

# HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING GOD AND SINNERS RECONCILED

## A weekend in Corrymeela. . .

Paul Kingston's childhood (in the forties and fifties) was split between Enniskillen in Northern Ireland and Kumasi and Accra in Ghana. Paul and Carole with Andrew and Rachel have lived in Caversham since 1980, and are members of Reading Quaker meeting. Paul had the opportunity recently to go over to Northern Ireland to attend a conference looking for a way ahead for Northern Ireland. The conference was held at the Corrymeela Christian community at Ballycastle. Corrymeela is about reconciliation and the development of understanding between groups. Paul is a member of the committee of Corrymeela Link, a Reading-based organisation that helps to spread the message of Corrymeela in the UK.

### A FLYING VISIT

**In the plane coming back, the man next to me said: "Politics turns me off. What I say is: put all the politicians in a ring and let them fight it out." I thought of the politicians I'd just left. Instead of fighting, they were listening to each other's views over cups of coffee. Sitting together were a Ulster Unionist MP, his SDLP "enemy", and a senior politician from Dublin. Put "in a ring" together, these serious people looked to be finding common ground, and the opportunity for common action.**

I'd been privileged to share a weekend in Northern Ireland with people from many Christian backgrounds and from none. There was a Catholic bishop, frail and fierce as he risks his health to speak out against violence. There was an ex-chairman of the Methodist Conference: "At the end of the long road, I don't expect God to ask whether I was a Pro-

testant." Jesuits mixed with free church ministers. There were people to whom such areas as Andersonstown and the Falls Road are their home, because that's where they were born. There were other people who now live in one of these violent places because that's where they feel they're needed. In this group, the views expressed had to be serious. What was

said had to stand the test of being listened to and commented on by men and women who are in "the troubles" from both sides of the divide, and with their heads well above the parapet.

This was my first experience of the Northern Ireland Corrymeela Community at work. The weekend wasn't typical of what they do, but then maybe little of what they do is "typical."

### Leave them to it

It's easy from the relative security of Berkshire to share the attitude of my fellow plane passenger — "put them in a ring, and let them fight it out." It's easy to widen this from the politicians of Northern Ireland (though they're bad enough, aren't they?) to include all the inhabitants of

Northern Ireland. After all, we've given them plenty of chances to sort themselves out (haven't we?) and despite this nothing changes over there (does it?).

### Kill and let kill

From England, the situation in Northern Ireland may seem unchanging — always bad news, always killings. But for me that weekend, returning to the country where I was brought up, so many things had changed — for the better, and for the worse. Some of the very real problems about which the civil rights marchers protested in 1968 are now removed. In the old days the way public housing was allocated was so unfair that even I as a boy could see the unfairness. Now there's a Northern Ireland Hous-

ing Executive which is an example to the rest of the United Kingdom. In the old days, I still remember reading a letter in a local paper complaining that people were giving jobs to Catholics ("when there are good Protestants out of work"). Now a lot has been done to achieve fair employment, though there's still a lot to do. And in the old days of my childhood, I can remember only one occasion when I knowingly met someone of my own age from the other religion (and I can still remember the thrill of horror when I realised it). Now despite the walls and the no-go areas, there's probably more real meeting between Catholic and Protestant, and more people with a real appreciation of the other community.

So there's a lot of change in Northern Ireland, for the better and for the worse. But it's been a long time, and it goes on costing British army lives and a lot of British taxpayers' money.

Shouldn't we leave these difficult people to fight it out amongst themselves? At Corrymeela, several speakers pointed out what "fighting it out" might be. A little while ago the authorities found a cache of weapons at a place called Ballynahinch. These weapons were home-made, and there were 400 of them. They were sub-machine guns — not much good against the security forces, but excellent for mowing down the people in a pub. If one such cache has been found, how many are still hidden? This is the stuff

not of "letting them sort themselves out", but of Armageddon (or at least Beirut).

### Ideals and Myths

I was left in no doubt that acquiescence to killing is still alive amongst the friendly people of Northern Ireland. Some of the killers no doubt are idealists, who see today's suffering as a small thing in the sweep of history. Some of them are "ordinary" gangsters, feeding on the violence. But much of the killing is the endless retribution of tribes who build and hoard the rumoured sins of the other side.

In a country where people still (I hope) gather in farm kitchens and talk of the fate of the man who grubbed up a white-thorn bush (lived in



# TALKING POINT

By Rev Dr Philip Egglestone  
Associate Minister Caversham  
Baptist Free Church



## ARDMAIR AND CHRISTMAS

I first went there in 1970, on a mountaineering trip with some friends from school. The black and white photographs that I took then seem rather flat and lifeless when I look at them now. I've been back many times since, and for the last two summers have begun my camping trip in the highlands there. Of course I have more recent photos to show my friends, colour ones now which seem to capture more fully what I feel when I stay at this particular campsite. Some of them would probably recognise it straight away, particularly those who had seen my slides of Ardmair giving that vivid feeling of depth and distance. It looks so real that you feel you could step right out into it and walk down that road between the mountains. And yet even the slides miss out on so much. They do not give you that tremendous feeling of space and height and distance that you get when you're standing in the middle of the real thing. And then the colours... not even the greatest photographer in the world can ever get on his photograph all the delicate tints of blue and purple and green that you really see when you're there. And added to all that there's the atmosphere... the smell of the sea air and the mountains, the fresh breeze devoid of any taint of industry, the sounds of the sea and the birds. None of these things come out even in my slides. Perhaps all I can say is that the photographs and slides will give you a very good idea of what the scene is like in itself, even though when you did get there you'd find it a thousand times more beautiful than you'd imagined.

I can never think about what happened at Christmas without feeling in some ways rather like that. I mean, God came down and lived a man's life in Jesus Christ so as to help us to understand a bit more of what He is like, to give us a picture of Himself, if you like, in a way we can understand. And so I can look at Jesus Christ and there I see as much as I can grasp at present of what God is really like. Of course it isn't possible for God to show us everything about Himself even in the character of the very best man who has ever lived, just as it is impossible to show the whole beauty of Ardmair from my slides. But in Jesus I can see a great deal of what God is like, shown in a human being. I can see what it means when we say that God loved us... because the baby at Bethlehem grew up to be Jesus, the man who gave his life for men at Calvary. I

can see that wickedness and disease and unhappiness are not what He wants, when I read the stories about Jesus in the New Testament. I can see the sort of life He wants me to live myself. I can see as much as it's possible for me to grasp at present, and that's enough to go on with... though one day I shall find that He's far more wonderful than I can possibly imagine now.

My slides of Ardmair help my friends to see why I get so excited about my trips to Scotland... but what do I show my friends of Christmas?

