

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1976

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**THE READING AND  
DISTRICT PROJECT**

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**UNIVERSITY  
TEACH-IN**

This February 1976, the first results were announced at a Press conference held at Reading University in conjunction with the Reading and District Christian Aid committee. There is now con-

vincing evidence that LPC which is cheaper than rice or soya beans, has virtually the same protein content and effect as dried skimmed milk. Vast new field trials are being planned and the Indian Government and Mother Teresa have already shown considerable interest.

Scientifically the process is very simple, one ton of leaves produces about 40lbs of protein concentrate, and the leaf residue can still be of nutritional value for cattle. The concentrate liquid can be further processed if required to form a white powder, or else it can be administered mixed with other foods.

**LOCAL PROJECT —  
1976**

It seemed appropriate to the Christian Aid Committee that this project should receive local support especially as Christian Aid is financ-



ing the project at a cost of £23,000. Already children in India are chanting the praises of LPC in a simple jungle:

“It helps your hair and skin to grow,  
It stops you going blind.”

This is a chant which we believe could be taken up by the people of Reading and put into real action by generously supporting Christian Aid Week, and so it is hoped that every church member will act as a catalyst in the process of spreading the good news that life instead of death and sight instead of blindness can be the lot of countless children because of the work of our University scientists and the money we give to Christian Aid.

### HAVE A CUPPA

Caversham folk may take a justifiable pride in the contribution made by Reading University to the development of LPC, but they must not forget that many areas of the Third World which concentrate on the production of a single commodity or raw material will still need to import food—and pay for it.

Take Sri Lanka — formerly Ceylon — for example. She’s the second biggest tea exporter in the world. Her economy since colonial times had been geared to the production of tea and seventy per cent of all the money she earns from abroad comes from tea sales. So she needs to get a good price from her tea to pay for essential imports, including food. But the cost of imports had risen dramatically and by comparison the price of Sri Lankan tea has steadily gone down, so that she must now sell twice as much tea as she did 16 years ago to pay for the same imports.

It’s the rich world that makes the rules on world trade that fix prices and exchange rates and these rules come up for discussion again this month at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Nairobi. If UNCTAD starts the ball rolling in the direction of fair shares and fair prices in world trade, then our cup that cheers will cost quite a bit more — as it should.

On May 15, as a curtain raiser to Christian Aid Week, minivans will tour Caversham selling ‘cuppas’ at a fair price to remind folk that on our drink depends their food. Please watch for the minivan and buy a cuppa!

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## The Editor's Column

# A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

"EXPERIENCE in hospitals specialising in the care of the dying suggests that most people find the removal of the traditional veil of secrecy a great relief". So wrote Dr Tony Smith in the Times of March 31st, and I read those words an hour before taking the funeral of one who had known she had cancer and could not be expected to live many more months. She and her family had been able to face the situation with courage and cheerfulness which drew admiration from all who visited her, including a non-churchgoing doctor.

### THE EASTER MESSAGE

These lines will be read by readers of the Caversham Bridge in the days following Easter. The Christian Gospel stands or falls by the truth or otherwise of Christ's Resurrection. If Christ did not rise from the dead then his claims and the claims of the Church are disproved and we have no assurance that death is not the end of human existence. But for Christians, because of their belief in the victory of Christ, Easter is the most important day in their calendar.

It follows from this that the Christian attitude to death can be expected to be different from that of the non-believer. Believing that the life after death is more important than this life the Christian will want to get ready for it and must always be allowed to know if the time for preparation is near.

One fundamental right we all have is the right to know if we are dying; yet it is a right that many doctors who are not practising Christians deny to their patients and even go so far as to persuade relatives that they should not be told the truth. In particular there seems to be a special reluctance to tell anyone they have cancer — but to quote Dr Smith again: "Once the patient has been taken into the doctor's confidence, the two of them can periodically review the progress of the disease and its response to treatment."

### THE BISHOP'S LETTER

The Bishop of Oxford's wife has cancer. So he has written a letter to the diocese about this. "The specialist", he writes, "spent a whole hour explaining to us both together exactly what was wrong, and how we might co-operate with him in a fairly drastic course of treatment. He spoke to us as a Christian to Christians with a lovely stress on those three mainstays of our religion — faith, hope and love . . . We see the healing process as a piece of team work, in which a great many people come together to contribute their special gifts and skills — not least the patient herself." So writes our Bishop and to this I would only add that throughout my ministry I have never known a Christian who has been told the truth about their illness fail to face the situation with courage. Always the tension between members of the family is relaxed, and it is then possible to exercise a Christian ministry with the sick which is so difficult when the veil of secrecy holds sway.

I make it a regular practice to advise all whom I marry to promise each other that if, in years to come, they know their partner is dying, they will see that they are told too. Obviously this promise is better made before marriage but with the message of Easter still fresh in our minds there may well be some who read this and who will decide now to make this promise to each other. It is a promise that I believe they will never have cause to regret.

*J. G. Grimwade*

## CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

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## POST BAG

Dear Sir  
"Caversham Spa" (Issue February 1976)

I was fascinated by the above article regarding The Holy Well of St Anne since I had been doing a certain amount of research into history. The present brick-built sort of cupola erection was put up in 1908 when there were no trees, no buildings and the road was unmade.

I was especially interested to know what has now happened to the (medicinal) waters which used to flow. The Thames Valley water authority were unable to throw any light on this when I telephoned them, except that the engineer inquired round his office to see if anybody DID know. All I was told was that they had sunk a number of bore-holes in the area over the years which would have had the effect of reducing the water level over all. It is remarkable that they don't seem to know. Perhaps an ordinary citizen can't really expect to get information on tap as it were.

Whilst I was speaking to the water people, I

mentioned the Flowing Spring along the Henley Road, opposite to the appropriately-named Flowing Spring public house. He did know about this, but assured me that it would not be long before it disappeared as work is going on in that area. The Flowing Spring was regarded as one which dispensed healing water and like many others was visited by pilgrims years ago.

There used to be in Reading quite a large number of public drinking fountains with their attendant heavy chain and bronze/brass drinking cups, but they have all gone or are not functioning. This is due to the mania for instant hygiene which overcame everybody a few years ago, fears of contamination, spread of the plague ad nauseam. The only one I know of is the press button chromium plated device in the Forbury, but have not recently tested this to see if it works.

