

Successful children's holiday club 'Guardians of Ancora'

One hundred and forty-four Caversham children gathered at Thameside School in the first week of August for the annual summer holiday club, which was organised and run by Churches Together in Caversham. This year, volunteers from 11 different Caversham churches were involved. This large-scale ecumenical holiday club is now in its fifth year and grows in popularity each year.

The Scripture Union 'Guardians of Ancora' programme started the week with a service at St Andrew's Church, five days of holiday club, then a final service at Caversham Baptist Church as a celebration. Through seven stories from the New Testament, the programme looks at who Jesus is. It reveals that God had a plan in sending Jesus to earth – to restore humanity to a relationship with him. It builds, day on day, helping children form an overview of the things that Jesus did and demonstrating the power of faith in Christ. There is a Bible phrase, which is used each day, that the children are encouraged to learn: (Matthew 22:37) 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul'.

The club has a structured day with time in year groups doing craft activities and then time altogether in the main hall singing, listening to Bible stories, some read by adults, some acted out by the older children and some presented using puppetry. The afternoons are spent in sports activities including archery, dance, fencing, football and also storytelling, community craft and cookery.

Wednesday afternoon traditionally is 'Wet Wednesday' with a series of water-based activities from games involving carrying wet sponges and transporting as

much water as possible in a cap or a newspaper, to an obstacle course including a water slide. The children enjoy getting wet. Those who don't, sit and watch or play somewhere supervised in the cool and dry. Friday afternoon ends the week with a family fun afternoon. Younger siblings and parents join the children to enjoy bouncy castles, face painting, hotdogs, cakes and ice lollies outside in the playground and then they come into the hall for some singing and show their parents some of the wonderful creations made during the week.

Here's just a snippet of the feedback from parents: "This is so much better than other holiday clubs! There is so much variety in what the kids can do and they actually learn something too!" and "I'd just like to say a huge thank you to you all – it's a wonderful week for the children and you all work so hard. Very much appreciated."



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TALKING POINT

by David Jenkins

Rapidly changing landscape

From my window I can see the changing skyline of Reading where new buildings are being erected in various designs.

The political landscape in Great Britain, Europe and beyond has also been changing very rapidly.

Following the EU Referendum the speed of developments affecting the political parties was changing by the day and often by the hour.

Because things have been moving on so swiftly, it would be easy to forget what happened a week before the referendum, when MP Jo Cox was killed.

All of a sudden politicians, of whom we are quick to be cynical and to blame when things go wrong, were seen in a much more positive light, and we were encouraged to appreciate the width and depth of their contribution.

Her death, of course, may well have resulted as a direct cause of political hype, which again puts politicians in a bad light.

Jo's husband, of Reading origin, said that she had fought for a better world.

Before her work as an MP she had been Head of Policy for Oxfam, and in her whole working life she had aimed to directly support the most disadvantaged, and especially those who were refugees fleeing the terrible horrors of life in Syria.

She would have been supportive of developments that could include towns like Reading becoming 'Cities of Sanctuary'.

One of her insights is particularly worth holding onto, especially during a time of political polarisation and of divisions the referendum appeared to have shown up in national life. It is her statement, "We all have far more in common with each other than that which divides us."

It is particularly ironic that someone who believed that should have been murdered on the basis of her killer's distorted views.

If we believe that 'we all have far more in common with each other than that which divides us', won't that affect what we think, how we relate to others, and what we contribute to the life of our neighbourhoods?

Rev'd. David Jenkins is a member of the Methodist Team Ministry



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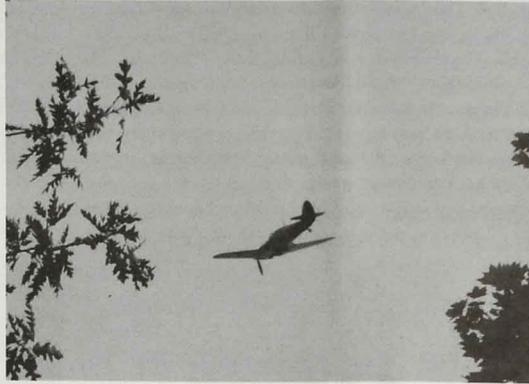
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Caversham Church Fete

Sharp-eyed readers may have noticed that the report of the church fete in Caversham Court in July in page three of the September edition referred to pictures of the Hurricane and of the crowds enjoying the fete. Unfortunately, due to a production error, only one picture appeared along with the report, and this was of a different event. So to remind you of the summer just past, we print the correct pictures, which were taken by David Collis.



