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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

## AUTHORITY GETS THE BIRD



Roman Catholics question their Bishops, above.



Students challenge their governors.



Teenagers challenge their parents.

'Father knows best.' That idea's on the way out now. 'Father figures'—like dad, teachers, the clergy—wave the big stick in vain. Many people — old and young, Christian and non-Christian, won't be 'told' any more.

There's a universal rejection of 'power politics.' 'Do this because I say so,' is out. Action based on personal responsibility is in. Everyone claims the right to an opinion that's as good as the next man's.

Jack now thinks himself as good as his master. He wants freedom to run his own life, to make his own decisions — and his own mistakes. He won't be pushed around any more.

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# Courtesy is catching

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But the language of courtesy needs a 'sorry'. It would help if there were some way in which we could admit to our fellow-motorists that we have made a boob and are penitent.

We can signal thanks with flashing lights. We can signal displeasure with a blasting horn. But what can we do to show that we're in the wrong?

Perhaps a great deal of righteous indignation could be earthed and rendered harmless if the man who has just cut-in, or the woman who has just pulled out of a side turning without looking—could flash a sorry from a light on their car roof, before we give them an indignant raspberry on our horn.

**WHO KNOWS? IN YEARS TO COME THE 'APOLOGY FLASHER' COULD BECOME A STANDARD FITTING LIKE THE SAFETY BELT, AND BE AS SUCCESSFUL A REDUCER OF ACCIDENTS AS THE BREATHALYSER.**

BARBARA CASTLE'S don't drink and drive laws have helped to cut down the number of road accidents in this country—and most of us are grateful to her.

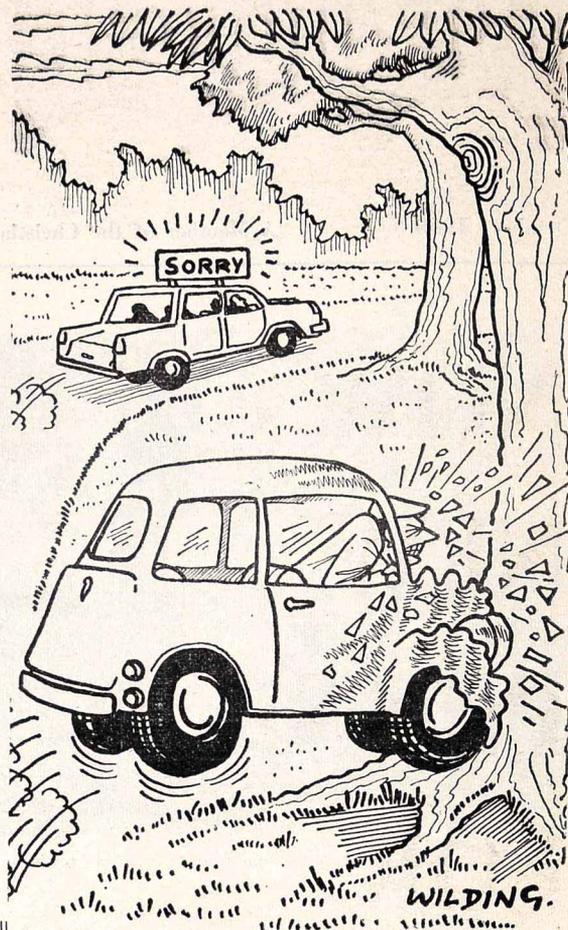
But it would be wrong to think that drink is the only demon that turns a normally decent person into a motorway menace. Frustration is just as big a gremlin—and the trouble is there's no law that can cope with it.

You can't get an angry man to breathe into a bag to find out whether or not he's a menace, and yet frustration can make him every bit as dangerous as the drunk.

The only thing we can do is to remove as far as possible the causes of frustration.

We need to get rid of the idea that drivers are loners—crouched behind their wheels in grim competition with the rest of the world. We must encourage more tolerance and less enmity.

*If it's true that a bellyful of cursing and horn-blasting can lead us to take it out on someone else, it is also true*



## LETTERS

### Teaching a 'Flexible' Religion

Dear Sir,

The letters that I received after the publication of my letter on "Difficulties of Unity" strengthen my opinion that lay members of different churches will not swerve from their own particular prejudices and beliefs, no matter what the hierarchy decide about unification.

Each writer thought that I needed instructing in their own doctrine—good Christians each one, practising their faith in the fullest sense. Perhaps I should have made it clear that I love 'my' Anglican church, chiefly because it does allow such diversity of opinion as I quoted in my letter, and in fact is nearer to Jesus' teaching of "Love thy neighbour as thyself"—if his beliefs do not concur with yours, don't get annoyed with him and try to make him accept your interpretation of the scriptures—try instead to understand that his beliefs are

as real to him as yours to you, and love him nevertheless.

It is some members of the various levels within the Church of England that are so rigid and not broadminded enough to their own brethren, let alone other denominations, and that is what is wrong—not the teachings and the priests (they are marvellous)!

All my children and grandchildren are of this same persuasion, and I hope we have succeeded in bringing them up to believe in a "flexible" religion. Man is fallible and can and does misinterpret God's direction sometimes, but if the ten commandments are kept and His law (not man-made law) adhered to, then the world will be saved.

Marjorie K. Clarke.

23 Ernest Road,  
Bedhampton, Hants.

### Money abroad

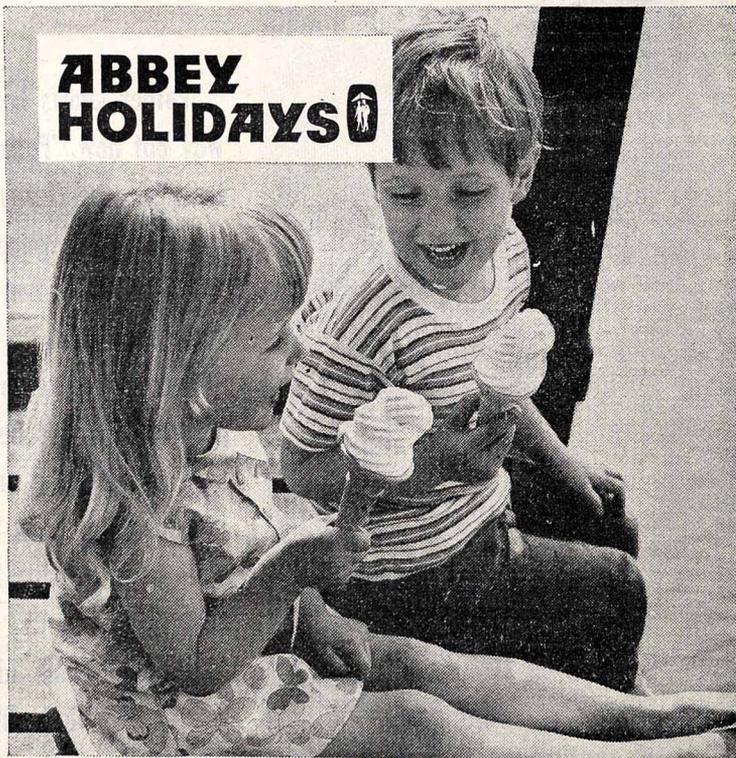
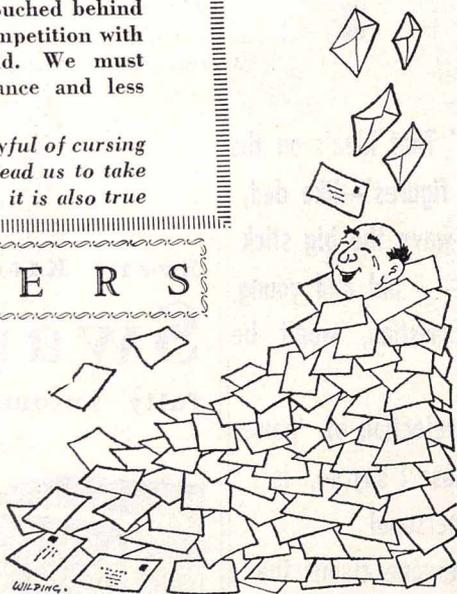
Dear Sir,

May I draw your attention to a mistake made in the August issue of "Birmingham Christian News." In one of the answers to the "Holiday Quiz" you incorrectly state that £50 in British currency can be taken abroad.

