

FACE LIFT FOR ST. JOHN'S

FORTY-FIVE GALLONS OF PAINT — THAT IS WHAT IT HAS TAKEN TO REDECORATE ST JOHN'S CHURCH INTERIOR. Nearly all of it was applied by a team of 36 volunteers. The entire nave, chancel and south porch walls and windows have been completed.

When the church was built in 1889, the plasterwork was left unpainted. From time to time parts of the church have been decorated. The chancel was painted white. Mr Williams, a verger of St John's, worked his way round the outside walls and windows of the nave with pale cream paint, going as high as he could. The west wall had subsequently to be painted magnolia.

Time was not kind to the efforts of past generations, and only the west wall remained presentable. To make matters worse, damp attacked large sections of the plaster and in places curtains had to be put up to hide the crumbling surfaces.

Plans and preparations were begun last autumn. Church members stripped off the rotten plaster and applied a waterproofing coat. New rendering was applied professionally.

Advice was received from several quarters: from Mr Judd, our Diocesan Surveyor, from Messrs Manders the paint manufacturers, and from Mr Day, who was brought in later on as Parish Adviser. A small group worked out the details. This was the first comprehensive decoration of St John's and the approval of the Archdeacon had to be obtained by the PCC. Legal channels had to be gone through before the Certificate arrived. Proper insurance cover was arranged.

PREPARATORY WORK

Meantime St John's members had much cleaning and other preparation to do. They washed the plaster, they scrubbed the stone, they removed old gaspipes,

they filled in ancient holes.

Approval for painting came through at the end of March. On the 29th, bands of church members started work with enthusiasm. They did not tackle the very highest bits (the chancel arch and west hall) and for these professional Jim Waterman was called in. But up to 20 feet they did go. This was made possible by St Andrew's, who loaned their scaffolding tower for the whole period and helped on by the Cork Factory who loaned theirs for a weekend.

330 HOURS

All undertakings of this size depend on a few individuals at the centre. From start to finish, the project has been watched over by Cyril Badger, assisted by Ken Deane. Everytime people were working on the church, one of them was there. It was necessary for everyone — District War-

den and Priest - in - charge, too — to be subject to their instructions.

Most of the preparatory work was carried out by Cyril Badger and Charles ("Blossom") Butler. Between them, too, they put in half of the 330 man-hours it took during the month of April. They have done much work on doors and other woodwork.

Everyone is delighted with the result. The plasterwork is all magnolia, and the windows are returned to a light stone colour. The whole church looks fresher and lighter. There is another result, too — the result that comes from many people working together on a common purpose. Fellowship is deepened, enthusiasm is generated, and a new confidence is born in St John's (and elsewhere) in people's ability to do some of those things which in the past have been left to the professionals.



Work in progress at St John's

— J. SUMNER

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The Editor's Column

FAMILY OCCASIONS

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRAVEL IN THE PAST 20 OR SO YEARS HAS LED TO FAMILIES BECOMING MORE AND MORE SCATTERED. Few families are without some member who is not living abroad either temporarily or permanently. So the big occasions of family life have an added importance in providing opportunities for families to gather together. These occasions are for the most part religious ones, though this fact is often not realised as it should be. I am sometimes left with the feeling when seeing a couple about their wedding that their thinking is centred upon the reception and that they have then, a little later in the day, realised that this has to be preceded by an actual wedding.

WHERE?

Where should a wedding take place? Let's be honest and admit that for some people a civil wedding is more appropriate. A church wedding starts from the assumption that both bride and groom not merely want God's blessing on their union but are going to try to uphold Christian principles. To make vows to live together "according to God's holy law" implies some knowledge of God's ways and a sincere desire to try to follow them: such vows cannot be lightly made. But if the wedding is to be a church one it will take place in the bride's church. An Anglican bride marrying a Roman Catholic will of course be married in an Anglican Church just as a Methodist bride marrying an Anglican will be married in her church: in each case the bridegroom's priest could of course be invited to take some part in the service. Occasionally there may be circumstances that call for a variation of this rule: if, for example, the bride's parents live abroad it may be more convenient to have the wedding service in the bridegroom's church, but such cases are the exception and it is important to emphasise that the service should be in the bride's home church and the first person to be consulted should be her priest — and not the caterer.

