

VENTURE SCOUTS AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Tony Cleare, Venture Scout Leader, writes of his visit to Buckingham Palace.

"On the 22nd October of this year I received through the post a large envelope with the 'Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme' stamped on it. It was an invitation to attend the Presentation of Gold Awards by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 11th November.

"The day of the 11th dawned bright and sunny; setting out for the Palace I arrived at the Mall at 1.30pm and duly displayed the special parking sticker. At Buckingham Palace a jovial policeman examined my pass and allowed me through the gates; crossing the courtyard into the building along a thick red carpeted corridor I found a Police Cadet waiting to guide me to the cloakroom where I met Paul Goriup, one of our own recipients, and together we went up the stairs along another picture lined passage and thence into the Blue Room where the presentations were to be made.

THE PRESENTATION

"On entering the Blue Room I met Dick Smyth, Scout Leader of the Knight Troop (89th Reading). After informal conversation with the people, including Mrs Goriup, we finally took our places. Roger Coombs with his mother arrived along with Jeffrey Morgan and Mrs Morgan. Each group was under a Marshall and the entire room controlled by a Steward. The steward, a lady, then gave us the directions of protocol for when the Duke



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arrived. We had to stand on his arrival, and then sit down as he moved to the first group.

"On his arrival the Duke was introduced to the Steward and then to the marshall of each group, and the recipients. The group from Reading North had as their marshall Dick Smyth and the recipients included Roger Coombs, Paul Goriup and Jeff Morgan all from this district. The Duke spoke to the group and then handed the certificates to the marshall moving on then to the next group. The certificates were presented by the Director of Education for Hampshire.

AND THEN HOME

"After the ceremonies had been completed recipients, parents and friends

mingled together for a while. On the way out of the Palace I was able to go through the Ballroom with its gorgeous decorations of dark red and gold and priceless paintings, and then out into the courtyard for the official photographs. Then with a final look back at the buildings and the hustle and the bustle across the yard, with the famous railings and sea of faces, to be greeted by the same jovial policeman, who let me out through the gates, to be met by my wife and the two boys.

"Together with Dick Smyth I led the family back to the car where we had a drink and a sandwich, joined the rush hour traffic and headed for home, if only to let Dick go off to a troop night, my son to the cubs and myself to a Group Council Meeting. Scouting goes on! But a very interesting day and one which will be remembered for years to come."

CELEBRATION

Hilary Jewiss of the 1st Caversham Park Guide Company was recently awarded her Queen's Guide Badge. Her father is seen photographing Hilary as she prepared to cut the cake at the party which followed the presentation to her of the badge.



— L. L. Buro

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The Editor's Column

TRAVELLING LIGHT

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS SHOULD NEVER BE ONE THAT MERELY SOOTHES US. T. S. Eliot knew that when he made one of the kings say "This birth was hard and bitter agony for us — like death — our death". If we are receptive to the Gospel safe piety is shattered. As Christians we believe that God was made man, but the truth of this is too often lost in a mother-child-stable image which is totally remote from real life.

Christmas means that God takes a risk, and he works through all sorts of different people in different ways. In the Old Testament we see him working through the Egyptians and the Babylonians who were the enemies of his own people, the Jews. Today he still uses this method and he is working through a people who are traditionally opposed to both Jew and Christian. We are not enduring the physical slavery that the Jews experienced from the hands of Egyptians and Babylonians but we are beginning to endure economic slavery at the hand of the Arab. God is using the Arabs to remind us of the first chapter of Genesis "God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good". The so called Christian nations of the west have for many years been squandering the resources of the earth. The term "The throw away society" is in common use. And so we ought to be grateful to the Arabs for giving us a chance to recover a proper sense of values. Perhaps the sooner petrol is £1 a gallon, the sooner will we rediscover the meaning of Christian community life.

BARE BONES

We are also being stripped in another quite different way. The Mother General of one of the Anglican Communities has written "When we are shattered by what seem shocking statements and questions from theologians, we can be thankful to be shaken out of complacency into a realization that if the Christian faith is what we profess to believe, it must be a living reality that affects us every moment of every day". Too often we are over anxious about the threatened loss of our hitherto reliable supports and structures. Only if we can submit to exposure, insecurity and living at risk, shall we begin to understand what St Paul speaks of when he writes to the Philippians about the self-emptying of Christ. "Jesus" he says "made himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave".

I believe that in the next two or three years (perhaps less) the Christian Church has to do a lot of stripping. Mary and Joseph travelled light to get to Bethlehem. We have to travel light today just as Moses did when he led the Jews out of Egypt and into the wilderness. But we are told that he took with him Joseph's bones. Those bones symbolized the past history of the Jewish people, as Moses went out into the unknown. In all sorts of ways we are called by God to travel light today. We are given the bones, the central facts of our faith — the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Each generation must add flesh to the bones: the flesh is a living and contemporary thing which changes constantly. Dead flesh stinks — bones and living flesh do not.

THE MIND OF CHRIST

Jesus laid aside his godhead and became not like us but as us. He took our nature and so the Christmas collect in the Prayer Book reminds us that because he has taken our nature we by adoption and grace can be taken into his super-nature. And the ultimate purpose of us who are Christians is not to live in hearty fellowship doing good to others, important and necessary as that is, but to have in us the mind of Christ, that as we live sharing and caring in the world, in daily contact with those for whom the birth of Christ has no religious significance, we meet the assaults and effects of evil as did Jesus, open and loving on the Cross. So each year the message of Christmas is not to be spelt out just in terms of carols and crib but as the great act of man's redemption that as St Paul tells us "Your faith might not rest in the wisdom of man but in the power of God".

