

# READIBUS-REACHING OUT

## EARLY DAYS

The Readibus service started in 1981 after a two-year action study between Reading Borough and Bulmershe college. This highlighted the isolation and loneliness of those unable to get out of the house through disability and therefore unable to use ordinary public transport. It has filled a tremendous need.

The scheme was funded for the first five years by an Urban Grant.



## Service Provided

There is a Regular Readibus which goes from door to door to pick up passengers and take them to a central point and runs regularly to a timetable. Trips on this and for those going to work and to further education can be booked on 311414 the day before, between 8 and 9 am. There is another service, to cater for people who do not want or cannot travel at the regular timetable times and again this must be booked, though you are asked to telephone later after 9.30am to the same number — 311414. The service is available 7 days a week and from 8am until 11pm. The area covers the whole of the Reading Borough and takes in some places just outside. There are 9 buses at present, each of which will hold 6-8 people plus two wheelchairs securely. Escorts are provided if necessary, or your own helper can be taken along. An innovation during the last 2 years has been a Sunday afternoon outing when groups can hire the bus at a cost of £25. It is hoped to extend this service later in the year.

**The first community lunch of the year took place at the Caversham Centre in School Lane and the speaker was Mrs Helen Wightwick, the Mobility Officer for READIBUS.**



The bus service does not take in hospital visits; these are only offered to pregnant mothers for pre-natal checks. The service cannot be used for day-centre visits either.

## Staff and Funding

The drivers are paid and are fully instructed in how to cope helpfully with their passengers. They also undergo a first aid course. Apart from the drivers, there are 10 team workers, 4 operations controllers a general manager and a mobility officer as well as a small band of volunteers and people who man the 'phone for booking arrangements. There are those who



are trained in the escort service and for this service a fee of only £1.50 is charged for three hours.

After the first five years the income derived 65% from Reading Borough with contributions from Berkshire, Newbury, Wokingham Councils as well as Earley, Woodley and Shinfield parish councils. Bus fares (which range from 40p to £1 for over 4 miles) will go up in April and provide 7% of the income. Sponsors provide the rest and more are desperately needed. There are 9 buses in the fleet at present, 5 of which were given by charitable trusts. 43,000 passengers were carried in 1990 and escort service provided for 600 of these.

There is a Readibus Users' Association, to which all passengers can belong. It is strong in Tilehurst and S. Reading where there is a social club which meets once a month. They fund raise, mainly for themselves to cover their own costs, but they run outings and will rally round with help, particularly on the flag day which is the one occasion when the public can contribute generously.

1991 is the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Disablement and Reading Readibus are looking for sponsors who will assist them in this vital work. Enquiries can be made to 310000. Please think about it and remember them.

## Former Caversham Minister asked to mediate

The Rev. Leslie Griffiths, former minister of Caversham Heights and Gosbrook Road Methodist Churches, has been asked by the new radical President of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to act as a intermediary between himself and the Roman Catholic Church. Leslie worked as a Methodist Minister in Haiti for many years.

Relations between the new president, who is also a priest, and the Church reached a new low after a coup attempt in January, which aimed to stop Aristide taking up office in February. The president has been the target of at least three assassination attempts.

Leslie, who is now Minister of a London church, was invited to attend the new President's inauguration. He said "Father Aristide has long been seen by the Catholic hierarchy as a troublesome, rebellious priest. Now he is president of Haiti, the Church must develop a new relationship with him."

John Madeley

## TALKING POINT

By the Rev. Mike Holmes  
CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL



# WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS IT IN YOUR LIFE?

I have just finished reading a book by an American Christian called Tony Campolo. I heard Tony preach about nine years ago. He is one of those preachers who you never forget. He speaks with such volume that he can be heard beyond the auditorium in which he is speaking, but his message penetrates deep. The book is entitled "It's Friday but Sunday's Comin'".



The title comes from a Good Friday sermon that was preached in his church in Philadelphia. The sermon lasted one and a half hours and started really softly with "It was Friday; it was Friday and my Jesus was dead on the tree. But that was Friday and Sunday's comin'! It was Friday and Mary was cryin' her eyes out. The disciples were runnin' in every direction, like sheep without a shepherd, but that was Friday, and Sunday's comin'!" The volume had increased by now as the Black congregation began to encourage the preacher. "It was Friday. The cynics were lookin' at the world and sayin', 'As things have been so they shall be. You can't change anything in this world; you can't change anything.' But those cynics didn't know that it was only Friday. Sunday's comin'! It was Friday! And on Friday those forces that oppress the poor and make the poor to suffer were in control. But that was Friday! Sunday's comin'! The preacher kept plugging away with his line over and over again until finally at the end of his message he just yelled at the top of his voice, "IT'S FRIDAY!" and all five hundred of the congregation shouted back together, "SUNDAY'S COMIN'!"



We have recently celebrated the death and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. On Friday Satan thought he had defeated Jesus; on Sunday he found he himself was defeated.

Could this be a description of your life? "It was Friday; I was in despair. I felt rejected and lonely inside, life was getting too difficult to handle, I was oppressed and felt like dying. My enemies seemed intent on my downfall, whilst those who loved me watched; helpless. I asked, "Where is God?" But that was Friday — Sunday's coming! Have you ever realised that Jesus had similar feelings as he hung on the cross on that Friday years ago?



The gospel (good news) of Jesus is that you can die with Jesus to your old way of life, and rise to newness of life with him. You can know in your own life the Sunday resurrection power of Jesus! Jesus has overcome Friday for you — it is now Sunday. As you enter this new life with him, he takes away the tears of Friday and puts within you the joy of Sunday. He takes away the disappointments of Friday and gives you the purpose and direction that Sunday brings. Through you God wants to change the world, making Fridays into Sundays for others. Through your prayers and action the Satanic forces that oppress the world can be overcome, because it is Sunday.



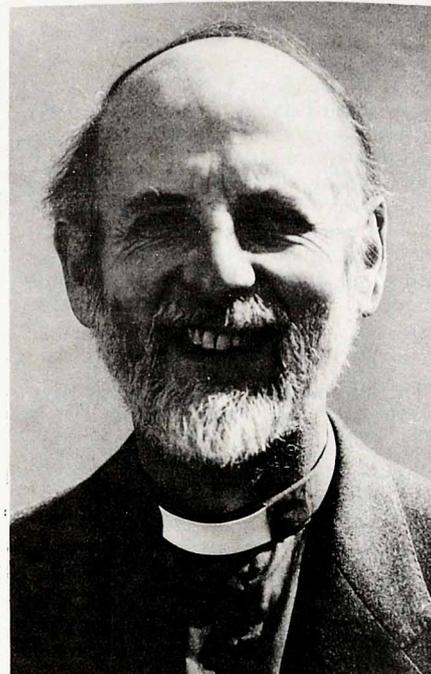
There is no need for despair for God, in his great mercy, offers you new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). I admit we all live in a world which is still tainted by evil and so in one way it is still Friday. But as sure as 'eggs is eggs' (and I hope you haven't eaten too many this Easter) there is a glorious Sunday coming! Jesus is alive and he is coming back soon. So what day of the week is it in your life? Is it a Friday or is it a Sunday?