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Dear Editor

Some of your readers are probably aware that there is a Play Association in this area. We were only formed in April of last year, but in spite of this, ran a very well-attended and seemingly very successful summer project, catering for some 750 different children between the ages of five and 11 during the six weeks summers holidays. Activities included art, sewing, cookery, sports, horseriding, swimming, judo, football, outings, walks, etc.

Due to our fund-raising efforts, and a promised grant from the Social Services Department we are not in financial need, but what we do need are committee members, and other helpers if a similar project is to take place this year. No specific skills are needed, just a little time.

If any readers do feel they can help in any way, perhaps they would like to telephone me on the number below.

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## NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Once again we have been unable to publish all the material that has been submitted, and contributors are reminded that when unexpected items are received after the closing date for receiving copy that it is impossible to find space for them. All contributions for the June edition must be received on Monday, May 3.

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ALTHOUGH I can remember Caversham in the late nineteen twenties it is always intriguing to meet people whose memories of the district stretch even further into the past.

Talking to Doris Titley recently, many people will remember her as Doris Burton before her marriage, she was telling me how she went to Madame Kershaw's small school in Conisboro Avenue, which I must confess, I never knew had existed. Later this school moved to Oakley Road and later still was taken over by a Mrs Mortimer and occupied her house in Albert Road. Many of the children from this school went on to Hemdean House, then run by Miss Knighton and Miss Kennett. Perhaps reading this article and looking at the accompanying pictures, there will be some who have remained in Caversham and can remember the happy days in summer, just after World War I, when the hay was cut in the little meadow belonging to the school and the yearly Hay Tea which took place.

Caversham was still very rural even in the

nineteen twenties, Mrs Titley's father built the first houses in Matlock Road and Highmoor Road. There were sheep and cattle grazing at the back of the gardens in the firmer road. Threshing took place regularly in the farm yard and barns and stables were to be seen at the junction of Buxton Avenue and Highmoor Road. The farm was run by a member of a well-known local farming family called Chown, who also rented Chazey and Blagrove farms.

#### THE LAMP LIGHTER

All roads in the vicinity, including Darell and Ikley, were very rough and really nothing more than glorified farm tracks. There was no street lighting and Mr Burton started a fund to purchase three lamps. Two were erected in Matlock Road and one in Highmoor, and a lamp lighter came round every evening to light them.

There was not a single shop in the Heights area, so it meant a walk down the hill to get any

item. However errant boys abounded on the heavy bicycles with large baskets in front. They were a cheerful crowd, and always seemed to be whistling, something we don't hear so often these days. Plenty of horses and carts also did deliveries.

#### ADVENTURES ON THE BUS

If you went into Reading you had to walk just over the other side of Caversham Bridge to the tram terminus. When buses first began to operate they were double decked, but open topped. The homeward bus ride from Reading was not without its excitement for they often seemed to get stuck in the steepest part of St Anne's Road. A large wooden mallet was kept under the bus stairs, and if the vehicle came to a halt the conductor got out and wedged the mallet under the back wheels. Everyone got out and either walked the rest of the way home or up to the top of the hill, leaving the bus to come on if it could! Passengers re-boarded round the corner on the Mount. Roofless buses had their drawbacks. One passenger lost a lard cake over the side! It landed on the head of a passer by in the Caversham Road.

Evening papers were carried round Caversham by a newspaper man who called out the latest sensational news. Mrs Titley remembered hearing of the Sinking of the Titanic on one such evening.

M.K. ■ The Hay Tea at Hemdean House around 1919.

# Some memories of Caversham



■ Madam Kershaw's School in Conisboro Avenue around 1914.



M.K. ■ The Hay Tea at Hemdean House around 1919.

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## MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, March 11, 1976. Mr B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

A letter was received from a resident in Upper Warren Avenue in which he referred to the inadequacy of cess pits in the area and the consequent possibility of a health hazard, and supported the Council's efforts in its endeavour for the houses in Upper Warren Avenue/Chazey Road to be put on the main drainage system. The Parish Council are anxious to receive more letters of this nature from local residents, as it feels that comments of this nature can be of great value to the Parish Council and strengthens its case for pressing the District Council to implement the scheme.

The Parish Council were given more information regarding the proposal to make the Reading-Woodcote Road (A4074) into a major lorry route. At this stage Oxfordshire CC are making a survey of various roads in the county, including the A4074, and it was stated in a letter from the County Surveyor that the proposals will also be discussed with Berkshire representatives, having regard to the suggested restrictions on the A329 (Reading-Oxford).

Reference was also made to the dangerous condition of the A4074 in the vicinity of Greendene Bottom. The County Surveyor stated that an improvement scheme for this section of the road was in the highways improvement programme, but he pointed out that the county council were at present working under severe financial constraints.

Another reason for the increase in heavy traffic along this road is due to the closure to heavy vehicles of the railway bridge at Chalsey, which is forcing some lorries to use the road through Mapledurham. The period this is likely to con-

tinue is unknown, because strengthening work on the railway bridge is now required.

The Parish council will continue to remind the county council of the very poor conditions of the A4074 through Mapledurham, which they feel is inadequate to contain the heavy lorries, and are to draw to the county council's attention the fact that no improvements have been carried out on the road since it was upgraded from a B classified road to its present status.

Letters are to be sent to the district council suggesting that 'pedestrian only' signs are erected on the footpath between Chazey Close and the Woodcote Road, near the telephone box at Chazey Heath.

The annual Parish Meeting is to be held in The Mapledurham Pavilion on Thursday, March 25, 1976, at 7.45pm.

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# GAZEBO

THE LOVELY gardens of Caversham Court give pleasure to many, to Caversham folk all the year round and in the summer to those from further afield who come to enjoy its well kept lawns and terraces affording glimpses of the Thames, its noble yew hedge and graceful trees. But the ancient house that once stood there, in pre-Reformation times the Old Rectory of Caversham, was demolished in 1931, and all that remains is the stable block and a small crumbling building in the far south west corner.

This is the ancient gazebo or summer house, dating back to the mid-seventeenth century and the only one of its kind on the banks of the Thames. Successive town councils have watched and allowed it to decay until the position has now been reached when it will soon fall into a heap of rubble if major repairs are not soon undertaken. Another link with Caversham's historic past will then be lost forever.

The present town council, although sympathetic enough to have cleared away vegetation, with further help from Bulmershe College students, and to have undertaken some landscaping, have not the money available for full restoration. A trust has therefore been set up to try to raise money towards this and it is holding a fete towards this end in Caversham Court on Saturday, May 22.