John Grimwade

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For some eighteen months now, a small group of Caversham Christians (currently a Baptist - Anglican mixture) have been meeting once a week to develop a love of music and a little talent into a passable singing group. We intend our repertoire to include the whole gamut of unaccompanied part songs, although at present we are limited to madrigals, folk song settings, carols and a motet. As well as singing for our own pleasure, it was hoped right from the start that, if and when we achieved an acceptable standard, we would try to spread a little light and sunshine by singing to groups of people whose lives, for one reason or another, lack the fullness of our own.

To this end, in December 1974 we gave a short carol concert to some elderly patients at Peppard Hospital as a first foray into the realms of public performance. The confidence gained from the success of that concert helped us to continue and on October 15, 1975, we gave a much more ambitious 50 minute concert at the Andrew Duncan Home for Handicapped Ladies at Shiplake. Although this concert showed up some of our weaknesses, we now feel able to give performances from time to time, so we would be pleased to hear of any groups who would be glad of the occasional concert.

Also, as the present complement of seven is about the minimum necessary for this type of singing, we should welcome

some new members; no previous experience is necessary and the only qualification required is an ability to count, preferably up to ten, but four would do. In either case, please contact the group's leader, David Wells, 35 North Street, Caversham, or the usual hosts, Margaret and Don Carter, 10 Short Street, Caversham. Tel. Reading 479494.

Yours etc.,
Margaret Doggett
25 Chester Street
Caversham

Dear Sir,

May I please correct the Reverend John Sumner on several points that he raised in his article "900 Caversham Adults cannot read?"

Keith is not so very exceptional in suffering from dyslexia. The experts vary in their estimates of the general population affected by specific learning disabilities of which dyslexia is a manifestation but the figure varies from 16 per cent to 25 per cent. Six out of every hundred adults may well be like Keith. The lady in the bread shop and 13-year-old Wendy are also "Dyslexic." The term simply means "unable to read." The interesting question is why are they unable to read? Some, like Keith, are "word blind", i.e. their specific disability is visual; others may be termed "word deaf" for they cannot isolate or transfer into letters the sounds that they hear; and some exhibit varying combinations of visual and auditory disabilities.

Contrary to Mr Sumner's assumption that

"most dyslexics are very intelligent," these learning disabilities may occur in people who have high, low or average intelligence. Indeed the disabilities often make it extremely difficult to evaluate the intelligence of a child in school, particularly a young child. An adult may have proved his intelligence in many other ways, but in school it is often judged on the basis of the child's quickness in learning to read and write. For children who are afflicted with a learning disability (call it dyslexia for want of a better word) recognition of their problems and proper methods of teaching these children are the answer in schools. For adults who are so afflicted their own understanding of the nature of the difficulty, their own efforts, and the help of the dedicated volunteers in Reading that Mr Sumner describes will help to see them through.

My plea as the head of the remedial department in a large secondary school where we see many pupils with unrecognised specific disabilities is for more understanding among headmasters and teachers on all levels and among parents. They must recognize that the illiterates of tomorrow are being made today through a lack of understanding of the true nature of specific learning disabilities which may affect the West Indian and the "culturally deprived" as well as the college teacher's son. It is not "dullness and laziness" in the one and "dyslexia" in the other. The real cause of "dullness, laziness or psychological disturb-

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Manager: "Hargreaves!"

Hargreaves: "Yes Sir?"

Manager: "Hargreaves, I want you to say a short seasonal message to all Caversham Abbey National customers on behalf of your colleagues. Do you understand?"

Hargreaves: "Yes Sir."

Manager: "... and now a word from the staff."

Hargreaves: "HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE."

Manager: "Hargreaves, I said A word, not three." You give them an inch and they take a metre... mumble, mumble... now what was I going to say. Ah, yes! Hummph, hummph. Blasted throat always gets dry on these important occasions. Humph. "Ladies and Gentlemen — on behalf of my Board of Directors and Staff, may I take this opportunity to say... and we cherish your continued support... and, in conclusion, may I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

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Hargreaves: "Yes Sir, extremely pithy."

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A congregation of over 200 was present for the Parish Communion in St Andrew's on St Andrew's Day. The sermon was preached by the Rev F. W. Dawson, who was as delighted to be back in Caversham as were his many friends to see him. After the service the congregation moved into the hall for refreshments when a presentation was made to Mr W. H. Rowe on his retirement after 28 years as organist and choirmaster. Tributes to his work were made by Mr W. Waive, the senior member of the choir, Mr W. A. Vincent, Churchwarden, the Rev. B. J. Gardiner, and the Rector.



— Walton Adams

CAVERSHAM SHOPPING BASKET

The list below contains twenty essential items of shopping and compares the prices at which they were available in three Caversham supermarkets — Liptons, Oakeshotts and the Co-op — on November 27, 1975.

Item	Co-op	Liptons	Oakeshotts★
Large white sliced Sunblest loaf	16p	16p	16p
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1lb streaky bacon	78p	64p	68p
Packet of 10 fish fingers	34½p	34½p	34½p
15½oz tin of Heinz baked beans	11½p	12p	13p
15½oz tin of Heinz tomato soup	14p	14p	15p
5lbs potatoes	40p	41p	45p
Frozen peas	26p (1b)	43p (21b)	37½p (21b)
1lb 13oz tin of fruit	33½p	30p	30p
3lb bag of self-raising flour	19½p	19½p	19p
Sultanas	19p (12oz)	21p (11b)	24p (11b)
¼lb Brook Bond PG tips	10½p	10p	11½p
4oz jar of Nescafe	40p	39p	43p
2lbs granulated sugar	22p	23p	23½p
8oz packet of McVities digestive biscuits	13p	11½p	13p
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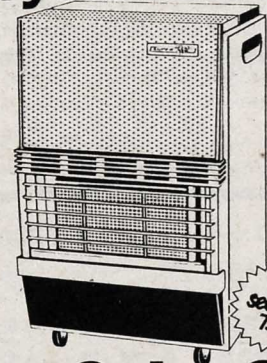
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ance" in good families as well as in bad ones may lie in specific learning disabilities. We must all learn more about the nature of these and their effects if we hope to raise the standards of literacy in Caversham and in Reading.