# JESUS — HEALER AND SAVIOUR

We are all familiar with the Bible claim that Jesus saves those who trust in Him from sin, and many will testify to that saving experience in their own lives. The New Testament word to 'save' can also be translated to 'heal', and many people today know also of broken lives restored through the healing power of Jesus.

The Caversham Acorn Christian Healing Prayer Group and Christian Listeners' Group have been ministering to and praying for sick people in this neighbourhood on a regular basis, and each month arrange for an ecumenical service for prayer for healing with laying on of hands to be held at Caversham Baptist Church.

We are honoured that the preacher at our next service on Saturday 27th April at 7 pm will be the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd John Bone.



The Rt. Rev. John Bone, Bishop of Reading.

Even those of us who are outwardly healthy stand with all people in need of God's forgiving, healing and reconciling grace in His Son Jesus Christ, and we would therefore offer a warm welcome to all to join with us in this service, which we believe will be a significant landmark in the healing prayer ministry in Caversham. David J. Beek (Convenor — Caversham Acorn Christian Healing Prayer Group — telephone 477428).

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# POSTBAG

## BARBARA CHAPMAN

Dear Editors,  
The late Barbara Chapman's dedicated contribution to Cub Scouting for St. Peter's is legendary.

Many of us who were involved in "the Third" with our sons during their formative years felt that Barbara must have been at "B-P"'s side when he was first inspired with the idea of Scouting — and also felt that she would always be "our" Akela.

Barbara had that rare gift of inspiring by example and made very activity fun... we cherish our memories of her.

It is fitting that our appreciation should endure and I urge you to contribute to a memorial fund which is being set up to provide funds for an annual award to a deserving cub scout to assist him in some appropriate endeavour. The award would be at the discretion of the group executive.

Please take a few moments now to contribute to: —

The Barbara Chapman Memorial Award Fund c/o Alan Longstaffe, 8 Shepherds Lane, Caversham RG4 7JH.

## ARTS CENTRE

Dear Editors,  
I should be glad if you would let your readers know of the new meeting place of Reading Caversham Academy Community Art Centre. This has moved to Thameside School Language Centre in Harley Road, Caversham.

Opportunity will be given for amateur artists to show some of their work in the Annual Summer Exhibition in the School Hall on June 22nd and 23rd.

For more information contact me on Reading 478496.

Yours etc.  
E. Burnell — Tutor

## REDLAND REBUKE

Dear Sirs,  
In the March issue of the Bridge, its reputation for fair play was damaged if not destroyed.

Even if the Redland development did not involve 2500 extra cars for new office workers which will more than outweigh the advantages of a third bridge; even if it did not mean that land could be restored to countryside will carry a hundred acres of high-rise buildings and even if most of the local residents were not completely opposed to the scheme, to give the whole of your front page over to the developers' eulogy on what can only be for the

financial benefits of Redland and to the detriment of Caversham, is an abuse of your office.

Worse still, there was nothing on the front page to indicate that you were printing just the developers statement. Admittedly there was a small section on the second page explaining this fact, but I imagine that quite a few copies ended up in the waste-paper basket in disgust and that many readers did not even turn over.

Surely the requirement for the National and Local press not to mislead should apply to the Bridge and the front page should have been headed "Advertiser's Announcement."

Yours disappointingly,  
D.E. Thomas.

## REDLAND REPLIES

Dear Sir/Madam,

Redland's Caversham Lakes proposals have implications for local employment, amenity, highways, housing and flood relief. They will delight some and enrage others. The public debate is well and truly under way, but that debate is better served by facts. Accordingly, I would like to respond in your columns to correct some of the statements may by "Watchdog" in your March issue.

1. Watchdog refers to a 'leisure centre' with the country park and nature reserve. This is misleading. The major theme of this particular park is nature conservation. Although its opening to the public will enrich the leisure hours of local people, there are no proposals for sports complexes or multiplex cinemas that the term 'leisure centre' often encompasses. The emphasis will be on the creation of a wider range of wildlife habitats, achieved by environmental enhancement and management measures which, contrary to Watchdog's assertion, natural regeneration alone would not achieve. Contrary to Watchdog's report, no new marina is planned. There is already an existing marina which will continue to operate.

2. The new road and bridge would "actually contribute little to the relief of existing traffic congestion" according to Watchdog. The highways issue is a complex one and the bridge is but one of a number of measures advocated by Berkshire County Council to relieve congestion. Redland accept that the third River crossing will not be a universal panacea but it will lead to overall savings in congestion in the Reading urban area of about 15% in the morning and 32% in the evening rush hours. These figures are derived from Berkshire County Council's traffic model and not simply invented by the developer. Traffic volumes will increase irrespective of Redland's proposals but at least this proposal will bring about some relief. On the funding point, Redland will provide the land needed for the bridge and road north of the Thames. This contribution is definite. As to construction costs, Redland will contribute towards the bridge and off site highways improvements but the level of that contribution must be the subject of discussions with the various highways authorities. This is not to fudge the issue, there are simply too many variables at this stage to be discussed with five local authorities before a definite answer can be calculated. Gravel operations are rarely popular but extraction can have a useful role in increasing floodwater storage in the flood storage in the floor plain of the river. To fill in the gravel lakes as Watchdog suggests would have negative implications for floor alleviation upstream. There will be a further opportunity to discuss these and other questions at greater length at two public exhibitions in April. The proposed dates are: Wednesday 17th April at Mapledurham Pavilion 3pm-8pm. Thursday 18th April at Milestone Centre 3pm-8pm. These have been arranged to meet the very high level of local public interest. Redland's staff and expert consultants will be available during the course of the exhibitions to answer in greater detail than a newspaper column will allow. We look forward to welcoming your readers there. Yours faithfully,  
R.J. Chenery  
Managing Director  
Redland Properties.

## CAVERSHAM DIARY

**Saturday, 6th April** 10.30-12 noon Coffee morning. Caversham Heights Methodist Church Hall. All welcome. In aid of charity

**Friday, 12th April** Caversham Horticultural Soc. 7.30pm George Bartlett on Fuschias. Arthur Legge Centre, Wolsey Road.

**Saturday, 13th April** 2pm Jumble Sale. St. John's Church, Caversham Hall.

**Monday, 22nd April** 8pm 58 Chazey Road. Link Group's "Knit In". Details Anthea Prescott 478865.

**Friday, 26th April & Saturday, 27th April** 7.30pm Victoria Hall, old Town Hall. Pam Chilvers' "Images of America" Tickets from Hexagon

**Saturday, 27th April** 7.00pm Baptist Church. Bishop of Reading, Rt. Rev. John Bone preaches at Acorn Christian Healing Group.

**Saturday, 27th April** 10-12 noon Annual Household and Handyman Sale. St. Barnabas Church Hall, Emmer Green.

**Thursday, 2nd May** 7.30pm 28 Patrick Road, Caversham. Action for Research in Multiple Sclerosis AGM. All welcome.

**Wednesday, 15th May** 10.30am-7pm. Frogmore Gardens, open for Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust. Details next issue or phone Reading 233012.

