

# GOING UP — COMING DOWN — GETTING WARMER!

St Peter's Church  
on the move



## MEETING ROOM

*'It is my conclusion that the meeting rooms would not detract from the setting of St Peter's and they might well come to be admired for their unassuming merit . . .*

*'Aesthetic judgements are subjective, but in my opinion the architect's drawings promise a pleasing building, simply but meticulously detailed, of traditional materials, in the modern manner. People in the past were not afraid to add to ecclesiastical buildings in the style of their own period and I do not think that Reading would need to feel ashamed of the free-standing contemporary structure proposed to meet the needs of today's church . . .*

In a four-page Report, the Department of the Environment Inspector upheld the Appeal by St Peter's against Reading Borough Council's refusal to grant Planning Consent for the proposed meeting rooms to the south of the church. Overturning the Borough Council's earlier decision, the Department of the Environment has granted immediate Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent for the work to begin. St Peter's appeal for full costs of the Appeal against

Reading Borough Council could not be considered simply because the appropriate paragraph of 1986's Planning Act has 'not yet been brought into operation'.

After a two-year delay, and with the extra cost of the successful Appeal and the inevitable increase in construction costs, St Peter's at last has the green light. Shortly after the Inspector dictated his Report, St Peter's District Church Committee heard the good news and immediately and unanimously decided to order 'full steam ahead', starting with detailed estimates from its long-suffering Architect (Mr BNL Whiteley) for all

building costs. There is much more paperwork to be processed before the foundation stone is laid, but it is hoped that construction work may begin by early summer 1988.

All of which means simply that St Peter's is where it believed it should have been two years ago and HM Government's Inspector agrees!

## Organ Fund/Organ Disappears!

St Peter's Church expresses heartfelt thanks to all who helped achieve the £20,000 target within eight months (this generosity shamed a certain lack of faith when initially it was felt a five-year period would be needed!)

The old organ has been dismantled — thanks to strenuous efforts by a voluntary work force headed by Andrew Bosley (Organist), Tom Chapman, John Stratford and Eric Smith, to all of whom and their helpers sincere congratulations! The ancient Vanderstegen Chapel is now opened up again, allowing musing about its future use. For all this generosity from the people of Caversham and area, and from within St Peter's, may God be thanked!

## New Heating

Keeping the fund-raising momentum going, the Organ Fund has overflowed into an appeal for £6,500 for improved

heating at St Peter's — 'improved' in efficiency and economy! The 3rd October 'Mile of Pennies' (thank you all!) nudged the overflow into a flood. It is proposed to install pew-heating, a subtle electric system recently viewed in another (bigger) church by a St Peter's delegation. The St Peter's District Committee and the Parochial Church Council at the end of September unanimously approved purchases of this system. Given the inevitable paperwork in obtaining diocesan approval and at least six weeks 'installation time', this system ought to be in ere the winter storms begin. Meanwhile

the existing oil-heating system (hopefully for its last winter with us) has a wee drop of oil in hand just in case of snags.

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The Rector, reviewing this progress, expressed relief, gratitude for the unanimity of decisions made, regret at time lost through powers beyond church 'control' and apprehension at the sheer amount of extra negotiating necessary before dreams come true. 'At least the show is on the road now and St Peter's can get cracking for the sake of the future!'



# TALKING POINT

by The Rev Keith Saunders

Minister, Caversham Heights Methodist Church



## THE BEST IS YET TO BE

IN the time it takes you to read this 'Talking Point' you will be about three minutes older!

Old age is something none of us can avoid, it starts the moment we are born, and no matter how much we try to cover it up — it has to be faced! In our society there is an increasing number of people living longer lives — almost 20% of our population is of retirement age or over. Whilst this brings certain problems, I believe it also brings challenges to those of us who live, work and serve in Caversham.

During my first year of living in this community I have learnt of all that is happening amongst the elderly. The Luncheon Clubs and Day Centres, the Meals on Wheels and the fine work of the Voluntary and Statutory Agencies, the growth of retirement flats and Sheltered accommodation — have given me a fine picture of all that is going on. Yet I am also receiving letters and telephone calls from WRVS and Victim Support Scheme stressing how much needs to be done. I was very saddened to see the closure of Springfield St Luke, and the dispersal of those elderly folk who had their homes there.

I am also aware of those who are caring very lovingly for elderly parents, and facing great tensions — there is a real need to care for them. There are also those elderly people who feel unwanted by their children and by society. There is the growing

need for the care of the terminal-ly ill and dying.

We all have a tremendous responsibility in the need to care for each other, both for the carers and the elderly. The churches must use their premises to provide meeting points for the retired people, indeed the church is a centre where all ages can meet together — where the lonely are given a welcome and everyone is seen to be of value and worth.

We have so much to learn from the elderly. I love reading the daily journals of John Wesley, who at the age of eighty-six complained that he found it harder to preach more than twice a day, and that sometimes he needed help to get down from his horse. He was almost eighty-eight when he died, and one of the last phrases he spoke was, "The best is yet to be". I love one of my members who is ninety-eight and when I told her that I was looking forward to celebrating her one hundredth birthday with her, said, "It looks as though you might make it".

So in these past minutes when you have aged a little more, thank God for every moment that he has given you; for those who have enabled you to be where you are right now. Look forward to the time which you have remaining, however long it may be, for the 'best is yet to be', and bear in mind the words of Jesus that the person who believed in him would never die.

## Caversham Caring and Sharing Group

CAVERSHAM Caring and Sharing Group, which grew out of one of the Lent home groups, is continuing to meet; new members from all churches are welcome. The group is aiming to encourage both prayerful and practical concern for the so-called 'Third World'.

The Group is focussing its support on a project being developed by the International Nepal Fellowship, called the

Burtibang Community Health project. Our meeting in July was enlivened by the presence of a Nepali Christian shortly to return to Nepal. We learned more about the persecutions faced by Christians, with candidates for baptism having to face the possibility of prison as a result of their commitment to Christ. The next meeting will be on Sunday included slides of Burtibang and gave a

better appreciation of the practical challenges faced by the project, including its remoteness, the narrowness of the approach roads and the dearth of basic amenities such as clean water and sanitation. Two of the group will be visiting Nepal over Christmas and hope to return with more personal impressions to share. The next meeting will be on Sunday December 6th, 8pm at 19 Woodford Close.