The Gazebo

## OBITUARY

### LILIAN DAY

Lilian Day, who died on March 1, and whose funeral service was held at St Andrew's Church on March 11, had a record of faithful attendance and help there. She had sung in the choir and was at one time secretary of the Fellowship.

Her musical activities were various. She had been a member of the Berkshire Operative Society, of the Western Singers (British Rail Western Region) and a founder member of the Reading Festival Chorus).

For five years Lilian was secretary of the Reading Division of the British Red Cross Society. As a member she helped in the canteen at the Royal Berkshire Hospital as well as doing trolley service in the ophthalmic ward. When attached to the Caversham Members' Group she arranged transport to handicapped people to parties at St Andrew's Hall.

In Caversham she was a founder member of the Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild. Within the parish she helped distribute copies of the "Caversham Bridge."

Lilian was a great sportswoman, having for many years been associated with Ranelagh Hockey Club, first as a playing member and then as a referee until about five years ago. She was secretary for fifty years and treasurer as well for part of the time. After the war she organised some very successful and enjoyable tours. For several years she was treasurer of the Berkshire County Hockey Association. She had also been a member of the Caversham Heights Lawn Tennis Club.

A woman of many talents Lilian Day will long be remembered both in Reading and

Caversham with affection and esteem.

A footnote from Mrs Evelyn Cowley, sister to Lilian: "I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all the kind friends who visited my sister at home or in hospital, wrote to her, shopped for her, or even inquired for her during her long illness. This service is indeed a great help to a sick person and I am deeply grateful to you all."

### RUTH REDMAYNE

After a long illness, borne with great courage, Ruth Redmayne found peace from her suffering on March 28.

Although she was a member of St Andrew's Church, Ruth lived in the Parish of Mapledurham. She had many friends and will be greatly missed, especially by members of the Jubilee Club, for she was one of its committee members and gave a great deal of help with the transport.

One of the last things Ruth did before she became ill was to organise Christian Aid Week in Mapledurham almost two years ago. She was a great supporter of this organisation. She was also a keen music lover and devoted to her flower garden.

We extend our deep sympathy to members of her family.

### GRACE EVES

Grace Eves who died on March 23 after a long illness borne with Christian fortitude, came to Caversham with her husband and children more than thirty years ago, and her husband until his death in 1973 was a reader in the parish. For many years the Eves family lived in part of the Rectory but moved in 1962 to Wrenfield Drive. A loyal member of the Mothers' Union and a regular worshipper at St Peter's Grace will be remembered with affection by

her many friends and neighbours for many quiet acts of kindness over the years. To her daughters Ruth and Margaret and her son Gordon in Canada all readers will wish to extend sympathy. May she rest in peace.

### HUGH ROW, MBE, ARCO

Reg Brind writes I had the great pleasure and privilege of having Hugh Rowe as a friend and colleague during my 27 years as parish organist. We worked together on many occasions, and Hugh could always be relied upon to give help and valuable advice whenever needed.

When the choir of the parish met together to sing at out various festivals, Hugh would always do his utmost to see that his choir was present in full force, he himself helping at the organ.

The success of the United Choirs of Caversham, singing at Oxford, Windsor, St Paul's and Westminster Abbey, was largely due to his hard work, helpful criticism and advice, which was much appreciated.

He will be greatly missed.

A tribute from a member of St Andrew's Choir.

The death of Hugh Row on March 13 at the age of 76 came as a great shock to his many friends in Caversham. He will be remembered especially for his great skill as a musician. For twenty seven years until last autumn he had been choir master and organist at St Andrew's Church where he will be remembered with great affection by choir and congregation alike. It is sad that many of his compositions have been lost since he was particularly gifted in the art of extempore variations and Communion

hymn tune themes which expressed great depth of feeling. But other compositions remain including the Series 3 Holy Communion Service which is in general used in Caversham and is now being introduced at a number of churches elsewhere.

Hugh is also remembered for many other talents and activities in his younger days in the community. For many years he served as a member of the Parochial Church Council. He gave professional advice and practical help in laying out and maintaining the church grounds.

Hugh will be greatly missed and our loving sympathy is extended to his wife Muriel and daughter Margaret.

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# THURSDAY, MAY 6 IS POLLING DAY

We invited the candidates for the Caversham and Thames Wards in the forthcoming elections to submit a brief statement about themselves and their main interests which have led them to stand for election, and on these pages we print their statements in the hope that this may encourage readers to use their vote on May 6.

## CAVERSHAM WARD CANDIDATES



■ George Robinson —  
Conservative

**GEORGE ROBINSON** has represented Caversham Ward for a total of eleven years. He is married and lives in Caversham.

One of the three Conservative councillors who hold office in the present administration, he is vice-chairman of the Environment and Planning Committee, and his special interest is the preservation of the character of the town and the amenities of the outskirts, such as Caversham.

He is a manager of local schools and the local representative of the Community Health Association.

He contributes a monthly article for Caversham Bridge.



■ Fred Pugh —  
Conservative

**FRED PUGH** — Since moving to Caversham seven years ago I have taken an active part in local politics and, with my wife, in community affairs. My two daughters are at primary school and I am a manager of another Caversham school. As a railwayman I am interested in transport, which, with education, forms my particular local concern. I am offering myself for election as a positive contribution to community life, to serve others while influencing the affairs of the district.



■ Alan Tolan — Labour

**ALAN TOLAN** is 34, married with two small daughters, Natalie and Charlotte. He was born and grew up in Preston, Lancashire. A graduate of Nottingham University, he spent two years on research in the USA, and has lived in Reading for the last ten years, working first at the University and for the last five years as a food scientist with the Ministry of Agriculture. A life-long Labour supporter, Alan is well acquainted with local affairs. He believes deeply that ordinary people and their problems matter most in life and he takes a special interest in social services for the elderly, housing, roads and the environment.



■ Ron Jewitt —  
Conservative

**RON JEWITT**, 34, married, three children. Represented Caversham Ward since 1973. Grammar school and college educated. Worked for private and public industry as a chemist. Member of Housing, Transportation and Personnel Committees, manager of local schools and nurseries.

Main reason for standing in 1973 — financial mismanagement of the previous council. Living in London led me naturally to an interest in housing. Much of my correspondence is about traffic — hence my joining the Transportation Committee. A firm believer in public involvement in local affairs.