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**QUIET FLOWS THE THAMES**  
Redlands Properties industrial park and housing close to the Thames is not going to do much to maintain a peaceful riverside ambience, even when a nature reserve and a spot of landscaping has been thrown in to soften the impact. Now hot on its heels comes another application, this time for the neighbouring Dean's Farm.

This beautiful eighteenth century farm has stood over the years in its isolated position on the riverside meadows and seen across the water from King's Meadow it betokens the countryside that stretches away on the opposite bank compared with the town that lies away to the south. For some time now it has been the subject of planning applications, some for a few houses that could nevertheless lead to further development at a later stage, another for many more houses with a picnic area and 'manufactured' countryside instead of the open meadow land, and now, the latest, a hotel, conference centre, housing and four storey flats right down to the river, all with a hundred and thirty four parking spaces. Deans Farm itself will be lost in this conglomeration and, when viewed across the river and if Redlands Property development also takes place, it will be a built environment, spread over some hundred of acres that will be seen. Already, as if in preparation, two or three splendid Holm Oak trees have been felled and there can be little doubt that there is going to be a concerted effort to extract the maximum amount of money out of this stretch of what is seen as underused land.

**MARINA**  
Meanwhile, two or three miles upstream another application has been put in for a marina at the Chase, at the far end of the Warren. Here too is land that is seen as underdeveloped, because it is not making money. This marina is for sixty boats with parking places for sixty five cars, workshop and stores. This will be further urbanisation of the river bank which at that point is becoming rural once again. It will bring added noise to the river itself

## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT by WATCHDOG

which already in the summer months is getting overcrowded with power boats chugging along and disturbing the banks with their wash. If another marina is needed, the bank at the foot of the wooded escarpment is certainly not the place.

**EXTRA TRAFFIC**  
Both these developments will produce a considerable amount of extra traffic. Deans Farm can only be approached through the already congested residential streets of Lower Caversham and the Marina can only be approached along the Warren, neither of them suitable for this purpose. Dean's Farm traffic would be fairly evenly distributed through the week vying with the industrial traffic that already uses the area whilst the marina's would be heaviest at weekends, when walkers use the Warren for an afternoon or evening stroll. Further, the Chazy Court rehabilitation centre is bound to cause some increase in the traffic, although it will be restrained in comparison with the comings and goings to a marina. The Chazy Court centre will at least bring some benefits in the way of restoring beautiful but crumbling buildings, but the Marina can only detract from the present quiet attractions of the river bank.

If these developments go ahead, the Sweet Themmes will no longer run softly as it passes through Caversham.

**VASTERN ROAD ROUNDABOUT**  
Another riverside site due for change is on the south bank where plans are being looked at by the planning committee for the area between Brigham Road, Vastern Road and the river. There are two sets of plans both of them for offices, warehousing and housing, one of them totally comprehensive, the other retaining the old Excel Bowl building. Both involve heavy tree loss, forty five in total, the majority of them the young but established trees on the Caversham Road side, which cheered up everyone over Christmas with their coloured lights. Architecturally, both have much to commend them, tree loss apart, but their weak point is, that in order not to send all the associated traffic down Brigham Road, access and egress is to be straight on to the Vastern Road roundabout. That roundabout is already overburdened and at peak times is so

heavily used that the law of the jungle rather than the law of the roundabout applies. The Planning Committee has the unenviable task of working this one out.

### PRIORY AVENUE STUDY BRIEF

A study brief is being carried out on the area centring on Priory Avenue, that is all the roads bounded by Prospect Street, Priest Hill, St Anne's Road, and Church Street, Church Road. The problems are only too obvious; the solution less so. Unbroken lines of parked cars on both sides of the road, the buses trying to edge through helped only by a stretch of bus lane in Hemdean Road itself usually blocked by parked cars while their drivers place a quick bet round the corner, whilst displaced cars and the occasional lost lorry try to get along Rectory Road and into Priory Avenue, whence they have to turn into Church Street.

If the bus lane is to remain to make bus journeys more attractive than private car journeys and to bring bus borne, rather than car borne, shoppers as close as possible to the shops, if the streets of small terraced houses are not to be used by buses, if difficult right hand turns are to be avoided, then it is going to be a wise man indeed who comes up with something acceptable to the main body of users and residents.

A small point, which will solve none of the foregoing, is that Priest Hill, rather than St Anne's Road, should become the major road so that buses would no longer have to halt, tilted backwards, on the brow of the hill till St. Anne's Road has cleared. On more than one occasion, a full bus has had to disgorge its passengers in order to get going again, a particularly unnerving experience for the car halted immediately behind it.

### GLOOMY OUTLOOK

With council cuts on all sides, from social services and education, to no hanging flower baskets or bedding plants in public gardens, the sight of cracks in tarmacked surfaces when the thaw set in after the severe weather of mid-February must have caused the hearts of the local councils to plummet even further, for there is little chance of finding the money to repair them. Yet with a predicted poll tax of £474 within the

borough and not all that much less in the adjoining areas where costs are less, more than the average rate payer has ever been called on to pay out before, it would seem reasonable to expect improved, rather than deteriorating services. No wonder that for many, local government finance is a closed book. It should be remembered that most of the poll tax revenue goes to the county, whilst the district councils bear the very heavy cost of collecting it.

### HARBINGER OF SPRING

The snowdrops and aconites in St Peter's churchyard and other local spots did not appear until late February this year, whereas last year at the same time the churchyard was bright with daffodils. The extremely cold spell in February cannot have been the cause, as aconites and snow-drops normally appear early in January.

Perhaps they were hiding their faces in shame that at this stage in history of mankind, the human race still has to resort to the force of arms to settle its political differences. Mercifully the war was much shorter than it might have been and mercifully casualties on the allied side were remarkably light, but tens of thousands of Iraqis, also children of God, were killed and maimed, and the ecology of the Gulf, as much part of God's crea-

tion as our own green and pleasant land, extensively and probably lastingly damaged. 'Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; and therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee'.

**BUGS BOTTOM**  
Over £18,000 has now been raised towards the £20,000 required to fund the Appeal Court hearing on July 1 and 2. Fund raising events towards the last £2,000 are welcome. Apply to Caroline Speer, 228 Kidmore Road, Tel: 473834.

Items which could be used for the Tombola stall which the Bugs Bottom Action Group is running at Highdown Fete may be left in boxes provided for the purpose at Hilltop Stores, Oakley Road, and the Caversham Bookshop.

Paul Ranson, of 250 Kidmore Road is running for the Appeal Fund in the half-marathon. Sponsorship is invited and forms will be found in a number of local shops. Paul will be wearing a Bugs T-shirt. Rabbit suits are not very suitable for running in. Look out for him and give him a cheer.

Detailed plans for the first phase of building in Bugs Bottom have been turned down. This will not affect the Appeal Court hearing as that concerns outline plans. It created an unusual situation when detailed permission was sought whilst outline was still the subject of legal proceedings. Will the developers re-apply in an amended form or will they ask for a public inquiry and start the whole process off again?