Metaphorically speaking I exchanged my old black and white photos of Christmas long ago, not just for superior colour photos and slides of the same old things, but for the picture that Jesus brought on that first Christmas Day. A picture of light shining in the darkness of the world; of love coming to dwell among us; of life full of truth and beauty. If people will look at our Lord Jesus Christ to understand what Christmas is really about, it will never be the same again for them, because through Him God still comes to men and women bringing light, love and life.

The song by Anne Johnson, Paul Herrington and David Stone says it all...

Light shining in the darkness, light that is the light of men,  
Light from the beginning, shining brightly now as then.  
People rejoice, the night is gone,  
God's redeeming work begun  
In the birth of His Son.

Love come to dwell among us, love made flesh for every man,  
Love from the beginning, our divine Creator's plan.  
People rejoice, the chains of sin  
Which have bound you, God has broken  
Through his death of His Son.

Life full of beauty, life as it was meant to be,  
Life from the beginning and into eternity.  
People rejoice, dance and sing,  
Worship Jesus, Lord and King,

Light shining in the darkness.

## A WEEK-END IN CORRYMEELA CONTINUED

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by the fairies) word of mouth is still a potent bush telegraph, spiralling within communities that are still mostly closed. Even my (possibly Guardian-reading) fellow-passenger introduced some snippet of news "The word is that..." And the taxi-driver who drove me to the airport shared with me a fantastic world-view in which the British Army are under orders to protect the IRA, from a British Government that had sold Northern Ireland out to the Catholics (in the shape of the French) as quid pro quo for letting Britain into the Common Market...

Fed on stories like these, and with a real concern about where they could look for protection if the violence spreads further, few people are going to take active steps to get rid of the men of violence on their own side.

So those enlightened Northern Ireland politicians, "in a ring together" at Corrymeela the other weekend and not fighting but listening, can bring about a peaceful and harmonious Northern Ireland only if supported by a whole succession of changes to the attitudes of those who vote them in. One of the politicians appealed to the rest of us:

"We've all got to be social and political missionaries. Let's each examine our own behaviour; are we going to go out and talk to all those in the community who are afraid. Don't cloak your consciences in saying we've got a terrible

lot of politicians today. We politicians need support and encouragement, need to know if you think we're doing right.

### Who is my neighbour

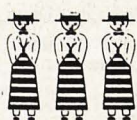
Which brings us back to what happens at Corrymeela most of the rest of the year. Then, the site at Ballycastle is host not to the big names, but to the ordinary people of Northern Ireland. People come together in all sorts of groups, but with an emphasis on reconciliation and the crossing of divides of religion, but also of class, sex, age, and nationality. Ballycastle is also the main location of the

Corrymeela community, a multi-denominational Christian group whose members take the ideals of Corrymeela also outside Northern Ireland. Readers of the Bridge may well have heard of Corrymeela through the work of Corrymeela Link, a Reading-centred group which helps to carry the message of Corrymeela around the UK (and to raise money for its work). If you'd like to know more about Corrymeela (or perhaps to invite a speaker about Corrymeela for your group) you may like to contact Corrymeela Link (during office hours) at Reading 589800.

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# MISS GREEN REMEMBERS

SOME THIRTEEN YEARS AGO I had the good fortune to meet Miss Green, an elderly lady whose family once lived in the smallest part of the row of old cottages at the junction of Bridge Street, Church Street and Church Road. When I went to ask her about her early life in Caversham she was living just on the other side of Caversham Bridge in Newport Road.

dated July 27, 1759 "Paid Green the Wheelwright of Caversham fifteen shillings." Surely this must have been another member of the family who may have sold the wheelwright's business to Mr Swain but who continued to live in a neighbouring cottage. Yet another Green was an upholsterer in early Victorian times in the village.

The Greens seem to have tried their hand at many occupations. When photography was the up and coming thing Miss Green's grandfather decided to try his hand at this flourishing new trade and his son, Miss Green's father, followed in his footsteps until in 1927 he went to work at Elliots. They lived and carried on the photography business in their little cottage home adjoining yet more cottages which had been turned into a privately owned grocery shop belonging to the Baylis family.



Miss Green's father was a coffin maker to Mr Lewis, the Caversham undertaker and carpenter who had his premises in the cottage nearest to Priory Avenue. Years ago Miss Green remembered an aunt of hers ironing away on a coffin lid which made an excellent ironing board — a novel one too! Interestingly, before Mr Lewis took over the carpentry business a Mr Swain had his wheelwright's shop in the same spot before the mid eighteen hundreds. Looking in an old account book belonging to Mr Vanderstegen of Cane End House, I came across an entry

As a little girl Miss Green remembered Mr James and Mr Wiggins, the two

drivers of the grocery carts, taking her with them on their weekly delivery rounds way out into the countryside. How she enjoyed it.

## The German Band

Someone else also had a soft spot for this little girl — a large elderly travelling musician. Every Friday a four man German band came to play at Berry's Corner, that was the name given to the road junction which the cottages bordered and where Mr Berry had his harness maker's shop and where we now find the traffic lights near Caversham Bridge. This kindly old German gave Miss Green a penny every week and when she had saved up almost five shillings her father suggested she gave her generous old friend something in return. So she began to knit him a thick muffler for cold winter days; but little girls are sometimes slow with such tasks even if it is a labour of love and sad to say the poor old musician was knocked down in London and died before he ever received his gift.

Berry's Corner was one of the focal points of the village. Right in the centre

was a little island of land, perhaps once a village green; or did some ancient tree grow there like the ones beside the library and St Anne's well? By the nineteen twenties all that remained was a sign post pointing in the direction of Caversham bridge and showing the way to Southampton and Bath! Here every Christmas the Salvation Army played and sang their carols.

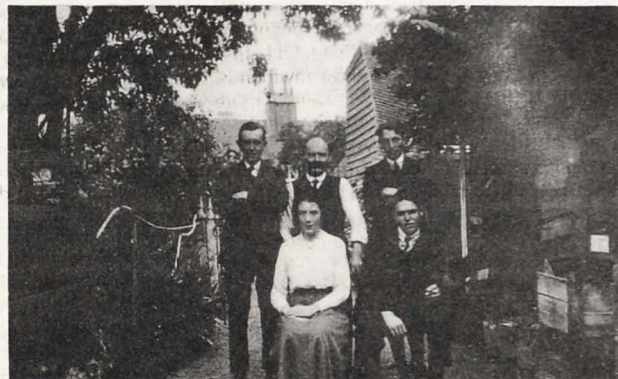


## Weekend Treats

Sunday morning heard the muffin man on his way round ringing his handbell to let folks know that hot crusty rolls could be bought from the tray he carried on his head. A cloth covered the delicious new bread to keep it warm. Another mouth-watering item was the weekly doughcake which Mrs Green made every Saturday and which was sent up to a bakehouse at Emmer Green to be baked and returned to the door all for a penny.



