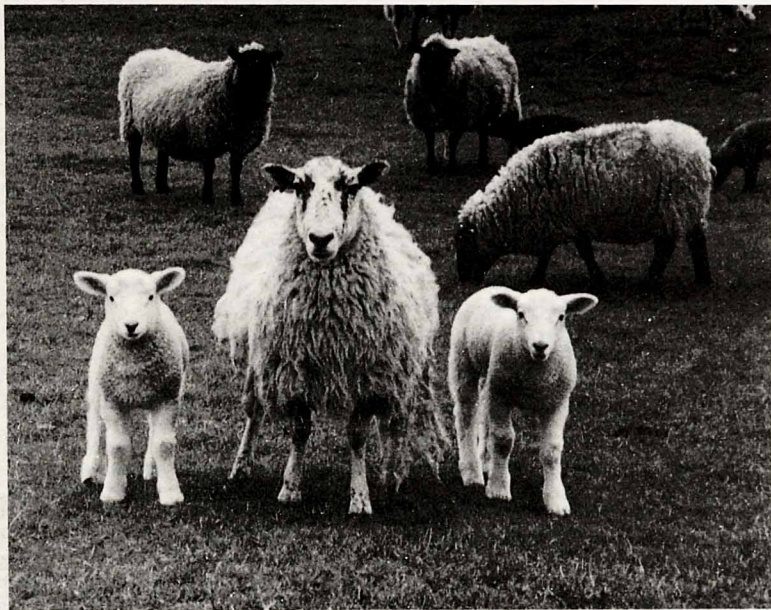


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 Dost thou know who made thee?
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 Gave thee clothing of delight,
 Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
 Gave thee such a tender voice,
 Making all the vales rejoice?
 Little Lamb, who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?



— Eunice Cooper

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
 He is called by thy name,
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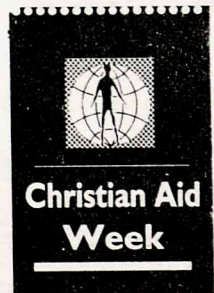
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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE AGM

Grateful thanks must go to all who subscribe to this newspaper. At its AGM the balance sheet was healthily in credit and from its profits the Board of Directors was able to make the following donations:

Reading Emergency Accommodation Project	£200
Marcus Harvey (see page 11)	£100
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If more people buy this paper, the profits will increase and more can be given to worthy causes. If you are reading this in someone else's Bridge — buy your own! Enquiries to Church House office Tel: 471703.

The meeting appointed Mr Eric Smith as a Trustee in place of Mr Patrick Baily, who becomes the paper's auditor.

TALKING POINT

By the Rev. Christine Allsopp
Curate, St. Peter's and St. Margaret's



MORE THAN A NUMBER

I seem to have had a preoccupation with facts and figures recently. Last month St. Margaret's held their annual church meeting so I poured over the figures, calculator in hand, as I wrote my comments on the past year. There were details of the number of communicants (presented in numerous different ways); the numbers on the electoral roll; the number of baptisms; the number of people who visit the church. We've all been involved in providing facts and figures for the 1991 Census. Some of us may have been involved in providing facts and figures for the English Church Census report ("*Christian England*") published recently.



I'm not convinced that all these figures about our church life help us very much. The English Church Census has more than 250 pages of findings and statistics but at the end of the day it can only show general trends which may bear no relation to the situation in a particular local church. But perhaps I'm bound to have that attitude to a report which shows a decline in attendance figures at Church of England services, while numbers here in Caversham and Mapledurham remain very healthy indeed! When the report turns to forecasting I get even more worried. How helpful is it to read that a fall of 250,000 in the number of adult churchgoers is forecast in the next decade?

Perhaps the worst feature of many statistics is their dehumanising effect. No doubt that was why the Government Census Day was publicised using the slogan: "It counts because you count." All these figures can make us feel that "I'm only a number". If we feel like that

it can be hard really to take in the amazing truth that God cares for us and loves us as individuals. We are known to Him not as numbers but by name:

"Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine."

Isaiah 43:1

Jesus told his disciples not to be afraid because even a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his Father's knowledge and: "you are worth much more than many sparrows!" Not only that but: "even the hairs of your head have all been counted." That is the kind of counting which can fill us with a sense of self-worth rather than dehumanise us.



Another effect of statistics can be to make us feel depressed and helpless. If the statistics show that church-going is declining, how can we expect an increase in numbers? Faced with millions of refugees suffering from hunger, how can we possibly make a worthwhile contribution to the problem. It helps to look at how Jesus dealt with people. Yes, of course, he *did* feed the 5,000, but most of his ministry was to individuals. He met people in their need, had compassion on them, and showed them God's love as *individuals*.

If we can use our imaginations to realise that the world's refugees are millions of *individuals* then our individual contributions need not be seen as insignificant or unimportant. If we can show God's love and compassion to those we meet then we can help them know that in God's eyes they are more than a number, they really count.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Hemdean House Drama Club, ventur- some as ever, this year chose for their production First Impressions, as American musical version of *Pride and Prejudice*. Nancy Quinnell, the producer, used the whole length of the school hall for a combination set, each section of which provided an attractive period flavour, and the movement of her large cast across it was handled with skill.

On this occasion the senior school only was taking part, the juniors having their production earlier in the term, and they were joined by boys from Bluecoat School in the chief male roles.



In the transference to a musical, inevitably some of Jane Austen's subtleties were lost, but the main characteristics of each participant was retained, which presented a considerable challenge to young actors, particularly those with the longer and more demanding parts. However, most of them had their moments, amongst them the shamelessly flirtatious Lydia, a suitably supercilious Miss Bingley, and the odious Mr. Collins, played with such relish that the audience almost liked him. For some of the girls their performance and some other aspect of stagecraft formed part of their GCSE Drama course and the examiner present was favourably impressed.



