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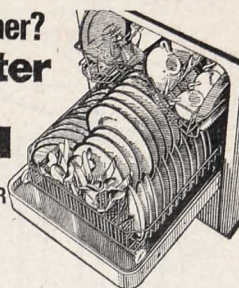
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# SIGN ON— this war's worth fighting

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Two hundred years ago we saw nothing wrong in slavery—a trade upon which the prosperity of Liverpool was based, and which involved thousands of Africans in homelessness, suffering and fear.

Five hundred years ago we burnt people at the stake. We look over our shoulder and ask:

"How could any decent, kind-hearted person allow these things to happen?"

**AND YET TODAY—AT THIS VERY MOMENT, DECENT, KIND-HEARTED PEOPLE SEEM TO BE BLIND TO EVILS THAT ARE JUST AS GRIM—AND WHICH THEY ARE EQUALLY CAPABLE OF DOING SOMETHING ABOUT.**

While we in the West eat 3 meals a day, send our children to school, have a job to go to, have heating and lighting, enjoy holidays, count refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, television sets and a host of other products as near necessities, know that medical services are always available to us, have welfare services for our babies—and a host of other things that we take for granted—TWO THIRDS OF THE WORLD

STARVES OR LIVES AT A LEVEL WHERE THESE THINGS ARE BEYOND THEIR WILDEST DREAMS.

In the future people are going to ask how we could possibly stand by and let these circumstances continue. THEY ARE GOING TO SEE US AS INHUMAN, UNCARING MONSTERS.

Of course there are agencies at work trying to do something about the situation. Christian Aid is one of them. But their resources are limited. They work on charity and voluntary effort. The problem demands spending by governments on a large scale—and with no political strings attached.

### WE HAVE TO PAY

And this is where the crunch comes. If the western nations are going to do something about this situation it will mean increased taxation for their people, or a slowing of the rise in their standard of living. We have to pay for the privilege of helping our fellow-men.

**IT'S NO USE SAYING WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. IF WE GAVE AWAY ONLY HALF OF WHAT WE IN THIS COUNTRY SPEND ON GAMBLING, DRINK AND TOBACCO, AND OTHER WESTERN**

**NATIONS GAVE THE SAME AMOUNT YEAR BY YEAR, THE PROBLEM WOULD BE LICKED.**

All that would then be required would be a sensible use of the resources available and a sensitive understanding of what the underdeveloped countries need. Our greatest help could be the export of people—technicians, agriculturists, teachers, engineers, doctors.

We could gear ourselves to the costliness of waging a war—but a war for humanity rather than a war of hate and destruction.

*How do you enlist in this war?*

How can you bring pressure to bear in high places so that something will be done?

A start could be next December's National Sign-In on World Poverty organised by the British Council of Churches, The Roman Catholic Commission for International Justice and Peace, and the Conference of British Missionary Societies.

**All Christians are being asked to sign a petition urging the government to offer developing countries increased aid and improved trading conditions. One of your local churches is bound to have a copy.**

Your name could be on it.

THIS COULD BE A START.

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## SOAPBOX



## WE NEED TO BRIDGE THE AGE GAP



A local community could be given a sparkle by the lively optimism of youth.

THE POP SCENE, student revolt, snappy fashions—all throw the spotlight on our trendy friends in their teens and twenties. More and more the young adult seems to be at the centre of things giving his opinions, catching the imagination, organising complicated projects—think of John Lennon, Bernadette Devlin, Des Wilson.

Young people set the tone of society. Magazines, clothes, holidays, adverts, cars, reflect a youth conscious world unhampered by fatigue, children or cost of living.

As one person put it recently, "To be over 29 these days is to feel an immigrant in a foreign land."

This atmosphere is resented by those who think that young people should be seen and not heard. It's made harder to accept by the fact that the middle-aged spent their youth in the war years surrounded by austerity, discipline, and hardship and the elderly in a time of economic depression.

It's not surprising that there is a tinge of jealousy. More than at any other time in history there is a gaping gulf between the generations.

This gulf is shown by the way in which young people rail against what they see as the cautious complacency, the unimaginative dowdiness, the conservative attitudes of older people. In turn older people attack what they see as the brash enthusiasm, vulgar irreverence, and impractical idealism of the young.

Two embattled camps tend to be formed, which rarely try to understand or meet each other sympathetically.

Each generation keeps to itself complete with its own prejudices. The one congratulates itself on the wisdom of age, and the other on the vision of youth.

It is much less comfortable for the two groups really to come into contact and discuss and make decisions together about vital issues. Yet decisions formed in this way whether in a family, a university, or a local community could be given a sparkle by the lively optimism of youth, and some solid common sense by the voice of experience.

Too often decisions taken by young people or their elders alone fail to solve problems. The young are often impractical—the old unimaginative. Patient co-operation could avoid these pitfalls.

Youth is stridently and seriously demanding a more responsible place in many sections of our national life, such demands are often noisy and ill mannered, but it would be a pity if older people made that an excuse for pinning the "Reserved" labels more firmly on to the seats of power, which they have occupied for so long.

We have as the basis of our future a generation that has been better fed, better educated, better provided for than any in our history. It has been taught independence and the virtue of thinking for itself.

If it is met only by local criticism, then protest and demonstration will be the only way for the younger generation to make itself heard. Their voice deserves a better fate than that.

## He puts us right

Dear Sir,  
Peterloo Massacre (Your August issue): John Banks has slipped up by some thirteen years in linking "the Tories under Pitt" with the Peterloo Massacre of 1819.

Prime Minister, and Tory leader at the time, was Robert Jenkinson, second Earl of Liverpool, who in fact served as Home Secretary in Pitt's last Government, from 1804 to 1806.

Yours faithfully,  
THE REV. T. F. SHIRLEY,  
St. Etheldreda's Vicarage,  
Doneraile Street,  
London, S.W.6.

Thank you Mr. Shirley for putting us right.

## GOOD FOR A LAUGH



Darling—he's just eaten his first knife and fork.

## Arrowed numbers help them to get around

There is a new form of house-numbering in force in most of the big cities in Germany which is highly efficient and sounds worth adopting.

Under the system every house number also shows an arrow pointing to the house with the next highest

number so one has no doubt which way to search. Also streets which run in a direction away from the centre of the city are numbered with the low numbers nearest the centre, so no matter how the streets twist and curve you can follow the arrows

backwards and end up in the centre of town!

This is certainly a system that could help us find our way around in this country—and while we're about it could we possibly make sure that numbers are big enough to be read from the road?

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# 'Mothers in Action' combats the loneliness of the unmarried mother

by Rosalind Stuart

IN BRITAIN we have become permissive, often positively encouraging about unmarried sex, but for the unlucky ones, those who become unmarried mothers, it's a different story.

In spite of our progressive ideas, our attitudes to illegitimacy have changed very little. The unmarried mother is still the scapegoat and many girls who would like to be responsible for their child's upbringing themselves are compelled by circumstances to give their babies to adoptive homes.

Contrary to what many people like to believe, there are very few unmarried mothers indeed who are not deeply hurt by the loss of their babies. They experience the same kind of grief as the mother who loses her child through natural causes.

For proof that few unmarried mothers really wish to part with their children we need only look at statistics in Denmark where social attitudes are humane and everything possible is done by the state and social agencies to keep mother and baby together if the mother desires it. There 93 per cent of unmarried mothers care for their own children.

## BRAVELY

We are nowhere near this percentage in Britain but there are girls who are determined not to let their babies go and start off bravely against considerable odds. Some are successful in creating a favourable environment for their children but too many have to give up at a later stage.

It is always a tragedy when a mother who has endeavoured to give her baby a home has in the end to make other arrangements. It is to avoid this kind of situation that five of these girls formed a group last year, calling it Mothers in Action. After appearing on Granada Television they had so many enquiries that mem-

bership soon grew to 200.

Any unsupported mother can join Mothers in Action. Some members are widows or divorced or separated wives who often face the same difficulties as unmarried mothers.

Mothers in Action are mainly concerned with the welfare of the child but they realise that the child cannot develop happily if his mother is overwhelmed with problems. The organisers hope that meeting socially and corresponding will help their members to combat the inevitable sense of isolation they feel. They have schemes for mutual help where it is wanted — flat-sharing, baby-sitting and exchanging outgrown children's clothes.

## ALWAYS ROOM

Mothers in Action has the support and approval of the National Council of the Unmarried Mother and her Child but is quite independent of it. Although few unmarried mothers in need have not benefited from the help of the National Council and other social workers, so many social agencies are overworked and understaffed that there is always room for another pressure group.

Mothers in Action has a comprehensive programme of reforms they feel are necessary. Accommodation is always a problem but Mothers in Action did not see the solution in terms of a proliferation of specially built blocks of flats or bed-sitting-rooms for unmarried mothers where they would feel easily identifiable and their children might be asked

awkward questions as they grew up. They would like to find it easier to rent council flats like ordinary families. At the moment, allocation of council housing to unmarried mothers varies greatly from one area to another.

Employment is another cause of anxiety especially where the mother has not taken or has been able to complete a training. Mothers in Action feel that government-subsidised training schemes to help mothers in their position to become self-supporting would save public money in the long run.