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When there are so many charity appeals it is a good thing to consider the reasons for giving to this particular one. The theme of the week, as above, is important because the test of any charity is the DIFFERENCE it makes, and Save the Children aims to make a really LASTING difference. It is a difficult task in many parts of the world where children and families are literally struggling to survive, but there are steps that can be

taken to achieve real change, even where harsh environmental and economic conditions are made worse by war. For example, on 8th January the seven leading agencies forming the Disasters Emergency Committee launched their 'CRISIS IN AFRICA' Appeal to raise funds to help people in five African countries — Ethiopia, Sudan, Mozambique, Angola and Liberia — facing famine. Save the Children works in all these countries and first warned of impending famine in October 1990. It has been providing long-term help to develop mother and child health services and also establishing emergency relief supplies and preparedness on a more permanent basis. In Mozambique, where a whole generation has grown-up in the shadow of war, Save the Children is helping to heal both physical and

psychological scars of the horrors. It also works in over fifty other countries with such things as nutrition centres, rural community projects, immunization, providing help to Street Children, and in many other ways.

But this special week is not only about making a lasting difference abroad because almost one-third of the money raised will be used to help children in the United Kingdom, particularly in the Inner Cities. If you would like to know more about Save the Children or to have a speaker for a particular group or society please get in touch with the Area Representative, Mrs Phyllis Shattock on Reading 472686.

This is an excellent opportunity to assure all supporters that the Caversham Branch of Save the Children is NOT going into liquidation!

It is very much alive!

However, because it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to take office on the Committee — for such reasons as pressure of work, other voluntary commitments and increasing age — it is going to become a Satellite Group of the Reading Branch. All its present fund-raising efforts, such as individual coffee mornings, sales of S.C.F. Catalogue goods, the Ecumenical Carol Service to name but a few, will continue as usual. The money will go through the Reading Branch but be firmly labelled 'Caversham'. This eliminates the need for separate officers and will be of mutual benefit to both Branches. The present Committees feel very strongly that their primary concern and maximum effort must be to raise funds for

those children all over the world who so desperately need help, and that administrative details are relatively unimportant. In any case several of the Reading Committee and Workers live in Caversham and vice-versa. Present Caversham Committee Members will be well represented on the Reading Committee. These arrangements will take effect from 15th April 1991 which is the date of the Caversham Annual General Meeting.

It is confidently expected that all Caversham Supporters will continue to give the splendid help they have always given. The Fund's grateful thanks are due to them, to the present Caversham officers and committee and to all who will be giving during Save the Children Week for all their hard work and financial support.

## IMAGES

Over 200 people so enjoyed Pam Chilvers' "Images of France" that a second in the series will take place in late April.

"Images of America" will be an evening of music, literature and visual art depicting various aspects of American life; the early Puritan settlers, the Mississippi river boats, the Wild West, Blues and Jazz. The miscellany of music, readings and paintings will capture the flavour of New World America for the audience to savour.

The music, played by Pam and Richard Line, will range from Copland, Scott Joplin to Bernstein. The centrepiece will be Gershwin's own arrangements for "Rhapsody in Blue". The piano pieces will be interspersed with readings from writers as diverse as Walt Whitman, John Steinbeck and Maga Angelou presented by Sonya Delamere.

The audience will be surrounded not only by sound but also by the visual impact of paintings and sketches by Martin Beek. Martin spends several months each year in America and is well known for his evocative scenes of American rural life.

An exhibition of Martin's "Travelling Studies" as he calls them will be on display in Reading Central Library starting the week before the concert on

15th April. The exhibition will also feature books and music manuscripts relating to "Images of America". A smaller display will be on show at Caversham Bookshop.

Tickets for the performance at the Reading Town Hall, on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April are available from the Hexagon Booking Office. Tickets are £5.50 (Passport to Leisure £5, Concessions £4.50).

Doors open 7.00pm.



Martin Beek and Sonya Delamere.



Pam Chilvers and Richard Line.

**Pam Chilvers.** Composer and musician, studied at the Royal Academy of Music with Ivy Dickson.

**Martin Beek.** Graduate of Exeter College of Art, Exhibits widely including Hurlingham gallery, London. Director of an annual art programme in Michigan.

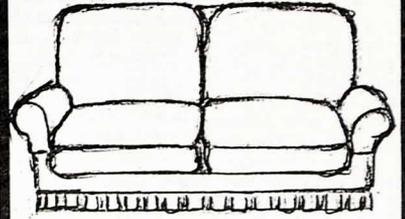
**Richard Line.** Organ scholar of Queen's College, Oxford. Teacher of English and Music at Reading Bluecoat School, gives organ, piano and harpsichord recitals locally and in the West Country.

**Sonya Delamere.** County Exhibition award winner for Speech and Drama. Spent a year in America coaching actors from the New York City School of Performing Arts. Teaches at the Avenue School.

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## ROUND THE CHURCHES

### ST BARNABAS NEWS

As the pattern of the Church's year unfolds the members of St Barnabas' congregation are once again re-examining and re-committing themselves to God, in preparation for the Church's most important festival, Easter.

Last year, emphasis was placed on prayer, meditation, self-examination and the importance of confessing one's sins before God. Members of the congregation were given the opportunity of a retreat day to do this more fully. This year, the retreat has sadly not been arranged, but all members have been urged to reconsider their "Rule of Life", i.e. a simple rule made by each individual for the growth and development of his or her spiritual life — most usually a daily quiet time of prayer, meditation, Bible study. If Lent offers a focussed time and opportunity for renewal of private spiritual self-discipline, then it also allows opportunities to restate the importance of public worship. To this end Nigel Hardcastle, the vicar, re-introduced extra non-eucharistic services to be held throughout Lent. These included Evening Prayer twice a week and a Sunday afternoon service with hymns and a sermon followed by the Stations

of the Cross. At the time of writing, the attendance at these services was not insignificant, although, as always, there is no room for complacency.

On a more mundane note, February also saw repairs to the Church Hall, which has been found structurally unsafe with bulging walls and sagging roof. However, thanks to some excellent and speedy building work, all who use it will now be safe.

Away from home, donations were made to the homeless in Reading and the hungry in Ethiopia and the Sudan. Members of the congregation continue to work tirelessly for Reading's own homeless population and during the cold weather were keen to collect warm items of clothing, particularly hats, gloves and socks. The congregation learnt that even further afield, Monica Marapong, a young African student sponsored through her University course by St. Barnabas' may sadly be unable to continue her studies, due to strikes, boycotts and tribal strife in the area. A timely reminder to give thanks for our educational system, whatever its shortcomings, and indeed for all God's blessings upon us here, in the West.

### WELCOME, JEREMY ANDERSON



Jeremy and Jill Anderson, with William and Fleur.

At St Mary-in-the-Butts on 5th March the Bishop of Reading licensed and launched The Revd Jeremy Anderson as Evangelism Enabler to the Anglican Deanery of Reading, in the first year of the 'Decade of Evangelism'. For a local Deanery to appoint its own Evangelism Enabler is unusual, bold even. Reading is Oxford diocese's largest Rural Deanery. Perhaps our need is greatest!