## POST BAG

Dear Sirs,

I am writing a short history of St John's Church Caversham to mark the occasion of its centenary. I would be grateful if your readers could provide any useful information, recollections, photographs etc. In particular, I would like to borrow copies of the Caversham Parish Magazine for 1887.

(Mrs) Sylvia Purkis

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## QUIZ AND RESULTS

For the second year running Quiz Aid, compiled by Lindsay Mullaney of Caversham Bookshop has raised £400 for SCF.

The winners are:

1st Mr J Bone of Caversham  
2nd Mr E Smith of Caversham  
3rd Mr C J Patterson of Earley and Mr L McLennan of Eastbourne.

Some readers who had Quiz Aid forms but did not send in an entry may still wish to make a donation. Please send or bring any contributions to Caversham Bookshop.

Lindsay Mullaney would like to thank all who took part in the competition.

## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND — CAVERSHAM BRANCH

THE Caversham Branch of SCF has been in operation for twelve years and has raised many thousands of pounds for the Fund. Committee members have come and gone and some have stayed on for ever, but we are in need of some energetic and enthusiastic people to join our Committee. No qualifications are needed, just a genuine desire to give to this worthwhile cause.

If you can help please contact our Secretary, Janet Oxford, 9 Crispin Close, Caversham, RG4 7JS. Tel. Reading 470903. She will be delighted to hear from you.

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## A PILGRIMAGE TO OXFORD

THIS was the second time I'd been talked into going on a cycle ride by John Madeley. The first occasion saw us en route from London to Brighton, surrounded, indeed, by thousands of others. This time, via the delightful South Oxfordshire villages, a pilgrimage to Oxford.

Pilgrimages used to be a great industry — after all, you could improve your chances in the after-life if you went on one. This 'Pilgrim Festival' — organised by and for the Diocese of Oxford had as its theme 'Hope for the World'. It was a weekend of education and celebration culminating in an open-air Eucharist in Broad Street: an opportunity for reflection — a pilgrimage of the heart as Bishop Richard called it — and an opportunity to greet him as the new Bishop.

The cycling pilgrims, five in number, set off on the

grey and windy Saturday morning. We had hoped for more — so had the Diocese it appeared because we had a video camera recording our progress. Still God never seems to be too worried about 'quantity'.

I will admit to a certain apprehension. Three days before the pilgrimage one of my gear cables snapped. Two days to go and one of the pedals broke off. So much for the technology; what, I wondered, is the state of the body? What, indeed, is the state of the soul? All three suffering from neglect I suspect. My soul, like my bicycle and my body needed a good service. Actually it got two good services — evensong at the Cathedral and the open-air Eucharist in Broad Street of which more anon.

We arrived at Tom Tower at about 2.45pm — too late to join in the workshops on 'Work, Technology and the Future' or 'Hope for one world'

etc. But just in time to be drenched as we made our way to the School of Prayer for 'people who would like to try again but do not know how to begin'. We sat soggy for a bit but a cup of tea beckoned.

more fundamentally this simple act of drama gave us the chance to enter more fully into the life and ministry of Jesus. It's all there. What more needs to be said except to echo the theme: 'Hope for the

deep symbol of the light passing between us — the light that, in the words of St John, shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

We sojourned at Diocesan Church House. Thank you for the floor space and for waiting until morning

Meadow. Then the coming together; street theatre and song as a prelude to the Eucharist; banners celebrating the arrival of so many congregations; and, for the first time all weekend, the sun came out.

Looking around at the congregation one couldn't help but wonder what hidden gifts there were. 'Hope for the world' can be brought through us and we heard about one such opportunity. The churches have set up an Urban Development Fund to help people in the inner cities and Oxford Diocese has been asked to raise nearly a million

pounds towards it. I know someone, a curate in one of Liverpool's most difficult districts, whose ministry was made possible only by the giving of richer parishes. What are you going to do about it, Caversham?

It is easy to be scathing about pilgrimages — they do sound almost as useless as commuting. But... in the preparation and in the meeting together of people there can be a spark of creativity. It is a precious gift that needs — cherishing — yes, that's the word. So where were you all?

Bob Rutherford



The end of a long procession — the Bishops processing along Broad Street at the end of the service.

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Score at half-time: Soul 0, Body 1!

Various events were on offer after evensong. At St Aldate's Church Paul Alexander narrated the entire Gospel of St John. As a feat of memory it was certainly astonishing but

World'. At 10.30 we cycled across to St John's Church for a late night vigil, Taize style. The beauty of the music always moves me as does the sight of a church full of young people. Small groups

before telling us about the ghost. Coach travellers from Caversham and other parts of this far-flung Diocese arrived the following morning. Small groups gathered, sandwich-laden, in Christ Church

## A SUCCESSFUL CHARITY CONCERT

ON Sunday, September 13th, some one hundred and fifty people had the pleasure of hearing harpist Marisa Robles and her pianist husband, David Bean, both of world-wide renown, play in a concert held in aid of St John Ambulance Berkshire Centenary Appeal. The event was held at the home of Drs Monica and Douglas Latto, Lethnot Lodge, Derby Road, Caversham, and was entirely organised by Dr Monica, who spent some two months working intensively for this fund-raising event. Dr Monica's

commitment to St John is most impressive: her involvement has spanned over thirty-four years, and she was the County Surgeon for Berkshire for a number of years. Now she is the President of the St John Fellowship, and has achieved the rank of Commander St John.

To an audience of sixty in the Music Room, the concert was also professionally relayed into a marquee in the garden providing additional seating. David Bean (pianist) began with three Chopin solos, Scherzo in B Minor, Nocturne in F Sharp

Major and Ballade in F Minor, all executed with his polished technique and spirited rendering. Of mixed Russian and American descent, he has been the winner of numerous competitive auditions and has played in many tours of America, Asia, the Far East and the USSR.

Marisa Robles chose to divert from the original programme in order to play what she described as 'happy music', demonstrating her expertise with a reminder of her Spanish origins, Malaguena by Albeniz, her own composition of the Melody of Naniyah's Theme and a Brahms' Lullaby, and ending with the well-known March of Brian Baru.

In 1986 Marisa Robles celebrated her twenty-fifth year in the UK with a special concert in the Royal Festival Hall, followed by a nationwide recital tour. A teacher and harp tutor to the National Youth Orchestra, Marisa is also Professor of Harp at the Royal College of Music. Together, this talented husband and wife team combined their talents to play J. Turina's Ciclo Plat Resco theme and variations.