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J. McInnes.

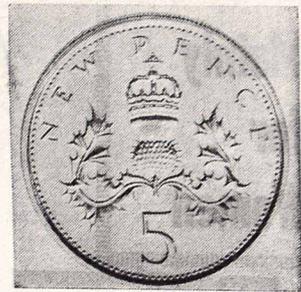
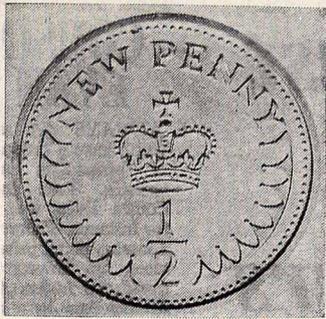
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From that date the £ will remain unchanged in both name and value, but the present 10/- note, florin and shilling will each be replaced by a cupro-nickel coin of exactly equivalent value.

### NEW PENNIES

These three new coins will be known respectively as 50, 10 and 5 "new penny" pieces. The term "new penny", by the way, will be used only during the change-over period and the adjective "new" will be dropped gradually after the transition.

The 10 and 5 "new penny" pieces are not only the same value as the florin and shilling they replace but are exactly the same in size, weight and metal content, which is why they have been put into circulation now.

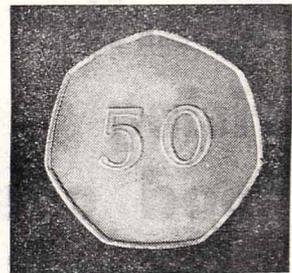
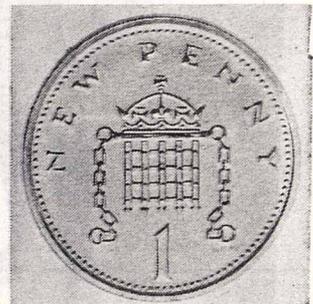
The three new copper coins, however, have no exact equivalents in our existing coinage. The 2 new penny piece will be worth 4.8 existing pence, the 1 new penny will be worth 2.4 pence and the 1/2 new penny will be equivalent to 1.2 pence. There will be no new coin to replace the present halfpenny.

No doubt there will be teething troubles for the new system. There will be some initial confusion for the housewife, although the stage by stage introduction of the new currency will make the change-over less difficult.

### TOTAL COST

There will be massive and expensive problems for industry and business. The total cost of converting the country's business machines has been estimated at £80 million and large training schemes will be necessary to equip people to deal with the new situations.

Yet whatever may be the difficulties of conversion to a decimal currency, the change will bring us into line with the currency systems of other countries — although it will mean saying farewell to our familiar and well-loved tanners, bobs, and half dollars.



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## Charity helps beat rising food costs

FOUR YEARS ago an unusual charity, The Food Information Centre, at 36, Park Street, Croydon, Surrey, was founded by John Shirley Rainer, an ex-Ministry of Food Official during the last war. He had seen that many people didn't know how to make the best use of their rations.

The Centre is staffed by highly qualified people, able to deal with eating problems of every kind, including the common one of advising housewives how to beat rising prices. All advice given is free, and so are the many booklets with recipes for all sections of the population. Every recipe, and there are now over 3,000 on the files, is thoroughly tested before release to the public.

A new service is the cook-on-the-phone. This cheerful young lady, Lynn Sandford, a trained home economist, specialises in smoothing out emergencies in the kitchen. Her chief callers are husbands whose wives have been taken suddenly ill. All Miss Sandford needs to know is the type of cooker used, and what food is immediately available.

### WRITE, TOO

Her phone number is (01) 688 9248, and those too far away to phone can write, giving full details. This means a slight delay, but is useful when inexperienced cooks are facing more than a few days on their own.

There is a book of recipes for impoverished students

struggling on a grant, and another, suitable for people living alone, with perhaps only a gas-ring and scanty equipment.

The staff includes a qualified medical nutritionist, able to advise patients on diets. She needs to know just what the doctor ordered, to teach new, exciting ways of cooking such items, as, say, that rather dull white fish.

The latest project of the Centre was research into malnutrition among Asian immigrants, Indians, Pakistanis and others, living in this country tend to exist on a diet low in essential nourishing ingredients. Being unable to get the kind of things they had at home they go without, rather than break strong religious and social taboos about certain foods. Doctors, in some towns are reporting deficiency diseases, like rickets, among their young Indian clients.

### FLAVOUR

In Eastern countries, it is often the man of the family who does the shopping. Anyone living in an immigrant area must have seen such men gazing into shop windows, searching for familiar foods. Quite a lot of shops do now import oriental foods, but they are expensive.

The experts at the Centre, helped by an Indian social worker, Mrs. Maryam Harris, have invented recipes, using ordinary English foods, such as herrings and tinned salmon, but flavoured with Oriental spices. At a reception



It is often the man who shops . . .

in London, these dishes were judged to be delicious and satisfying, by guests of all nationalities.

Your family's health depends on their food. If they are being rationed by high prices, why not get in touch with the Centre, joining the 1,500 enquirers who already do so each week?

Marie Spinks.

SCHOOL-DAYS are over, Mum breathes a heartfelt sigh. No more overflowing satchels in the hall, or hockey sticks left to fall with a clatter on the unsuspecting. No more questioning re homework finished or forgotten.

How I longed for this time, at last we could begin to live again, to talk and receive an answer, the television could flicker peacefully in the corner instead of standing reproachfully blank because 'to be, or not to be' must be word perfect by the morning. At last a room we could use for visitors without an apologetic "I'm sorry dear, could you do your studying in your bedroom for a little while?" and the resounding slam of the door by the retreating figure who was halfway through the most important essay of her whole life,—or so we are led to believe.

Surely life shouldn't be all work during these lovely youthful years! My heart was often torn for the crouching figure working well into the night, with no time for an hour of frivolous pleasure.

Now we wait on the rack for the fateful letter to fall through the letter-box announcing which G.C.E. subjects we have passed or failed. I say WE purposely the whole family passes or fails G.C.E.s when so much depends on the result.

### WORK LOOMS

In the meantime WORK looms ahead. Either pocket money jobs to aid the months of college life ahead, or the beginning of a career and one's life work.

Day begins even earlier now than during schooldays, because the same youthful bodies fly off to a factory shift, and they find that this is hard work too of a very different kind, but it's helped by the thought of that lovely money at the end of the week.

They dream and plan what they will do with such wealth, alas, all too soon it disappears with very little to show for it, but it was lovely while it lasted.

Can you remember your first pay packet?

Meanwhile Mum still gets a battering while hands now search frantically for a handbag, small change for the bus, or yet another clean blouse.

### WE SHARED

Soon the house will be quiet and tidy, our fledglings flown the nest for homes of their own. Perhaps there was something to be said for this school era after all.

At least they were ours and we were all-important to them, sharing in their triumphs as well as their disappointments. Ah well.

AVIS BARBER.