Jeremy's arrival is of special interest to us. He lives at 6 Scholars Close (off St Peter's Avenue,

#### BAPTIST NEWS

His many friends in Caversham will be delighted to learn that the Rev. Philip Egglestone, Associate Minister at the Baptist Church from 1986-1989, and now Minister of Emmanuel Church, Southsea, has become engaged to Miss Ruth Minott. The wedding will take place in Jamaica this summer.

### IT MUST BE FETE!

John Meston of St Margaret's, Mapledurham is again leading the team organising this year's Grand Fete, combined with St Peter's Caversham, at Caversham Court.

To be held on Saturday, 6 July 1991 (please make a note NOW!), "this looks like being even more of a success than ever," says John Meston.

Stalls and side shows will include all those proving so popular in past years, and Draw Raffle tickets will be available from mid-April. Helpers are always needed, now and on the day, so please offer — younger ones especially!

near the church). Born in Kenya in 1941, he came to Britain for his education from the age of 13. Having graduated, he spent five years in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania as civil engineer with East African Railways and Harbours. He returned to UK and wisely married Jill. Seven good years in Jersey were celebrated by the births of Fleur and William Anderson. God then took over, calling Jeremy to Ordination. He was for four years Assistant Curate at Bitterne, Southampton, and then Team Vicar at

Burbridge, near Marlborough, in a rural area of 65 square miles. Now he comes to us, and Caversham welcomes him and his family.

Surrounded by tea chests at Scholars Close, he said: 'Now that I have become Evangelism Enabler to the Reading Deanery, I look forward to working with all Christians who seek to share the Good News of the love of God through Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know and love him.' To which we add our grateful 'Amen! And welcome, dear Andersons!'

## GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

February proved to be a very special month in the life of the Methodist Church at Gosbrook Road. This was to be the month when the Lay Witness Weekend would be held. Months of planning and preparation were underway. Visiting, accommodation, catering, transport, music, all had to be organised.

The Lay Witness movement send teams of lay people to churches to help them review the work and life of the church, and Gosbrook Road had decided some months ago to invite such a group.

The weekend of Feb 22, 23, 24th came fast approaching after Christmas, and the organisers were wondering if everything had been done. The day arrived and so did the Lay Witness team with people from, Horsham, Swindon, Stourport on Severn, Bournemouth and Epsom.

Friends and Hosts were at the church to greet them, and the weekend was underway. During the weekend there was time for fellowship over meals, discussion in groups led by the team, a chance to hear testimony

from individual members of the team, a time for learning new songs, and a time for just being together.

The Church were very grateful for the outside help they had. Tilehurst and Caversham Heights Methodist Churches helped substantially with the catering, and Caversham Baptist Church organised all the children's activities. We certainly appreciate all the help all these people gave.

The weekend certainly achieved a "growing together" of church members and friends. For some there was the call to commitment to Christ, for others, opportunities for renewal. For others pause for thought. Each person had their own reflections of the weekend, and the many aspects of the weekend affected different people in different ways.

The question is now... where do we go from here? House groups, Prayer meetings, more fellowship, more outreach? These are the questions to be answered, and each has their own idea... but the weekend certainly made us think.

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### NEWS OF CLERGY

A change of parish is coming to the Reverend Roger Packer. He went to Sandhurst when he left St Andrew's Caversham in 1970 and now is to be the vicar of St Mary Bridgewater with Chilton Trinity and Durlough. St Mary's is the parish church of Bridgewater, and Roger's Institution will be there on June 26 at 7pm.

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

Mrs Gisela Keating, who has been helping with the 2nd Caversham Boys' Brigade, went to St James's Palace on 26th February to receive her award in the presence of HRH Prince Philip.

To gain this award, in addition to her work with the Boys' Brigade which she is continuing to do, she has made an expedition to the Black Mountains in Wales, helped in a holiday home for the disabled and enjoys baminton and gardening.

Nearly eight hundred young people from all over Britain received their awards at St James's Palace that day. They had undertaken a wide range of activities, some travelling to Kenya, India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia to carry out voluntary work.

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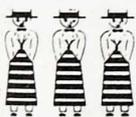
Richard Woolven-Allen and David Bradbury will receive their bronze award.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards from the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, Lord Henderson, at Leighton Park School on 25th March. Richard will also be awarded the President's Badge which is the second highest award that can be awarded. Both boys are now working towards their silver award.

Reading and 1st Twyford.

In table tennis Richard Woolven-Allen beat every boy in Reading to win the older age group of the individual event. In the younger age group Chris Cantwell came second in the individual event and the team won the cup in their event.

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## ROUND THE CHURCHES

# MORE ACCOUNTS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH

RECENTLY some notes on the earliest accounts of St Peter's Church appeared in this paper. The last comment was dated 1705 and concerned the buying of sixpenny worth of holly for church decorations at Christmas.

After 1705 life went on following the same regular pattern. There were still travellers and seamen to help with a penny or two from the parish purse. Smoke farthings (a form of hearth tax) were still collected, though there appears to have been a lapse of five years in the collection of these at one point, and arrears for this amounted to seven shillings and five pence. Worked out on average there were seventy-one chimneys in Caversham.

Church maintenance continued and a weather cock was set up on the tower for the sum of six shillings. By 1727 this tower, which was wooden and replaced the original spire destroyed in the Civil War fight for Caversham Bridge in 1643, was badly in need of repairs. These were carried out at the huge cost of one hundred and forty pounds, two shillings and four pence three-farthings. Nails were sent from Oxford and lead obtained from Reading. The first mention of a church tower at St Peter's instead of the

spire comes in 1693.

Every year the parish, as did all parishes, paid quite considerable sums of money for dead sparrows and each entry in the account book seemed to show a larger number of birds had been caught than the one before until finally on March 27, 1827 came this... "25 dozen sparrow heads, eight shillings and four pence".

As the Spring corn went into the ground the villagers made sure it was not eaten by hungry birds and ensured themselves of a better harvest. It seems that children caught the birds, bringing in extra money for the family. This killing of sparrows went on all the year round, but especially in Spring and Summer when the birds were breeding and the corn was being sown or ready for harvesting.

Whether the little corpses were eaten by some families is not recorded — sparrows were certainly used as a form of food in Norfolk as late as the nineteenth thirties and blackbirds and thrushes were eaten by a worker on Toots farm at the turn of the century.

Birds were not the only creatures to be destroyed. Payment was also given for polecats as late as 1830.

Sparrows or not, there was a bountiful corn harvest in the Summer and Autumn of 1801 and a special form of prayer was bought to be used in Church in thanksgiving. That year life must have seemed a little easier for many families.

Another special form of prayer was also bought in 1788 when George III became ill in the November. The following March yet another was required to be used in thanksgiving "for His Majesty's recovery from his late indisposition".

That same year there was a little difficulty over the hay mead gate. It was found in the river! James Freebody and Edward Spencer were each paid five pence for getting it out.

### Danger of Flooding

Mention has been made of "watch at Caversham Bridge". Just why people were paid to do this at certain times was never clear. But in 1795 the answer is given. On February 14 Richard Betteridge was paid to watch Caversham bridge "on account of the bridge being rendered unpassable by flood". No doubt Richard had to stay up all night to warn travellers at the Caversham end if they were attempting to cross over in the dark.

