

## PACKED HOUSE FOR BRANDT REPORT MEETING

FIFTEEN minutes before it was due to start and a queue had formed outside the door. It wasn't that the doors were not yet open; the hall was already filled to capacity. Those who were lucky enough were allowed into an overflow room, sitting on benches, on window-sills, on the floor, watching on closed circuit television.

The organisers of the meeting about the Brandt report on world development, the Reading One World Week Committee, had booked a hall for 150 people with an overflow hall for another 100 "just in case." In the event, 700 people turned up despite poor weather. The principal speaker, Dame Judith Hart MP kindly agreed to speak twice in order that as

few people as possible would be disappointed.

The Brandt Commission of International Development presented its report early in 1980. Entitled "NORTH-SOUTH" it is full of practical ways in which we in the industrialised north can help the hundreds of millions living on the edge of starvation in the underdeveloped south.

### New deal necessary

Our own Government has dismissed the Report indicating that we have too many problems of our own to attend to. However, Dame Judith Hart stressed that there is no greater problem facing the whole of mankind in the 1980s than the way in which our economic and monetary policies positively work to the dis-

advantage of the poorer nations.

Here at last a commission of responsible statesmen from many countries and with a wide range of political views have come up with definite steps we can take for a new deal for the Third World. Transfer of capital, removal of trade barriers, fairer transport rates, and similar plans to offer a generous policy to the South would in fact benefit the North. The report relies heavily on arguments that to help the poor is to help ourselves.

Development and unity means much more than economic development, of course — it means aid to every area in the lives of fellow

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## Farewell to Father O'Malley

FATHER William O'Malley, the parish priest of Our Lady and St Anne's Church in South View Avenue, retires on December 31st.

Father O'Malley came to Caversham nearly 30 years ago. During this time in addition to all his other work he has supervised the building of the

Chapel of Our Lady of Caversham on Caversham Heights, and the restoration of the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham, a popular place of pilgrimage in the 12th century. He has also reorganised the church school of St Anne.

During his retirement he plans to spend time

fishing — his favourite pastime — and he hopes to take up playing golf again. He will also spend part of his retirement writing a book of reminiscences of what has been a rich and interesting life and ministry.

We wish him well in his retirement.

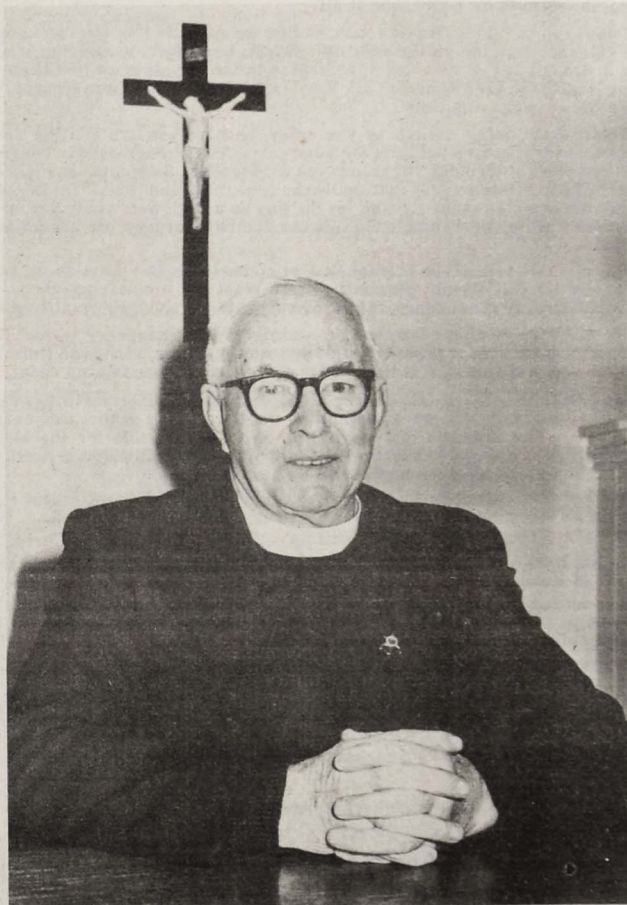


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### Brant Report continued

human beings. Hunger, disease, illiteracy are spreading and will bring chaos to us all.

Dame Judith emphasised the futility and crippling waste of the arms race, and the injustice of the international monetary system.

But what can we do? We can read the report and make ourselves familiar with its ideas. Public opinion can be changed to make this a matter of No. 1 priority, and we can begin with ourselves. We can write to our MP and make it

known to him that we feel this is urgent. (Tony Durant MP was in the Chair at the meeting; he agreed with the advice to write to your MP; he gets hundreds of letters and does take note of what his constituents think.)

Christians ought to support the recommendations of the Brandt Commission. We ought to be the first to turn away from a life style of narrow self interest to this broader vision of a just and equitable world, God's world. "A Programme for Survival" is the report's subtitle, and so it is

Footnote: Because so many people were disappointed at the November meeting an additional meeting has been arranged for Friday, 16th January at St Andrew's Hall. John Madeley will speak about what the report says, and Tony Durant MP will speak about the chances of the Brandt Report being implemented. The meeting starts at 8pm. ★ "NORTH-SOUTH. A PROGRAMME FOR SURVIVAL." Pub. by Pan Books and available from Caversham Bookshop price £1.95.

## The Editor's Column

# MAKING THE MINUTES COUNT

MIDNIGHT strikes. Old Father Time picks up his scythe and shuffles off into the darkness to make way for the youthful 1981.

One way or another time seems to dominate our lives. The alarm clock rings: time to get up. Have I time for breakfast before I go out? Will I be in time to catch the train? We talk of wasting time, or of having time. We complain that we never seem to have any time at all!

Time is an odd thing. We like to think that we measure it by our clocks, or by the calendar hanging on the wall. But despite our efforts to measure it, time has a strange way of refusing to be kept in order. We all know that there are sixty minutes in each hour, but ask how long an hour is and there seems to be a different answer every time.

You're busy doing something you enjoy, perhaps you are visiting an old friend whom you have not seen for some years. You're engrossed in conversation recalling old friends, the things you did together. Suddenly you glance up at the clock. "Goodness, is that really the time, how time flies." On the other hand, ten minutes spent waiting for the bus on a cold, wet, windy day, or ten minutes waiting to be summoned into the dentist's surgery, can seem like an eternity.

Eternity. We talk of the eternal God, of eternal life. But what do we really mean by it? Not simply everlastingness. What we are talking about is a different quality of existence. It has something to say about the quality of life.

We all place a value upon time depending on what happened in that time. "Thank you for such a super time." When we say "these were good times," or "those were bad times" it is the quality of the time we are talking about.