Derek Spears, making another welcome return to Caversham, was musical director, Christine Kasozimusoke and her assistants painted the set, and various pupils not actually performing, members of staff and parents provided the back-up services. As usual with Hemdean House, this was a joint effort in which everyone had an opportunity to take part and which everyone enjoyed.

M.C.

CAVERSHAM DIARY

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KATY IN CAVERSHAM

SHADOW OF WAR

I'm ashamed to say I've only just got round to reading Peta Baker's book, which was published last spring. Those of you who haven't already read it — and I'm told the local bookshop sold many — need to do so. We published a review of the book last March, but like all reviews it can only give an outline of the contents. I suppose the main reason I found it so gripping to start with was because I was in Germany from the end of the war until 1948 and although, like all of us, I knew things were bad for the Germans, I suppose I was too busy enjoying the fruits of an occupying power to give more than the barest thought to the troubles of the local people. While we had to put up with very harsh winters and cope with shortages of various items and services, as far as I know none of us starved or froze to death; we contented ourselves with the odd handout and parties for the German children.

It's really no use me trying to explain about the book, but written so personally it had a tremendous impact on me — and I should add the whole story, not simply the events of the war and after, is similarly thought provoking. I can only say it should be compulsory reading for all young people and particularly anyone who thinks war is fun. I was in London during the blitz and again when the VIs and V2s were around, but I don't remember anything like this. Please read it.

ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH

Another bit of reading I came across quite by accident was Luke Over's booklet on St. Peter's Parish Church, which was published last year. Luke, who worked for ICI until his retirement, and is now a full-time writer, is secretary of the Berkshire Archaeological Society. I passed on a copy to John and Anne Grimwade, who took a keen interest in the history of the Church, and they were full of praise for the way in which the material had been assembled. But they did have

one reservation which was that the flagon and communion plate mentioned on page 4 were not gold but what is called parcel or silver gilt. This was confirmed by Luke himself who said he'd merely noted that it was gold in colour, just in case anybody should have any ideas about robbing the bank. Meanwhile, why not read the booklet; I understand it can be obtained from the church — it does tie in well with Mary Kift's recent articles culled from old Church records.

DUNCAN MARSHALL

I do read the 'Bridge' as well as write for it and was very sorry to hear of the death of Duncan Marshall, known to me only through his writings, mostly on the subject of peace. It was sad to hear that he died during the Gulf War but — I say it — perhaps he was saved even more distress about what seems to be happening now. I was interested to see it was he who provided the delightful articles on natural history in the district. I had several times asked who the author was, but was told that he wished to remain anonymous. I shall miss him; I wonder if any reader could provide the odd column on natural history.

ALICE GRIMWADE AND ANDREW KNIGHT

I was delighted to hear that Alice, now working as a probation officer in Bradford, is to marry Andrew Knight in May. Andrew grew up in Caversham and is now working as a journalist for Yorkshire TV, so there must be many of our younger readers who will have known them both. But how kids grow up! My early memories of Alice are as a friendly youngster, strolling through Caversham after a riding lesson. Believe it or not, I can even remember how she wore her cardigan, sleeves tied round her waist as was the young fashion at the time. I'm sure all who knew the Grimwades will send our very best wishes for the forthcoming event.

'OUR MAN AT READING PRISON'

About a year ago Richard Kingsbury wrote a welcoming piece about the arrival of David Hastings as Prison Chaplain. At the time it never occurred to me that I would see anything of him, but though alas I missed the series of Lent talks he had been giving at St. John's before Easter, I did hear part of what he had to say during the three-hour service on Good Friday, all very much to the point, and thought-provoking.

DAFFODILS ALL THE WAY

I really can't let this spring season go without expressing gratitude to all who did so much to brighten things up with great displays of daffodils around the place, like those on the bank in Peppard Road. I wonder if anyone remembers Toni Forbes who worked at the Monitoring Service many years ago; it was in her memory that I asked if I could plant a tree in St. Peter's Church yard and the suggestion was made that it would be nice if the bank down the Warren could be planted with spring Bulbs. Since then, of course, many contributions have been added, but it would be nice if people could add a few more bulbs in memory of old friends, to fill up the blank spaces.

ANTONYI NALPANIS

And I've been asked to mention the passing of another old friend from the Monitoring Service days and a familiar figure in the district for many years. The service at the Crematorium was taken by a priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, of which Mr. Nalpanis was a very faithful member. Alas, those of us who worked at the local BBC are losing so many of our old friends and it's impossible to keep up with them all. But they were, and will always remain, part of our lives, until we too disappear from view.

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THIRD BRIDGE

Dear Sir,

Recently I had to find out for my children when the Reading Bridges were built. Reading Bridge was opened in 1923 and Caversham in 1926.

It is obvious to all of us (even to visitors who stay a short while) that a further river crossing is needed. This has been talked of ever since I can remember, so I welcome the public debate on the Redland scheme for gravel pits. Obviously the scheme will not solve all traffic problems, but it will help, and as someone who uses Dinton Country Park at Hurst, I welcome this as a much needed amenity.

Caversham has waited sixty-five years for a third bridge to give some relief, but what will the roads be like in ten years time if traffic grows at its projected 142% by 2025?

D.E. Thomas (April Postbag) clearly has not thought about this and the rebuke is quite undeserving.