To highlight the afternoon, Marisa brought her harp into the marquee bringing the event together for the whole audience to enjoy the beautifully uplifting music in a warm and informal atmosphere. Even the



Marisa Robles, David Bean, Dr Douglas Latto, with Mary Thomas Area Staff Officer for West Berkshire and in the centre Dr Monica Latto, organiser of the event.

Roy Davis

fifty-five budgerigars in Dr Monica's garden aviary joined in with the crescendos of the harp! Marisa made a humorous comment on her 'competition' and later further delighted her audience by playing several popular solos which included Ave Maria, Bach's Prelude No. 1, Elegy by Guridi (her Godfather) and Happy Birthday for St John Ambulance's one hundredth birthday.

A total of over £1,500.00 was raised towards St John Ambulance's funds in Berkshire. Many of its thousand members are involved in raising funds towards the £250,000 needed for the new operations and training centres, new headquarters and ambulances, so that they may continue their voluntary work for the community.

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# MILLWRIGHTS INTERNATIONAL — A CAVERSHAM COMPANY

by Frances

Millwrights International is a fascinating company working from buildings on the Mapledurham estate. It is a private limited company founded in 1980 and the managing director, Mr David Nicholls, is one of its founder members. The company is not well known by most people in Caversham because of its position but is one we should be proud to have on our doorstep.

The company's main aim is to protect elements of the environment, specialising in windmills, watermills and other vernacular structures. They have an exceptional will and ability to repair and restore old buildings. Between them the five directors have all the skills necessary to carry out the most extensive repairs.

David Nicholls is the main co-ordinator and administrator as well as being skilled at mill wheel re-cogging and mill stone dressing. Incidentally, he was taught this craft by one of the last stone dressers in Hampshire. Christopher Wallis is a highly skilled structural engineer and Mike King is an engineering director who is an ex-REME man. David Empringham is the technical director for timber engineering. He was a furniture designer and is exceptionally able in joinery and woodwork. His knowledge is essential to the firm as so many of the buildings they repair and restore are timber framed.

David Miles joined the company in 1982 from America. He studied architecture at the University of Minneapolis and is an expert on historical architecture. Some of his ancestors were English architects, the Wyatts, so he has a natural feeling for our buildings.

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The company has ten other employees and they are chosen with extreme care. The directors have a policy of taking on people they can mould and encourage in their philosophy. They have become a highly capable team who work well together to produce exceptional results. Their strength is in

their unified approach to each task and their range of abilities means that they can take on virtually any job.

When faced with a new job between them they carry out surveys and analysis, do drawings, detailing, recording, and repairing.

The company originally started repairing wind and water mills and have worked on mills all over the South of England, the Midlands, Wales and East Anglia. They apply the best philosophy of repair and go to great lengths to retain the original elements of a structure.

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Millwrights have done a great deal of work on Mapledurham Mill and have restored the gates at Mapledurham House employing a blacksmith from Wiltshire to do most of the ironwork. They restored the piers, using an ingenious underpinning and jacking system. David Nicholls has been involved with the Mapledurham estate for a long time because for five years he managed and ran the mill at weekends and vastly increased the flour output. Mildred Cookson, who was his assistant, is now the miller and she has kindly agreed to talk to me about her fascinating life.

The company have repaired many windmills and have recently made some new sails for a windmill near Blackpool. This country has many ancient mills and buildings and Millwrights International has an order book which is full for the next two years. It is a good measure of its success that it has so many clients but rather a sad fact that we have so many buildings in need of extensive repair.

Many of the buildings worked on by the company are privately owned, some of which are eligible for grants. Grants are available from many sources, for example, English

Heritage, the Science Museum and local authorities. Berkshire gives very little in the way of grants, which is a pity considering the wealth of history we have in our country. Hampshire by comparison is very generous. Millwrights act as consultants for many authorities and often advise on procedures.

The company is based at Mapledurham where it has its extensive and comprehensive workshops. They even carry out forging, blacksmithing and pattern work. Casting work has to be sent to a foundry in Wallingford.

Their methods of investigation and repair vary enormously from the adze, the drawing knife and the shavehorse to computer aided analysis of timber samples for tree ring dating, dendrochronology. Materials range from oak and elm to very large timbers of Pitch Pine imported from South America in lengths of up to forty-five feet long and fourteen inches square for windmill sails.

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The company is extremely careful about ensuring the longest life possible of all the components used during repair, assembly or fabrication. Considerable demands are placed on all members of the company, for instance it is often necessary to work at heights of sixty to eighty feet in severe weather conditions. Conversely work can be delightful during the summer months often in the idyllic situation of a county watermill or museum.

The projects to be undertaken in the near future include the reconstruction of a fire damaged mill at St Albans and the restoration of a windmill owned by Paul McCartney in Sussex. They also have plans to repair the watermill in Warwickshire that is believed to be the one that influenced George Eliot's 'The Mill on the Floss'.

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## Millwrights International

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are keen to work on timber framed buildings of any age and have done a lot of work for museums — the Chiltern Open Air Museum for example. They have also worked extensively for the National Trust and English Heritage.

A project that the company are undertaking, and which will have got under way by now, is the restoration of the old gypsy caravan at Blakes Lock Museum in Reading. The caravan is one of the museum's prized possessions and is soon to be restored to its former glory.

Members of the public can watch the progress of the work, which involves stripping and repainting a great deal of skilled coachwork, by going down to the museum on the banks of the Kennet.

Millwrights have received a 'Europa Nostra' award for their work which is a great honour as only thirty-five per year are awarded throughout the whole of Europe.

The question raised by the company is why is there so much apathy, red tape and ignorance connected with rescuing the beautiful simple and

precious everyday buildings around us? To much time is taken prevaricating instead of getting on with securing the structure's future. Millwrights are very good at cutting through the red tape and helping to get their buildings repaired. They are very helpful and happy to advise anyone or just talk to people who are interested in their work.

I wish the company very good luck for the future. Their work to protect and repair the buildings around us is very valuable and perhaps, if we are very lucky, they might be involved in the repair of the gazebo in Caversham Court one day.