## MEETING COUSIN EVAN

I ALWAYS did say the Welsh have a proper sense of proportion about funerals. Take the day Cousin Evan was buried for instance. There was no nonsense about private services, 'no flowers by request', no furtive dash to the cemetery by a handful of close relatives.

The whole village turned out and as many of the family as could get there, travelling, sometimes, as we did, five hours or more to reach the little Welsh village. As precursor of the local chapel and one of the oldest inhabitants, Cousin Evan was a person of note and his last public appearance was going to be accorded the respect it deserved. I'm sure he approved.

It was a pity I had no knowledge of the Welsh language; it would have been interesting to know what was said during the 'few words in the house', which lasted one and a half hours, and in the two hour chapel service which followed. All the same, there was no mistaking the fervour with which a succession of elderly gentlemen paid tribute to Cousin Evan or reminisced on days long past.

### TRIBUTE

As 'family'—I was sister-in-law to the son of Cousin Evan's youngest cousin—I sat solemnly with Cousin Megan, Cousin Bronwen, Aunt Mary, Uncle Huw and all in the centre of the chapel, taking no active part in the proceedings. The singing, supplied from the outer crowded pews, was a magnificent tribute to a man who had been so much a part of his own community.

Back at the house after the ceremony, there were yet more reminiscences. Fortunately there was no lack of interpreters and as I ploughed my way through the enormous tea which was set before us, I heard much of Cousin Evan (he had, they said, a touch of the Cardi about him), I was regaled with amusing incidents in which he had been involved.

It is difficult to shed tears over an unknown gentleman who, after a full life, passes peacefully away at the age of 90. But there was more to it than this; here was the unquestioned conviction that Evan had merely passed to another happier life.

### DIDN'T MIND

When finally we took our leave and set out on the long journey home, I felt as if I had been properly introduced to Cousin Evan. Almost, it seemed, I could hear the grunted enquiries with which he would have received my appearance. I don't think he minded me being there, once he knew I was 'family'.

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## CHANGE and DECAY

*It is with feelings of relief that most Caversham residents will have heard that houses are not to be built over part of the golf course at Emmer Green, and that the Planning Committee has rejected a request for the erection of over 50 flats on a site in Church Road.*

It is perhaps not sufficiently realised how near to breaking point are our social services. We are all only too well aware of the chaos on our roads: less well known is the fact that newcomers find that many Caversham doctors are unable to accept more patients: they find it difficult to get their children into a primary school near their home because of the tremendous pressure on school accommodation. At the other end of the age range there is an urgent need for more places in old peoples homes, and the Reading hospitals are seriously overburdened with work, many people having to wait a long time for a bed. The truth of the matter is that Reading as a whole, and Caversham in particular, is suffering from the effects of the population bulge in south east England. It is therefore an act of wisdom that house building should slow down until the social services can expand to cope with the extra demands that are being made upon them by a growing population.

But even given more doctors, more school places and more hospital beds there remains the question as to whether Caversham should grow any more. It has already lost so much of its peace and charm. Is it soon to lose the little that is left? In the long run are we not all going to be the losers by trying to live so close together? Is the piecemeal selling of small plots of land, or the conversion of large houses into flats, really the way that Caversham Heights should be allowed to develop? Will it not mean that by the end of the century the older houses will have come to the end of a useful existence but that the comparatively new houses sandwiched in between them will make any systematic replanning impossible? No doubt a lot of people have made quite a lot of money by selling off plots of land for building. But there is a very real danger that the next generation will realise how short sighted we have been. The changes that have taken place in the neighbourhood of Surley Row of recent months ought to be a warning to everyone. Much more thought needs to be given to the development of Caversham as a whole. Otherwise it will soon be a place to be avoided and no longer known as a place of charm and character.

*John Grimwade*

# More thoughts of a roving reporter

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT JOY THIS MONTH to hear so much news about the activities of our young people; I am sure, being tolerant, they will forgive me if I get some of the facts slightly confused. I only wish parents wouldn't be too proud to let us have news of their children; news which often reaches us in a very round about way and very late.

*I have only just heard, for instance, that Hilary Ladd and Margaret Fennell gained their S.R.N. earlier this year. They are still, by the way, at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton.*

Pat Lorenc, who has just gained her degree, has become engaged to Paul Morrison, an ex-Reading School-boy who is now at Oxford. And her brother

Andrew is about to go up to Oxford to study physics. We shall look forward very much to hearing more news of all of them in the years to come.

*David Moore, who is studying languages at Reading School, has just returned from a study of hill farming in Switzerland, a trip largely financed from a school grant which he won for his essay on the subject. He says it was a wonderful trip and is, at the moment, preparing the report which he has to give on his return to school.*

I hear, too, that John Fennell, has been accepted for Goldsmith's College, that David Cropp has gained his degree, and that Linda Howard, who has been working in the BBC canteen during the summer, is going to Southampton University.

*To these and all the dozens of Caversham youngsters who are starting university, or embarking on a new career this term, we would like to send our very best wishes. Parents, we know, are often reluctant to boast about their children's achievements, and some of our youngsters are apt to lose touch when they depart for university or for work elsewhere. But if they can ever find time to let us have a short note of their activities we should be glad to have it. It is a way of keeping in touch with their old friends, for one thing.*

Caversham is losing one of its best known families in September. Peter Smith and his family are leaving their home in Ikley Road and retiring to the Isle of Man; as many people will know, Mr. Smith has been practising as a solicitor in Reading for many years, and

has built up a reputation for himself that it would be hard to beat. He and his wife are going to be very much missed in Caversham and Reading, and we would like to offer them our very best wishes, and hope that their daughter, Maureen, will achieve her ambition to study veterinary work.

*We are very sorry to report the death of one of our oldest inhabitants, Lilian Bowsher, who died at the Arthur Clarke Home in August, having recently gone there from her flat in the almshouses at Westfield Road. It would have been nice if she could have achieved her centenary, because, for all her years, she was still active and interested in life. Some of her happiest times were on outings given by various local organisations: two days before she died she went on a seaside outing which she enjoyed immensely, and despite her sadness at giving up her new flat, she made herself very much at home at the Arthur Clarke Home.*

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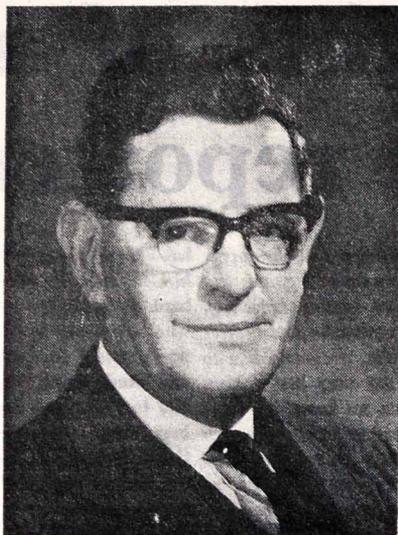
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### The Reverend Jim Swift

It is seldom that any of us, in middle age, has the opportunity of fulfilling a childhood ambition; most of us lose our ambitions as we grow older. Not so Jim Swift, who, on September 29th is to be ordained deacon and will be working at All Saints, Headington, Oxford.

The war, which interrupted so many ambitions, found Jim Swift quite literally at sea and afterwards, with a wife and daughter to support, he had to shelve his dreams of serving in the Church. For many years he has been working with a food firm in Reading, but fifteen months ago, with the encouragement of his wife and daughter, he was able to start his training at Ripon Hall, Oxford.

Jim's need to serve has, as many Caversham people know, taken the form of prison visiting for many years. Other interests he had in plenty—his membership of the Royal Society for Promotion of Health for instance—but no-one listening to him can doubt where his true interests lay. In helping those in prison and, in some cases, in seeing them happily settled afterwards, he has found an immensely satisfying, though part-time vocation.