## NURSERY PLACES

Mothers in Action are worried about the shortage of nursery places in certain areas and the difficulties of providing care for children of school age during the holidays. No mother of a small child is compelled to work since Social Security allowances will cover the essentials, but life on the state over a number of years can be drab and discouraging. The unmarried mother often has to move from the environment she knows, she lacks the company of a husband in the evenings yet is seldom able to go out. It is very easy for her to slide into a state of acute depression and loneliness which is bound to affect her child.

Obtaining affiliation orders and fighting for arrears of maintenance is not only repugnant to unmarried mothers but seldom successful. Only 14 per cent of these mothers use the courts and of these only 11 per cent obtain maintenance. A recent sur-



vey showed that one third of these orders were in arrears two years after they were granted. Mothers in Action, like many authorities on child welfare, would like to see a guaranteed allowance given to all unsupported mothers, the Ministry of Social Security making itself responsible for recovering the debt from the father. This arrangement works well in Scandinavia and actually saves the state money.

At present there are branches of Mothers in Action in London, Birmingham, Manchester and Northern Ireland. They hope to establish branches in other areas of Britain from which they have sufficient enquiries. A quarterly news sheet is published and a number of fact sheets are being prepared. The subscription is

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Knock School at the turn of the century.

# Miss Thomas School

by Winifred Darter

A tap on the cottage door. "Miss Thomas, Mam says can you come. She's got to go over to our Huw's and she wants you to keep Gran company."

"Of course," says Peg. "You'll be all right, won't you?" she adds, turning to me. "Don't wait up." And throwing on her coat she is off.

I stoke up the fire. I have no intention of going to bed. Quite apart from the fact that I am unaccustomed to sleeping alone in a country cottage, I must be awake when she returns. I must hear all about Gran, 'our Huw' and the little girl who came knocking. The chances are that Peg taught them all.

I make a careful tour of the house, locking doors, closing windows. How Peg would laugh if she could see me. "People don't break in around here she would say. 'And what have I got to steal?' She's right, of course. Her treasures are not such as moth and rust can corrupt or thieves break in and steal. Her treasures are the memories of the hundreds of children she has taught.

## REMINDERS

Of course there are tangible reminders too. In the glass-fronted case behind me is the evidence of all the love and affection she has won over the years, gifts from ex-pupils scattered throughout the world. A lovely French goblet nestles cheek by jowl with a hideous plaster figure. The first time I saw it I was horrified; now I see the cabinet through Peg's eyes.

When I first met her at my sister's wedding, I thought her a very ordinary sort of person. Slightly old-fashioned in dress but very correct, as befitted the headmistress of a



Miss Thomas

Welsh village school, she had a somewhat prim air and an authoritative way of making remarks.

## HOW TO PAY

Only after she retired, when I was somewhat reluctantly persuaded to visit her at her cottage, was I to discover what made Peg such an extraordinary person. It was simply that she was consumed with an overwhelming interest in people. Things, places, possessions, politics—all these interested her only as the stuff which forms the lives of people.

Take politics, for instance. Like most of her race, Peg is keenly interested in political affairs. But she doesn't deal in terms like 'dialectical materialism.' To her, 'one per cent redundancy means Dai Roberts sitting on the back step, whittling a piece of wood and wondering how to pay the gas bill. 'Re-deployment' means Huw Jenkins setting out for the big city leaving behind the hills and valleys he loves so well.

Peg doesn't hold with fancy phrases—they disguise the truth, she says. Try calling a spade a domestic agricultural imple-

ment and she will accuse you of English snobbishness—it has to be English because no Welshman worthy of the name would be capable of such a thing. Welsh and proud of it is Peg, pride in her native land is oozing from every inch of her comfortably proportioned body. "And why not?" she would demand, if you have the temerity to question her.

For Peg is never humble about her birth, her upbringing, her life. To Peg humility is something different. Humility is Peg flying through the village on an errand of mercy, her hair streaming behind her, an old overall peeping from beneath her coat, her usual correctness forgotten in the urgency of her mission.

I recall the occasion when I introduced our mutual nephew—Peg's and mine—to a man in the village. He took the pipe from his mouth, gave David a long hard look and said solemnly: "So Miss Thomas School is your auntie, is she young man? Then take great care of her; she's the most important person around here."

## REMARKABLE

Oh yes, she is indeed a very remarkable person. Everyone she meets or hears of matters intensely to her.

I switch off the light. It is very late. Peg should be home soon. I wonder how much I shall see of her this holiday. Not that it matters. By now I know her callers nearly as well as she does. To everyone who knocks—and there are dozens despite her comparative isolation—I shall ask the right questions and provide tea if the occasion demands. And I shall listen to further glowing tributes to Miss Thomas School.

## CAR SENSE

# Ice could make you boil!

It's only a few weeks ago since I last wrote about radiators boiling—and yet here it comes again. A common trouble in winter is just this. Why?

Answer: first, no antifreeze. Second, the radiator gets too cold! The first frosts of the year are not generally sharp enough for there to be much chance of your engine block freezing up. But your radiator . . . You could describe the business part of a radiator as thin strips of water surrounded by paper-thin metal—surrounded by air.

If you haven't got antifreeze in, the slightest touch of frost is capable of freezing this water. Result: as it freezes it will expand and distort the thin metal which forms the radiator honeycomb. Minute cracks will possibly be formed which will allow your precious antifreeze—when you have put it in—to drip away on to the road.

## SPECTACULAR

But the most spectacular result will happen much sooner, when you start the car. The ice will effectively stop the circulation of cooling water through the engine. Five minutes driving and the water in the engine block will start to boil.

If this happens to you there is only one thing you can do: that is stop, switch off the engine and wait. In a few minutes convection currents of air will start to carry heat from the engine all around the inside of the bonnet—and around the radiator. That heat will slowly thaw out the ice and allow the water to begin circulating. You can speed up the process a little by putting a blanket or coat over the bonnet, but it will still take time. If you were able to pour a kettle of hot water over the outside of the radiator you could cure the trouble quickly—but you would also greatly increase the risk of cracks in it afterwards, with the consequent leaks.

## BLANKET

Once water has started to circulate, keep the coat or blanket in place over the bonnet while you allow the engine to tick over for a few minutes—but don't attempt to drive the car until you feel hot water from the engine circulating through the radiator.

But it would be easier to make sure you don't have any of this trouble—by getting your antifreeze in soon!

Brian Favell.

Thinking about . . . the labourers in the vineyard (St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 20 verses 1-16).

# Fair Shares

"Pass your 11 + and you'll get that bicycle."

"We only help deserving cases."

"He's always trying to live up to his father's hopes for him."

"A fair day's pay for a fair day's work."

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

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"God loves good boys and girls."

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Stories of equal pay for different hours of work won't wash in our world. It's a fair world, we say—a world of getting and giving deserts, a place of conditions, rewards and punishments. That's the set-up; everyone knows where they stand. Some people get hurt and disappointed and we're always anxious to see that we don't get the dirty end of the stick ourselves: but on the whole it works pretty well. We've got used to the way the world wags—and expect nothing better.

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Jesus's tales introduce us to our world in different clothes, to another, better, less calculating world where we receive what we need rather than what we deserve.

We must accept the love of God and the generosity of others, neither of which we have deserved, with humility. If we set out to earn and deserve these things we do not really receive them, for when they are bought they lose their true quality—and we in turn lose our true quality if we only give to others their deserts.

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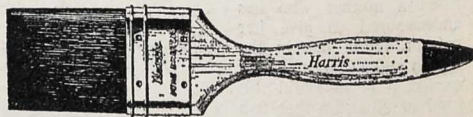
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# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

**S**UMMER holidays may be over but they often leave a lasting impression. Once again I found myself living for a few weeks in a small village and as usual I was struck by the slower pace of life; in a small community everyone knows everyone; each person matters, and there is time to talk in the street.

On my first Sunday home the passage appointed for the Gospel was the parable of the Good Samaritan. The attitude of the priest and Levite reminded me of the townsman who is in danger of getting his priorities wrong, living as he does in a community in which the question "Who is my neighbour?" is no easy one to answer. The welfare state has taken over so many things but the very size of modern towns produces an atmosphere of impersonality which leaves many people isolated and unhappy; so there is a constant need for more people who will visit the lonely, and listen to the frustrated. Our problem is one of priorities. How can we see to it that time is found to listen to those who need sympathy? We must not suppose that our duty is done when we have paid our rates and taxes and made an occasional gift to our favourite charity.

A community is not easily created and must by nature consist of people of varied ages and abilities. This is why new housing areas can never really be communities in the proper sense of that term, however much their inhabitants may strive to create one. New estates nearly always consist of houses that are similar in style and so attract to them people of similar income ranges and of a more restricted age group than is found in the population as a whole. Moreover they often seem to comprise many people who are soon likely to be on the move, and it is impossible to create a real community sense unless there is a fair degree of permanence.

What can we do as Christians to develop in Caversham a sense of a loving and caring Community? I believe that in some degree we have got this here and many newcomers in the more established roads of Caversham have said to me how they have been conscious of this community sense. But I would suggest two ways in which we can deepen this sense.

In the first place the house groups for Bible and other study that have been held in different roads in the last two Lent, attended by several hundred people of different denominations, have been much more than study groups. They have helped to develop a real sense of community in certain roads. We must as Christians try and extend this idea to every road in Caversham.