Outside the grocer's shop (now Caversham Club) c. 1914. Miss Green's front door is on the right of the picture.



People Miss Green knew; all worked at the grocer's c. 1914. Top left Billy Brooks, Mr Theobald, Mr Len Shepherd. Seated are Alice and Freddie Strudley.

marigolds which his little daughter couldn't abide — especially the smell of them — and who can blame her for they certainly have a strong and unpleasant scent if you bruise their leaves.

Five years after my conversation with Miss Green she died and I am sorry I was unable to tell her that I had discovered a relative of hers living in Clanfield near Witney. Nor was I able to let her know

that the Green family are mentioned without a break in St Peter's Church registers from the early seventeen hundreds. I am sure she would have been most interested.

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# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I'VE OFTEN SAID HOW MUCH I DISLIKE THIS mobile society and long for the days when one grew up in one place, married the boy next door, moved round the corner and, wars and earthquake permitting, remained surrounded by family and friends for the rest of one's life. Of course it has a lot to do with getting old — at least in my experience family and friends become more, not less, important, as one gets older. And it's sad to see so many friends disappearing to other parts of the country or even other countries.

So I was delighted recently when Anne Grimwade, taking advantage of another appointment in the area, called in to see me. We only had an hour and heaven knows when we shall meet again, but it was lovely to catch up with all the news and to tell Anne about many of her old friends in the district. She appreciates this sense of wanting to keep in touch and has promised to let us have all the news when, as expected, she and John retire and move — not too far we hope — some time next year.

### Changes at the Post Office

Many of you will know that Mr and Mrs Syal have finally given up Prospect Street Post Office — they commuted from quite a distance and felt the time had come for a break. In the few years they had been here they had established a reputation for being efficient and helpful — I for one shall miss them. Fortunately our friend, Fred (still don't

know his other name) is, I understand, going to continue working either at the post office in Hemdean Road or the one in Prospect Street, which has been taken over by Mr Fussell from Hemdean Road. I met Olga Fussell the other day and she said she was looking forward to a happy relationship with their new customers. In the meanwhile it was nice to see an old familiar face; a lot of our readers will remember Mr and Mrs Humphries when they ran the Prospect Street office, helped by their daughter, Jill. Well, it seems Jill is to be working part time in her old office — welcome back Jill.

### Lecky and Viva Stansfeld-Taylor

Old friends will be sorry to see the departure of these two for a retirement home near Newton Abbot. We owe a great deal to Lecky who served as a County Councillor and a Borough Councillor for many years; indeed he will not be losing complete touch even now and hopes to retain some of his duties as school and university governor and visit Reading whenever possible. Life has not been easy for these two, both of whom worked for many years at the BBC Monitoring Service, so it is hoped they will be able to relax a little more in Devon. Incidentally, if anyone wants to get in touch with them, I do have the address.

### Guy Brown

Nothing like falling on one's feet. Young Guy, whose career in the entertainment

world 'Bridge' readers will have followed in recent years, went for an audition for a four week local pantomime stint and finished up with a four month contract for dancing light operetta with the Compagnia Operette (2) in Italy. Jill tells me rehearsals start in Venice, after which they are in Milan for a month and then will be touring right down through Italy. What a marvellous opportunity and I believe he's still only about 17. I'm sure we all wish him well.

### Chair Caning

Happening to visit a basket-making exhibition at the University's Museum of Rural Life recently, I made the acquaintance of Sheelagh Pilkington, busy demonstrating the art of chair caning. She certainly knows her job and fortunately lives in Kidmore Road (Phone 478832), so if anyone needs her services do give her a ring.

### More Talent in Caversham

Somebody passed on to me a poem, printed I believe in the local press, by Kelly Szram, aged 14, of Alston Walk. It's a little gem, picturing the flight of a fox from the hunt and fortunately escaping in the nick of time. As it's already been published I don't think I'm allowed to reprint without authority, but I do hope we shall see more from her pen in future. She's made an excellent start.

### Bird Rescue

With something of a shock we recently found a large thrush

apparently undismayed but with what seemed to be a broken wing, sitting at the top of our stairs. With three cats in the house something had to be done quickly — unfortunately Jill and Jerry at Gee-gee Pets (my first port of call when rescue is needed) appeared to be out, so I must have spent nearly an hour trying to find a bird rescue service via the telephone directory. It wasn't easy! An animal rescue group at Wokingham were very friendly but suggested I try somebody nearer and gave me several telephone numbers. Eventually I was passed to the rescue centre in Queens Road, Caversham — even now I can't find them listed in the telephone book — I must try to find a phone number to pass on. One thing I will say, I've never spoken to such a friendly lot of people. In the past I've found the reverse. This

was a Sunday afternoon and I was prepared to get a flat-out turn down from everybody. And the Queens Road people made no fuss at all about taking the little thing in straight away. Are birds, perhaps, easier to cope with than larger animals? I hope it survived but, as we said, at least it was spared being torn to pieces by cats.

### Doreen Nicker

I hope I've got the name right. Just before I sat down to type this I had a visit from a friend who could supply quite a lot of information about Doreen and also gave me the name of another person who could help. So if the lady who phoned me a couple of months ago will contain her soul in patience, I hope we shall be able to supply further information next month. Certainly Doreen deserves more than a passing mention.

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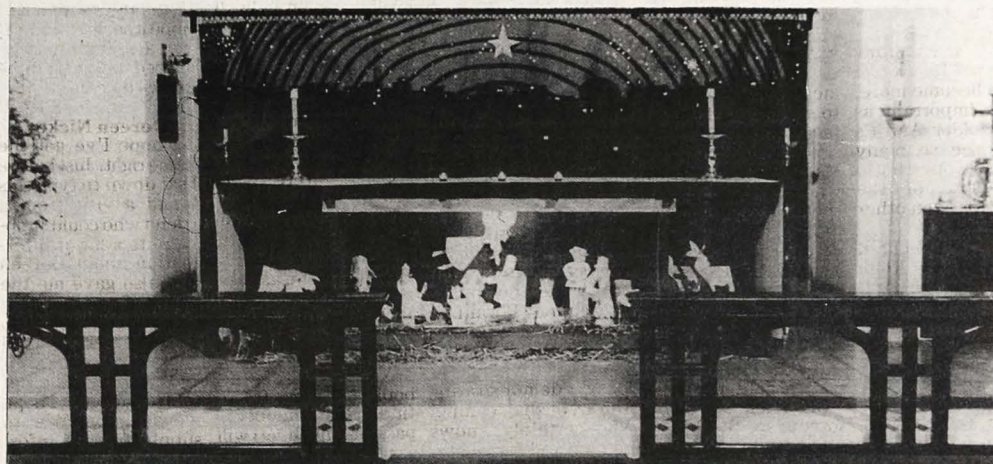
First of all the pumpkins were grown from seed by the Brownies in a 'sponsored grow' (the weight and size taken into consideration) in aid of Gt. Ormond Street Children's Hospital Wishing Well Fund. The pumpkins were decorated and displayed at the Brownie Revels held at the Scout Hut, Clayfield Copse, on Saturday 15th October. The results were imaginative and colourful, and it was very difficult to select the winners, who each received a Book Token.





# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*Christmas Greetings to all our Readers*



The crib fills the altar at St Barnabas'

E.S. Archer

<b>ST PETER'S:</b>		
Sunday 18th December	6.30pm	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle Crib Service (40 minutes of pre-Christmas celebrations for children and parents).
		MIDNIGHT MASS and Carols
Christmas Day	11.30pm	Holy Communion (said)
	8.00am	FAMILY COMMUNION and Carols
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	11.15am	SUNG EUCHARIST
Epiphany (6th Jan)	8.00pm	

<b>ST JOHN'S</b>		
Sunday 18 December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.15am	Parish Communion
	3.30pm	Christingle Service
	6.30pm	Carol Service
Thursday 22 December	8.00pm	Christmas prayers and meditation
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	11.30pm	Family Communion

<b>ST ANDREW'S</b>		
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	CRIB SERVICE
	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT MASS
Christmas Day	8.00am	THE EUCHARIST
	10.00am	SUNG EUCHARIST (to which whole families, young and old are especially invited)
Monday 26th December (St Stephen)	9.30am	THE EUCHARIST
Tuesday 27th December (St John)	9.30am	THE EUCHARIST

<b>ST BARNABAS'</b>		
December 18th	6.00pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Children's Carols and Nativity Play
	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT MASS and Carols
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.30am	FAMILY COMMUNION and Carols

<b>ST MARGARET'S</b>		
Sunday 18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT MASS and Carols
Christmas Day	11.00am	FAMILY COMMUNION and Carols

<b>CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH</b>		
Sunday 11th December	10.30am	Children's Toy Service
	6.30pm	Youth and Family Service
Sunday 18th December	10.30am	Family Service and Holy Communion
	6.30pm	'Carols by Candlelight' Evening
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Service

<b>CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH</b> (All services held in Caversham Park Primary School Hall)		
Sunday 18th December	11.00am	Nativity Play: "The Once-and-for-all Guide to the Galaxy"
	6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	11.00am	Family Service

<b>CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL</b>		
Sunday 18th December	6.30pm	Special Christmas Service at Chapel
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Worship at Chapel
	10.45am	Family Worship of Caversham Heights Christian Fellowship at Mapledurham Pavilion.

<b>CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH</b>		
Saturday 10th December	3.00pm	Berkshire Polio Fellowship Carol Service
Sunday 11th December	11.00am	Toy Gift Service
Sunday 18th December	4.00pm	Christingle Service
Christmas Eve	11.15pm	Communion Service
Christmas Day	10.30am	Service (NB No evening service)
Sunday 1st January	11.00am	Annual Covenant Service

<b>GOSBROOK ROAD METHODIST CHURCH</b>		
Sunday 18th December	11.00am	Family Service and Nativity Play
	6.30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Day	10.30am	Service (No evening service)

<b>ST ANNE'S, SOUTH VIEW AVENUE, ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>		
Penitential Service, with Confessions, as announced		
Sunday 18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	10.00am	Confessions as announced
	11.30pm	Mass
Christmas Day	9 & 11.00am	Midnight Mass, preceded by Carols
Monday 26th December (St Stephen)	11.00am	Morning Masses
		Mass for Altar Servers

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	11.30am	Mass
Christmas Day	8.30 & 10.30	Midnight Mass, preceded by Carols
		Morning Masses (NO EVENING MASS)
St Stephen's Day	10.00am	Mass for Altar Servers

<b>ST PAUL'S URC, YORK ROAD</b>		
Sunday 11th December	11.00am	Toy Service and visit of Helen Stanton, Christian Aid Area Organiser
Friday 16th December	7.30pm	Carol Concert - open to all. Retiring offering for Christian Aid
Sunday 18th December	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Day	10.30am	Festival Service

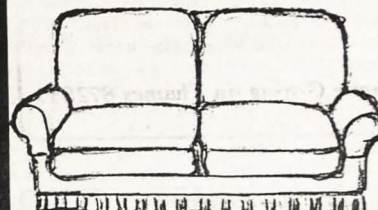
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## ROUND THE CHURCHES

### Listening for God in Caversham

*To listen to another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being performs for another.*  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

In the bleak midwinter of January, following several months of prayerful planning and consultation, thirteen Christians came together to begin a twelve week course in Christian Listening. What is Christian Listening you may ask and why does it take twelve weeks to learn how to do it? Please read on and all will be revealed.

Christian Listening was conceived by Bishop Morris Madocks, the founder of The Acorn Christian Healing Trust and Advisor on Health and Healing to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. He realised the tremendous healing power of listening — just listening — without passing comment or judgement. In today's hectic world very few people have the time or the confidence to offer one another the precious and liberating gift of really being heard, yet very often that is all that is necessary to restore self-esteem, to alleviate isolation and to enable thoughts to be clarified. If the power of the Holy Spirit can be brought into that situation through prayer and trust then the healing potential is unlimited.

Therefore, in 1985, Acorn appointed the Reverend Anne Long to set up Christian Listeners, which was not meant to be an independent caring organisation, but to train people to be part of the pastoral work of their own local church. For this

reason all volunteers must have the support of their own clergy to whom they are responsible once their training is completed. There are approximately thirty such groups throughout the country, including one in Reading.

The course in Caversham was run by Reverend Philip Egglestone from Caversham Baptist Church and Felicity Radford from St Peter's Church, who had both attended a one week residential course in order to qualify as tutors. Meetings were held at Caversham Heights Methodist Church and course members were drawn from six local congregations, so an ecumenical foundation was laid from the outset. Topics covered included ways of listening, the resources and qualities of the listener, and listening to bereavement, stress, and depression, in addition to a great deal of practical listening work. A large amount of time was spent in exploring ways of listening to God for when swimming out

to others with a lifeline it is advisable to have that lifeline firmly tethered to the Rock.

Now that these first volunteers have been trained they are available for use by local clergy and doctors, or other health care professionals, who recognise that some of the people who come to them have particular listening needs which, generally for reasons of time, they are unable to meet. Such people are likely to be basically healthy people who may be undergoing a crisis in their lives or perhaps supporting others with very little support for themselves or indeed anyone who feels confused and overburdened. There is no charge for this service and place, time and frequency of listening sessions are arranged according to individual needs and mutual convenience. If you would like to know more about Christian Listeners please contact Mrs F Radford (483965) or Reverend Philip Egglestone (470554) or speak to your doctor or member of clergy.

### GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

On Saturday October 8th and October 9th, Caversham Methodist Church celebrated their Gift Day and Church Anniversary. The Saturday evening Gift Day took the form of a service followed by a dinner which had been beautifully prepared by Hazel New and Sheila Holley and friends. During the service, gifts were given by various departments and organisations which meet on the premises each week. The total raised which included personal giving was over £1,400. The Church was very fortunate in having Lord Soper as guest speaker. It was also a joy to meet again past minister, the Rev Leslie Griffiths who kindly accompanied Lord Soper and acted as his chauffeur for the evening. Other guests included the Rev John Stephens, Superintendent of the Reading & Silchester Circuit, and friends from Caversham Heights Methodist Church. As expected, Lord Soper gave an excellent after dinner speech, which was appreciated by everyone. The Church Anniversary services on the Sun-



by Eric Turtle

Lord Soper at Caversham Methodist Church. Left to right: The Revd John Stephens, Lord Soper, Revd Brian Skinner, Revd Leslie Griffiths.

day were conducted by the new Chairman of the Southampton District, the Rev Nigel Collinson. This was also a successful day and it was good to have an opportunity to meet the new Chairman.

A special meeting was held for One World Week, when a slide/tape meditation entitled 'Making Peace with the Planet' was shown. This gave much food for thought and set everyone looking for CFC free hairspray

and polish, and enquiring about lead free petrol. At the close of the evening a collection was taken which will be used towards buying a tree to be planted in Reading for the 'More Trees Please' campaign.

The band season is now over and The Ambassadors Drum & Bugle Corps did well at their various competitions, coming 13th out of 55 bands competing na-

tionally in The British Youth Band Assn League table. Dates for your Diary: - Dec. 3rd Christmas Lunch Dec 10th Sunshine Girls Coffee Morning Dec 16th Coffee & Carols Dec 19th The Band will be Carol Singing.

Their route will be from Lower Caversham to Oakley Road, if you would like a visit ring Reading 477030.

### While Shepherds Watched . . .

Flushed with success — and justifiably so — the Gospel Singers and their Friends at the Baptist Church are following their talented performance in 1986 of the Christmas Musical 'Night of Miracles', with another production, 'While Shepherds Watched . . .' by Roger Jones. This will take place at Caversham Baptist Free Church on Wednesday 14th December and Thursday 15th December commencing at 7.30pm each evening.

The Composer, in his foreword to the script, acknowledges that almost everyone knows the Christmas story of the Shepherds but expresses the hope that through his work both performers and audience will discover another dimension to the story, that of worship, as did those Shepherds when they overcame their doubts and journeyed to Bethlehem to greet and pay homage to their new born King.

Admission to both performances is by ticket obtainable in advance from either: - Sue Allum, 15, Brill Close, Caversham. Tel: 478330.

### HARVEST IS FOR GIVING THANKS

At this year's Caversham Heights Methodist Church the giving aspect of harvest was stressed. £553 was given to the needs of others — £203 to the rebuilding of the National Children's

Home in Jamaica which was destroyed by the recent hurricane and £350 for the Sudan Relief fund. A quantity of tools was also brought to church for sending to third world countries.

### ST PETER'S HARVEST SUPPER



P. Bailey

This year's Harvest Supper had a European flavour and St Andrew's Hall was filled with friends dressed to suit the occasion, and a continental cuisine was enjoyed by all.

### LINK GROUP

or Martin Beek, 29, Morcambe Avenue, Caversham. Tel: 477428. Or any member of the Gospel Singers.

The Link Group meeting on 24th October at Doreen Bennett's home, was one of the liveliest for a long time. The presence of two Administrators from Berkshire Women's Aid accounted for this. They had come to talk about the problems involved in running their Refuge, which Link has supported for some years, and they gave a very graphic account of day-to-day life in a situation often of high tension. Wives and children from 'battered' homes, making the most of life

together, obviously provide a very challenging job for those steering them through such difficult times. Some members of the Link Group were particularly interested, as they are shortly to start a creche at the Refuge, to give the mothers an occasional much-needed break. They are looking for suitable equipment to help them with this. Also, the Refuge has an on-going need for beds and mattresses, which Link are always pleased to 'process' on their behalf.

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## ROUND THE CHURCHES

AN EXCITING PROJECT  
IN AFRICA

by John Madeley

WHEN AFRICA MAKES THE NEWS IN BRITAIN, it is usually bad news. Famine in Ethiopia, flooding in Sudan, refugees from war-torn Mozambique — all have shown us the pain of our neighbours. But such news is, nonetheless, NEGATIVE.

There is a POSITIVE side to Africa which we hear about rather less. The positive side is that, although poor, millions of Africans are going about their daily lives, often battling against enormous odds, using meagre resources with great skill, sharing generously with each other and living with a deep reverence for life and with the joy and presence of God in their hearts.

And sometimes they are receiving POSITIVE aid from abroad which is helping them to overcome their poverty. In July this year I was privileged to visit one such project in The Gambia, the small country on the western tip of West Africa. I can only describe the project as one of the most exciting I have ever seen.

It is funded by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem), one of the smaller UN agencies which has a special mandate to improve the lot of women — who do most of the work in Africa (and not just

in Africa). Under the project, £800 diesel-powered milling machines have been supplied to 15 Gambian village communities to grind the coarse grain, millet, into the flour which serves as their daily bread.

Picture the traditional life of village women in the Gambia. They rise before dawn and thresh their millet, separating the grain from the stalk, for about 2 hours. Then, after perhaps getting their children off to school, they go to the fields to weed and take care of the crops. Back home they will "de-shell" the millet for about an hour. Then comes the big task.

Women spend about 4 hours each day physically pounding the millet by hand, a laborious and hand-blistering job. Before cooking the family meal, they have then to go and find wood and draw water — several hours more work. Time for bed, after a day of perhaps 16 hours work. Their lives are lives of drudgery.

Today, in the 15 villages with milling machines, the women pound no longer. Now they take their millet to a shed that houses the "mill", as they call it, and leave it for trained operators to grind — and the mill does it in 5 minutes. The women pay about a penny per kilo. for the service — and



Gambia village — the women tell of how the "mills" have helped them; their children watch on!

save 4 hours a day!

This saving of time is viewed by them with a delight and astonishment. "The mill? It's a miracle!" said one woman, "we never expected anything like this."

The mills have become the talking point of village life in The Gambia. So popular are they that women from villages without a mill are walking miles each day to bring their millet to villages with mills. Women in one village, Njau, told me that one of the chief benefits of the mill is the way they feel — "both healthier and younger", said one, "so our menfolk are also pleased!"