Doris Kelly

17 Marchwood Avenue
Emmer Green, Reading

Dear Sir,

May I through the courtesy of your columns thank all those who contributed so generously to the presentation made on my retirement from the position of organist of St Andrew's Church. I am sincerely grateful.

Yours faithfully
W. H. Rowe

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP WEEKEND AT CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS

NOVEMBER AT CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH CONTAINS AT LEAST FOUR SIGNIFICANT DATES: — one of the bi-annual Church Council meetings, Remembrance Sunday, Christian Citizenship Sunday and the Christmas Bazaar. This year the last two were combined in one weekend.

It had already been decided to devote the proceeds of this year's bazaar to charity. As the Rev Edward Rogers, MA, BD, an ex-president of the Methodist Conference, Moderator of the Free



■ The Rev Edward Rogers

Church Federal Council and until recently General Secretary of the Division of Social Responsibility (which administers the Methodist Relief Fund), was preaching at the church the following day, the choice of charity was obvious.

After a welcoming introduction by the Minister, the Rev Leslie Griffiths, Mr Rogers performed the opening ceremony of the bazaar, in which he briefly commented on the work of the Relief Fund, illustrated in an exhibition of photographs along one side of the church and an oil painting by a Haitian depicting the effects of "Hurricane Flora" in 1963. Business commenced in the hall at the various stalls selling a wide range of goods, new and old. A hint of the East was evident in the decor and in at least two stalls — Ali Steptoe's Market and the Slave Market. What a pity some of the slaves 'purchased' could not be kept by their new 'owners!' A welcome innovation was some light, refreshing "Music-while-you-haggle." While the music refreshed the mind, the tea-room refreshed the body in preparation for the epic film "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness" starring Ingrid Bergman and Curt Jurgens.

In his sermon on Sunday morning Mr Rogers drew a parallel between modern times and the days of Samuel where "the voice of the Lord was seldom heard" (1 Samuel 3) because it wasn't expected. People speak to God — but do not expect Him to speak to them. Turning to other aspects, he remarked that we are just beginning to realise that, economically and environmentally, a system has

been created into which people have to fit, rather than the system of fitting the people. Was the quality of life under Victorian 'repression' really worse than with our new 'freedom'? Freedom does not guarantee happiness — it brings weighty responsibilities. Perhaps we should think again — repent.

In the evening Robert Conquest's television documentary "The Revolution Will Not Now Take Place" was shown. This traced the ideas behind the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 and how they have since applied and modified — mostly using European examples. Following tea, Mr Rogers embarked upon a brief comparison of Christianity and Communism, pointing out that in both creeds theory differs from practice, the latter being dependent upon the political, economic and social conditions of the time. Communist theory differs from Christian theory in the interpretation of the purpose of man and believes that religion has only to do with spiritual matters; science will reduce the sphere of action of religion. Making frequent reference to Trevor Beeston's book "Discretion and Valour," he showed the variety of attitudes among Communist governments at various times to religion generally and Christianity in particular. Perhaps because of persecution, there are signs that religious faith is stronger in the east than in the west, and that the next revival may well come from that quarter.

The weekend closed with the presentation of a cheque for £250 for the Methodist Relief Fund, with the promise of a little more to come when the bazaar accounts have been finalised. Mr Rogers expressed his thanks for the cheque, and thanks must also go to the following for their help in arranging the weekend: Christian Aid, Methodist Missionary Society, Ministry of Overseas Development, Boots The Chemists Ltd, BBC, and the Minister, members and friends of both Methodist Churches in Caversham.

Talking Point

By Denis Shaylor

Reading in Reading

"PAY ATTENTION, YOU AT THE BACK OF THE CLASS AND STAND UP AND READ WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN ON THE BLACKBOARD." I stumbled up from my desk and stood there tongue-tied. "Well, go on boy, read it out." "Please Sir I can't see what's written there." "Then come up to the front row." I did and still I couldn't read for the chalk seemed blurred, and suddenly I realised that I couldn't read because I couldn't see. It took "drops" and tests and half a term off before I returned to class with ghastly steel rimmed monstrosities and the taunts of "Four Eyes" before I became a normal schoolboy again and able to read as the others could.

That's quite a vivid memory but what about the girls and boys, with or without "gig-lamps" who still can't read, not because of defective eyesight but because they have never acquired the skill to do so. Still unable to read when they leave school — drifting inevitably into the lowest grade of unskilled work because they can't read, they fudge along pretending that they have left their spectacles behind and say "Wot does it say in that notice? Do they realise that in this technological age, jobs for them will be increasingly hard to find and keep and that the work pool for casual labour is drying up? The more we rely upon machines to do the work, the greater is the need for skilled manual workers who can read and understand Instruction Manuals and set the machines. Only "Dirty Work" and Navy type jobs — casual labour, will be available and always there is the policy of the machine taking over. All this will be due to the literacy bar.

How then are we to ensure that children are literate when they leave school? Well surely the slogan is "Charity begins at Home" and part of the parental love and concern for a child is helping him to learn to read at the earliest possible age — long before going to school. It's not responsible for parents to argue that this is the Teacher's job. With classes of thirty or more a teacher has only a couple of minutes to give individual attention to a boy or girl in an English Lesson who is backward in reading standards. So they drift to the bottom of the class and become discouraged long before they reach their intermediate school. There too life changes — there is written Homework and School

Notice Boards have to be studied. The poor readers opt out — play truant and become problem types.