We take time seriously. So does God. One of the most important things which makes Christianity different from other world religions is that God entered into time. The kingdom of time is his. He is responsible for the biggest happening that the world has witnessed since the beginning of time itself. It is the event which has given us the date on our calendars.

The event is, of course, the birth of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem. It is the event. We fix all other events in history by relating them to that one event.

In 55BC Julius Caesar invaded Britain — 55 years before Jesus Christ.

In AD 1066 — in the year of our Lord 1066 — William defeated Harold at the Battle of Hastings.

The date on the top of our newspapers, the date on the front cover of our diaries, is determined by the fact that Jesus once came to a certain time at a certain place.

But this event, insignificant as it must have seemed at the time, not only provides us with a datum with which to relate all other times, but it also gives meaning to the rest of time for us. The fact that God takes time seriously enough to come into it with us means that we must try to make sense of the time that we have God. In other words, we are accountable to God for what we do with our time. It is God's time, rather than our own, which we are using or wasting.

A prayer as we set out together into 1981 —

With you Lord, every minute counts. You bring a new quality into time — an eternal quality. Help us to see and know this in our own lives. And help us to remember that this is the day that you have made, so that we may rejoice and be glad in it, and use it to the full.

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## POSTBAG

### PRIVATE GIVING

Sir,

In response to John Madeley's request for reactions to "One World Group's" appeal for funds for low income countries, I do not feel the Government are likely to change their aid budget.

I find quoting "600 million hungry people" becomes a description we are unable to comprehend. Instead I believe that if the "One World Group" in Caversham could bring to our notice one specific small-scale project (large is out!) where we would see our (comparatively) small monetary gifts make a real and hopefully lasting effect on the local population, response would be gratifying.

Yours etc.  
Marion Kitcher

8 Blenheim Road,  
Caversham.

### CRUISE MISSILES

Dear Sir,

I do not support the basing of cruise missiles in this country. I would not wish to launch one myself, and I would not ask anyone else to do it for me.

The leaders in Moscow may be godless gangsters, but the majority of their victims have been innocent Russians. Have we Christians now got to threaten those innocents with nuclear annihilation? The nuclear deterrent only works if its intended victim believes his enemy intends to use it. Can any Christian justify to God his serious intention to destroy millions of ordinary people? Could a Christian justify asking a non-believer to do it for him?

For thirty years we in Britain have put our trust in the nuclear deterrent. Is it not time that at least the Christians here put their trust in the teachings of Christ?

Yours etc.  
Stuart Shurlock  
187 Henley Road,  
Caversham.

### MASS KILLING

Dear Sir,

Many fellow Christians, including some in high places, while faithful to their Lord according to their understanding, maintain a split loyalty with, on the one hand love and service to God and their fellows, and on the other fear, readiness to retaliate, and condoning possible mass killing. I refer to the faith that some put in armaments.

Sooner or later these armaments (to cost the nation £12,000m during 1981) will surely be used, unless we repudiate their use, and step-by-step disarm. I reject the so-called "shelter" of NATO or American arms, and am prepared, mentally and spiritually for what may lie ahead.

Nearly 200 years ago King Herod feared that the infant Jesus might one day usurp his throne and had all infants up to the age of two murdered — the massacre of the innocents.

There is a simile between ourselves and Herod: he killed in order to preserve his throne; we are prepared to do likewise — and

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## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

by WATCHDOG

### THE OLD GRANARY

NO sooner had the news broken that Toots Farm granary was in danger than the Tocsin, or rather its modern equivalent the telephone bell, sounded throughout Caversham and the citizens rallied to arms, seizing whatever weapons, mostly pens, paper and typewriters, they could lay hands on in its defence.

All found it unthinkable that the granary, that ancient flint and brick building, the oldest remaining link with Toots Farm on which a large part of what is now known as Caversham Heights stands, should disappear, simply be demolished. What had it done to deserve such a fate?

Perhaps the proposers of this scheme were not altogether hopeful of success for alternative schemes were submitted, either for a granny flat or for bed-sitting room flats. Whilst no-one is arguing against the conversion of old buildings to modern ones, it is difficult to see how this can be done without radical alterations to the external appearance. When the Planning Committee comes to consider these applications they will have received shoals of letters saying "No" to demolition, and "Think carefully" to conversion. Enough listed buildings have already disappeared from Reading. There is no need for this one to go.

### OLD COTTAGES

One set of listed buildings that were saved by the skin of their teeth was the row of cottages in Church Street. If there is one thing everyone is agreed on, it is the vast improvement the refurbishing of these buildings has made to the first view of Caversham as it is approached from the bridge.

The enthusiasm has been muted to a certain extent because not everyone is keen on nightclubs, or at least, not on the noise that departing revellers can make in the small hours as they return to their cars. So planning permission was refused, unless satisfactory arrangements could be devised. The club is now functioning with a car parking service available, so that customers' cars can be taken and brought back when required from neighbouring public car parks.

How satisfactorily this works remains to be seen. If it is successful and no other nuisance results, complaints about the club should cease, even if there are some who cannot help wondering just how great

the so-called "demand" for such an establishment was, and feeling some amazement, if not disquiet, that the sum of £300,000, a figure which has not been denied, should have been spent on it.

### CLEAN UP

It is encouraging to report that since the Dog Warden visited specific places in response to a request from Caversham Residents' Association, there has been a marked improvement in "dog related problems." This is specifically the case in Caversham Court, and it is hoped that this will continue through the days of Spring and Summer that lie ahead, when many more people visit these attractive gardens.

### THE WIDER WORLD

From the foregoing, a stranger might conclude that Caversham people are only interested in what goes on round them. This, however, has never been their sole concern. One recent example was the large contingent of Caversham people present at a meeting recently held in Reading to consider the question of weapons of mass destruction.

Monsignor Bruce Kent, who addressed the meeting which was aimed at setting up a local Council for World Disarmament, was adamant that it was not one particular method of disarmament that mattered.

Whether it came about by mutual agreement or by one nation taking the initiative, all that was important was that it happened. With both sides possessing more weapons of mass destruction than there are targets to destroy with them, surely even those who cannot agree with getting rid of some of them must agree that there is no possible need to add to them.

Another meeting a week or two later, attended by an even greater number of people, again including many from Caversham, showed where the money saved from a scaling down of armaments expenditure should be spent.

Dame Judith Hart was discussing the Brandt

# WORSHIP

THE last two decades have been for the various branches of the Christian Church decades of experiment, change and ferment in the ordering of their worship. For Anglicans this has recently been crystallized in the publication of the Alternative Service Book (1980), intended as its preface states "to supplement the Book of Common Prayer, not to supersede it." For some these changes have seemed unnecessary — their worship and spiritual growth were grounded on the old services and their very familiarity and beauty took them to the heart of the matter.