If anything, your reputation for fairplay was not damaged or destroyed, but enhanced. D.E. Thomas can throw away copies of The Bridge, but I for one believe you were right to highlight an issue which is of importance to Caversham. Long may you publish articles on issues which are relevant to everyone in Caversham and not a favoured few.

Yours etc.
Desmond J. Dutton

38 Kidmore Rd
Caversham

REDLAND SCHEME

Dear Editors,

Most people write letters to editors to complain but following D.E. Thomas' quite unjustified letter in your April issue I feel obliged to put pen to paper and say "well done" collectively to you. I know a good many others share my view but may not have time to write.

I refer to your front page report in the March issue of the Bridge concerning Redland's scheme for the gravel pits off Henley Road.

As a life-long resident of Caversham the question of a third bridge has been debated for more than thirty years. This is an indication for the need for another river crossing.

You are quite right in giving the subject the coverage you did because it is a matter of public interest to everyone living in Caversham. Modesty, I am sure, prevented you from collectively putting a note on D.E. Thomas' letter along the lines: "Editors' note: the matter is of great interest to the people of Caversham" The report was factual and not, unlike many national and local newspaper reports, slanted in any way.

That kind of thing is fair game for columnists, of course,

and if your front page article was considered by D.E. Thomas to be a "pro" report then your March edition was more than balanced by "Watchdog's" "anti" view. This was reinforced by further criticism of the Redland scheme in your April edition.

Columnists express their own highly individual views and have their own pet hobby horses and clearly the Caversham Lakes plan with its third bridge isn't favourite with "Watchdog".

But at least it is getting a public airing and I congratulate you all on helping in this exercise.

This is in stark contrast to "Watchdog's" near sycophantic support for an injuries rehabilitation centre at Chazey Court Farm. The first time it featured in "Watchdog's" column was to commend it, much to the annoyance of many living in The Warren, Upper Warren Avenue and adjoining roads who enjoy the peace of The Warren.

How can "Watchdog" support one scheme which will put extra traffic on a narrow road where historically further development has been contained because of highway objections relating to extra traffic at the junction of The Warren and St Peter's Hill which will inevitably pass over Caversham Bridge, yet be so hostile to

another scheme encompassing a third bridge which will bring relief to Caversham.

I used to live in Rectory Road but moved because of the deteriorating environment with extra traffic and parked cars.

Rather than worrying about restoring crumbling farm buildings shouldn't "Watchdog" (who in the April edition gives the Chazey Court Farm scheme further backing by saying traffic to the rehabilitation centre will be "restrained") be more interested in helping to restore a

better environment to the majority of people in Caversham by the advent of a third bridge and country park.

No, D.E. Thomas, it is far, far better to report the facts about planning applications in an unbiased way as the Bridge did on its front page in March than announce them in an interpretative column to promote pet schemes or reject others. By the way, who has heard of a good watchdog that is "restrained"?

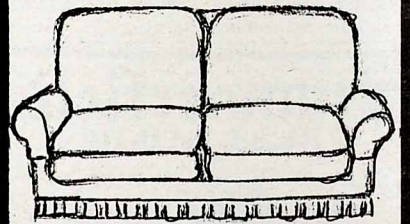
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ALGARVE MINISTRY



Frank and Peta Baker

Peta and I were the only British people among the Portuguese relatives and friends waiting in the small, crowded visiting room of the remand prison. We had come to see B, one of the expatriate prisoners cared for by the prison team of the International Evangelical Church of the Algarve. He had asked to see us after reading Peta's autobiography 'Shadow of War', and listening to tape recordings of the church services at which I had been preaching. It was a very special occasion as we listened to how Christ had found him during the long months he waited to be charged. We rejoiced with him, we marvelled at how much of the Bible he had absorbed in the weeks since he had asked Christ into his life after reading John Stott's book on basic Christianity. At his request, in that crowded room, we quietly prayed with B that Jesus

would hold him close and take away his fear that he might slip back into his old ways.

Our prison visit was one small but significant part of our work with the International Church that began about three years ago. Since then we have spent a total of seven months with them, leading seminars on the Ministry of Christian Healing, looking after the church during the absence of the pastor and his wife and making ourselves available for personal ministry. The statistics of our nine weeks' visit early this year, comprise fourteen addresses between us at church services, fellowship meetings and an Anglican church coffee morning, where Peta spoke on her book and her journey of faith, three worship services with prayer for healing with the laying on of hands. But the memory is not of time expended, it is

of so many wonderful people who, looking to us for resource, really resourced us.

Pastor Peter Sluimer is Dutch and his wife Marianne Swiss. They use their considerable linguistic skills to work among local Portuguese, expatriates from many countries who are resident in Portugal as well as the constant stream of holiday visitors, some of whom only go to church during holidays. Peter and Marianne are personally supported by the Swiss Algarve Mission and the Church relies on voluntary contributions. All denominations are warmly welcomed by Peter and Marianne and their members, their regular church allegiance is respected and some of the residents attend both as their own churches do not hold services every Sunday in their locality. Services, previously held in the pastor's house, are now held in a large marquee to cater for the ever growing congregation. A new chapel is to be built as soon as money is available and services are conducted in English at Vale Judeu near Almancil. Without Peter and Marianne's welcome and support we would not have been there. Peter is an outstanding teacher from whom we learnt so much and how wonderful it is, as an older person, to learn from one far younger than oneself.

team. She asked Christ into her life about four years ago when her first cancer occurred and at that time she was given the gift of music. Delia has been receiving prolonged treatment and is currently undergoing a further difficult round of therapy. She faces all her difficulties, acknowledging much healing along the way, confident in the Lord who claimed her for himself and took away her fear. We were greatly privileged to be asked by her to share in regular times of counselling and prayer with her.

they are only a few of the many new and renewed Christians with whom it was our privilege to serve and from whom we learnt so very much.