### An umbrella for the Rector

The Rector of Caversham during this period was the Reverend Vatas.

Much of his work in the parish involved either a journey on horseback or on foot and it appears he (naturally) sometimes got wet, for the parish paid two shillings to buy him an umbrella in 1789. Ten years later Mr Vatas died and someone had to go to Oxford to inform the Dean of Christ Church of his decease. A journey to Oxford by horse was the only way the people of Caversham could tell the Powers that Be what had come to pass, other than by letter. Unfortunately it was mid-winter. The expedition would have been cold and difficult and involved a night's lodging at Oxford. Mr Vatas was buried in London.

It may interest readers to know that the cost of sending a letter to London in 1801 was sevenpence in old money. The penny post had not yet commenced so the epistle probably went by the daily passenger coach.

The ancient Griffin inn was run by Mary Clisold early in the eighteenth century and in 1805 she was ordered to provide beer for the ringers "on account of the glorious victory obtained over the combined fleets of France and Spain by Lord Nelson on October 21st".

It came as rather a surprise to learn that St Peter's had a Sunday School as early as 1789. A Mrs Ruby was in charge of its welfare in 1801. Later Hannah Templer instructed the children (1817-1827). Hannah was also cleaning the church by the latter date. She must have been a good soul.

As there was yet no organ, singing was accompanied by musicians and in 1796 a bass viola and strings provided the music. In 1809 a clarinet and bassoon could be heard on Sundays.

The church was heated by coal fires of some form and Mr Freebody provided half a ton of coals for fifteen shillings in 1825.

A young member of the Freebody family, Peter, became an appren-

tice and learnt "the art and mystery of a tailor" in 1803. Not for him the family tradition of boat building, ferrying and fishing.

Several young lads from the parish became apprentices to cordwainers (shoemakers), no doubt in Reading where many such businesses flourished. Yet another left home to go to Nettledale to learn birch laying at the kiln there, while

one went in 1800 to Wokingham to train as a wheelwright. He was Nathaniel

Green, a member of the Green family who were the local photographers in Caversham between the eighteen eighties and nineteen twenty.

The account book ends in 1830, some of the last entries telling the beginnings of working life for several young Caversham people. These lads would have been old men if they lived into the last quarter of that century. By then they would have noted the steam launches on the Thames, Nathaniel the steam engines beginning to replace his waggons. The next set of accounts should make interesting reading for the Victorian Age was not far away.

M.K.

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## DUNCAN MARSHALL A man of peace

Duncan Marshall was born in 1896 in the small village of Woodchurch, Kent. His family were staunch Methodists and his mother played the organ in the local chapel. Duncan attended the village school and when he left he worked as a delivery boy for the nearby grocery store, pushing a cart around the village with the groceries.

When war came he joined the Medical Corps and worked in hospitals in England and in Germany. He already held pacifist views, certainly he had no wish to use a rifle and the sights that he saw strengthened his views. He would tell, for example, how he had held young wounded soldiers down as the surgeons operated because the anaesthetics were ineffective.

Following the war he went to London and worked with his brother in a shoe shop. He was not too keen on this and eventually he started his own delicatessen shop in Chiswick. He had by this time, drifted away from the church and instead spent his Sundays walking with a rambling club. It was while returning home on the train with a friend that they began to talk about church. Duncan then realised that something had been missing in his life and he started attending church again. In 1936 he married Dorothy who helped with cooking marmalades, pickles and chutneys to sell in the shop.

The second war started and in 1941 the shop was bombed and completely demolished. For nearly a year Duncan, Dorothy and their small son John lived in the cellar beneath the shop. Methodist friends suggested that Duncan should get in touch with John Miller who had a grocery business in Reading. This he did and John invited him to come and work in Reading. So in 1942 the Marshall family moved into rooms in Tilehurst, later they moved to other rooms in Pepsard Road. At first Duncan worked in Millers Head Office in Kings Road but the firm was expanding and he became Manager of a branch in Prospect Street where he worked until his retirement at 69.

All the time he lived in Emmer Green Duncan was a stalwart of Gosbrook Road Methodist Church and his friendly face will be sadly missed by the members. He was a talented man who could make wood carvings and tapestries, play the ukulele banjo and harmonica and who had a love of gardening.

But his passion in life was peace. War horrified

him and he was a tireless advocate for pacifism. He wrote hundreds of letters to newspapers and several were printed in the Caversham Bridge. If a minister or public figure said something about peace that he disagreed with, he would write politely giving his Christian viewpoint.

Duncan Marshall died on January 31st, regretably his last days were saddened by the horrors of the Gulf War but he will assuredly receive his reward in Heaven.

Duncan leaves his wife, Dorothy, son John and his wife Brenda and a daughter Jean and her husband Neil, and two grandchildren.

Les Cooper NB It was not generally known that Mr Marshall wrote the 'nature' articles for the Bridge and the editors will miss his seasonal contributions.



## GISELE ELLIS

With deep regret I report the passing away of Gisele Ellis, wife of Harry Ellis.

Gisele was born in South West France in 1931. She came to England (Caversham) in 1949. She was so warmly welcomed that she always said she became Anglicised in a matter of months.

She married Harry Ellis in St Anne's Church, South View Avenue and her two children, Jean Pierre and Dominique were educated at St Anne's School, then passing on to Hugh Faringdon and St Joseph's Convent.

Throughout her life Gisele kept close contact with Caversham via the Church, her husband's business and the Caversham Wine Makers' Circle. She worked for many years for Norwich Union Insurance Group. She will be remembered as a gay, lively, "English Lady" with a slight French accent.

She was kept informed of the local activities by the excellent postal service provided by the "postal manager" of the Caversham Bridge, Miss Stark. So many cards and letters have already been received. All will be answered in time!

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## GUY WILLIAMS

The flag of St. George was flying high atop the Church of St. John the Baptist in Midsomer Norton. It was a February day and there was no obvious reason, no patronal

## OBITUARIES

an eternal optimist. If there was a prodigality of love and affection shown towards all sorts and conditions of men — it was never at the expense of his family. Richard, Paul and Graham too were secure in love which, like a proper farmhouse tea, never gets consumed in its entirety.

When Guy and Margaret left Mapledurham in 1983 it was to become useful in Fawley, again both on the estate and in the village. He and Margaret had moved to Midsomer Norton in November 1989. He died after a very short il-

ness and we are all the poorer for his passing. We convey our love to Margaret and the boys (with their families). Long may their memories nourish them.

Guy was a mixture of Dan Archer and Walter Gabriel: the benevolent and respected farmer and the raconteur extraordinaire. That flag on the day of his funeral was a symbol of the resurrection: we didn't go to mourn a death but to give thanks for a life, to remember that life has forever overcome death. Guy is now telling his stories to St. Peter!

Leslie Griffiths



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# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

Time was when if I couldn't think of anything to write about in this column, a perusal of the local press would provide me with lots of news about local people. Alas this doesn't often happen these days, but I was pleased to see a letter in the 'Chronicle' from Mr. Berry, a Prospect Street Vet. Though not specifically aimed at Caversham it nevertheless pointed out that there are alternatives in identifying lost pets — and we do have them in Caversham from time to time — other than expensive scanners.