Lacey Green Mill during reconstruction, Dec. 1980

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November 7th	St John's Autumn Fair, 2.00 Caversham Hall
November 7th	St Peter's Wives Autumn Fair, 10.30 am Church House
November 8th	Remembrance Sunday. British Legion and Uniformed Groups Parade at Caversham Memorial for 11 am silence.
November 12th, 13th, 14th	Caversham Players 'The Rivals' St Andrews Hall, 7.30pm.
November 14th	Caversham Heights Methodist Bazaar in aid of St Luke's Dispensary ULEPPI, UGANDA.
Dec 5th	St Barnabas Christmas Fair, 2.30 pm St Barnabas Hall
December 6th	United Celebration for Bible Sunday 6.30 pm Caversham Park Village Primary School, Queensway, CPV. An act of worship, witness and celebration, to which all of Caversham's Christians are warmly invited. Refreshments served afterwards.

## ONE HUNDRED NOT OUT!

Mrs Gertrude Crook, who has lived over sixty years in the same house in Kidmore Road, celebrated her one hundredth birthday on Thursday, 8th October, when she was visited by the Mayor, a representative of British Rail, and received the Queen's telegram. As a long-standing client she was also visited by a member of Lloyds Bank bearing flowers, a day or so beforehand.

## CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS AT CAVERSHAM POP-IN CENTRE

Charity Christmas cards from several different national and local charities will once again be on sale at the Pop-In Centre at Church House on Tuesdays and Thursdays as from Tuesday, 20th October. Some small gifts will also be on sale, and you can order from the charity catalogues which will be on view.

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH GOES "OFFICIAL"

At last! After 17 years of experimentation in ecumenical work, Caversham Park Church is going to be official.

On September 20th, an Open Church Meeting agreed on the wording of a local Covenant document. This, when signed, will commit the Anglicans, the Baptists, the Methodists, and the already existing C.P.V. Church to a deeper level of involvement than has been possible before.

For the past two years the Church has been considering how to make concrete its status as a local Ecumenical Project (L.E.P.) Extensive discussion has involved the CPV Committee, the whole church, the Berkshire Ecumenical Council, and also all the different denominations working on the Village. To general delight, much has been discovered in common: the approach to church-leadership and joint decision-making, a view of

baptism which encourages adult faith, and an emphasis on the centrality of preaching Jesus and drawing people to Him — all these have been points for whole-hearted agreement. There are still many more details to be written into a Constitution, but at least the Covenant will give a proper base to work from.

Echoing the recent Swanwick agreement, CPV Church feel that they too are moving from "co-operation to clear commitment." Already the Methodist commitment to regular preaching has been increased (to something like the level of CPV's earliest, pioneer days), and they now have a Methodist Local Preacher, Elizabeth Carter, who has joined them in membership. Likewise links with the Baptist Union are developing nicely. How right it would be one day, in the Lord's provision, to have a Baptist or a Methodist Minister as the full-

time Pastor of CPV Church! Now, with the agreement that the church is entering into, that becomes a real possibility — one which would inevitably strengthen and enhance CPV as an ecumenical church.

So, excitement is bubbling up here on the Village — and not just from CPV's point of view. Reports from the 'upper reaches' of both Methodist and Baptist churches indicate that there has been an enthusiastic response to the Covenant document.

It remains, then, to keep the momentum going and to sign this agreement. CPV hope to do this as a sort of 'New Year's Resolution' (and appropriately as a run-up to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity), on Thursday 14th January 1988 in their usual place of worship at the Primary School. It will be a big event, to which Church leaders and Lay Representatives of all the churches of Caversham will be specifically invited, but for which there is also a warm general invitation to all Caversham's Christians.

In the meantime CPV are saying: "Rejoice with us for the 'coming of age' of our ecumenical experiment and for the opening up of a host of new possibilities to express our unity in Christ."

## BAPTIST NEWS

This autumn has seen the resumption of our housegroups after the summer break.

Housegroups are an important part of our fellowship since they give us the opportunity to meet in smaller groups and study God's Word together. By meeting in this way we can also grow closer to one another and encourage one another in the Christian life. This autumn the theme of our studies is 'Stewardship — a Christian Response.' There are to be six studies where we will discuss different aspects of stewardship, including 'Stewardship of relationships'; 'stewardship of the Gospel and the Church', and 'Stewardship of gifts, money and possessions.' There are now five housegroups operating within the fellowship, four of which meet in the evening on a fortnightly basis and one which meets one afternoon a fortnight.

On Saturday 19th September we held our harvest supper and barn dance at the Arthur Legge centre. Our Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday 27th September.

### Choir visit

On Friday evening 2nd October members of Caversham Baptist Church Gospel Singers felt as if they were taking part in the Krypton Factor as they tried to piece together staging and stools to arrive at a semblance of a stage large enough to take sixty members of the London Emmanuel Choir who were to give a gospel concert in the church on Saturday evening. This visit proved to be a sell-out and all who were fortunate to acquire a ticket enjoyed an evening of praise led by the choir's co-founder and conductor, Mrs Muriel Shepherd. The concert had been arranged by Sue Allum, a former member of the choir and now conductor of the Baptist Church's Gospel Singers who joined with the L.E.C. in their concluding piece "Jesus shall reign." The evening left no one in any doubt that Jesus not only shall reign but already does in the hearts of men and women today.

Can we hope for a return visit from them SOON?

The Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham had been planned with the far-reaching efficiency of a military campaign, and succeeded as a moving and happy religious festivity.

The advance publicity, a joint effort by many workers, was a very professional achievement, involving the printed and spoken word (acknowledgements to radio 210!) On the Day, ceremonies began with devotions at the Shrine, decked out like a flowering bower, and were followed by a celebrated mass held in open air in the school playground because of the large numbers of pilgrims. The beautiful weather, after gloomy forecasts, attracted a

great deal of com-

ment. Principal celebrant at the Mass was Bishop Crispian Hollis, on his first visit to the parish. Once again, organisation was impressive, from the helpful advice about seating arrangements given over the loudspeaker system, to the gaily coloured umbrellas marking the points where communion was given. Fr Meagher preached the sermon, relating the long tradition of worship of Our Lady in Caversham to our lives today, especially during the current Marian year. The choir once more demonstrated its growing strength and confidence, while the singing of the congregation was skillfully led to complement that of the choir — concluding with the

newly composed hymn to Our Lady of Caversham.

Hospitality after Mass was on a quite unprecedented scale: tables in the hall were laden with a lavish tea, masterminded by Mrs Ann Clark, with a large team of helpers, who frequently expressed a renewed understanding of the miraculous nature of feeding the five thousand!

As the coaches drew up to take the pilgrims home again, there was a feeling that the day's achievement showed some features of the famous event referred to above. Like the five thousand, we had been given to eat — but perhaps it was something more than food and drink and an afternoon that we received...