Secondly we need to take a fresh look at the Bridge Scheme of Social Service. It is four years since this started, and like all schemes early enthusiasm is apt to wear off as some of those who at the start did so much move away or for other reasons find themselves less able to help. It is important to realise that the achievements of the scheme have been considerable. But the demands on it are growing steadily and the organisers are finding it hard to meet them. Help is particularly needed in having more people who will visit regularly some housebound or elderly person, and more help is also wanted from car drivers with lifts for those who cannot always use public transport. And perhaps in the next few months these needs must be brought to the notice of the many new people who have moved into Caversham recently, many of whom could probably help in one or other of these ways.

Our Lord in telling the parable of the Good Samaritan asked a question that we too as being asked. Who is my neighbour—what are his needs—in what way can I help? If you can help contact one of the organisers whose names will be found on this page.

*John Grimwade*

## SIXTY GLORIOUS YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Clifton in their home in Hampden Road.  
—Walton Adams.

Sixty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Clifton arrived in their present home in Hampden Road, after their wedding at St. Mary's Church, Witney, where Lilian herself had been baptised and confirmed. They have lived there ever since and their home is crowded with souvenirs of a very happy married life.

### First World War

Very sincerely we congratulate them on the occasion of their diamond wedding. In these days when marriage is too often taken lightly it is no small thing to have lived together happily all these years, in spite of the difficulties of their early married life when Thomas was serving in Africa in the first world war and Lilian was left to cope with a young baby. Recent years have brought a continued succession of ill-health, but despite it all they are a happy family.

### Regrets

One of their few regrets is that Mrs. Clifton is no longer able to attend St. Peter's Church regularly. Their daughter, Dorothy, who lives with them, is herself a mem-

ber of the Church but unfortunately the ill-health of her parents has not made it easy for her to join in local activities.

### A joy

It is a pleasure to have them living with us and a joy to be able to report such an occasion.

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## THE BRIDGE SCHEME

### A HELP-YOUR- NEIGHBOUR VENTURE

### WHOM TO CONTACT

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# CAVERSHAM'S PERPETUAL CURATE

After nearly 40 years overseas—many of which were spent as a magistrate and a lawyer in Kenya—you could well understand anyone returning to his family home for a peaceful well-earned rest. And return home to Caversham was what Mr. Bindi Shaylor did.

But then Bindi, who had been an agnostic for most of his life, did something which may have surprised anyone who didn't know him well. He offered himself for ordination.

## Baptized as an adult

Bindi Shaylor became a member of the Church of England in 1953. It was then that he was baptized and confirmed. He and his wife, Betty, were prepared for confirmation together.

"It wasn't an 'instant conversion'" Bindi explained "A lot of things led us on. We were taking our young sons to the Children's Church in Nairobi—and we soon realized that we ourselves had to make a decision and face up to the demands of the Gospel." Soon the Shaylors found themselves in charge of the Children's Church—which involved dealing with over 200 Anglicans and Protestant boarders from 2 big Roman Catholic schools in Nairobi.

Because of his legal qualifications and experience

early in 1960 Mr. Shaylor was asked by Bishop Obadiah Kariuku of the Mount Kenya diocese to be his registrar. Until his return to England 8 years later he dealt with all the legal business of the diocese.

## Why Ordination?

Bindi decided to retire a few years earlier than he needed to so that he could offer himself for ordination. Down the years he had done a lot of reading and thinking and he came to feel more sure of his vocation. "When I retired I felt it important as a Christian to work for other people". So in the autumn of 1967 he attended a Selection Conference, and on acceptance, made arrangements to do his training at Salisbury Theological College.

"My time at Salisbury was an indescribably exhilarating experience" he said. "The College is very much alive. The course included speed-reading, audio-visual training and group dynamics as well as the traditional theological work."

## Early years in Caversham.

Bindi came to live at 17 The Mount in 1910 when he was 4 years old. His first school was Hemdean House where his fellow pupils included Miss A.I. Olivey the present Headmistress and many other people still living in Caversham.

His parents, sincere humanists, were great followers of H. G. Wells and G. B. Shaw. Individualists, they were content for Bindi to find his own way through life. "I was in touch with the Church in various ways" said Bindi. "For a time I went to Sunday School at St. Peter's. It was run by the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver, a forbidding figure, and I didn't stay long! Then in 1915 I joined the choir at St. Andrew's for 3d a week. The priest in charge was the much loved and still remembered Rev. T. Branker."

After his education at Reading School Bindi was articled to the firm of J. C. St. Laurence Stallwood, and he qualified as a solicitor in 1929.

## Wide experience of Africa.

After a couple of years in Malaya—"I was axed in the world slump of 1931"—and a few months with a friend running a flower shop in Park Lane—"We lived on chips and sherry!"—Bindi found himself in East Africa as an assistant to a firm of solicitors in Uganda.

It was there in 1936 that he met Betty who was working as a Nursing Sister attached to the Overseas Nursing Service. Betty had been brought up in Whitby and had trained for 6 years

Bindi and Betty Shaylor in their garden at 17 The Mount, which has been the home of the Shaylor family since the beginning of the century. During the last year, since their return from Africa, they have modernised it for a special purpose. The solidly built Edwardian house, while continuing to be the family home it has always been, will be another "Caversham 'clergy house'—suitable for Bindi's work as an honorary curate attached to the parish of Caversham.



Photo: Walton Adams.

at St. Monica's Children's Hospital and University College Hospital.

The Shaylors were married in Nairobi in 1938. During the War Bindi served in the Forces in Italian Somaliland and Betty nursed in Uganda. Their sons Charles and David were born in 1943 and 1944.

## Settled in Kenya.

In 1947 Bindi transferred to Kenya as Registrar of the Supreme Court. He was a magistrate during the early days of Mau Mau.

In the Colonial service the Shaylors could have been sent anywhere else in the Commonwealth. Because of a desire to be settled Bindi decided to move into private practice. He spent a year studying in London, and was called to the Bar in 1952.

"From then until 1968 Kenya was our home" he said. "Our sons were educated there until Charles came to a teacher training college at Exeter and David came to an agricultural college at Newton Abbott. We would have retired there—but Independence and health reasons led to second thoughts."

## The Future.

Caversham is the beneficiary of those second thoughts. We welcome the Shaylors back to their old home. As Caversham's "Perpetual Curate" Bindi will have much to offer, and in the years ahead no doubt we shall learn a lot from him and from his wife, Betty. We pray that God will bless their future life and work in Caversham.

J.Y.C.

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## GUIDE NEWS

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### Gardens

From the house some went into the Rose Garden where the many varied types of roses, in full bloom, made a blaze of colour. Others went on to the Gardening Centre where they could sit by the lakeside or wander round the gardens and see all the different kinds of flowers, shrubs and trees. There was also garden furniture, sheds, greenhouses, ornamental statues, different types of walling and swimming pools to be seen. After spending our imaginary fortune it was 4.30 and time to return to the coach and make our way to Windsor for tea.

### Tea

Tea, of fruit salad and ice cream, bread and butter and cakes was ready for us when we arrived at the riverside cafe at Windsor, and the cup of tea was most welcomed. Just as we were about to leave the cafe to board the coach again it began to rain, but it had been fine all afternoon so this could not spoil the outing.

The Brownie Guides raised the money to finance this outing by holding a

Rummage Sale earlier in the year and they would like to thank all who contributed in any way towards making the Sale such a success and therefore making this outing possible. Thanks especially to the parents who came along as usual and worked so hard.

The Brownies themselves went on an outing in August, to see firstly the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, then into St. James Park for lunch and on to the Tower of London.

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## Five years at Embley Park

For the fifth successive year the parish of Caversham organised a holiday at Embley Park. This year nearly two hundred people went there sometime between August 2—23rd for a week's holiday. We print on this page the impressions of one who went for the first time this year.

## A WEEK TO REMEMBER

Impressions of a first visit to Embley Park take time to get into perspective and the picture may well be more clear by the time the winter snows are here. There was so much happening on each crowded day and yet at the end of the week so little had been accomplished.

### Happy Atmosphere

There were not many incidents to record in one's memoirs to astonish posterity—no record breaking carp was landed, no children were drowned, no distraught Mums were noticed wringing their hands because young "Alfie" had made off with someone's M.G. and was last seen doing the ton on the Salisbury Road. Yet it wasn't a dull week—far from it, but the highlights were of good companionship and laughter and so they may well fade or blur with time. It will be easy to forget how we basked in the sunshine and watched our skins turned dark brown while we listened to the sweet sound of the Franc being devalued. Nevertheless the week had its moments—that instant of pure bliss when in the evening, the wind came in from the west and the scent from the pig farm reminded us of the rashers we'd eaten at breakfast.

### Battle for Sleep

There were the beds and that grim battle for sleep that was waged on the Saturday night. How I admired that mattress which refused to give so much as a centimetre of ground—how the bed springs and my protesting lips groaned in unison with the chimes of the clock—so extra mellow at four in the morning.

But that was only for the one night—for guided by sage advice from old and hardened campaigners, I muffled the broken glass and the angle iron which made the mattress stuffing with blankets and pillows, and thereafter slept the sleep of the almost if not the just.

### Beautiful Setting

But what a gorgeous setting for a holiday—Embley Park—stately home of famous Florence Nightingale. The house is fabulous and the grounds really lovely—there are so many interesting trees and flowers to see. There are strolls to the Upper Lake to see the perfect reflections in the dark shining water; there is Paradise Garden, newly resuscitated after thirty years. There is the Lower Lake and was that an otter which was eating the eel? There is the Swimming Pool, full of imps shrieking "Look at Me, Mummy!" There are those grim contests on the Croquet Lawn where the Church of England learns

to keep a stiff upper lip and a straight mallet with its back to the Hoop.