■ Michael Johnson —  
Labour

**MICHAEL JOHNSON** is 32 years old and has lived in Reading for six years, and in Caversham for the last eighteen months. He is married to a teacher, and has two daughters, one aged two and one born in March this year.

Until moving to Reading he lived in London where he attended University. Michael, who is a physicist, now works for the science research council at the Rutherford Laboratory.

A member of the Labour Party since 1968, he is particularly interested in the work of the Environment and Transportation Committees of the Reading Borough Council — both areas of great importance to Caversham over the next few years.



■ Tom Clifton — Labour

**TOM CLIFTON**, a life-long Socialist, lives in Caversham. He became a councillor for Norcot ward in the last years of the Reading County Borough Council. He served on the Education Committee (at once becoming chairman of the sub-committees on Further Education and Adult Education), and on the Internal Services Committee (which dealt, among other things, with staffing matters and consumer protection). From both committees he represented the council on various regional and national bodies. He also served, later, on the Housing Committee. He is a governor of Reading College of Technology and of the Berkshire College of Art and Design.

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■ Arthur Freeman —  
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**ARTHUR FREEMAN** has been a Caversham resident for 38 years. After serving with the RAF he joined an insurance company and has been associated with this industry for 25 years, and has been a manager of a Scottish Assurance Society for the past 12 years.

He is a committee member of the Reading Ratepayers' Association and is keenly interested in and dedicated to achieving more efficient local government on behalf of the ratepayers.

He is married with a son and daughter.

# DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE — USE IT

## THAMES WARD CANDIDATES



■ Jill Green — Liberal

**JILL GREEN** — I am 37, married with one daughter. We have lived in Caversham for the past five years.

I have been a Liberal ever since I became aware of politics. Why am I a Liberal? Because it seems clear to me that the Liberals are about people not about big impersonal organisations. So my particular interests are also about people, old people's welfare, education and the need to let people have more say in the way their community is run.



■ Pat Mander — Labour

**PAT MANDER** has been associated with Caversham since her marriage to Geoff in 1957. Since their return from Nigeria in 1964, Pat has taught at the Grove and then Highdown School and is now deputy head at a large comprehensive school in South Oxon. She is still active on Highdown Parents' Association, and a manager of Emmer Green and E. P. Collier Primary Schools.

As a teacher, she is naturally most concerned with all aspects of education and the welfare of children, which must include housing, personal and community services and the environment. She and Geoff have three very understanding children, all in Caversham schools.



■ Eric Davies — Conservative

**ERIC DAVIES**, 4 Sheepwalk, Caversham, where he has lived for twelve years, with his wife and family (three daughters and one son. Managing director of Davies Foodmarkets, Reading, experience in the field of trade and commerce, he has served on many committees and is past National President of the Grocers' Federation. He previously served on the Reading Borough Council as representative for Castle Ward for seven years and was vice-chairman of the Housing Committee.

Beaten by Labour in the last elections, he has since served on the Management Committee and Welfare Committee of the James Butcher Housing Association, which specialises in housing for the elderly.

He believes Conservatives, given a clear mandate to govern, are well equipped to make Reading viable and a place to be proud of.



■ Kathleen Sage — Conservative

**COUNCILLOR MRS K. L. SAGE**, Mayor elect for 1976/77, has represented Thames Ward since June 1961 (Reading BC) and the Berks County Council since 1973.

Has served on education, Housing, Transport, Health and many schools and Youth Club Committees.

Currently on Social Services and Property (County) and Leisure and Policy (RB Council) Committees.

Chairman of Caversham Primary school, governor of Kendrick and Highdown Schools.

Is associated with swimming over a wide area, and is particularly interested in the provision of first-class recreational facilities for all ages.



■ Robert Hammersley — Labour

**ROBERT HAMMERSLEY** is 21 years old and has spent all his life in Reading. He was educated at Emmer Green Primary school and Stoneham; and has worked as a laboratory technician at Reading University since leaving school in 1971. He spends his spare time on his electronics studies at the Technical College, art, photography, watching speedway and politics, not necessarily in that order. His greatest concern in local government is to see that everything possible is done to reduce the number of families on the council housing list.



■ Cyril Aucock — Conservative

**CYRIL AUCOCK** — I have lived in Thames Ward for 20 years and been your councillor since 1973.

I am a retired bank manager and give my public service. I have never claimed attendance payment. I serve on Finance, Policy and Housing Committees.

I am the deputy chairman of the Southern Electricity Consultative Council dealing with consumers' problems. I also serve on the Berkshire War Pensions Committee and am a governor of Highdown and Caversham Primary Schools.

I am vice-president of the Reading Football Club and 1975-76 President of Caversham Bowling Club.



■ D. M. Morton — Conservative

**D. M. MORTON** — It is my belief that politics should not cloud commonsense decisions on how the town's affairs should evolve. For instance some unanimity has been achieved on the future of Reading Waterways.

Whilst representing the interest of Thames Ward I am particularly interested in helping Reading as a whole to develop its full potential both commercially and culturally and to improve its leisure facilities.

To achieve these objectives the council's assets and finances require very close scrutiny and control.



■ Keith Sainsbury — Labour

**KEITH SAINSBURY** was born in Reading and has lived in the town for most of his life, the last 20 years being in Thames ward. He is a university teacher at Reading, and has several books on politics and politicians to his credit. He is chairman of the Sainsbury Singers, founded by his parents in 1938; and therefore really involved in the recreational cultural life of the town, and the provision of halls and spaces for practice and performance. He is also closely connected with Borocourt, having been both a member of the Borocourt School Managers and a chairman of the Parents' Association there.



■ Kath Gwinnell — Liberal

**KATH GWINNELL** — I have lived in Caversham with my husband and three children for five years and am on the nursing staff of the RBH. I have always been interested in leisure activities for young people and have been involved in several such community activities over the years. I think it is very important that Liberal views should be represented at all levels in the community, and this is why I have offered myself as a candidate in the forth coming election.



■ Gillian Lidbetter — Labour

**GILLIAN LIDBETTER** has lived in Caversham for the last nine years, during which time she has trained as a teacher at Bulmershe College and taken up a post at the Meadway School. Born and educated in Bournemouth, Gill has also worked in a bank, and been a ground hostess for Pan American Airways. Despite her full life as a teacher and mother of three, Gill finds time to be enthusiastic about drama and recreation, and is also very aware of the problems facing handicapped children and their families.

