

The rescue of Priory Avenue Surgery

Like many others in Caversham I have been a patient at the Priory Avenue surgery for many years. There are in fact eight thousand of us registered there so it is a matter of great concern to hear that it is one of only three practices in the whole country to be put into special measures by the Care Quality Commission following an inspection last November. My family connection actually goes back 35 years and during all that time we have had nothing but good care. Even now the staff and doctors have done their best within increasingly difficult circumstances.

We all would like to have our own doctor as in the good old days, but that is no longer the case. The time of doctors being partners in their own practice has passed away and now the practice is in the hands of a company; in this case the 'Specialist Health Services' who are based in Bracknell. Doctors are now employees of the company as are the rest of the staff. The changeover has left each surgery competing for staff against each other. As there is a shortage of doctors who want to work in General Practice, they do not stay where their work place is not conducive to good practice. It is not therefore too surprising that a report that describes the practice as leaving its staff 'demoralised and disillusioned' has problems in retaining staff.

In its report, the Care Quality Commission declared the practice to be inadequate, with particular reference to its effectiveness and leadership. The North and West Reading Clinical Commissioning Group had already noted this before the inspection, and many of those using the practice were also increasingly alarmed at the rapid change over of the medical staff.

Following the inspection the Deputy Chief Inspector of General Practice said, "It is clear that the Priory Avenue surgery has been

going through a period of upheaval with so many staff leaving, that the practice simply has not been able to cope. There had been constant failures in communication between the current directors and the GPs, leaving the practice staff demoralised and disillusioned. We have found significant areas of concern which is why we are placing the practice into special measures, so opening the way to a package of support from NHS England among others."

This package will ensure that there are no immediate risks to patients and the practice will not close. It will though be inspected again in six month's time, when other measures might be taken if there is no significant improvement. Dr Geoff Payne, the Medical Director of NHS England, said "We would like to reassure patients that their safety is our top priority. We urge the eight thousand patients registered here to continue to support the practice."

In an open letter to their patients the practice has outlined various steps that have been made to provide adequate staffing and clinical support and indicated their willingness to work with the improvements required by the commission. These measures are being put into effect now.

If patients have any concerns about care at the practice there is a patient support group and Healthwatch Reading can be contacted on 0118 9023912 or at info@healthwatchreading.com

Many other surgeries have faced similar problems and it is not therefore surprising that so many people turned to accident and emergency during this winter. As we try to support our surgery remember that the staff are also victims in this confusion. They will help us as much as they can but if the management is not supporting or enabling them, they can only do what is possible.

Colin Ferguson



A Happy Easter to All Our Readers

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TALKING POINT

by Derek Chandler

'Soul responsibility'

"What does it profit a person to lead a whole church but to lose their own soul?"

This is the prospective title for a retreat for the ministers of the churches of Caversham for this summer and you may notice it is a play on the words of Jesus found in Mark 8:36. Let me be clear, ordained and authorised ministry is a gift from God and a joy but it can have its demands, challenges, and consequences. In the 22 years I have been in ministry I have known colleagues from all churches who have experienced the privileges but also encountered the stresses of ministry, sometimes with distressing consequences.

Ministerial breakdown and burn-out is a difficult topic for ministers, churches, and church institutions to talk about, but it is a reality. In that sense ministers are no different from those in secular work dealing with ever decreasing resources but ever increasing demands. The difference is like others in caring professions, they are expected to know naturally how to cope, "Physician heal thyself." (Luke 4:23)

Some may think this to be a self-indulgent topic. But unless ministers are encouraged to see the signs of burn out and address them, how can they help others lead whole and healthy lives? All I know is that when I raised this subject at a recent ecumenical ministers' lunch in Caversham it sparked a lively discussion – that response speaks volumes to me.

It is time to be honest, for "the truth shall set you free." (John 8:32) Therefore I ask you to pray for your ministers, most of them are trying to do their best, sometimes in difficult and challenging circumstances. I am sure they would not want it any other way, but an occasional show of appreciation might help them to proclaim the cross of Christ crucified with even greater vigour. Apart from anything else that recent lunchtime experience leads me to misquote to you one final passage of scripture for your consideration: "Listen, for your servants are speaking." (1 Samuel 3:10).