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Harvest celebrations were enjoyed again with a large Parade Sunday attendance and Harvest Supper the following evening with a bring and share supper and entertainment by choir members, wardens and clergy. Did you discover who the back legs of the elephant belonged to?

Michaelmas Day September 29th was a memorable day one hundred years ago when Earl Percy laid the foundation stone to build a daughter church for St Peter's, St John's, as it was guessed that that was where people would soon be. This year over three hundred people packed into the church for the Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Rev Graham Foley. Thirty five people from the Parish accepted their Christian commitment during the laying on of hands, making a memorable day for them. Wine, cake, tea, coffee and biscuits were served afterwards and a magnificent evening of fellowship had taken place, a wonderful start to the year of celebration.

### Mothers' Union

One out of three for sunny garden

meetings — the final one was very wet and held indoors at 168 Henley Road; nevertheless everybody enjoyed themselves. Two members had the privilege of joining St Michael's members to celebrate their seventieth Anniversary and enjoyed the visit of Canon Clutton from Cardiff.

The Harvest Service again brought Methodist friends for a United Service of thanksgiving, followed by tea in the hall, and preparations continue to celebrate the

forty-fifth anniversary before the Diocesan Centenary in 1988.

### Rainbow Circle

The children have enjoyed looking at the meaning of Harvest and making illustrations. New helpers have meant the ability to extend and the Circle will meet every Sunday at 11 am, until the School half-term holiday, joining with the adults at the Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## OBITUARIES

### FLORRIE PARKER



The cast of "A Grain of Mustard Seed", a musical about Robert Raikes, who began the Sunday School movement. It was performed at the Caversham Heights Methodist Church as part of the Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations, and was produced by Mrs Monica Sanders.

Keith Sanders



Some of the Caversham Heights Methodist Church Playgroup who took along some gifts to decorate the Church at Harvest — then following the services took them out to some of the elderly people who lived nearby.

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The Revd Paul Kenchington receiving gifts from the children of Caversham Park Primary School, at their Harvest Festival Service on 6th October. The gifts of 'tins' and produce were passed on to REAP.

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IT is difficult to think of South Street without Florrie Parker, who died at the end of September, for she was, above all things, a good neighbour. Although coming originally from East London, Florrie and her family had lived in Caversham for many years; she was the kind of person who

has made this part of Caversham the friendly community it is. She will be much missed.

It was not so much the things she did, although when her health permitted, she did more than her share of visiting the sick and the housebound. But it was more what she was; she always retained a very

keen interest in everyone around her and could always be relied on to pass on news so that people remained in touch with one another.

Whenever possible she attended the local Baptist Church and was involved in some of the many activities that take place there. Appropriately, and

at her own request, instead of flowers it was asked that money should be donated towards the cost of a chair there, a permanent reminder of a truly lovely lady. It was a privilege to know her.

Our thoughts are very much with her husband, Tom, their son Arthur and his wife Pauline.

### C. G. C. FOWLER

WE regret to record the sudden death of Cyril ('Chick') Fowler on the 1st September last and with his passing Caversham has lost one of its greatly respected residents. The large congregation which assembled at St John's Church for the combined funeral and thanksgiving service on the 10th September bore witness to the great esteem in which Cyril Fowler was held.

'Chick' as he was affectionately known to his many friends and colleagues, was born in 1916 and during most of his

adult life he gave unstinting voluntary service to the Scout Movement in and Rover Scout Leader of the 43rd Reading (1st Whitley) Scout Group, apart from war service in England and Burma during the Second World War. Subsequently he was appointed Assistant District Commissioner for Reading in the days when the old County Borough of Reading was one very large Scout District and later Chick became Chairman of Reading Local Association of Scouts. In that capacity in 1972 he was of immense help to

the then District Commissioner, Eric Hatch, in Reading and Berkshire. From 1935 to 1961 he held positions as Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster he was awarded the Silver Acorn, one of the highest awards in the gift of the Chief Scout, for his great services to Scouting.

Apart from his work for Scouting, Chick Fowler was also actively involved in the life of St John's Church, Caversham, right up to the day of his death. He was an admirable chairman of committees where his administrative abilities were always in demand. At the Thanksgiving Service tributes were paid to his friendliness, his

the Berkshire County Scout Council, a position from which he retired three years ago. In 1974 District Local Association until 1975 when he became vice-chairman of reorganising the town into four Scout 'Districts' — North, South, East and West.

With that task accomplished he became Chairman of the North quiet fun and happiness and, above all, his great integrity. He was, in the true sense of the word, a Christian gentleman and he will be sadly missed by many beyond his immediate family, his widow and two sons.

E.H.

### DAVID WELCH

FOLLOWING a motor accident David Welch died in the Charing Cross Hospital on Sunday 2nd August. David was well known to many Christians in the Caversham area and will be greatly missed, he leaves a widow Jane and two sons Jonathan and Richard.

David's whole life was motivated by his faith in God, he had a deep and personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ that governed every aspect of his life, family, business and social. When first coming to Caversham David and the family worshipped at St Peter's and St Andrew's. In more recent years the family became members of St Mary's Castle Street where David's love of the Gospel of Christ involved him in many areas of Ministry. With his wife, Jane, he taught in Sunday School and was an enthusiastic supporter of all evangelistic outreach as well as using his many practical skills in helping to maintain the Church fabric.

In addition to being a member of the Reading Deanery Synod, David sat on a number of Christian Committees and he was known to members of many Churches through his Ministry with 'Fact and Faith' Films.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's Church, Castle Street. It was a moving occasion, the deep

grief at the loss, for a while, of a lovely Christian man, being mingled with the joy of the certain knowledge that David is now with Christ 'which is far better'.

Jane would like to thank the many friends for their prayers and letters of comfort. Donations in lieu of flowers amounting to over £630 were divided between the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society and the Church of England Children's Society.

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# CHURCH UNITY — FROM CO-OPERATION TO COMMITMENT

by  
John Madeley

"We now declare together our readiness to commit ourselves to each other under God." Thus reads a key sentence from a declaration agreed after a top level conference of 350 church leaders, held at Swanwick, Derbyshire in September this year.

The conference was the culmination of a three year process 'Not Strangers but Pilgrims.' It was clearly unique, seeming to mark a clear stage on the unity of our churches.