I wonder how many parents today spend ten minutes daily playing with their two-year-olds, showing them books, getting them used to the shape of letters and their sounds through Nursery Rhymes — sharing the excitement of first story books with them, taking them to the Public Library to look through the huge selection there. Our Librarians are qualified to advise both parents and children on the type of books each age group is likely to like. You can't begin too young with children and the rewards are very great when the child goes confidently to the Play Group or the Under Fives able to read and to explore the great new world of books. This reminds me — this is not Talking Point but READING POINT.

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ROAD WORKS AHEAD

Whatever may have been its other designations, as far as Caversham was concerned 1975 was The Year of The Roadworks. Surely never before in the space of twelve months have so many been in operation. At one time both roads leading into Caversham from Reading were up at the same time, when the Vastern Road Bridge was being moved into position and the culvert in Caversham Road was being repaired. A long hot summer saw Prospect Street and Gosbrook Road being resurfaced to be followed by the laying of sewers in Westfield Road and across Gosbrook Road. Meanwhile Priest Hill and St Annes Road were resurfaced and kerb stones, depressed by a combination of weather, years and illicitly parked vehicles, were replaced. How sad that waist-high posts have had to be erected to try to stop the habit of cutting corners by mounting the pavement. And inevitably, following on the heels of the road menders came those bodies of men known as the statutory undertakers, drilling little holes and trenches to get at the tangle of pipes and cables that lie beneath our urban streets. One assumes that all these were emergencies, but there remains a lingering suspicion that with a little more liaison it should be possible to avoid making holes in newly surfaced roads.

By WATCHDOG

It would be pleasant to think that 1976 would allow some respite from all this, but clearly this will not be so. The road under Vastern Road Bridge is still unfinished and as everyone knows by now, is to be lowered so that the giant new buses can pass beneath the bridge. No amount of explanation as to why it was impossible to plan ahead for this will convince the hard pressed ratepayer that this was an unavoidable expense.

Moreover, the footpath beneath this bridge remains in the disgraceful condition in which the now abandoned road works left it and the winter of our discontent will be made more miserable by having to pick our way across its muddy cracked surface. There is still no footpath on the West side of the road, nor has there been since preparatory work was started on the approach roads. It will be a miracle if there is not an accident there during the long hours of darkness for to avoid crossing a busy road only to reach an apology for a footpath, pedestrians have taken to the gutter or balance on the narrow concrete ledge beside the girders. Caversham Residents' Association has asked for urgent action to be taken. This is not a field in which the cut-back in public expenditure can be pleaded as an excuse for doing nothing.

E.A.H.Y.
and
I.W.Y.

As for the official designations of the year, it is not for this column to comment on the success of otherwise of International Women's Year, apart from remarking that it could be considered odd that it should even be necessary to dedicate a year to improving conditions for half the human race. As regards European Architectural Heritage Year, it is difficult to see what difference this has made in Reading.

In fact all that seems to have been done is to demolish or threaten to demolish more buildings. Not that the year as a whole has been a failure. In other towns and cities, both here and on the Continent, many buildings of architectural merit have been restored and put to good use. Reading, however, continues to look like the victim of some massive aerial attack.

GAZEBO

STOP PRESS

In response to the approach made by the Residents' Association the Council has said that the West footpath under the Vastern Road bridge will be completed in about a year's time and the East one by June. Meanwhile the footway will be inspected regularly to see that it does not become dangerous.

So we must hope no accidents occur and put up with muddy footwear.

In point of fact, one small effort was made, when the undergrowth surrounding the Gazebo in Caversham Court was cleared away to make the original purpose of the building clearer, namely as a little garden house where one could sit and view the river. The building itself, however, remains in danger of complete collapse. The fete which was to have been held last summer to raise money to help with its repair, will now be held on May 22. Meanwhile the cost of restoration soars. The question arises, should it even be attempted, or should

sufficient work be done to prevent it from falling into a heap of rubble, so that it can remain for many years, though only a ruin, as a link with Caversham Court's historic past and as a focal point of this somewhat neglected corner of the gardens?

It would be interesting to hear the views of readers of the Bridge. It would also be encouraging to see them at the fete as the Borough Council is unlikely to find money for this scheme unless the public shows a willingness to raise some themselves.



Miss Gina Wyatt and Mr Alan Bowley who were married in November at St Peter's Church.

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A WILLOW WITH A STORY

HOW MANY LOCAL PEOPLE CAN REMEMBER THE POND IN THIS PICTURE? It was still part of the Emmer Green landscape in 1933 and could be seen in Park Farm meadow. Now it has vanished and the new supermarket stands somewhere near its site. The grove of elm suckers near Budgens is all that remains of the fine tree beside the pond. Around 1930 a Mr Howard bought the two farm cottages seen in the corner of the field and altered them. Park Farm was almost certainly the home farm for Caversham Park. Apparently when the estate was for auction in about 1921 a "for sale" notice was put up close to the pond. The board was nailed to a willow post which sprouted and became a young tree. Wandering around the area recently I went to see if it was still there and sure enough, close to the elm scrub, stood a single willow of around 50 years old as far as I could judge. So there was the "notice board" willow still growing happily. Perhaps it will be allowed to remain and reach at least a century, even more. Walking round this very busy, noisy part of Emmer Green it was hard to believe that ducks and geese once used to wander across the road from one pond to the other, but I am assured they did just that.

It was whilst exploring this area that I came up on the Iron Room. Now in a state of dilapidation, it was once used as the Parish Room, and originally came from the Forbury Gardens in the eighteen seventies. Perhaps it replaced the local hall that vanished into a deep hole around that time, and of which I wrote in a recent article. Close by the Iron Room is a garden which has proved to be a veritable treasure trove yielding, among other things, a fossilised cockcomb oyster, prehistoric hand axes, Roman and sixteenth century coins and medieval pottery.

