

# CHRISTIANS FOR EUROPE

A Letter from the Bishop of Leicester, Fr. T. Corbishley (Roman Catholic) and the Rev. Alan Booth (Methodist).

NOW THAT THE REFERENDUM IS UPON US, it is important that Christians should face up to the real implications of Britain's continuing membership of the EEC. It is because of our conviction that Britain can make a significant contribution to the promotion of a genuinely outward looking Europe, that we have joined with members of all denominations to form a group called Christians for Europe. We are sending you this statement of our position in the hope that you will support these aims.

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IS THERE A SPECIFICALLY CHRISTIAN INTEREST IN BRITAIN'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY? We do not suggest that Christians are necessarily bound by their faith to be committed to supporting the continuation of Britain's membership of the Community, but the following are some of the reasons why a number of individual Christians believe that they must do all that they can to ensure it.

1. In a world increasingly given to judge on purely materialistic and economic grounds, it is important that ethical, spiritual, cultural and religious values should assume their due place. A Europe that can rediscover its historic vision is the best guarantee that this will happen. A larger Europe, in which each partner brings its own specific insights, will be better able to defend those cultural and spiritual values which, in the past, have been an inspiration to mankind and which can still influence men to realise that they do not live by bread alone.
2. A Europe striving to forget its past quarrels and united to meet the threats that face it today, will also help to reunite the separated Churches, and restore that Christendom which broke apart in the sixteenth century (if not earlier) as much because of political and social factors as because of purely theological considerations.
3. The Community has already overcome the age-old hostilities in Western Europe which, in the past, led to destructive wars. It is surely a British responsibility to maintain this movement towards peace, and help to extend it throughout the whole of Europe and to a still larger world.
4. A continuing British presence concerned with social justice in Europe and inspired by a sense of responsibility towards the world beyond can help to ensure that the Community does not become a "rich man's club" but will serve the larger interests of mankind. "Christians for Europe" include men and women of many Churches and religious traditions united in a common conviction that the British people should be encouraged to realise the immense potential for good in the growing unity of Europe, and, consequently, the great loss to our country, the Commonwealth, and to the whole world that would ensue if we were to withdraw from the Community.

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## The Potter as a Church Craftsman

### CAVERSHAM'S OWN POTTER

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE READERS HAVE ALREADY MET CAVERSHAM'S OWN POTTER, ANN WRIGHTSON, WHO HAS HER POTTERY IN WASHINGTON ROAD. WHEN THE CHURCH IN CAVERSHAM PARK WAS LOOKING FOR APPROPRIATE FURNISHINGS IT SEEMED AS THOUGH POTTERY MIGHT BE THE ANSWER. COMPARATIVELY INEXPENSIVE, it can nevertheless be beautiful in both shape and colour. And so the Church went to Ann Wrightson and asked her to make a cup and plate for use in Holy Communion. She produced some beautiful work, illustrated here. The circular motif seemed appropriate for a church exploring ecumenism.

For some time the font at Caversham Park was a glass bowl normally used for making trifles in. Clearly, it was desirable to have a font a little more specific in its use. After her initial success with the cup and plate, Ann Wrightson was asked to make a font. After a great deal of painstaking work she made the very beautiful one illustrated here. It measures about two feet across and is about one foot deep. It is decorated with sun, moon, stars and animals of creation with the central motif of Noah's ark floating on the waters, with the doves of peace.

The Church in Caversham Park is proud to possess such beautiful pieces of art and is grateful to Ann Wrightson for this work.



— P. HANDFORD



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*The Editor's Column*

# WHITHER?

OVER THE YEARS THERE HAS STEADILY GROWN UP A WIDE RANGE OF ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH BOTH INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS AND INDIVIDUAL CAVERSHAM CHURCHES ARE INVOLVED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. The relationship of these activities to each other is not always clear, but it may help if I endeavour to set out the principal work which we undertake in common.

First in the field was this newspaper. Started in 1964 with the backing of the different churches, the Caversham Bridge has now become an important part of our community — indeed it has helped Caversham to become aware of itself as a distinct community. The paper is produced by an independent board which fills its own vacancies, but endeavours to preserve a balance among the denominations as well as finding men and women who are also involved in the life of the community in different ways. I have been editor since the paper came into being but there is no reason to suppose that whoever happens to be rector of Caversham must necessarily be expected to edit this paper.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Secondly the Caversham Bridge Scheme of Social Service came into existence. This was started as a direct result of the first Anglican stewardship campaign in order to promote the non-financial aspects of stewardship. This paper largely sponsored the scheme and has always done its best to promote it and give it publicity. The scheme has an entirely lay committee but considerable consultation takes place with the clergy, not least when it is necessary to find new area managers. Then thirdly there is the Caversham Churches Co-ordinating Committee (C.C.C.C.) which consists of the clergy and ministers of the Caversham churches with two lay representatives from each congregation. The Committee has inevitably to refer matters back to its member churches for approval and often leaves the clergy and ministers at their combined staff meetings to implement proposals.

Then there has emerged the Family Festival Charities Group. Begun as a committee to arrange last year's Festival, this has continued in being. In so far as certain secular organisations shared in the planning of the festival, its membership is not exclusively drawn from the churches of Caversham and Mapledurham. But since the Festival was the principal ecumenical activity of 1974, it has temporarily seemed to take away work from the C.C.C.C.

Other ecumenical work could be mentioned, but alongside all this there has to be seen the growth of Church life at Caversham Park which was from the start conceived on an ecumenical basis, but it has to be acknowledged that it was only the financial resources of the Church of England which has made this work possible.

## FUTURE DIFFICULTIES

Because the Church of England is the church of the largest number of people, I am as rector involved directly or indirectly in all these undertakings or find myself supporting or being consulted by those who are engaged in them. I find therefore that a considerable amount of my time is given over to co-ordinating this work. This means consulting many people and always there is the problem of seeing that the reason why this or that course of action is finally adopted is understood by as many people as possible. The problem of communication is always with us. One is only too well aware of this when for example a long standing member of one congregation was recently found to be unaware of the existence of the Bridge Scheme of Social Service. But two problems threaten the Church's work.

## FEWER CLERGY

The Church of England is sadly faced with having to accept the fact that in the coming years considerably less clergy will be available. The numbers of clergy dying or retiring is greater than the number who are being ordained. By 1980 the diocese of Oxford expects to have to manage with 437 clergy instead of the present number of 557. If Caversham finds itself with fewer clergy, in spite of a growing population, then the sort of ecumenical work that I have already mentioned will no longer be possible, for the day to day work of the Church cannot be abandoned. This month's Caversham Bridge records the names of 79 people young and old who have just been confirmed after lengthy preparation: there is a constant stream of couples whom the clergy are preparing for Christian marriage, the sick, the bereaved and many in need of different kinds of need to be visited and helped. The maintenance of this work demands more rather than fewer clergy. But it also demands that everyone who professes belief in God must face up to the financial needs of the Church. The Church of England in Caversham and Mapledurham expects to exceed expenditure over income by about £4000 this year, and we know that when we hold our fourth stewardship campaign this October we have a straight choice — to increase income by £9000 annually or to cut down on our present work. Since probably members of the Church of England live in 3000 of the 4000 homes which receive this paper each month this target can be achieved with an average of 6p weekly from each of these 3000 homes — a seemingly trivial sum which only the faithless will regard as impossible of achievement. But I am aware that the Church of England is not alone among the Churches in facing a financial crisis.