The Rev. Derek Chandler is Vicar of St. Barnabas Church, Emmer Green with Caversham Park Church L.E.P

SUNDAY SERVICES

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St Peter's, St Peter's Hill

8.00am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

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10.00am All Age Worship (2nd Sunday)

St Andrew's, Harrogate Road

8.00am The Eucharist
10.00am Parish Eucharist (Sung)
First Sunday, Family Eucharist
11.30am The Eucharist first and third Sundays only, first Sunday BCP
6.30pm Evening Prayer (as announced)

St Barnabas, Grove Road, Emmer Green

8.00am Said Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion
9.30am COGS for all ages (1st Sunday of Month)

St Margaret's, Mapledurham

11.00am Parish Communion

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10.30am

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9.45am (second Sunday)

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Thursday 2 April 7.00pm

For 7.30pm Agape Service with meal (contact vicar)

Friday 3 April 2.00pm Reflections around the Cross

Sunday 5 April 5.00am Easter Dawn Eucharist
followed by breakfast

Sunday 5 April 8.00am Said Eucharist

Sunday 5 April 9.30am Sung Family Communion

Monday 6 April 11.00am Walk to Mapledurham Village

New Testament Church of God

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Lord's Supper & Washing of
the Saints' Feet

Friday 3 April 11.00am Good Friday Service

Sunday 5 April 11.00am Easter Sunday Morning
Service

Caversham Park LEP

Sunday 5th April 11.00am Easter Day Service

St John the Baptist Caversham

Sunday 29 March 10.00am Communion

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm service with supper and vigil

Friday 3 April 10.00am All Age Service

Saturday 4 April 4.00pm Once Upon a Tree

Sunday 5 April 10.00am Festival Communion

Caversham Heights Methodist Church

Monday 30th March 7.30pm A service of
meditation at
Caversham Heights

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Holy Communion and Tanabrae
at Caversham Methodist
Church, Gosbrook Road

Friday 3 April 10.30am United service followed by
Walk of Witness
see www.cavhmc.org.uk

Sunday 5 April 8am Holy Communion followed by
Breakfast

Sunday 5 April 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy
Communion

St Peter Caversham

Sunday 29 March 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 29 March 9.45am Communion with procession of
palms

Sunday 29 March 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 30 March 8.00pm Compline

Tuesday 31 March 8.00pm Compline

Wednesday 1 April 8.00pm Compline

Thursday 2 April 8.00pm Holy Communion with foot
washing, stripping of altar and
vigil

Friday 3 April 12.00 Three hour devotional service

Sunday 5 April 6.00am Sunrise service

Sunday 5 April 8.00am no service

Sunday 5 April 9.45am Festival Communion

Gosbrook Road Methodist Church

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Holy Communion and Tanabrae

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Heights Methodist Church,
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Sunday 5 April 8.00am Holy Communion followed by
Breakfast

Sunday 5 April 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy
Communion

St Margaret Mapledurham

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Trench Green Hall

Friday 3 April 10.30am Stations of the Cross

Sunday 5 April 11.00 Festival Communion

Caversham Baptist Church

Good Friday 10.30pm Joint Baptist & Methodist
service at Caversham Baptist
Church,
South Steet

Easter Sunday 06.15-07.00 Sunrise Celebration
Balmore Park
Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday 10.30am South Street
Celebration

St Andrew's Caversham

Sunday 29 March 9.30am Procession with
Donkey departing from
Copperfields

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Last Supper meal (no need to
book) and Eucharist

Friday 3 April 2.00pm Liturgy of the Cross

Saturday 4 April 8.15pm The Fire, the Vigil and the First
Eucharist of Easter

Sunday 5th April 8.00am Easter Service

10.00am Easter Service

11.30am Easter Service

Grace Church

Friday 3 April 10.30am Good Friday Service

Sunday 5 April 10.30am Easter Sunday Family Service

THE GLENDALE

Once upon a time, there were two cinemas in Caversham, facing one another across Church Street. The Regal stood where the Waitrose supermarket is now, and the building that was Glendale is still there – as the New Testament Church of God. I'm told that The Regal was plusher than Glendale, but it was only there as a cinema for a mere 20 years - 1938-1958. Maybe I'll write about The Regal another month.

I arrived in Reading too late to

frequent it, but have fond memories of the Glendale. I would walk across to Caversham to catch up on films I'd missed the first time round, and on one occasion, I went to see a film I wanted to see for a second time. The walk back to where I lived, along Caversham Road, sometimes included a stop for fish and chips at the Jack and Jill Café.

Glendale was Reading's first purpose-built cinema, when it opened in 1911 as the Caversham Electric Theatre. Those already in existence (The Standard Electric Theatre, the Vaudeville, the Empire, and West's Picture Palace) were all converted from buildings used for other purposes.