Remember Egg Sundays?

Four attractive terrace cottages have always intrigued me in Emmer Green. They are to be found in Grove Lane and must be at least two hundred years old. Some of the walls are of lath and plaster and the corners of the end dwelling have stone facing. It would be interesting to learn more about these old homes.

Blenheim House, part of another row of terrace houses with much character, on the corner of the Old Peppard Road, near the pond, was once a private boarding school. I am told. Perhaps the children there attended St Barnabas Church for the Egg Sundays held regularly, when everyone brought along fresh eggs to church. These were then sent to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

There is little information about the older houses in Emmer Green and what I have gathered has not given the source from which it has been gleaned. There are several attractive and interesting dwellings in Surley Row. Surley Row House was once an inn and rebuilt around 1790. Grove Garden is about 90 years older. Farmcote, Grove House, Fir Tree House, Write Cottage and 46 Surley Row were probably all built in the last quarter of the eighteenth century as were Worton House and Tudor Cottage, the latter being once a farmhouse.

The Turrets also dates from about the same period. Springfield St Luke and Caversham Hill House appeared in the early eighteen hundreds. Old Grove House, once known as Grove Farm, has an earlier beginning with its Tudor front of flint and brick and three gables. Over some windows can be seen brick dripstones and there was once an old timber barn with a wooden threshing floor. Before 1914 it was farmed by a Mr Paxman. Rose Hill House, built in 1771, was once part of the Manor of Caversham. At one time it was known as Kidmore Grange.

Two clocks and a whistle

Village folk must always have been grateful when one of the local gentry had a clock placed somewhere on their property, thus enabling all and sundry to know the time of day. There were two clocks in Emmer Green, one at Rose Hill and one at Caversham Park. These were stopped in 1939, presumably because of war time regulations. There was also the Brick Kiln whistle which went at 7 and 8am and 1 and 6pm. This stopped blowing in the nineteen thirties.

Sooner or later one has to mention St Benet's, for it has been very much part of Emmer Green since 1902 when it was erected by a doctor Powell as a home for boys and a true home it has certainly always been. At one time there was a wonderful gardener at St Benet's, a Mr Hill, who grew enormous melons in the greenhouse. Miss Fisher, to whom I am most grateful for some of the really interesting pieces of information on Emmer Green, told me that her father taught the boys woodwork and each lad had to make his own box for his emigration to Canada. Apparently many went there in the earlier days. A Mr Johnson, one of the masters, used to take the boys to Canada in the long vacation and return back in time for school in September. A school was actually held in St Benet's at one time. The two cottages at the end of the drive housed the gardener and the local policeman.

Did Cromwell look out of the window?

Perhaps one of the more interesting pieces of local history for Emmer Green is a little note I found whilst looking through papers in the Reading reference library. It stated that Cromwell was supposed to have directed the firing of his cannons on Balmore Hill from an upstairs window of St Agnes, the old house half way up Grove Hill. Presumably he did it with a flag. Whether this is fact or fiction one cannot say, but probably with no houses in Hemdean Road the view to Caversham Bridge, the object of the battle, would have been unobstructed. Perhaps in further delvings I shall be able to find out more about this tantalising little piece of would be history.

M. K.

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'REDUNDANT'

By STEPHEN HAINE INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAIN

"THEY SIMPLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THEM. They had been brought up to work and behold! It seemed as if they were never going to have the opportunity of working again. In their circumstances it was inevitable, at first, that they should be haunted by a feeling of personal degradation." These words were written by George Orwell in his book, "The Road to Wigan Pier" in 1937.

Some facts and figures

We are not in the situation of the 1930s now, but parallels are being drawn, not least by people in government. In the greater Reading area there are about three thousand eight hundred men and women registered as unemployed — nearly three times as many as the same time last year. There are also at least two hundred and fifty school leavers who have not yet found jobs and there are about one tenth of the jobs available to school leavers that there were at the same time twelve months ago. Further, in the Reading part of the Thames Valley there are about two thousand three hundred managers, executives and professional people who are

redundant and of these some seven or eight hundred are likely to remain redundant for a long period of time — that may mean nine months or longer!

What does this mean?

Unless you have been redundant yourself or know someone intimately who has, you may not fully appreciate what this does. I know for example of a man made redundant who for seven weeks went out at the usual time in the morning and returned in the evening, as if going to work, because he could not face telling his wife what had happened. I know of a redundant managing director whose neighbours were not aware that he had been redundant for nine months because he described himself as "self-employed". I know of a man unemployed for some months who has been offered a job in the north of England, but is in some agony over whether to accept it or not because his wife cannot face moving. Sleeplessness, tension, headaches or inexplicable pains are common reactions; the drop in income, the stress to the family, particularly to wife and teenage children, all serve to sap the

persons confidence in his or her ability and often a vicious circle ensues. Thus even when the person gets called for an interview he may not present himself in a fair light.

These haunting feelings of "personal degradation" are often further reinforced by other people. Despite increasing understanding of what is happening, still to be "on the dole" is a social stigma — still there are instinctive reactions — "What's wrong with him that he couldn't keep his job?" Still there are feelings that the redundant are like Jonah figures, perhaps rousing fears for our own employment. "Couldn't he get a job even if it meant a cut in pay?" people say, but firms don't want to employ people like this, because they fear that they will be after someone else's job, or they will be under-employed, or they will leave soon when a better job occurs.