In the Church of England when both bride and groom are communicants the correct practice is for the full, and not the shorter service to be held. The full service includes the celebration of Holy Communion. What better meal can two people share in as husband and wife than the sacrament of Holy Communion? Sometimes only the newly married couple receive the Sacrament but when other members of the two families share in the Sacrament they are in this sense visibly able to express the bond created between them by the union of the bride and groom. In recent years in Caversham it has become the common practice again to celebrate the Eucharist as part of the wedding service.

BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Other occasions when families gather together are baptisms and funerals. Baptisms are of concern to the whole Church: by its nature Baptism cannot be a private affair for it includes reception into the Church. So Baptisms are held on Sundays in the context of public worship and on such Sundays when it is convenient, not only for the family concerned, but for the local church. It is therefore important to consult the clergy before assuming a baptism can take place on a particular date. Again when there is a death in a family, if one of the clergy has not already been visiting during the illness, he should be contacted before the funeral director. Funerals, unlike baptisms and weddings, have to be arranged at very short notice and unlike funeral directors the clergy have other engagements.

OTHER OCCASIONS

There are other occasions which concern the family but which have special significance for Christians. When we move into a new home a service of blessing, often combined with a celebration of Holy Communion, is a common practice: this can be just for the immediate family or form part of a house warming. I am always delighted to be asked to bless a home in this way.

Families' anniversaries, too, can be related to the life of the church: on Sundays near a birthday or a wedding anniversary we can perhaps undertake to arrange the church flowers or in the Church of England husband, wife and children will be seen on such occasions bringing the bread for the Parish Communion and presenting it at the offertory procession. Then, too, the palms we receive on Palm Sunday can be kept in some place in the home where they remind visitors, as well as the family, of the Cross and Resurrection which are central to our lives as Christians, and the crib at Christmas can be a reminder that the Child of Bethlehem is always welcome as a guest in our home. Many of us owe a great deal to the influence of Christian parents and homes: let us do all we can to see that this gift is handed on to succeeding generations.

John Grindall

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POST BAG

Dear Sir,

I am all for Katy's main point in "In Due Course" (Caversham Bridge, April 76) and I, too, am still annoyed about the over-reached shop at Emmer Green — because good neighbourliness was trampled upon for commercial reasons and the village was left to take the blame. But did she have to put in the sour touch about Caversham Park Village? — "If ever there was a misuse of a word, it is the name 'village'."

No use her asking the developers to explain the word. They started it as a nice touch in the initial brochure then quickly dropped it so as to avoid that sort of question. We, the villagers, refused to drop it. We didn't call ourselves a "Residents' Association" because we didn't want to be "Residents". We considered "Community Association" but "community" gave the impression of an enforced togetherness. We wanted to be a village so we called ourselves the Village Association to establish our intention of becoming one, in spite of the fact that, when the developers "envisaged" amenities, they only meant that they would not cover the ground so thickly with houses as to leave no room for any.

I believe we succeeded. We made ourselves a village, where people know each other at the shops and a commuter on the train greets, as a neighbour,

someone living a mile away — where the "Village Voice" has been published every month for ten years — where a field is known as the Showfield because the Village Show is held there every year. We convinced some hard-headed businessmen that we were succeeding: the developers put "Village" back in the brochure when they found it was true.

Does Katy want to find "the community centres, churches, pubs, schools, etc., mentioned in the glossy brochure"? She must read the "Bridge". It should soon be covering the work on the centre. I don't remember pubs in the brochure but she'll get a drink at the centre if she decides to support it. There are a couple of schools to be going on with, handy for the services; the church is mentioned in the April "Bridge" on the back page, on page nine, and in the report of elections to the PCC where we have been recognised as an entity since March 24, 1966.

When we adopted the word, we had nothing to show but the way we felt. We meant it to be auto-suggestive. The auto-suggestion has worked and is working. As long as it works, it will not be a misuse of the word. And as long as the villagers feel that they are villagers, they will have a village.