But what makes this an exciting project is what the women do with the time they save. Part of it they use simply to relax, to be themselves, and spend time with their children. And the unlocking of 4 hours a day is seen by them as heaven sent opportunity to grow more food.

A woman in Njau village, Farna Ceesay, explained that the energy she would have put into pounding she now puts into the fields, weeding more, and growing more. She has planted maize and beans — some of which she sells and which have given her a cash income for

the first time in her life.

Farna pointed to an educational benefit. "If we had enough just enough money to send one child to school, our son would go, that's tradition. Our daughter would not go. Now, because the mill enables me to grow more food, I am earning enough money to ensure that the girl will go to school as well."

In other villages I visited, women have expanded their village vegetable gardens to grow more nutritious food — including cabbages, onions, tomatoes, spinach, carrots, pepper and aubergines.

Some Gambian villages are finding that the additional food, grown in the time saved, is making the difference between going hungry and having enough. "How relieved I am we have this mill," said the president of one women's group; "with some of the time we save we grow more food, most of which we eat. Before the mill came we were sometimes short of food. Now we have food and some left to sell."

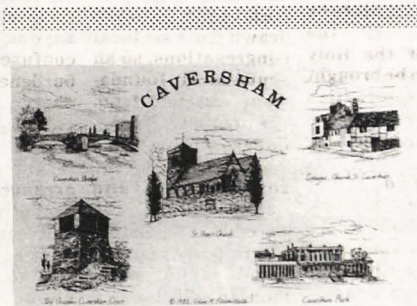
In one village the "traditional birth attendant" stressed the health aspect. "Before the mill, heavily pregnant

women would go to the fields and weed and it was too much for them", she said, "there were a lot of birth complications. Since the mill came, I have had far less complications to cope with."

What will long stay in my memory was the way the women were saying "thank you" for the mills that were relieving them of drudgery. In all, I visited six villages, accompanied by project officials, a local photographer and video crew — 12 of us in all. In every village we were greeted with music and dan-

Catholics, a Methodist and yours truly the Anglican. In these village meetings we all shared in worshipping together the god we believe in. For me they were deeply moving occasions.

For a hungry Africa, the mills supplied under the project equal less drudgery and more food. The only sadness I felt lay in the knowledge that there are still millions of African women without access to them. The spread of low-cost milling machines would offer new hope in the battle to overcome food shortages in Africa. Aid for such projects really does work. What is needed is simply more of it.



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GERTRUDE WHITEHILL  
Gertrude Whitehill died on September 25th 1988 at the ripe old age of ninety-five. I first met her in 1929. My husband had become vicar of St Philip's Dalston, a large parish in the Hackney Deanery of E. London. There was a convent run by Franciscan Sisters, who worked in the parish. They also ran a Home for patients crippled by arthritis. Gertrude was teaching in St Paul's School, Canonbury. She had become a Tertiary of the Order and was living at the Convent. She would return from school to help with the patients and all their needs. She also helped in the parish running a club for young girls and also started a Missionary Committee. She helped organise small events of drama and music to entertain the patients.

We left Dalston in 1935 and took a living in Ryde, Isle of Wight. The war started in 1939. Gertrude was evacuated with her school to Bletchley in Bucks. Dalston suffered much bombing and the sisters and patients were moved to Singleton in Sussex where a previous priest of Dalston had a very large Vicarage. They returned to Dalston in 1944.

St Philip's Church was destroyed by a land mine in 1942 in which disaster the Vicar was killed with two of his churchwardens.

In 1960 Gertrude made an appeal over the BBC and this raised,

together with an added appeal by Dr John H.K. Parker of Somerset, the £40,000 needed for the rebuilding of the new Nursing Home.

In 1962 the Sisters still remaining and thirteen patients (some completely bedridden) were removed by LCC ambulances to Compton Durville.

My husband had moved from the I.O.W. and became Vicar of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Reading. He died in 1953 and by this time Gertrude was living with us.

We moved to Caversham and immediately became attached to St Andrew's. Derek Eastman was then Priest-in-charge. Gertrude was soon occupied with the A.Y.P.A., an association for young people and other activities in the church.

At the same time she allied herself with the United Nations and International Friendship League and kept close contact with them until the latter part of her life. She was a keen member of the Working Party, then under the wise leadership of Mrs Gladys Butler. Gertrude greatly enjoyed these weekly meetings. She took over the work of Missionary Secretary and worked untiringly for the cause.

In 1981, Gertrude, who was then aged eighty-eight years received an invitation to join the few remaining patients at Compton Durville. She accepted and was well

cared for by them until the end.

Canon Derek Eastman (as he now is) had moved to Beaminstor upon his retirement from Windsor and being fairly close to Compton revived his acquaintance with Gertrude and visited her from time to time. At the time of her death he was asked to conduct the Requiem Mass and funeral service in the chapel at Compton Durville, filled with sisters and friends and later dealt with the Crematorium and lastly interred her ashes in the Franciscan garden. It was lovely to have his wife, Judith at these services.

As a final farewell a memorial service was held in St Andrew's Church on October 15th. It was conducted by the Revd Bill Carpenter with Mr Ian May the organist and several members of the choir to assist and a very good representative congregation. The preacher was Canon George Palmer, another old friend of Gertrude's. He was in his teens when she was at St Philip's where she was running a Missionary Group, out of which developed a dramatic group, which went on for many years. He had endless memories of these days and recalled many most amusing anecdotes.

It made a fitting farewell to one who was always a Joyful Christian. May she rest in peace.

(D.M. St Alphonse)

MRS CONNIE BURTON  
We record with sadness the death of Mrs Connie Burton, a great friend of this newspaper. She was renowned for achieving 100% sales

of the paper before she moved to Woodrow Court, where she acted as distributor despite increasing lameness. Both she and her late husband were

regular members of St Peter's church where they both played full and active parts in church life. We shall miss her cheery smile.

## STOP PRESS

## BUGS BOTTOM

The news that Bugs Bottom is to fall into the developers broke just as this newspaper was going to press. At once, the Borough Council and the two residents' associations set about exploring every possibility of challenging this decision of the Department of the Environment to confirm the Public Inquiry's findings of July 1987. However they had to admit there was little hope as the DoE's letter announcing the decision left no apparent loophole. If one were to be found it would be fully exploited.

## OBITUARIES

HARRY CROCKER

For many years Harry Crocker lived at the Post Office in Mapledurham where his wife was post mistress. Here, in his spare time, he could often be found tending his garden, for gardening was one of his great interests.

After his retirement he took on the care of St Margaret's churchyard which he tended with great enthusiasm doing far more than was asked of him.

It is several years since Harry left Mapledurham to live in Theale but he was often remembered by his old friends there and the flowering shrubs which he planted against the churchyard wall (one of his 'extra' little bits of enthusiasm) will remain a memorial to him for many years to come.