In all this he has, of course, been helped by his wife, whose views and beliefs are so akin to his own, and by his daughter, who is now a staff nurse at the Royal Free Hospital. Anyone who knows anything about life as a clergyman will realise that his decision to offer himself for ordination had to be a joint decision by the whole family. One cannot expect a middle-aged housewife, for instance, to cope with the financial loss which inevitably happens, unless she is right behind her husband. And this is certainly the case with Mrs. Swift who, until recently, was herself involved in the distribution of the 'Bridge' among other things. Even her recent serious illness has not shaken her resolve, and one can't help feeling that this new venture is going to be a very happy and successful one for them both, in spite of any wordly disadvantages.

It is a real pleasure to wish them both every happiness and to express the hope that we shall have news of them from time to time. For myself, I shall cherish my meeting with them as one of the most pleasant tasks I have had for a long time.

## Impressions of Embley Park

EMBLEY PARK '68

This year—about 250 people from Caversham and Mapledurham enjoyed a week's holiday at Embley Park. A wide cross section as far as age was concerned (6 months to 80 years of age) took over the school from August 10th—31st.

We have pleasure in printing a family's "Impressions of Embley Park". While this is based on the experience of one particular week, it does, in general terms, speak for all three weeks.

Games and sunbathing seemed to be the order of the day. Championships in croquet, putting, squash, tennis and tabletennis were played with gusto. We shall always remember the thrilling final of the squash where the spectators were packed like sardines on to (and off) a minute balcony to watch a small black ball being violently ill-treated.

The last day found the

whole company playing a hilarious game of rounders. Freezing cold swimming sports gave all a good appetite for the excellent turkey dinner served with wines, speeches and prizes. The heartfelt hymn and prayers that evening swiftly merged into a party for all ages in which the young ones presented a spirited set of charades requiring a sound knowledge of the pubs of Reading!

All too soon Saturday arrived, luggage was flung into bulging cars and amid fond farewells which included promises to meet again—in Church the next day, Embley Park was abandoned by the parish. Only then did it begin to rain.

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The day when most of us were transported to Bournemouth will be remembered by many if only as a contrast to the peace and quiet of Embley. This was shattered by the rousing singing round the camp-fire where all were encouraged to sing verses at each other's expense.

## Bugg's Bottom

CAVERSHAM RESIDENTS TURNED OUT IN FORCE at the public inquiry into the building of a housing estate in Bugg's Bottom. It was a clear demonstration that the people who live here don't want it, however much an outside development company told them it would be good for them. The Borough Council who had refused the application to build, had authoritative figures to support their case. They were not the only objectors. Mr. Hens had rallied Kidmore Road residents and made a splendid job of preparing and putting their case. He and his committee had collected over a thousand signatures on a petition against the proposal. Representatives of Caversham Resident's Association, the Emmer Green Social Club, and the Civic Society were there to put their organisations' points of view and so were a number of individuals living in the district. The Chiltern Society and the Council for the Advancement of State Education sent written objections and forty residents unable to be present also sent in letters.

The points that came up over and over again were the effects that building in Caversham would have on educational and transport services, sewerage, water pressure and traffic congestion. And even if all these could be overcome, and no one suggested that they could, there was still the irreparable harm this would do to a beautiful valley and one of the few

remaining rural areas in the borough boundary.

Of course the value of this land is enormous and there is no doubt development companies will cast envious eyes on it as long as it remains unbuilt on. They may talk in moving tones about relieving the housing shortage but most people would find the Council's spokesman's words, "A tremendously naked commercial enterprise" more apt. The inspector's report will not be ready for some months but if the wishes of the people of Caversham were the main consideration, there is no doubt what the result would be.

In this case the main body of support for the objection apart from the Borough Council's, was organised by the Kidmore Road residents whose interests were most immediately affected. But there are many other threats to Caversham and these can most effectively be combated by a permanent Resident's Association, always on the watch and ready to put the case to the appropriate quarters. But we in the Residents' Association do get asked how many people we represent and it is no good saying that we have the moral support of half Caversham. We can only quote the numbers of paid-up members on our books, and that is still a very small proportion of the residents of Caversham. The subscription of five shillings per annum per household is hardly ruinous but we need it, not only because stationary,

telephone calls and postage have to be paid for but also because it is the only firm evidence of the support we have. If you think we are doing a useful job, will you please make a point of handing five bob to any member of the committee who will pass it on to the treasurer (100, Blenheim Road). A useful central address where it can be dropped in an envelope with your name and address is that of our vice-chairman, Mr. Robson of St. Anne's Hairdressing Salon. We ought to have a thousand members. We know we have more than that number of supporters.

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## NEW FACES AT ST. PETER'S

THE PAST few weeks have seen a number of new families in the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway have moved to 62 Grosvenor Road. They have come from the parish of Whitley in Surrey where they have been prominent in church life. Mr. and Mrs. Verrall, who like the Ottaways have a family of four children, have moved to 2 Kidmore Road from Rochester. We are delighted to have back in Caversham Mr. and Mrs. Shaylor after some thirty years in Kenya. Mr. Shaylor goes to Salisbury Theological College in October and hopes to be ordained next year. Mr. and Mrs. Marchbanks, after their marriage in St. Peter's on August 10th have come to live at 24 Auburn Court. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have moved away from 71 Hemdean Road, and so we have lost a very valuable spare organist, Mr. Gibson having often helped out at holiday times. But Miss Crosbie has moved into the same house; a former Caversham resident, she returns here after some years in Wembley. Other newcomers in Hemdean Road are Mr. and Mrs. Orpwood; Mrs. Orpwood has served on the Church Council at All Saints, Didcot. Mrs. Yates, so well known to the congregation at St. Peter's in past years has now left Mortimer after about three years and come to live at 39 Field View, Derby Road. But one familiar face will be seen less frequently at St. Peter's as after fifty-two years in Blenheim Road Miss Share has moved across Reading to 89 Christ Church Road. She has been a distributor of the Caversham Bridge since the paper was started and has done many other acts of service unobtrusively in the parish, among them the washing of the altar linen—our grateful thanks to her and a warm welcome to those who are making their home in Caversham.

**Son et Lumiere.** A party of about seventy people much enjoyed a visit to Christ Church Oxford for a performance of Son et Lumiere on September 4th, and it was a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong among the party. A stop was made at Wallingford for supper; the more hardy members of the party had a picnic by the river, the more sedate stayed in the coach, the more thirsty seemed to disappear in another direction. Everyone was enthralled by the production at Christ Church. With the auditorium on the cricket ground of the cathedral choir boys a fine sweep of

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## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

**UNIQUE ROLE.** Canon E. W. Kemp who is to be the preacher at St. Peter's for the Dedication Festival Evensong on Sunday, October 6th, has the unique distinction of being the only person who has taken part in the Anglican-Methodist, and Anglican-Roman Catholic unity talks. Well known as a speaker in Convocation and Church Assembly, Canon Kemp has given much thought to the formation of new dioceses and provinces and is also an authority on ecclesiastical law. Son-in-law of the previous bishop of Oxford, Bishop Kenneth Kirk, he has been fellow and chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford, since 1946. He has the rare gift of combining in his preaching scholarship with clarity of presentation. The combined choirs of the parish will sing at the service.

**WHITE CITY SERVICE.** Some twenty-eight choir members, together with many other members of our congregations were among the 15,000 people at the White City Stadium on August 19th, for the Thanksgiving Eucharist at the end of the Lambeth Conference. A service such as this makes those present more aware of what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. The chief celebrant was the Archbishop in Jerusalem, and he was assisted by bishops who were nationals of many different countries. The Bishop in Iran, who is by race an Arab, was the preacher.