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THE RECTOR AND MRS GRIMWADE kept the 25th anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, March 27, when a special Eucharist was sung by the Rector. The intercessions were led by Canon T. R. Milford who had married them. David Grimwade served, the epistle was read by Mr Arthur Grimwade and the gospel by Anne Grimwade. A retiring collection for Christian Aid amounted to £85. After the service a family luncheon party which was held at the Rectory included a number of guests who had been present at the wedding on Easter Tuesday, March 27, 1951, in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

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## 2nd CAVERSHAM GUIDE COMPANY (ST ANDREW'S)

The 2nd Caversham Guide Company re-opened in October of last year with Susan Collins as the new captain and so the Thinking Day ceremony held earlier this year was a significant step forward in the company's life. The Thinking Day ceremony was celebrated in conjunction with the St Andrew's Brownie pack at St Andrew's Hall. Parents turned up in full force to give their support to the evening and after the ceremonies, which were preceded by family games, splendid refreshments were served.

Not only was the special Thinking Day ceremony held, led by Captain, but six new Guides were enrolled by District Commissioner Mrs J. Nicol. The very happy evening concluded with prayers led by the Priest in Charge of St Andrew's.

The Guides and Brownies now attend a monthly parade service at St Andrew's with their parents. It was good to see so many Guides and Brownies joining in with Sunday School children and parents on Mothering Sunday, when St Andrew's was full to the doors, despite extra chairs being provided some people had to stand for the service.

## ST ANDREW'S MOTHERS' UNION

Members have enjoyed very interesting meetings with their enrolling member, Mrs Dorothy St Alphonse, this year. Colour slides of former outings have been shown, including those to the Bird World at Bourton-on-the-Water, to the Saville Gardens and Wadderson Manor. They also have had a talk illustrated by colour slides given by a member, Mrs Harden, on 'Life in Kenya.' The slides were taken during her recent visit to that country to visit her daughter.

Mrs Fulford Dobson gave a talk on the work of 'Men-cap' (a Family Festival Charity), Mrs Silk brought her guide-dog and gave a

## CHURCH NEWS

most interesting talk in the training of these dogs, explaining what a wonderful friend one of them can be to a blind person and help them lead a happy and independent life.

Members have attended weekly Lenten Services led by the Rev Brian Gardiner and some members attended the Lady Day service at St John's Church led by the Rev John Carr. Refreshments were served following the service.

On May 5 there will be an afternoon Mothers Union Centenary Service and on May 26 the branch annual outing will be to Hughenden Manor (near High Wycombe) a former home of Disraeli. After tea Evening song will be said in Hughenden Church.

## ST PETER'S WIVES GROUP

The two March meetings of the St Peter's Wives Group were of gastronomic interest. The first, on March 4 was an evening of wine tasting. This was guided by Mr Steer of Messrs Butler and Sons who gave an interesting talk covering the growth of vines, wine making, blending and bottling. He also delineated the qualities of the various types of wine to be found on a typical wine list. Those present, both members and guests, were able to sample wines from Alsace, Spain, Hungary and French chateau bottled. To accompany these were cheeses from England, Denmark and Holland. It was a very enjoyable evening for all.

The Wives Group experienced another pleasant evening on March 16 when a larger group were present to watch a demonstration of Kake Brand products. This was expertly done by Mrs Miles who showed the members how to make after dinner mints and other confections as well as two items aimed at the coming season; Easter eggs and decorated Easter cake. All the things made were purchased by members and everyone had the chance to sample the product.

Something quite different is on the programme for May 18, when Mr Ripper will talk about the antiques which members bring along to the meeting. It is hoped that as many items of interest as possible will be brought.

## ST JOHN'S NEWS

Mothering Sunday — The newest church members attending Family Communion on Mothering Sunday were two babies baptised during the service.

The service was a truly family occasion, and during the address there was a two-way exchange of opinions. Children were asked to say how their parents cared for them, and then parents of different age groups were invited to say what they considered were the most important points in their relationships with their children. The main things were the importance of listening with patience to all that the children had to say, particularly to their problems — at whatever age — respecting their points of view and from a grandfather, the necessity for letting-go the apron strings at the right time.

During the final hymn children (and grown-ups) were invited to go up to the chancel step to receive daffodils to take home to their mothers.

## JACK MAULE

In March, after a very short illness, Jack Maule, our local shoe repairer, died. He was well-known, not only by his customers but by the members of the Caversham Club to which he belonged, and by the congregation of St Anne's. He will certainly be very much missed, and we offer our sympathy to his widow and family.

## LYNN VANN

Caversham ladies were shocked to hear of the death, early in April, of Lynn Vann, one of our local hairdressers. The daughter of Dr Vann of Fallowfield Close, Lynn was killed in a car crash on Caversham Park Village, only a few weeks after the death of her mother. Her friends and customers will certainly miss her; not only was she a very capable hairdresser, but she was always cheerful, friendly, and interested in all those she met. Dr Vann and his family have our very sincere sympathy.

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# YOUNG CAVERSHAM

By  
Peter Shock

## STAN ELDON'S COLUMN

A LOT of 'Young Caversham' readers will have probably heard of Ignace Paderewski. He was a famous Polish pianist who eventually became that country's first Prime Minister. When in September, 1939, the German forces invaded Poland, Paderewski was deposed of his high office and he vowed never again to touch the keyboard until his country regained its freedom. He died in 1941, and for him that day never dawned.

What many of us in Caversham are not aware of, is that we have a young budding 'Paderewski' in our midst. He is Kevin Potton, who lives at 135 Peppard Road. Now eleven years of age, he began to take interest in the piano at the age of eight. He used to sit quietly beside his eldest sister Anne, while she fingered her way through her set pieces. Thus inspired, Kevin resolved to persuade his mother to allow him to take lessons. Now, Mrs Potton knew all about little boys who want to start new ideas. With four other children in the family, she had to consider the cost, and the chances he might choose to give up after a few lessons. But Kevin was adamant, and Mrs Potton yielded to his plea of passion. His first tutor was Mrs Bailey who taught him for two years before her retirement from private tuition, and now he is the pupil of Mr Levitt. Kevin practices for an hour each day, and it was during one of these sessions when I had the pleasure of listening to his repertoire. His skilful handling of Bach's 'Solfeg-gietto' and Bethoven's 'Für Elise' was sheer enchantment to the ear and I am sure the composers would have nodded a quaver of approval to the young boy's achievement. In 1975 Kevin won the Under-12 Award in the



Kevin Potton

pianoforte section at the Tilehurst Eisteddfod, and he enjoys playing at concerts. More recently he figured in the 'Save the Children Fund' Concert at Highdown School, where he has been a pupil since last September. Kevin is also quite an expert on the recorder. His three sisters are also musical, Anne, aged 19, the pianist also; Geraldine, who is 16, sings in the choir at St Anne's where the family worship; and Kevin's twin sister Imelda plays the recorder and hopes to take up the clarinet. Maurice, the only brother is 14 years old, used to sing quite a lot, but now prefers to direct his talents towards humorous acting! Hughie Green, please note!