We were struck by the readiness of people out there to share with us and I use the word 'with' advisedly for everything was reciprocal. One has to give time to appreciate the value of love and fellowship received as well as to understand the way in which all kinds of needs come to the surface when people find themselves strangers in a strange, though beautiful, land. We have been immensely grateful for the opportunity and 'God willing', will continue our ministry there.



Paul and Madeline publish English language newspapers and magazines from Lagoa. They serve the church in many ways. Madeline became a Christian just over three years ago. She now edits the quality church magazine 'In Touch', staffs the 'welcome table' and so on. Paul, who asked Christ into his life not long after Madeline, is in the prison team and gives up a whole day a month from his business life to visit prisoners near Lisbon, a journey of several hours. There Peter and he listen to prisoners' problems, give such help as they can and, at the prisoners' request, conduct communion services. Paul and Madeline host the Wednesday fellowship meetings in their beautiful country home near Lagoa. Together with Delia

At all the services and outreach meetings the organ is played by Delia who heads the worship

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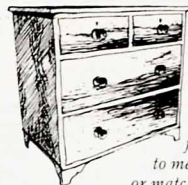
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ROUND THE CHURCHES

GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

March has brought AGM's and Anniversaries. The Annual General Meeting of the Caversham Methodist Church was held in March and this is the time when people change office. Gerry Alderman had completed his six years as a church steward and thanks are recorded for all the loyal work he has done. Not that he has given up completely as he still wears the treasurer's hat which is an arduous task, and is very much involved in fund raising. At this very moment, Gerry is arranging a musical concert. Mary Prior takes over as steward and it will be good to see Mary in office again. One of the ideas that sprang from the meeting, is that for a trial period of June, July and August the morning service will be at 10a.m. instead of 11a.m.....so we will have to get up earlier!!

The Overseas Missions Anniversary took place in March

and the Saturday evening meeting was a good success. The speaker was Laurance Stedeford who spoke about refugees in the camps in Thailand, a tea was enjoyed by everyone, and Brian Bosier conducted the proceedings in his own inimitable style.

The Women's Fellowship held their Anniversary when the weekday meeting was well attended. The speaker was Helen Stanton from Christian Aid, and the Caversham Heights Ladies Choir provided the music. The Sunday Anniversary Service was conducted by members of the fellowship on the theme of Conservation of God's world. This was appreciated by all who came.

The Circuit Drama and Music Group have been out and about again, staging the musical pageant 'I AM' at Bracknell. Seven members from Gosbrook Road took

part in the choir and one member of the music group was in the orchestra. It was a pleasure to renew acquaintances and enjoy singing the familiar words once again.

The Band organised a Barn Dance at Chiltern Edge School, which made for a very enjoyable evening. The money raised was divided between the Band and the Church. Many thanks to those who organised this.

A table sale was organised by members of the fund-raising committee, and this made for a profitable morning for all concerned. The good thing about this was that lunch was served and so there was no cooking to do when we got home. More lunches are planned so here's to the next one.

BAPTIST NEWS

"South Carolina — Here Welcome"

On 2nd May 1991, 7 members of Caversham Baptist Free Church fly to Charlotte, North Carolina with 120 members of the Berkshire Baptist Association.

From the airport they travel by coach to Clemson, South Carolina, where they stay the night in the Clemson Ramada before going to the host families the following day. The team has been in preparation since last summer when, following a meeting at Easthampstead Baptist Church, the seven members felt called to do God's work in the U.S.A. Prayer support is vital if they are to be effective missionaries and the team all have prayer partners who will continue to meet and pray while the team is working in

America. They have also been supported in many other ways by members of the Church family.

They are visiting Flat Rock Baptist Church in Liberty, and already know some of their members as a team from Flat Rock. They visited Caversham in 1989. They will be leading and taking part in worship services; helping with Meals-on-Wheels; meeting the Mayor; visiting the household; teaching in the all-age Sunday School (Flat Rock has a Sunday School membership of 260); visiting Easley Baptist Hospital and a pregnancy centre; and being generally involved in the Church and community life. They are particularly pleased that they have been given time during each day when the

team can meet together to share, to plan and to pray. They will also be going to Spring Fling, a time of games, fellowship and, they understand, an ox roast. They also hope to visit the Cherokee Indian Reservation in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

As this is written the team is concentrating on preparation for the visits and teaching. They hope to share some of the music that they know with Flat Rock, also some drama, but most of all they want to share what God has done in the lives of each of the team so that they can witness for him in South Carolina. They value prayer support so that many hearts may be touched, and many lives won for Christ. Geoff Goldsmith, Team Leader

Dedication of Porch Banner Memorial Plaque

"Our Church porch is not very inviting, can't we do something about it?" So said one of our deacons at a meeting last summer. It took many months for refurbishing to be completed, but by Easter Sunday everything was in place and the following Sunday a short dedication service was held.