It always offered the cheapest show in town. When the government put an entertainment tax on the price of cinema seats in 1916, the prices in the town centre cinemas (Vaudeville, Grand and West's) varied between 9d. and 2s. 4d., which was about 4p to 12p. The Caversham Electric charged between 4d. and 1s. 3d. – about half as much.

At first, as our picture shows, the pay-box and steps up to the balcony were under an overhang, but open to the street. You can also see the fire escape from the projectionist's box. When the weather was hot, the projectionist would leave his door open, so you could see him from Church Street. A friend of mine, who grew up in Caversham, remembers queuing for a show on a cold winter's day, only to be told that it was cancelled, because the projectors were frozen!

There was a change of ownership in 1944. The local paper reported: "Reading's intimate cinema will shortly be re-opening. The Electric Theatre, Caversham, closed on June 4th for redecoration



and renovation. The theatre has been taken over by Glendale Theatres Corporation Ltd., London, and will in future be known as the Glendale Theatre, Caversham. We shall bring to our Caversham audience the best Britain and Hollywood can offer."

The front of the cinema was re-built in 1947, bringing the pay-box and stairs to the balcony inside the building, which reduced the seating capacity from 500 to 400. This means that our photograph was taken at some time between 1944 and 1947.

The Glendale closed on 4 June 1977, after almost 66 years of operation, and was bought by the New Testament Church of God, which still flourishes. At week-ends, there is usually a colourful flower stall outside.

Recently published plans for the St. Martin's shopping precinct opposite include a small cinema – near the site of the old Regal. Interesting how what goes around often comes around, as they say!

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From the Lookout Post

As is often the case, more water will have flowed under the bridge before you read this column but some major issues in Caversham have been moving forward.

St Martin's Precinct

We now know that the final decision on the planning application was due to be taken at the planning applications committee on Wednesday 11 February. This has taken some time to process for a number of reasons. The original planning application in May resulted in a large number of objections and planning officers also raised concerns on a range of issues.

It is a very complex scheme, covering not only the design but parking, access, deliveries and much more. Discussions led to a series of changes over the course of several months. The final plans show significant changes in the use of building materials. Brick facing and zinc panels have been introduced in the upward extension above Costa and Boots and in the new Pizza Express building by the Telephone Exchange. In general, the shape and height remain unchanged.

There has been a range of reactions to the plans. The 1960s buildings are long overdue for improvement and many people will welcome the new facilities.

The application was first considered at the November planning application committee and was deferred at the request of the developer as no agreement had been reached on the financial contribution. Members of the committee described the scheme as a 'once in a generation' opportunity to achieve the right outcome for Caversham and following representations from CADRA at the meeting, they asked the developer Hermes and the design team from Barton Willmore to look again at the design.

They were also asked to resolve problems from an earlier design error, where the upward extension over Boots and Costa conflicts with the holm oak tree so that a major part of the canopy will have to be removed to allow construction. Further cut back will be required on a regular basis to allow light into the windows of the flats.

Since that request in November, some very minor changes have been made but there has

been no review of the design. Concerns remain about the long term survival of the tree. Given the guarded recommendation by planning officers to approve, it will be for the committee members to reach a conclusion in February.



A view of Church Street looking west

Sharing our Streets

Following a successful joint open meeting in November, Paul Matthews, the author of the report, has been invited to make a presentation to the Transport Users' Forum at Reading Civic Centre on 12th March. The broad concept of a scheme for Caversham was well received. The report can be read at www.cadra.org.uk.

Adult Social Care

The issue of adult social care has been very much in the news. Difficulties with providing adequate care regularly delay discharge from hospital, adding to pressures on the NHS. The Care Act in Reading was the subject of a local consultation by the Borough Council as they implement the changes of the new Care Act. The act updates over 60 years of law around adult social care in England. Most of the changes come into effect in April with many of the changes to funding for care starting from 2016.

CADRA always looks for a topical issue for its open meetings and is delighted that Suzanne Westhead, Head of Adult Social Care, RBC has agreed to come and talk. This will follow the brief AGM and will be held at 7.30pm, Tuesday

12 May 2015 in the Caversham Baptist Centre, Prospect Street.

Site for the Heights primary school

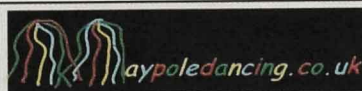
In November the Education Funding Agency and Reading Borough Council agreed to work together to resolve this difficult issue. The borough council agreed to carry out a consultation which would inform the final decision to be taken by the EFA. Rob Wilson MP had convened a meeting of Stakeholders earlier in the year and two further meetings were held in December and January.