It is now likely that the British Council of Churches, will be replaced, as soon as 1990, by a wider body. "The Churches of Britain are embarking on a 'new beginning' in the search for unity" commented the *Church Times*.

Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of the Roman Catholic church in Britain, told the Swanwick con-

ference that Catholics should now move from "co-operation to commitment."

"I would like to see the commitment I have described" he went on "becoming official policy at every level."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, described it as "an historic moment."

"Our earnest desire" says the agreed declaration "is to become more fully, in His own time, the one Church of Christ, united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission. In the unity we seek we recognise that there will not be uniformity but legitimate diversity."

It goes on to speak of the churches moving towards commitment to one other "in search of the unity for which Christ prayed and in common evangelism and service of the world."

"Leaving behind

painful memories and reaching out for what lies ahead" it ends "we press towards the full reconciliation in Christ."

People who attended the Swanwick conference said that divine inspiration was clearly present. "It was as if God decided to take a hand," said one.

Caversham

The churches in Caversham have long co-operated well with each other. The publication of this newspaper is just one example. Are we now ready to move from co-operation with each other to commitment to one another?

The movement of the spirit in Caversham Park is wonderful news. In Caversham as a whole it is some years since we held a major ecumenical event. Can we follow up the spirit of Swanwick by together organising such an event in 1988?



In Moss Side Manchester, the Anglican church now shares its building with the Coptic Orthodox Church. Cr. John Madeley

## St Andrew's Mothers' Union

THE Rector, The Revd Richard Kingsbury, took the chair at the Annual General Meeting of St Andrew's Mothers' Union when Mrs Jenny Jellyman was elected Enrolling Member. The meeting was held in St Andrew's Hall

## ST ANDREW'S FELLOWSHIP

A pleasantly brief Annual General Meeting began the September St Andrew's Fellowship meeting. A comprehensive report of the past year's activities was given by the Secretary, and of-

ficers for the coming year were elected. Mrs Susan Smith replacing Mrs Manning, who did not wish to stand again, on the committee.

There then followed a fascinating talk on

Mary Mitford by Mrs Raithby. Her descriptions of Mary's appearance, her family, in particular her tiresome, spendthrift father, and the various residences they occupied, were

so vivid that she seemed to have known them all personally. Members were left with the feeling that they would have liked to have heard more, but the rapid passing of time prevented this.

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# RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

## By Watchdog

### Bugs Bottom Walk

It was not the sort of day that anyone would actually choose to go for a Sunday afternoon walk in the country, but all the same getting on for 1,300 people, not counting accompanying dogs, turned up, to walk through Bugs Bottom on a damp September day. It was a most heartening sight to see people converging from all sides on to the Hemdean Road - Oakley Road junction and then setting off to fill the entire length of the valley.

Whole families turned up, some with baby buggies, some in wellies prepared for the worst, others in sandals, hoping for the best, the youngest only a few weeks old and the eldest well into his eighties. It was a good humoured but nevertheless determined affair as the various banners portrayed. "Don't pinch our Bottom" exhorted several. "I like cars, not bulldozers" proclaimed an Old English sheepdog, plodding determinedly along with his poster on his back, whilst the cows and horses grazing on the valley sides seemed as if they were support-

ting the demonstration.

There could have been no clearer expression of local people's determination to get the Department of the Environment to reject the recommendation to allow 500 houses to change forever the appearance of this lovely valley. Even Nicholas Ridley himself sent a handwritten letter regretting that he was unable to join in. If he had, he surely must have had second thoughts.

He was certainly informed of what took place. Unfortunately he couldn't see it on TV because at the last minute the crew who were to cover it were sent down to Brighton. There are some videos which it is hoped to show later in Caversham.

Meanwhile the Borough Council is challenging the findings of the report on legal grounds, the Ombudsman is considering the objectors' complaints, the D of E has received the new set of traffic figures and all local MP's are expressing their disquiet at planning policies for the whole of this part of the country.

Most importantly hundreds of letters have made it crystal

clear that the people most affected object with all their strength.

Surely the government of a country which calls itself a democracy cannot ignore all this. By the time this appears in print we shall know whether or not there is to be a review of the whole case. There is only one decision however that can be acceptable: that is to call the whole thing off.

### St Peter's Churchyard Decision

Another appeal result has been announced, bringing elation in some quarters, dismay in others. St Peter's is to be allowed to build its, undeniably much needed, meeting rooms close to the church. Many were still convinced that this will break up the harmonious relationship of the church and its setting. The Inspector disagreed, feeling that far from detracting from the setting, the building might well come to be admired for its unassuming merit. He did comment that aesthetic judgements are subjective, but that seems a special reason for caution when a time honoured scene is at stake.

### Albert Road Playing field

There are plans to improve the Albert Road Playing Field, making it more attractive for young children to play in, their elders to walk in and the athletic to pursue their chosen sport in. It is a peaceful and quiet little spot as it is, even allowing for the occasional exuberances of the local youth letting off steam, but perhaps rather dull and lacking in interest.

Local people who attended a meeting with officials from the Borough Leisure Department on the whole welcomed the proposals and made a few extra suggestions such as restrictions on the use of the park by the dogs. Surprisingly there was considerable support from some for the retention of the air raid shelters, partly because of nostalgic memories of playing on them when they were kids and partly

because their own children enjoyed doing the same.

A considerable group had reservations about the whole scheme, no because they did not like it, but because they felt there were less environmentally favoured parts of the town where the needs were much greater. Westfield Road and Cardiff Road being particularly mentioned. The Leisure Officer said that within three years all the recreation grounds in the Borough would be up dated and re-equipped and Cllr H Fuad wandered in to say that it was due to his efforts that Albert Road was chosen and that if other councillors had lobbied as strongly for their wards as he had for his they could have had the same.

### Gazebo

Another piece of good news for Caversham's open spaces is that the Borough Council has set aside £13,000 for the complete restoration of the Caversham Court Gazebo. This is an enormous sum compared with what was originally required, but it will restore a building unique on the Thames, that has links with Caversham's past and will provide an attractive focus in the gardens which visitors will be able to use for the purpose for what it was intended. However, the Gazebo's trustees have learnt not to cheer prematurely and will really believe it has happened when it happens.

### Fishing

The fishing ban between the two bridges is to be lifted now that lead weights are no longer available. Some people are worried about this because they fear that anglers will take over the riverside. It might be better to see what happens. If irresponsible anglers leave hooks and lines about to endanger wild life or make a nuisance of themselves in other ways, it should be possible to re-impose the ban.