## TOO MANY BUILDINGS

The Anglican clergy alone are responsible in Caversham and Mapledurham for leading public worship in six different places on a Sunday morning. An African Christian would consider himself lucky to be within ten miles of any Christian Church — the thought that there might be six would be inconceivable to him. The Archbishop of Canterbury has warned

us that we must choose between mission and maintenance. We ought certainly to be able to afford to maintain our present places of worship — but the question that has to be answered is this "Is it right that we should spend so much money on bricks and mortar when our fellow Christians in other lands are in such need?" Changes are on their way, and must come soon in Caversham. When we see how our ecumenical work has grown the maintenance of so many church buildings so close to each other is growing increasingly hard to justify.

As we look back on the growth of ecumenical understanding and friendship over the past ten or so years we have much for which to thank God. The question we now have to ask and find an answer to is "What is the Holy Spirit asking us to do next?" I hope that our correspondence columns in our next issue will contain some suggestions from our readers.

*John Grindrod*

# New Youth Group's First Fete

ON SATURDAY, 19th APRIL AT ST. BARNABAS HALL a new Youth Group held its first money raising event. The Fete was opened by Dr. Vaughan, M.P. for Reading South. Mr. Tony Durant, M.P. for Reading North was also present.

The fete raised £68 which has gone into the clubs funds. The Youth Group, a junior branch of the Reading Diabetic Association has only been going for two months and is understandably pleased with the result of the fete. The Group was started and organised by two Caversham girls — Linda Philips (15) and Lorna Matthews (18). If you know of any diabetics between the ages of 10 and 20 who would like to join the group, Linda can be reached at 1 Balmore Drive, tel: 473161 and Lorna at 11 Wetherby Close, tel: 478606.



— L. L. BURN

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Reading Branch Appeals' Committee of the Church of England Children's Society is arranging a Thanksgiving Service at the Parish Church of St. Giles in Reading, Southampton Street, on Sunday, 1st June, 1975 at 6.30 p.m.

The Service will take the form of a thank-offering to God for the work which has been carried out by the Society, in the Deanery, over the last ninety-four years, during which time more than 275 local children have been taken into care, as well as for the work at present being carried out in the Society's local Homes at Reading and Emmer Green.

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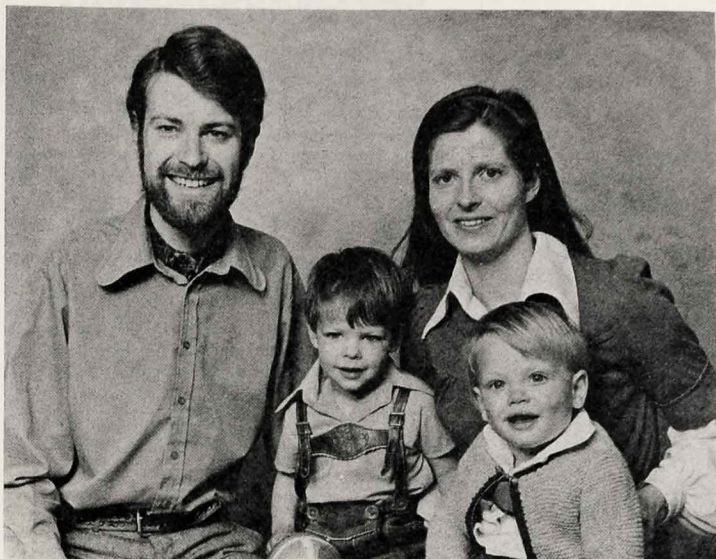
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# THEY COME AND THEY GO — METCALFE AND SUMNER



— JOHN RAPSON  
John and Alice Sumner with their two boys Arthur and Petroc.

## THE SUMNERS

By birth a Welshman, John Sumner who was born in Cardigan and has been serving his first curacy at Liskeard in Cornwall arrives with his wife Alice and two sons Arthur and Petroc to take up residence at St. John's House on 21st May. Arthur was born in November 1972 and Petroc followed a year later.

After being at the Mercers' School in Holborn and Eltham College, John Sumner went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge where he took his degree in natural science in 1968 and then went to Ridley Hall Theological College which is also at Cambridge. He has travelled extensively on the Continent and also worked for a time as a science student assistant at Harwell. His wife Alice took her degree at Bristol and met John at Cambridge when she was studying for her diploma in education.

John starts his ministry in Caversham when he celebrates the Family Eucharist at St. John's on Trinity Sunday, 25th May.



— WALTON ADAMS

## BERNARD AND PENNY METCALFE

WHEN BERNIE AND PENNY METCALFE MOVE TO AYLESBURY IN JUNE there is one section of St. Peter's congregation which will miss them most — the young people. Though he never thought to devote himself so much to youth work when he joined us three years ago, it has been, he says, a real joy to find himself doing just that. And there is no doubt that both Bernie and Penny are great favourites with our young people.

Bernie, who originally trained as an architect before going on to theological studies is really no newcomer to Reading; his grandfather was Vicar of St. George's at one time. Bernie and Penny actually met when both families lived at Pangbourne, and were married at Bradfield. Penny, who studied at the Royal Academy of Music and until recently taught pupils at such schools as Highdown and Alfred Sutton, is the first person to claim that she is an 'unpaid curate', but there is no doubt that, with her ever open door and her own concern for young people, she has done a great deal and, like her husband, is enormously popular with them.

### Interest in Youth

Though Bernie is happily looking forward to being a member of a team at Aylesbury, they have both enjoyed their stay at Caversham. If Bernie has any complaint at all it is that the congregation of St. Peter's tend to be merely concerned with seeing that the young people are kept occupied and shows little interest in what they are doing. He is particularly concerned that everyone should take an interest and turn up when the youth group are putting on special events. It is sad, he says, that when the young people stage a performance of any kind, many of the congregation find it is the one evening they can't find time to go to church.

But probably the thing he will be remembered for most is his sense of fun. He and Penny think that, in spite of tribulations, life should be fun, especially for young people. Certainly the majority of us find it difficult to think of him without his cheerful smile and it is with considerable regret that we see him leave us.

We wish Penny and Bernie and their new baby all the best in their new home and hope they will occasionally find time to visit us.

## PARISH OF CAVERSHAM JUNE FESTIVALS

Wednesday, 11th June

**ST. BARNABAS DAY at ST. BARNABAS**

7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. PARISH COMMUNION

Preacher:

The Rev. George Hacker  
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Tuesday, 24th June

**ST. JOHN'S DAY at ST. JOHN'S**

7 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. PARISH COMMUNION

Preacher:

The Rev. Canon Donald Vile  
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Sunday, 29th June

**ST. PETER'S DAY at ST. PETER'S**

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# LOCAL RADIO AND YOU

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cares about it.

