

FAREWELL TO REV ALVEEN THORESEN

Early in October, St Peter's said Farewell to the Rev Alveen Thoresen, who has moved to Gloucestershire to take up a new position based in the village of Hawkesbury.

Alveen moved to St Peter's in the early 1990s, initially as a member of the congregation, and soon joined the choir.

She embarked on a course of study, leading to her ordination in 2000, following which she became a non-stipendiary minister licensed to serve at St Peter's church, where she worked under the oversight of the Rector, the Rev Canon Richard Kingsbury.

After Canon Kingsbury retired in 2007 and before Rev Dan Tyndall was appointed to St Peter's, the main responsibility for the ministry at St Peter's fell to Alveen, a responsibility she willingly undertook. Her thoughtful preparation, her clear presentation of the gospel, her all round intelligence, her spirituality and her thorough understanding and love for the Christian faith as expressed through the Anglican tradition, all these shone through in the services she conducted. The congregation greatly appreciated all the efforts she made on their behalf, and will miss her dedication to the ministry.

After presiding at the 9.45 Communion service, Alveen's last Sunday at St Peters, was commemorated at a special buffet lunch in her honour, held at the Canoe Club in the Warren. At this well-attended gathering, Barbara Kendall, a St Peter's churchwarden, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a cheque for a substantial sum, donated by the parishioners, in recognition of all the work Alveen has done for St Peter's and the church in general.



Photo: A Tyndall

Alveen made her final appearance at St Peter's at a special choral evensong later that day, attended by a large congregation. (She has clearly made a very significant impression on very many people, and the place has made a very significant impression on her.)

Alveen had a particular love for the choir and the contribution they make to St Peter's worship; so the congregation were treated to a number of beautiful musical works selected for the occasion, including pieces by Brewer, Clucas and Vaughan Williams. Alveen's final sermon was particularly moving and thought-provoking. Alveen is well known for her Winnie the Pooh sermons, and based this one on the final chapter of A. A. Milne's *The House at Pooh Corner*, "In Which Christopher Robin Gives Pooh a Party and We Say Goodbye". The chapter starts 'Christopher Robin was going away' and describes how

the inhabitants of the Hundred Acre Wood mark the occasion of and reconcile themselves to the departure of a friend who had been such an important part of their lives. Alveen drew parallels with her own departure and emphasised, as Milne does, that although she would no longer be present she would not forget those she was leaving behind. Like Christopher Robin's, her departure was part of the process of continual growth and was happening at a time in her life when it was appropriate to move on to new challenges.

Two weeks later, a large contingent of her former congregation were present at St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury, for Alveen's licensing in her new Gloucestershire parish. The service included music from St Peter's choir who joined St Mary's own choir.

The church is one of three which will be under her charge and is nestled in a secluded valley surrounded by beautiful Cotswold countryside.

After the service, the visitors from St Peter's were treated to refreshments served by members of the local parish, Alveen made a point of saying what a warm welcome she had received since moving into her new vicarage the week before.

The Rev Dan Tyndall said of Alveen: "Alveen's ministry in Caversham has been appreciated far beyond the walls of St Peter's church and there are many folk across the area who are going to miss her very much. This was evident in the number of people who came, not only to a splendid lunch in the canoe club where we presented her with gifts, but also in wide representation of people at evensong. The parishes to which she has gone are lucky to have attracted such a thoughtful preacher and faithful priest."

There is no doubt that she will be missed by the parish, and her final sermon was an apt reminder of the enormous contribution she has made to worship at St Peter's, and the legacy she has left. We wish you well in your future ministry, Alveen. Farewell – you will be greatly missed. Our loss is Hawkesbury's gain.

Caversham Bridge

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## TALKING POINT

by

Derek Chandler

## The Wonder of Christmas

Once Classic FM used as their Christmas sound-bite, *Music for the Stress-tive Season*. It seems they were implying that there is something of an irony about Christmas which is full of bustle and anxiety despite all the messages of peace and joy we send on our Christmas cards. Even for clergy Christmas can be somewhat stressful, especially with nativity plays!

Once I had a group of pre-school children doing a version of the nativity play in St. Barnabas Church. Unfortunately the little boy playing Joseph was dressed up in a hooded cloak and given a staff to walk with. Immediately the staff became his light-sabre - complete with sound effects - and Joseph the carpenter became Obi Wan Kenobi, powerful Jedi knight from Star Wars. The nativity play began to look more like a Punch and Judy show as he proceeded to wave his stick dangerously near Mary's head.

To me, it seems such a strange gift - a baby. If I was God, I think I would have sent something different. Something huge and memorable and glittering. But then isn't that what we are lulled into feeling we ought to do when it comes to buying Christmas presents? It reminds me of the episode from the comedy *The Good Life* where the characters Margot and Jerry, always had their Christmas "delivered" from Harrods. as Margot so elegantly put it. And if the delivery didn't make it on time then Christmas just had to be cancelled! We too, can easily get caught up with the picture of the "perfect" Christmas.