**MANY THANKS.** This year, for the first time, proper arrangements were made so that our four organists could have some Sundays off duty. Mrs. Gant and David Sidwell made this possible and have been kind enough during the summer months to play all the organs of the parish. This help has been much appreciated.

buildings was brought into view for the charming production which in an all too brief seventy minutes conjured up in a vivid way so much English history. Student riots (14th not 20th century) Cardinal Wolsey, the martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer, the Civil War, John Wesley, Gladstone, Lewis Carroll and finally Donald Swann and Michael Flanders were among the many people and events recalled while a skilful use of the lights revealed a new beauty in some of Oxford's loveliest buildings. But throughout the whole performance there was little suggestion that Christ Church is the mother church for 600 parishes in the diocese of Oxford a curious omission. Encouraged by the success of the evening it is hoped that the Social Committee will not overlook the fact that Blenheim Palace will be the setting for a Son et Lumiere production in 1969.

**Saints Days.** Holy Communion will be at the following times—St. Luke, Fri. Oct. 18th 8 p.m. St. Simon and St. Jude, Mon. Oct. 28th 7 a.m. All Soul's Sat. Nov. 2nd 9-30 a.m. On All Saints Day, Friday Nov. 1st the Parish Communion will be sung at 8 p.m.

## BRIGHTER HALL AT ST. PAUL'S

The minister has been away on holiday and on his return he found that the members of the congregation and the Youth Clubs had tastefully re-decorated the Large Hall of the Church. Now the paintwork looks clean and fresh and we hope we can keep it in good condition. Thanks and congratulations to Mr. Howes and his team of willing workers (43 in all aged from 9 to 80) for this splendid piece of work.

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## ST. JOHN'S ON HOLIDAY

St. John's Guides—a change.

This autumn the Guides begin under a different leader. A few weeks ago, Mrs. K. P. Besley retired, after being Captain of the St. John's Guides for many years. Both the girls and St. John's Church were sad to see her give up, but are most grateful to her for all the hard work she has put into leading the Guides, in the middle of a very busy life.

Very fortunately her assistant, Miss Elizabeth Dent has very kindly said she will carry on the good work for the time being. It is no easy task leading a Company of lively girls! Miss Dent is on the staff of Emmer Green Primary School.

## Camping by the sea.

Once again Mr. and Mrs. Emmons took a large party of boys off to their camp site at Highcliffe, ably assisted by other adults. It is very good to see people prepared to devote so much of their annual holidays to looking after these young people. Once again they were fortunate with the weather—Mr. Emmons has a standing arrangement with the clouds! though often it seems the boys, at least, get almost as much enjoyment when it is wet. This year about three quarters of them were new to camping, and perhaps that is why they broke a record: for once Mr. Emmons was unable to lull them to a good night's sleep on their first night in camp. He must have lost his voice, or something. Though how he has ever managed to do it in the past is a mystery.

## Samantha and Friends

"No, my dear, your watch is not slow it is only half past nine". Such was the remark of one helper to another when they arrived at the West Memorial Institute for the Baptist Institute for the Holiday Club sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School. The remark was prompted by the presence of a gaggle of children raring to 'go'—half an hour too early.

Such was the youthful enthusiasm which continued unabated for three days and indicated the continuing popularity of the venture which was being held for the third successive year with nearly a hundred children attending each day.

The very small children had great games playing shops, mothers and fathers, playing in sand trays and making pastry. The latter rapidly assumed a delicate shade of grey and the currants disappeared with a rapidity which would have done any member of the Magic Circle great credit. Fortunately there were no subsequent reports of 'stomach disorders' not even from Samantha's mother, but then perhaps mother didn't allow Samantha to carry out her avowed intent that she was 'going to have her cake for tea'—and very wise of mother—it had not been baked and could hardly be deemed sterile.

The older children were more creative, the boys taking as their theme 'Power' in its many forms with rockets and robots made from cardboard cartons and other household 'rubbish' taking pride of place. Less sophisticated gentlemen however, concentrated on improving their model of the Baptist Church which had been started as Junior Church project on Sunday mornings.

The girls were equally industrious with their theme 'Costumes through the Ages'. They designed and made dresses in paper and material for their dolls. Such was the activity that the 'sewing class' demanded the full time attention of two helpers to cope with the frequent request as: 'please Miss'—and the ladies in question were flattered by this mode of address—"thread my needle, please". Miss, can I have a piece of material, I want to make a skirt? It was in this section that Hester Casey, to whom a word of thanks is due, proved a great help in that she displayed a number of costumes which she had made and used her experience in helping others with their creations—Thank you, Hester. Thanks are also due to the many helpers, both seen and unseen who contributed to the success of yet another 'Holiday Club' and we trust that they have fully recovered from a very hectic three days.

## NEW BAPTISM SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S

Our first quarterly baptism service will be held on Sunday October 20th at 3-15 p.m. Each family from which a baby is to be baptised will be visited beforehand by different lay members of the congregation as well as the Priest in Charge. Those same lay people will then be present at the Baptism service. In this way we hope to put some substance into the claim that at baptism we receive the child into the community of the church. Since there will be only four afternoon baptisms a year now, we hope that each service will be something of an occasion in which more and more members of the general congregation become involved.

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#### "HUMANAE VITAE"

So much has been and is being written about this Encyclical that I do not intend to add any more. I cannot usefully do so. Suffice it to say that much prayer over it is obviously required. A more careful translation is I understand in course of preparation, and will be available in September. This may alter slightly the emphasis in certain passages.

#### THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

The interesting thing about this Conference has been that in spite of re-affirming the Thirty-nine Articles, with their stern words on the Papacy, the Lambeth Conference has demonstrated clearly its wish for ever greater understanding and co-operation between the Anglican and R.C. churches. This has been evidenced by the attention paid to the views of our Catholic observers and the care, in looking far into the future, lest any resolution get passed which might hinder progress in this direction. My mind does rather boggle at the reactions. I can imagine some R.C. priests may have to the question of women in the Ministry.

I am sure it is right that whenever people of different denominations can meet physically on committees or at conferences, and get to know each other both on duty and off, it promotes understanding, trust and goodwill.

I thought it a nice touch that 500 members of this Conference were attending a special performance of Hadrian VII at the

Mermaid Theatre. The gales of incense, Latin chanting and Cardinal's finery may have proved a little heady for some.

#### A MASS IN GERMANY

As the post-conciliar innovations continue, largely unnoticed by the majority of Catholics, it was interesting to hear from one of my correspondents in Germany, who recently attended an unusual Mass celebrated in a mountain hut in southern Germany for a group of students. The students were seated at a large L-shaped table laid for breakfast. In the corner of the L a table was arranged as a simple altar. The priest wore no vestments and the "congregation" remained seated for the whole of the ceremony. After two readings there was a discussion on Tolerance open to all those present. Then the priest continued, using a Canon that had been translated from the Dutch. When it was time for communion, communicants took the Host in their hand from the paten. After the service everyone continued at once with breakfast.

What may strike many people as a description of the Mass is only one example of the many ways in which people all over the world are now concentrating on the original aspect of the Mass as a meal, in memory of the Last Supper. My correspondent said that it was a completely different experience from the normal Mass as we have known it up till now, and yet no less religious. For many

young people it may well mean a new insight into the liturgy of the Church. Certainly those participating found the informal service both interesting and rewarding. It is important to take notice of such experiments as this; the Church is still very much "alive and kicking."

#### BLAGRAVE W.I.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sholl who presented the birthday posies.

The speaker was Mr. Erik from Wellsteeds who gave a demonstration on hair styling for the middle aged which was enjoyed by the members. The bring and buy stall was well supported for the Old People's outing and party.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs. Sholl.