The community is *us*; the community is the church. The church is — or should be — involved with everyone's real concerns, in their homes, at work, in the pubs and Pop Festivals, in meeting with our elected representatives in local and national government, in sport, in our use of doctors and hospitals, and all the services of the Welfare State. The church can *lead* in helping local radio to be a community radio — if we, the church, are willing to do it.

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

I have been asked by some church leaders and the Council of Churches to get together people really interested in trying to work with our local radio station. And the question we shall be asking is this: How can the church in Reading help our station to be *our* community radio station? How can we help, as Christians, in enabling local radio to be a force for greater social responsibility, greater neighbourliness, a more caring society? We shall also be suggesting ideas for definite religious broadcasting. Of course we shall; for we believe that no balanced and complete community is possible without a place for God at its heart. But our involvement must not stop there. We must offer

our Christian insights on matters of concern to all of us, in every area of broadcasting.

We must do that. I have no radio experience. Some of you who read this may have. Some of you may have no experience yet, but may feel you have something to offer. We all can offer only what we have been given to offer; and we all must make sure — utterly sure, before we approach a station manager or producer — that we are equipped and competent to produce whatever contribution to broadcasting we promise. The church has resources to help us in this when we need training and advice. What I want *now* is to hear from you. If you think you could speak with knowledge and authority on some subject — any subject, social or political or religious, or just your own hobby; if you have worked in broadcasting, on any side; if you think you could offer some talent or some experience, I want to hear from you. I don't promise your contribution will be used; I can't promise anything. I can't even promise that we shall be received favourably by the radio station. But before we can be accepted or rejected at all, we have to offer. That is what I need from you now. Please get in touch.

Michael Kitchener,  
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Several planning applications were considered, but the Council were not in favour of two of those submitted. An application to develop two houses in the grounds of Warren Court was rejected as the Council were concerned that such a development would adversely affect the natural wooded escarpment on the north side of The Warren. The Council also opposed an application to build three dwellings in Graveney Drive as it was considered that the proposed development represented

an over intensification of houses on the site.

Reference was made at the recent Annual Parish Meeting to the proposed high charge for the emptying of cesspools in the South Oxfordshire Council's area and the Parish Council are to take this matter up with the District Council. The Council feel that the sum proposed would be a considerable hardship on many householders in addition to the imposition of the sewerage charge.

The second phase of the Mapledurham Pavilion is proceeding, firm estimates were accepted by the Council the cost of this part of the development of the Pavilion will be slightly under £6,000.

## THE READING DAY UNIT MOVES INTO CAVERSHAM COURT

by Chris Redfern Teacher in Charge

ON MONDAY, 28th APRIL, the first few young people arrived at the new premises of the Reading Day Unit in Caversham Court. This would seem an appropriate moment, therefore, for me to explain a little about it.

The Unit was set up one year ago to take young people of secondary school age who show signs of extreme difficulty of adjustment to life in the secondary school, and who, in turn, are found to be extremely difficult to manage.

These young people are referred to the Unit through the Child Guidance Clinic, and our aim is to help them appreciate their difficulties, help them to discover alternative ways of dealing with them, and to act as a support during as long a period of their secondary schooling as is necessary. Hopefully, many will achieve total and effective integration in the long run.

Our approach is to be caring, to make real and trusting relationships, to face conflict with understanding, to enable appropriate values to be learned and appropriate behaviour to replace the inappropriate.

Quite clearly this task cannot be achieved in isolation and so we seek support from all possible agencies. Schools, parents, Social Workers and a whole host of others may be involved in a multi-disciplinary approach to the task.

Encouragement, challenge, the development of self-awareness and self-confidence are all elements of our method. We hope to help young people to recognise that they have choices in how they behave, and to learn that some of those choices are much more rewarding and provide greater personal happiness and satisfaction than others.

We hope that our presence in Caversham will be accepted with real understanding and perhaps practical support too. There is a variety of ways this can be done, and anyone who would like to help is welcome to call in and meet us.

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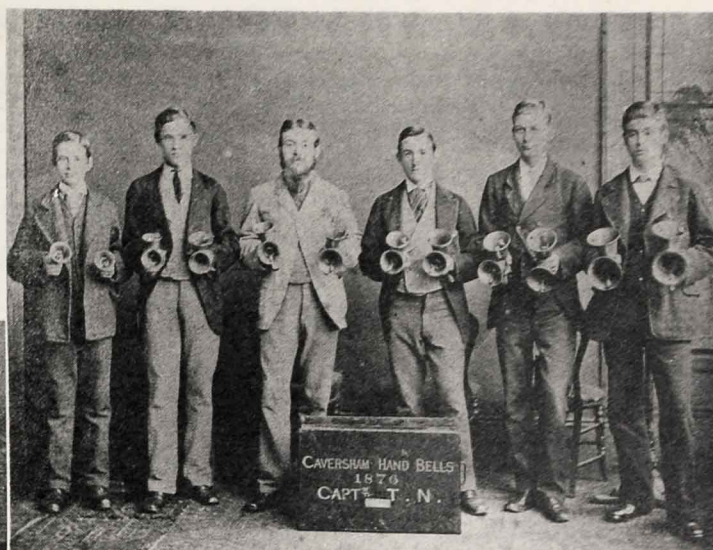
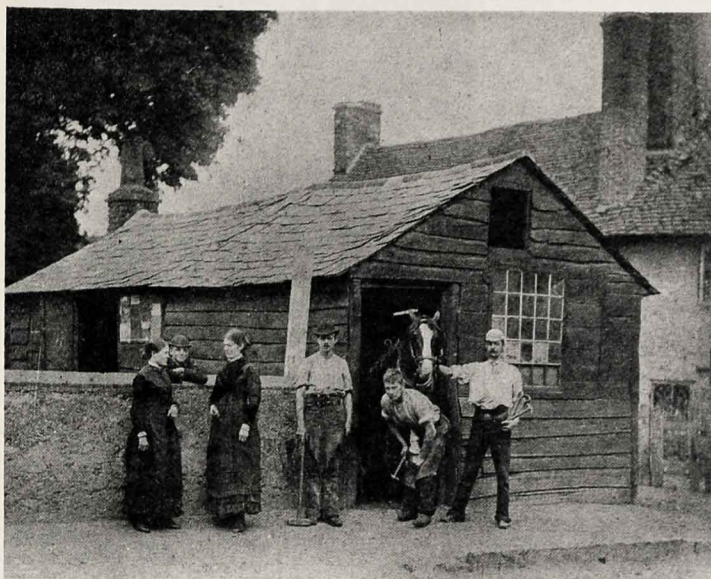
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# CAVERSHAM'S VILLAGE BLACKSMITH



ABOVE:  
Frederick Eynott, 2nd from  
right with the Caversham  
handbell ringers.

LEFT: The Forge, Caversham.  
Left to right Mrs. Eynott, a  
boy helper, Mr. Eynott's sister,  
an assistant, Mr. Eynott and  
his brother.

A LOT OF PEOPLE MAY NOT THINK OF CAVERSHAM any longer as a village, but there are still those who do, the older inhabitants, who have lived out their lives here and whose memories go back to the turn of the century and even before.