Solutions

What then is the solution? Obviously jobs! But we are told that the situation across the country is not likely to improve for some considerable time. I have also had it said to me that there will be a school leaver problem for the next four to five years. The Careers

Advisory service, the Department of Employment, the Department of Health and Social Security as well as unions and professional bodies are doing what they can under the conditions of very heavy work loads. What they cannot generally do is to give more than the minimum of time to individuals who, as I have tried to point out, are often experiencing considerable stress.

Young unemployed

There are two schemes at the moment in the Reading area which, while not aimed at the crux of the matter, namely job finding, nevertheless are both trying to help with some of the attendant problems. One of them is being run by the Reading Borough Youth and Community Service. You may have heard of this through the local press. It is called "Youth Action" and is being based at the Central Club in Chain Street. It is for school leavers and teenagers who are unemployed. It offers a meeting place, counselling facilities as required and an opportunity to be involved in work, projects of a worthwhile nature for which some token payment will be made, as far as social security benefit will allow. The

young people will be encouraged to develop their own skills in organising the projects which may stand them in good stead in applying for jobs.

Self-help group

The second project is one being sponsored by ITEM (the industrial chaplaincy work of the Reading Council of Churches). This is a self-help group for redundant managers, executives and professional people. It is being based at St Mary's Centre and has three main objectives — to share the skills of those involved for mutual benefit in job seeking and self-presentation — to provide a meeting point for the sharing of experience and support in group and individual counselling — to help deal with practical issues that arise that

are not dealt with by government and other agencies. In connection with this project, but applying to the whole field of redundancy, ITEM is producing a leaflet, a simple check list of things that need to be done, together with relevant addresses, for use by people being made redundant.

The first of these projects is being supported by the churches, the second is sponsored by the Council of Churches — both have arisen out of the present reality of unemployment in our area. You may help, not least, by passing the information on to those who need it — the redundant who may live next door or down the road.

For further information please contact the Industrial Officer, St Mary's Centre, Chain Street, Reading. Phone 51057 / 477490.

KATE IN THE SAHARA



Photo: Evening Post

Kate Ormrod, a former St Andrew's girl, has given up her job as a social worker in order that she could join up with four friends on a safari trip to the Sahara Desert. The journey is to be made by Land Rover travelling by way of France, Spain and Morocco then into Africa, ending their journey in Tanzania.

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CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Annual General Meeting was held in Church House on Thursday, November 20: it was overwhelmingly attended and gave a great opportunity for the new members to be welcomed by the senior members. Mrs E. Smith, who presided, introduced Mrs Livingstone, Chairman of the Federation Council, who came to announce the four new committee members. Miss E. Baker, the Treasurer, gave a full report on the year's accounts, and mentioned the success of the Christmas Fayre. She added that a cheque for £15 had been sent to Brookfield School, Tilehurst in aid of their appeal for a minibus and a cheque for £5 had been sent to Walford Hall in memory of the late May Kimerley.

Throughout the year the Knitting Group had produced a large number of various garments suitable for all ages which had been presented to Major Crashley of the Salvation Army.

The Guild very much enjoyed a special tea provided by the Committee.

ROUND THE CLUBS

Caversham Heights' Townswomen's Guild

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs M. Kitcher; Vice-Chairman, Mrs C. Lott; Secretary, Mrs A. Denning; Treasurer, Mrs V. Blunt.

The Secretary gave her report, reminding members of the interesting speakers and varied programme which had been enjoyed during the year, including talks on conservation, houseplants and tracing ancestors, the highlight of the year being the visit of authoress and TV personality Mrs Margaret Powell. Social Studies speakers have been just as varied, on subjects such as art, vegetarianism, the Incas, and the work of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The Arts and Crafts Section has been a hive of industry, preparing for the Christmas Bazaar. Many

members have enjoyed visits to the theatres at Swindon, Newbury and Windsor, and an afternoon outing to the Whitefriars Glass works was very successful.

The treasurer, in her report asked the Guild members to make special efforts in the coming year as costs are rising and it will be very difficult to keep within the budget.

The retiring Chairman, Mrs C. Griffiths, thanked her committee for all their

support and said how she had enjoyed her six and a half years serving as Secretary, and then as Chairman for the last three years. The new Chairman, Mrs M. Kitcher, presented Mrs Griffith with a stainless steel coffee jug, thanking her for all the wonderful work and time she had given to the guild, and wished her every success with her work for the Federation. Mrs P. Edwards had a beautiful selection of jewellery for sale and the evening ended with the draw for the raffle.

Caversham Park WI

The October meeting of Caversham Park WI was held in the new surroundings of Queen Anne's School Hall. Mrs Hagyard of Yateley industries for Disabled Girls together with one of her girls, enlightened us on the activities of their printing crafts at the Industry Centre. We were fortunate to be shown a large display of their work.

Mrs Davies gave us a very detailed report on her attendance at the Autumn Council Meeting.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild was held in November, when the following officers were elected:

Chairman Mrs E. Caddy,
Vice Chairman Mrs E. Resius,
Treasurer Mrs M. White,
Secretary Mrs J. Perrin.

After the formal business, the game of "Twenty Questions" was played, with Committee Members forming the panel.



■ A happy group of youngsters at a party to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Caversham Park Village Association.

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The best decorated Christmas parcel was made by Mrs M. Pilgrim.

50 parcels were brought and these were given to the Caversham Lunch Club.

At the plant sale given by Mrs B. Belfield-Smith, £18.73 was made for Institute funds.

Three new members were welcomed.

Mrs J. Le Mare reported on her visit to the Press representatives meeting at Watlington House when Mr Garner and Mr Tony Stoller were the speakers.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, November 6, 1975. Mr B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

Although the Council did not have any positive information when it might be expected work in connection with the main drainage in the Upper Warren Avenue / Chazey Road areas will take place, it was felt from the correspondence submitted that due to a certain amount of persistence on their part, some action was now taking place between the South Oxon DC and the Thames Water Authority, these being the two Authorities responsible for the installation of main drainage in these areas.

