and faster pace; the result is that people grow ever more and more tired. A famous man was asked what he thought was the most characteristic feature of modern people, and he answered "Tired eyes."

In the days of the French Revolution the Sunday was abolished by law, but it had to be brought back, because the health of the nation would not stand a week without a day of rest. Everything needs its day of rest.

The old golf green-keeper was right. When he was asked his opinion of Sunday golf, his

answer was: "If you don't need a rest, the greens do." The Lord's Day is a day of rest, and as such, it is a great social and humanitarian institution.

2. The Lord's Day should be a day of family fellowship. It is the one day when the family have the opportunity to be together. It is the one day when the father has the chance to with his wife and children. Today with so many instances of both husband and wife working, and having separate days off, Sunday is the ONLY day when the family can be together — If we want to protect family life, then keeping Sunday as a day of rest is essential. The family and the Sunday are very closely intertwined.



I remember as a boy staying for holidays at my grandparents' home in Plymouth. On Sundays my grandfather gathered us all together — he read a chapter of the Bible, talked to us about it, then led us in prayer, my grandmother played the piano and we sang many of the old hymns. Those Sundays are among my happiest memories — there was a feeling of complete security and union among us and we sang, read about David, Elijah, Peter and John etc. The Sunday ought to be a day on which the unity of the family is rediscovered and confirmed.

3. The Lord's Day ought to be a day of self-examination. In this rushed and busy modern world we are apt to be so busy living that we have no time to think how we are living. Sunday is the day when we ought to take stock. We ought to examine ourselves to see if we have advanced or slipped back along the road to holiness. For Dr Johnson that was an essential part of the Sunday. On every Sunday we should hear God's voice saying to us: Let a man examine himself.

4. The Lord's Day should be a day of worship. Jesus went into the Synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath "as His custom was" (Luke 4: 16). The worship of God in the company of men was for Jesus an habitual and essential part of God's day. In the rush and press of things it is easy to forget God: It is easy to be too busy to pray; it is easy to be so busy with the things of time that the things of eternity are forgotten.

On the Lord's Day a man should re-establish the bond that binds himself to his fellow men and to his God.

Postbag

Dear Sirs

I am sorry that Katy thinks sweeping and cleaning in Lower Caversham is worse. It's certainly not "yet another cutback," because late last year we increased the staffing for street cleaning in Reading by seven and added two mechanical sweepers. I will pass on the comment for in-

vestigation, and if Katy can let me know the streets she has in mind we will see it we can improve things.

I will also think about the dates for SWAG collections — yes, I have some responsibilities too! However, I expect we shall stick with Saturdays, because I think people are more likely to bring

papers to the collection when shopping than to make a separate trip. There may also be some volunteers who would rather be in church on Sundays.

Robert Dimmick
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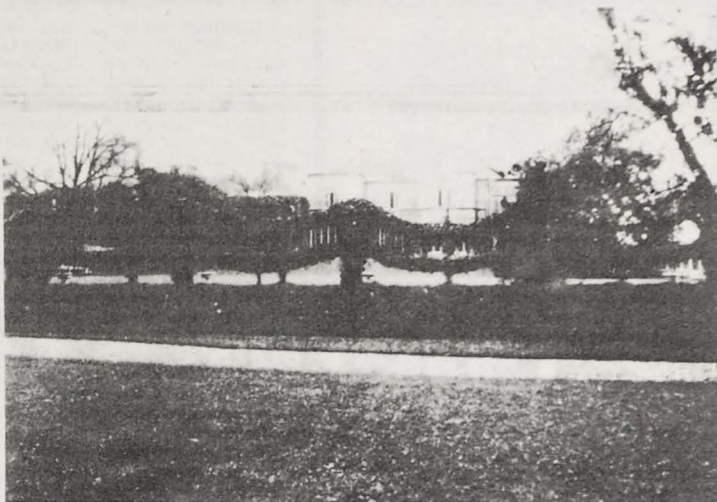
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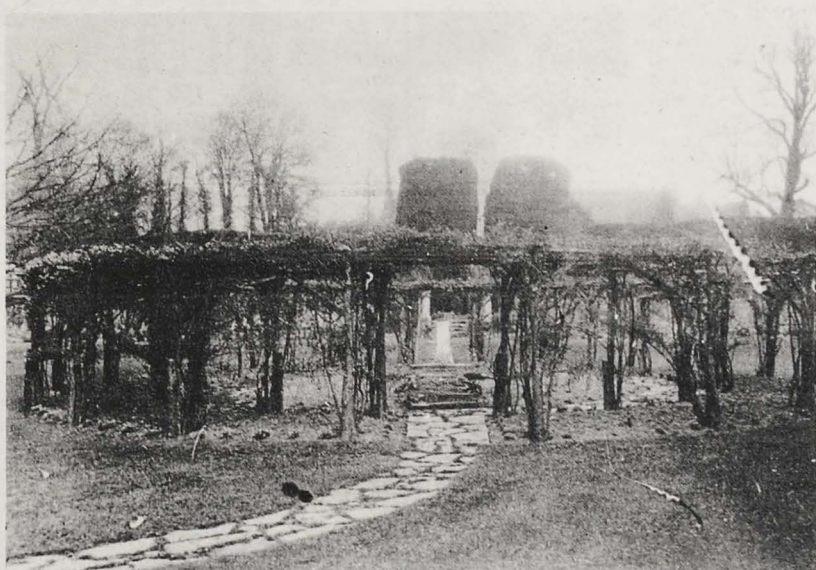
CAVERSHAM COURT