Before moving to Caversham the Pottons lived in Glasgow, and the children once gave a musical performance on the stage at the city's Gaumont Theatre.

Kevin's other hobbies are stamp collecting and train spotting, in fact he is an ardent railway enthusiast. First and foremost though, his main interest is in music, and his ambition is life is to become a professional concert pianist. A rewarding career, richly deserved!

IT WAS six of the best of Paul Nash, when he won

all but one of the seven games competitions in Lowfield Boys' Club's annual tournament.

He took first prize in chess, indoor golf, table tennis, billiards, scrabble and the quiz. He was beaten in draughts by Neil Elvish; even then he assured himself of the runner-up award. To offer some encouragement to the other members the club extended their prizewinning opportunities this year and included awards for additional achievements. Merit for senior boys' club member of the year was awarded to Brian Turton; the junior member, John Waltham; and the best all round attendance prize was won by Stephen Witely. Congratulations lads!



Peter Shock

## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

**Late sitting for PCC.** The first meeting of the newly elected Church Council starts with a corporate Communion and is usually a brief one. This year it turned out otherwise.

Mr John Madeley had been invited to address members about the General Synod's appeal 'Harvest for the Hungry'. In the discussion that followed his talk members felt that a further appeal could not be made so soon after the stewardship campaign. But what he said influenced members in the debate on other items. While the council endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee that each district should be allowed to hold one sale a year to set money aside for items of capital expenditure the council was not prepared to agree that money raised at St John's sale in May could be earmarked for the restoration of the organ. Some members felt that, particularly after hearing Mr Madeley, it was questionable whether the church should today be spending large sums of money on organs while others doubted if the parish would in fact be in a position to find the necessary money, though exactly how many thousands of pounds was involved was not clear.

Earlier in the meeting the Rector had read members a letter from the Bishop of Oxford asking church people in the diocese to consider two questions — 'What in your experience are the real issues with which our world is grappling?' and 'What kind of questions should be exercising the conscience of Christians today?' The council decided to devote a special meeting in May to the consideration of these questions and then in June it will consider a report from the Finance Committee setting out information about items of capital expenditure in excess of £500 which the different districts will want to consider undertaking in the next few years.

New members present certainly found that the Church Council is a body prepared to think seriously about the role and mission of the Church today.

**Parish Confirmation** — The annual confirmation service takes place in St Peter's on Tuesday, May 25 at 7.30pm. It is expected that over sixty candidates will be presented.

## FOOTBALL SEASON ROUND-UP

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The local junior teams have once again had a good season with Caversham Boys Under 17 years at the top of their league and the Under-15 year olds topping their league as this goes to print. The line-up for the Mercury Under-14 Cup Final is going to be a fight between Mapledurham and Caversham boys.

### SIGNED PROFESSIONAL

Former Highdown boy Steve Reed, who we mentioned two years ago when he signed amateur forms for Portsmouth, is now seventeen and has just signed as a professional with Watford Football

Club after a spell with Maidenhead United. This follows a very successful season which included playing for the South Western Counties Under-19 team. Steve is a very strong centre half and he should not have to wait too long for his first team appearance.

### SPECIAL NOTE

If you know of anyone in the Caversham area who you consider to be an interesting sporting personality, whatever his or her chosen sport, I should like to hear about it at Reading 473588. We can then tell other people about it through these columns and possibly through our local 210 Radio Station on a Monday night.



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**MAPLEWOOD WI**

Mrs K. Bubb was re-elected president for 1976-77 at the annual general meeting held in March. The secretary and the treasurer gave reports of a satisfactory year's activities. The members of the new committee were welcomed.

There was an impressive exhibition of paintings and handwork done by members during the winter.

It was agreed to send Easter Eggs to the children of St Benet's Home.

Prizes were given for the best knitted hats for lifeboatmen to Mrs J. Townsend, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs J. Le Mare.

**EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Mr Dick was the speaker at the March meeting. He had spent a long holiday in Rhodesia seeing as much as possible and taking a large number of colour slides including beautiful ones of the Victoria Falls. As well as the wilder parts with lots of wild animals, the towns were also shown with their beautiful flowering trees.

Mrs E. Weaver had a stall to sell goods from the Old People's Workshop.

The guild has a success-

ful jumble sale on Saturday, March 13, a proportion of the proceeds going to the Guild charity for 1976.

**MAPLEDURHAM WI**

At the AGM in March, the retiring president, Mrs D. Griffiths, and Secretary, Mrs E. Peacock, were thanked and each presented with a plant in appreciation of their work. Mrs Griffiths had been president for two years and had only taken office, under pressure, to save the institute from folding up.

The new president is Mrs M. Hayward, secretary Mrs D. Deacon and the treasurer is Mrs P. Butler.

Mrs Butler won the cup for the highest number of points in the monthly flower competitions, Mrs E. Stacey was runner-up.

The treasurer reported that the institute was in a sound financial position and a donation had been sent to the County Appeal Fund.

**THE JUBILEE CLUB, MAPLEDURHAM**

Members have had some happy times this winter, making new friends and meeting old ones once again. Some months ago the children from Goring Heath Primary School sang carols at the Christmas party. They had not been before, but it is hoped to see them again in the future. A very successful jumble sale enabled the club to have its annual winter outing to the Oxford

pantomime which was voted the best ever.

The March meeting was shared with some members of the Senior Citizen's Club at Checkendon, and some good laughs together were enjoyed whilst members were entertained by their old conjuror friend Mr Barlow. The new field officer for Age Concern (Oxfordshire) joined members for tea at the Easter meeting when entertainment was provided by Mr and Mrs Palmer with old time songs.