For me there were sounds of long past midnight revelry wafting up from the "Sick Bay" inhabited by a very lively crowd of ladies who seemed to spend most of the night making or unmaking apple pie beds and chanting ditties that I'd never heard before.

Then there was Paul aged five months who sipped milk and scoffed strawberry jam at Fordingbridge. There were the foals in the New Forest nudging their proud mothers; there was the food—on the last night Roast Turkey washed down with Vino Rosee!

There were the evening prayers chosen to remind us in poetry that the food we eat and the birds that sing are God's blessing for each one of us. Above all there was the fellowship of so many lovely people met for

**Decisions . . .**  
Decisions, decisions, and more decisions. We believe that it is possible to live in love and in truth with our fellow human beings but when we look around it seems that something has gone wrong. Think of just one difficult decision you have had to make in the past . . . The truth or the most loving thing was not clear at the time. Seldom is the answer obvious to one individual or even to a single group. Yet decisions must be made.

the first time but Praise the Lord—not for the last.

So with eager looking forward—I can hardly wait till 1970!

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## TALKING POINT

# "Why is Life so complicated?"

by Colin Scott-Dempster

### Conflict . . .

There is always conflict. Whether it is conflict over opposing ideas or whether it concerns deep differences of faith conflict results. The modern pacifist seems often to be more actively militant against the non-pacifist than his convictions would warrant. The modern doctor is faced by a critical public when he makes a major decision to switch off the machine which is keeping 'alive' a patient, or if he eases the passage of an aged or incurable person into the unknown dimension of death. Perhaps the bitter conflict between Catholic and Protestant in Ireland illustrates best the result of firmly held beliefs and the loyalty to decisions even within the Christian body.

### Ambiguous?

Is life then ambiguous? Is there no solution to these seemingly endless differences that divide man from man? Are we simply deluded to think that men can live in love and in truth with one another, here and now in the midst of this welter of broken promises, bloody conflict, differing faiths and seemingly endless claims of mankind to be right and his brother wrong? Is it necessarily a damaging criticism to call life ambiguous? Is there a truth after all, and is there 'a most loving thing to do in any particular situation'? It seems to many that love and truth are meaningless words; since it is possible for words to be true in one instance and the same words to be false in another. It is possible for an act to be loving in one instance and quite the opposite in another. No tidy law or solution will tie up the truth in a situation before it happens . . . No set of equations or doctrine can say what is the most loving action.

### The Human Situation.

Truth and love are found where human beings are. In the present, in the present, in the past, and in the future it will always be true that man cannot just 'love,' he must love his neighbour. Truth is not abstract and cannot be kept alive by any set of rules. Two things therefore must be accepted. First that our human situation is fraught with confusion and ambiguity; and secondly that man must pool his resources joining his brother in all the painfulness of differing opinion, creed and outlook, in order to live in truth and in love. Sparks there will be! Wars, strife, immorality, conflict of most sincerely held

beliefs, divisions even among Christians . . . These things as most of us recognize are shortcomings. Each human being by his very existence points to the fact that "togetherness" is both possible and that unless that existence is meaningless our desire to live in love and in truth with each other is vital.

### The Solution.

Nobody wants to suffer unless there is a good reason for it. Jesus did not want to suffer, but he believed in truth and supremely in love as they concerned man. Such was his love and his integrity that he refused to shrink from the pain that his faith caused him when he came into close contact with those about him. He suffered . . . and something of the purpose of that suffering can be seen in the response of all who today are led to do the

same because of their agreement with him. He died . . . according to his own free will, not because he wanted to die but in order to meet the needs of those about him and to satisfy the blindness, the hunger for an escape from the ambiguity, the conflict, and the relativity of life as it appeared to so many, he died. Many thought he had failed to communicate this, many thought that he was mistaken, but those who were closest to him found out the truth. He rose from the dead . . . and if it is true it means that he who was in his lifetime so much a suffering servant of men has become through his death the one solution to the Decisions, the Conflict, and the Ambiguity which seem to us to be the marks of our human situation.

Why is life so Complicated? I wonder.

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# MAYDAY-MAYDAY-MAYDAY

by The Rev. John Crowe

## Organising Secretary for Mayday Week 1970

"MAYDAY", THE INTERNATIONAL SIGNAL FOR DISTRESS, IS CONSTANTLY BEING FLASHED ACROSS THE WORLD BY PEOPLE DESPERATELY WANTING HELP.

At the B.B.C. Monitoring Station at Caversham Park night and day the staff listen in to broadcasts from all over the world. Often they hear of troubles and poverty which we in Caversham find hard to imagine.

We have taken "Mayday," the distress call, as our theme for a programme of mass education leading up to a week of popular events in July, 1970.

### THE AIM OF THE "WEEK"

Our objective is to make the whole community aware of world poverty. We hope people will come to see that our own future prosperity and well being is bound up with improving the lot of the poor and the hungry, and narrowing the widening gap between the rich and the poor and the hungry, and narrowing the widening gap between the rich and the poor nations.

During the coming months talks about world poverty will be given to many different groups and organisations. Already Caversham Rotary and the Blagrove Women's Institute have heard about Caversham Mayday Week and the ideas behind it. It is hoped that Church House Groups in Lent will be able to include the subject of world poverty in their programmes of Bible Study.

we feel that most people only begin to face the implications of world poverty if they can do something practical, and raise money to relieve distress.

It is up to us to educate them as they participate, and not allow fund raising to be a salve to the community's conscience.

### WORK IN SCHOOLS AND CLUBS

The schools of the Caversham area have already begun introducing the subject of world poverty into their plans for the coming year. We are grateful to Oxfam for the loan of their Trailix Mobile Exhibition Unit, which went round our Caversham schools in the latter part of September, and did so much to get the ideas of Caversham Mayday Week across to teachers and pupils alike.

### FUND-RAISING SECONDARY

The events of Mayday Week itself will raise money to be shared between Oxfam, Christian Aid and Shelter—all organisations committed to helping people to help themselves overseas and in this country, and tackle the root causes of poverty and need.

These events will give us the opportunity to reach large numbers of people. Whilst recognising the danger of fund raising obscuring our main aim—mass education—

### WIDE INTEREST IN THE WEEK

Lord Thurlow, of The Old Vicarage, Mapledurham, is President of the Week. As an army officer, he has seen many under-developed countries, and as President of the Jerusalem and East Mission and the Mission to Seamen he is closely in touch with many parts of the world.

The Mayor of Reading, Alderman Mrs. E. Lovett, is glad to support its aims. The Bishop of Oxford has written to commend our plans.

### 10 DOWNING STREET

Those throughout the country who are beginning to inform public opinion about the needs of the Third

World do not see this as a matter of party politics. However, they do see it as a political issue which can only be tackled effectively on a national and an international scale.

The reply that was received from 10 Downing Street shows that politicians are interested in public opinion about world poverty.

### LORD CHALFONT TO SPEAK

The Week itself will be from July 4th—12th. The St. Andrew's Summer Fair will be one of the events. There will also be an International Folk Evening at Queen Anne's School and other events in the schools of the area.

The climax of our programme will be an open-air meeting to be held in Caversham Court on the evening of Friday, July 10th. The main speaker will be Lord Chalfont, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. Other speakers will include a Conservative M.P. and an ex-volunteer from Voluntary Service Overseas. A signed petition about Britain's responsibility over world poverty will be presented to Reading's M.P., John Lee.

### Letter from 10 Downing Street



10 Downing Street  
Whitehall  
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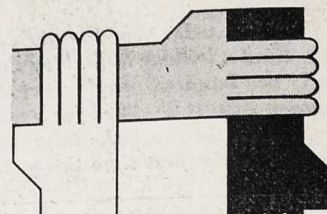
Dear Mr. Crowe,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of July 16, which he is bringing to the attention of the Ministry of Overseas Development.

The Prime Minister was interested to see your plans for a programme of educational activities in Caversham on Aid and World Poverty.

Yours sincerely,

The Rev. J.Y. Crowe



## CAVERSHAM MAYDAY WEEK

### A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF OXFORD

The aim of MAYDAY WEEK is to make the community at large aware of world poverty. Awareness of any big problem or situation means first that our imagination has to be roused. There must be a "spot-light" on the question, so that we cannot help looking at it and seeing it. Secondly, we need to have basic facts put before us and practical lines of action which are really going to meet the situation and make a difference.

In the question of helping to remedy world poverty we need too to estimate realistically what it is going to cost ourselves, our country and any other countries which come in.

This MAYDAY WEEK will, I believe, supply the spotlight, the information, and an estimate of the cost. I commend the WEEK warmly as a practical and constructive programme of Christian education.

### CHURCH EVENTS

Bishop Trevor Huddleston will be preaching at a special Ecumenical Service on World Poverty at St. Peter's at 6-30 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th in preparation for the Week.

Tentative plans are being made to have a Flower Festival at St. Peter's over the same weekend, and a concert of chamber music in aid of Oxfam, Christian Aid and Shelter.

### SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION

Peter Deyneka Senior himself a Russian and founder of the Association is visiting Greyfriars Church, Friar St, Reading on Thursday 23rd October at 8 p.m. to speak of the work amongst the Slavic speaking people and their great needs. Do come and hear for yourself.