The Hurricane flypast



Crowds enjoying the fete

Judith Ryder, recently appointed curate at St Peter's church, writes her personal view of the Holiday Club reported on in page 1:

A big highlight of the summer for me was being able to spend a week as a helper at the Caversham 'Guardians of Ancora' Holiday Club, which took place at Thameside Primary School, from Monday 1 to Friday 5 August. The Holiday Club is run annually by Churches Together in Caversham, and has evidently become quite a feature of the season. There were well over 100 primary age children there (the figure I've heard quoted is 144). All four of my children were able to go too, and clearly really enjoyed themselves. They have insisted on wearing their Holiday Club caps for most of the summer since, not to mention occasionally breaking into a rousing chorus of 'Guardians of Ancora'! The week was based around a theme of Jesus' miracles, and packed in plenty of different activities, from crafts and storytelling to fencing and archery – not to mention Wilsons' 'Wet Wednesday', when I somehow managed not to get wet (better luck next year?). The Holiday Club uses Scripture Union material, and is possible thanks to the large number of volunteers, who come from many different Caversham churches – so it's a great example of (very efficient) practical co-operation between local Christians, working together to bring the gospel to a new generation. Some former Holiday Clubbers come back as Young Helpers, which shows just how much this has taken root and become an important part of their lives. It was a great privilege to be part of this, and I'd love to be there again next year. I've got the red shirts to wear now, so they mustn't go to waste! Many thanks to Jane Borgeaud, 'Guildmaster', and to everyone else who puts so much into making the Club so welcoming and such a great success.

Bible Friends

Hezekiah trusts God

There was a huge enemy army outside the walls of the city. King Hezekiah and his people were inside.

One of the leaders of the enemy army shouted, "You can't stop us! God won't help you! We will take over your city!"

Hezekiah talked to God. "The army is very big and very strong. Please help us," he asked.

God sent his messenger Isaiah to talk to the king. "We can trust God," Isaiah explained. "God says that the army will not hurt us. God will protect us and the city."

Hezekiah believed God's message. He trusted God.

And the next morning, the whole enemy army had gone!

2 Kings 18:13 – 19:37



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Budget Consultations on Concessionary Bus Passes and Readybike

A proposal to change the Reading concessionary bus pass scheme so that it reverts to the national scheme was the subject of a month-long public consultation which started on August 29th.

Reading Borough Council currently subsidises a scheme which allows bus pass holders to travel free on local buses from 9am Monday to Friday. The national scheme only permits free bus travel from 9.30am on weekdays.

The proposed change forms part of a £20 million package of savings, efficiency and income proposals the council agreed to take forward, or consult on, at its policy committee meeting in July. These are the latest in a series of savings the council is having to consider as it continues to tackle an estimated £36.7million funding gap up to 2020 as a result of on-going cuts in Government funding. The cuts come at a time when demands for local council services are increasing. £65 million worth of savings have already been made since 2011.

As part of the consultation, people can have their say on a revised concessionary bus scheme which would be valid from 9.30am to 11pm, Monday to Friday. The changes would also mean Reading borough would stop accepting Wokingham concessionary passes between 09.00 and 09.30, Monday to Friday. The arrangement to accept West Berkshire pass holders from 9.00 ended in May when West Berkshire Council reverted to the national scheme as part of its own budget savings.

There would be no change to weekend and bank holiday use of concessionary passes, which are valid at any time. There are also no proposed changes to the issue and acceptance of Access passes for disabled persons' bus travel which will continue to be valid at any time.

Under the proposals, acceptance of concessionary passes on football and rugby special bus services to and from Madejski Stadium would also cease.

People could have their say at www.reading.gov.uk/concessionaryfares or write to: Concessionary Fares Consultation, Transport Strategy, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU with comments. The closing date was Friday September 30th.