One such a person is Mrs. Haines, now in her eighties and living in Gosbrook Road. A few weeks ago I had the privilege and pleasure of chatting to her about Caversham as she remembered it in her childhood days, and I discovered that her father was once Caversham's village blacksmith. His name was Frederick Eynott and his forge was just about where the hardware shop now stands in Church Road. Behind it towered a row of white blossomed chestnut trees as in "The Village Blacksmith", Longfellow's poem.

## ELEPHANTS AT BUCKSIDE

The blacksmith's house was on the other side of the road where you can now find Belle Boutique and it was there that Mrs. Haines and her brothers and sister lived. Lillian Eynott, as she was then, can remember the eel baskets that were used in the eel bucks at Buckside. She can remember, too, how the elephants from travelling circuses, which were held in fields

off Great Knollys Street, used to be taken down to Buckside for a bath and a drink. When this happened horses at the smithy became very restive and Mr. Eynott had to be sure to shut the gates to prevent them from bolting. They could not bear the elephants. Whether Lillian's grandfather had pursued the same craft as his son we do not know, but it is quite likely that he too had the smithy in Caversham. Both the forge and the farrier's house were on land belonging to Caversham Court then owned by Mr. Blackall-Simonds and when the estate was sold up Lillian's father was asked by Huntley and Palmers if he would go to them and shoe all their horses. Like most smiths, Frederick Eynott did not simply deal with the shoeing of horses, he did all manner of iron work, some of it fine and decorative.

Mrs. Haine's mother was head housemaid at Caversham Court before she married, and was thought a great deal of by the Simonds family. One daughter of the house was godmother to little Lillian when she was born and frequently walked down Church Road to visit the forge cottage bringing little gifts for the children. Mrs. Eynott was a Miss Deacon before her marriage and came from East Ilsley, and she had a relation of the same name living at Chazey Heath whom she visited with her young children. Mr. Deacon was in fact blacksmith at Mapledurham. In those days it was quite an adventure and a thrill to go as far as that, and a good long walk into the bargain.

Another even more exciting event was the visit Lillian made when she stayed in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace where her father's sister lived, for she was married to one of the coachmen.

School treats included a day up at Balmore Park with a picnic in the grounds. But first the children went to church, then they marched behind a local band through the village up to the General's.

## PEACOCKS IN CHURCH ROAD

One thing that Mrs. Haines mentioned and which sounded very attractive but would be unthinkable these days — peacocks used to strut down Church Road from the gardens at Caversham Court and fly up on to the low walls around the smithy. How much more appealing than the queues of tankers, lorries, buses and cars all belching out fumes. Oh for those days of a quieter, simpler life with its not so rare moment of beauty.

M.K.



The old Griffin near the Blacksmith's house with Mr. Eynott and two of his children. The little girl is Mrs. Haines.



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## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

by WATCHDOG

### CHEERS, NOT TEARS

Few tears were shed in Caversham when it was announced that the decision to construct the relief road which was to be part of the Caversham Centre Plan had been postponed until 1977. Although not a great deal of property demolition was involved in this part of the plan, it would have been an expensive and complicated undertaking, involving problems over access to Thameside School, which in turn would have produced a debatable margin of relief.

The postponement has been made at the insistence of Berkshire County Council that any new road network for Caversham must be seen as part of a wider network of roads for the county, and plans for this will not be ready until 1977. Let us hope that by the new thinking on this subject will bring about a complete re-appraisal so that the second stage of the Caversham Plan, which involved the destruction of a large number of useful houses, will be abandoned for good and all. Not just a lack of tears, but loud and hearty cheers, would greet this decision.

### HERITAGE

Whilst large sums of money could be saved by scaling down grandiose road schemes to fit in with the future shape of transport (and at this stage it is difficult to forecast what this is going to be) comparatively small sums could go a long way towards improving the present quality of life. This is European Architectural Heritage Year, and with nearly half of it gone, Reading's contribution is niggardly, if not entirely non-existent. An exhibition is planned for the Autumn (of listed houses already destroyed?) and a little official interest has been shown in the Caversham Court Gazebo Trust, but this is about the sum total.

Surely it is not too much to hope that at least the area around the Parish Church should be designated a conservation area. It wouldn't cost a bomb, and it has the support of most Caversham people.

There are two other areas that already contain a considerable number of houses with either grade

II or supplementary listing, which could, without being considered extravagant, also be designated, before they are spoilt any further. One of these is Surley Row, which was savagely ravaged comparatively recently but which still manages to retain much of its charm. The other is the Paddock Road - Mill Green - Star Road area, raped long ago in less conservation-minded days, but whose past fate seems to act as an excuse for continuing neglect. There is little hope of moving the factories but the parts that are left deserve the care and protection that a Conservation order would bestow on them, before their links with Lower Caversham's ancient past are lost forever.

### ALL WELCOME

Although final confirmation is still being awaited at the time of going to press, it is hoped that the Borough Public Relations Officer, Mr. Robin Thompson, will be speaking at a 'questions and answers' style meeting on Monday, 30th June at Church House at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Early in July, the Business and Social Studies group of the College of Technology will be presenting the results of their survey of Caversham to an invited audience. It will be intriguing to hear about the impression Caversham makes on the outside beholder. A late summer edition of THE BRIDGE will carry an account of this survey.

### GRR!

Glancing through the agenda of the Borough Environment Committee, I was somewhat startled to see, among a list of items such as street collections, betting licences etc., the words 'A Lion at Caversham' The Fox and Hounds, the Red Cow, the Griffin, the Horses (both Black and White) I knew, but the Lion? However, it turned out that this was a real live one, kept presumably as a pet. If anyone else is thinking of doing this, be warned, and don't. The neighbours don't like it and the Council takes a dim view of it. Stick to dogs, cats and budgies.

## WEDDINGS



— HYMOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

### Anglican-Baptist Wedding

The wedding took place in St. Peter's on Saturday, 12th April of David Wells, a member of the Choir at Caversham Free Baptist Church, and Wendy Hills who has served on the Parochial Church Council and been closely connected with St. Peter's for many years. The service was conducted by the Rector, and the Rev. Laurence Stevens assisted and gave the address. David and Wendy Wells are now living in North Street and will be joining other newly married couples in an extended honeymoon at the parish holiday at Embley Park this summer.

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### Family Festival Charities Group

As briefly reported in the May issue of 'Caversham Bridge' the 'Good as New' Shop held on 12th April in aid of the Simon Community and the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children was a considerable success. The sum of £250 was raised and thanks must go to all who donated items for sale, or who were associated in any way with this successful venture.

The group, consisting of representatives from many of the local churches and organisations, has recently extended its interest and involvement to include links with the Richmond Fellowship and Smiths Hospital at Henley. Consideration is being given at the present time as to ways in which the group can maximise its effectiveness and it is hoped that a greater emphasis will be given to personal involvement which will be linked to the practical assistance which has been, until now, the principal aim of the group. It is therefore hoped, as a first step in this direction to arrange outings for mentally handicapped children in the summer and a concert is being held on 20th June at St. Peter's Church, in aid of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

### The Death of Mr. Johnston Maunder

Many people filled the little village church of St. Margaret's, Mapledurham on 17th April for the memorial service to Mr. Johnston Tucker Maunder of Chazey Court Farm.