The main focus of these meetings was to allow input on the arrangements for the consultation and the information pack to accompany it. The groups represented include residents' associations, campaign groups and user groups, school trustees, parent groups as well as the borough council and EFA. While the groups hold diverse views, discussion has been polite and orderly and progress made towards the launch of the consultation. Although some issues remained unresolved, a majority agreed that the early timetable should not be allowed to slip. The school is successfully up and running but with a new intake each year, it will run out of space in its temporary home.

Two additional sites were put forward for consideration. These were examined by the EFA but it took much longer than anticipated to prepare the information pack for the consultation. The EFA has now added the Dyson's Wood Farm site. For clarity it will be called "Land at the junction of Shepherd's Lane and Kidmore Road." The consultation will therefore go forward covering the following sites:

- High Ridge, Upper Warren Avenue
- Mapledurham Playing Fields
- Albert Road Park
- Hemdean Valley (Bugs Bottom)
- Dysons Farm

The timetable for consultation has been delayed by about three weeks but the revised dates are not yet available. It will be possible to respond to the consultation on line or on paper.



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Reading Festival Chorus are proud to announce that their next concert will comprise *Mass in a Time of War* by Haydn and *Songs of Farewell* by Parry.

This will be on Saturday, March 21st, 2015 at 7.30 pm at St Andrews' Church, Albert Road, Caversham.

Tickets costing £13 for adults, under 16s free, are available from 9834523 or tickets@readingfestivalchorus.org.uk

Bach St John Passion

At 7.30pm on Saturday 14th March, at St Mary's, Henley-on-Thames Henley Choral Society conducted by Benjamin Goodson will perform Bach's magnificent *St John Passion*. The cast will include Nicholas Mulroy as the Evangelist - described by Fiona Maddocks of *The Observer* as 'the Evangelist of choice' - and an orchestra led by renowned violinist Bojan Cacic, as well as Giles Underwood in the role of Jesus, soprano Elizabeth Cragg, alto Clare Wilkinson and tenor Joshua Ellicott. This is the kind of cast you would normally have to travel to London's South Bank to hear and promises to be an exceptional evening of music in Henley. Please book early - recent concerts have been sold out and you don't want to miss this one! Tickets £18.00 (£5.00 under 18s) contact Ticket Secretary Jan French 01491 572795 or Gorvett & Stone, 28 Duke Street, Henley on Thames or see www.henleychoralsociety.org.uk

New Musical Director for Caversham Choir

Rivarate, the popular Caversham choir, has a new musical director. Sarah Scotchmer took up her appointment this term and is busily preparing the choir for her first concert with it later this month. The Chairman of Rivarate, Libby Lowry, said she was very pleased to welcome such an experienced musician and choral director to take charge of the choir's musical programme. Pam Asbury will continue as the choir's accompanist.



Sarah (left) studied music at Bristol University and later at the Royal Academy of Music. She was, for many years, Head of Music at The Holt School in Wokingham. Her strong belief that everyone has the right to sing has been a guiding principle throughout her professional life and her un-auditioned school choir won the Highly Commended award at the National Festival for Youth. Sarah and the choir travelled extensively, giving performances in such far-away places as St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Stephansdom in Vienna and the Trump Tower in New York. Sarah frequently works closely with her husband, Stephen, who is the conductor of the Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra. She has trained both adult and student choirs to sing with the orchestra and she plays orchestral piano and percussion.

Rivarate will next perform in concert in the Methodist Church, Highmoor Road, Caversham Heights on Saturday 28th March, starting at 7.30pm. The choir moved across the Thames from Sonning to Caversham in 2008, so it is fitting that the opening number at this concert, under the baton of its new musical director, should be *Let the River Run*. Adult tickets will cost £8.00 each, with concessions for under 16s. They can be booked by phoning Libby Lowry on 0118 9481321.

Reading Youth Orchestra Concert

Reading Youth Orchestra will be performing at Caversham Methodist Church, Gosbrook Road, on Saturday 21st March 7.30 pm. This will be the first time that this orchestra, which has now been in existence for over 70 years, has performed at this particular church venue.

The programme will include Elgar's famous *'Enigma Variations'* and Mussorgsky *'A Night on a Bare Mountain'*.