### Pedestrian Crossing

The pedestrian crossing in Church Street has been reconstructed during

a week that made road crossing even more of a major venture than it normally is. The result is that it is wider and the kerb has been dropped making access easier. The timing seems not to have been increased but it is early days in which to be sure of this. It has been a long campaign to get changes here and these are certainly improvements on what is admitted to be the busiest crossing in Reading.

### Pedestrians Crossing

The situation on the two bridges continues to get worse. On Caversham Bridge, with the advent of dark wet nights, pedestrians have been compelled to take to the narrow carriageway between bollards as it is not possible to see clearly enough to pick a way through the hazards of the so-called footway.

At Reading Bridge the roundabout is so huge for an urban one that drivers are not sure what it is all about and who is meant to give way to whom. Pedestrians seem only to have been considered as a mere afterthought, not only during construction but as far as can be told even after the whole thing is finally completed. They are compelled to make such lengthy

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## ROUND THE CLUBS

### Caversham Heights TG

MUCH is heard about the care of prisoners and offenders and there is no lack of willing helpers in this field of activity, but at a meeting of the National Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders someone once asked about their victims, and so a scheme to help them was born in Bristol. 300 branches have now been formed, a number that could be improved on if more volunteers could be found.

At social studies group of Caversham Heights townswomen's meetin at Highmoor Hall at the end of September Mrs Hilary Wadlow, herself once a victim at the hands of burglary, said that Reading Victim Support charity used to help in cases of murder, car thefts and muggings, but is only dealing now with burglary and special problems such as "conning", so as to be as efficient as possible. The co-ordinator and volunteer along know the details of a case.

The police are always helpful and sympathetic towards lonely people, like dear old Mrs Green, who finds on returning from visiting her friend Mrs Brown that her front door is wide open, her television set has been stolen and her gas meter broken into. Each month about 100 cases where people need helpful support from voluntary workers are referred by the police to this scheme.

### Caversham Darby & Joan Club

BEFORE the club closed for the Summer recess, members enjoyed several interesting talks accompanied by slides.

Subjects varied from walking in the Welsh hills with Mrs Beek, to the Rev. Peter Mullins visit to Malawi, where he was born. The summer outing to Bournemouth was enhanced by a fine warm day on July 22nd. The journey, the lunch at the Pavilion, and the afternoon tea in the New Forest were all most enjoyable. Mixed weather greeted the Garden Party date at the end of July but members had a delightful tea provided by the Committee and a walk round a garden. The afternoon ended with a lively sing-song. Already in this Autumn/Winter Session Miss Tyler has entertained us with an interesting and amusing talk on her holiday in Crete. The following week Mrs Norman demonstrated some beautiful floral arrangements with some Autumn flowers and foliage brought by members. Also Bingo and a Harvest Auction was held. Future Events include an outing to the Devils Punch Bowl followed by high tea at The White Lion, Hartley Witney. There will be talks and slides on the Scottish Highlands, the Lakes and Yugoslavia. Mr Beeton (with his violin), Harold and Fred (songs with the piano) and Mrs Rogers (a Physiotherapist) are all planning to visit the Club in the next few weeks. We have booked The Three Swans, Hungerford for our Christmas Lunch on December 16th. An Edwardian Christmas Party on December 23rd will close the Autumn Session.

### Caversham W.I.

MRS Colley was in the chair at the September meeting and welcomed Sgt Doe of the USAF base at Greenham Common, who gave a talk on life in America. With the aid of slides, he told members about the many differing ways of life in such a vast Continent, illustrating the immense distances from the East to the West. Afterwards members were interested to talk to him about his impressions of England and to learn that he thought out weather was pleasant after the extremes of cold and heat where he lived in America.

Mrs Sylvia Myszor won the competition for home made cookies.

### Caversham Ladies Club

THE first meeting after the summer vacation was the harvest home, and this was attended with a good turnout of club members, loaded with offerings of fruit, flowers, vegetables and jam. When all was laid out on the tables it was a lovely sight to see, and made one realise what harvest truly meant.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mrs B. Strong opened the meeting and gave a warm welcome to all the members. A free outing to Bath was then finally arranged for 24th September.

Now it was time for the main event of the afternoon, auctioning of all the goodies, and Mrs B. Strong soon got things moving. Tables were showing spaces very quickly,

lots of merriment accompanied the brisk selling, and members' bags soon bulging.

The club had been given a £1 voucher for Marks and Spencers for club funds, but it was decided to have a sale instead and this resulted in raising £10 which all agreed to sent to the Hungerford Fund. Members were warmly thanked for their generosity and thanks were also given to the donor of the voucher.

A reminder to the members that the October meeting was their autumn fair brought the meeting to a close after a happy, enjoyable afternoon.

### Caversham Methodist Wednesday Group

THE Group began its Autumn Session on 2nd September with a Bar-B-Q.

On 16th September members and friends enjoyed a mouth-watering evening at the Gas Board for a Cookery Demonstration. This is always a popular evening — lovely to watch someone else doing the cooking and how easy it all looks! A new kitchen had recently been installed and the audience was told the most economical way to cook as well as many short cuts and handy hints. A few lucky ones had a dish of food to sample at home. The group returned to its usual venue at Highmoor Road Hall for its next meeting on 30th September when husbands were invited. Three brave men joined some 40-50 women to hear Mr Penny from the College of Agriculture talk on "How to kill your houseplants slowly". He brought with him many plants in need of care and it soon became apparent that water was the key to most problems — mainly too much 'though sometimes it was more needed in the form of humidity. It was a fascinating and instructive evening and those present went home better equipped and determined to be kinder to their houseplants in the future.

### Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

A Lovely day dawned for the August garden party held in the grounds surrounding Ellesmere Close, so beautifully kept by Mr Fred Smith. Games, teas, raffle and general friendliness made £50 for funds. Since then members have enjoyed an informative outing to the Agricultural College at Burchetts Green. The day was organised by Federation and the cookery demonstrations much appreciated.

An afternoon trip to Abingdon to see the Tesco hypermarket has also been much enjoyed. Members toured

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# ROUND THE CLUBS

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behind the scenes, seeing staff facilities and packaging units.

As sometimes happens, speakers fail to turn up and old friends step into the breach, so instead of Reading Transport history, members enjoyed a beautiful tour of Britain with Mr Cyril Kirby and his excellent slides.