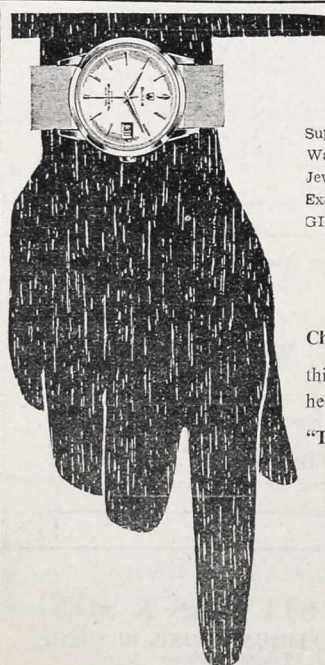
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### RUNNING EXPENSES

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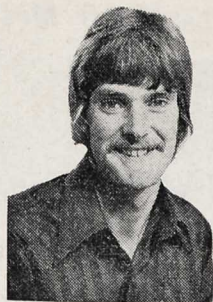


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Jeremy Kynaston

Jeremy Kynaston of 4 Oakley Road, Caversham, recently left England to do a year's Voluntary Service Overseas in the Sudan. His job—together with another volunteer—is to help run the television educational programmes produced in Khartoum.

## INTEREST IN DRAMA

Educated at Bradfield College, Jeremy had his interest in drama stimulated by successive school plays performed in the open-air theatre. He then went to Trinity College, Dublin, where he got a general degree in English, History and Economics.

All through his time at Dublin he was involved with the University Drama Society. "I acted in quite a few productions," he explained before he left for the Sudan. "Then in the spring of this year I produced 'The Importance of Being Ernest' which I'm glad to say got some good reviews in the Irish press."

## EXPERIENCED TRAVELLER

Before Jeremy went to university he spent 5 months hitch-hiking from Portugal to Turkey. This was an invaluable experience and should stand him in good stead during his year's V.S.O.

"It got me used to living on very little. It gave me more understanding of the way other people live."

## SCOPE FOR IMAGINATION

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# CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE

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Later on questions begin to come—about the world, death, sex and God. How are these best tackled? What is the best way for parents to approach prayers for young children so as to avoid infantile phantasies (e.g. Our Father with tart in the oven, Harold be thy name)?

All these questions, and the practical issue of what should be done to help children living on Caversham Park Village, will be faced in a series of discussion groups at 2 Black-

water Close to be held this autumn. The first meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 16th. All who are interested in this subject will be welcome to come along.

The Penguin paper-back "Your Growing Child and Religion" by Roy Lee, a priest/psychologist will be the basis for the discussions. The book suggests how religion can be encouraged to grow as a genuine force in a child's make-up and not as a cosy, unreal retreat or a museum of guilts and fears. The first half of the book describes the growth of a child's mind and personality — while the second half relates this to the development of religious consciousness.

## SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME

Quite a few people have said how they would value a time for reflection apart from the rush of the working week — not as an escape, but as a way of giving meaning to everyday life.

Of course this desire is natural and can be felt by people with different religious traditions or none. As an experiment this



Photo: Walton Adams

Some of the embroidery work done by Caversham residents on display in Reading Art Gallery. See Roving Reporter below.

autumn—there will be the opportunity to try and fill this need on Sunday evenings from 7.0—7.45 p.m. at 2 Blackwater Close. If you wonder why so many young people today are turning to "transcendental meditation" — do come along and find out more about the benefits of meditation on Sunday evening, October 12th.

## HOUSE COMMUNION

A fair number of people work on Sundays and are at home for 'days off' in the week. There are also

many young mothers with small children who are unable to get to church on Sundays, but would perhaps be more able to come to a service on the Village on a week day.

Starting on Wednesday, October 8th, and continuing on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. at No. 2 Blackwater Close. Mothers will be welcome to bring their children, and there will be coffee after the service.

## ROVING REPORTER ROAMS ROUND CAVERSHAM

I hope most of our readers managed to get to the embroidery exhibition at the Art Gallery throughout August.

Major Strange exhibited some beautiful examples of his work and Mr. Sears was to be seen every Wednesday afternoon working on his altar rail kneeler for Bury St. Edmund's Cathedral.

The work of both gentlemen is already familiar to 'Bridge' readers, but I had not realised there was so much talent of this kind in Caversham. Mr. Bluring, Mrs. Goodall and Miss Stevenson, of Emmer Green, Mrs. Hamilton Fairley and Mrs. Mills—all are to be congratulated on their very fine work.

## PATCHWORK

Also on display—though not part of the exhibition—was a beautiful patchwork quilt made in the last century by Mrs. Turner and recently presented to the museum by the Misses Turner of Hemdean Road. This will be on permanent view when the museum can find room. In the meantime it has found a temporary home among exhibits equally as

beautiful and carefully executed as those created in a more leisurely age.

## Mr. & Mrs. CHARLTON

By the time this is published we hope to be able to report better news of Mr. and Mrs. Charlton who, as readers will remember, went on a visit to Canada and the USA to see their children and grand-children. Unfortunately towards the end of their tour Mr. Charlton was taken seriously ill and at the time of going to press he is not well enough to be allowed to fly home.

We hope he will soon improve sufficiently to return to Caversham. Their daughter Beverley tells me that at least three new grandchildren are expected next year.

## NEW QUARTERS

Following my recent remarks on the new shopping precinct, I have been asked to remind readers that some of our old friends are transferring to the new quarters. They include Stan Eldon, Jennings, Coxheads and, I understand, the launderette. I am sure all these will continue to be as popular supported as ever.

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# Birds in the Caversham Area

By Bird Watcher

Those of us who have an appreciation for the wonderment of nature and are gifted with a keen sense of optical or aural observation, or both, could be well advised to sharpen these powers during the seasons of Spring and Autumn, for it is during these months that an exciting and unusual variety of birds may be noted in the Caversham area.

Not only the common sparrows and starlings which often remain with us the whole year round, feeding at our bird-tables and advising us loudly when their 'supplies' have run out, but other species, quite different in behaviour from our more 'domesticated' friends are to be found occupying our favourite apple-tree or hedgerow.

These are the migrants which have covered hundreds or even thousands of miles

across land and sea to stay with us for the duration of only a few months.

## 150 species

Here, in and around Caversham, it is possible to see between one hundred and one hundred and fifty different species every year, including a large number of summer and winter migrants. The vicinity of my own home has produced a total of approximately seventy species during the last five years, including such interesting birds as buzzard, sparrow-hawk, kestrel, lesser-spotted woodpecker and at least one very rare warbler.

This year a pair of lesser-spotted woodpeckers have successfully reared their young in a nearby school-ground, whilst at the present moment, although the swifts have recently departed south to their winter home in

Africa, at least one pair of spotted-flycatcher has remained, both parent birds now being fully occupied with feeding their hungry offspring amid the same trees as the woodpeckers. No doubt this family, too, will be shortly following the swifts southward.

## Hunted butterflies

It has been thrilling indeed to watch the flycatchers daily 'hawking' the butterflies and other flying insects from their perch on my clothes-line, returning almost to the same spot on the line after each 'capture'. An interesting feature of their feeding has been that in spite of an overabundance of cabbage-whites, they have tended to prefer the more colourful 'peacock' which is far more attractive but considerably fewer in number. These latter butterflies appear to be a trifle slower on the wing and are perhaps, easier prey for the flycatchers. No doubt our keen gardeners would far prefer that the slaughter be upon the white butterflies, whose larvae does such damage to the green vegetables in their gardens.

However we must not be too critical of the selective feeding of such lovely little birds, whose energy may well fail them across the oceans on their return journey home, possibly leaving only their young to return to the school trees next year.

A little sadness creeps in as we see them go, for it heralds the chill, long months of winter before we shall see our summer visitors again.

## WEDDINGS

Over the centuries St. Peter's Church must have been the scene of many joyful occasions, but surely none happier than the wedding which took place in August between Jennifer Moore and Gerald South.

Uniting as it did two of the most well-liked families in St. Peter's—indeed in Caversham as a whole—it provided the opportunity for many joyful reunions. David Clift, our much-loved former curate, returned to conduct the service, which included the Communion Service.

Many of the guests, like Jenny and Gerald themselves, met through St. Peter's youth stewardship, including Michael Younger, the best man. And the fact that the church was so crowded on a Friday afternoon, was in itself a tribute to these two popular young people and their families.

Jenny will now be teaching in Grovelands Primary School, and Gerald is studying for his Ph.D. at Guys Hospital. For the time being they will be living in their own flat at the home of Gerald's parents in Priest Hill.

We wish them a very long and happy married life and hope they will remain in the district for as long as possible.



Gerald and Jennifer South after their wedding on Friday, August 8th.

Photo: Walton Adams

Rarely has a double-decker bus been put to such noble use as happened on August 23rd, on the occasion of the wedding of Melvyn Leggett to Avril Carter. This was very much a St. Barnabas occasion.

The bride and groom are both members of the choir. Pamela Bradley, the bridesmaid, is a former Sunday school teacher, and the brides parents, though living in Wales now, are very well known in Emmer Green. After the ceremony the guests were taken in style to the reception in the bus which was driven by Michael Dare, the organist, and which was decorated by choirboys. The Rev. Raymond Hutchinson with his wife and son Patrick, former occupants of St. Barnabas House, were among the guests.

The Leggetts are now living at the Rectory Flat.