Others have felt that the language and theology of the old services need to be reinterpreted and restated to speak to the condition of man today. Unfortunately too often these positions degenerate into prejudice — only old is good or only new is beautiful.

### Importance of worship

Worship is too important a matter to be buried beneath prejudice and ignorance. Worship is central to our lives as Christians; what happens in church each Sunday should and must affect our lives during the following week. In church we encounter God through his son Jesus Christ and through that encounter (whether it be in the breaking of bread, in hearing of God's word, in prayer or praise), we are strengthened in our task of being the body of Christ.

In worship we are united also with our fellow Christians in prayer and praise. It is the public expression that we can only be truly Christian in relation to God and our Christian brothers and sisters. (The belief that one can be a Christian by

Report, to which Edward Heath was the British contributor, which showed ways in which the gap between rich and poor nations of the world could, and must be reduced. The survival of our own little corner of the world depends on the issues which were the subject of these two meetings.

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children are the inevitable victims of war — in order to preserve our "freedom" and "our way of life."

There is a war on! Whose side are you on? In whom or in what do you put your trust? Let everyone search his conscience on this vital matter.

Yours etc.  
H. Marshall  
164 Kidmore Road,  
Emmer Green.

merely keeping the Ten Commandments (or rather keeping oneself to oneself) and never sharing in worship is a view that should be totally eradicated.)

Worship matters deeply, both in our relationship to God and with each other. But what principles should govern our worshipping life, and which should be avoided? To take the latter first — if worship exists merely on the level of the beautiful and aesthetic, then it is almost worse than useless.

Beauty has its part to play, but too often in isolation it plays a soporific effect, a warm cocoon of emotion (rather like the effect of Stars on Sunday has on some people). The richly satisfying cadences of the Book of Common Prayer, the pomp and splendour which could accompany the Tridentine Mass, for some became an end in themselves, and some people came close to worshipping the beautiful language and ceremonial, and not the Creator who inspired them.

Alas, too often such worship was left to the "professionals" and the congregation sat passive spectators. Worship involves us all; one of the effects of the changes has been to involve the congregation — they are less



Photo — John Williamson

Mrs Marion Absalom, Mayor of Reading, with leaders of the St John Ambulance Brigade after the Enrolment Service at St Peter's Church on 16th November.

priest or minister dominated.

### Banal Language

Some people have accused the modern services of being ugly and banal (an exaggeration even if some of the language is not always as happy as it might be), but is this any reason for not having the services in direct and simple language which lays bare the heart of our faith?

Saint Mark's gospel is written in Greek which by any standards is ungrammatical and ugly — yet has that prevented the power of the gospel reaching out to touch the hearts of men?

### Positive points

Worship must be flexible; it must respond to its surroundings. What

is appropriate for a Parish Eucharist, in St Peter's, may be less so in the more informal surroundings of Caversham Park School. It must also be dignified (a term which excludes the stiff, the pompous, the formal but not the spontaneous and the informal).

Worship should by its nature challenge, stimulate, and uplift; challenge in that it presents the claims of God on our own lives and thus stirs us to a response; stimulate in that we be roused to live our Christian commitment; uplift in that we are given the vision, the strength and the purpose to lead our lives in accord with God's purpose. That is worship's purpose — if it fails, then it becomes a mere recitation of words.

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General Suetos Paulus must have been cautiously amused surveying the fleet of creaky chariots rattling across the countryside. Some stay-put Britons were a little uneasy about the disturbances caused by the exuberant travellers, and legend tells that the inhabitants of Vectis, being fed up with the Queen's picnic parties, hacked the neck of land away and declared their new independence — The Isle of Wight!

Whether Boadicea ever probed the travel-

potential of Caversham's jet-set of her time, is open to question, but on Monday, October 6th, 1980 (with no known business connections with the regal lady) the first-ever regular bus link between Caversham and the Metropolis was inaugurated.

Designated the Londonlink, two coaches leave Caversham for London during the morning peak-hour. The first departure is at 6.55am from Henley Road (near top of Donkin Hill) followed by the second service at 7.40am. There are further picking-up points in Caversham Park Village, Emmer Green, the Heights and Caversham Bridge, before proceeding to Reading Bus Station and Woodley.

I joined the coach one morning, a few days

after the start of the new service. Although the vehicle was of "N" registration (I worked that out at about 1974 vintage) it was reasonably comfortable, but the heating system seemed deficient — or the driver may have been cold-blooded. There were a few people waiting to board at

Knightsbridge and Hyde Park Corner before reaching Victoria Coach Station, the

by  
**PETER SHOCK**

Knightsbridge and Hyde Park Corner before reaching Victoria Coach Station, the

tial effect on time-keeping.

The scheduled arrival times at Victoria are 8.40am (6.55 departure), and 9.30am (7.40 departure). The return times from Victoria Coach Station are 17.15 and 18.15, and the company's Service No. is X2. The Link from Caversham to London operates on Mondays to Fridays only, but an hourly service operates all days from the Reading Bus

my wonky leg. In those days we usually travelled by Mr Thackeray's saloon coaches from St Mary's Butts or by the "Greyhound" bus which called at Reading on its way from Bristol and Bath — quite an adventure then.

No fast carriageways to London. You can still see traces of the narrow lane that carried the traffic from the west, near the Shepherd's House inn, Woodley, almost down to Charvil. There was no Twyford Bypass — everything trailed through the narrow main street, and on to Maidenhead and Slough town centres. Colnbrook village and the cabbage plantations of Heathrow.

Hounslow's new ribbon development provided an example of London's future suburbia pattern, and with no Chiswick or Hammersmith Flyovers envisaged, cars, buses, trams, bikes and cart-horses, all made their contributions to the congested western approaches to the capital. Even so, the veteran coach did the journey in about two hours — I have known it to take longer on today's motorways!

On the new Londonlink service there is no advance booking facility, but in the days of Thackeray and Greyhound all seats were bookable. The Caversham agent was Mr Cudd, who owned the confectionery shop at the corner of Prospect Street and Church Street. And so it was — "Our usual coach tickets, please, Mr Cudd, and, oh — one penny-worth of acid-drops!"



A de-luxe "Greyhound" coach of the 20s on the London-Reading-Newbury-Bristol service.

most of the stops, and the issuing of tickets seemed to cause some delay — unavoidable presumably, when no conductor is carried.

However, the timetable allows for these hold-ups, as by the time we had reached the last scheduled pick-up point in Loddon Bridge Road, the coach was still on time. Ample accommo-

dated destination.

The morning I made the journey, the traffic was unusually light and the driver was able to keep reasonably to schedule. I am apprehensive of this being often the case, as unexpected delays on the Motorway or severe congestion on the routes into the capital must have consequen-

Station. Free timetable leaflets are obtainable from the Bus Station in Station Hill. Day return fare, £2.50.