With his recent death Mapledurham has lost a member of its community who had lived there for almost half-a-century.

Born in Devon and then farming in Somerset at Kingweston Mr. 'John' Maunder, as he was known, came to Chazey Court farm at Michaelmas in 1925 and ever since then he and his family have farmed many acres of the Mapledurham Estate. He was once a churchwarden at St. Margaret's around the time of the Reverend Doctor Macassey.

For the past few years he has been confined to his home and people in Mapledurham have missed his cheerful greeting as he went about the locality, often on one of his beloved horses. He was a great country man and will be remembered with affection by many. We extend our sympathy to all his family.

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## TALKING POINT

## THE GENERATION GAME

by BERNARD METCALFE

"I don't know what the older generation's coming to! They were never like that before my time! In the old days they used to bring up their children with a sense of purpose and values but today . . . ."

It makes a change to put it that way round. It also makes more sense. Each generation starts off on an equal footing. Of course individual children will be genetically different from their parents but if we consider a large enough sample it would be fair to say that each new generation has the same genetical potential as the last. So, if new generations turn out differently, the change must be due to the environment in which they have been brought up: the environment created by their forebears. When older people condemn the younger generation they are really condemning themselves.

We are responsible to God to see that the Gospel reaches not only the members of our own generation but the generations to come. If young people are turning away from the church, the fault is ours.

Where are we going wrong? If we can't find the answer to that question perhaps it's time we turned to the young people themselves for help. By mirroring our own failures or reacting against them, they can tell us a great deal.

## VICTIMS OF COMMERCIALISM ?

For example, people are always saying that the young are selfish. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black! The generation that suffered the privations of wartime rationing, let alone the Depression, have reacted by becoming dreadfully materialistic. It isn't our young people who run the advertising agencies, who fill the shops with luxuries and who join the unholy scramble for higher and higher wages. But the temptation for them to follow our bad example and become self-indulgent is overwhelming. What was that about millstones in Matthew 18 verse 6?

Our self-indulgence spreads from our homes and our work into the life of the Church. We are becoming too materialistic to remember that the

Church is not things but people led by God. The word Church is becoming synonymous with the buildings, furniture and prayerbooks to a point bordering on idolatry and these idols mean little to young people.

## WORSHIP — WHICH DIRECTION ?

Similarly our worship caters very well for ourselves but far less for those whom we should be trying to draw in. We are becoming too self-indulgent to place what the new generation needs above what we want. So we resist any move to accommodate our young people. All too often they are tolerated only for as long as they are prepared to be patronised or are vulnerable enough to be conditioned to our way of thinking. Once they start asking awkward questions nobody wants to know. But this is just the point at which the church really needs their help.

The rate of change in our society — change that our generation has brought about—is bewildering. And how do we react? We turn the Church into a fortress behind whose wall we can, once a week, live out our fantasy that things are really still the same.

But the bible is not an historical novel. It is a guide for the explorer who wishes to search for God in the real world. The Church must help its young people to become such explorers. Having been brought up in the new society they have a better chance of understanding it. We need them to help us turn the Church from a fortress into an outpost from which we can identify the needs and problems of an evolving society. Only then can we help people to find God within it.

For this to happen our young people must be encouraged to take a full and active part in the life of the Church and we must accept gladly the influence that they will have upon us. If the older generation, from its position of power, chooses to prevent this process of adapting to the needs of young people, it could be forty or fifty years before we can benefit from their insight. By that time, if they have not already left the Church in disgust, they themselves will be out of touch with a changing world.

If the Church of yesterday is ever to become the Church of tomorrow, we must take young people seriously now.

## EXPLORING THE WAYS OF THE SPIRIT

A congress on spirituality in London during the month of June organised by the London Ecumenical Centre.

**MONDAY EVENINGS.** A series of introductions to meditation from four religious traditions — Christian, Sufi, Buddhist and Hindu at St. Margaret's Westminster.

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**LUNCH TIMES** at Notre Dame de France Church. A "One World Prayer Centre". Sessions of different methods of prayer.

**EVENINGS JUNE 23rd - 28th.** Themes arising from the above lunch time sessions developed more fully.

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**SATURDAY JUNE 28th.** A symposium on the interdependence between prayer and life in the modern world.

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Further details from the Revd. Stephen Bartlett (475152).

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## SATURDAY, 7th JUNE

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**RAYMOND BIRT** Archdeacon of Berkshire.  
4.00 p.m. Tea  
4.30 p.m. **THE DIOCESAN MACHINE**  
The Diocesan Synod and its complicated system of supporting bodies.  
**JOHN GANN** Team Rector of Newbury.  
6.00 p.m. Break  
6.15 p.m. **THE GENERAL SYNOD**  
Westminster and its Church 'Civil Service' seems remote — yet it affects every Church member.  
till 7.45 **JAMES COBBAN** Member of General Synod.

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Further details from  
Miss DOREEN BARRELL, ST. MARY'S CENTRE.

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Dr. Eric Beale has resigned from the trustees of the charities and replaced by Mrs. K. P. Besley. The other trustees are the Rector of Caversham (ex-officio) and the clerk of the trustees is Councillor Stansfeld-Taylor. Mr. P. Tipton of 73 South View Avenue to whom applications for grants should be made.

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## WEDDING



— WALTON ADAMS

David Head and Linda Alder were married at St. Andrew's Church on 26th April.

## St. Barnabas' Coffee Pot Club

COFFEE POT CONTINUES TO FUNCTION as a friendly meeting point for the ladies of Emmer Green and a number from Caversham Park. Indeed, the membership has become more wide-spread as some members have moved to other areas but are still happy to make the journey to Monday evening meetings.

One member, Pauline Read, was brave enough to turn speaker for a recent meeting. Her talk on Russia raised many issues, and since Pauline and two other members had ventured behind the iron curtain in recent years a lively discussion followed. Perhaps naturally there was most interest in the part taken by women as workers and mothers, in the Soviet Union.

A gentleman from the Samaritans has also spoken to members. What had previously seemed just a remote organisation became a real and vital body, operating here in Reading and providing comfort for a growing local need. The Samaritans offer friendship for all the lonely and despairing — an opportunity to talk out one's troubles before, as it was pointed out, one has necessarily reached the point of suicide. Their telephone number in Reading — 54845 — is always available.

In April, at a lighter level, Mr. Bernard Sparks gave a very instructive and amusing chat on photography. He condensed his professional know-how into a few simple rules for all the willing amateurs present. Perhaps some of the results will be seen at the 'holidays' evening in the autumn!

Some members have been helping with Family Festival Charities activities, and thanks are due from the Coffee Pot Committee for their efforts.

## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

### Hardly a quiet June

The month of June will be a busy one for the parish of Caversham. On St. Barnabas Day, Wednesday, 11th June all the services will be held at St. Barnabas and the preacher in the evening at the Parish Communion is the Rev. George Hacker, rector of Tilehurst. On St. John's Day, Tuesday, 24th June Canon Vile returns to the district of which he was priest in charge over thirty years ago. He left Caversham in 1942 for the diocese of Southwark where he has held a number of livings and is now Vicar of Caterham Valley. He preaches at St. John's at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Frederick Dawson ("Fred" to most of the parish) travels from Sheffield to preach at the St. Peter's Day Festival Evensong at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, 29th June. At this service it is planned that the newly formed parish orchestra will be playing for the first time. Provided the weather is fine tea will be served in the Rectory Garden from 4.15 p.m. (if wet, in Balmore Hall). Mr. Martin Loveless is due to be ordained that morning at Slough and will be "on view" at the Garden Party. In the morning at the Parish Communion the memorial cupboard being given in memory of Cyril Burnside and which forms part of the alterations at the west end of St. Peter's will be received.

The Church Council meets on 6th June. On Friday, 20th June the Family Festival Charities Group have arranged a concert in St. Peter's which will be given by the Reading Male Voice Choir in aid of the Reading Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. On 28th June comes St. Andrew's Fete the proceeds of which are this year to be divided between the Missions to Seamen and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Yes — hardly a quiet month but one with events in all parts of the parish which should draw the different congregations together both for worship and social activities.

## LADY DAY FESTIVAL

The Lady Day M.U. Festival Service, which took place in St. Andrew's Church this year, was attended by Mothers' Union Members from the Caversham branches of St. Peter's and St. Barnabas', St. John's, Mapledurham and St. Andrews' Churches.

The interesting sermon was preached by the Ven. W. R. Birt, Archdeacon of Berkshire, who was a priest on the Caversham staff a few years ago, and whom everyone was pleased to see again.

Lessons were read by the Rev. Brian Gardiner and Mrs. St. Alphonse, Enrolling Member of St. Andrew's branch, and Mr. Rowe was the organist.

After the Service tea was provided for everyone in St. Andrew's Hall by the members of St. Andrew's branch. This was greatly appreciated, especially on such a cold and snowy day!

## ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The group held their Annual General Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday, 25th April with the President, the Rev. Brian Gardiner, in the Chair. Mrs. Pam Keetch was re-elected Chairman for a further year. Two new members were elected to the Committee. Mrs. Pat Cleare and Mrs. Jean McCall. A vote of thanks was expressed to the two retiring committee members, Mrs. Ann Gray and Mrs. Gloria Bruce. The financial report showed a healthy balance and Mrs. Keetch's report looked back on an active and interesting year of events, also, forward to an exciting future.

Following refreshments members were given a demonstration by Miss Ann Moyes of Boots of their 'No. 7' range of cosmetics. Pat Cleare bravely volunteering as a demonstration model.

The group's next two meetings will be on 22nd May and 26th June, when a warm welcome will await any new members.

## BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

AT THE RECENT ANNUAL MEETING of church members Mrs. Joan Shield was re-elected to the Diaconate, and three new Deacons were elected, Mrs. Beryl Miller, Mr. John Brearley and Mr. Peter Rose. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Cliff Jones, Mr. Jim Pilgrim and Dr. James Rothwell who were standing down after many years of service.

A well supported Women's Sunday took place at the end of April, with the evening service being led by Mrs. L. Ashley. On the Monday the Women's Own were joined by friends from other Churches. The speaker was Mrs. D. Keeble, and there was special singing by the Wycliffe Women's Choir.

Plans are now being made for next September when members will welcome into their homes a group of Baptists from Dallas, Texas. The visit is part of a larger visit to this country by American Baptists, and six churches in Reading will be offering hospitality. It is hoped that the visitors will take part in various activities during their time in Caversham.

Scaffolding is now growing up around the Baptist Church to enable the main roof — now 97 years old — to be retiled. The cost is likely to be in the region of £5,000 and interest free loans have been

offered by members to enable the work to be put in hand without delay. On 14th June a Garden Sale will take place at 27 Albert Road to raise money towards the cost of the roof repairs. It is hoped that many friends of the Church will support what is sure to be a very happy and informal gathering.

Two family events are planned for the summer months. On Sunday afternoon, 29th June, a family picnic in West Berkshire, concluding with a service in a village chapel, and on Saturday, 6th September, a whole day outing, also for "all the family", to a destination shortly to be revealed!

Three members of the Church recently attended the Baptist Assembly in Liverpool, notable not only because a number of meetings were held in the Anglican Cathedral and the Roman Catholic chaplaincy, but also because it was the first time the Assembly had been "residential", using University halls of residence. 1500 delegates attended. One of the most important decisions taken was to support the 'Foodshare' campaign (Live more simply that others may simply live).

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DURING THE WEEK 8th-12th APRIL FIFTY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES STAYED AT DORNEY VICARAGE, a Youth Conference Centre sponsored by Eton College, where they explored together the four basic Christian Symbols of Light, Water, Bread and Wine. The group divided into two, each group spending two nights at Dorney. Leonard Burn and Michael Kitchener going with the first group and Stephen Bartlett and Brian Gardiner looking after the second. The two groups followed more or less the same pattern of activity and recreation.

Printed below is a report written by Jeremy Bevan who went with the first group.

'On Tuesday, 8th April, a party of 22 boys and girls, along with Leonard Burn and Michael Kitchener (and family) set off to Dorney, near Windsor, on a two day residential course. On arrival we were told of the plans for the visit, and afterwards we had supper.

After supper we made some ginger-beer (a very good substitute for communion wine). Then followed a party with fun and games, then off to bed at 11 o'clock.

What a pity it wasn't earlier,

because next morning we rose at 5 o'clock, to go for a walk to see the sun rise. An enjoyable walk, if a little cold, was followed by breakfast, which in turn was followed by the object of our walk, a filmstrip on light. This was followed by a creative session and group discussion on light. After lunch we made bread, helped by Mrs. Kitchener, and then built a bonfire in readiness for the evening. Then with some free time, some people ventured into Windsor, while others played cards or darts or other games.

After supper there was an outdoor service with everyone

holding a candle and spreading light to the world, by means of lighting the bonfires. Then a short service indoors, which was followed by bed.

Most of the next morning was devoted to a project on water, involving creative research and a filmstrip, plus a bit of wet humour, the wetting of certain people by an ingenious machine. After lunch we packed our bags and after a short service, during which the home-made bread and ginger-beer were distributed, we returned to Reading.

It was a most interesting and useful two days and on behalf of the group I would like to thank Mr. Burn and Mr. Kitchener, for a most enjoyable time.'



— L. L. BURN

## DON'T PARK HERE by KATY

I AM ABOUT TO HAVE MY ANNUAL 'BEEF' only this time with a difference; this time it's not me against motorists but me and a lot of other motorists. I refer mainly to those drivers who through ignorance, inconsideration or sheer selfishness, park their cars in such a way as to cause danger and inconvenience to everyone else.