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## FROM EMMER GREEN TO ZAMBIA

Since visiting St. Barnabas one Sunday in June, the Rev. Peter Bugg and his family have settled into their new house in Zambia. In a recent letter he describes his house and work at the farmer training centre at Mpongwe. Their 3-bedroomed house is built on iron stilts, and water has to be collected from a well a hundred yards away. His letters will be kept in a folder and placed on the blue table at the back of St. Barnabas giving everyone a chance of reading them. He especially asks for the prayers of the congregation for him and his family in their new work. A surprise envelope came through the letter box of St. Barnabas House. It contained 2/10d., the profit from a stall which Philippa Bousfield and Rachel Brain set up in their garden in Gravel Hill. This money will be added to what is being sent to Zambia.

### Accident to sister

Many people will be sorry to learn that Sister Jane Monica from Springfield St. Luke met with an accident in Peppard Road as she fell from her bicycle on her way to visit someone in the district. Happily she has now recovered but is unable to venture out after dark or to ride her bicycle.

### New faces

Among many new faces in the congregation it is a pleasure to welcome the Rev. Peter Rye and his family who have come to live at 61 Kiln Road. Mr. Rye is the Bishop's Chaplain to the Oxford Diocesan Council for the Deaf, and his work takes him all over the diocese.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have now moved to Hemdean Road and to new work at Caversham Primary School. Happily Mr. Cox will not be severing his ties with St. Barnabas Church. All enquiries about hiring St. Barnabas Hall should be sent to him at 160 Hemdean Road.

St. Barnabas has lost with regret two young men from the choir. Andrew Risius has left for St. John's College Cambridge where he hopes to read Natural Sciences, especially Chemistry. Richard Patel has moved to High Wycombe where he plans to continue his studies for a little while longer.

In future the Sunday Club for children between 5 and 11 years old will meet at 9.15 a.m. on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month. From October the 11 a.m. Family Service will be held on the second Sundays of the month (beginning on October 12th). As before the children will come to the Family Eucharist at 9.15 a.m. to join their parents on the first Sunday of the month. Mrs. Cooper is now leading the Sunday Club again and she is already looking forward to producing the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve.

### Parish of Caversham DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 5th  
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### ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

RICK AND SUE  
BUCKLEY

Rick and Sue Buckley, who moved to Kent a year ago are shortly moving back to this part of the country. Rick is to continue his training for the ministry at Ripon Hall and Sue will be working in Oxford. They will be living in a flat at Ripon Hall and we look forward to seeing a little more of them.

### TREE STUMPS

A belated word of thanks to those who removed two tree stumps from the front of the Church Hall. This is the first step towards making the outside area more attractive and easier to keep tidy. Further action will be taken in the next year or two as funds allow.

## Round the Anglican Parish

**CONGRATULATIONS.** Anticipating the departure of Robert and Clare Scott-Dempster Mrs. Crowe kept up the population of clergy children in the parish by presenting her husband with a daughter in the early hours of Saturday August 30th.

**CHAMPION OF UNITY.** The Dean of Windsor is an outspoken champion of the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme which in July just failed to be approved by the Convocations of the Church of England. He will be preaching at the Dedication Festival Evensong at St. Peter's on Sunday, October 5th at 6.30 p.m. and hopes to be able to speak about the next step in Anglican-Methodist relations.

**SON ET LUMIERE AT BLENHEIM.** So many people wanted to go to the Son et Lumiere production at Blenheim Palace that it proved impossible to get enough tickets for the night originally planned. In the end two coach loads went on Tuesday, September 2nd, and a further party followed two nights later, some 90 people from the parish enjoying this admirable production.

### Baptist Sunday School's 'Holiday Special'

On three mornings during August a "Holiday Special" was held by Caversham Baptist Free Church Sunday School. Such a venture has come to be looked upon as an annual event, this being the fourth occasion on which the children of the Sunday School and their friends have gathered during the summer holidays in the West Memorial Institute. As in previous years it proved to be a great success with some ninety children attending each morning.

The object of the "Holiday Special" was to present a subject to the children and to encourage them to express their ideas about it in practical form by making models, painting pictures and generally enjoying themselves in a Christian atmosphere. This year the subject was "Treasure" and this provided adequate scope for youthful ingenuity. "Treasure" revealed itself in models depicting well known fairy stories—Aladdin's Cave, Jack-in-the-Bean-Stalk and, of course, the inevitable "Treasure Island" with an assortment of boats to make the journey to that mystical place. The focal point of this feverish activity was directed to the Bible as the greatest treasure and each session ended with a Bible story to illustrate the point.



Photo: Walton Adams.



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## HARVEST AT ST. PETER'S

Harvest Festival falls on Sunday, September 28th. That morning Mr. Denis Shaylor is to be ordained deacon in Oxford Cathedral at 10 a.m. and it is hoped that some of the congregation will be able to be present. There will be a special service devised by the children at 3 p.m. that afternoon. The Harvest Supper will be held on the following evening in Balmore Hall, and it is very much hoped that we shall have Caversham's new Methodist minister, the Rev. Terence Harris and his wife as guests. As this is also the feast of St. Michael and All Angels Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 p.m. before the Balmore Hall supper.

In spite of it being Bank Holiday weekend more than 100 people gathered in Balmore Hall after Evensong on August 31st for a farewell presentation to the Rev. and Mrs. Colin Scott-Dempster. They were given an electric radiator and a cheque for £40. Their new address is The Chaplain's House, College of St. Mark and St. John, Kings Road, Chelsea (Phone 01.352.4821—Ext. 32). They will be delighted to welcome visitors from Caversham.

*The Roman Catholic Layman who contributes 'Random Jottings' to 'The Bridge' has been on holiday. The 'Jottings' will start again in our November issue.*

## ST. JOHN'S INTERESTING NEW WORK

Virginia Yewdall has just been accepted for a new job assisting in research into the protein content of serum at the Pathological Department of Roehampton Hospital, under another well known Dr. Conn. Congratulations to her.

Virginia has for some years been a teacher in the Junior Church, she was the moving spirit in leading girls and ladies into the St. John's choir a few years ago and also took an important part in the Youth Stewardship Campaigns. St. John's loss is another part of the Church's gain: It is hoped she finds some good "digs" in Roehampton, and a Church which welcomes her into their fellowship.

The Junior Church had a highly successful outing to the parish holiday at Embley Park, Romsey along with some choir girls and some adults. The only trouble with it was that it was not long enough—"the best outing we have ever had!" Many thanks to the drivers, who also enjoyed themselves.

## ST. MARGARET'S RE-DECORATED

The re-decoration of St. Margaret's Church has now been completed. With Mapledurham House attracting many visitors at week-ends the Church also has had more visitors than usual and they have been able to appreciate the work that has been done both to the Church and Churchyard. An unfortunate accident occurred to Mr. Crocker while he was mowing the churchyard but he has made a good recovery.

There have been nine weddings at St. Margaret's since Easter. Have there ever been so many before in the space of six months?

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# Teach-in on Drugs

All who are interested in knowing more about the drugs situation, and in preventing addiction will be welcome to a Teach-In with the title "Drugs—a False Alarm?" to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 16th at Bulmershe College of Education, Woodley.

## Distinguished Panel

The Teach-In is being organised by the local branch of the Association for Prevention of Addiction. Dr. Gatherer, Reading's Medical Officer of Health will take the chair. The main speaker will be Dr. Dale Beckett, Consultant Psychiatrist, Cane Hill Hospital.

There will then be a planned discussion with a panel of speakers. This will involve an Anglican Nun Sister Aud-

rey Mary C.S.M.V., who before coming to Springfield St. Luke, Surley Row, spent 7 years working with women drug addicts at Spelthorne St. Mary. Also on the panel will be a member of the Students' Union at Bulmershe College, who will act as Devil's Advocate, and Mr. Anthony Sharples who works at A.P.A.'s London H.Q., and who recently appeared with Dr. Dale Beckett on a television programme about A.P.A.

## All Welcome

Admission will be free. All who would like to come to the Teach-In should contact Mrs. J. Mair, Hill House, Surley Row, Caversham. If they send Mrs. Mair stamped addressed envelopes she will see that they receive tickets.

J.Y.C.

## We record...

**Baptized:**  
St. John's:  
Aug.  
17 Michael Taylor.  
Rachel Strong.  
**St. Andrew's:**  
Aug.  
10 Helen Packer.  
24 Justin Balcombe.  
**St. Margaret's:**  
July:  
20 Neil Watkins.  
**Married:**  
**St. Peter's:**  
Aug.  
8 Gerald Moore and Jennifer South.  
16 John Wicks and Jennifer Vaughan.  
30 Michael Brown and Daphne Bliss.  
Sept.  
1 John Goodchild and Dianna Sweetzer.  
**St. John's:**  
Aug.  
9 Roy Pyner and Margaret Hay.  
16 Philip Tocock and Alison Haseman.  
**St. Andrew's:**  
Aug.  
2 Anthony Stevens and Jennifer Prince.  
31 John Chapman and Christine Chipp.  
**St. Barnabas:**  
Aug.  
2 Martin Steer and Janice Strong.  
9 David Smethurst and Patricia Mills.  
Christopher New and Christine Gardner.  
23 Melvyn Leggett and Avril Carter.  
**St. Margaret's:**  
Aug.  
9 David Evans and Jane McLaren.  
Sept.  
6 Charles Solloway and Jennifer Else.