Yours truly,

Guy Hansford

Doune Crescent
Newton Mearns,
Glasgow

PRIEST HILL

At the annual meeting of the Reading Council of Churches which was held on May 4, grave concern was expressed at the steep rise in costs of the alterations that have to be done to 20 Priest Hill before this house can be used as a home for single parent families. The requirements of the fire authorities are such that it will now be necessary to re-apply to the Department of the Environment for an increased mortgage. It is already nearly two years since the idea of the Reading Council of Churches Housing Association purchasing this house was first considered: Money from Caversham's Family Festival of 1974 was made available and many further fund raising events have been held for this purpose. It is understood that the Executive Committee of the Council of Churches is looking into the matter as a matter of urgency and we will hope to be able to report in next month's Caversham Bridge that the present difficulties are on their way to being overcome.

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— WALTON ADAMS

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THE CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST FAMILY COMMITTEE, considering the often lonely habits of the older folk in our area, conceived the idea of a weekly Club where they could meet together, to chat and stay a while. Monday, a day when the premises are not taken over by the younger age-group and so uncluttered with climbing frames and pots of poster paint, was allocated, and the time of 11am until 3pm, was agreed upon.

Six sturdy tables were purchased and a supply of shiny new cutlery, china and glass ware was made available by the Social Services Department.

The opening day was a chilly one, but the Club room was warm and soon there was a genial atmosphere as the waitresses flitted about taking orders for coffee or soup and savoury flan, and the guests exchanged greeting with friends and neighbours.

One of the members proved to be an experienced pianist — an unexpected bonus! Spring was "rustled in" to the "sound of music" and a well-known contralto was soon adding the vocal party.

If you are over sixty

and feel the need for enjoying a bit of company, or if you fancy a snack which you don't have to make for yourself — of if you get the Monday morning "blues" why not look in some Monday?

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

Many Mapledurham residents attended a meeting in Trench Green Hall when representatives of Kelso Film Production Ltd explained about the filming of "The Eagle has landed" which will take place partly in the churchyard and church car park as well as near Mapledurham Mill. The interior of the church will not however be

used by the film company. The film tells of a fictional attempt to kidnap Sir Winston Churchill in 1943 and starring in it will be Donald Sutherland, Robert Duvall and Michael Caine. Work on erecting the film sets started early in April, filming will begin on June 1 and all the work is due to be completed in the middle of July.

MAYORAL SERVICE

For the first time for many years the Mayoral Service will be held in Caversham. It will take place in St Peter's on Whitsunday evening at 6.30pm. A special order of service has been written for the occasion. The Baptist and Methodist Churches of Caversham, together with the other churches in the parish, will not be holding their usual evening services on that day, and their congregations are

asked to attend the service at St Peter's at which their choirs will be singing, and the parish orchestra will be playing. The preacher will be the Rev Stephen Haine who is chaplain at the Civic Offices.

This year's Mayor, Coun Kathleen Sage, though not a Caversham resident, has represented Thames Ward for many years and has invited the Rector to be her chaplain.

Salvation Army Fete

On Saturday, June 12 the Salvation Army are holding a fete in Caversham Court in an attempt to raise £500 to buy cythotherapy equipment for the Evangeline Booth Hospital at Nidubrolu, South India.

The hospital administrator, Captain George Scott, was a bandsman at Reading Central before becoming a Salvation Army Officer and his wife, Hazel, specialises in gynaecology and child health there. The fete will be opened at 2.30pm, if her professional engagements permit, by Annette Crosbie, TV actress of the year, assisted by her actor husband Michael Griffiths, another former Reading Salvation Army bandsman.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Mr S. Gold, the Honorary Secretary of Reading Branch of the National Trust, gave a talk entitled "Old Houses of Reading", illustrated by slides at the April meeting. Mr Gold started by showing various styles of windows, doors and roofs, and then fine examples of these in and around Reading, the earliest being a shop in St Mary's Butts dating back to 1500.

Many houses in the Emmer Green area were shown as examples of different periods of architecture, and members enjoyed trying to guess their whereabouts. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs O. Pearson. The Social Studies section had heard a talk given by a representative from the Job Centre on local employment prospects, and the Arts and Crafts Section had visited Burchetts Green for a cookery demonstration. Members of the Drama Group had appeared in a play at the Federation Drama Festival at Wokingham.

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■ A party of 50 took part in a pilgrimage on Good Friday which started from Guildford Cathedral and continued along the Pilgrim's Way. The Rev Stephen Bartlett carrying the Cross.



— L. L. BURN

■ Another conference was held at Dorney, near Slough, during Holy Week. Our photograph shows some of those present interviewing people at Eton about the meaning of Easter.