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## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

### HUNDREDS OF SHOPPERS PETITION ST MARTIN'S

Nearly four hundred Saturday morning shoppers appended their signatures to replace the dead oak tree in their precinct and return the community notice board. They signed willingly and eagerly, many of them encouraged by Prince Charles' remarks on T.V. the previous evening, when he had commended those who speak up in defence of the visual environment.

It had come as no surprise to those who know this property company when they wrote to Caversham and District Residents' Association refusing to replace the notice board and disclaiming responsibility for the tree.

That they could brazenly put forward the reasons they did, also came as no surprise. The notice board, they said, was poorly used and poorly maintained. Everyone who

used it knows that it was often difficult to find a vacant space, and as for maintenance, whatever that means when it was not much more than two years old, members of the Residents' Association regularly tidied and 'spring cleaned' it. As for the tree, they say they removed the original Holm oak at the request of the Borough Council because there was decay in the trunk. They conveniently omit to mention that it was dying because they poured concrete into its bed in the course of the summer of 1984.

Reaction was swift. It had to be if the tree is to be planted in the present planting season. A group from Caversham Residents' Association produced posters, leaflets and petition forms and on the following Saturday collected the signatures already mentioned in under two hours. If there had been longer to organise it and it had been a little less cold,

### by WATCHDOG

even more would have been collected.

It is too early to report what the final outcome was. Watch this column, or better still, watch the precinct, to see what happens.

#### MORE TREE LOSSES

Another tree sadly lost, but this time through natural causes, was the lovely copper beech outside Caversham Court. There are several of these splendid trees in Caversham, which, not so long ago, were in the full glory of their Autumn colours. No wonder people watch over them so carefully, for it takes a long time for a replacement tree to reach maturity.

More plane trees have been lost along Caversham and Vastern Road, notably the one outside Metal Box. Road widening and the October gale of 1987 have resulted in severe losses in little over a year. A young but well established mountain ash was one of the victims. Two of those replanted when Cable TV felled three planes a few years ago, without so much as asking permission, look distinctly unwell, though one, in spite of being bent by the gale, seems to be flourishing. Let us hope it too doesn't fall to road widening.

#### WHERE ONCE BADGERS ROSE

How about this for a house agents' advertisement? "New homes within a couple of miles of Reading's town centre yet backing onto traditional English woodland don't come on to the market too often. . . . It lies in the shade of dense beechwood and is bordered by open fields. Careful landscaping is planned to ensure that the development blends with its beautiful setting. . . . Enjoy the best of the countryside. . . ."

Not a mention of the fact that a lovely hillside was removed to make room for these houses: not a murmur that 500 houses could soon sprawl over the open fields. And certainly not a murmur that solid chalk is only just below the thin layer of top soil now covering the steep gardens. Badgers rise there no longer, their homes devastated by this "rather special" development.

#### ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY

When Springfield St Luke is developed there is bound to be some tree loss, but plans currently in show that no im-

portant ones will be affected and that more will be planted than lost. There is a planning brief for this site which states a preference for retaining the main house, building a small number of others, and providing some accommodation for the elderly. The plans now in more or less conform with this.

The accommodation for the elderly will be in the form of a nursing and residential home. It looks delightful, with separate rooms, communal rooms and a garden. It will, of course for these days, be privately run and with the standards it has set itself cannot but be expensive. For those with a substantial private income or a good house to sell, it could provide the answer to their problems, but there are far more whose needs it will leave untouched.

**LUXURY RETIREMENT**  
Plans for accommodation for the elderly are constantly appearing on the register of applications. Caversham is a particularly favoured spot. However, once consent is obtained, there occurs a sudden change of description to retirement flats, or even luxury retirement apartments, somehow not quite what the original application suggested. Not infrequently, application is then made for the condition requiring there to be a warden accommodation to be waived, with a phone alarm system substituted. This is usually granted.

A requirement is usually stipulated that the age for occupancy should be over fifty-five. Certainly at that age one is no longer young, but a glance at the "matches, hatches and dispatches" columns of newspapers, shows that for the average person a lot of years lie ahead. Given all this, the vision of the frail and old being cared for in comfortable surroundings becomes somewhat tarnished. Too many of those will be no better off than ever they were.

#### LIVING IN CENTRAL BERKSHIRE

A number of familiar Caversham faces were to be seen on TV screens when the programme Head to Head (TVS) was transmitted from Reading. Given the stricture that television's first aim is to present a programme rather than examine an issue, the concern felt by Reading and Berkshire people about what is happening to the quality of life under pressures from development came over very well. There was no opportunity in

the time available to come up with any serious solutions, but it would be unfair to say that this was simply another case of NIMBY.

In the context of high house prices, it did no service to claim that two bedroom semi-detached houses in Reading cost £100,000. A glance at the property advertisements pouring through your letter boxes shows that this is simply not the case, and when challenged, the presenter, after a word with a representative of local house agents, amended this to £90,000. This is still too high. The £60-70 thousand that is actually being asked is bad enough for first time buyers or those moving from further north, but as the cost of a house is to some extent affected by how much is expected for it, to let a public statement of that sort go out seemed somewhat irresponsible. But then, overstatement makes a better programme: sober statement of fact is rather dull.

#### EXPENSIVE BOAT HOUSE

I too have been hauled over the coals for not soberly stating all the facts of the case in relation to the Promenade Boat House. The main reason, my informant tells me, that the boat house is still unoccupied is that the rowing club cannot afford £6,000 per annum for rates.

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## the CLUBS

### The Reading and District Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Association

The Reading and District Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Association, in celebrating its hundredth anniversary this year, has a particularly interesting programme of meetings arranged for the autumn session which will end the year, 1988, with a Centenary Lecture and a celebratory dinner soon afterwards.

Two meetings were held in October. The first was given by Dr Hugh McAlister, a lecturer at the University of Liverpool whose Botanic Garden at Ness on the Wirral, Cheshire, was the subject of his talk. The garden's history extends over a hundred years: the original owners sponsored plant-hunting trips by now-famous collectors such as George Forrest and Frank Kingdon-Ward who brought back plants and seeds from overseas and raised plants, many of which can still be seen growing at Ness. The Garden is now open to the public, run jointly by Liverpool Botanic Garden and the Society of Friends of Ness.

The second talk

was given by Miss Mary Spiller who teaches horticulture and is in charge of the gardens at Waterperry, Wheatley, near Oxford. She gave a most stimulating lecture with well chosen slides, on 'Planning a Small Garden' and encouraged careful thought on aspects, views, colour-grouping and on gleaning ideas, from existing gardens, large and small.