## ROUND THE CLUBS

### Townswomen's Guild

When Miss Lois Hibberd came to Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild in July, she gave not only a talk on hats, but a potted (or should it be "hatted") history of England! Plunging straight into her subject with a description of a Saxon lady's headdress, Miss Hibberd suddenly beckoned to a member of her audience and before that bemused lady had time to know what had happened to her, she was a Saxon lady!

And so Miss Hibberd continued. Dressed in an original Victorian cream gown with an emerald green feathered hat, she produced beautifully made copies of hats and headdresses, exact in every detail, from the Saxons to the Edwardians, and with each example she explained how the conditions of the times governed the changing fashions. When she had finished there were twenty members of the audience

wearing not only her creations but also some perfectly preserved originals.

Normans, Plantagenets, Tudors and Hanoverians all took their places in a long line and finally, with Mrs. V. Birtwhistle (Chairman of the Guild) bringing up the rear in a magnificent original outfit of cerise Edwardian hat with a tussore cape, the ladies went out and paraded in Albert Road to the great amazement of passers by!

No formal meeting is planned for August, but instead an Informal Coffee Evening is being held at St. Andrew's Hall at the usual meeting time.

The social studies group had an interesting meeting this month when Mr. H. Monger of Silchester spoke on Art, with particular reference to silk-screen and letterpress printing, and samples of his work were much admired.

### The Jubilee Club, Mapledurham

The August meeting took place on a beautiful hot afternoon, and members were cooled off during their bingo session with plates of ice cream. The raffle table held some very interesting prizes this month, including a honeycomb.

Members are reminded of the Jumble Sale to be held on October 11th at the Parish Hall, Trench Green, in aid of Club funds. Any jumble can be handed in at 7 Ilkley Road, Caversham.

### Mapledurham W.I.

The August meeting was held in the garden of Mrs. Martin at Cane End — a beautiful garden and glorious weather. Many visitors were welcomed. Competitions were enjoyed and stalls did a brisk trade.

A coffee morning in aid of Cancer Research is to be held in October by Mrs. Palmer.

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12-15 p.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday).  
6-30 p.m. Evensong

#### St. John's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.

#### St. Andrew's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11-15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (not 1st Sunday).

#### St. Barnabas

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. Family Eucharist.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (not 1st Sunday).

#### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).  
9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (3rd Sunday).

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# Help across the world

MARY DOOHAN, an Irish girl, has two sisters and a brother, all of whom are missionaries working in backward, tropical countries. Mary herself was once an office-worker in London until the letters she had from across the world burnt into her heart and filled her with concern.

These letters told of floods, famine, disease, starving people, and mis-

## THE STORY OF THE 'LITTLE WAY ASSOCIATION'

by Marie Spinks



The Little Way Association puts help into the missionaries hand.

sionaries pleading for enough money to provide sick people with a blanket and a daily bowl of soup. So little, but when one is living in a mud-hut and existing on a few handfuls of rice daily, this little may mean the difference between life and death.

Mary felt compelled to help, so she formed the Little Way Association, finally giving up her secretarial job to become its President and making it her very existence. The name 'Little Way', is in memory of the French saint, St. Theresa of Lisieux, a delicate and quite ordinary young girl who achieved sanctity by doing the most menial tasks as perfectly as possible for love of God. Mary toiled long hours, far into the night, writing letters and contacting people who would do a little and give a little, regularly, to relieve misery thousands of miles away.

### WIDEST SENSE

She is a Catholic herself, and so are the missionaries, but the people they rescue are of all denominations or none at all. The work and effort is humanitarian and Christian in the widest sense. These days those who join the Little Way Association are also of all denominations.

Mary's plan is to get in touch with as many missionaries as possible, then ask people in this coun-

try to personally 'adopt' their own missionary, sending him (or her) money, books, magazines, writing regularly, and praying for him. Each missionary should ideally have four adopters. Sometimes groups of people in schools, or youth clubs adopt a missionary and funds are raised by giving dances, concerts, sales of work and whist drives.

The Little Way Association is now a registered charity and has its headquarters at 119, Cedars Road, Clapham Common, S.W.4. To meet the expense of keeping this large old house, part of it has been turned into a comfortable hostel for men only, most of whom are students. A large percentage of the staff at the house are volunteers, young men and women who want to give a year of their lives to God. They receive full board, lodging and a little pocket money. Their tasks are clerical, domestic and social work.

Every known country is on the files in the Cedars Road offices. The Philippines, Korea, India, Africa and Vietnam are prominent. There is a woman doctor now in England, studying for her diploma in tropical diseases. She will return to Vietnam to help combat the terrible scourge of tuberculosis made worse by war-time conditions. Letters come from doctors and nurses treating leprosy.

### SMALL SUM

These workers ask for a small sum of money to buy cheap shoes, that their patient might have some protection for diseased feet that could heal if guarded from stones and thorns. Many of the missionaries struggle under appalling conditions themselves, especially those who are stationed with primitive agricultural communities. There they try and educate the people into using modern methods on the land.

And as well as preaching, medical-work and opening schools, they often have the pleasure of training local people to carry on the work themselves. What a supreme reward, to watch a half-starved young person slowly become a successful farmer and an active, practising Christian!

The Association does send a few doctors, nurses and teachers abroad, but this scheme is expensive, and each application is judged on its merits. Sometimes the government of the appropriate country will pay for the worker.

If anyone wants to help feed and clothe a starving body, provide milk for a sick child, heal a leper, join the fight against tuberculosis, and make Christianity a meaningful way of life right round the world, who can do better than write to Mary Doohan at Cedars Road, for a start?

by R. G. Jones.

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ROGER BUSH an Australian Methodist Minister has written PRAYERS FOR PAGANS (See Compass September). Here is another extract from the book.

## IN THE STREET

She was pretty and she smiled at the men approaching.

I could see her in profile. A sweet thing, and cheeky, too.

Embarrassed males turned away.

Quickened their pace; Looked guilty, some blushed

But undaunted, she met with an expectant smile the next,

Only again to be refused.

Soliciting, I thought; a prostitute; in broad daylight;

Until she turned.

And I saw she was selling buttons for a charity.

He staggered down the steps and fell, Lord, A crumpled mass on the footpath.

His bottle broke and liquid spilled across the walk.

He's drunk, I thought. Disgust, Disdain. Until . . .

Two girls rushed from a nearby car and cried; "It's Daddy. Please help. He's ill."

He caught my gaze. This greedy eyed young man.

He too had seen the open handbag on the aged arm.

With the few dollars exposed to view.

He stalked his prey, and the old woman just window shopped.

He'll grab and run, I thought. But no.

Quietly he tapped her shoulder, pointed to the bag,

Exchanged smiles, They went their way.

O Lord, Forgive me; Forgive me.

Why do I always think the worst of thy children?

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## Away with 'Away in a Manger'

SOME FIGHTING words about hymns were recently written by Martin Tunnicliffe, an Anglican clergyman. He said in an article, "I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky. Mums who teach their children that Lord Jesus looks down from the sky are talking nonsense, and at the same time damaging the faith of the growing child."

"If you can't think of anything else to say about God and Jesus except that they live somewhere up in the sky, then it is far better to say nothing at all.

"I've got nothing against hymns in general. I enjoy singing them; and judging from the Sunday television hymn-singing programmes, so do lots of other people. But in my 20th century hymn-book, 'Away in a manger' would be definitely OUT and this hymn (sung to the tune of 'God of mercy, God of grace') would be definitely IN".

God of concrete, God of steel,  
God of piston and of wheel,  
God of pylon, God of steam,  
God of girder and of beam,  
God of atom, God of mine,  
All the world of power is thine.

Lord of cable, Lord of rail,  
Lord of motorway and mail,  
Lord of rocket, Lord of flight,  
Lord of roaring satellite,  
Lord of lightning's vivid line,  
All the world of speed is thine.

Lord of Science, Lord of Art,  
God of map and graph and chart,  
Lord of Physics and research,  
Lord of Bible and of Church,  
Lord of sequence and design,  
All the world of Truth is thine.





Television by Diana Dewes

## LET'S REFLECT

THE MORE earthbound blinked at their television sets, in the early hours of July 21st, at the astonishing sight of two spacemen, looking exactly as depicted in science fiction—bulky, white figures, with "gold-fish bowls" on their heads—loping about in a matter-of-fact way in the shadow of their traditional "moonship," on a dusty moon.

Television was the live link with the Apollo 11 Mission, whenever it was possible, from bias-oh to splashdown. It was grueling for T.V. men. For long hours experts interpreted N.A.S.A. jargon. Commentary and entertainment filled the gaps between and scientists found the right words to explain even at the most dramatic moments.

After the blast-off from Cape Kennedy the world waited for several days. But once Eagle had separated from the command module Columbia, things were hotting up so swiftly that there was nothing for it on earth, but to keep that television set switched on—and to stand by!

### RISK

On this planet, six hundred million people in all,

watched the drama unfold on another. They knew that success was not guaranteed. There was an element of suspense and risk. The words came over "Eagle has landed." Neil Armstrong, and "Buzz" Aldrin were preparing to walk on the moon—and because of television mankind could have a share in it.

Astronauts are explorers—20th century style. Explorers in space, in a dimension very different from Scott at the South Pole, or Hilary and Tensing on Everest. For the first time in the history of exploration, man was able to share the precise moment of triumph—on his television screen.