The Council noted a report submitted to the District Council from which it appeared that the District Council were now in a position to proceed, but the Water Authority were still delaying their approval for the work.

The Parish Council will continue to press both authorities for some action to be forthcoming.

Concern was expressed that the diseased elm trees on the County Council land off Rokeby Drive could be dangerous to the properties nearby, and a letter is being sent to the District Council to alert them to dangers that could arise should one of these trees be uprooted in a storm.

The Council were informed that the Boundary Commissions final proposals in connection with the Oxfordshire / Berkshire boundary adjacent to the Parish will shortly be made known, but that it is unlikely there will be any change in the boundary before April, 1977.

The Council were informed that a number of footpath signs have recently been erected in the Parish, and that much of this work had been undertaken by members of the Chiltern Society.

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Young rugby

A new game of Rugby is now being played regularly by youngsters in the Thames Valley. The game, Mini-Rugby, started in Wales about five years ago and has rapidly developed over the whole country, now becoming very popular in this area. Played by boys of 7 to 13 years old, the game has 9 a side instead of the usual 15. The main object is to introduce youngsters to Rugby at an early age and to help them develop the basic skills of running, tackling and handling, so that when they turn to the full 15-a-side game at about 12 or 13 they have a very good idea of the rules and how to play the game.

The game is normally played on an area approximately 75 yards

by 40 yards, and in most cases is played on one half of a full size pitch playing across the field with the touchlines being used as goal-lines and the halfway line, and one 25 yard line being used as the touchlines. The game is fast and exciting for the boys with no lineouts or kicking except for conversion kicks which are always taken from in front of the goal. The team consists of four forwards who scrum down in a two plus two formation for speed and ease, and five backs. In most other ways the game follows normal Rugby with full tackling, try-scoring and a great deal of fast open play. The game is recommended by the Rugby Football Union and is now played by most First Years in local schools.

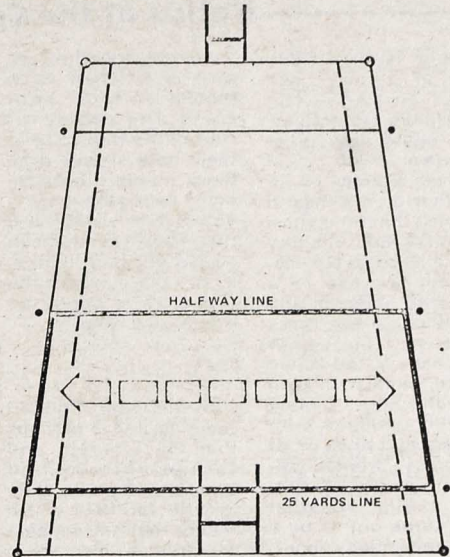
Several local rugby clubs are now running Mini-Rugby for the youngsters and in particular Reading Rugby Club have over fifty lads playing at their ground on a Sunday and would welcome any boy between 7 and 13 who would like to learn the game. Caversham schoolmaster, Brian Dillely, who teaches at the Piggott School in Wargrave, is the man responsible for the youngsters at Reading and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested, telephone number Reading 472941.

Land gift benefits many

In Caversham we have the Headquarters of one of the oldest athletic clubs in this country. Founded in 1881 and

therefore only five years short of their centenary, Reading Athletic Club headquarters have been centred in Caversham for a very long time.

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▲ How Mini-Rugby can be played across a full-size field — using the halfway line and one 25-yard line as touchlines, and the touchlines as goal-lines.

YOUNG CAVERSHAM

HELLO, AGAIN! ANOTHER MONDAY MORNING! I wonder how many of you have heard those familiar words while crunching your cornflakes at 6.40am every Monday? To those for whom that time of day has never existed, it was the weekly introductory welcome for the Rev John Jackson

in his 'Prayer for the day' on Radio 4. He related his touching stories and human experiences as if he were sitting with you at the breakfast table; his boyhood days in a village near Crewe where his father was the railway signalman; his calling to the Methodist Ministry; the busy life at London's

East End Mission, and in recent years we have been kept up to date with developments in his vegetable garden since he retired to a little bungalow at Wombourne near Wolverhampton. His narrations always carried a message of hope and Christian belief, timed as they were to fit in with the start of a new working week. Then on Monday, November 10 it was announced that Mr Jackson would not

Caversham, like the thousands throughout the land who will miss that friendly voice that gave so much joy and comfort to its early morning listeners.

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I was driving the School Bus home the other day, from Chiltern Edge School when 11-year-old Andrew Cloggie of Caversham Park Village offered me a taste of his cheese and potato pie that he had made in his cookery lesson. It looked so appetising, but I suggested he shared it with his family. It was far better he took it home whole, rather than present it with a bit missing. My word, I thought, how times have changed! Boys learning cookery — which of course, is quite the 'norm' nowadays at most schools. In my school-days the Cookery Centre was distinctly out of bounds to boys, and if they were caught within its precincts a plate of custard pie might have bounced on their heads. Similarly, girls were kept to a demarcation boundary of the Metal and Woodwork shop. I really never knew why; I am sure many of them would have made a better job of making a match-box holder than I ever did. Still, with sex-equality the current shape of things, we shall all be doing things hitherto regarded as taboo to our status. Andrew Cloggie's effort, how-

ever, prompted me to have a go at pie and pudding making. Looking through a dog-eared mediaeval edition of Mrs Beeton's 'All about cookery', I spied 'Recipe for Yorkshire Pudding'. I had never attempted that north country cuisine before, but as I was

expecting a visitor for the weekend, well — the opportunity was just ripe! Alas, my guest discovered he had to return before Sunday lunch. An important appointment he had overlooked. And perhaps he preferred his Yorkshire Pudding at home!