Don't misunderstand me, for many people Christmas is a joyful time of reunions, fun and space to reflect at the end of another year. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that. But for many others however, Christmas can be a time of stress, isolation and debt. What might God's version of Christmas be like? Well, perhaps we should reflect on the idea of a baby a bit more. In fact, the gift of a baby was a brilliant way for God to send a message to us. A message which could potentially bring out deeply buried feelings of love and peace from the most unlikely people. But this baby was also extra special. He was a message from God, which John's Gospel refers to in a kind of shorthand as "The Word". Not only was this baby a message from God, but in some way, he was also God himself. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

For all of us, whoever we are, perhaps this year could be a time seriously to reflect upon the significance of the birth of Jesus in a manger in that perpetually troubled town of Bethlehem. I doubt that Mary and Joseph would have considered that an ideal place to celebrate the perfect Christmas! But for God, I am sure it was the perfect place. Here He chose to send His Word made flesh. Here Christians still believe that something unique was revealed - a presence and a present that is still celebrated today. May the wonder of the Christ child be yours this Christmas and continue to grow in you through the new year.

*The Revd Derek Chandler is vicar at St. Barnabas, Emmer Green*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### ANGLICAN

#### St Peter's, St Peter's Hill

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.45am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

#### St John's, Gosbrook Road

10.00am Parish Communion

#### St Andrew's, Harrogate Road

8.00am The Eucharist  
10.00am Parish Eucharist (Sung)  
First Sunday, Family Eucharist  
11.30am The Eucharist  
6.30pm Evening Prayer (as announced)

#### St Barnabas, Grove Road, Emmer Green

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Communion (apart from 2nd Sunday)  
9.30am Family Service (2nd Sunday only)

#### St Margaret's, Mapledurham

11.00am Parish Communion

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3.45pm Hymn Café (3rd Sunday)  
6.00pm Usually at 191 Kidmore Road

### GRACE CHURCH Old Peppard Road

10.30am Worship and Ministry, Children's Church  
6.30pm Prayer Meeting

### THE METHODIST CHURCH IN CAVERSHAM

#### Caversham Heights, Highmoor Road

9.00am (first Sunday), 10.30am and 6.30pm

#### Gosbrook Road

10.30am and 6.30pm

#### Woodcote Parish Church

9.45am (second Sunday)

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11.00am Divine Worship  
6.00pm Evening Service

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Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the tea kiosk in aid of local charities from 7pm.

Carol sheets provided. Wrap up warm, bring a torch and join in!

If the weather is bad, the event will be held in St Peter's Church. For further information, ring 0118 9478930. Event kindly sponsored by Philip Baker & Co, Estate Agents

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Ticket cost £5 adults, £1 children, can be obtained from Melanie Fone tel 0118 940 3016, chorus members, on the door or website [www.readingfestivalchorus.org.uk](http://www.readingfestivalchorus.org.uk)

## South Chiltern Choral Society

The Christmas concerts by the South Chiltern Choral Society will feature collections for two charities – the Churches in Reading Drop In Centre (CIRDIC) on the Saturday and for Tools for Self Reliance (Second-hand tools for Africa) on the Sunday.

The concerts will be held on Saturday 18th December 2010 at 7.30 and Sunday 19th December 2010 at 2.30pm at Chiltern Edge School, Reades Lane, Sonning Common.

Tickets costing £10 Adults (including interval refreshments) £5 Under 18s (Children under 5 free) from SCCS Box Office (Heather Clark 01491 575727).

For full details see the November issue - Caversham Bridge.

## STOP PRESS

### Mary Kift

The editors of Caversham Bridge have been greatly saddened to hear that Mary died on Saturday 6th November after a long illness. Her funeral was held at St Peter's on Monday 22nd November.

Mary Kift was a director of the Caversham Christian News, the publishers of Caversham Bridge, from its early days until she retired in 2007. She was a prolific contributor to this paper and her historical pieces gave much pleasure to our readers. She was also the author of several books on old Caversham and was a mine of information on local history.

Our January issue, to be published before Christmas, will include tributes to Mary.

## Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club 26th Annual 10k Run

The Lions are hoping Sir John Madjeski will be available to come along on the day to be the official starter. The run starts at 10.30am on Sunday 9th January 2011 by the entrance to Langtree School in Woodcote and about 600 runners are expected to take part. You may remember that in January this year this annual event was cancelled for the very first time due to heavy snowfall blocking most roads in the area.

Organised by the Lions this next run is in aid of both the local Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Every penny raised from the public by Lions is used in community projects and none is taken up in administration costs.