**PAVEMENTS OR SIDEWALKS**  
In the past week, once people knew I intended to write this article, complaints have come pouring in and by far the greatest number concern parking on pavements. No wonder the kerbs in Caversham are so broken. It really is getting a bit much when a motorist happily hoots at a pedestrian to get out of the way when he wants to

park on the pavement — and that's precisely what happened to me recently. Perhaps the Americans have a point when they call their pavements 'side-walks' because in this country walking on pavements can be quite a hazardous business. From all over Caversham I hear about inconsiderate — and often unlawful — parking. From places as far apart as the corner of Albert Road/The Mount, to parts of South View Avenue, I hear of motorists who consistently park for long periods in drives too small to contain them and consequently one end of the vehicle becomes an obstacle to negotiate when walking down the road.

### MORE GARAGES

Admittedly there is a great need for more garages in parts of Caversham, but that isn't sufficient excuse. Furthermore it has become a habit for cars to drive on the pavement, like the driver who refused to join a queue of cars turning from Priory Avenue into Church Street, and happily by-passed it by driving on the pavement. And it seems that double yellow lines are often regarded as an invitation to park on the pavement. But what can we expect when we see a council refuse lorry parked on such a pavement — perhaps their reasons are good, but it does seem to set the seal of legality on the whole driving fraternity.

### AWKWARD SPOTS

Then there are the inconsiderate parkers who dump themselves in very awkward spots. A car which is frequently left for long periods at the junction of Cromwell Road/Falkland Road was recently joined by a driver who parked himself opposite so that a lorry driver

trying to turn into Falkland Road found himself unable to get between the two cars and had to back up and reverse. And apparently customers at the grocery shop on the corner of Washington Road/Gosbrook Road are all too frequently guilty not only of parking on double yellow lines but of doing so in such a way that unloading lorries have to park a considerable distance from the shop. It would be nice if lorry drivers unloading at small shops would stop and think before settling down; a lorry frequently unloading in Westfield Road would cause much less inconvenience and danger if parked in Falkland Road. As it is it completely blocks the vision of motorists and pedestrians turning into Westfield Road.

As to the NCL van which is parked for hours on end in a road in Caversham, one can't help wondering if the driver is paid for all that time or how many parcels are delayed in consequence.

### FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY

Having launched on the subject, here are a few purely pedestrian requests. First to the local authorities — can something please, please be done to help pedestrians crossing at the junction of Church Street/Bridge Street; it's a hazardous business especially as on more than one part of the crossing there is never a 'safe' time for people to cross. And will drivers please use a bit of commonsense and consideration when turning into roads particularly at both ends of Prospect Street and for heaven's sake, SLOW DOWN. It just isn't funny when something comes whizzing at you from an unexpected turning, nor is it a joke when a driver signals straight on at Church Street/Prospect Street junction and then changes his mind and shoots left. It happens so often that I can almost hear the motorist saying 'Damn it, missed again'. And did any of you know that the safe crossing time outside the library is exactly 6 seconds — Roger Bannister might make it, but I doubt if the rest of us are quite up to that speed and once again many motorists are in a hurry to leap forward when the lights change whether anyone is on the crossing or not.

### QUIET PLEASE

One final 'beef' — please, please will motorists and especially motor-cyclists, realise that noise is both an inconvenience and a hazard. Revving up loudly can throw another motorist or a pedestrian completely off his stroke and cause him to jump in the wrong direction.

And in case anyone dismisses the writing as a miserable old spoilsport I just want to remind drivers that they are in possession of a lethal weapon and I'll lay any odds that I'm not the only person in Caversham who wants to live as long as possible.



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 11.15 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).  
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).  
 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (5th Sunday 5.30 p.m.)

#### St. John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday).

#### St. Andrew's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 5th Sunday).

#### St. Barnabas

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday).

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 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
 10.30 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).

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 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (2nd Sunday).

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11.00 a.m. Morning Service.  
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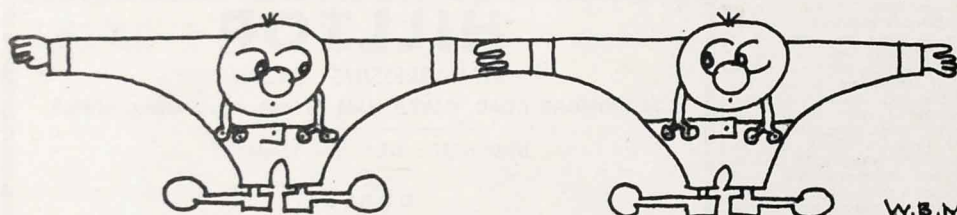
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## BAPTISED

**St. Andrew's**  
13th April Caroline Duncan

**St. Barnabas'**  
16 March Amy Mortimer  
Carol Fisher  
Kerry Rose

**Caversham Park**  
6th April Simon Gray

## CONFIRMED BY THE BISHOP OF DORCHESTER AT CLANFIELD CHURCH ON 8th April

**St. Andrew's**  
Jane Roberts

## CONFIRMED BY THE BISHOP OF READING AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON 6th May

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Jocelyn Churcher  
Rosalie Churcher  
Susan Dabnor  
Caroline Fry  
Jonathan Fry  
William Harris

Simon Hart  
Caroline Holloway  
Sheila Hutchison  
Carol Joyce  
Deborah Longstaffe  
Michael Longstaffe  
David Matthews

Yvonne Mercer  
Ian Murdoch  
Simon Osbourn  
Anthony Wadman  
Jane Wadman  
Helen Warden

### St. John's

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Margaret Dighton

Anthony Young

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Jonathan Boulding  
Julia Day

Stephen Gazzard  
Louise Gill  
Joanna Goddard  
Anthony Guy

Pamela Keetch  
Allan Macrae  
Melanie Smith  
Kathryn Tillman

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Susan Allen  
Deborah Bevan  
Jeremy Bevan  
Jonathan Bevan  
Beryl Bolt  
Christopher Bolt  
Guy Brain  
Christopher Corrie

Julie Cox  
Lisabeth Desforges  
Elizabeth Downes  
Susan Downes  
Terry Farrow  
Helen Francis  
Philippa Jewiss

Elizabeth Kelly  
Jonathan Nash  
Susan Nicholls  
Susan Penson  
Tony Stanley  
Jacqueline Walker  
Carol Waters

### St. Margaret's

Richard Foster

Ewan McCombe

### Caversham Park

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Clare Childs  
Rodney Childs  
Angela Cookson  
Anita Doyle

Michael Doyle  
Caroline Goldsmith  
Karen Kravesslar  
John Lauder  
Graham Millward

Jane Saban  
Michael Saban  
Andrew Van Dort  
Jane Vardy

## CONFIRMED AT GREENHAM ON 11th May

### St. Margaret's

Janine Burton

### Caversham Park

Doreen Davies  
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Judith Davies

Robin Davies

## MARRIED

### St. Peter's

12th April  
David Wells and  
Wendy Hill

26th April

Robert Crawford and  
Janet Coulson  
Terence Alder and  
Helen Bunce

### St. Andrew's

3rd April  
Clive Doyle and  
Ann Stevens  
26th April  
David Head and  
Linda Alder

### St. Margaret's

3rd May  
Richard Mann and  
Jane Hart

## FUNERALS

### St. Peter's

17th April  
Violet Rumble  
24th April  
Thomas Harris  
2nd May  
Dorothy Holt

### St. John's

10th April  
William Castell

### St. Andrew's

4th March  
William Betteridge

# ROUND THE CLUBS

## MAPLEWOOD W.I.

The newly elected President, Mrs. K. Bubb, was in the Chair, and introduced the speaker, Miss Morgan, who retired recently as Chief Nursing Officer of the Reading Hospital Group. In a sincere and amusing way she told of her experiences in her nursing life. Mrs. N. Wyeth proposed the vote of thanks, and gave a donation for the League of Friends to Miss Morgan. Victorian items were displayed and commented on by their owners. Of particular interest was a magnifying glass, once owned by Florence Nightingale, and given to Miss Morgan by an elderly patient.