The front of the house, designed by Pugin to look rather like a Gothic castle and to replace most of the original house, when the main gate were open this is what you saw.



The grass slope leading down to creepers — a strange idea for it hid the river from the lawn and house — but perhaps privacy was desired by those living there.



Local people must remember the old rose garden which still remained after the house was destroyed and the garden was first opened to the public. Like the old house, it has now gone.

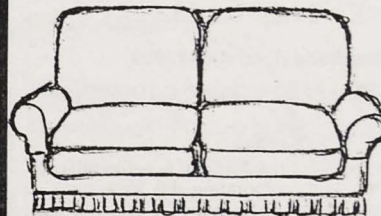
FOUR more photographs of Caversham Court before it was pulled down in 1933. These pictures were taken by the daughter of Thaddeus Arathoon. The family lived there briefly in 1919. They also had Westdene for a short time, the old house opposite the junction of St Peter's Avenue and Woodcote Road. Another of their temporary homes in 1920 was Caversham Grove, now part of Highdown School.
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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

**LOVELY AS A
TREE**

TREES HAVE BEEN HAVING A BAD TIME OF IT LATELY. No sooner had the two plane trees at Caversham Bridge been given the chop than one of the two splendid and much loved planes at the Forbury Road-Vastern Road junction met a similar fate, rookery and all. The remaining one looks sadly bereft, for the two had grown together over the years. Sadly, all it can look at now are the stumps of other planes left along Forbury Road.

Traffic killed those trees. Meanwhile in Priest Hill, housing development has dealt a vicious blow at two magnificent copper beech trees. They were the subject of tree preservation orders, and planning conditions for development of the site laid down that they were not to be felled, have branches removed, their roots disturbed or rubble piled round them, and that during building operations they were to be protected with fencing.

This amounted to so many words when it came to building. No fencing was erected, rubble was piled under their canopy, one had a huge limb sawn off and two others hacked off and the other was treated in much the same way, with no effort made to seal the cuts. Meanwhile the root systems were disturbed for a roadway and a hole excavated through the roots of one for a drainage system.

Caversham Resident's Association alerted the Planning office as to what was going on and a visit was paid to the site. As a result, somewhat tardily and not very satisfactorily, some rubble was removed and the saw cuts sealed. Arboriculturalists are

not in agreement about the value of doing this at all. What they are agreed about is that if it is done it must be done at once and not after a lapse of time (about ten days in this case) as any spores or harmful insects that have already entered will simply be sealed in.

Most of the damage that has been inflicted is irreversible. The limb removal seems to have been done for no good reason. The root damage was a danger that had been foreseen so the developer knew in advance what was to be avoided and should have planned accordingly. As for the sealing, the limbs have now been resawn to remove it, the developer having been warned of the danger, which puts a rather different complexion in the implication in the local press that it had been done immediately.

Whether these trees will survive remains to be seen. The soaking wet June may have helped. We were resigned to the loss of the spring-time carpets of crocuses. They were replaceable. But trees like these are another matter. In fact many people felt more attached to the trees than the house.

A Lotta Bottle

An unpopular planning decision was the one to allow the Co-op Dairy to re-locate in the Amersham Road area. The Co-op's milk comes up daily from Portsmouth and is crated on to its delivery floats at the depot early in the morning from where it goes all over Reading. Its present site in the densely populated streets off Oxford Road is clearly unsuitable. One reason, apart from early morning noise in a residential area, is that milk lorries will come in from south Reading across the river, then go back again and floats will join the morning trek across the bridges again to deliver their milk all over Reading.