**St Peter's The Lady Chapel and the Church Glass**

by Canon Basil Clarke

IN 1919 IT was agreed to build a chapel of All Saints as a war memorial, but the idea was given up as it was thought to be too expensive. However, at the end of 1923 the project was taken up again: the scheme would be carried out in connection with the extension of the chancel, for which provisional plans had been made some time before. J. N. Comper was asked to complete the plans and a faculty was applied for. The south and east walls of the chancel would be rebuilt as the chapel, with the window taken from the east wall of the aisle inserted in the south wall. The east end of the chancel would be extended to make a new sanctuary. The contractors were Wheeler Bros. Work began in July 1924, and various gifts were promised. There were delays caused by a strike and by the dilatoriness of the architect; but by November the work was said to be progressing, and it was dedicated on February 24, 1925.

The old aumbry was moved to the east wall of the chapel, and here was placed the 17th century altar table, royal arms and chandelier. The panelling and other fittings were designed to match.

This re-building of the chancel as a side chapel was a most unusual operation; indeed it would be hard to think of another example. It was a success, and the interior has a far more complete and furnished look than the new sanctuary, which has little in the way of Comper fittings.

**THE GLASS**

The glass in the east window of the chancel and in one small side window was re-instated in the chapel; the east window may be considered the best in the church. The artist was obviously William Warrington, a pioneer in the revival of glass painting in the 19th century. The general effect of Warrington's windows can be very good indeed; this glass has far more vigour about it than most of the later glass in the church, and the colouring is rich and effective.

The glass in the south aisle and under the tower is by Clayton and Bell. The east window of the Vanderstegen Chapel was inserted in 1897. This was the work of James Powell, a firm which had a very long history. The figures in the north aisle are by Comper. He came to disperse with backgrounds and pinnacled canopies, and to set his figures in clear glass.

It is interesting to compare the Victorian glass in the south chapel with Comper's in the north aisle; it is the difference between thick and clear, if glass may be compared with soup. Some prefer one, some the other.

The east window of the chancel is by Percy C. Haydon Bacon, who lived in Caversham, and died at the end of 1934, aged 72. He continued the late Victorian-Edwardian tradition without any personal contribution.

Every old church is a palimpsest, which is a pedantic kind of word, but what other is there if you want to suggest a manuscript which has been partly rubbed out, and had other things written on top? In St Peter's the original handwriting, as it were, the 12th century church, has been almost completely obliterated; what has been written on the top is of different dates and of varying importance. But it all eventually becomes assimilated as one whole; however many people have contributed to it, it still remains the same church.

**READING CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Mrs B. Justham, the speaker on March 18, gave an enchanting talk on her struggles to become an 'operatic singer.' As she didn't have a musical background, or the opportunity of hearing good music, the chance of reaching this goal seemed remote.

However, through sheer determination, and overcoming, what appeared to be unsurmountable obstacles, especially as it was wartime, she eventually became a success. This success, after some years of voice training in Italy, led to her ultimate glory of singing at Covent Garden.

The drama group took part in the "Federation Festival of Drama," on March 27, at Emmbrook School. They performed a play by Anthony Booth called, "The Showdown." The social studies group had an enlightening talk, and mouthwatering samples to taste, on "Vegetarian Dishes" by Mrs Brown, on March 29.

**CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

The chairman Mrs C. Mitchell presided at the monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18. She had much pleasure in welcoming another member to the guild. Mrs Pearman, a member of the guild and her husband were wished a happy retirement, after his forty years with the railway. Mrs Kirby, another member, was congratulated on her husband's promotion in his profession. Mrs Featherstone was praised for her arrangement of spring flowers for

the meeting, after which it was sent to a guild member with a message to get well soon.

After the official business, the guild enjoyed an entertaining afternoon, when Mrs P. Tiffen, Mrs L. Lovejoy, Mrs B. Stratford, Mrs A. Smith, and last but not least Mrs E. Fitzeustace volunteered to make up the team for "Petticoat Line." Different questions arose and their answers were very much to the point, witty and humorous, and caused much laughter and applause.

Over a welcome cup of tea, many reminisced over the enjoyable time the guild had at the Windsor Theatre to see "Murder with Love."

**BLAGRAVE WI**

At the annual general meeting the retiring president, Mrs Wilkie, gave a resume of the past year which had been a very happy and successful one. Eleven new members had been welcomed, and the financial position of the institute was better now than it had been a year ago in spite of increased costs. All the meetings and activities had been well supported, and Mrs Wilkie wished the new president, Miss M. Chapman, as happy a term office as she had had. On behalf of the institute, Mrs P. Price presented Mrs Wilkie with an azalea to thank her for all the hard work she had done for Blagrove WI over the past three years.

For the social half hour members had been asked to bring a "treasured possession" and to say a few words about its history, and Dr James Wilkie very kindly agreed to come and act as "compere" for this part of the afternoon. The "treasures" were many and varied and tremendous interest was shown in every item, some of which were beautiful family heirlooms and others which had a very great personal attachment for their owners. Arrangements were made for members to attend the spring council meeting and the afternoon ended with a special tea to celebrate yet another very successful year.

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WHAT IS THE connection between Brook Benton, the coloured singer of popular songs and Charles Sage, chairman of Reading Council's Environment Committee? Nothing very obvious perhaps, but I met both of them waiting to go on the air at Thames Valley Broadcasting studios when I visited Reading's local radio headquarters.

In our last issue Michael Kitchener wrote of the low-key approach adopted by Thames Valley Broadcasting prior to opening day. Playing it "softly softly" seems to have paid off, for as Neil Ffrench Blake, the programme director, told me within three weeks of going on the air that there has been nearly 11,000 letters from the public which seems to show that Reading's notorious apathy doesn't extend to local radio, at any rate.

Although it may be the town's most up-to-date commercial venture, TVB has links with the past as it is housed at "The Filberts," a traditional red brick Victo-

rian manor house, reached by a narrow lane leading off the Bath Road, but once inside the new block built to accommodate the studios all rural associations cease. Sitting in the production director's office one looks down on a scheme of hectic activity amid the gleaming gadgets which are the complicated tools of broadcasting.

Teleprinters churn out their tapes bringing messages from far and wide, the news editor and his aide select the appropriate items and pass them on to assistants for processing and transmission whilst other staff are busy collating, researching and controlling material on it's way to the broadcasting studios and then into the houses, factories and car radios of the Thames Valley area.