This orchestra meets term time Friday evenings at Reading University, London Road Site, and has opportunities available for more young people who play an orchestral musical instrument to experience orchestral playing. The music director is Paul Cox.

The young people have been practising hard and it should be an enjoyable evening.

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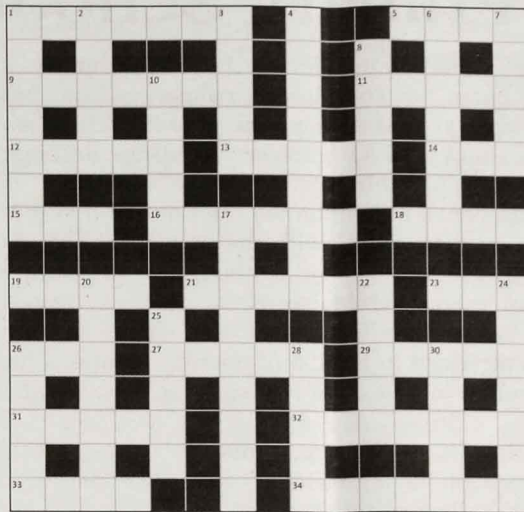
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Across

- 1,24 Regent of Henry the 3rd and a signatory of 26, 28 (7,7)
 5 What a 16 wore on his heel (4)
 9 A social occasion where 1, 24 and King 18 might have dined together (7)
 11 (See 23 across)
 12 What a wound which is 32 might do (5)
 13 The lofty residence of a bird of prey (5)
 14 Slang term for diamonds (3)
 15 18's title in 1, 24's native tongue
 16,19,22 1, 24 was described by Bishop Stephen Langton as the 'best ----- that -----' (6)
 18 A grudging signatory of 26, 28? (4)
 19 (See 16 across)
 21 Part of a 16's saddle or sword (6)
 23,11 The earldom of 1, 24 (8)
 26 To grimace to rob (3)
 27 Son of Abraham, replaced on the sacrificial altar by a ram (5)
 29 A person who has a democratic right, in part due to 26, 28 (5)
 31 The ----- of 1, 24 is in the Temple Church (5)
 32 Slightly inflamed? (7)
 33 A luxury German automobile (4)
 34 Town in West Sussex, site of a castle built during the reign of William I (7)

Down

- 1 Noah, an American lexicographer (7)
 2 A large passenger ship (5)
 3 Headgear worn by Stephen Langton and a number of other signatories of 26, 28 (5)
 4 Birthplace of 1, 24 and of this newspaper (9)
 6 A requirement, such as those specified in 26, 28 (7)
 7 A local official in medieval 20 (5)
 8 Reading's is the site of the 31 of Henry I (5)
 10 Native of one of only two doubly landlocked countries in the world (5)
 17 Worshippers of false gods (9)
 20 Pretty much the only land 18 Lackland did not lose! (7)
 22 (See 16 across)
 24 (See 1 across)
 25 18 had two, both called Isabella (5)
 26,28 A document signed at Runnymede, cornerstone of democracy for 20 (5, 5)
 30 Two more of these will make up a whole (5)

Once upon a Tree

'Once Upon a Tree' will be performed by the choir and friends under the direction of Len David at St John the Baptist Church, Gosbrook Road, Caversham on Saturday 4th April at 4pm. Written by the American composer, Pepper Choplin, it tells the story in words and music of the dramatic events of Holy Week. The audience are invited to become members of the crowd and follow the performers as the different scenes are acted out around the church. Admission is free, with a retiring collection.

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"God is very clever to make it so interesting," smiled the man. "Isn't God good to us? I think we will be very happy living here. God loves us so much. We will look after God's garden and make sure it stays beautiful. Just as God asked us to do."

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Public Consultation on Heights Primary School Delayed

A public consultation process to help identify a permanent home for The Heights primary school has been delayed by at least three weeks, after the Education Funding Agency (EFA) advised Reading Borough Council of a fifth possible location for the school.

The Government's EFA informed the Council that it is in preliminary discussions with the owners of Dysons Farm, which is located beyond the boundary of Reading Borough and in South Oxfordshire.

The EFA has now indicated that they would like the new site to be added to the list of possible locations for public consultation. The other four sites identified by the EFA are:

- High Ridge, Upper Warren Avenue
- Mapledurham Playing Fields
- Albert Road Recreation Ground
- Shipnells Farm (better known as Bugs Bottom)

The EFA has asked Reading Borough Council to carry out a public consultation on its behalf. When complete, survey results will be passed to the EFA for consideration. It will then be up to the EFA to select a location for The Heights primary School, based on the public responses received.