Also running to Friday September 30th was a public consultation on proposals to remove the subsidy for ReadyBike, the council's bike hire scheme. Like the concessionary bus scheme proposal, this was agreed for consultation at the council's policy committee in July.

ReadyBike was launched in June 2014 and consists of 200 bikes at 29 docking stations across Reading. The council's successful bid for a Department for Transport's local sustainable transport fund grant covered the initial costs and operation up to March 2016. Since then operating costs have been subsidised by the council at a cost of approximately £130,000 a year.

The council is continuing to seek sponsorship or alternative funding options for ReadyBike so that it can continue, but the consultation on removing the council subsidy will continue as a parallel process. Under the proposals being consulted on, the council's subsidy for ReadyBike would end in June 2017.

People can have their say online at www.reading.gov.uk/readybike or write in with comments to ReadyBike Consultation, Transport Strategy, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU.

Tony Page, the council's lead member for strategic environment, planning and transport, said:

"The proposals to remove subsidies on Reading's concessionary bus

pass scheme and Readybike were agreed for consultation in July and are the latest in a long line of savings we are having to consider as a result of the cuts in Government funding.

"Reading still offers its residents a bus concessionary scheme over and above the national scheme, but the level of cuts we face mean we have little option but to consult on removing that subsidy, just as our neighbours in West Berkshire did in May.

"In terms of ReadyBike, July 2016 was a record month for bike hires. There were 3,392 rentals, up 12% from the previous month and up 16% year-on-year. There were also 475 new subscriptions. The Council is continuing to seek sponsorship to allow ReadyBike to continue beyond June 2017. Potential investors may be encouraged by the latest figures which show it is growing in popularity.

"I would urge as many people as possible to take part in the consultation which runs until the end of September."



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Lloyds Bank branch in Caversham to close



The Lloyds Bank branch in Caversham

The Lloyds Bank branch in Caversham is due to close in November, and MP Rob Wilson has written to the company, calling on the Bank to remember its responsibility to its account holders. He said that this is likely to be deeply unpopular with loyal customers, who, as things stand, will have their accounts reassigned to the Broad Street branch in Reading, and that the decision smacks of discourtesy and complacency from Lloyds, which should not simply presume that account holders would accept these changes and continue to use its services.

Lloyds said that they will be closing the Caversham branch on November 9th. The branch has been identified for closure because of the changing way customers use the bank: the majority of customers now regularly use alternative branches or use other ways to bank, such as online and telephone banking to complete their banking needs.

There is another bank close by that allows Lloyds to serve the local area. The Broad Street branch is just over a mile away, Lloyds would write to customers to give them all the information they need. They have taken into account the location of local Post Offices and

availability of public transport. Personal banking customers can use their local Post Office to check their balance, withdraw cash and make deposits to their account. The closest Post Office is in Day Lewis pharmacy, 0.1 miles away.

The closure of the Caversham branch is part of a three-year programme of branch closures announced in 2014.

Another accident in Caversham Heights

There have been a number of serious accidents in Caversham recently, and particularly in the Caversham Heights area. The latest incident was a crash at the Kidmore Road/Oakley Road junction, following which an occupant of an overturned vehicle had to be released by the emergency services before being taken to hospital. Many years ago there was a spate of accidents at this location, but there do not appear to have been many incidents there in the last few years. This junction is quite close to the notorious Albert Road/ Highmoor Road junction, of which there has been much discussion recently, and a solution to that problem is still awaited.

Apart from junctions on the main Woodcote Road, the two junctions mentioned are probably the two busiest crossroads in Caversham Heights, and are both on a well-used route from the Heights to Emmer Green, and to several schools. In addition they are major intersections on routes to Caversham centre and Reading. Therefore closing off any access to these junctions is not an easy decision to take, as it would only cause traffic to seek out alternative routes.

The council are now proposing to ban parking by painting double yellow lines in Highmoor Road between Buxton Avenue and Albert Road. It is hoped that this will improve visibility on the approach to the junction.

Road resurfacing

The council's summer resurfacing programme is now complete, and a small number of roads have benefitted from a much reduced programme this year. There are still many other roads which require attention, so it is to be hoped that a more extensive programme will be funded next year.