The Planning Office did not like the idea but could not refuse planning permission because no change of use was involved, the site having previously used for light industry with no restriction on

hours. So now, unless the Co-op changes its mind, it looks as if this far from desirable development will take place. Apart from anything else, how many miles will one's pint have been trundled to and fro before finally ending up in one's cuppa.

**General Election —
No change**

Between the writing of this article and the last one a general election has come and gone and almost been forgotten about, for, as far as Reading, and most of the country goes, it is a case of no change. Yet if stickers and signposts were anything to go by, a stranger walking through Caversham on election day would have concluded that the Alliance was going to win by an overwhelming majority, with Labour a poor second and the Conservatives nowhere.

Old hands however, with knowledge of previous voting patterns, would have been surprised if the impression had translated into reality, and although Caversham's only part of a rather peculiarly contrived constituency, it is not all that exceptional.

The two constituencies bearing the name of Reading include so much that is not Reading, that the Borough itself can scarcely be said to be represented in Parliament at all. Surely something better could be devised so that there is once more a Borough Member and the outer areas are attached to others grouped together to form a constituency with which they have more in common. This is nothing to do with favouring one particular party more than another but of restoring some sense of identity.

Scoring points

Whilst on the subject of politics, and this column, whilst not ignoring party politics is not in the business of rooting for one above the others, several people recently have told me how disillusioned they are by the way party politics dominate Borough (and County) Council work. There are of course complex and inescapable reasons

why local government, at least in the present period, has to be elected along party lines, but once elected it is felt that Councillors should get down to the business of sorting out local problems regardless of their political differences.

All right, there are two (at least) ways of looking at problems but having allowed for that, people who have attended a Council or Committee Meeting because some matter in which

they have a particular interest is being discussed, complain time and time again that instead of dealing objectively with the matter, councillors are simply engaged in scoring political points off each other. It may be fun for them; for their listeners it is frustrating.

One has only to look at the Council minutes to see how issues which have nothing to do with

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party politics are brought up in such a way that inevitably they split along party lines. Moreover the minutes, fortunately, omit all the sniping that has gone on before a decision is reached. No wonder it is rare to see any member of the public sitting throughout a Council meeting.

A vagrant Gypsy life

Gypsies encamped along Richfield Avenue beside the river gave the organisers of the Water Carnival some headaches but fortunately all got itself sorted out on the day. All the same, there were complaints

about the untidy appearance they give to the riverside spot coupled with demands that they should be moved on.

The question is, moved on to where? There are very few gypsy sites about and with the price of land in the south of the country there are not likely to be many more. Even if some were provided, imagine the outcry from the neighbourhood chosen. Council housing is no solution either, with council houses in short supply and waiting lists long. Again the outcry can be imagined, whilst a permanent house is also not what gypsies are seeking.

So what do we do:

Hitler's solution was to send them to the gas chambers. A civilised society must learn to put up with its non-conforming members.

Perhaps it would help to look at the problem from another point of view. Yes, gypsies are an untidy lot by our standards, but there are many high priced corners of England where over-groomed, manicured and polished properties are equally alien to a natural countryside. Highly mechanised farming has arguably damaged more countryside than the odd gypsy encampment has, motorways have inflicted their noise over great areas of the communities they have torn apart, and airports are notorious for being bad neighbours. As far as the area around Caversham Bridge and the river goes, the worst mess has been caused by building and road widening, temporarily you might say, but the gypsies are temporary too. They deal, untidily, in scrap metal and car breaking, but that is re-cycling work of all the junk and metal objects our society generates.

A bit of a nuisance maybe they are, but viewed all round, the

best approach is a bit of toleration. They are a traditional part of human society (I even had a brown faced lady selling lace, elastic and lucky charms from a large wicker basket calling at the door) and have as much right to be here as the rest of us. Caversham Residents' Association has made it clear they will have no part in the business of gypsy bashing.

People

Hemden House School is losing through retirement this year Mrs Jean Lee, its deputy head and head of the junior department, who has been on the staff since 1969. Many Caversham children have been among those who have benefitted from the high standards she applied to herself and expected from them. She herself used to live in Caversham.

Another member of the staff also following in the school's tradition of long service, is Mrs Marion Fallowfield, who has been there since 1954. Latterly Mrs Fallowfield has taught needlecraft, and under her tuition her pupils have surprised even themselves by the attractive garments they have created.