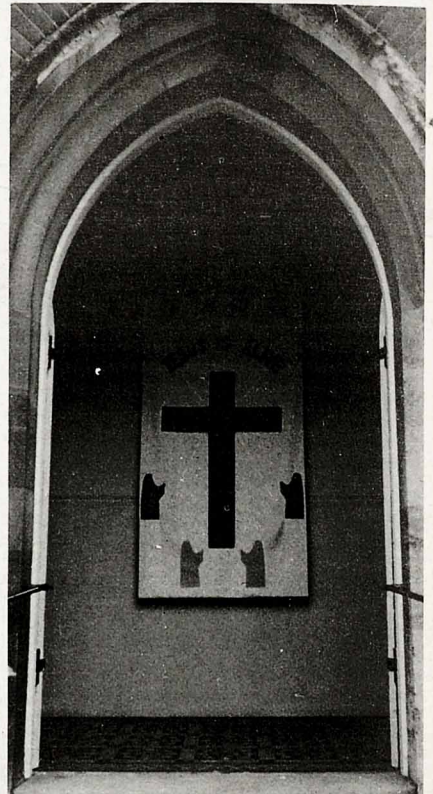
Over the months swing doors were removed to make more space, new lighting was installed, the walls and outer doors were redecorated and the floor tiles were scoured and sealed, so the col-

ours can now be seen. The biggest project however was the making of a banner to hang at the entrance. A competition was held last autumn inviting designs and some ideas were forthcoming. Six ladies then volunteered to form a working party to make the first banner. Material was chosen and then came the nerve wracking session when scissors were first used. What would happen if there was a mistake with the measurements? The atmosphere was equally tense when the cross, in purple velvet, was stitched by machine to the

pale grey background.

At the service the porch and banner were dedicated to the glory of God and for a welcome to all who enter the Church. As the banner covers the original war memorial, the moving of which proved impractical, a new one was engraved for a side wall. This too was dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the men in the Church who gave their lives in two world wars.

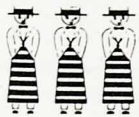
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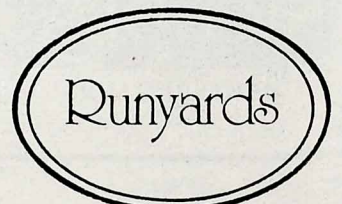
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St. Andrew's Fellowship

A large audience was in St Andrew's Hall on Thursday 14th March to hear the Network Singers. The ladies from Caversham Heights Methodist Church are trained and accompanied by Mrs Leckie, and

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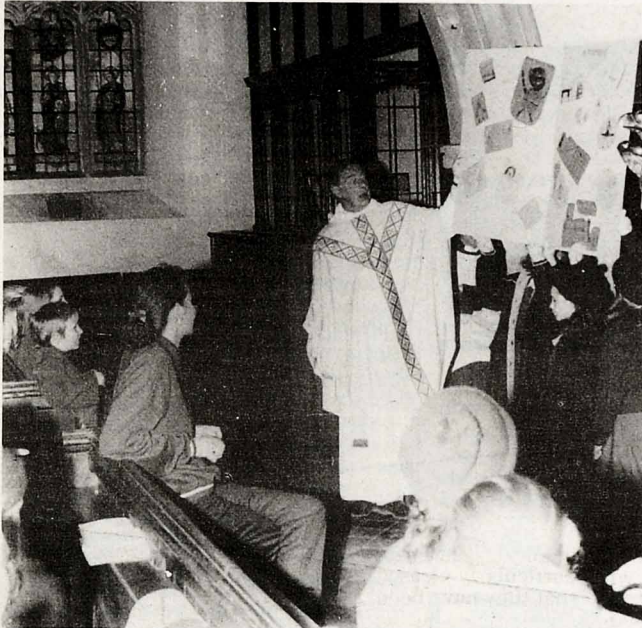
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The Rector's "Thank-You" Card for Mothering Sunday made by Sunday Club
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Dedication of a plaque in memory of Barbara Chapman on Mothering Sunday, 1991. Donations to the Memorial Fund in her name may still be sent to: The Barbara Chapman Memorial Award Fund, c/o Alan Longstaffe, 8 Shepherds Lane, Caversham RG4 7JH.
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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT
By WatchdogSUNDAY
AFTERNOON WALK

The first week end of the Spring seemed a suitable time to take a Sunday afternoon walk through Bugs Bottom, partly for the pleasure of doing so, and partly to reiterate a determination that this shall not be the last Spring in which such a walk is possible. As the idea only took hold about ten days beforehand, the news was spread round mainly by word of mouth, re-inforced by notices over the last few days.

In the event, the sun did not shine and the wind was cold, but such is the power of the grapevine in a cause that matters, that in spite of the short notice, the valley gradually filled up with hundreds of people come to walk in its defence. How

many hundreds it is difficult to say, but it was something in the region of five. TV cameras were there filming the event as part of a programme which will be going out on Tuesday evenings in June and July on Channel 4. The horses frisked about, determined to have their share of the limelight and a group of walkers burst into song, "shall bricks and mortar blight our land?"

Meanwhile, green 'Save Bugs Bottom' discs are appearing in more and more windows, and the fund is approaching £19,000. This should be receiving a nice little boost from Paul Ranson's half-marathon effort.

Michael Heseltine however declined to allow one of his constituents to express the concern of residents

of south Oxfordshire if Bugs Bottom were permitted to go ahead, even though an appointment for his 'surgery' had been made for that purpose. The reason he gave was that if he allowed constituents to place planning concerns to him it would give them an unfair advantage over the other side if he were called upon to make a decision in his capacity as Secretary of State. It could, of course, be said that Higgs & Hill, with their millions of money and large staff, and the D of E with all its resources, already have an unfair advantage over the objectors who mount their campaign in their spare time, with amateurs and on a shoe-string budget. However, it was emphasised by his staff that Michael Heseltine is aware of

the strength of feeling, so perhaps it was not entirely a wasted journey.