That public consultation process was due to start on Feb 2, after the Council agreed how the consultation would be taken forward at a meeting of its Policy Committee last month.

The news from the EFA however meant that the start of the consultation process was delayed until Monday February 23rd, at the earliest. It means a Public Meeting to discuss the EFA's options for a permanent school site

will now not take place until March, and that the Public Survey will be similarly delayed.

Reading Borough Council will be announcing a revised schedule for the public consultation - including the Public Meeting and subsequent Survey - as soon as it has more information from the EFA.

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Signs of spring

Signs of the bluebells are coming through in Blackhouse Woods at Clayfield Copse. Conservation volunteers have spent about 40 man hours in the last two months clearing the brambles from this patch, so that we will see the bluebells in all their glory come April. Unfortunately most of the woods up there are overgrown with bramble which smothers the bluebells, but the volunteers try and keep this area as clean as possible but they could only work in December and January as they try not to damage the new shoots coming through.

On 1st February nine volunteers turned up to clear the margins along a short section of the Ride, the path parallel to Rose Kiln Lane. They also cleared the oak which had fallen across the path from Marchwood, parts of the oak will be used as supports for a new seat in the football field (these seats are made by volunteer Brian Vryan).

Volunteers also propped up the fence, which had collapsed alongside that path by tucking in some holly bushes. Their next tasks will be coppicing and widening the footpaths up there, which have become very muddy. If you can help at all, even for one hour, please get in touch at 9484454 or look on the website www.econetreading.org.uk for dates and times of volunteer sessions.

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It is a fun and interactive training course to ensure that volunteers fully understand what to expect. Learning is done through groups, activities and discussions. Volunteers are never placed with a family unless they feel happy, confident and ready.

Rachel Paton, who lives in Caversham has been a volunteer for three years. She has visited many families and at present is involved with a family with triplets, helping their parents to play, feed and get out of the house with the three active toddlers. She says "I have enjoyed seeing the triplets develop and grow and feel honoured that I have been able to have this experience".

More information can be found at www.home-start-reading.org.uk or by phoning 9560050.

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Winter Watch: Help with heating for pensioners, families and the disabled

Help is still available for people finding they face a large heating bill, through payments from the local Winter Watch scheme.

Winter Watch is run by Reading Borough Council and the voluntary sector, with support of the NHS and it offers help to elderly people, those with disabilities or chronic health conditions and also to families with children under five.

Members of Reading Churches anti-poverty group support the scheme, by working with a group that fits insulation, and according to them it can transform the quality of lives of people who receive help.

The benefits last for years and are felt in terms of improved health and in helping to reduce carbon dioxide emissions as well as in reducing the cost of heating for vulnerable people.

A number of groups such as GPs, pharmacists, local councillors and community groups are promoting the scheme and readers can call 0118 9373747 for information and they can also help by passing on the number or a leaflet to someone who would benefit.



Councillors Matt Rodda and Sophia James with the Winter Watch leaflets

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Caversham Heights Townswomens Guild

Two of Caversham Heights Townswomens Guild's activities last month featured the capital; first the Social Studies group had a presentation by Mr Tony King entitled 'The Bright Lights of London', then some of us travelled to Kings Cross station to see 'The Railway Children' which had a real steam train in the play.

February's main meeting was a Bring and Buy and member's evening.

Scrabble, Luncheon club and amblers continue. The amblers curtailed a bit due to bad weather and injury.

Our next meeting is the AGM which will include cheese and alcohol free wine. It takes place at the Methodist Church Hall, Highmoor Road, Caversham at 7.30pm on March 19th.

Any new members wishing to join us will be very welcome.

Caversham Heights Society

Two quite contrasting meetings were held by the society during January. On January 7th Helen Lambert, Chairman of the Caversham and District Residents' Association (CADRA), spoke about the 'Caversham 100 years on' Project. This was to commemorate the incorporation of Caversham into Reading in 1911. Helen began by talking about the purpose of CADRA and its input into the planning of developments that have an impact on life in Caversham, such as new road layouts and the proposed redevelopment of St Martin's Precinct. The main thrust of her talk, however was to talk about life in early Caversham dating back to the Manor of Caversham that was mentioned in the Domesday Book, and Crayshaw Court until it was sold and broken up in 1920. The main house was to become a key part of the BBC. In the early 1900s Caversham consisted of two distinct villages, Caversham and Lower Caversham. At that time the Oxfordshire/Berkshire boundary was right in the middle of the Thames. However because of the rapid growth of the north side of the river it was felt that Caversham could no longer survive as a separate entity and the Reading Extension Order was passed in July 1911 and was enacted on 9th November 1911 when the Oxfordshire county boundary was pushed back to beyond Shepherds Lane.