Mr Ffrench Blake was understandably proud of TVB's unique place in the world of local radio. "It's nothing like any other station" he explained as he took me on a conducted

tour of the building. "We send out a constant flow of information, both local and national, music, interviews with well-known personalities, competitions, quiz contests and a weekly feature called 'Access' where local people can

the smooth expertise with which broadcaster Mike Matthews managed to select records, work the turntables, interpolate the advertisements and chat to the guest and put him at ease, almost in one smooth operation. This particular

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create their own programme."

The king-pin of the organisation as far as the listeners are concerned is the broadcaster. There are eight of these and between them they send out around six programmes a day from 6am to midnight. Incidentally, don't let anyone at TVB hear you calling them disc jockeys, definitely an "out" word at the Filberts.

I watched whilst Brook Benton was interviewed for one of the morning features and was amazed at

guest being a professional himself, probably didn't have any qualms about broadcasting, but Charles Sage who was brought on next to discuss the recent outbreak of vandalism in the town's loots told me that thanks to Mike Matthews he found the task of talking to the listening thousands an enjoyable experience.

I had a chat with Doreen Wyn who is the co-ordinator of local news items as well as a broadcaster on classical music and the theatre. She has been a librarian at Eton College

and came into radio via wartime broadcasts from the SEAC Station at Colombo and her experience and knowledge of the media is typical of the enthusiastic attitude of the people at Thames Valley Broadcasting.

So much for the factory floor of local radio, but what of the finished product that comes to us on medium wave 210. The answer lies in the individual taste of the listener and although personally I find a constant stream of pop music horribly dull — I've

rarely heard an orchestral standard played, but maybe I have been unlucky in my listening times — and resent continual exhortations to buy Bloggs' biscuits or listen to Mrs Potworthy's views on a suitable name for a baby lamb, then it means that although commercial radio is not for me, it certainly is an enormous attraction for very many listeners who are lucky to have Thames Valley Broadcasting to present it to them in such a thoroughly professional manner.

## LENDING A HAND

THE BROWNIE motto is "Lend a Hand" and both they and the Girl Guides make a promise to help other people. The Guides and Brownies of the Caversham East District have certainly taken this seriously and the District Commission was proud to report recently on some of their achievements during the past year.

Between £1,100 and £1,200 was raised at a sponsored swim organised by the Round Table to raise money for the Battle Hospital Hydrotherapy Pool Fund.

1st Caversham Park Guides and Brownies each held a stall at the village Christmas Fair and have also collected foil and silver paper for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

2nd Caversham Park Brownies made Christmas crackers for the old people, made decorations for the school hall and collected for the Blue Peter Clothes Horse Race.

3rd Caversham (St John's) Brownie Pack's annual World Children's Day collection raised £11 and they continued to send used stamps to the Roundabout Club of the Save the Children Fund.

2nd Emmer Green Guides helped St Barnabas Church with the Harvest Tea and with various other jobs for the Church.

2nd Emmer Green Brownies made and planted an Easter garden for St Barnabas Church.

1st Emmer Green Brownies provided a beautiful Crib for St Barnabas Church at Christmas.

1st Emmer Green Guides gave a party for the elderly; as also did the 3rd Caversham (St John's) Guides and 2nd Emmer Green Brownies; 1st Emmer Green, 2nd Emmer Green and 1st Caversham Park Guides participated in a Christmas Fair to raise money for St Lucy's Mission Hospital in the Transkei.

All this was in addition to the full programme of training and recreational activities undertaken with the girls working hard to achieve the various proficiency and interest badges, with some of the Guides achieving the highest recognition the Queen's Guide Award.

None of the formal activities or being of help to others can happen without the enthusiasm of Guide and Brownie leaders and the girls themselves. But enthusiasm is not enough and none of these things would happen if the Guides and Brownies did not exist.

### THREE HUNDRED GIRLS

There are six Brownie Packs and five Guide Companies in the district with a membership of over 300 girls. Unfortunately not all girls who wish to be members of the world's largest youth movement can be catered for and there are currently 127 on the Brownies' waiting list and 25 waiting to become Guides. The 2nd Caversham Park Brownie Pack, which came into being last September, could only reduce the numbers waiting by a small amount.

To run the activities on this scale costs money and we all know what inflation is doing to us, including the Guides and Brownies. Now please do not switch off at this point — read on.

A sample Guide Company will cost about £125 a year, of which nearly half is accounted for by the rent they have to pay for their meeting hall. This amount may not sound very much but the weekly subscriptions paid by the girls bring in only £65, and remember the many hours the leaders devote to the movement are given entirely free. These costs also represent only the essential running costs and do not take in to account extra activities or any additional training and camping equipment they need.

So the movement has to run some activities in order to raise funds to support itself. In this it is helped by the local association which is a body called into being by the Commissioner to help her in her relationships with local government and with parents, and to take some of the financial burden from the shoulders of the Guiders by organising fund raising events. Members, who are parents of Guides and Brownies and others interested in the movement, also help if required with individual unit activities.

This year, the Companies and Packs in the District, helped by the local associa-

tion, are running a fete in order to augment funds. This is to be held on Saturday, May 8 at Emmer Green School, starting at 2.30pm. The star attraction will undoubtedly be the Battle School Steel Band which was featured recently in the Nationwide television presentation on Reading. In addition to stalls and sideshows the Guides and Brownies will be providing entertainment and giving displays throughout the afternoon. So why not come along and enjoy yourself while, at the same time, helping a good cause?

The Guides and Brownies Lend a Hand and help other people whenever they can. Sometimes they need help themselves. How about it?

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Superintendent: Mr J. Tomlin, 32 Kidmore Road. Tel. 473809.

St Barnabas' — Church Hall, 9.15am

### CAVERSHAM PARK

The School, 11am.  
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Caversham Heights — In Church, 11am  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

### 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)  
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday)  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

#### St John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
6.30 a.m. Evensong (1st 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

#### 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

### CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

11.00 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

### CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (The School)

11 a.m. Morning Worship (2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday)  
FAMILY COMMUNION  
(1st and 3rd Sundays)  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)

### METHODIST CHURCHES

#### Caversham

11.00 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

#### Caversham Heights

11.00 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (in Church Hall)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### St Anne's

8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 7.00 p.m. Mass

#### Our Lady of Caversham

8.30 and 10.30 a.m. Mass

#### St Martin's School

9.30am Mass

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March 7: Sarah Hubbard

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St Margaret's  
March 20: David Sharples and Christine Allen

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March 18: Peter Goodman

March 22: Hugh Rowe

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