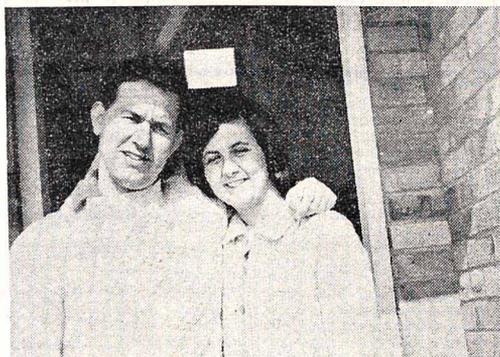
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### BOB GARDENER and SUSAN SWANNELL

St. John's send their very good wishes to Bob and Susan Gardener. They were married in St. John's Church on Saturday, August 10th; and have since then moved to their new home in Lavant, near Chichester, where Bob is to be the manager of the local branch of his firm of Accountants.

They have both contributed generously to the life of St. John's. One or both of them has been a Youth Stewardship leader, Caversham Bridge Distributor, teacher in Junior Church, sidesmen, choir-girl, server, flower arranger and may be some other things as well. It is obvious from this list that they will be badly missed, but it will not just be



for what they did, but also for themselves. They will of course be delighted to see any of their

old friends and acquaintances who drop into their new home at 27 Lavant Down Road, Mid Lavant, Sussex.

#### St. Peter's Scout camp

This year summer camp was held in Guernsey C.I., leaving Reading at 7-55 a.m. on the Tuesday morning changing at Basingstoke for Weymouth. The boat left Weymouth at 2-15, arriving at St. Peter Port at 4-30 p.m. Fortunately our camping gear, which had been sent in advance had arrived (less one tent!), so we were able to travel by lorry to the camp site at St. Leddards Farm near Vazan Bay.

As wood fires are not allowed (in theory) on the island all cooking was carried out centrally on bottled gas. This meant that Duty Patrol had a lot to do (we totalled 36), but an equal amount of free time was available for the remaining members.

Activities varied. The Scout mapping expedition was completed successfully by every patrol. Swimming in Vazan Bay was popular, but very cold! Bus trips into St. Peter's Port and a round trip of the island were also undertaken.

We were surprised and pleased to find out that the 43rd Reading were camping in the same field! This enabled football and volley ball matches to be played on an inter-Venture Unit Basis (and we lost them both!).

The return journey was made on the midnight ferry on Wednesday. This was a day early as British Rail mislaid the boarding tickets — fortunately we checked early in the week. The change in programme gave the boys four hours extra in St. Peter Port.

## CAMPS

Boys' Brigade in  
Wales

"The most successful camp I have ever been to," was the verdict of Mr. "Tony" Champion, Captain of the 6th Reading Company of the Boys' Brigade on his return from summer camp at Pwllheli.

The camp consisted of the 1st, 5th and 6th Companies of the Reading Battalion, 21 boys and 9 staff, not counting Mrs. Champion and small sons David and Paul. The other officers of the 6th, which is a department of Caversham Methodist Church, were Lt. Leslie Cooper and Instructor Chris Cook, supported by Sergeant Garry Preston.

The Head of the Line Competition was won by the tent commanded by Corporal Philip Green.

The organisers had had the happy idea of transporting both personnel and equipment from Reading to the camp in a coach, which remained throughout the week and was used for two memorable outings, to Llanberis Pass and to Snowdonia.

Some amusement was caused at the unloading of the coach in Caversham by the presence of a large supply of a well-known detergent, but whatever else was white, the faces of the returned travellers was a satisfying shade of brown.

#### 3rd Caversham

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Brownie Pack

Selsey was chosen for the Pack Holiday of the 3rd Caversham (St. John's) and the 1st Iver Heath Brownies this year. The weather was kinder than that in Reading, and there was only one really wet day. A local policeman acted as Lifesaver to the Brownies and the local holiday camp swimming pool was made available to the Pack when the sea was unsuitable. They used it once, and three Brownies were tested for their Swimmers' Badge. Two were successful.

The shops in Chichester did a good trade on one day. There was near consternation when the conductor would not let several Brownies and Cookie on the homeward bound bus. However, a relief bus soon followed.

A Brownie had her 9th birthday during the week. Everyone made cards and Cookie had a cake. The birthday girl had a wonderful surprise.

A remark passed by the youngest at the last morning's breakfast—"I don't want to go home, but I want to see Mummy. And it will be nice to be quiet"—looking at the Brownie whose tongue had hardly stopped wagging all week.



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Most people have as much interest in any church matter as they have in the merger of Barclays and Martins banks.

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## IN MANY PLACES THIS IS ALREADY HAPPENING

(1). AT COWPLAIN, NEAR PORTSMOUTH, Anglicans and Methodists form one church and share a single building. The Church's affairs are looked after by a body consisting of equal numbers from each denomination. They share the same services, but each receives Communion from their own minister or priest. The members of the Church are entirely at one in their responsibility for the people of their area.

(2). In an area of BIRKENHEAD the Methodists have reduced their church buildings from seven to two and the Anglicans are in process of rationalising their buildings as well, with a view to working together as a team.

(3). The Anglican 'Ginger group,' PARISH AND PEOPLE is finding itself entirely at one with the Methodist Renewal group. They have been planning together how to promote the progress of their two churches together.

These are examples of a movement which is now going on in many parts of the country, at ground

*Christopher Atkins, who was appointed by the Bishop of Winchester to encourage and foster work for the renewal and unity of the church in the diocese, here writes about Anglican-Methodist unity.*

level, among people of vision who have dynamic leadership. For them the unity of the two churches is becoming a reality without the need for any top-level decisions; which is not concerned with fiddling details; which can only be understood through action and not words.

How long has the talk about unity been going on? 1946 is taken to be the starting point of the present movement. The talking became more intensive in 1958. A report was published in 1963. A large majority of both churches accepted this report in principle, but a commission was appointed to consider questions raised about the report. This commission has now published its findings.

The most encouraging

sign here is the introduction to this final report in which these grey-headed church statesmen (not young tear-away radicals) say "We've been talking long enough. We must now decide one way or the other. Either we go forward, or else we pack in the whole idea."

**Members of the Anglican church at the local level have to decide this question by February next year.**

Local Methodists have to decide by May 1969.

There is not much time left. People who are fearful of change are rallying support to oppose unity on all sorts of grounds, most of which are obvious only to themselves.

Whatever happens, the decision on unity is going to be a crunch point for the churches. If the answer is 'Yes,' the dichards may well stay out of the united church.

If the answer is 'No,' many progressives who are already experiencing the thrill and energy of renewal and unity may well feel themselves slapped in the face, and be unable to carry on.

## T.U.C CENTENARY THANKSGIVING

A thanksgiving service to mark the centenary of the Trades Union Congress, is to be held in Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, 13 October. The theme of the service will emphasise industrial unity and co-operation. The address will be given by Lord Carron, who has given a lifetime of service to the Trades Union movement,

and representatives from industry will take part in the service. For the past ten years, Lord Carron has been President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. He is a Director of the Bank of England, a Director of Fairfields (Glasgow) and of the Co-operative Printing Society. He also serves on the U.K.A.E.A.



Mr. Mowl with some of the volunteers of the Jack of Diamonds Club.

# Engine-power at the service of the community

by EUGENE BROUGH

CHESTERFIELD has a Jack of Diamonds motor-cycling club, and the members are emergency volunteers connected with local hospitals.

These twenty teenagers who gather almost nightly on their high powered machines joined in the nationwide network of volunteers some time ago and have all been out on various jobs within moments of receiving a call.