Mirror on St Peter's Hill

There is a mirror mounted on a post on St Peter's Hill opposite the entrance to the Warren. This mirror has been in position for many years, and is a useful aid for traffic emerging from the Warren to help give visibility to traffic driving up St Peter's Hill. The mirror has recently become dull, and is difficult to use for its intended purpose. When asked if it could be cleaned, or given some other suitable treatment to allow it to be used for its intended purpose, Reading Borough Council declared that they had no record of it being installed, or of it being approved, and as such it is an unapproved installation. Furthermore they said that it did not appear to be necessary from a safety point of view. As a result, they are more likely to remove the mirror than to clean it.

New plans for Swan Heights

The developer who was refused permission to build three skyscrapers on the site of the now-demolished BMW car showroom next to Reading Bridge has unveiled new plans.

Lochailort's plans for three 28-storey blocks containing 352 flats have been scaled down,

The firm said it had worked "extensively" with Reading Borough Council to produce the new plans for 300 flats in a single block of considerably less height than the previous proposals.

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Joseph Nolan will be performing an organ recital at St Peter's Church Caversham on Saturday October 8th at 6pm.

This is the second in a series of organ recitals to present the church's new 3-manual Viscount Classical Organ, following the superb demonstration by Philip Aspden in February.

Joseph is the organist and master of choristers at St George's Cathedral, Perth, in Western Australia, which post he has held since 2008. He is visiting the UK to play at selected venues.

Joseph is a world renowned organist and you can read more about him at the Perth Cathedral website www.perthcathedral.org. Joseph has performed extensively across several continents and his work has been broadcast on most radio networks including BBC Radio 3, USA Pipedreams and ABC and UK Classic FM. He has worked as organ soloist and accompanist with The King's Singers and with internationally acclaimed trumpeters Alison Balsom, Crispian Steele-Perkins and David Elton. Joseph is also accompanist to the West Australian Principal Flautist, Andrew Nicholson.

Joseph made his debut with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra at Perth Concert Hall playing Poulenc's Organ Concerto and Saint-Saëns' Organ Symphony for the opening of the WASO Classics concerts.

Entry will be by ticket at £10 in advance (£12 on the door), including free refreshments after the recital.

Any profits will go to church funds. Tickets can be obtained from Church House, 59 Church Street, Caversham RG4 8AX tel: 0118 947 1703 or contact Richard Larkin on 07557 049092 for more details.

St John's Church Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 19 November at 2pm at St John's church, Gosbrook Road. Stalls will include cakes, books, raffle, tombola, preserves etc.

Successful concert at Gosbrook Road



On July 23rd Revd David Jenkins gave a wonderful musical evening at Caversham Methodist Church, Gosbrook Road. The church was full to overflowing. So many people turned up that it was necessary to print more programmes.

David gave a varied programme, with piano recitals, beautiful singing and his usual funny jokes.

Using two pianos, one either side of the church, he moved back and forth telling jokes in between.

The songs included *Annie's Song*, *Sunrise*, *Sunset*, *You Raise me Up* and *Some Enchanted Evening*. Some of the piano pieces were from David's CD *The Salisbury Suite*, which David was inspired to write when he lived in Salisbury.

There were also some 'world premiere' pieces which David has written since moving to Caversham - *The Thames* and *Relaxing in the Sunshine*.

A group of singers performed items from *The Fish' Man Jazz*, which David wrote some years ago.

Refreshments were enjoyed in the interval, and food that was left over was sent to the YMCA hostel in Tilehurst.

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The service commenced with the singing of the well-known hymn - 'He's got the whole world in his hands' - suitably adapted to include animals and fishes, pets and creepy crawlies.



The pets were then introduced and thanks were given for the pets we have.

After some light refreshments, squash and biscuits for the adults (the church kitchen being out of action) and water and the odd surreptitious biscuit for the animals, prayers were said for the animals and a collection was taken for the RSPCA.

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From the 1st September the Priory Avenue Surgery came under the management of One Medical Group, alongside the Circuit Lane surgery and the Bracknell Walk-in Centre. The Group have been given a ten year contract to run these medical centres. They are well known in the Midlands where they run ten other centres and four walk-in centres.