While cruising along the Motorway towards London I was able to reflect back to the late 20s when, as a toddler, I had to be taken by my parents to Hammersmith frequently, for hospital treatment for

### Talking Point

## HUMAN CLAY

MANY of us, with memories of school days, or through membership of an evening class, are familiar with the apparatus of the potter's handiwork. Or we may have visited small potteries at Ewelme or Aldermaston. We may remember the local brickworks at Tilehurst, with its clay deposits, which up to almost a generation ago produced the lovely varieties of bricks still to be seen in many of the older houses in Caversham and Reading.

In the Book of Jeremiah (in Chapter 18), we come across the prophet going down to

the potter's house and seeing him working away on his wheel making his pots. If the potter does not get it quite as he wants it he pushes his clay back into the lump and starts again until he gets a pot made to his satisfaction.

Jeremiah soon realises that the potter represents THE POTTER — the God who can make and change history; can make and remake men as easily as the potter makes and changes his pots.

How often do we wish that the POTTER had

by **TED BOULDING**

made us differently from what we are? With different physique, with hair and colouring of another kind, or if only he'd made us in another family situation, or more intelligent, or if only we had a better job, or did not have to contend with difficult people, or had more amenable neighbours, and so on. But what do we do to improve things?

Soon after Christmas some young people from Caversham will be staying in Rome. While they are there they will probably see some of the tombs of the Popes. After the name of the

Pope they will see the letters PM — Pontifex Maximus — "The Great Bridge-builder."

It is an example that we could all follow, building bridges between ourselves and others. Why not start in our own families and spread a little more godly love and consideration around. Try reading 1 Corinthians 13

again. Then apply it to your neighbours, to the people you meet every day in the bus queue or wherever.

Like the potter you have two hands. Remember the words of the great Spanish mystic St Theresa of Avila — "Christ has no hands but ours with which to do his work." Let this be a resolution for 1981.

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# THE LINK GROUP

THE Link Group held its November meeting in Celia Beck's house. Michael Pre-wett, the Chairman of the local branch of the Cyrenians, came to talk about the Society. He described several individuals who, because of ill-health, mental breakdown, and institutionalisation, had become homeless, were "sleeping rough," and had eventually been welcomed into one of the Cyrenian houses. Michael described how their various homes were

run by the residents themselves, and said that a house acquired in Reading would be open by next summer.

During the second part of the evening, after reports from members linked with the various charities and Social Services, plans were made for the Open Meeting, to be held in St Andrew's Hall on Thursday, February 5th at 8pm.

The Link Group will be singing carols in Caversham Park Village on December 21st.



The Reverend and Mrs Inglis Mayo with the guard of honour formed by Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts, following their wedding on Saturday, 8th November at the Parish Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton.

You are invited to

## MEET THE LINK GROUP

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If you are coming, please let your Church's Link Group member know or telephone D. Bennett, 473096

## SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP CAVERSHAM

THE Group has recently held the Annual General Meeting, at which favourable reports were heard concerning money raising plans

and the progress of the home at Nettlebed. Any goods for Jumble Sales will now be gratefully received. There will also be a Cabaret Evening at Blazers on

1st April, 1981 at £10 a head and a Shetland Show at Nettlebed on 24th May, 1981. All details available from Mrs A. Deane, 473798.

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# DIARY OF A VICTORIAN VICAR

IN the September issue of this paper extracts were printed from a diary kept by the Reverend Francis Thackeray, Vicar of Mapledurham 1883-1919. Most of the following and last entries from his diary cover the years of Edward the Seventh's reign and the beginning of George the Fifth's succession. Thackeray was well in his nineties and still serving the parish of Mapledurham when he died.

It will be remembered that after the death of his wife, Francis Thackeray moved from Eton where he was a master. He took up the living at Mapledurham, moving there with his three daughters Lily, Ada and

Theo. As already mentioned, he was deeply interested in antiquities and one of his hobbies was to collect fossils. He did this with great enthusiasm, often travelling to Europe to find them and look at rock formations.

A great deal of his time seems to have been spent on travelling to London and Eton for various activities and taking holidays abroad and at home.

Once again, I have only picked out entries that seem to be of interest, and my own comments on these appear in brackets.

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1896. Sept. 1st. A very successful choir treat to Windsor.

Dec. 17. I was awakened at 5.25am by the rattling of the shutters and a distinct vibration of the room and bed. Lily and our cook and gardener also heard it. Later in the day I learnt that an earthquake had extended over much of Wales and the Midlands. (My mother also

recounted this happening and said that pictures on the walls hung crookedly after the tremor.)

1897. June 21. We had a bonfire at Mapledurham on one of hills (Queen Victoria's diamond Jubilee).

Dec. 31. The bells at midnight seemed to roll over the old year like the waters of death. A very interesting year with many reasons for thankfulness.

1898. Jan. 7. I picked the first snowdrops.

1899. June 4. The garden is superb. The may's begin to go off but iris, pinks, snapdragons, syringa and roses are coming out.

Dec. 14. Very cold — 22 degrees of frost.

Dec. 28. Harry (his son) has gone back to Town. He has had some tennis at Hardwick (Hardwick House had two covered tennis courts similar to the one at Hampton Court).

Dec. 31. Lily brought me my hot water at 7.30. The two servants Dora and Florence both have influenza.

1902. Oct. 27. The old pollard elm by the almshouse came down and blocked the road for a time.

Dec. 29. A schoolchildren tea and tableau of the Virgin and Child in our Hall, very prettily done.

1903. Jan. 8. Christmas tree for the schoolchildren. All went off happily.

Feb. 3. The river is very high. The fifth flooding in nine months.

April 8. Lily had some children to tea, one of whom fell into our fountain. She went in herself to get her out. (The ornamental pond is now filled in and is a flower bed.)



Hannah Hearne, born at Mapledurham in 1805. She died and was buried there in 1908. An article on this grand old lady will appear in a later edition of the Bridge. This picture was taken on her hundredth birthday.



Thirty years after Hannah Hearne's death in Mapledurham, St Margaret's church looked like this.

April 20. A colt of Mr Moise's got out of the glebe field.

Nov. 26. I cleared several basketfuls of rubbish from the parish chest. Henry Morice, who is with us, saw that I destroyed nothing of importance.

1904. Dec. 31. Fine sunshine after a ghastly catastrophe when Bozodown was burnt down. (Bozodown was a large house between Crays Pond and Whitchurch Hill. It was rebuilt.)

1905. June 22. A glorious summer. We sat on the terrace this evening and saw a white owl fly across the lawn several times.

Sept. 20. Miss Hearne has just completed her hundredth year. We went to Rokeby Hall and heard an address by Mr Farlow. Her "Old Boys" gave her a pony and pony chaise. (She was a great Mapledurham character.)