## LINDSAY'S QUIZ 2010

As regular readers will have seen last month, this year's quiz is aid of The Newman Holiday Trust. This is a charity that is entirely reliant on donations and which funds holidays for severely handicapped children. The Trust now provides holidays for over 120 disabled children aged 5-16 each year. Each of the five holidays costs in the region of £10,000. It is run entirely by volunteers; no paid staff are employed, though many of the volunteers are from various sectors of the health service, including practising nurses. One of the holidays is local, being based at the Oratory School, Woodcote.

Lindsay's son, John, is a volunteer with the charity. He has done this for over 15 years. The choice of the charity also has an added significance. Since Lindsay and her husband John celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year it seemed appropriate to sponsor a charity which has family, as well as local, connections

The picture shows Lindsay with her son John at the launch of the quiz outside WordPlay Book and Toyshop in Prospect Street, Caversham. The shop, under the new ownership of Deirdre Smith, has once again kindly offered to sell the quiz. Copies cost £2.00 and you have until the end of January 2011 to hand in your answers.

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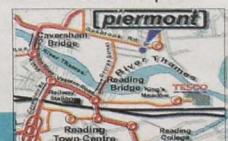
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# From the Lookout Post

## Domestic burglaries in Caversham

In an earlier Lookout Post it was reported that when a police officer enquired as to why a known shoplifter was in Caversham, he replied, "Easy pickings." Police analysis of Caversham burglaries in the past nine months confirms that the same idea is true for residential burglaries, and gives some pointers as to how residents can reduce their chance of being a victim. This analysis is being undertaken to help the Upper Caversham Neighbourhood Action Group (Caversham Park Village, Emmer Green and across to Caversham Heights) form a plan to address the priority issue of residential burglaries in four hotspot areas.

The leafy environment and well spaced out housing in Caversham provides good cover for burglars. The rewards are attractive, and there are good road links for escape. As expected, over half the entry points were either ground floor windows or the front door. The front door is the favoured point and two thirds of these are either via the letterbox or forcing the door. A modest outlay for key operated internal security bolts, top and bottom of the door, would be a significant preventative measure. This is feasible as the time of greatest entry is from 2.00am to 5.00 am, with the most likely days, in order, being Saturday, Friday and Thursday. Greater security of ground floor windows from double locks will reduce entry by the second most popular route.

Twenty of the 87 burglaries involved vehicle theft. Improved car security has resulted in thieves needing to access car keys. This is more easily achieved when keys are left downstairs. Many vehicles are only stolen to transport booty.

Modest preventative measures can significantly thwart burglars' intentions.

## Mapledurham playing fields

Options are being developed for facilities to replace the current pavilion. Funding from Reading Borough Council via contributions from developers and a donation from Festival Republic is to be placed in a separate bank account. Possible grants from sporting bodies are being pursued. However, this still leaves a shortfall. For changing rooms with a meeting room and the ability to add a hall later, the shortfall is obviously lower than if a hall is built immediately. Either way, there is a shortfall which can only be resolved by local people helping to raise funds. If you can help with this, please contact Carolyn.Jenkins@reading.gov.uk

## Reading and the railway

The CADRA open meeting on 2 November took place in a crowded hall with many people interested to hear not only the history of the lines through Reading but also details of the work on the new Reading station. Peter Lugg, a lifelong railwayman and a devotee of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, gave a fascinating account of the work to develop the line between Paddington and Bristol and the changes over the years to Reading station.

Creating the line involved a deep cutting, some two miles long and 60 feet deep - known now as Sonning Cutting. In the wet winter of 1838/9, 700,000 cubic yards of spoil was removed and used to construct the embankment on which Reading station now stands. Reading was the first station, and the last survivor, of the one-sided stations which Brunel, designed. The advantage for passengers not having to cross the rails may perhaps have outweighed the disadvantage of the 'Up' trains crossing the 'Down' line twice as well as the 'Down' platform loop.

The rectangular clock tower on the original station building was made in Reading Signal Works. Reading was an important signal centre. The first and principal Great Western signal works was built on the east of Caversham Road and was a civil engineering centre for the manufacture of switches and crossings and repair of wagons and equipment. Between 1948 and 1952, the signal works were completely rebuilt and remained until 1984. To the north of the station, the Reading signalling centre replaced all the signal boxes for up to 80 miles away. As part of the new station scheme, this centre will be demolished in March 2011 and replaced by a new electronic signalling centre at Didcot.

Gareth Nicholson, Network Rail's communications manager for the project, explained the stages of the scheme. There will be four new northern platforms and a new northern entrance. To the south, two platforms are being extended to serve longer trains. This requires work on the Vastern rail bridge - hence the current road works. A new, wider over bridge will be constructed west of, and replacing the existing bridge. The new bridge will be for ticketed passengers only and the southern tunnel is to be re-opened as a pedestrian route. A new bridge deck over Caversham Road is currently being constructed on the Royal Mail site. This will be mounted on wheels (as I am told was Reading bridge in 1923) and put in place during the Christmas closure. Look out for details in the local press nearer the time to watch the drama unfold.