Their hope for us is to build a strong and holistic service which will work with other local organisations to try and ensure that medical and social needs are met. They plan to have some open events when patients can be better informed.

Part of what this will mean is the operation of a similar system to hospitals where a triage system operates, and this they believe will enable them to provide the best service for their patients. The limited supply of doctors, only two and a half equivalent posts (i.e. the doctors involved may not be full time appointments) will mean that only the patients with more serious or complex problems will be seen by a doctor. As such the support staffing has been more than doubled with a prescribing pharmacist (to conduct medical reviews and make home visits, especially to local care homes), three part-time practice nurses, one and a half posts for nurse practitioners who are well trained in assessment needs, and the continuation of the diabetic nurse service.

Alongside them will be a health care advisor and a patient advisor who will be used to look at what help there is in the local area that will meet non-medical needs. Some receptionists will be trained for this role as well. They are still all in post.

The plan is to phase the changes in over the next three months subject to the availability of suitably trained staff and a deeper understanding of

the needs of our particular patient group. The management is in the hands of a business manager and she/he will report to the group business manager. The management team for the whole group comprises the business manager, a senior doctor, and a senior nurse who will have overall responsibility for practice management. A priority for the team is patient satisfaction and there will be regular opportunity for patient participation including the existing Priory Avenue Patient Participation Group.

Confused? Well, it's all available for you to see on www.onemedicalgroup.co.uk

We wait to see how it works out because for us the patients it is all new and it is no use moving because this is the future and the good old days of having your own doctor have gone. I am sure that the staff at Priory Avenue surgery will do their very best to still make you feel that it is a welcoming place where you will receive quality care.

Colin Ferguson

Balmore Park Surgery Flu Clinic

Saturday flu clinics will be held at Balmore Park Surgery on October 1st, October 8th and October 15th.

Other mid-week clinics will be available later for those unable to attend on a Saturday. Please telephone the surgery on 9471455 to book. Alternative arrangements will be made to vaccinate those who are housebound.

Halloween

Halloween, also known as All Hallows' Eve or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration held in many countries on October 31st, the eve of the western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day.

It is a time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including the saints, martyrs and all the faithful departed. In the 8th century Pope Gregory III designated November 1st to honour all of these. It was an expansion of an earlier Roman festival.

It is commonly believed that many of the traditions of Halloween originated from the Celtic festival of harvest known as Samhain. It is the time of the year when plants are dying and summer is officially over. The Celtic people would light fires and wear strange costumes in an attempt to ward off the ghosts that were supposed to roam freely on that night. They believed that the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred and ghosts of the dead returned to earth and could cause much mischief such as damage to crops.

These Celtic traditions were then adopted and changed by the early Christians.

In the 9th century the church made November 1st All Saints' day. To the early Celts it was seen as a liminal time when the spirits of the dead came into the world and roamed around and had to be placated by gifts of food and drink but this was changed by the Christians in later years.

In the 15th century there was the custom of sharing soul cakes, small round cakes baked especially for this occasion at Halloween. These cakes were either representatives of the dead or were given in return for prayers being said for the souls of the dead. This has degenerated in modern times into the demand for sweets or other treats.

Some churches are trying to capitalise on the popularity of Halloween by offering an alternative form of entertainment and opening their premises for different activities in an attempt to encourage people to attend church.

Halloween is also observed by many non-Christians too!

Over time however Halloween has become a secular festival and trick or treating has become a popular activity amongst the young. The wearing of costumes to frighten the ghosts away has become a common pastime for young people to dress up as ghosts or witches to frighten people into giving sweets or other treats in order to send them away or to avoid being 'tricked'.

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Morgan Goff works extensively as a chamber and solo violist. He is currently the violist of the Kreuzer Quartet. Morgan also has a busy performing and recording schedule with numerous chamber ensembles in London. He has recorded as soloist and chamber musician for several record labels. He worked closely with the late pianist Raphael Terroni, with whom he performed and recorded much of the English viola repertoire. His instrument is a Daniel Parker viola, London, 1715.