Oct. 26. The first Lads' Recreation Evening.

There were 25 at the tea. I read Sir Patrick Spens.

Dec. 2. Tommy (the pony) got off the road, frightened by a large piece of paper, and the trace was broken.

Dec. 10. Poor Collard, the shepherd, was brought in ill from the field and is dead. He has had a hard life.

1906. Jan. 5. We have a new pony cart which is a great comfort. A terrible wild night with a

gale which kept me awake.

Jan. 7. Today the ringers struck. The only reason appears to be that others besides were asked to the supper.

Jan. 8. Ada and Lily gave a nice little concert in the servants' hall.

Jan. 18. The new bell-ringers had a satisfac-

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I ALWAYS find it difficult to project myself a month ahead when writing this column, particularly at this time of the year when chances are that, even if this paper doesn't get thrown out unread with the Christmas wrapping paper, it will not seem relevant by the time it does get read.

This year I find it harder than ever as my thoughts are still much on the other side of the Atlantic, though I must say coming home was made much easier by the friendly welcome I received from so many people on my first shopping foray here in Caversham.

### "Send the gunboats"

Naturally I came back full of praise and criticism. As to the latter, I will only say that the conversations I had across the ocean convinced me that the average American — if there is such an animal — is utterly remote from the realities of a nuclear war, and my determination to fight the proposed siting of Cruise missiles here has been more than strengthened by the fact that too many Americans still live in a world where it was possible to "send the gunboats" without the threat of a nuclear holocaust.

### "You're welcome"

And these, on the whole, are thoroughly nice people — I was even a little ashamed of being rude enough to bring one questioner to an abrupt halt, by asking him if he'd ever sat in an air-raid shelter, night after night, while "ordinary" bombs rained

down; as I said, he meant well.

Having said that, the credit column is very lengthy, and at the top of my bouquets I list one for very pleasant shop service. The words "You're welcome" and "Have a nice day" with an accompanying smile, make shopping a pleasure and I do miss them now.

Hearing a check-out girl in a local shop recently announce to the assembled customers that she was "going for tea and blow the lot of them," I couldn't help wishing she could be sent for a course on friendly service to the US.

### Our friendly Co-op

But one group of local people I would like to single out for praise are the lasses in the local Co-op which, as you will know, has recently been considerably extended. It can't have been easy to stay friendly and cheerful amidst the upheaval, having to work in draughty doorways and so on. But they coped remarkably well and I know many Caversham people will join me in congratulating them.

### Our new surgery

And it's good to know the new Emmer Green surgery is now occupied. The doctors and receptionists have been marvellous throughout the long-drawn-out battle for new accommodation, working in cramped premises and under conditions which would try the patience of a saint.

They're not saints,

just thoroughly good people and it's nice to know they'll reap the benefit of better conditions.

### "Children in need"

Accidentally I saw part of this BBC project late one night in November, so I was interested to hear that three switchboard operators from the Monitoring Service took part in this scheme to raise funds for needy children by means of a phone-in.

I'm told their particular switchboard received promises of over £22,000, so it was a worthwhile effort to say nothing of the fun they had going round the studios and catching glimpses of some of the celebrities taking part.

### "A way to die"

Readers of the "Sunday Times" can't fail to have seen extracts of this book recently, together with correspondence on the subject, but what few people will know is that Rosemary and Victor Zorza, the authors, at one time both worked at the Monitoring Service at Caversham Park.

Sub-titled "Living to the end," this book is an account of the death of their 25-year-old daughter, Jane and, in particular, of the wonderful help received at the hospice where she ended her life. It is a brave book, intended among other things to publicise and sponsor the hospice movement, in which Rosemary and Victor are now highly involved.

I welcome the chance to suggest it as very well worth reading and, if you'd like to play some small part in helping the movement, buying a copy. Our local bookshop will order copies for any would-be purchaser.

### Boots and shoes

Finally tracking down my Portland boots in a shop in the Harris Arcade recently, I was pleased to find the owners of the shop, Mr and Mrs Page, are Mapledurham residents, living in Gurney Close. Not only did I get very helpful

and friendly service, but I discovered a lot of Mr Page's time is spent visiting places like Borocourt and individual household old ladies, for shoe fittings.

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### Ray Butt

During my absence my old friend, Ray, died. He and his wife Alice for many years occupied a prefab at Emmer Green, and those of us who knew them came to admire Ray for the very loyal way in which he took care of his wife as she became increasingly crippled with multiple sclerosis until her death a year ago.

In a world where many young people seem to desert their partners at the drop of a hat, there can be nothing but praise for such devoted care. May he rest in peace.

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tory meeting at the Vicarage.

Jan. 20. A marvellous good deed of Ada and Lily. The front door rang about 11pm as I was going to sleep. Ada thought it was a tramp. It was Brown of the Pit House wishing to have his infant baptized. I was getting up, but they actually went themselves with Charlie Frankum and administered private baptism. The child died at 6am.

May 19. At twelve o'clock the pony, while mowing, was neglected for a moment, got loose, dashed about the lawn and broke two rose trees.

July 9. A pleasant party of two hundred people at Hardwick. A Viennese band.

Aug. 21. Ada and Lily took the choir to Goring by steam launch. On their return they sang glees on the terrace.

Aug. 31. One of the hottest days this year — 76F in my bedroom at night.

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By 1906 Thackeray was in his eighties and does not seem to have kept a diary in his last years. His grave, and that of his son Harry, can be found in Mapledurham church yard on the right of the path towards the water tap.

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## METHODIST NEWS

CHRISTIAN Citizenship Sunday in the Methodist Church, when the Church considers its social responsibilities was on 15th November. Caversham Heights Methodists were privileged to have Rev John Banks M.A., the Superintendent of the Manchester and Salford Mission, as their visiting preacher for that weekend.

The Mission, through the leadership, inspiration and devotion of John Banks since 1968, has been transformed to one relevant to modern needs. It has established at Chatterton Hey, Methodism's only long-term Drug Rehabilitation Centre.

That centre is a small farm complex and is based on the regime of a Christian home.

Boys come to it because they want release from drugs and through the caring of the staff are gradually released from psychological dependence and enabled to return to normal living. The Mission finds them work and oversees their return to society.

In the last few years it has been difficult, because of Government cut-backs, to attract sufficient funds, with a result that a deficit of £10,000 has been accumulated.

# FREE CHURCH NEWS

Caversham Heights have a direct link with the Mission through the present Minister, Rev. Ralph Rogerson, who was on the staff of the Mission from 1968-1973. This year the Church Council decided that the outreach project for their annual Bazaar should be in support of Drug Rehabilitation Agencies.