2013 will see the opening of the new station, and 2014 a new train care depot in the area between the Fire Station and Cow Lane. Work has already started on a new maintenance unit on Napier Road, including offices and storage. During 2011, details will be finalised on a new 2km viaduct near Cow Lane which will allow a two track road and enough height for a double decker bus to pass under. All work will stop during the Olympics.

The Christmas closure will last from Christmas Day (taking advantage of the four day holiday this year) until 3 January 2011. Trains will be unable to serve Reading station from 27 to 30 December and substantial changes to timetables will be in place over the New Year weekend. Caversham Road will be closed between Tudor Road (Station Hill) and Caversham Road roundabout from 20.00 on 30 December to 06.00 on 3 January.

## A hundred years on

In November 2011, Caversham will have been part of Reading Borough for one hundred years. CADRA, Friends of Caversham Court Gardens and Reading Civic Society are in discussion with other groups and organisations. Marking this occasion during 2011 should present an excellent opportunity to work together to:

- focus on Caversham,
- examine and share its history,
- secure some improvements
- and arrange different events in Caversham.

They would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping to gather historical material or in helping to put together a programme of events, or from any other groups or individuals with a wider interest. Please contact info@cadra.org.uk or friends@fccg.org.uk

Reading Museum would also like to hear from people who have photographs or objects for inclusion in an exhibition to mark the anniversary. Please contact Brendan.Carr@reading.gov.uk

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# Kings Meadow Campaign, Charity Ball

The Save King's Meadow Swimming Pool Charity Ball, held in October at The Penta Hotel, Reading was a great success. The special guests, actress Suzanne Kendall and director Robbie Moffat, added glitter to the event and promised future support for the pool.

We would like to thank local band Tequila Mockingbird, who ensured that the party went with a swing, and Penta Hotel for a wonderful dinner. More money was raised due to the generosity of Planet Nails, Caversham Eyecare, The Wendy House, Myalacarte, Transzzzformations, Walton Jewellers, Theale Golf Course and Reading Football Club who provided items for our charity auction.

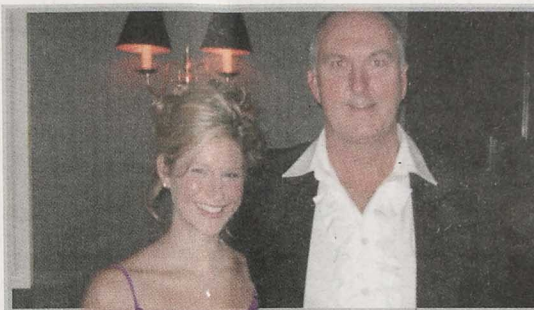
We would like to thank Councillors Gareth Epps and Tom Stanway who, though they were unable to attend, sent their best wishes for the success of the evening.

King's Meadow Campaign gained many new volunteers and supporters and the Campaign goes from strength to strength. This proves that raising money for something you believe in can be fun. Come and join us and celebrate the 2012 Olympics and the Queens Diamond Jubilee in the reopened pool and new sports pavilion.

Kay Matthews



Suzanne Kendall, Bob O'Neill (Chairman KMC), Kay Matthews (Events Organiser KMC)



Suzanne Kendall & Robbie Moffat

## Correspondence

I was sorry to read about the death of Jean Maund in October's issue.

I didn't even know her name but the portrait of her was instantly recognisable – a poppy seller extraordinaire indeed. It's now six years since I first opened my door on a foul November night and was astonished to find Mrs Maund outside with her tin and tray.

It's a direct result of her visits that I had an outside light fitted to make things a little less dark in the winter evenings.

Mrs Maund impressed me greatly on her first visit and as Poppy Day approached I always left money in the hall and strict instructions for the children 'just in case' she called as she always did.

I look forward to meeting her successor soon – I am sure she realises she has a very hard act to follow.

K McAleer

## Book of reflection

Colin Ferguson, a lay preacher in the United Reformed Church, and a retired probation officer and family mediator, has brought some of his experience into a new book of reflection based on the Christian year.

At £6.50 it is available at Word Play in Caversham. This book follows his book of 50 new hymns which came out last year. Colin, who lives in Caversham, is available to speak to local groups.

The feedback on 'Seeking Jesus' has been very good, he says, and not just from Christian readers.

## Royston Froude Belcher Dies

Royston Froude Belcher, the founder of Big Bands International Magazine, formerly of Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham has died in hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his daughters Sarah and Caroline, son-in-law Glyn and grand-daughter Rebecca.