Marion has lived in the Caversham area for all that time and more. She and her husband Derek are enthusiastic members of the South Oxfordshire Archaeology Group, and both enjoy walking and cycling in the south Oxon countryside. Marian is also Membership Secretary of Caversham Residents' Association and an active member of the Civic Society, so she will have no idle retirement, though she does hope to have more time to sit in as well as work in the garden.

Another well-known Caversham resident and member of the Residents' Association is Rodney Oliver, who this year becomes President of the local Solicitors' Association. Rodney, together with Godwin Arnold who is well known to Caversham people for his architectural work and lectures, is largely responsible for the fact that the Caversham Court gazebo has not collapsed in a heap of ruins, but is firm and weather proof. The fact that restoration has still not been completed is not due to any lack of campaigning on his part.

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Traditional Clog Dancing at Caversham Park Fair



Entries for the Victorian Dress Competition

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The pace will be leisurely — there's no other for us — and with luck we might arrive in Oxford at about 3.00 pm. If you plan to stay overnight please bring a tent — we hope

that our brothers and sisters in Oxford will be providing overnight space for us on their lawns. Or you can return home on the train from Oxford (they don't charge for bikes).

Many different events are planned, including a Taizé style vigil starting at 10.00 pm.

On Sunday we plan to cycle back after the 3.00 pm Eucharist. But again there's the train option — who knows, that might prove increasingly attractive after the vigils!

Please let us know if you will be coming — or ring us for further details. So give your bike a good oil, say goodbye to the car for the weekend, and do join us!

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

ST PETER'S ORGAN FUND — THE FINAL PUSH!

WITH the St Peter's Organ Fund well on the way to its target of £20,000 the final push is now in hand. One of the highlights of the autumn programme is a Grand Charity Auction planned for Saturday October 3rd at St Andrew's Church Hall in Albert Road. The organisers are hoping for well over two hundred lots to be on sale on the day and are looking to parishioners and other friends of St Peter's for gifts

suitable for auction.

"Many parishioners may be unable to help the fund any further with cash donations, but most of us have something at home we would be prepared to part with and which could sell at auction" say the organisers. "Items which sell particularly well are china and glass, jewellery, coins, copper and brass, pictures, mirrors and silver — but any small saleable items will be

welcome", they add.

If you have something you are willing to donate for the auction then the organisers would like you to complete the form included on page 10 of this edition of the Bridge, or ring them for further information.

It looks like Caversham will be in for an exciting day on 3rd October with the Auction and the mile of pennies attempt, both taking place on that Saturday.

ST ANNE'S NEWS

JUNE saw the beginning of the Marian year, proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, to last until the Feast of the Assumption, 15th August, 1988: it is one of the events leading up to the celebration of two millennia of Christianity by the year two thousand — drawing near! A number of special ceremonies will mark the Marian year, among them a diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of our Lady of Caversham, led by Bishop Crispian Hollis, the new Bishop for this area of the diocese.

From the Archbishop meanwhile,

comes approval for the proposed restoration and repair work of the parish Hall and ancillary rooms, and the architect is busy on the plans — it's hoped the whole scheme can be completed by the end of the year.

A successful Parish Fete this year raised an overall total of £1,966 — a tribute to a lot of hard work that paved the way.

June closed on a 'high': the first communion of a number of children during Sunday Mass: a happy occasion for the whole parish to take part in.

ST MARGARET'S NEWS

GREETINGS from the Webbers, Mac-Millans and Mr and Mrs Hobday. It is now a long time since the last mentioned left their home in Upper Woodcote Road to live near their daughter but they still keep in touch.

People who have lived many years in the rural part of the parish will be sad to hear of the death, this Spring, of Mrs Mona Smith. She lived at Mill Farm until the late sixties and was an active member of the community. For several years she was a manager of the Church Primary School. She, too, left the district to be nearer her family.

The Mob continues to flourish — walking

for the World, skating and enjoying Peter Mullins' African slides. This summer they are planning to try to make a cine or video film. What next? It was excellent to have them joining in with the more junior members of St Margaret's to give the adults a wonderful Whit Sunday Service with the help of the choir. All credit to the youngest people in the church and many thanks to John and Cathy Pynn for making it possible. Cathy especially, put a lot of energy and enthusiasm into it! Indeed it was a great deal of hard work for them all and was well worth it and much enjoyed.

NEWS OF CLERGY

A WARM welcome is extended to the Rev. David Ernest Clark, who has succeeded the Rev. Philip Lee-Baptist as minister of St. Paul's URC in York Road. He will also be working as an industrial officer for Reading's Industrial, Trade and Employment Mission. He will be living with his family in Highmoor Road.