STRUCTURE PLAN

The County Structure Plan is once more coming up for one of its periodic reviews though it seems no time since Nicholas Ridley, he of blessed memory, signed the last one on the same day on which he also signed permission for the destruction of Bugs Bottom. Reading has been poorly catered for in the way of publicity, with one meeting at Tilehurst, a two day exhibition at Savacentre and a small exhibition over Easter at the Central Library. Miss those, and you were left with a folder, attractively laid out but short on facts, or the alternative of shelling out £6.00 for a full copy of the proposals. Caversham Residents' Association dipped into its pocket and did that. A close study is now being made of it, but at the time of writing, all that can be said is that it still shows no provision for development north of the river, giving further justification to the argument that permission should never have been given for the Bugs Bottom development in the first place.

REDLAND GRAVEL

The Redland Gravel workings are not of course in Berkshire, though so close that Berkshire as

much as Oxfordshire will feel the effects of the proposed developments there. Whilst pouncing on minor points in my earlier comments on the proposals, Redland Properties, in their letter in last month's 'Caversham Bridge' do little to deal with the main issue, which is that this is a large industrial development which will have major effects across a wide area, and that the desirable bits are not really the point of the whole exercise. Their brochure states that 'to enable the environmental enhancement to proceed and as a means of funding the Third Thames River Crossing and associated road systems, the proposal includes up to 69,675m² (750,000 sq. ft) of business space within the commercial zone. Yet extra road space is only necessitated by the commercial development, and as for the bridge, this is not being funded out of the kindness of the developer's heart but to gain Berkshire's support. Neither is it clear whether the 15% and 32% reduction in traffic congestion which Mr. Chenery quotes as resulting from the new bridge refers to current traffic figures or takes into account the additional traffic from 2,500 work

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SUNDAY SERVICES

ANGLICAN

St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.15am Matins
6.30pm Evensong

St John's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Family Eucharist
11.00am Children's Service

St Andrew's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Family Eucharist
11.15am Holy Communion (not 3rd Sunday)
11.15am Matins (3rd Sunday)
6.30pm Evensong

St Barnabas'

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion (apart from 2nd Sunday)
9.30am Family Service (2nd Sunday only)

St Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
11.00am Parish Communion

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6.30pm (in Chapel)

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10.45am Worship at Mapledurham Pavilion

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT by WATCHDOG

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places and 200 houses on the Redlands site.

If permission is gained it will be over the heads of Oxfordshire by direct appeal to the Department of the Environment. This is why Redland Properties have mounted an expensive campaign to woo public support for their case. A good gift does not rely on its wrapping.

FOOD SAFETY

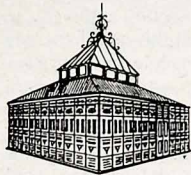
The Annual General Meeting of Caversham & District Residents' Association adopted the Chairman's report showing a busy and active year. There have been more major planning applications than for some years, excluding the long running Bugs Bottom, which would bring great changes to the area if they were all granted. The Association also looks at a whole range of other matters affecting Caversham and its voice is frequently

listened to and often asked for, if not always acted upon.

After the business part of the meeting was over, Marian Sheppard of the Food Safety Section of the Borough Environmental Services Department gave a lively account of the work of her section. It is reassuring to know that she and her colleagues are very much on the mark when it comes to seeing that all the regulations are correctly observed. Her account of regular visits to the abattoirs and immediate investigations into any suspected cases of food poisoning were not for the squeamish, but for food safety officers it is all part of the days work. It was interesting to learn that food outlets which are usually viewed by the average person with some suspicion such as doner kebab vans and stalls at the pop festival, in fact observe the regulations carefully and no outbreak of food poisoning has ever

been traced to them. You may not like fast food from mobile outlets, but it is very unlikely to make you ill.

LOVELY OLD IRON



The Victorian loos which used to stand near Caversham Bridge and were replaced by the utilitarian anti-vandal ones at the Promenade car park, have now been re-erected at the Chiltern Open Air Museum and are in the process of being restored to their full glory. Only eleven of the 451 cast iron panels making up the walls of the building needed replacement, and eighty nine more were carefully repaired. Several layers of paint have been sand blasted off so that the beautiful details of the decorations can at last be properly seen again. Eventually it will be re-painted in Brunswick green, the original colour, by members of the Chiltern Society who have been working on it. The original sanitary fittings have survived and are being cleaned and repaired by a ceramics conservator, with two cubicles be-

ing adapted for disabled use.

Whilst it is a pity that Reading felt unable to retain and restore this little building — think what a feature it would have made beside the river — there is no doubt it will be safer with the museum where it will attract less attention from vandals. The museum, at Chalfont St. Giles, is open from Easter onwards.

SPRING BURSTS OUT

Spring sprung out all over for Easter. Caversham looked wonderful. Trees blossomed in pink and white, forsythia was a mass of yellow, and primroses and violets scattered themselves around. Caversham is particularly blest in this way, but it is a pleasure to see lavish displays of daffodils brightening up roadsides and parks all over the town. Only the mean minded object to money being spent in this way.

3RD CAVERSHAM (ST JOHNS) BROWNIES AND GUIDES:

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Wednesday, March 27th saw a large gathering in St John's Guide Hut of ex-Brownies, and Guides and their

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Special guests were Mrs MacGregor, the first Brown Owl of the Brownies at St John's and Mrs Besley, a former Guide Captain of the 3rd Caversham Guides and District Commissioner for Caversham. Log books, programme books and photographs were on display to help the guests to reminisce.

The Brownies gave a display of singing games and the Guides gave a fashion show of Guide uniforms past and present.

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Rosehill W.I.