The funeral service has already taken place. All enquiries and donations if desired (made payable to "St Margaret's Church, Mapledurham"), may be sent to A. B. Walker & Son Ltd, 158 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1EA. (Tel No. 01491 413434).

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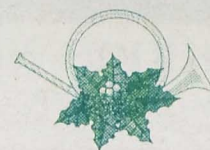
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26th 10.00am Said Eucharist

### St Barnabas, Emmer Green

5th 9.30am Toy Service  
19th 4.30pm Christmas Carol Service  
24th 4.30pm Nativity Play  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
25th 8.00am Said Communion BCP  
9.30am Sung Family Communion

### St Peter's, Caversham

5th 9.45am All-Age Toy Service  
19th 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols  
24th 3.00pm Christingle (doors open 2.30pm)  
4.30pm Christingle (doors open 4.00pm)  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
25th 8.00am Communion  
9.45am Festival Communion  
26th 9.00am Communion (said)

### St John's

12th 4.00pm Christingle  
17th 7.30 pm Candlelit Carols  
24th 4.00 pm Crib Service  
24th 11.30 pm Midnight Mass  
25th 10.00 am All Age Communion  
26th 10.00am Communion (said)

### St Margaret's, Mapledurham

19th 6.30pm Carol Service  
24th 3.30pm Christingle  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
25th 11.00am Christmas Day Eucharist  
26th 11.00am Communion (said)

### Caversham Baptist Church South Street

12th 3.45-5pm Carol Café  
19th 10.30am Nativity Service led by children  
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight  
25th 10.30am Morning Celebration

### 191 Kidmore Road

12th 6.00pm Carol Service

### Grace Church

12th 4.30-5.15pm Family Carol Service

19th 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
25th 10.30am Family service  
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### Caversham Park LEP

### Caversham Park School, Queensway

19th 11.00am Carols with Communion  
3.00pm Carols at the Milestone Centre  
24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion  
25th 11.00am Christmas Morning Worship  
26th 11.00am Morning Worship

### Methodist Churches Caversham Heights

19th 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
21st 7.00pm Riding Lights "Nearly the Goat"  
24th 11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion  
25th 10.30am All-age Worship

### Gosbrook Road

19th 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
21st 10.30am Pram Service plus mince pies  
24th 4.00pm Crib Service  
25th 10.30am All-age Worship

### Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

17th 7.30pm Penitential Service  
18th 10.00am Mass  
5.30pm Vigil Mass  
19th 10.00am Masses  
& 6.30pm Carols & Benediction  
7.30pm Family Mass with procession to the crib  
24th 6.30pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Night  
10.00pm Masses  
25th 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm Holy Family Mass  
26th 10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Mass

### St Michael's Catholic Church,

### Peppard Road

### Sonning Common

24th 6.00pm Mass for families with children  
11.30pm Midnight Mass preceded by Christmas Readings, Music & Carols  
25th 10.30am Mass  
26th 9.00am & 10.30am Feast of the Holy Family Mass

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AT ST PETER'S

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News from Our Lady and St Anne Parish  
Talk on Victoria Cross Part 2

As the result of popular demand, Michael Naxton gave a second talk in October about the Victoria Cross, concentrating this time on some of the individuals who had received the award.

He chose to talk about 24 of his own favourites out of the 1356 medals awarded.

He started with the first man to win a VC, for action in June 1854 at the beginning of the Crimean war. Charles Lucas, a mate on a ship in the Baltic, threw overboard a live Russian shell which had landed on the deck of his ship. The shell exploded before it hit the water so that Lucas's split-second action saved the lives of his comrades, and his ship because the result of the shell exploding would have ignited the ammunition piled next to the gun just behind him.

Michael ended with the most recent award, won by Corporal

Bryan Budd who died in Afghanistan in 2006 when he risked his own life, and subsequently lost it, in saving his comrades.

In between these two, he talked about Jack Cornwell who at just 16 years old was the second youngest man ever to win a VC earned in 1916 at the Battle of Jutland and Billy Leefe Robinson who was the first to shoot down a Zeppelin over England. Lloyd Trigg, in 1943, became the only VC winner granted on evidence provided by the enemy, the captain and crew of a German submarine which he had just sunk.

## Schools celebrate Harvest at St Barnabas

St Barnabas Church was pleased to welcome the involvement of two local primary schools and Emmer Green pre-school in its harvest celebrations. Some 700 people, children, parents, guardians, grandparents and friends, visited the church during the harvest period. All went away with a memorable impression of the creation story thanks to the interaction between the vicar, the Revd Derek Chandler, and puppets Jake and Daisy.