Adrienne Black studied at the Royal College of Music. Working with chamber orchestras, choral societies and soloists, including recording work with Sir David Wilcocks and the Associated Board, Adrienne has performed as soloist, chamber-musician, accompanist and harpsichordist throughout the UK and in Europe, in diverse repertoire from JS Bach's Brandenburg Five to Constant Lambert's *The Rio Grande*!

Adrienne has played in numerous master-classes for some of this country's leading soloists and teachers, and with her husband, the oboist Timothy Watts, Adrienne has been instrumental in setting up the chamber-concert series 'Concerts in Caversham'.

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Members of EGRA manage the noticeboard, a popular source of information for local events and services, but the surface was deteriorating badly. EGRA committee members researched replacement surfaces and arranged for the refit, which was carried out recently by L Newman Carpentry, a father and son team. The new surface is self-sealing and much easier to use.

The photograph shows L Newman Carpentry, the noticeboard team, the supporting shopkeepers and EGRA committee members enjoying a celebration of the new look noticeboard, with refreshments courtesy of The Bite Café.



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Many people see the Legion as older people remembering historical conflicts – yes it does. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Jutland and the Somme BUT, and it is a very big but, there are so many recent and ongoing conflicts, that the need for the Legion is as great as it ever was and indeed probably even greater.

Whilst many sadly die in conflict, the enormous advances in medical science mean that more of our Service men and women are surviving, but with life-changing injuries. High profile events such as the Invicta Games and the Paralympics are helping all of us to become more aware of the scale of the help that is needed.

The Legion collects money to help the injured, their families and dependents in many ways e.g. by providing money to help run re-hab centres, where the most up-to-date medical attention can be given to the injured, and in many other ways, such as providing help and support for the families of those being treated. It might be to help with mortgage or rent payments, computers for the children, holidays – all things most of us take for granted.

In Caversham the Legion has always had great support and it is hoped that many of you will help again this year. There are no deductions for anything, all money collected goes straight to the National Legion Fund for distribution to those in need.

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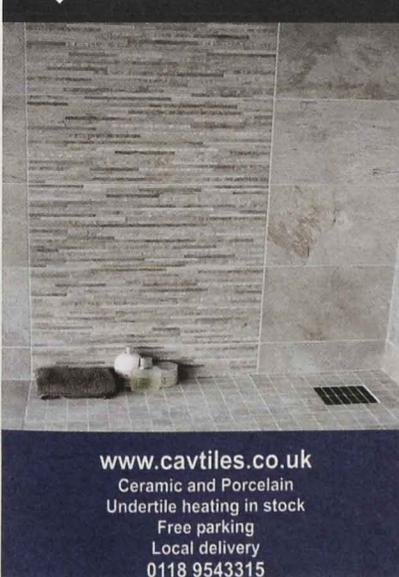
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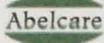
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DUCKWEED

This is an odd topic to tackle, you may think! It came into my mind the other day, when surveying my garden after coming back from holiday. Lots of things needed cutting back, I had some ripe tomatoes, and a rare crop of weeds. In the pond, the two scourges had increased their grip: blanket weed and duckweed. So this article was composed while tidying up the garden pond.

Contrary to popular opinion, duckweed isn't just some kind of scum that covers stagnant water. Each floating leaf is a tiny flowering plant. I have to admit that I've never noticed it flowering – but enlarged drawings in botanical text-books show the flowers as two stamens and one stigma in a little sheath, attached to the floating leaf. I'm surprised that it bothers to flower – it spreads so profusely without. I'm sure that pond-keepers don't intentionally introduce it into their ponds – it just seems to appear.

There are several sorts of duckweed. Most of them have a little root hanging down from the floating leaf. The largest one has several roots, and there's one that doesn't have a root, and has its flowers on top of the tiny leaf rather than at the side. Then there's one where the leaf is a completely different shape, the ivy-leaved duckweed, which, rather than floating on top of the water, floats just under the surface. In my pond, as you can see from the picture, I have the common duckweed, and the smaller one, called least duckweed. In winter, the leaves turn into bud-like structures and sink to the bottom, but next spring, up they come again.