Much more to the point Mr. Berry emphasises that his service does provide 24 hour cover and I'm more than glad to be able to stress this since on more than one occasion friends have been very happy to find, on ringing the surgery, that an injured pet, whether the owner is known or not, can be brought in at any time for attention. All the staff there are very caring and helpful and my only complaint is the system of having to make appointments, except in extreme emergency; it makes life difficult sometimes especially with cats who have an uncanny knack of knowing when they

are wanted indoors for a trot round to Prospect Street — with three cats it is impossible to keep them indoors beforehand

## ANIMAL CARE

And this gives me the chance to offer a public thank you to Mr. Chandler, our local wild-bird specialist. Finding a very exhausted pigeon in the snow this winter and not knowing who would take him in for safe keeping, we rang the local pet shop who immediately suggested Mr Chandler; he agreed immediately to take the poor thing into care and even rang us a couple of days later to say the pigeon was greatly improved and would, he hoped, shortly be released into the wild. Mind you this isn't the first time I've found that on the whole, in spite of what I said last month, local people do care very much about animals, so there is no excuse for passing by on the other side in this case.

## GEE GEE PETS

Which leads me to tell anyone who doesn't know that the bunch of ribbons outside the local pet shop recently was not, as one or two people thought, to celebrate the

'victory' in the Gulf War. Indeed, the general opinion among Caversham people seems to be that victory parades and celebrations were very out of place after such a brutal and bloody war as we've just seen. But, as Jill said, thankfulness and relief is something different and nobody could be more relieved than Jill

## ALLNUTS

I was very sorry to discover this family were moving on again, this time to Wallingford. It doesn't seem all that long



The Mayor, Cllr. Geoff Canning with Carole Wyatt and Lindsay Mullaney of the Caversham Bookshop.

and Jerry whose son, Murray, serving with the 7th Armoured Brigade in the Gulf, would, all being well, soon be returning to his wife and four year old daughter, Kirsty, to their base in Germany.

It has been quite a worrying time for them but, as always, they managed to keep as cheerful as ever. Surprisingly enough, on the day Murray and his friends moved into action, young Guy of '42nd Street' fame travelled to London only to find the stations there were under attack. His company has now moved to the Dominion in Tottenham Court Road, so no doubt the family will see more of him for a while at least.

## CROSSING PROBLEMS

I wonder how many Caversham people still remember the lollipop lady who did yeoman service for years at the corner of George Street and Gosbrook Road. I believe she was removed for reasons of economy, but she was brought back to mind vividly lately when I heard of the campaign to have a crossing installed somewhere in the same area. Judy MacDevitt has only been on the Council for a short while, but she has proved herself great at spearheading campaigns like this. I've no wish to get political about this, but I do think she deserves praise for all she has done and have no hesitation in reminding people with problems that her surgeries are held regularly at Caversham

Library from 10.30 — 12 noon, the next one being 20th April. And I'm told Judy is a most approachable person.

than a supply of goods. There is a lovely atmosphere in both these shops an air of being able to browse and relax and a great deal of friendliness.

## BOOKS GALORE

I was interested to hear the result of the draw for Great Books of the Western World and to know that Carole Wyatt who has lived in Caversham for several years and is a research Fellow at the local University, recently won £1,500 worth of these books. She tells me she has not yet had time to tackle any of them but no doubt they will keep her busy for a long while and nobody could be more happy for her than John and Lindsay at our local bookshop who helped to publicise the draw.

## WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

Always happy to pass on congratulations if asked, I was pleased to be asked by a lady I know who takes a keen interest in what goes on in Caversham, to be sure to mention the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, particularly the evening one which this year was held on 1st March at the New Testament Church of God. The theme this year was Journeying Together and the background much concerned with Kenya. It was a happy evening and thanks must be given to the Church for their hospitality, which included refreshments after the service and the chance for people to get together.

## JILL'S CORNER

I was reminded recently that I'd not written about Jill and Tony Toft who brought Jill's corner to Prospect Street some months ago after being ousted from Duke Street to make way for the new development. Actually they are Caversham people, but started selling first in the Emporium alongside our old friend, Pat Howard, who owns the antique shop on the other side of Prospect Street. Their very packed shop is well worth a visit for many reasons, but probably their main trade is in postcards of all shapes, sizes, and time; they have over 25,000, advertise nationally and do get dealers from all over the country and abroad. But don't let that put you off — some of their cards are very inexpensive and could provide a wealth of interest for anyone who would like to collect.

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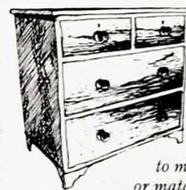
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## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday 1st March 1991 the Caversham District Women's World of Prayer Service was held for the first time in the New Testament Church of God, Caversham. The Rev. Lawrence welcomed us and Mrs Isalene Thornhill led the Service, which this year had been prepared by the women of Kenya of the theme "On The Journey Together". Our Speaker Miss Patsy Martin gave a very challenging talk and the young people's Choir proved to be really enjoyable.

We became aware as the Service progressed how Jesus travels alongside us on our daily journey, and how it is possible for us to bring our problems to him at any time. We found these words written by the women of Kenya very helpful:

Lord God, I bring you

- My sins for your forgiveness
- My hopes, my aims, my ambitions for your blessings.
- My temptations for your strength.
- My words and duties and responsibilities for your help.
- My family, friends and all loved ones for your care and protection.
- My sickness for your healing.

Further on in the Service the congregation in two halves had to turn and face each other. Whilst one half was speaking the other half made actions of walking on the spot, and then we changed over.

Right As the East is far from the West, so Half is my sister. Her colour, culture and country are not like mine, but all I know is: "We are on the journey together."

Left Sometimes the (Right journey to Half heaven can be Wal- long and dreary king) but Jesus pro-

mises to be with me to the end of time, and so like Mary journeying to her cousin Elizabeth I will go to by sister and tell her: "We are on the journey together."

Right Even those who are young may grow weary and faint, but my sister and I will rise on wings like eagles, we will run and not be weary because: "We are on the journey together."

Left The devil, like a roaring lion, may waylay me wanting to devour me, but with the whole armour of God, I will stand and bravely tell my sister. "We are on the journey together."

All When the journeying is ended, it will be time to see God face to face and to hear him say, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of Lord," "We have been on the journey together."

We then asked God to help us realise that there is no participation in Christ without participation in God's mission to the world.

After the Service we enjoyed delicious sandwiches and cakes with tea and coffee and a time of fellowship together.

Most of the churches in Caversham take part in the Service, and we form part of a worldwide link upon the first Friday of March each year when this same Service is shared by groups of people meeting together in a diversity of church buildings throughout and twenty-four hours of that day, all around the world.

Ann Knee-Robinson

## PRESENTATION TO MRS LYDIA SMITH

Mrs Lydia Smith of 42, Mander Court, Caversham, has been collecting used stamps for the Cancer Research Campaign for the past 25 years.