In 1978 an exhibition of life in old Caversham, based on the historical work of Mary Kift, was held. It attracted over 4000 visitors. For the Millennium a village sign was produced showing Caversham Bridge and the importance of the river and its trades. In the early 2000s Caversham Court was excavated and redeveloped, thanks to a Heritage Lottery grant. As the centenary of the village merger into Reading approached children were invited to submit a design for a logo for an exhibition, while CADRA, Caversham Rotary Club and the Local Authority formed a Project Planning Team to submit proposals to the Heritage Lottery Fund which duly provided £34,500 towards the project. Initially large boards with postcards and old photographs of the two bridges, the village and its shops and business centres were displayed but as more and more historical evidence became available the project expanded and all the exhibits were produced in book form. As excavations in Caversham Court unearthed additional materials a Heritage Map was produced and materials were put on line for would-be historians to browse through. The evening was as enlightening for old stagers living in Caversham all their lives as it was for newcomers.

The meeting on the 21st January was about the 'Highs and Lows of a Stunt Woman'. Lucy Allen, a fully qualified member of the Register of Stunt Action Co-ordinators and Performers, shared her experiences as a stunt artist in such films as *Titanic*, *Braveheart*, *Harry Potter* and the *Half Blood Prince* as well as TV shows like *Eastenders* and *Casualty*. She also performed as a dancing nurse in the opening ceremony for the London Olympic Games. Lucy enthralled her audience with demonstrations of her exploits as well as the gear she has to wear for health and safety reasons. A truly memorable evening.

New members are always welcome. If interested please contact our chairman on 959 5307

Reading Gardeners

We have two excellent speakers this month.

March 11th the Chris Bucke Memorial Lecture will be given by John Massey of Ashwood Nursery on the subject of 'From Spring to Summer'

We have had some very enjoyable talks by John and a memorable visit to his garden in Kingswood, West Midlands.

March 25th. Graham Talbot, a lecturer at Berkshire College of Agriculture, will talk on 'Growing Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and Sweet Peas'.

Our meetings are held in Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road, at 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome for a £3 entrance fee.

Please consult our website for further information readinggardenersclub.org.uk

Caversham and Chiltern Flower Club

Shake off those winter blues and come along to the club to see Jane Haas who will demonstrate some beautiful springtime arrangements on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm at Caversham Heights Methodist Church. Entrance fee £5.00 for visitors. For more details please contact

Shirley Sexton on 9412329

The club are also holding a series of practical workshops every Tuesday evening from 24th February to 24th March at Caversham Heath Golf Club, at 7 for 7.30pm at a cost of £12 for each session. These workshops are aimed at the complete novice, beginners and intermediate flower arrangers. They are very informative and friendly evenings with lots of helpful advice. To book your place please contact Pat Jones Tel 07852655848 or email jones593@btinternet.com

Each evening will consist of two teachers - one demonstrating how to do a contemporary floral design and the other a traditional design followed by the participants attempting one of the designs. Instructions detailing what items and flowers to bring for each session are available and there will be a Sales Table selling many of the items required to execute the designs.

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Friends of Caversham Court Gardens

You are warmly invited to the AGM of the Friends of Caversham Court Gardens on Wednesday 4th March, 2015, 7 for 7.30pm, in the Reading Canoe Club, The Warren, Caversham RG4 7TH.

The brief AGM will be followed by an illustrated talk on 'Gardening through the Ages and Caversham Court' by plant scientist Dr John Evans.

Refreshments kindly donated by Farmer and Dyer, Estate Agents.

Non-members are very welcome.

Free entry. For further information contact Friends of Caversham Court Gardens at friends@fccg.org.uk.

Reading and District Beekeepers

The Beekeepers will be holding their 7th Annual *Beekeeping Day* at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Highmoor Road on Saturday 21st March. Free entry to the public from 10.30 to 4.30pm.

A fascinating insight into the world of bees and beekeeping for all the family. Whether you are an experienced beekeeper, or want to learn about bees and beekeeping, or would like to find out how to become a beekeeper, keep and protect these vital pollinating insects for our environment and have some delicious pure local honey for your family.