Congratulations to the Rev. John Crow, one time curate at St. John's, who has been made team Vicar of Dorchester.

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CYCLING is in vogue this month, for you can read elsewhere of the pilgrimage to Oxford. But a very worthwhile cause will allow you to sponsor as many people as possible who will be cycling for church funds. Half the money each person raises will go to the Berkshire Churches Fund; the other half will go to

a church of your own choice. So this is a great opportunity for you to swell your own church's coffers. More information will be available next month, but keep the date free — Saturday, 5th September, from 10am to 6pm. More information can be obtained from Stewart Bolton 482687.

PRAYERS PLEASE...

for Anne Pinchen from St Andrew's, who will be away for a year's project. She will be working for four days a week computer training with the Far Eastern

Broadcasting Corporation. One day a week she will be helping to educate children of missionaries at the Faith Academy in Manila in the Philippines.

UNITED SERVICE AT THE HEIGHTS

WHIT Sunday is always a day of great joy and celebration. The packed evening service at Caversham Heights Church, which was shared with friends from the other Caversham Churches (St Peter's, St Andrew's, St John's, St Barnabas', St Margaret's, Mapledurham, Caversham Park Church, the Baptist Church, Gosbrook Road Methodist and the Society of Friends) was part of the Reading Community Festival. The West Reading Steel Band contributed much to the uplifting worship and it was a privilege to share the experience together.

In his address, Mr Frank Baker, Chairman of the Acorn Christian Healing Trust, reminded the congregation of the healing ministry of Jesus and of the way it was continued by the apostles whom he commissioned to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He spoke of the way in which the Acorn Trust is being used today to continue Christ's ministry of healing through prayer and the laying on of hands.

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MIRIAM JONES

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This isn't surprising since they are a very popular family and Miriam was a lively and outgoing lass, full of laughter and fun. The chapel was packed on the

occasion of her funeral at the beginning of July, full of friends she made at school, in the shop at work, everyone perhaps knowing something different about her. So it was good that Alan Wilson, who took the service, was able to sum up the various aspects of her life in a real thanksgiving for having known her.

He spoke of the work she did for charity and of her Christmas treat for children, and he told of when, enjoying herself to the full at a water car-

nival, she saw somebody in difficulty and plunged straight in. She was, he said, good at everything she turned her hand to, a natural organiser with a real flair for people. She had looks and style but, above all, she had a lovely personality.

Alan suggested those present gathered up their thoughts and happy memories into prayer, among other things, praying "for ourselves, that we may take hold of life all the fuller for the way in which Miriam touched our lives."

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DAVID CLIFT

Those who have kept in touch with

David and his family in recent years will have known of his struggle with multiple sclerosis, so it was no surprise to hear of his death at the end of June. We can only be thankful that his struggles have ended and pray that Judy and the children — a very supportive family in the words of David himself — will eventually find consolation. It is many years since he was curate at St Peter's, but he was so popular it would be inappropriate to let the occasion pass with a mere mention. The Rev. John Grimwade, who probably knew David better than anyone in the parish, has promised to try and let us

have a fuller report for next month's copy. In the meantime, we offer our sincere condolences to his family.

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OFF TO SPAIN

It is seven years since David Hunt took over the hairdressing salon in Prospect Street, leaving his wife, Sue, to carry on the business in Basingstoke Road. Eventually she gave it up and joined David here, together with their eldest son Christopher, a lively lad who is all set to follow his parents' footsteps. Apart from actual hairdressing, which he is studying, he has one certain

characteristic of a good family hairdresser — the ability to get to know customers and chat to them. Now they are all off to sunny Spain, to set up in business there, aided or otherwise by young son, Timothy, whose present ambitions have little to do with hairdressing.

It is typical of them that they particularly asked us to say they were sorry to leave Caversham and all their customers after such happy years. They would

like to wish everybody all the best and thank their customers for being so friendly. We, in turn, wish them well in their new venture.

We shall miss them, but it is good to know that Pauline Duckett, who worked at the salon for many years, is taking over the business. She is a very popular — next month we hope to do a slightly fuller report on Pauline herself and her new venture.

CAVERSHAM CLERGY

ANGLICAN

The Rev Richard Kingsbury, Caversham Rectory, Church Road. Tel: 479130.
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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.

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

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

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The Rev Cecil Keane, 18 Peppard Road, Sonning Common. Tel: 723418.