It was therefore appropriate that John Banks opened the Bazaar which was held on Saturday, 14th November. The major part of the Bazaar proceeds, presently standing at £545, is to be donated to Chatterton Hey. Other drug centres to benefit are Yeldhall Manor, Wargrave and Stella Maris Homes, Westbourne.

A film shown during the Bazaar illustrated the ease with which unsuspecting teenagers are "attracted" to drugs leading to the terrible problems of addiction which thankfully not many in this area come into direct contact with.

It was a stimulating weekend. Although only a comparatively small financial contribution was made towards the worthy work which goes on day by day, those present were given a deeper insight into the drug abuses that are so tragically widespread in young people today.

results in a very finely figured wood, shown to advantage when turned into articles such as bowls and table lamps.

Other parts of the original woodwork, such as the doors and frames, have been carefully removed and placed into store, and will be re-used in the new Church Centre. The finely proportioned gallery front will be prominent on the new internal wall dividing the worship area from the new rooms.

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### A sad farewell

Like the demise of J.R. it came suddenly but the suspense was provided by the run-up rather than in the wake of the event. Such was the long running saga of the impending removal of Mr Arthur and Mrs Eva Bone from their home for over forty years in Highdown Avenue to Pewsey.

They never thought they would go, for everything conspired to hold them back but sadly for the Church the day did dawn. Arthur and Eva were Caversham born and bred and both had been associated with the Church for more years than many can remember. Both had a great sense of responsibility and fun and they will be sadly missed.

Eva did her stint as a Sunday School Teacher and a talented one she must have been for in 1923 her maiden name appeared on the Scripture Honours Board of the Sunday School with the cryptic but revealing subscript, "First in England."

Arthur's interest was in the Scout Movement. He was a King's Scout — George the Fifth variety — in the old 3rd Berks Troop and when this was reformed in 1933 as the 75th Reading he became the Assistant Scoutmaster and later Group Leader. Respiratory problems troubled him but he remained ever cheerful and some of the amusing stories he told stemmed from occasions when his health was at a low ebb.

Eva is the victim of painful arthritis and it was primarily for these reasons that they decided to move nearer to their children. Both will be missed not only in the Church but in the district where their friendly disposition brought them into contact with many as distributors of the "Caversham Bridge."

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### Anniversary in exile

The Church recently celebrated its 108th Anniversary in exile (the Church was formed in 1872 whilst the build-

## St Peter's

### Wives

FOR their November meeting St Peter's Wives were pleased to welcome the Rev. Derek Spears, who gave a talk entitled, "A light-hearted look at Opera." Members were fascinated to hear a little of the history, legends and anecdotes of opera and Mr Spears "illustrated" his talk with some extracts from both famous and less well-known operas. Finally, his audience were entertained with a live piano medley of Offenbach's opera music.

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## BAPTIST NEWS

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Much of the exposed woodwork was in Pitch Pine — the specification calling for 'Pitch Pine from Savannah, dry and thoroughly seasoned, picked of bright uniform figure.' This timber was much used in Victorian times for constructional work, as it was then available in large sizes and long lengths, and its decorative appearance found favour in churches and other public buildings.

The alterations which are now taking place have included the removal of the gallery, which was supported on solid pine beams some 12in x 9in x 22ft long. In view of the size of these beams it is estimated that they must have been at least 100 years old when used in 1877.

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# ANGLICAN NEWS

## St Peter's and St Barnabas Mothers' Union

NOVEMBER is the month of the A.G.M. chaired this year by Rev. P. Sear. It was unanimously agreed to carry on as usual and most of the committee members agreed to serve again, with one new member Mrs M. Smith.

The Enrolling Member Mrs B. Hutson gave an account of the year's work. The talks had been varied and interesting and sometimes a joint meeting was arranged with the other Mothers' Unions to hear a speaker, especially Mrs Gilmore on the work of the Mothers' Union Overseas and Mrs Birch on Mothers' Union publications. As usual they had entertained house-bound friends in the Rectory in June and a combined service of all the Unions and Free Church friends in July in St Peter's Church.

She also warmly thanked the committee for all their help during the year, and the meeting closed with the usual cup of tea.

## Young Families Group

THIS group was formed for Christian parents with children under 12 years. The aims and intentions of the group are now being formalised by the committee

under the chairmanship of the Rev. M. Loveless. There have recently been stimulating discussions concerning children's playmates and problems of dishonesty.

The last meeting saw members celebrating Advent together with readings and music previously enjoyed as individuals. The next meeting will be January 8th at 8pm in Church House with "The role of Godparents" as the discussion topic. It is very much hoped that fathers and working mothers will be able to come.

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month at 10am at Balmore Hall except for the evening meetings which it is hoped will be every third meeting. Please see Church notices for further dates and topics, or church representatives:

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St Barnabas: Mrs M. Smith 473098

Representatives other than the priest-in-charge are still being sought for Caversham Park and St Margaret's.

## St John's Notes

ST JOHN'S held their Autumn Bazaar on 8th November, and, as

always, the neighbourhood came to buy. By 2.0pm there was a queue, and at 2.30, when the Rev. John Sumner declared the bazaar open, there was a dense crowd. For the next hour the stall holders sold and sold. When they had a moment to look about, they saw that everyone else's stall, like their own, was just about empty.

Among other things, a table full of grocery, every cake and bun, over thirty soft toys and forty dolls, more than a dozen cushions, and four dozen Christmas table decorations, piles of cards and wrapping paper, everything on the children's stall, a Christmas tree full of jewellery, every prize at the tombola, boxes of books, nearly all the Guides' produce, all the jams and pickles, and most of the White Elephant bargains, had been sold.

It was such a friendly occasion, with buyers often managing to tell how much some had enjoyed a Christmas present bought at last year's bazaar. Mind you, that hour's selling is preceded by a year's hard work. There is a willing use of time and talents, and a great deal of help from relations, friends, and neighbours, which makes it possible to stock the stalls.

It was that generous giving which helped to raise £425 to be shared between Mantsonyane Hospital in the Lesotho hills, and St John's Hostel for small children run by the Wantage Sisters in Pune in India.

## St Barnabas

DESPITE the fire in St Barnabas Hall, the Hall has continued in use. Temporary repairs were carried out by Fishers and many volunteers offered to help with cleaning up. Especially helpful was the loan by Emmer Green School of a floor cleaner.

The Christmas Fair on November 29th was a happy occasion. This year there were fewer stalls than in recent years to allow more room for people to move about. To compensate for this, there will be a DIY and Bric-a-brac sale next May. Approximately £350 was raised by the Christmas Fair. This will be sent to the two mission hospital links in the Transkei — St Lucy's Hospital and Umzimkulu Hospital. Many thanks to all who helped and supported this event.