Highlight of Guild activities was the marriage of Chairman Enid Mills to George Odey — a lovely day in Mapledurham Church when the Revd Paul Kenchington reminded us that doors could always be opened and new covenants made. Sincere good wishes to Enid and George in their new life together.

## Chazey W.I.

'All buttoned up' was the theme of Sue Brandon's talk on button hooks. She has a collection of three thousand five hundred hooks, from

simple ones to beautiful ornate silver and ivory examples. The talk was amusing and informative.

The Thames Coach trip was enjoyed by all. Members visited the Greenwich Observatory, Dockland and viewed the Thames Barrier.

Two husbands accompanied members of the Health Club on an outing to Kintbury, where they swam, used the jacuzzi and other sports equipment, followed by dinner. All agreed it was a very satisfying and invigorating evening.

Liz Holland and Marilyn Bell have been chosen to play in the National Tennis Championship. Members wish them the best of luck in their matches.

## Blagrove W.I.

AN end to the Indian Summer was forecast in the paper but perhaps that was appropriate for the occasion of the Harvest Lunch attended by a good crowd of members and their

friends. The food provided by the members was up to the usual high standard and much appreciated by everyone, including the few brave gentlemen. There was an exhibition of woollen goods made by members, a good proportion of which were subsequently sold to the benefit of the Sue Ryder Home.

The competition of a pair of bootees was won by Mrs Popplewell, second Mrs Price and third Mrs Housden.

## Emmer Green TG

ON Tuesday September 8th the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild held their evening meeting which was well attended by members. The Chairman, Mrs Maureen Chamberlain, held a coffee morning and "bring and buy" sale at her home at which £53.50 was raised in aid of The Royal Berks Hospital Appeal.

The Speaker for the evening, Mrs Mollie Harris, well-known writer and broadcaster, entertained everybody with her anecdotes of how she started her broadcasting career "In the country" which is where she met Phil Drabble "One man and his dog", who encouraged her to start writing. Her Oxfordshire accent and knowledge of the real country way of living has brought Mollie Harris success in writing

her many books, including cookery, and of course her wonderfully evocative character she portrays as Martha in "The Archers". Her own personality is larger than life, and the vote of thanks given by Mrs Betty Hutton when she said the talk had been both informative and highly entertaining, said it all.

The Produce Stall run by Miss Norah Pollard and Mrs Avis Dalzell raised £10.40 for charity.

## St Peter's Wives Group

THE group's September meeting was well supported and members, with their friends, were entertained by a most interesting talk. Mrs Fitzeustace told us of a trip made by her to New Zealand. She illustrated the journey with beautiful colour slides, depicting not only the varied and dramatic scenery of both islands but much of the attractive and prolific flora. As a keen flower arranger she was able to tell us the names of even the most exotic blooms. A fine display of travel information, postcards and various souvenirs of her trip were also on show, providing the Group with a rounded idea of New Zealand it's way of life, customs and products. The Group's Annual General Meeting is on the 17th November at 8pm in Church House.

## Caversham Community Association

ON the 7th September the members met for a social evening. Vicki Scheel was in charge of the Nearly New stall and prepared to sell the members' unwanted clothes etc. at bargain prices.

The annual Arts and Crafts evening was held the following week, the members bringing their handiwork to display. The judges were Steve Franklin for the photography, Cheryl Pilgrim for flower arrangements, Joyce Feeney for cookery and Dorothy Maskell for knitting, crochet and art.

They all gave informative comments on their reasons for choosing the winning entries. First prizewinners in the various sections were as follows:

<b>Knitting</b>	Adult's garment Child's garment Crochet Soft Toy	May Plant May Plant Margaret Cameron Peggy Martin
<b>Cookery</b>	Sponge Jam Tarts Shortbread	Evelyn Cook Margaret Payne Betty Petherbridge
<b>Flower Arrangement</b>	General Jam Jar On the Sea Shore Unusual container	Muriel Waite Beryl Latcham Patricia Margaret Cameron
<b>Art</b>	Painting	Wendy Colton
<b>Decorated Vegetable</b>		Vicki Scheel
<b>Photography</b>	View Portrait Humorous Animal	Freda Haines Freda Haines Ivy Masterman Freda Haines

IN the floral section Beryl Latcham won the Joe Rampton cup for her jam jar arrangement and Margaret Cameron won the Muriel Rampton bowl for her Unusual Container decoration.

Henry Buckland, a local resident, visited the club on the 21st September and gave an interesting demonstration on glass engraving. Any glass dish or tankard, plate etc engraved with the owner's name gave the personal touch when given as a present and gave pleasure to the recipient.

The Harvest Supper on the final Monday in September was a happy occasion. The members came with gifts for the harvest display which looked very colourful when completed. Before the supper various members gave readings from the Bible and from seasonal poems and prose. The meal of sandwiches, scones and jam, followed by apple pie and cream was prepared by some of the club members and was much enjoyed by all.

## The Jubilee Club, Mapledurham

SINCE the beginning of the year the Jubilee Club has continued its happy way. In January, on one of the coldest days of last winter, there was a cosy meeting at Chazey Court farm where in a lofty beamed sitting room, members listened to extracts from A Christmas Carol.

A trip to the theatre began the time for getting out and about. A visit to Windsor followed in May to see the waxwork museum. Unfortunately a wet afternoon in June slightly dampened the few hours at Watperry gardens, but a home made tea soon cheered everyone up and people did manage to get into the greenhouses and shop to buy vegetables and plants. July saw the Club in Caversham Court for a very successful picnic where they fed the ducks and watched a lot happening on the river. Mrs Joan Skinner made members very welcome at a garden party in her lovely home at Cane End in August.

Now indoor meeting will have to take over and the Club looks forward to talks on collecting silver button hooks and shoe horns and one on swans.

The Open Afternoon is on Monday, November 9th from 2.15 onwards and anyone is most welcome at Trench Green Hall. Tea will be available and there will be a bring and buy stall.

Last April members said goodbye to Mrs Gladys Fowles who had been the club leader for seven years and welcomed Mrs Carole Barbour who is taking over from her. The Club is most grateful to them both. Gladys for all she has done in the past, and Carole for offering to lead them into the future.

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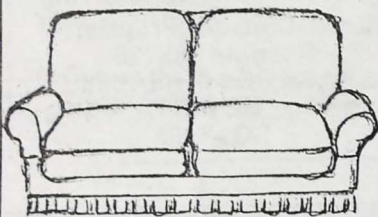


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