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CAVERSHAM PLACE

At a recent exhibition of old photographs of Caversham the above picture caused much interest. The house was designed by the well-known architect Clough William-Ellis in 1924. It stood in twenty-two acres of land which was

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The recent election* campaign has shown that the three major parties have one thing in common, the retention of a vast army, navy and air force, ready, should occasion arise, for the indiscriminate killing of men, women and children. Strong words, but nonetheless true, as happened in World War Two, and is being enacted in different parts of the world today; and considering the arms we sell abroad, we may well be responsible for some of it, to our shame; and the number of child victims in need of SCF is never ending. The retention of armaments perpetuates suspicion, intrigue, hate, fear; that is not peace. Fear leads

to the making of wrong decisions.

Little was said during the campaign to promote good will and reconciliation among the nations. The politicians have had their say; it is now up to the people, we would be victims, to shout, loud and clear, ENOUGH! And who better than we Christians to proclaim it; that through Christ alone is the way to true peace and happiness. But therein lies a snag, for many Christians divide their faith between Christ and armaments, thus lacking conviction, and the power to proclaim it. If there is one thing above all else, it is that Christ expects, nay, demands, our undivided loyalty and obedience. We

who have renounced arms and their use for any reason whatever, know that to be true, a stand the wiles of Satan cannot shift.

Why are we Christians so loath to discuss rationally and objectively this vital question of war, this awful sin, our response to it, its abolition? Are we so conscience hardened that we continue unmoved by the death, homelessness, misery and starvation it causes? Have we lost the will to fight this unmitigated evil? Silence gets us nowhere and retards the spread of truth, and maybe, the coming of the Kingdom for which we pray. Do we not realise that the latter may depend on our obedience to God's will,

rather than through some divine epoch-making event as some may think and are waiting for.

The choice before mankind worldwide is, arm and destroy ourselves, physically, morally and spiritually, or disarm and live a life of peaceful cooperation between men and nations as is God's plan. Obedience brings power; let us use it in His service to bring reconciliation

to our war-stricken world, its suffering humanity. To that end we must acquire a deep unshakeable faith and courage, and renounce the manufacture and use of armaments. This may be costly to some, as Jesus warned us it would be. But be of good cheer, He is with us in this fight.

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WEDDINGS



The marriage took place recently at St Peter's Church, Caversham between Peter Jackson of Woodcote Road and Jocelyn

Churcher, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Churcher of Rotherfield Way. The Rev Richard Kingsbury officiated at the ceremony. Peter is a Server

at St Peter's Church and his best man was Nick Brown. Jocelyn was attended by her sister, Rosalie Burnett and Peter's sister, Judith Kelly.



Elizabeth Ann Cook, daughter of Mr & Mrs Arthur Cook, Twin Trees, 275 Hemdean Road, and Anthony Edward Smith, son of

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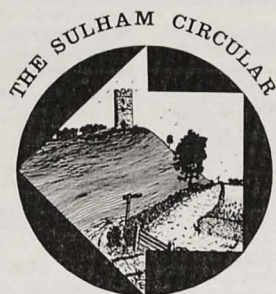
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WALKS.

GEOFF COLE AND THE BERKSHIRE RECREATIONAL ROUTES PROJECT

by Frances

The other day I met a man with a most unusual and interesting job. His name is Geoff Cole and he is a Senior Field Officer with a community programme project called the Berkshire Recreational Routes. He is part of a team that surveys all the public rights of way in Berkshire.

The Manpower Services Commission originated and funds the programme in association with Berkshire County Council. The project started in January 1986 with thirteen people, though this year there are only sufficient funds for six officers. The officers have all previously been unemployed and the Commission offers them work for one year. Originally there was one Supervisor, three senior field officers, three graphic artists and seven field officers. The majority of field officers are ex-students. As a key worker on the project Geoff, has been lucky enough to be kept for a further year though beyond that the future is uncertain.

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The team surveyed all the public rights of way in West Berkshire in 1986. Work is continuing this year on the rest of the county. Shire Hall holds all the definitive maps of the area as well as each Parish having its own maps with rights of way numbered on them. Recent boundary changes have meant that a lot of very beautiful countryside has been sadly lost to Oxfordshire.

Geoff, and the people he works with, are trying to define all the rights of way in the county and ensure they are all clearly

waymarked. Often this means meeting the landowners of the land concerned and obtaining their permission to put up waymark signs on all land off metallic roads. Landowners are generally well disposed towards the project and are happy to have the paths made clear.

Many paths have not been used frequently enough to make them obvious to the public and so the Recreational Routes project has a lot of work to do to make them viable. With the aid of the graphic artists the team have prepared some leaflets describing walks in Berkshire.