The February meeting was on the 3rd and Mrs Weller welcomed members, introducing the new committee. Mrs Burt, who has been secretary for a number of years has had to resign owing to ill health. Mrs Jane Stockhill is the new secretary. Mrs Ridley recently attended a course at Denman 'Stars in their Courses' which she very much enjoyed. One or two outings are to be planned for the summer, and Mrs Roberts will hold a coffee morning on 17th April.

Mrs Margot Sutherland then gave a talk on Japan, which she has visited. This was illustrated by slides and explained competently. Life in Tokyo must be very strange, but fascinating. There was an exhibition of oriental articles, very varied and unusual.

The March Meeting was the AGM. Mrs Weller welcomed members and various dates were fixed. Then Mrs Fry read the last month's minutes in place of the secretary, Mrs Burt, who had a hospital appointment. Mrs Morden officiated, but before the ballot for President she gave a most amusing and interesting talk entitled "How to get involved in the W.I." Mrs Weller was then re-elected as President and a new committee formed.

There is a busy time ahead with the Group meeting in May, at St Andrew's Hall in Caversham, where Rosehill will be host.

The exhibition was for "A favourite piece of Jewellery". About a dozen articles were shown, some of them quite old.

St Peter's Wives

The January meeting was well attended and all those present en-

joyed a trip with Pat Tyler through Russia. She gave a spirited account of her holiday taking in the major interesting sights and enlivening it all with many amusing anecdotes.

The February meeting was addressed by Pat and Michael Howard who told the group of their life in Antiques. They related how they started their business, how they became fascinated by certain areas of antiques, how they expanded their business and brought many examples of their stock, talking about each one and giving an indication of its value. It was an interesting evening for those present and many a discussion took place over coffee.

The last meeting of this year took place in March and Helen Lilley talked to the group about lace. She gave a very interesting account of the history of lace and the different varieties of it, bringing with her many beautiful examples which members were able to examine closely. During coffee she demonstrated her art to those who were interested.

The New Year began on April 16th in Church House and all ladies are welcome. We look forward to an interesting year. Do come!

Maplewood W.I.

Maplewood held their Annual General Meeting at Mapledurham Pavilion on March 19th when Mrs Joan Baddeley was elected President for a second year. Mrs Janet Hooper and Mrs Muriel Popplewell will continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Easter eggs will again be sent to the handicapped children at Peppard House.

Mrs V. Housdon won the Flower of the Month Competition and also the voucher for the most points gained in this competition over the year.

Caversham Ladies Club

The March Meeting was the Club's AGM. Mrs Harwood, Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed the members, saying how pleasing it was to see so many present. It showed how interested they were in their Club's activities and future. Before the start of the afternoon's main business, Mrs Harwood paid homage to two past members who had died so suddenly, Mrs Glad Weal and Mrs Tate. Mrs Weal had been vice chairman for many years and Mrs Tate was also a member for a long time. Both were sadly missed.

A report was then read out by Mrs Harwood who gave a resume of the previous year's entertainment and events with the hope that all had enjoyed each of them. She thanked the committee for their help and support during her year of office, Mrs Leach for an excellent job distributing cards to sick members and to members on their birthdays, Mrs Crawley, Mrs Roddy and Mrs Beardmore and to all members for always being so willing to help out in various ways.

Reports were then given by Mrs Nelhams, Secretary, Mrs Queenie Strong, Treasurer, Mrs Brenda Strong, Produce Table and Mrs E. Locke, Sales Table. Mrs Harwood

thanked the committee for their reports and said the hard work they put in greatly helped the club financially, making sure it ran smoothly.

It was now time for the committee to retire and Mrs B. Strong acting as temporary vice chairman, took over with a request for nominations. Mrs Harwood and the committee were soon back in their previous roles, unanimously voted for by members. Mrs Harwood thanked them for their confidence and promised the committee would work hard to keep up the "Good Work". A vote of thanks was given to the Committee by Mrs Houghton and members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

A bring and buy was soon in the capable hands of Mrs Brenda Strong and goods very quickly moved from the table into members' bags. Members were thanked once again for their generous gifts to the bring and buy table.

Light refreshments were served which brought the meeting to closure time, with members knowing how much they themselves contributed in making the club a happy and friendly one.

Caversham Community Association

On the 4th March Mr. Charles Moss was welcomed to the club again. At this meeting Mr. Moss gave a photographic slide show on 'Old Reading', including a good selection of views

of Caversham — some at the time when Caversham was still part of Oxfordshire. Mr. Moss gave an informative commentary to the slides and much interest was shown by the members.

Photographs of local views included two of earlier Caversham bridges, one an iron bridge, which preceded the present ferro-concrete one, and an even earlier one with arches at the Caversham end and of wooden construction the Reading side. There were also good photographs of the lovely house which once stood in Caversham Court. The Chairman, Beryl Latchman, thanked Mr. Moss for the most interesting evening and invited him to pay a return visit to show more of his film slides.

Mrs. Lynda Rixon, from Tilehurst, visited the club on the 11th March and compered a fashion parade when her friends and her daughter modelled machine made knitwear. All the garments had been made by Mrs. Rixon and her friends and orders for similar garments could be made later, although some of the designs shown were, said Mrs. Rixon, 'one off' items. Pleated skirts, suits, lacy or patterned jumpers, glamorous evening outfits were all admired. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Rixon and her models for making the evening such an enjoyable occasion.

A whistdrive was held on the 18th March with club member Doreen Crawley supervising the game. Betty Colton had the highest

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Readers of Sarah Markham's first book, John Loveday of Caversham, will welcome her second. A Testimony of her Times contains extracts from the diaries and correspondence of one of his daughters, Penelope Hind (1759-1846). This remarkable lady kept a diary for fifty-one years from 1787 to 1838.