— L. L. BURN

■ On Passion Sunday performances of Moses and the Fantastic Fiery Bush were given at St Barnabas' in the morning and in St Peter's in the evening — this picture was taken during the morning performance.



Mapledurham Parish Council

A meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, April 22, 1976. Mr B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

Following further representations the Parish Council have made regarding the proposed use of the Reading - Woodcote road as a major lorry route, and also having regard to the comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting in March, the County Council have reaffirmed that they will make known the parish's objections to the Oxfordshire County Environmental Committee.

Little further progress appears to have been made in the Parish Council's attempt for main drainage to be installed in the Chazey Road / Upper Warren Avenue area of the parish, in fact a letter from the South Oxon District Council indicated that the proposals for the local scheme does not appear in the latest five - year capital programme.

The Parish Council are requesting the District Council and the Thames Water Authority to reconsider their priority programme, especially having regard to the proposed programme for main drainage in this area when it was control-

led by the former Henley RDC.

The Boundary Commissions recommendations to the Department of the Environment that the built-up area of the parish should now go into Berkshire / Reading was received with disappointment, particularly in view of the local feeling that there should be no change in the boundary. One of the Parish Council's main concerns in view of the proposed change, relates to the future of the playing fields in Upper Woodcote Road. Knowing that there is a strong feeling that the fields should have some local control, the Council are to make representations to the Department of the Environment in an endeavour for this to be achieved.

It is also being suggested to the Department that to maintain the continuation of the local community activities that a Community Council should be developed in the area to be transferred into Berkshire / Reading.

Arising from a question raised at the Annual Parish Meeting about discount for prompt payment of rates, the Parish Council were informed that the District Council have agreed not to introduce such a system, the Treasurer of the District Council having indicated that the doing so could

result in a slightly increased rate.

The Council were informed of the vandalism that has recently occurred on the playing fields and around the new pavilion. Several windows in the new pavilion have been broken as well as the removal of drainpipes from the building. Efforts are being made in an endeavour to combat this nuisance.

Maplewood WI

Mrs K. Bubb presided over a relatively small meeting, and welcomed the speaker, Mrs M. Crowther, who gave a lively and interesting talk called "Among My Souvenirs". These had been collected around the world, many from Commonwealth countries which she had visited as an actress with a touring Shakespearean company. Mrs P. West gave the vote of thanks.

Mrs Haigh gave a good report of the Spring Council Meeting which was held in Slough, at which the speaker was Mr Phil Drabble, of television fame.

At a recent Hunger Lunch, for Christian Aid, staffed by three members of the institute, £3.60 was made.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS IN ST PETER'S CHOIR

That is the fine record that Harold Burton of Matlock Road has to his credit.

Born in Reading in 1901, he moved to Caversham with his parents in 1908 and has remained there ever since. Soon after he arrived in Caversham he became a treble member of St Peter's choir for seven years until his voice broke. Then in 1922 he returned as a bass singer and still continues to sing in that capacity. Add the seven years to the 54 and you get a very fine length of service to the church and one that is hard to beat.

It probably is not the same now, and I may be putting ideas into young people's heads, but the initiation ceremony among choir boys at St Peter's before World War I was to roll newcomers down the steep bank on the north side of the church. In those days all choirboys wore a mortar board with a blue tassel, except for the four most senior boys who sported a yellow tassel. There was no weekly payment for singing in the church, but at Christmas and Easter the Reverend C. W. E. Cleaver gave each

young chorister what he called a silver lozenge — a silver sixpence. Harold Burton's first choirmaster, Mr Garrett, was a stickler for discipline and at both weekly practices he made all the members of the choir wear their cassocks. Other organists and choirmasters Harold served under were Messrs Brown, Deacon, Masser, Curtis (during part of World War II), Brind and latterly John Dussek.

the choir, Harold Burton has for many years been a member of the Parochial Church Council, and for the last eight years has been District Treasurer.

Singing, as one gathers, is one of Harold's enjoyments and so he also finds time to belong to the Reading Festival Chorus of which he has been a member since its foundation in 1945.

Gardening is also another of his hobbies, and he has been an allotment holder in Caversham Court for many years. So life in the 70s is very full indeed for Harold. He is one of the wise, who has filled up his retirement with interests.