Urgent requests from local offices are relayed to an office near the town. The volunteer emergency officer then contacts the club headquarters.

Most volunteers are willing to travel twenty or thirty miles on each occasion but a relay system is operated when a mission means covering longer distances. No remuneration of any kind is offered or accepted.

### THEIR CHANCE

Chairman of the Jack of Diamonds club is a minister, the Rev. K. A. Mowl. He does not ride a motor cycle. He says: "I believe the lads should have a chance to do this service, and I feel it is part of my work to help them."

"Various folk have expressed interest in the project but so far there has been no official comment from the authorities."

These boys have long wanted to do something to serve the community, and they app-

roached several officials but nobody offered advice until they saw the minister.

One lad says: "Our bikes are our proudest possessions and we want to use them in some SERVICE because we feel no sense of achievement in riding them just for pleasure."

A railway worker and his wife have both worked with

the volunteer service for two years. Now, their sixteen-year-old son has joined them, and does his stint of voluntary work whenever called upon.

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A CORRESPONDENT, commenting on my recent article about the bad 'image' of shopstewards, wrote to me: "I have wondered whether 'The Good Shop steward' might not be a better way of describing our Lord these days than 'The Good Shepherd,' "But," he continued, "in the kind of parish I live in it wouldn't go down very well!"

There is pinpointed today's dilemma for the Church. No single image IS suitable for every situation. Nor are traditional images, however suitable in the situation which inspired them, really suitable or serviceable for most situations today.

'The Good Shepherd' may possibly still be useful in some outback highlands somewhere, but there are few places today and fewer people with any experience of them, where the term 'shepherd' still means what it did in Jesus' day.

**FLEECE**

Even in intensively agricultural countries one is much more likely to find a 'musterer' than a shepherd—and a musterer, even 'The Good Musterer,' is primarily interested in rounding up the sheep to be dipped, fleeced and turned into frozen products well protected from contamination by the world around them.

That may seem to many outsiders an all too apt

image of the Church! The tragedy is that the tendency of a long established institution to retain traditional, 'universal' images and methods—when in fact they are no longer either appropriate or universal—does inexorably force it to appear, and even sometimes to be, absurd.

The world today is made up not of cosy communities but richly complex inter-relationships of community, not of a geographical area which can be called 'our community' but of the interplay of the 'little worlds of education, work, relaxation, communications, domestic life and so on.

**MUST VARY**

Our roles, our ministries, our organisation, our methods, our language, the images we use must vary widely to be appropriate and serviceable in each situation if we are to convey universally the unity and diversity of our faith.

'The Good Shopsteward' then IS a better way of describing Jesus Christ today than is the traditional 'Good Shepherd'—BUT only in ONE of the areas of modern society. 'The Good Manager,' 'The Good Traffic Officer,' 'The Good Teacher,' 'The Good

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**JESUS — 'THE GOOD SHOP-STEWARD'**

**BY KEN HILLS**

Legislator,' 'The Good Disc Jockey,' 'The Good Father or Mother,' all these in their own areas of modern society and spoken to those experiencing the relationships involved, can convey today what 'The Good Shepherd' was able, in a different kind of world, to convey yesterday.

**KEN HILLS.**

THE RECENT refusal of workers in a Kidderminster carpet factory to take part in a pay and productivity deal because 'it would interfere with their Sunday morning pint' was something that aroused my immediate interest.

This plain objection, held to at financial loss, demolished one of the cliches trotted out from time to time—namely that the industrial concern, occupying so much of a man's waking hours is the natural focal point for his communal spirit.

Yet here were men prepared to fight the encroachment of the factory 'com-

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**WHERE DOES THE BEER TASTE BEST?**

munity' upon that other social competitor, the local pub—and in this case the pub won. There were others who complained that Sunday working interfered with their home life, and which underlines that the family is still central for many.

Our trouble today is that the community focus has

been taken over by a multitude of places: we have become MULTI-COMMUNAL. For some the beer tastes best in the factory canteen, for some in the pub, for some in the club, for some at home, for some in the car, for some in a caravan or cottage in the middle of nowhere.

We all fly off in all directions the moment we are given our head.

**COULD IT . . . ?**

The question I ask myself more and more is WHERE we are going to find that one focus which can give a society cohesion and sense of purpose.

Could it, I ask nervously, stretching faith to the full, be the church?

No longer on the basis of being the obvious geographical centre of the already existing unit, namely the parish, but by reason of its spiritual appeal.

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The drama advisers' engagement books crammed each evening booked for a visit to one group or another; lecturing and advising. Trying to persuade Clarice that the part of the maid was just written for her while the duchess is not nearly so good a character part. Chivvying the local youth into the belief that legitimate theatre is every bit as glamorous as the 'pop' scene.

The interest in amateur theatre built up considerably at the end of the war, and, although it now appears as though less people take an active part, probably because of the additional outlets for leisure, general standards are higher than ever before.

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# I Saw Stars

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## FIND THE STARS

Here are some jumbled names of stars and planets. Put the letters of each name in the right order, and check with the list at the bottom of this column.

LPEO; SAMR; LBIRA; VSUNE; OLPUT; NUS; PSSIEC; YCUMRER.

## HERE'S AN IDEA

You probably know that many of the stars are grouped together and form patterns in the sky. The Plough, The Twins and Orion are the names of some of these groups. Borrow a book on the stars and planets from your local library. Choose one that has lots of pictures of the different groups, and then see if you can find some of the groups in the sky on a fine night.

## SONGS ABOUT STARS

Songwriters have always liked writing songs about the stars. Here is part of a song written thousands of years ago by a songwriter in Palestine.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

For his mercy endureth for ever. To him that made great lights: For his mercy endureth for ever. The sun to rule by day: For his mercy endureth for ever. The moon and stars to rule by night: For his mercy endureth for ever.

## WHY DON'T YOU TRY?

Try your hand at writing a song about the stars. You could get some ideas from two other old songs that mention the stars. They are Psalms 147 and 148. It would be a good idea to read them before you start writing your own song.

## MORE STARS!

Even the printer has seen stars this month! Can you put the right letters in place of the stars in this verse? The letters you put in will make a word describing this time of the year. (Answer below).

\*pples and pears have all been picked;  
\*p in the attic they are stored.  
\*ommy the squirrel gathers nuts;  
\*nder the hive the bees have stored  
\*olten gold honey: few birds sing.  
\*ature is sleeping until it's Spring.

## ANSWERS:

**Stars and Planets:** Pole, Mars, Libra, Venus, Pluto, Sun, Pisces, Mercury.  
**Missing Letters:** AUTUMN.



Kenneth Wolstenholme — one of the BBC's football commentators

IN THE OLD DAYS of steam radio the commentator's life, if demanding, was comparatively straightforward. He was the only link between the game and the absent spectator. He was both eyes and ears to the listener, and when he was silent millions were completely cut off from what was going on. As a result, the commentator had to keep up an endless descriptive patter, setting the scene, describing what was going on, filling in every detail.

Television has revolutionised the commentator's art. Now the distant spectator can see what is going on. He no longer needs a detailed description. He only needs comment in its strictest sense, and this is where the difficulty lies.

It's an old axiom in the newspaper world that you should never mix fact and comment, but the commentator has to do just this. The fact is there for you on the screen. The commentator can add in a few details—give you the name of the footballer who made the pass, tell you who that man is crouched at sily mid-on, sort out who the swimmers buried under the frothy waters are, but that hardly justifies his presence.

## ILLUSTRATED

He is now really there to add the expert's opinion, and this is most amply illustrated by watching any relay of a Test Match.