It has become a tradition that the recorder group and choir of Emmer Green Primary School this year come to the Sunday afternoon parade service; this year under the direction of their music teacher, Mrs Mayo. Emmer Green Pre-school have also been coming to their special service for some years. Also impressive was the attendance of the Hill primary school which came in two groups on the Thursday before half-term, the long crocodiles of children holding up the traffic. Both primary schools made their own distinctive musical contributions to the services, the Hill under the direction of headteacher, Mrs Cox. The Hill also brought their award winning Connor the Scarecrow with them to church.

Many brought harvest gifts which were subsequently distributed to the Churches-in-Reading Drop-in-Centre and the Churches-in-Reading Women's Centre, both of which have expressed their thanks.



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Travelling up the long sweeping drive, everyone was welcomed by a peal of bells, courtesy of the Englefield bellringers, and greeted by the sight of the splendid gothic house, which was lit up and showing itself in all its splendour.



Cheer leading in talent competition.

There was a wide variety of activities for the girls to try, from guessing the name of the bear, to shove ha'penny. Glowsticks and commemorative pom-pom bugs were handed out, and handsomely decorated wellies were judged, with special Centenary rubber ducks awarded as prizes.

We had our very own Strictly X-factor meets Reading's Got Talent Competition, with some novel and interesting entries with Cheerleading, and an Irish Dancer emerging as the winners.

Also there were the Mayor of Reading, Cllr Gul Khan, and the Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire, Dr Carolyn Boulter, who spoke of how her time in Guiding had equipped her with key skills for her adult life and career. A special guest was Gloria Sleep, administrator at Englefield Estate, who helped to plan the whole event. Gloria had been a Girl Guide in Africa and her Guide Captain Betty Clay, the Founder's daughter. The old hands among us were excited by this news, which, we believe, gave us a unique link straight back to Lord Baden Powell himself.

None of the evening would have happened without the hard work of the team of Guiders who planned and organised the whole event, the Lions who manfully directed the car parking and sold burgers and hot dogs, and the generosity of local businesses who donated raffle prizes and contributed towards the initial start-up costs. Without this, we would never have had the courage to forge ahead with what turned out to be the biggest event any of us had ever arranged.

The focal point of the evening occurred at ten past eight, when we all gathered together and at precisely 20:10, 20/10, 2010, we all saluted and, led by Sue Jones, Assistant County Commissioner, made or renewed our Promise. This was a poignant moment for many, as we recalled the Promises we had made as Brownies and Guides.



Making the promise.

Pictures Ian Sharmay

A spectacular firework display rounded off the evening. The girls all went off home, tired but happy, waving their glow sticks and, we hope, with memories of their Centenary Celebration. What will the next 100 years hold for Girlguiding? Would you like to be a part of it? Contact us at [cavershamguides@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cavershamguides@hotmail.co.uk)

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## THE GLADDON

The Gladdon, or Stinking Iris, is very choosy about where it will grow in the wild. The *"New Atlas of the British Flora"* shows it as native south of a line drawn from the coast of North Wales to the Wash. North of this line, the plant is an escape from cultivation. Besides its ornamental uses, it was once grown in physic gardens, and the rhizomes were shredded and boiled, and the resulting liquor was added to ale, to make a purgative.

In the wild, you only seem to see a clump here, and a clump there, at widely separated intervals. George Claridge Druce, in *"The Flora of Berkshire"* published in 1897, says it was "local and rare". He mentions Tilehurst and Moultsford as places where it grew.

And indeed, the seed capsules shown here were photographed beside a country lane at Moultsford – so I can't help wondering if that particular clump had been there since 1897.

I can recall other clumps in country lanes and on the edges of woods, but also in more exposed positions on the Wittenham Clumps. I was also surprised to find it on the sand dunes at Kenfig, by the South Wales coast. I would guess that the thing all these sites have in common is a calcium-rich soil, based either on chalk, or on sand derived from ground-up sea-shells.

I could just as well have used a photograph taken in my own garden. I must have planted a root around 20 years ago, in what would seem to be a very unpromising spot. It's in a narrow passage between my house, and

the side of the house next door, and it's draughty, shady and dry. Yet the plant has flowered and fruited every year.

Now, you wouldn't grow this plant for its flowers, curiously marked though they are. They're like those of the Yellow Flag Iris, but more slender, and brownish, purplish and yellowish in a dull rather than vibrant combination. You grow it for the bright orange seeds, which appear at this time of year, and are a favourite with flower arrangers.

The strange name, Gladdon, or Gladwyn, is "of obscure etymology", according to *The Oxford English Dictionary*. It has been thought to have come from the Latin word "gladius", meaning "a sword", and has been applied to plants with sword-shaped leaves, from Anglo-Saxon times onwards – the Stinking Iris, the Yellow Flag Iris, the Sweet Flag, and the Great Reed Mace, or Bulrush.