On Friday, 8th March she was presented with a certificate by the local representative Gillian MacKenzie, in thankful recognition of this feat. Mrs Smith

began collecting stamps when she and her husband lived in Bayswater; she was employed by the Hospital Board as a messenger, delivering and collecting the correspondence, and so began collecting the used stamps. After some years they moved to Reading to be nearer their family and eventually settled in Mander Court, where Lydia (usually known as Lilian) and her husband, Charles, are still very pleased to receive your used stamps. (Used stamps well Cancer Research Campaign's coffers by about £5000 a year — so please don't throw your used stamps away!)

Photo: E.S. Archer



Presentation of a certificate to Mrs Lydia Smith of 42, Mander Court, by local rep. Gillian Mackenzie.

E.S. Archer

## WELCOME TO WOODCOTE WAY

When I recently wrote a little farewell article to Mr and Mrs Johnson, who were retiring from Woodcote Way Stores, I mentioned the new proprietors in a brief greeting. Now I would like to devote a little more space to welcome them to Mappedurham and Caversham.

Mr and Mrs Butt were born in the Punjab area of Pakistan. Before coming to Woodcote Way they were living in Slough. They have a family of

three — two boys Junaid aged 8 and Jawad, 7, who both go to Micklands School. Little Mehrish, an attractive four year old, goes to a local play group. This is Mr and Mrs Butt's first venture in to the world of shopkeeping and Mr Butt has decided to keep on the grocery delivery round which Mr Johnson provided. He will be giving an invaluable service to the local community, as many elderly and housebound folk depend on this lifeline. I was most grateful to hear this and I know many others will also be glad that groceries can still be brought to their door. It was very heartening to hear Mr. Butt say how welcoming people in the district had been to him and his family. Mr and Mrs Butt — we send you our greetings and hope by now you happily settled in your new home. We extend to you every good wish for your future in Woodcote Way.

M.K

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### the CLUBS

plants and gardening requisites for sale. As usual, Mrs Snow was ready to give advice on gardening problems and everyone was eager to get their particular query solved. During the evening Mrs Snow demonstrated the

way to arrange a hanging basket — this time using half a bin liner to hold the compost — not forgetting to pierce some holes for drainage. She also showed the members how to take cuttings from fuchsias etc. and explained that begonias should be planted hollow side upwards. The chairman then asked the members to show their appreciation to Mrs Snow for the informative and enjoyable evening.

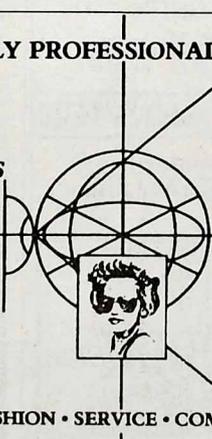
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## the CLUBS

### Maplewood W.I.

On a lovely sunny afternoon members were taken on a holiday trip through the beautiful scenery and around the towns and villages of Yorkshire by Mrs J. Milward and her box of slides.

Nominations for Committee were taken ready for next month's AGM.

The Flower of the Month was won by Mrs Housendon with a snow-drop.

On a very cold and snowy day a Coffee Morning was held at Mrs Heather Baker's at which £27 was raised for the R.N.I.B.

### Chazey W.I.

At the February meeting, Chazey WI were urged to take part in more sport by Sally Hunt of the Sports Council. She told members how recreational facilities were set up and how some of them were funded.

Sally was thanked by Leonara Bowden. Vera Piper was the competition winner — a knitted novelty in the form of a house tea cosy. Dorothy Churcher won the raffle.

### Rosehill W.I.

The February meeting was on the 6th when,

despite a bitterly cold afternoon, a large number of members attended. Mrs Weller gave information about preparations for the Group meeting in May.

Two ladies, Mrs Dick and Mrs Cook, had recently visited the W.I. House at Mortimer, so Mrs Dick described it in detail; it is hoped more will be able to pay a visit soon.

The talk, illustrated by slides, was by Mr Richard Scott from the Herb Farm at Sonning Common. Much work has been done in the five years since he started. He moved an old barn from Grazely, re-built it and landscaped the area with various shaped beds. The latest project is a maze, already planned, to be opened this summer. Members were able to purchase pots of herbs at the end.

There was an exhibition of written recipes using herbs.

### Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

In January Mrs Dixon gave a talk on dolls of Victorian times, holding up each doll of her collection and giving an insight of each one's country of origin.

For the February meeting when it was cold and gloomy out members were warmed and cheered by Mr Sands' talk and slides of the bygone era of the Old Time Music Hall. With the help of some tapes and recordings he played the songs made famous by Vesta Tilley and others. Their audiences made it a real treat, and took their food to eat, some of which sometimes landed on the stage if they didn't like the artiste. Song sheets were sold for one shilling by the dozens, and started in the eighteenth century.

### Caversham Darby and Joan Club

All new members are welcome at the meetings on the third Thursday in the month at Church House at 2.15pm.

### Caversham Ladies Club

Mrs Horwood, Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed the members who had braved the bitterly cold elements to attend this afternoon's meeting. Attendance was well down and a long list of apologies was received. Club business was attended to and two dates given to members to enter in their diaries. The first was a full day's outing to Southsea on May 14th, the second September 17th for a half-day mystery tour ending at Chiltern Chase Lodge for tea. Other outings were still to be arranged.

It was now time to introduce Mr Leeke who was giving a slide show of a trip he and his wife had taken on a Greyhound bus, starting at New York and travelling down through America. The slides of the deserts, Rockies and their colossal height were really wonderful to see, and as they had been photographed in brilliant sunshine they made the members forget the cold outside. What surprised his audience were the slides of brilliant coloured flowers found amongst the huge Rockies. How could plants survive and live in the heat and lack of soil? Lots of various birds were shown in their natural habitat and on the journey down to San Diego, beautiful trees and sea shores. The Zoo in San Diego is enormous. One needs the transport the Zoo provides to get just part of the view of its size, and the animals had so much space to roam in, likening it nearly to their own habitat, without the fear of two 'aiches', hunger

Caversham Community Association

The members met for a social evening on the 4th February and had a pleasant time. As it was the first Monday in the month there were some bargains available on the Nearly New stall with Evelyn Cook ready to help the customers.

Due to the cold snowy weather the Valentine party arranged for the 11th February was cancelled. However, the following Monday the weather improved and there was a good attendance for the photographic slide show and talk by the welcome visitor, Mrs Mairwen West. The members were enthralled by the excellent photographs that Mrs West displayed of the visit, with her husband, to the United States when they toured California and the surrounding area. Interesting views of Disneyland gave the audience an insight into the film studios and reminders of famous cartoon characters. The most spectacular sights were portrayed on the photographs taken from an aeroplane on a flight over the Grand Canyon and Colorado river. The many colours and grandeur of the landscape were most impressive, as were later, views of the desert, mountains and lakes. At the completion of the talk, Beryl Latham, the Chairman, thanked Mrs West for an interesting evening. Mrs West then explained that she gives the donation she received to the Helen House Hospice.

Mrs Pat Snow visited the club the following week, and pleased the many gardeners by bringing a wide selection of dahlia and begonia tubers, pots of bulbs,

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