To end, it seems fitting to take this opportunity on behalf of the congregation of St Peter's to thank Harold Burton for all the years of devoted service he has given to the choir in that church. — M.K.

CURATES GALORE

Curates have been so numerous that Mr Burton cannot remember all their names. When Mr Cleaver gave up the incumbency of St Peter's he was followed by the Rev R. S. Stoney, then Doctor Longford, whose photographs was in a recent edition of this paper. Next came the Reverend W. R. Wood, and in 1943 Canon Nash arrived.

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**FREE TO KILL? OR
FREE TO STAY ALIVE?****A PERSONAL VIEW**

So our personal liberties are to be eroded a little further, we are told. The Blennerhasset Committee have suggested that there should be more random breath tests on motorists to deter the drinking driver. It has been suggested that the police might wait in public house car parks to test motorists about to drive home.

The reaction from the drinking / driving public is fairly predictable. "It's a denial of our liberties," we are told. Many have assured me that they know how much drink they can take: indeed, I have only once met anyone who admitted that he drank too much, and he was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, fighting to leave the bottle alone hour by hour. Yet the problem of drinking and driving is clearly shown by the increase in accidents between the hours of about 9.30pm and midnight. There are comparatively few people about at that time, yet the number of

accidents increases.

A glance at the car park of the average public house reveals that a good many of its patrons have arrived by car, and it's a fair bet that not all of them are drinking fruit juices. Yet we are told that it wouldn't be fair if the police actually noticed cars in public house car parks, and tested some of the would-be drivers. On that sort of argument, it's not fair that shops should fit burglar alarms, for it increases the risk of the burglar being caught, nor would it be right for the police to set up a radar speed trap on any but the roads where there was little risk of anyone exceeding the speed limit. The object is to deter the drinking driver, and indeed, by the standards of many of the Scandinavian countries, we are very half-hearted about it.

I am still wondering why the AA (Automobile Association, not Al Anon!) have seen fit to

protest about the Blennerhasset recommendations. I am a motorist and a member of the AA, and it seems to me that my personal liberties are far more likely to be threatened by the driver who has had a few drinks too many and thinks how well he is driving, than by the possibility that a policeman might ask me to blow into a breathalyser.

Of course, it is a restriction on our freedom, that we cannot drink as much as we like, and then proceed to pilot nearly a ton of metal homewards.

There was undoubtedly much greater freedom when a man could go out and get drunk and let the horse bring him home. But changed circumstances call for different attitudes.

In this case, I believe the acceptance of these restrictions is one way in which we must "love our neighbour", by recognising one man's freedom, in this situation, may be another man's disability or death.

**Zoilus will
re-appear
next month**

**COPY TO EDITOR
BY JUNE 2nd
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Until the middle of the 1930s there was, just along the Henley Road past the turning into Grosvenor Road and on the same side, a drive leading up to a fine old house called the Elms. It was a Dutch-style residence, probably built in the time of William and Mary, early in the 1700s as several of its windows were blocked up because of the window tax.

It took its name from a single row of elms bordering one side of the straight drive which led, between fields, up to the house. Up until just after the First World War it was lived in by an elderly lady called Miss Lovegrove. She did not use the fields which surrounded her house and garden, and leased one field in the front and an orchard at the side of her property to a Mr May, who was at that time farming at Dean's Farm on the Crawshay Estate. He often helped the old lady in various ways and knew her well,

being a tenant of some of her land.

When Caversham Park was sold up in the very early 1920s Mr May was unable to buy Dean's Farm, which he only rented from the Crawshays. However Miss Lovegrove had arranged that on her death Mr May should have first offer to buy the Elms. It so happened that she died just around the time he was due to leave Dean's Farm because of the sale of the Crawshay Estate, and he promptly took up the offer to buy the Elms. He lived there with his family until 1935 when they moved to Highmoor Road, Caversham, and the Elms became Mayfield Drive Estate.