The Anniversary Lecture entitled 'The Plant Hunters', is to be given by Mr Roy Lancaster, well-known from appearances on television and himself a much travelled explorer, plant collector and real enthusiast. This will be in the Palmer Building of the University of Reading on December 6th, 1988, the actual date of the Association's one hundredth anniversary. Members of the public are invited to attend and tickets, at £2 each, can be obtained by application to Miss A. McCord, 78 Fairford Road, Tilehurst (Tel. 428099).

### Chazey WI

Montague Moss entertained Chazey at their September meeting to an interesting talk on the history of Moss Bros. He is the great grandchild of the founder, Moses Moses, who changed his name to Moss. The company started out one hundred and thirty years ago making good quality suits by good quality tailors in their quiet season. It was the first ready-to-wear gentleman's tailors of its kind. They only started hiring clothes at the beginning of this century. Members learn-

ed that they not only hire men's evening and morning suits, but also most of the regalia for coronations, for the Peerage, ski-wear, Ladies dresses, suits and evening dresses, military uniforms. They have recently opened 'Suit Co, like Tie Rack and Sock Shop, with a shop in Reading.

The business meeting followed, making arrangements for the Jumble Sale, Social Club and planning well ahead for the moveable Feast in February.

### Maplewood WI

Before the October meeting of Maplewood W.I. thirty members enjoyed a Ploughman's Lunch, which raised £27 for the ACWW.

The meeting commenced with a demonstration and talk on microwave cookery by Mrs Jennifer John, after which the tasty dishes cooked were sold to members.

A report was then given by Miss Winifred Simmonds of the Autumn Council Meeting held at Pangbourne College, where the speaker was Mrs Susan Marshfield. Miss Simmonds won the Flower of the Month competition.

### Caversham Ladies Club

Members at the October Meeting were welcomed by Mrs Harwood and warmly thanked for their generous gifts brought to make this month's Autumn Fayre such a success.

After the business, which included names being taken for the Christmas lunch at Chiltern Chase Restaurant on the 12th December, members were invited to purchase from the various stalls which had been attractively arranged by the Committee. A few items left over were auctioned by

Mrs Brenda Strong, who caused much merriment whilst carrying out this task; the total raised was £60.33; this included many items from Mrs Lock's stall, who brings various items of clothing each month.

Tea and biscuits were served by three ladies who made this most welcome and were duly thanked for this service.

The November meeting was slides of holidays by Mr Moss, who in the past has shown many interesting slides of Old Reading.

The meeting closed on a happy note at 4 o'clock.

### Caversham Community Association

Mrs Susan Rixon was welcomed to the club on October 3rd and gave a talk on the 'History of Dolls'. Mrs Rixon brought with her a wonderful collection of dolls which was of

great interest to the members. She explained that children in the Tudor period were given wooden dolls, some elaborately carved. Later wax dolls were made — often at great risk to the makers as lead was used in the process. Many wooden dolls were imported from Germany, then eventually dolls with bisque porcelain faces were popular. Dolls with double jointed limbs were made in 1895, some of the dolls had pierced ears for earrings. Celluloid dolls were popular in the 1930s but it was not until after the 1939-45 war that American toy-makers produced dolls with plastic composition faces which were considered safer for younger children. Mrs Rixon brought some dolls that she had made herself, with great skill, and gave many useful hints to the club members on making their own dolls. Mrs Feast, the Chairman,

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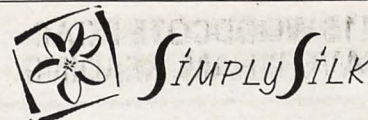
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## the CLUBS

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expressed thanks to the speaker on her fascinating talk.

Mrs Dorothy Cherry, a representative from Devonshire Royal Cream Liqueurs, was invited to the club the following week and explained that the liqueurs are made in Plymouth, using cream from a local dairy. Everyone was invited to sample the liquors and at the end of the evening were each given a miniature sample bottle to take home.

On the 16th October, Mrs Pat Snow visited the club again, this time to talk about planting bulbs and to give advice on taking cuttings from geraniums

and pot plants now that winter was approaching. There was a good attendance of members and Mrs Snow was kept busy answering questions from the audience on many problems regarding their gardens. The members were able to purchase bulbs at the end of this informative and interesting talk.

At the next meeting Mrs Margaret Chescoe came to show the latest range of Tupperware, which also included children's toys. Members were able to order any item they required.

The last Monday in the month coincided with Hallowe'en so a party was arranged for the occasion. The

lights were subdued and some of the members told ghost stories. Later games were played before the supper of sausages in bread rolls, with a choice of pickles etc. The three members who came dressed as witches were Margaret Cameron, Eveylyn Cook and Doreen Meadowcroft.

Doreen received first prize for her costume, the others were also awarded a prize for their efforts. A happy evening ended with Doreen Meadowcroft kindly distributing pieces of her 'witches' cakes to the appreciative members.

### Emmer Green

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Members of the Emmer Green Townswomens Guild arrived for their October meeting to find the hall sweetly perfumed. The speaker for the evening, Mr R

### Caversham WI

Mr Peter Crouch gave an illustrated talk to the Caversham WI on 20th October about the history of the Great Western Railway, showing bridges, stations, broad gauge etc designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the locomotives built by the brilliant engineer George Jack Churchward.

Peter Crouch then talked about various pieces of porcelain which members had brought to the meeting, some over one hundred years old and others in the 1920 style.



Happy scene on a lovely summer afternoon in July at Lilley Farm, Mapledurham, the home of Mr and Mrs Beacroft, when Blagrove W.I. members entertained a party of about thirty ladies and gentlemen and helpers from AGE CONCERN, from the Glastonbury Day Centre, Victoria, London. The weather was fine enough to sit outside and enjoy the lovely garden and views over the river valley.

Tea in the Farm House was much appreciated, with W.I. home made cakes, scones, sandwiches, etc. and raspberries and cream as an extra from the Hostess.

After tea the guests went outside again in the garden to enjoy the sunshine until it was time to get on the coach and return home. Several letters of thanks were received afterwards expressing their delight at spending the afternoon in such lovely country surroundings.

### Blagrove WI

A delightful lunch was enjoyed by a good crowd of members on October 4th with the food being mainly supplied by the members. The annual Harvest Lunch is always a happy occasion and this was no exception. There was a display of hand-made toys and goods made for the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed.

The speaker for the November meeting was unable to come but Mrs Rose Painter stepped in at very short notice and gave an excellent demonstration of flower arranging with

Scott had brought along a selection of plants from his Herb Farm at Sonning Common, many of which were scented. Mr Scott showed slides of the 18th Century barn that he has restored and of the surrounding display garden with its 200 varieties of culinary, medicinal and aromatic herbs. He told members how he has created a knot garden, a river of Thyme, a herb wheel and a mediaeval garden on the site which was a field 4 years ago.

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