The Institute entered a choral speaking group in the Berkshire Drama Festival; Easter eggs were sent to St. Benet's Home. Mrs. Turner reported on her visit to Denman College, as the Institute's delegate.

## MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

The President welcomed members and friends from other institutes, to the Birthday Party on 11th April. Mrs. Deacon had made a birthday cake and Miss Hodges gave a demonstration of flower arranging, entitled "Come to a Party".

The Institute meets on the second Friday of every month at 2.30 p.m. in Trench Green Hall, and new members can be assured of a friendly welcome. Mrs. Griffith, 85 St. Peter's Avenue (Tel. 471645) will gladly give further details.

## BLAGRAVE W.I.

At the April Meeting of Blagrove W.I. Mrs. Wilkie presented the Birthday Posies and was happy to welcome two more new members.

The Speaker was Mrs. Dodd from the Reading Branch of the Citizens' Advice Bureau who gave a most enlightening talk on the variety of help and advice given and Mrs. Dodd emphasised the fact that all problems discussed were completely confidential and that a team of experts is always to hand to give professional advice. Arrangements were made for the Group Meeting to be

held later in the month, the competition for 6 scones was won by Mrs. Rawlinson and Mrs. Guest won the raffle.

## EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the April meeting, two members of the Reading Youth Counselling Service — Mr. Brian Slater and Mrs. Pamela Munt — answered members' questions about their organisation which was formed to give confidential help to young people with any problems. The Arts and Crafts section attended a cookery demonstration at Burchetts Green, and the Social Studies section visited Reading Museum. The Guild meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Emmer Green School, Grove Road, at 7.30 p.m.

## READING CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Tracing your ancestors can be a very intriguing hobby,

Mrs. J. Banks had Guild members eagerly taking notes on how to begin. St. Catherine's House is the place to start, tracing birth, marriage and death certificates, commencing with oneself. It can be extremely tedious, but at the same time very rewarding. Older relatives can be helpful, being able to remember other branches of the family. It seems there can be many skeletons in the cupboard, and lots of surprises too! Mrs. Banks has traced her ancestors back as far as 1790. It has taken much of her time and patience. Mrs. J. Brown gave the vote of thanks.

The Drama Group are entering various local festivals this year. Woodley and West Forest Guilds will be joining our Drama Group to entertain us in May with performances of their plays.

Votes were taken on motions to be debated at the National Council Meeting. Mrs. M. Kitcher will represent the Guild.

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# The Waterways of Reading

— by ZOILUS —

Every so often Reading gets an attack of conscience about its treatment of the riverside. It is possible that the Anglo-Saxon settlers in the dark ages berated the Ancient Briton inhabitants for messing up the river frontage with a hideous collection of wattle huts, but it was the industrialists of the 19th century who were responsible for the jumble of brick and corrugated iron that scars the south bank. The world wide success of "Three Men in a Boat" gave Reading its reputation as a place best to "hurry past as quickly as possible" and that advice, given in 1896, seems to have stuck for good.

Over the years much lip service has been given to the idea of Reading as a riverside resort. There has been talk of riparian pleasure grounds, swimming pools, a lido, landscape schemes and a marina. But the plain fact remains that little has been done, and when a new swimming pool was built it was put in the centre of the town.

At last there are signs that the good intentions of the past are to be translated into action in the foreseeable future with the formation by Reading Council of a Steering Committee to plan the implementation of a recently published report by a working party on the future of the waterways. As well as local councillors, this Committee will include representatives of the Waterways Trust, the University and Berkshire County Council.

## Improved Waterways

If the quality of the report is any guide, the future of our rivers looks rosy. A well produced document — 20 pages of clearly written policy, with an abundance of maps and 33 photographs — it presents the principles of improving the waterways in an attractive format. It is different from previous surveys in the attention it gives

to the Kennet as a pleasure cruiseway and general amenity area and looks forward to the complete re-opening of the Kennet and Avon Canal to give the opportunity of Reading becoming a stop-over point for holiday traffic, situated as it is in a prime position at the confluence of the Kennet and the Thames.

Last month the front page of "The Bridge" carried an article about Caversham Lock Keeper, Dick Knightley and he described how busy he is kept in the summer with queues of boats at high season. Statistics show that in 1974 over 26,000 craft passed through Caversham Lock whilst the figure for Blakes Lock, which serves the Kennet was 5,000. So it seems there is scope for some more traffic on that tributary which would not be a bad thing in relieving the Thames of some of its summer time congestion.

## Civic Trust and Caversham Bridge

But it isn't the cabin cruiser clientele who are the only river users, or even the most important ones. The report has equal concern for anglers and walkers, and one of its principal recommendations is for easier access to the banks of the 5 miles of Kennet that winds its way through the borough, and for landscaping treatment to a number of areas. It is suggested that the riverside by the Abbey ruins could be improved by a "sitting out" area, and that the banks by Yield Hall and the bus depot could be much improved. As far as the Thames is concerned, it is maintained that the much postponed Civic Trust scheme for landscaping at Caversham Bridge should be started at once and that there should be suitable treatment of the river frontage at Hill's Meadow.

Numerous bodies and individuals have sent comments and suggestions to the working party. The Natural History Society feel that their interests are totally ignored, that a main attraction of the riverside is its flora and fauna and that nesting islands should be restricted from the public. They add the rather surprising information that on the King's Road car park area there are over 60 types of plant species! Other suggestions sent in range from an open air swimming pool to an all-purpose leisure complex, and the provision of more signposts directing people to little known parts of the river, such as the Holybrook.

It is said that the best things in life are free. But although natural resources have provided us with our waterways, it is obviously going to cost a great deal to bring out their full attractions. Hopefully the council may be able to find about £20,000 in the coming year to make a start on the scheme that one day may transform our town into "Reading by the River".

## YOUNG CAVERSHAM

'B' FLAT AND BE DAMNED is not quite the most genteel expression, but it could adequately reflect the tempo of the 1st Caversham Boys' Brigade's drum and bugle item at the District Battalions' display at the Town Hall on 9th April. Four of the Caversham company's band, Mark Williams, Paul Harris, Graham and Mark Alderman, almost raised the roof with their vigorous performance. Among the guests attending on the evening were the two national secretaries, Mr. A. A. J. Hudson (Boys' Brigade) and Miss M. I. Taylor (Girls' Brigade) who were accompanied by the Mayor and Mayoress of Reading, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bristow.

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by



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