When I was growing up in Cheshire, I was attracted by streams, bogs, ponds, and the local canal, and was nicknamed 'nature boy'. I'm still attracted by these places. I can remember being warned by playmates about Jimmy Greenteeth. If you saw duckweed on top of the canal, he was sure to be there below it. If you stepped onto that green 'lawn', he'd pull you under, the green would cover the spot where you had disappeared, and they'd have to drag the canal. I wasn't very sure what this 'dragging' entailed, but it didn't sound pleasant.

In other parts of north-west England, this supernatural creature was feminine, and was known as Ginny, Jinny or Jenny Greenteeth. Different monsters lurked in different parts of the country. Peg Powler lived under the Tees, and where the river foamed after tumbling down a cascade, they used to say that Peg was doing her washing. In the Ribble, it was Nelly Longarms you had to look out for.

As part of my university degree course – in English – I had the option to study folklore, and we had visiting lecturers from different parts of the country, and from some continental countries, too. After my childhood experience of Jimmy Greenteeth, I was interested to hear about her German counterparts, the Nixen, or Nixies. When out of the water, they would pass as normal mortals, but when they opened their mouths, you could see that they had green teeth! This has led me to ponder on the common cultural heritage of the Germanic peoples, and whether these stories of supernatural beings with green teeth go back to a time when the ancestors of the Anglo-Saxons were still on the continent.

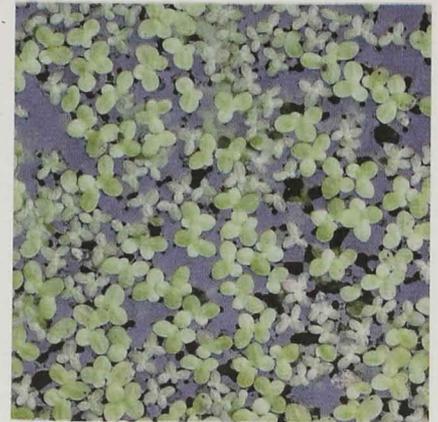
Happy Wanderer

CADRA Open Meeting on Primary Health Care

The Caversham and District Residents' Association (CADRA) open meeting this autumn will be at 7.45pm on Tuesday 22 November 2016 in Thameside School Hall. Dr Andy Ciecierksi, Chairman of the North and West Reading Clinical Commissioning Group, will talk about the challenges facing Primary Health Care. More information can be found at the commissioning group's website, <http://www.nwreadingcgc.nhs.uk/>

Healthwatch Reading – the independent consumer champion for health and social care – will give a summary of its latest projects looking into people's experiences of GP and A&E services, and also explain how it helps individuals resolve their NHS complaints. More information on Healthwatch Reading can be found at the website <http://healthwatchreading.org.uk/>

Everyone is welcome to attend. It is also a good opportunity to learn more about CADRA's work locally and to take out or renew membership. Healthy associations always need a strong membership and local involvement. Do come and see us, or visit www.cadra.org.uk for more information.



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Probus

The speaker at the August meeting of the Reading and District Probus Club was Alan Copeland who presented an illustrated talk entitled 'Eccentric London.'

Alan started by showing us Tower Bridge and City Hall, which is in the shape of a geometrically modified sphere, but its shape makes it efficient to run.

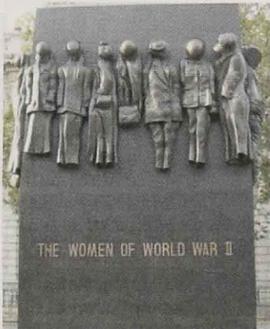


City Hall

The Shard is western Europe's tallest building, containing many businesses, hotels and also some residential accommodation. The view from the top is a prime visitor attraction. Hay's Wharf (now galleria) is a Victorian building in docklands, and is now a popular shopping area.

In addition to Nelson's Column, Trafalgar Square contains four plinths, three of which support permanent statues, but the fourth is home to a succession of statues which are changed every two years, displaying recently a ship in a bottle, a blue cockerel and a gift horse (skeleton). On a wall in the square is a plaque, dating from 1876, holding the standards of length accurate at 62 degrees F. In a corner of the square is a small circular building, which was the capital's smallest police station, now disused.