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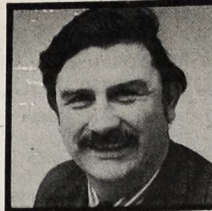
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## STAN ELDON'S COLUMN

### FORWARD TO 2081 . . .

THIS year, Reading Athletic Club celebrates its Centenary. The Club, which has had close associations with Caversham over its 100 year history, was one of the first clubs to be affiliated to the Amateur Athletic Association.

It has enjoyed a great deal of success over this time, producing Olympic, International, National and County champions, as well as providing a sport which has given a great deal of healthy pleasure to a large number of people in the area, either as active athletes or as spectators.

The club is organising a number of celebration events during 1981 and by the time this article is published, the first event of the year should have been held. This was a mid-night race through the streets of Reading on New Year's Eve, finishing in the first few minutes of 1981.

This is to be followed by many different events at Palmer Park throughout the year, including a 100 x 1 lap relay race in April and a "Fun Sport" day a little later when there will be a full programme of events for athletes, past and present, would-be athletes and anyone else who wishes to take part.

These events will cover everything from serious races to

obstacle and egg and spoon type races. There will also be a full programme of events at the new track, including the postponed official opening meeting, with top athletic stars and an International inter-club competition between Reading and Hastings A.C. from New Zealand.

The final social event in the Centenary calendar will be a celebration dinner for over 300 people at the Hexagon in November.

With the fine new track at Palmer Park (the old one was used for nearly all those 100 years), the club can look forward to the next 100 years, and although I won't be here, I hope my successor in the Caversham Bridge will, in 2081, be able to report "Considerable success by Reading Athletic Club during the last 200 years."

Finally, back to the present. The Reading Borough Council now have the plans before them for the important "phase two" of the Palmer Park development and it is to be hoped that, even in these difficult times, they will be able to give approval to this vital part of the overall plan, as without the fine facilities it will not be able to be fully utilised.

#### 2nd BIRTHDAY GALA

From a sports club

celebrating its Centenary to another who has just reached its 2nd Birthday. The Albatross Diving Club held their Gala evening to celebrate the two years of success before Christmas.

The club formed by Anne Green from Caversham, has rapidly become established as a leading specialist diving club. The club and its members have competed throughout this country and Europe during their short history, and it must be very gratifying to Anne Green, the club's chief coach, to have her own 2 daughters, 13-year-old Marianne and 9-year-old Juliet, making their contribution to the success of the club.

In winning the gold medal at Crystal Palace in the Southern Counties 1 metre Springboard championship, Marianne gained the highest number of points ever recorded in the competition. She not only won the Junior event but was placed 4th overall in the Senior championship, which has led to her selection for the ladies International springboard trials.

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## ROUND THE CLUBS

### Rosehill W.I.

MRS RUSSELL welcomed members of the December meeting, where the talk was by Mrs Painter. It was a demonstration really, of her prowess with decorations for Christmas; four lovely arrangements using mostly natural materials, with some useful hints.

The competition was for a Christmas cracker, with gift inside, which will be distributed by the "Caversham Bridge" to needy old people in Emmer Green. This was won by Mrs Burtenshaw. Mince pies and tea closed the meeting.



### Caversham Community Association

THE month's programme began on 3rd November when some of the members arranged an Old Tyme entertainment, the setting being the Streets of London. The singers, all dressed in period costume, were from the club joined by some old and new friends — Reg, Josie and Nicola Haines, Peter Waite and Walter Dickinson.

Some popular songs were sung and members of the audience were given the chance to join in some of the choruses. May Plant recited a poem, Ted Howard was the compere and Nancy Nelhams accompanied the singers at the piano. The evening ended with the entertainers serving the audience with cider or squash.

This entertainment was repeated on November 19th at the Arthur Clark Home in Albert Road, when the ladies there made the members welcome and joined in the singing. Later in the evening everyone was pleased when Elsie Drew, a resident at the home and a former member of the club, joined Reg in singing two songs they had sung at previous performances in earlier years.

On Remembrance Sunday members of the club took part in the procession to the War Memorial at Thames-side, Caversham and the service that followed. Mrs Muriel Waite, the Chairman, placed a wreath of poppies on the memorial on behalf of the members and then joined representatives of the club at the March Past.

Mr Macnaghten was the speaker on November 10th. His subject was "Ghosts" and as a former resident of Windsor had some fascinating stories to tell of happenings in that area. These tales had been collected over a long period of time and included a description of an alleged modern ghost.

A Mini-Bazaar was held for the members the following week. There were stalls for fancy goods, jewellery, stationery, books and competitions. Bargains were looked for on the White Elephant stall and the home-made cakes were soon sold. The committee members were stallholders and had a busy time on this successful evening.

On the 24th November, Margaret Cameron organised a Quiz relating to the Christmas season, Anne

Wright being the winner. Cheryl Pilgrim then demonstrated two methods of making paper flowers, this was in preparation for her talk on Christmas decorations next month. Mrs Pilgrim had made many attractive bunches of flowers and cones for the members to purchase.



### Caversham Darby and Joan Club

THE St Peter's Brownies entertained the members at one meeting, young and old joining in the choruses, and provided a lovely tea for them. Much appreciated by all, not least the helpers, who were suspended from duty that afternoon.

Mrs M. Turner, W.R.V.S. District Organiser spent an afternoon with the Club when she came to present the prizes for the Christmas Card competition.

Some members are still making shoulder wraps for the sick in the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed, and others are making Christmas decorations.

Fifty members had their Christmas lunch at a local hotel, going and returning by coach. A little early, but none the less most enjoyable.



### Caversham Ladies Club

AT the November meeting members were sad to hear of the death of Mrs Warren, and a donation was sent to the Ken Thomas Scanner Appeal in her memory. The speaker at the meeting was Mrs P. Ridley on the Folk Lore of Flowers and Trees.

She spoke of the gradual loss of many of our wild flowers and told of the various uses they were put to in earlier days. A hundred years ago they were not used as a decoration not even in Church. They were used both as medicine and magic.

Monks and Nuns were among the first doctors and a certain amount of superstition has lasted until today. Nettles were used for rheumatism and also for weaving a coarse cloth. Of course the first Digitalis, a valuable heart medicine was obtained from foxgloves and Aspirin from Willow bark, although it is manufactured commercially today. A most interesting talk and much enjoyed by the members.



### Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

THE Annual General Meeting in November was well attended. Mrs Nesta Morgan acted as Returning Officer and announced the names of the new Officers and Executive Committee. The Year's events were reviewed in the Secretary's report and the audited accounts approved.

The retiring Chairman, Mrs Alice Smith, said she had enjoyed her three years in office and thanked

committee members for their support.

Mrs Edna Manning, the new Chairman, thanked her for all her work for the Guild and presented her with a gift.