These leaflets are free and will be distributed through libraries and local information centres. The first leaflet is called 'The Sulham Circular Walks' and is printed in cream, black and green. I do recommend that you look out for it in Caversham Library because it is well worth picking up.



WALKS.

The graphic artists in the team have done a good job on producing a very professional looking leaflet. Three circular routes are marked out on a map of the Sulham area. They vary in distance

from two and a half to four and a half miles and are aimed at people who are not normally long distance walkers. They are aimed at families who like a pleasant walk in the country rather than at long distance hikers. To add to the pleasure of the country, when unfolded the leaflet describes each of the marked routes and suggests things to look out for on the way. For example, the churches at Sulham and Tidmarsh are both worth making a short detour to visit. The information is interspersed with pen and ink illustrations and continues on the back page with details of the public transport available.

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Geoff Cole is very enthusiastic about his job which one would expect would take up all his energy. However, he is equally enthusiastic about his role of Assistant Cub Scout Leader with the St John's pack. In all there are forty nine boys who regularly attend the cubs at St John's and they are split into two groups who meet on separate nights. The boys join the Cub pack at the age of eight or thereabouts. There is a waiting list though, so if you want to put your son's name down, do so well before his eighth birthday.

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The summer flower arranging course had to be cancelled due to illness — a great shame, as the lessons were eagerly anticipated.

The Chazey W.I. continues to be a very active and involved institute in health, drama, age concern, sport and art, and greatly appreciates the effort made by members in every sphere.

Caversham WI

At the June meeting members and visitors from other local W.I.'s

were entertained by the St John's Singers before enjoying a strawberry supper together. Each member contributed a dish towards the supper and several recipes were exchanged afterwards. There was also an interesting exhibition of various crafts which had been made by the Caversham W.I. members.

Maplewood WI

AT the June meeting Mrs Preece, for many years Superintendent Physiotherapist at Battle Hospital gave a very interesting account of how that Hospital and Public Assistance Institution came to be built because of the overcrowding at the old St Mary's, St Giles' and St Lawrence's workhouses. To keep

ROUND THE CLUBS

cost down books for the inmates were bought at half price from the Tracts Society and the old furniture was utilised even down to cutting in half the old double beds to make two singles!

Mrs Phyl Heaward gave an account of her course at Denman College on Flowers and Fauna of the Downlands which ended with an expedition to the Berkshire Downs which made all the lectures come alive.

The competition for an arrangement of flowers in a teapot was won by Mrs June Jelliffe, whilst the Flower of the Month was brought by Mrs Elsie Edwards.

A Ploughman's Lunch was held at Mrs Joy Le Mare's house which raised £30 for A.C.W.W.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

THE Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild had an excellent meeting on June 9th. Mrs Yvonne Spinks' report from the National Council

Meeting at the Albert Hall confirmed the concern felt by all members locally, and nationally at the dumping of nuclear waste, pollution of beaches, use of diplomatic immunity, which they want abolished, and they are also being asked to give an independent report on their buses and coaches. Princess Anne congratulated the Townswomen's Guild on raising £800,000 for the Dakka Appeal.

Mrs Hilda Tye of Wokingham was the speaker for the evening on the History of Lace, which was first started in the sixteenth century. Irish crochet is one of the most beautiful laces, and during the potato famine in Ireland, men and women earned their fare to America by making lace. Egyptian mummies were found wrapped in lace, and it is also mentioned in the Bible, so it has a long and fascinating history.

Miss Norah Pollard gave the vote of thanks. Seven members of the Guild had an energetic holiday in Scarborough

when they explored the North Yorkshire moors and surrounds.

The jumble sale held on Saturday May 2nd was well attended, and collected £179.30.

Caversham Ladies Club

IN the absence of Mrs Harwood, the Chairman, Mrs Weal, Vice Chairman, opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the members.

After items of Clubs news had been dispensed with Mrs Weal introduced the speaker, Mr Simon Theobalds of TVS in Reading. He explained that although TVS had a studio in Reading it was not the main regional TV. His work entailed calls, letters, and all aspects of TVS, and it was good to know that now they had their own studio in Reading it would enable them to show more of the town and its surroundings. Mostly the coverage at the present time was of Weymouth, Brighton, and Reading in the North. If anyone was inter-

viewed* in Reading it would have to be sent to Southampton to be edited before going out on evening news, but when in the not too distant future it is hoped electronics will be set up in the local studio, then interviews etc. will be able to be held in Reading which would allow for more coverage of news. It was interesting to learn first television was started on BBC fifty years ago, and there were just one hundred sets in Reading. One dare not make a guess at how many there are at the present time. Also there are twenty million videos made and more than half are in this country.