The ball by ball factual description is out, comment pure and simple is in. "Don't you think, Richie, that it's time he tried Underwood at the other end?" or "perhaps, Denis, you would like to say something about Barrington's 50 at the end of this over?"

This is real commentary—making comment—and when it's good it's very, very good, and when it's bad it really is horrible.

If cricket gives us the best example of modern commenting on television, football probably gives us the worst, because here personal opinion is often served up as fact and the experts are not really expert enough.

Cast your minds back to the first leg of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup Final between

# Is your commentary really necessary?

**Television No doubt about it said Mr Coleman, but many of us were not so sure**

## WE WATCHED

"There can be no doubt about it," he said, and so we had a playback. We watched carefully. We saw the goalkeeper come out, and a great many of us thought he really had tried to play the ball rather than the man.

"There you are," says Coleman, "quite obviously it was a deliberate foul," or words very much to that effect. Now David Coleman is quite entitled to his opinion but as a commentator he must not make factual what is obviously only comment.

He could get away with it on steam radio, but on television it could lose him his job, because no-one is more furious than an infuriated sports viewer.

So please, Mr. Commentator, whoever you are and whatever your sport, please don't turn comment into fact.

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# Result of colouring competition

The Editor was delighted with the number of pictures of coloured boats he received, and some very good ones too. He found it so hard to choose the winner that in the end he decided to give three prizes. Here are the names and addresses of the winners:

AGE 5 AND UNDER: Keith Hensier, 179A Longbridge Lane, Birmingham 31. (Age 5).

AGE 6-10 years: Debra Wilson, "Newkey", Hastingwood Road, Harlow, Essex. (Age 7).

AGE 11-14 YEARS: Paul Cooper, 26 Harold Road, Smethwick, Warley. (Age 14).

## Highly Commended entries

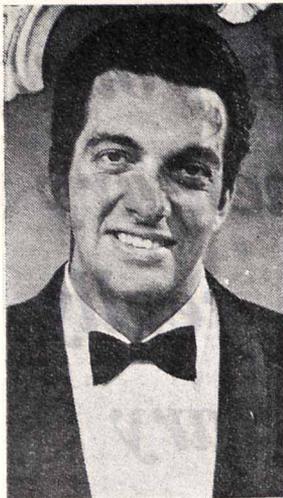
Linda Dorothy Nightangale, Anthony John Stocker, Stephen Betts, Alison Buckeridge, Ann Coles, Stephen Tanner, Carolyn Horn, Iain Davison, Pauline Cambe, Roger Cull, Victoria Jane Brown, Catherine Howard, Julie Hartle, Sandra Bolder, Karen Bladen, Stephen Atkins, Lillian Rennie, Lesley Lidiard, Julie Spencer, Louise Rider, Pamela Norman-Smith, Wendy Twist, Gillian Rendell, Alison Stokes.

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## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Frankie  
Vaughan

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And not only in this country. He recently became the U.K.'s first artist to win the Gold Microphone—the International Sound Industry's highest award to show business. He joins Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Sammy Davis and Marlene Dietrich, the only other winners in the eight years of the award's existence.

Look at the full lips, the generous smile, the whole

handsome face; listen to the confident, highly skilled voice. Success and this singer are obviously meant for each other. A leading writer has praised him like this: "In his field he is the supreme showman as thousands will testify every night of his life for many years to come."

At 39 he became the youngest ever King Rat—leader of the Showbiz world's largest charitable organisation.

## DEPLORED HIPPIES

A champ among songsters, Frankie has always been a champ for youth as well. For years a vigorous supporter of the National Federation of Boy's Clubs and the National

Playing Fields' Association, he found his way into more headlines last year for his stand up criticism of the Hippies.

"I deplore the influence a bad minority of influential youngsters is having on the masses of others," he flamed.

But he doesn't just criticise. He acts.

Last July he organised an arms amnesty among Glasgow teenage gangs. He called for a conference of the gang leaders in Blackpool, where he was appearing in a show, and helped channel their energies into the Easterhouse Project to provide £100,000 facilities for over 1,000 youngsters in that part of Glasgow.

All this takes imagination and courage and convictions.

There is even more to Frankie Vaughan than meets the eye and ear.

## Why we do what we do and are what we are

Dear Sir,

I was especially interested in the 'Personality of the Month' article on Cliff Michelmore. I have long admired the graciousness and efficiency with which he has done his work.

But I am puzzled as to why there is no reference in the article to his Christian faith and Church allegiance. Am I mistaken in understanding that he is a good active member of his local Congregational Church?

Or is it that today we, or writers of articles about us, do not admit to our faith and the fact that we are what we are and we do our jobs the way we do because of it? I feel sure that what Cliff Michelmore is and does, he does because of his Christian allegiance. I do not think this is attributing his qualities and abilities to a root they have no connection with. Could I, and other readers, have some clarification of this?

Peter M. M. Neatham.

81 Edgbaston Road,  
Warley,  
Worcestershire.

Many thanks to Mr. Neatham. We think we should have mentioned it, too. Of course Mr. Michelmore is a Christian.

# NATURALLY - WE LET SPORT GO TO RUIN

By E. F. Adkins

THE UNHAPPIEST MAN I HAVE MET FOR A LONG TIME WAS A SCOT WHO HAD TRAVELLED FROM INVERNESS TO BIRMINGHAM IN THE HOPE OF SEEING ENGLAND PLAY AUSTRALIA IN A TEST MATCH.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky on his arrival at Edgbaston. In fact the sun shone all day, but the poor fellow never saw a ball bowled, because heavy overnight rain had caused play to be abandoned for the day.

It materialised that my friend, who was easing the pain of his frustration in a truly Scottish fashion at the bar, was one of life's tragic cases.

He had recently retired from business, and his ambition was to take in as many of the major sporting events as he could in the time left to him.

To date, he said, he had attended Wimbledon during the heaviest rainstorm in the area this century. He had contracted bronchitis as the result of a visit to Ibrox Park to see Rangers play Celtic during a snowstorm. Now here he was at rained-off Edgbaston.

The only friendly advice I could offer was to emigrate to the USA or the USSR.

### IN COMFORT

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can football.

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We are frequently informed—I suspect by the Inland Revenue trying to stem the flow of emigration—that there is nothing wrong with our climate; it's only the weather that's at fault.

In Twelfth Night Shakespeare observed some time ago that "the rain it raineth every day." True, true. With the passing of time each season becomes indistinguishable from the other, yet we continue to stage major sporting events at the mercy of the weather.

The English have a unique method of ignoring any problem. We believe that if we ignore it for long enough it will go away. How else can we explain the national calm after Dunkirk? Objectivity is somehow regarded as weakness, and even central heating is thought to be slightly effete.

Any deviation from natural conditions in sport is viewed with great suspicion. When

artificial means of cutting grass were first introduced (grazing sheep did the job previously) the cricket establishment trembled.

The development of the specially designed football boot, with a hard toe cap, was regarded with the same disfavour—a sign that our manhood was on the decline.

### A MOCKERY

Reluctance to live sensibly with the vagaries of the climate makes a mockery of the administrative effort that goes into the staging of an outdoor event that is also a commercial enterprise.

County cricket clubs are by no means unanimous regarding the use of the old fashioned "covers" once a game is in progress. It is vaguely ironic that one of the dissenters, Warwickshire—who play their home games in one of the most modern cricket stadiums in the world—lost more hours play through rain last season than did any other county.

It is surely incredible

that a nation which has been in the forefront of the development of plastic materials, and cantilever engineering, should be at a loss to withstand the effects of a shower of rain.

The last day of the last test match at the Oval was saved, follow-

ing a heavy rainfall, by the massive assistance of the general public. Surely we can do better than this?

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