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— Walton Adams

by PETER SHOCK

be making his usual broadcast that morning. He had passed away the previous Wednesday. There were no dramatic headlines splashed across the daily newspapers; to my knowledge no mention made on the television; but there must be many homes in

PRIVATE VIEW

Zoilus at the Council Chamber

There is a sizeable body of opinion, not least amongst the Councillors themselves, who regard the regular meeting of the full Borough Council as little other than a theatre in which the more vocal members can display their dialectical virtuosity with one eye on a prepared speech and the other on the Press Gallery. The new chamber in the Civic Centre, circular in plan and reflecting a slightly showbiz opulence with its black and silver motifs and glass-fronted galleries, provides a suitable setting for what often turns out to be a well-rehearsed rendering of the play of the month.

All seasoned observers of Council matters know full well that if Party A and Party B

have got together on any issue then even though Party C resurrects the shade of Demosthenes to put their case it will avail them nothing, because at the end of the day it is votes that count, and they have already been sorted out long before, in the place where the real work is done, the Committee room.

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At the last Council Meeting it was obvious that the Liberals and Conservatives had agreed on a policy of no growth for 1976 which meant that any scheme requiring an increase in expenditure was just not on. Some measures supported by Councillor Chris Goodall and the Labour side, such as extra money for council

house repairs, a new traffic management scheme for St Mary's Butts and a proposal to let the public rooms in the Civic Centre at cut rates for local organisations, and other no doubt quite admirable projects were promptly voted down by the Con-Lib combine. Well, not promptly perhaps — the show must go on and several members had to explain at great length just why they agreed or disagreed with the various proposals. With Christmas on the way, maybe the show should have been "Chris in Boots", with Jim Day and Derek Morton as the broker's men. Or is that a different pantomime?

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The long-awaited report on Community Involvement in Council affairs was presented by Councillor George Robinson, rather in the manner of a man who has brought his harp to the party but knows that nobody is going to ask him to play it. Indeed, he thought that after long deliberations the general feeling of the Working Party was that the present level of public involvement was about right, although there were some suggestions, such as the holding of an annual town meeting and the provision of civic information cards for every household, that might be implemented now. Councillor John Huntley, however, was much more demanding. He wanted to involve the man in the street with local government to a much greater extent — by force if necessary, it seemed, and thought that membership of the Working Party was one of the most important

things he had done on the Council. Councillor Michael Francis, on the other hand, was quite snuffy about the whole concept of public participation. He wasn't at all sure the public wanted it and in any case we couldn't afford it!

Councillor Day, as Chairman of the Policy Committee, whose task it would be to implement the recommendations of the Report, made a nicely ambiguous speech which admired the work of the Group, thought that £1,000 might be found to start some of the proposals, but warned that we should have to wait and see what money there was in the municipal kitty at estimates time. Which in the present state of economic affairs is about as much as anyone could expect.

Incidentally, it is nice to see that our Caversham representatives are active in Council affairs. As leader of the Conservative Group, Derek Morton is often in the limelight of course, and Cyril Aucock is listened to with attention as an acknowledged expert in financial matters. At the last meeting Ron Jewitt made an impressive contribution to the debate on housing mortgages, whilst Mike Francis is a forceful speaker who often brings a bit of life to humdrum proceedings. George Robinson, as Vice-chairman of the Environment Committee, has considerable influence on planning matters, and is concerned to retain as much open space as possible in the outlying districts of the Borough.

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Even if the full meeting of Council is only a formal parade to rubber stamp decisions already taken, it is still a very necessary part of local government. But for anyone really interested in municipal affairs it is worth spending an afternoon listening to one of the major committees, all of which are open to the public and attended by the officers of the department concerned who take an important role in the discussions. Discussion is usually quite informal and decisions are generally reached in a business-like and friendly manner, and the members who are rarely heard in the Council Chamber have no hesitation in putting forward their views in the more relaxed atmosphere of the Committee Room.



— Walton Adams

Mr Fryer and Miss Cox who were married in St Peter's on November 29.

22nd Reading (Caversham St John's) Scout Group

The Scouts and Cubs and their friends had a very enjoyable evening around a huge bonfire on November 5. There was quite a spectacular display of fireworks and vast quantities of hot dogs were consumed! Everyone agreed it was one of the best bonfire parties for a long time.

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A Jumble Sale was held in Caversham Hall on November 1 when quite a useful sum of money was raised to swell Scout funds.

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The Parents' Committee are planning a Spring Fair to be held in April next year. Plenty of warning of this event has been given to parents so that they have ample time to get busy with their knitting, sewing, etc! Of course, if anyone else, other than parents of Scouts and Cubs, would like to donate anything towards the success of the fair, it would be very much appreciated.

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November 9: Andrew Harris
November 30: Sarah Carter

CAVERSHAM PARK

November 9: Carly McWhorter

MARRIED

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November 29: Philip Fryer and Sandra Cox
December 6: Patrick Abrahams and Christine Stanton

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November 29: Michael Foster and Celia Hayward

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November 24: Michael Knowles
December 8: William Featherstone

ST JOHN'S

November 14: Ernest Jarman

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY

ANGLICAN

St Peter's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
10.45 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sunday).
11.00 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 4th Sunday).

St John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.
4.00 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday).

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 4th Sunday)

St Barnabas'

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.
6.30 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday).

St Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
10.30 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).

NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

10.45 a.m. Morning Service.
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 4th Sunday).

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 4th Sunday).

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (The School)

11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (2nd and 4th Sunday).
FAMILY COMMUNION.
(1st and 3rd Sundays).
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (2nd Sunday).

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11.00 a.m. Morning Service.
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 4th Sunday).

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