Some of the Survival films which are a great favourite with most people take three months to make and to get a particular night time

shot means sometimes three nights' of patience. Members certainly learnt a lot about shows, costs, etc and Mr Theobald was warmly thanked by Mrs Weal for a very enjoyable and interesting talk.

St Peter's Wives Group

AT their meeting on 23rd June, St. Peter's Wives heard a talk by Dr. Frances Hunter entitled 'A Woman in Japan'. The wife of a Japanese business man, Dr. Hunter used three generations of women in her Husband's family to illustrate the changes which have taken place over the years and with colour slides showed many examples of everyday life in Japan covering dress, education and architecture both of

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Dr. Hunter was warmly thanked for her talk by Mrs. Una Waters who even managed a few words of greeting in Japanese.

A riverside walk has been arranged for Tuesday 18th August and those interested should meet in Kings Meadow Car Park at 7.15 pm

Caversham Community Association

A whistdrive was held on the 8th June with Doreen Crawley supervising the proceedings. The first prizewinner was Vicki Scheel, Elsie Glanfield and Muriel Waite with equal points were second prize winners. Marjorie Absalom received the consolation prize.

The following week there was a Bring and Buy evening. Members brought various articles for sale and these were auctioned and sold to the highest bidder. The proceeds were to help subsidise the coach trip later in the month.

An Old Tyme dancing evening took place on the 22nd June. May Plant led the dancers through the movements of their favourite dances to make a pleasant evening which was enjoyed by everyone.

On the 29th June the members were taken on an evening coach trip. They went over the Chiltern Downs and on to the Vale of the White Horse. A stop was made there to admire the fine view and beautiful scenery. The opportunity was taken to take photographs, later to be placed in the club's photographic album. Refreshments were taken at Marten, near Marlborough before the trip homeward and the arrival back at 10.00 p.m. Everyone agreed it had been a most pleasant trip on such a lovely sunny evening.

Hexagon in June, some members of the guild enjoyed their chance to relive an episode in history which occurred long enough ago to merit an appearance on the stage. Today, with publicity about the recent sale of the Windsor jewels, for those who have no memories of the 1930's, the play could be said to throw extra light on the breaking of the news of King Edward's romance with Mrs Simpson and his later abdication of the throne.

The playwright, who was very young then, conjured up the atmosphere of a nation not knowing about and in love with their King. The sense of shock and then grief was movingly perceptible in the scenes of the play. The final scene set after the war showed how remarkably well King George VI had settled in to taking his brother's place.

Keep Fit Assn

A LOVELY DAY

BEING a member of the K.F.A. (Keep Fit Association to the uninitiated) I always look forward to our yearly 'do' at the Albert Hall. It's such a spectacular event, and I feel sure it would give pleasure to hundreds of people if it were televised instead of some of the violence on so many programmes these days. The colour, the movement and the music are really treat to behold.

It is usually held on the first Saturday in June. Holding tightly to my ticket, which is issued on a first come, first served basis for affiliate members in February, it is a mad rush to catch the 9-9.30am bus to Kensington High Street. A quick look around the shops, a coffee and bite to eat, then it's away to the Albert Hall. Prince Albert on his memorial can't be seen for women! Hundreds of them, from as far afield as Scotland, Wales etc! That's how popular it now is! The doors open at 1.30 p.m. and then it's an exodus from the park with much greeting of people who have met there before. And so to one's seat!

The lights go down — was it really a year ago since the last

meeting? A short speech by the Chairman — (yes, there's Eileen Fowler looking as young as ever!) and the first item begins. Black Leotards with a mixture of fluorescent, coloured tights moving to the music of the 50's. Lovely — great applause! There is a skipping number to 'Hooked On Classics' (by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra) — not one mistake and the applause is getting louder. Then our own Berkshire team, a demonstration to 'Memories' from the musical 'Cats' — marvellous! After the interval we have something different; the Marsden Gymnastic Club, who turn themselves inside out, using hoops, ropes and balls. Well — at this point I'm falling out of my seat with admiration! The afternoon goes on, producing one super item after another, making one realise just how much unsung talent there is around.

Alas — all too soon it is the Finale — a Circassian Circle where every performer comes on to the floor; a brilliant, dazzling sight! I remember David Jacobs saying, once when he was guest of honour, that we reminded him of reels of cotton in a haberdasher's shop. Very apt, I think!

A scramble to get out and catch the bus for home. We fall into our seats, all jabbering at once! Truly the end of a lovely day!

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