There will be illustrated talks by beekeepers, displays, honey tasting, home-made cakes and refreshments.

John Davey (Chairman Reading and district Beekeepers.)

Chazey WI

At the December meeting members were treated to a Christmas wrapping demonstration by one of the members, Diane

Davies - bottles, ribbons and bows! The members showed their appreciation before enjoying the "Christmas Fayre" provided by members.

In January Fionnaghal transported us into the realms of British folk tales with several entertaining stories, told with great expression and enthusiasm. She stressed the importance of keeping alive these stories which grew out of the lives and imaginations of people throughout history, often with a moral message. Chazey WI meets on the first Tuesday in each month at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Highmoor Road at 7.30/7.45pm. We welcome new members, come along to a meeting.

Probus

The speaker at the January meeting of the Reading and District Probus Club was Tom Way, whose subject was 'Exciting Wildlife from around the World'. Tom is a 26 year-old photographer, who makes a living by travelling to various locations around the world and photographing wildlife. He has been doing this for only three years, after studying sports at university, and then working as a personal trainer. Looking for something different, he started photography, and set up his own business. He is largely self-taught, but he showed many pictures he had taken, and he obviously has a natural flair and enthusiasm for photographing animals and other wildlife.

He showed pictures taken on trips to Borneo, Sri Lanka, Antarctica, the Falklands and Africa mainly Kenya and Uganda.

From Borneo he brought pictures of orangutans, which are very placid animals with human-like facial expressions, their young are particularly appealing. He also took pictures of proboscis monkeys, which have long noses.

He spent two weeks in Sri Lanka searching for and picturing blue whales, the largest animals that ever lived, which migrate in February from the Maldives to Sri Lanka. It took Tom an extra week to get a superb shot of water cascading from the complete width of a whale's tail.

In February 2014 he visited the Falklands to photograph king penguins, and also elephant seals, which can reach 6ft tall when arching up.

In Africa Tom photographed a great diversity of wildlife, including mountain gorillas in Uganda, elephants in Kenya, large three-horned rhinos in the Masa Mara, and also wildebeest, big cats, and hippos.

You can see some of the splendid pictures he has taken by visiting his website www.tomwayphotography.co.uk

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, on a variety of interesting subjects. The club meets at the Caversham Heath Golf Club. If you are interested then contact the secretary David Laird on 9470709.

Caversham Horticultural Society

The society will be waking from winter hibernation with the reopening of the Oakley Road allotments trading shed (next to the veterinary surgery). Open every Saturday until October between 10.00-11.30am the shed supplies members with gardening sundries such as compost and fertilizers at competitive prices. The February opening coincides with the sale of several varieties of seed potatoes.

Membership is needed to use this facility and costs £5.00 or £3.00 (over 60s) per household. RG4 postal district gardeners are invited to join the society for use of the trading shed. Members also enjoy free access to talks (unless a charge is specified) and usually two outings in the year to visit gardens. To join either turn up during the trading shed opening hours or contact the membership secretary at 10 Geoffreyson Road, Caversham, Reading or email membership@caversham-horticultural.org.uk or telephone 947 0510.

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Rosehill WI

President Margaret Pyle welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2015 by wishing everyone A Happy New Year. There was some confusion about the working of the microphone as Margaret Seal (who knows these things) was unfortunately too ill to attend the meeting, we wish her a speedy recovery. Margaret had some sad news in that one of our members, Barbara Prince, had passed away.

At the moment there are no structured walks arranged. Last year the weather was so bad that most of them did not take place, so it has been decided that walkers will meet in Budgens car park on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and a decision will then be made as to where (and how far) the walk will be.

The NFWI Centenary Baton will be received in Berkshire on Tuesday 7th April from Wiltshire and handed over to Oxfordshire on 14th April. Arrangements for this event have yet to be finalised. Secretary Mary Robinson drew our attention to several Federation talks and courses that are due to take place including 'Aspects of Horticulture' 'Uganda Today' and a workshop entitled 'Invisible Machine Applique'.

The meeting continued with the birthday buttonholes being handed out - Happy Birthday to all those members, and then Margaret introduced our speaker, Catherine Crabb, who gave a very interesting and amusing talk about the 'Life and Times of the Canal People'. Life was particularly hard with children often not receiving much education.

The afternoon concluded with a cup of tea, biscuits and the raffle.

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