As for the "Stinking" part of the name, the plant doesn't actually give off a smell until you crush it, and then it smells of beef – giving it the name Roast Beef Plant. Some say it's like roast beef, other say raw beef, and others say like beef that's going "off". Richard Mabey, in his book *Flora Britannica*, tells the story of a girl who had been brought up in a vegetarian family, and presumably had never smelled beef at all. She thought that it smelled like a nut-roast!

Happy Wanderer



## Clayfield Copse Conservation News

In October volunteers collected stakes and binders from the ash coppice at Clayfield Copse to provide material for a hedge laying project at the Wolf Conservation Trust at Beenham. [The wolves kept an eye on the hedge laying! Or hedge layers!]

Meanwhile the autumn colours have been fantastic at Clayfield. Look out for the wild service trees in the woods along Kiln Road.

Within the last year, in two separate areas of Caversham, two badger setts have been disturbed. Badgers are a protected species, yet this happens. At one sett, volunteers were able to alert authorities before too much cover was removed, and the badgers are still in residence. More recently, at another site, volunteers did not become aware of the work until all the brush and wood had been cleared, leaving the badger setts totally exposed. For a week or

two the badgers were not seen, but they have recently turned up for their 'tea' at a nearby garden, and it may be they have found temporary accommodation, or even moved back despite the lack of cover but they could have done without all that hassle. They are now being monitored.

Christmas is coming and the annual sale of Christmas trees will take place at Caversham Court courtyard on the morning of Saturday 11 December. The trees [scots pine] are being taken from a local heath land regeneration project and the proceeds will go towards conservation volunteers' tool funds. BBOWT will also be there with a stall, also making [and showing customers how to make their own] wreaths, using local natural materials.



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## CLUBS

### Caversham WI

Members found history on their doorstep when the speaker, Mrs Angela Spencer-Harper, talked about the Maharajah's Well at Stoke Row. Life in a Chiltern village seemed hard by our standards and this was well illustrated by the speaker.

After refreshments, the competition for a miniature garden was judged with Margaret Cameron being declared the winner, Doreen Stallwood second and Sylvia Myzior third. Doreen, coming from Stoke Row, was able to relive her childhood. Christmas dates were discussed and the raffle ended an interesting evening.

### St Peter's Wives

Mrs Georgina Fisher gave a talk on the work of Helen & Douglas House, a charity which provides hospice care for children and young adults.

Helen House opened in 1982 and was the world's first children's hospice. It sprang from a friendship between Sister Frances Dominica and the parents of a seriously ill little girl called Helen, who lived at home with her family but required 24-hour care. Sister Frances looked after Helen on occasions to give her parents a break and realised the need for respite care for children with life-shortening conditions and their families. The house has eight bedrooms, which are fitted with specialist equipment for handicapped children or those with life-threatening diseases. There are also four self-contained flats for the use of families and many facilities for the guests during their stay. As well as medical care, support is provided for the whole family by the family support and bereavement team.

Douglas House opened in 2004 as the world's first hospice for young adults aged 16 to 35, as a children's hospice is not always suitable for someone over 16, but neither is an adult one. It has seven bedrooms and three family flats and the facilities are tailored to the needs of teenagers.

Set within the same grounds in Oxford, the houses receive some funding from government, but the remainder has to be raised from their hospice shops, including one in Reading, and from various fund-raising events and donations throughout the year.

The next meeting will be at Church House on Tuesday, 21 December at 8.00pm with a Christmas party, followed by some magical entertainment.

New members are always welcome.

### Rosehill WI

Members had an enjoyable meeting in October with a delicious Harvest Lunch provided out by the hard working Committee.

After lunch the business part of the meeting was held by president Brenda Caborn and secretary Margaret Seal. Doreen Mann gave out Birthday buttonholes and mentioned a number of members who are sick.

Brenda Caborn reported a very successful coffee morning was held by Brenda Strong raised £ 48 which was donated to the Berkshire Federation Treasurers Fund.

This was followed by a very interesting quiz identifying various places and people.

The next meeting is on December 1st and the talk will be given by Barrie Machin and entitled "Readings from Gervaise Phinn".

Meetings start at 2pm and are held at St Barnabas Church Hall Emmer Green.  
Visitors are Welcome.

## Caversham Heights Society

*Hidden Burma* was the title of Derek Brooke-Wavell's talk to the society in October. His career had been with the World Service of the BBC, covering Burma and China, and he recently made a return visit to Burma. His key objective was to reach the seldom-visited ancient capital Mrauk U with its scores of revered pagodas. The journey commenced with a six-hour boat trip followed by hazardous progress on foot. Accommodation was adequate though very basic. The local people greet visitors with pleasure and clearly make the best of their situation under the military regime. The pictures of pagodas, the scenery and local life, displayed using an ingenious computer presentation, were fascinating.