Ending the afternoon on a lighter note, members played a version of the TV show "Give us a Clue" after the interval.



### Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild the Chairman thanked the retiring members of the committee for their hard work and welcomed the newly elected members. Guild members had been very forthcoming with offers to stand for the committee, for which the chairman thanked them.



### Maplewood W.I.

THE President being on holiday, Mrs Heather Baker was in the Chair. The speaker demonstrated Bamix, an amazingly small implement to do all beating, liquidising, mincing, grinding etc. with great ease and little mess.

The stall for a contribution to the resurfacing of the St Andrew's car park, which the Institute has helped to wear out over many years, was most successful.

There was a very pretty display of parcels for the Old People's Lunch Club.

A few days after the meeting there was a very happy cheese lunch at Mrs Eileen Fenning's and later again a visit to Windsor Theatre, much enjoyed by sixteen members.



### Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Guild the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mrs J. Brown  
Secretary, Mrs A. Denning  
Treasurer, Mrs June Davidge  
Vice-Chairman, Mrs E. Hawkins

Committee members elected were:

Mrs K. Maule  
Mrs Doreen Moore  
Mrs Dorothy Moore  
Mrs P. White

Committee members with a further year to serve:

Mrs L. Clapham  
Mrs P. West  
Mrs B. Johnson  
Mrs Wilkinson.

In her remarks the Chairman thanked the committee and members for their support and made a presentation to the retiring secretary, Mrs Joyce Gosling.

In her report the Treasurer said that the Guild's finances were satisfactory, but we could not be complacent. Subscriptions did not cover the hire of the hall, let alone speakers' fees and all the usual fund

raising efforts must continue if the Guild was to remain in a healthy financial situation.

The Secretary reported on the varied programme that the Guild had enjoyed, ranging from crime prevention, a journey across Australia illustrated by slides (which the speaker, through his loss of sight could no longer enjoy), and ending with the friend of Miss Jane Austen, who through readings of her books and diaries brought the Austen family to life.

The meeting ended with an account of a trip on Concorde by Mrs Hammond. The listeners were told of how Mrs Hammond managed to get her day out across the Bay of Biscay and back by contacting a supporters club who organised these joy trips. This specific trip included the surviving members of the Air Corps (reported on television news) and seems to have been worth every penny, with first class service and attention being offered all the way.

Mrs Hammond's only regret seems to be that her age precludes her from volunteering for the first commercial trip to the moon!

The next meeting will be the Christmas party, at which the Drama group is entertaining members with a pantomime.

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## ANGLICAN

**St Peter's**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am PARISH COMMUNION  
11.15am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd Sundays)  
11.15 Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays).  
6.30pm Evensong

**St John's**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.00am Family Service (1st Sunday)  
4.00pm Evensong (1st Sunday)

**St Andrew's**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**St Barnabas'**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.00am Service for Parents and Children (Last Sunday in the month)  
4.00pm Evensong (2nd Sunday)

**St Margaret's, Mapledurham**  
8.00am Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
9.15am PARISH COMMUNION

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MORNING WORSHIP (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
7.30pm Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sunday)

## CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

11.00am Morning Service  
6.30pm Evening Service

## METHODIST

**Caversham**  
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6.30pm Evening Service

**Caversham Heights**  
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6.30pm Evening Service

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

**St Anne's**  
8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass

**Our Lady of Caversham**  
8.30 and 10.30am Mass

**St Martin's School**  
9.15am Mass

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## BOOK REVIEW:

### THE WAR MACHINE by James Avery Joyce

Quartet Books, £6.95, 210 pages.

THE arms race is out of control. Politicians know it and deplore it. But they can't or won't do anything to stop it. On the contrary, they tell us the arms race is needed for national security. The exact opposite seems true.

James Avery Joyce, an international lawyer, has written a compelling account of the dangers to national security if the arms race continues. Most of us seem to regard the Soviet Union as an enemy. Joyce tells us of another enemy — the arms race itself.

The world now has so many armaments that there is a very real danger of a nuclear holocaust through miscalculation, accident or error. All of us who have a washing machine, vacuum cleaner or motor car know that occasionally it goes wrong. Nuclear weaponry can also go wrong. But when that happens it will be no use calling in the repair man. The world that God created could simply be blown to bits.

It almost happened in November 1979. Joyce reminds that on the day before Armistice Day 1979, the world was six minutes away from nuclear war. Due to computer error, the United States went on "red alert."

For six incredible minutes, the red alert signalled a nuclear war to begin at 3.40. Jet fighters took to the air: B52 bombers prepared for immediate take-off. Fortunately this computer error was discovered in time. Britain's Prime Minister was not even told about it.

But will errors always be detected in time? "Someone, sooner rather than later," says Joyce, "will press the wrong button."

Today there are more than 10,000 nuclear carrying missiles throughout the world. And every day the number of

these war machines increases. All are capable of going wrong.

Joyce explodes the myth that more arms leads to more defence. More arms leads to less real national security, he points out. Since November 1979 there have been two further errors which could have led to nuclear war. We should remember that in any US-USSR conflict, it would be Britain that would be wiped out first, standing as it does in the middle of these two super-powers.

Joyce's book is an appeal to all of us to think again about what is happening today, about the way the arms race threatens our survival. Maybe we have become so fearful of the Soviet Union that we have been blinded to the dangers which come from an arms race out of control. If so we urgently need to think again about what we are doing.

For at the moment we are like a man, who fearing a burglar at his home, wires up his house and puts a switch over his bed. When he hears the burglar he pulls the switch and blows up the burglar — plus himself and his house with it. The man has practised mutually assured destruction — MAD for short. By building up armaments, is our government doing the same with national so-called defence? Is it acting MAD in our name?

This book is a MUST. It has amongst other things, an excellent chapter on what we can actually do about the arms race.

You want Britain to defend itself? So does Joyce. So do practically all of us. And Britain's national defence, our real security, will increase when the arms race is under control and when disarmament is taking place.

John Madeley

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August 31st Christine and Anna Hinton  
Kieron Chapple  
Joanne Arvich  
Thomas Povey

October 5th Christopher Garnett  
Peter and Helen Fuller  
Rachel Nunn  
Lorraine Dighton

**St Barnabas**  
November 30th Malcolm Charles

**Caversham Heights Methodist Church**  
November 30th Philip Hawkins

## MARRIED

**St John's**  
September 9th Christopher Utley and Catherine Waite  
September 20th Geoffrey Freeborn and Carol Crawford  
November 29th Michael Pembroke and Jane Smith

**Gosbrook Road Methodist Church**  
November 15th Brian Softe and Jane Kent

## FUNERALS

**St Peter's**  
November 7th John Lewis  
November 28th Simon Handford

**St John's**  
September 1st Henry Bullion  
November 4th Clara Eades  
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