Alan went on to show members many more oddities, including Epstein's mutilated sculptures on the old BMA HQ in Agar Street (by the Strand), London's smallest house in Hyde Park Place, a porter's rest in Piccadilly, a Women's War Memorial in Whitehall, the Monument and baker's shop sign in Pudding Lane, Little Ben outside the Victoria Palace, the London Eye and many more.



Women's War Memorial in Whitehall

This was a fascinating trip through areas of London, showing interesting sights, some familiar and some less so.

Probus is a club for retired men, who enjoy a meal once a month in the congenial company of like-minded men. Lunch is followed by a talk, which may be on a variety of interesting subjects. The club meets at the Caversham Heath Golf Club. For further information visit the club's website www.probusclub-reading.org.uk If you are interested in joining, please contact the secretary David Laird on 0118 9470709.

The Caversham Heights Society

The Caversham Heights Society will have two meetings in October. These are talks entitled 'Thames crossings from Ford to Flight' on October 5th, and 'The Queen's Bodyguard' on October 19th. The following talk is

'The Old bath Road' on November 2nd.

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday evenings at 8pm in Caversham Heights Methodist Church Hall, with coffee served from 7.30pm. New members are always welcome and initial inquiries should be made to the Treasurer, Carol Cozens on 946 1509 or by email at rooster10@btinternet.com. We look forward to greeting you.

Caversham Horticultural Society

Please come to the autumn plant sale on Saturday 1st October to stock up before the growing season ends. This is held at the Oakley Road allotments Caversham. The sale starts at 10am and runs to 11.30am.

The other event this month is a talk to help gardeners to reduce if not stop using chemicals for pest and disease control. Steve Bradley will give a talk entitled 'Bug eats Bug: non Chemical Pest and Disease Control' on Wednesday 12th October starting at 7.45pm at Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road. Refreshments will be available after the talk. Admission for non members is £3.00.

The following meeting will give you the opportunity to find out how to improve your garden borders with a talk by Derry Watkins entitled 'Unusual and Long-Blooming Plants'. This will be held on Wednesday 9th November starting at 7.45pm at Caversham Primary School in Hemdean Road. Admission cost to non-members will be £3.00. Refreshments will be available after the talk.

Chazey WI

We have had a very busy summer. At our June meeting we welcomed speaker Tim Guttridge representing Guide Dogs for the Blind with his beautiful guide dog Zeke. He told us of the amazing work the charity does in training the dogs and how wonderful it was to have Zeke as his best friend helping him cope with his life. It was truly inspiring.

In July we were entertained by Keith Knee-Robinson and friend Gary who with other friends rode their motorcycles around Europe visiting 10 countries in 10 days. Quite an achievement for which they were sponsored, raising a wonderful amount for Alzheimers Research. Luckily they had padded saddles to help them on their way!

August was our annual outing which this year was to The Isle of Wight. Unfortunately we were unlucky with the weather: it was a damp drizzly day which meant we couldn't get a view of the Island until the ferry was almost docking! In spite of this we all enjoyed a tour of the island by coach including a view of The Needles, where we almost took flight due to extremely strong winds. In spite of the inclement weather a great day out was enjoyed by all, with lots of fun and laughter. The English Spirit reigned!

Our monthly lunches were at The Griffin, Caversham and The Packhorse, Chazey Heath. Coffee was enjoyed at The Herb Farm and Mapledurham Golf Club. The book club continues each month. We warmly welcome visitors to our meetings which are held at Caversham Heights Methodist Church Hall, Highmoor Road/Woodcote Road on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Do come and join us. For further information email: chazeywi@gmail.com

Reading Gardeners

We are pleased to invite you to join us at the first meeting of our new winter programme.

On October 5th, Chris Lane will be talking to us about hamamelis (witch hazel) of which he holds the National Collection. He also grows wisteria, flowering cherries and much more in his nursery in Kent.

Then on October 19th, Christina Shand will tell us about the creation of her garden in the Preseli Hills in Pembrokeshire in a talk entitled *Between a Bog and a hard Rock*.

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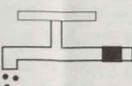
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