Beautifully presented, with a marbled dust cover reproduced from one of Penelope's own diaries, the book gives an insight into the harsh realities of life in all sections of society from Georgian till Victorian times. It includes glimpses of life at Court, describes a meeting with Lord Byron and shows the mutual friendship and compassion between Penelope and her servants, their children and local villagers. But above all readers of this

paper will be touched by the poignant story of Penelope's long engagement and tragically brief marriage to William Benwell, brilliant son of William Benwell of Caversham farm, later known as Benwells and now Dean's farm.

William lies buried in the family grave, a large table top tomb surrounded by iron railings just to the east of St Peter's Church and overlooking the gardens of Caversham Court where Penelope lived with her parents from childhood till 1793 when her family home was then known as Caversham Parsonage or Old Rectory.

Mrs Markham is to be congratulated on her second masterpiece which can be obtained at the Caversham Bookshop in Prospect Street. Price \$15.95.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MARCUS

Who is Marcus? A pertinent question and you may go on to ask, What is so special about him? Why is the 'Caversham Bridge' interested in him? Read on, for all, but perhaps not all, will be revealed.

Marcus Harvey, aged eighteen, worked in the Caversham Branch of Barclays Bank, where the 'Caversham Bridge' has its account, until November last when he contracted Bacterial Meningitis and Meningococcal Septicaemia, a complaint defying not only pronunciation but comprehension and demanding equally incomprehensible treatment, he suffered the loss of three limbs. Marcus is now making a remarkable recovery and is undergoing rehabilitation therapy at Nuffield Hospital, Oxford. In face of such a devastating illness he is determined to return to work and the Bank is supporting him in this by keeping his job open. Additionally the Bank is contributing to the cost of the specialised, and understandably expensive, equipment which he will require to resume some semblance of normal life. His colleagues in the Bank are playing their part as one member of staff, Mr Chris How, who describes himself as an ageing veteran who may not last the distance, is running in the London Marathon and is inviting sponsorship on Marcus' behalf. Whilst this year's Marathon will be over and done with by the time this article appears in cold print it will not be too late for readers of the 'Caversham Bridge' to make a warm hearted contribution to the 'Marcus Harvey Appeal'. Donations should be addressed to: Mr C. J. How, Barclays Bank PLC., Camberley Business Centre, Camberley, Surrey. The Caversham Bridge Newspaper has donated £100 towards this appeal.



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score and received first prize.

At the meeting on the 25th March Mrs. Eunice Cooper visited the club to show the members her hand-crafted greeting cards. These were arranged in a fine display and were available for purchase. Mrs. Cooper explained how she used her own photographs for many of the cards — choosing them carefully for different occasions — and took her camera with her on local walks and holidays for this purpose. She also demonstrated how she drew her own flower motifs, using felt-tipped pens, and read poems and prose which inspired her designs. The members

had a pleasant time making their choice from the many attractive cards and applauded their Chairman's words of appreciation to Mrs. Cooper.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

Life in Japan, The Red Cross and an AGM

A guild member herself, Mrs M Sutherland gave a talk at social studies group of Caversham Heights Townswomen's guild recently. She and her husband spent three weeks living with her sister and brother-in-law in Tokyo, so they

lived more like the Japanese than as tourists. She was not always able to take slides, but there was often the pouring rain that comes with spring weather anyway.

There are tiny backstreets and few vistas as a rule in Tokyo. Walls of houses are thin and with so many people living there privacy is hard to find. A married couple might be glad to spend time at a hotel, however seedy, in order to gain time to themselves, while young people often spend a day at the weekend dancing in the street. Crime is not a big problem, as the honour of a family is smirched if a member of it commits one, and the disgrace is considered intolerable. Some customs were hilarious! More was learnt at a meeting of the guild about the helpful activities of the Red Cross, whose representative Iris Binstead stressed the need for generosity to help the people at great risk in Africa.

The AGM duly took place in March, enlivened by slides showing guild activities and interests, including a view of Mr Turk engaged in swan upping on the Thames. Mrs Jan Brown is to continue as chairman, Mrs Joan Purton as secretary, Mrs Pat Read is to be the new treasurer, and Mrs Betty Smith is vice-chairman. Mrs Nora Goodman was thanked and given a gift after her long service as the retiring treasurer.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

In March the ladies of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild met, many of them for the first time since December, for the Annual General Meeting. The January meeting was cancelled as the hall was undergoing repairs and only fifteen members were present on a very cold and snowy evening in February. No election was necessary and the names of the new committee were read out to the Guild. The Secretary read the annual report giving an excellent account of a full and interesting year. Meetings had been well attended and some very good speakers had been enjoyed. The Arts and Crafts and Social Studies groups were thriving, the latter with a theme of multicultures with especial emphasis on women, providing an insight into the lives of women with different beliefs and customs and the Arts and Crafts meetings giving opportunities to learn new skills and to visit theatres and exhibitions. The Ramblers had been walking in all weathers twice monthly, taking picnics where possible. A walking holiday in Scotland was a great success and another on Exmoor is planned for this year. The health of members had generally been good. The

membership numbers approach seventy with new members continually joining. The hard work entailed in running two jumble sales was well rewarded with excellent results and both charities for the year had benefitted from this. The outing to Salisbury combined a day exploring this lovely town with a sight of the wonderful cathedral embroideries not usually on display to the general public. The Birthday Party was a great success and thanks were given to all those whose hard work and time freely given make the Guild such an enjoyable and successful organisation.

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