For the control at Houston, and for lunar experts, the landing of men on the moon was the moment of their lifetime. Millions of more ordinary less deeply involved beings watched, with a mixture of feelings. Excitement. Wonder. Relief. Apprehension. Incredulity. None could watch the first steps without any emotion.

In the cold light of the next day television film repeats of the Moon Walk became tedious. Once the Lunar module had suc-

cessfully lifted off the moon, and was re-united with Columbia, it was all over bar the shouting, and that could only be an anticlimax.

### PROTECTED

The Moon Mission disappointed those who wanted a more obviously human element in it. An astronaut is well protected. You may know the details of his expert suit, and his family life, but nothing of his dreams or beliefs. The occasional spontaneous comment between the astronauts, and the comic 'kangaroo hop' brought the human touch to a rather impersonal drama. Space suits are not the most individual outfit, more like a 'teddy bear,' than a man. They are not an encouragement to personal relationships!

There will be play-backs of the Tranquility Base Moon Walk 'ad infinitum.' Now may be the time to stop gazing at it. To reflect on the vision and skill, the powers of communication and description, and the dedication and humour, of all those involved in the Apollo 11 triumph, could be the more profitable human reaction.

# FAMILY

## What's in a name?

BY BETTY  
PUTTICK

Shakespeare was pretty off-hand about it.

"What's in a name?" he said, as if Bottom was just as good as Benedict. But as every expectant Mum knows, when you're choosing a name for the baby, its got to be right.

When you're picking, it's a help to know what others choose, if only to make sure you're different. Thousands tell the world through the Times Births column, and in spite of a peppering of Zaks, Peregrines and Natashas, the old favourites remain.

For the 5th year running, James topped the boys' poll for 1968, followed by John, William, David, Charles, Richard, Robert, Edward, Nicholas and Alexander. Jonathan is creeping up, and good old Thomas is nearly in the charts.

### PREDICTABLE

For twelve successive years Jane has been the most popular girl's name, followed by Mary, and surprisingly Louise. Ann(e), Elizabeth and Sarah are predictable of course, then comes Emma, Clare, Lucy, Caroline and Victoria.

The 17th century poets' version of Lucy—Lucinda—is turning up in more and more parish registers, and Sophie is currently a hot favourite, likewise Charlotte and Annabel. Some parents have chosen the pretty feminine form of Thomas—Tamsin.

T.V. has its influence here as everywhere else. The Births columns announce the arrival of quite a few Samantha's (Bewitched), and that short sweet little name like a bird-call—Zoe (Dr. Who). But no sign yet of Irene (Forsyte Saga).



IF YOU WANTED TO BET

THE ODDS WOULD BE ON

MY NAME BEING JANE

AND HIS BEING JOHN

Everyone's little sprig is unique of course, not just another John or Mary. Parents are getting more original, and although an occasional clergyman protests, you can get away with almost any name that appeals to you today.

### CONSERVATIVE

But trendy parents should remember that children are often dyed-in-the-wool conservatives when it comes to names, so it helps to give Amnesia or Hippolytus a nice ordinary second name, just in case. I know! It took me months

to choose my youngest boy's name.

This was a few years ago, and he arrived at school the only Barnaby in a classfull of Marks, Stevens and Davids.

"Mummy" he said thoughtfully, "Have I got any other name?"

"Yes" I told him, "Your second name is James, after Grandpa."

He smiled with relief. "Oh good" he said, "When I'm grown-up, I can be Jim."



# FOCUS



## Publicity for football is a T.V. duty

Sport by E. F. Adkins

THE REFUSAL of football's governing bodies to understand, much less appreciate the function of those whose duty it is to report on and therefore publicise the game would be comic if it were not so tragic.

It was during the thirties when in a moment of pique the Football League refused newspapers the right to publish their fixtures that the phrase "football needs newspapers and newspapers needs football," was so aptly coined.

The same could now be said of television.

### T.V. AUDIENCES

It is estimated that the largest single audience ever, four hundred million, watched the last World Cup final. In June last year in this country alone 20 million people watched the Mexico-England game live from Mexico of a Sunday evening.

Money just couldn't buy this amount of time on television. Yet far from rejoicing in this presentation for which incidentally the television authorities pay handsomely,

the fuddy duddies of football openly distrusts the medium.

When attendances dropped dramatically in the fifties following England's defeat by Hungary the great brains in football determined that radio was responsible. Now at the slightest suggestion that the turnstiles are slowing, television takes the rap.

### A SELL OUT

Last season the Home International Tournament was staged out of season with live television coverage. The Final at Wembley was a sell out, but because some of the preliminary games did not attract the hoped-for attendances, there will be no live coverage next year.

This is a classic example of misinterpreting a set of facts and coming to the wrong conclusion. Several of the preliminary games, namely Scotland and Ireland, irrespective of weather or television had virtually no box office appeal.

An examination of the attendance figures for Scottish League games clearly reveals the indigenous fans

only congregate in appreciable numbers in support of a successful side. Regrettably their national team does not qualify.

Commerce employs advertising and publicity experts to sell their products and services via the medium that football openly shuns. In the highly competitive world of entertainment football needs to sell itself as a spectator sport.

The sponsorship of football cannot be far away. Industry has already ploughed vast sums of money into cricket—lawn tennis and golf to the mutual advantage of all parties.

If football is to benefit in the same way a radical change of attitude is needed.

### SPONSORSHIP

Whether the with-it boys of the F.A. and Football League like it or not sponsorship of competitions and even individual clubs is not far away.

The issues are becoming too great for the amateurs who govern the game. Someone with the flair and professional touch of a Jimmy Hill is needed at the top.

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Junior Compass  
by Brenda Holloway



## MAD AS A HATTER!

Every now and again Junior Compass likes to give its readers a chance to show how much they know!

You've probably heard the expression "Mad as a hatter". But do you know how the expression started? It began with a man named William Henry Miller, who was elected Member of Parliament for Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1830. William was a nephew of a man named Christy, who was famous for making men's hats. In fact William was a partner in the firm. William was apt to behave very oddly at times. He was absent-minded and sometimes did the most extraordinary things. This behaviour and the fact that he was connected with Christy the famous hatter led to the expression "mad as a hatter!"

See if the members of your family know how the expression started. If they don't, you can tell them.

## This made us mad

Of course to be mad doesn't always mean to behave crazily. It can mean to be very angry. We got mad when we read about a smooth tongued young man who played a dirty trick across his father. The father owned a vineyard, and he had two sons. One day he asked one of the sons to go and work in the vineyard, and the young man refused. But a bit later he thought better of it, and he went and put in a good day's work. The father also asked the second son, the smooth-tongued one, to go and work in the vineyard. And this slippery one said "Of course, I'll go right away, Dad." But he'd no intention of going at all—and he didn't.

Junior Compass read that story in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 21, verses 28—31, and felt there are still too many smooth-tongues people about today.

On a wet day you and your friends could act out this story. Or why not write a modern version of it?

## In your school satchel

Hidden in the sentences below are five things you've probably got in your school satchel.

Example: I rule reasonably well. Answer: **Ruler.**

If I get a stab I bleed.

Sailors should scrub berths every day.

John said he'd come at last.

Maisie, sharpen Cilla's best knife.

Don't snap a person like that.

(Answers below).

## From our post bag

Junior Compass was delighted to receive letters last month from: JANET FORSYTH (Birmingham) telling us about her holiday on a canal in Wales; GARETH SOMER (Chester), who flew to see his grandmother in Singapore; MADGY JONES (Peterborough), whose pony had a foal in August. It has been named Fancy.

We'll be glad to hear news from other readers.

Answer to School Satchel puzzle: Bible, rubber, atlas, pencil, paper.

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Many are not so lucky:  
if they stay at home life is a constant struggle



Project '69 focuses on DIG—a better deal for the disabled

How girls spend it

Britain's teenage girls, with £595 millions in their purses each year, spend more than a third of it on clothes and shoes.

A survey of girls aged 10 to 19 shows that of the £228 millions spent on clothing, £150 millions goes towards three main items—skirts and dresses (9 per cent of their net income), stockings, tights, and socks (8½ per cent), and shoes (8 per cent).

The survey, produced by Research Services for the International Publishing Corporation's Young Magazine Group, shows that the pocket money and net earnings of all teenagers totals £1,203 millions a year.

On the 15th March, 1965, Megan Du Boison and Berit Moore, both of them disabled, wrote a letter to The Guardian in it they said "We suggest the foundation of a group—it could be called The Disablement Income Group or DIG."

This was the start of a movement that in the last four years has been gathering momentum in its fight for the rights of disabled people.

There are thousands of disabled people in Britain. Some are lucky enough to live at home in comfortable surroundings and with enough money to make ends meet. Many more are not so lucky, for them if they remain at home life is a constant struggle, and many others are in the geriatric wards of hospitals becoming more and more unhappy.

It is a sad fact that many young people whose only fault is that they are chronically sick, are forced by circumstances to spend their lives with the old and senile.

## NOT EASY

It is not easy for disabled people to live normal lives. Their homes need altering to accommodate a wheelchair, there is the need for special gadgets, there may be a need for domestic help. All this requires money and assistance, but many who require it do not get it. Thousands get nothing at all and it is for them that Dig is fighting.

Dig asks for reforms in Government legislation, for a national disability income, for a survey at state level into numbers of distribution of the disabled. Dig is registered as a charity and has branches existing up and down the country and supporters are always welcomed.

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