On 1 December Fred Pugh will speak on his year of office as mayor of Reading, and on 15 December the Christmas event will be an organ recital with carols given by Peter Bernard, the accomplished senior organist of Caversham Heights Methodist Church, on the church's Sweetland organ. CHS contact information: 0118 934 5004 or at cav-hts-soc.fsnet.co.uk.

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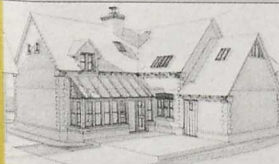
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## CLUBS

## Inner Wheel Presentation to Footsteps Foundation

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Footsteps Foundation was set up four years ago by Pip Hayer Millar. Her daughter, Minty, was diagnosed as having cerebral palsy and she was told that Minty would never be able to walk and would not develop cognitively beyond the level of a four year old. Pip flatly refused to accept this limiting prophecy and, after much research, eventually discovered a highly successful method of treatment in Poland.

Initially, Pip and Minty had to make regular, costly, visits to Poland. However, Pip was thrilled when Minty's condition improved. Today, she can walk, she loves to talk, non-stop, and she enjoys progress in all aspects of her life.

The Foundation has grown rapidly. It helps families who would otherwise, not be able to take their children for physiotherapy at one of its two treatment centres. Pip said, 'I feel that every child should have the opportunity to come to us and there should be no financial obstacle in the way.' She is aiming to raise £500,000 and every donation, large or small, will help to achieve this. If you would like to know more about the Foundation or if you wish to make a donation go to [www.footstepsfoundation.com](http://www.footstepsfoundation.com)

The Inner Wheel Club received the proceeds of a concert towards its donation to Footsteps from Rivariate, the Caversham based choir. Members sing for their own pleasure and to raise funds for local charitable causes. Normally there is a waiting list for all places but, just now, there are vacancies for three tenors. Enquiries can be made by emailing the chairman, Libby Lowry, at [libby\\_lowry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:libby_lowry@hotmail.co.uk)

## Caversham & Chiltern Flower Club

The last meeting of the year for Caversham & Chiltern Flower Club will be an outing on Wednesday 8th December, so there will be no demonstration this month, and as usual each year, there will be no meeting in January. The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 9th February 2011, followed by a talk given by Joy Boddington entitled "Say it with flowers". The AGM starts at 7.30pm at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Highmoor Road, Caversham. For further details contact Berna Macdonald on 0118 947 7400.

## Reading & District Probus Club

A talk by a holder of a Blue Badge for the Scottish tourist industry, Mrs Jean Tait, provided an entertaining afternoon for members. She trained for two years to become a tourist guide and the ability to talk in two languages helped.

Her job description is inspire: amuse: enthuse especially as tourists are becoming more specialised. So too are the guides, concentrating on specific areas with knowledge of comfort stops with a view and coffee. Lunch breaks vary between different nationalities. Germans prefer their own 'bistro buses' complete with fridge and boiler and stopping in lay-bys for boiled sausages and bread and beer. For the French, a restaurant is a must with a menu and wine list lasting for two hours as a norm.

Cruise liners on a stop over are totally different. Passengers have gained knowledge on board, are ready with their questions. Americans are looking for family connections 'Can we go to....?' is a regular question, not realising that 100 miles in a long way in the UK.

The finale of her talk was a song, 'The Tour Guide's Lament' sung to the tune of *A Policeman's Lot is not a happy one from Pirates of Penzance*. Probus members are all retired men who joined for company, lunch out and time off. If this sounds good, let the secretary guide you through the itinerary. Ring Raymond Head on 0118 941 1445 or website [www.reading-probus.talktalk.net](http://www.reading-probus.talktalk.net)

## Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

Members celebrated the Guild's 58th birthday with a Bring and Share supper and musical quiz. Guests from Caversham Heights and Caversham Afternoon Guilds joined them, together with others from Berkshire Federation and Rosehill WI.

Members visited the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace to view the Victoria and Albert in Love exhibition and are looking forward to the Federation Christmas event in December.

The discussion, arts & crafts, gardening and words and music groups are all busy planning their own Christmas events.

The Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at St Barnabas Church Hall, Emmer Green. The next meeting is on 14 December when Gwen Barton will talk on 'A potted Christmas'.

## Chazey WI

A year spent in Kabul, as part of a team from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave Sheila Hill an extraordinary insight into the lives of the local people. Her personal recollections as a financial administrator and domestic manager, training senior Afghan police officers in crime and scene investigations, were compelling. At their October meeting Chazey WI were able to view slides of everyday life amongst the Afghan people and try on a burkha and other items typically worn by women. Her talk was thought provoking and a sharp reminder of how very different life is for women in other parts of the world.

Chazey WI meet on the first Tuesday of every month (7.45pm) at Caversham Heights Methodist Church. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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