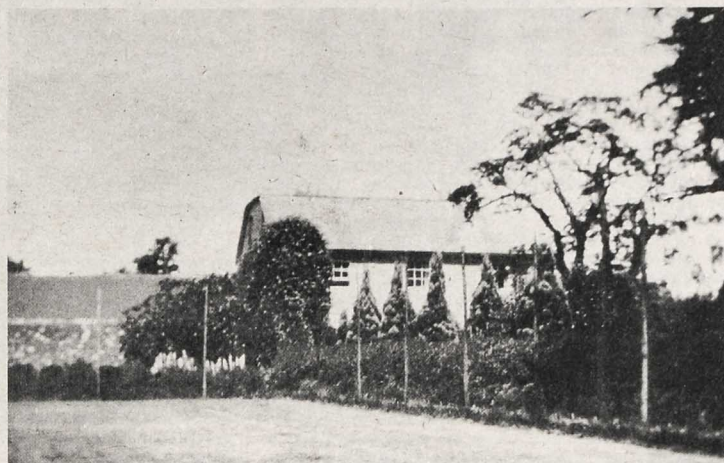
MICKLANDS

Beside the entrance to the Elms was the lodge known as the Round House. Mr May kept sheep, poultry, calves

and other young cattle as well as a Guernsey cow for the cream. He also had a small holding called Micklands, comprising a cottage and a few acres in Micklands Lane. The cottage is still there beside the drive entrance to Micklands School. There they kept two horses and at harvest time one of these used to walk round and round the cornstack working the elevator. There was no pond on this holding but two hand pumps.

In 1926 the Royal Show was held on the fields at the Elms and attended by King George V, Queen Mary and the Prince of Wales.

Mr May's family first started farming at Exlade Street, near Checkendon, when they had a tiny cottage small holding. Then at the turn of the century they became tenants of Park Farm, the home farm at Caversham Park. Miss May can remember having to make butter for the Crawshays. Every



■ The Elms.

one else had to walk on opposite sides of the water with a tape held out between them, and guide the birds in for the night. During severe frosts in winter the pond made fine skating.

Just before World War I the Mays moved to Playhatch Farm, still on the estate and later to Dean's Farm, where there was supposed to have been a haunted room. It was the drawing room and its french windows would never open; they had never been opened for years and years. One day the little maid, Emily, went into the room and found them undone. She closed them up and after that they could never be undone again. Later Mr Miller, who bought Dean's Farm after the Mays left it, told of someone passing him on the stairs, yet seeing nothing.

lodes along that same side of the Henley Road. A second one was just past Grovelands Road as you went towards Playhatch and the third one was at the back entrance to Caversham Park and

known as Tiveradge Lodge. It stood at the turning into the village and many in the district must remember the little one - storey home pulled down not so many years ago. — M.K.



■ The Round House, the lodge at the Elms.

day fresh pats had to be taken up to the "Big House", and each day of the week a different decoration was stamped on.

She can remember some of the designs. There was a milk churn, a stork, a cow's head and an acorn. What the other three were is long forgotten. Some readers may remember the picture of the pond in one of the Park farm fields published in a recent edition of this paper. Miss May can remember getting in the ducks from the pond every evening. She and some-



TWIN HOLDINGS

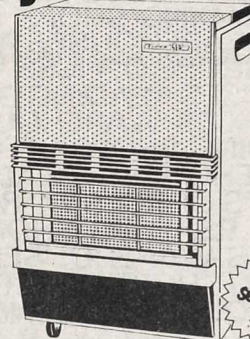
Lowfields was a small holding farmed along with Dean's Farm, and it had an identical cottage to that of Micklands and was just opposite it across the Henley Road. In fact the Henley Road cut right across a track leading from the Mickland Cottage to the Lowfield Cottage. Was this once an ancient road to a ferry across the Thames?

There were two other



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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

by WATCHDOG

WIDER STILL AND WIDER

After a gestation period exceeding that of an elephant, the Boundaries Commission has at last submitted its report on administrative districts to the north of Reading to the Secretary of State for the Environment, or rather to the previous one who went off to the Foreign Office in Mr Callaghan's Cabinet reshuffle. It still has to receive the Secretary's final blessing but there seems little reason to believe he will withhold it.

The child finally wheeled out for the inspection of those who had been anxiously awaiting the birth, has not met with universal approval. "Too big", some cried, "Too small", others. Not many said: "Just right," for the most powerful sets of prospective god-parents were those who favoured a big baby and those who would rather have not had one at all. Perhaps it was as well that the child's progenitors stood outside the argument.

Certainly, to anyone looking objectively at the position, the borough boundary did not follow the most rational line and the Commission has, therefore, recommended that it should be realigned to include those areas which are a continuation of the built-up area of Reading. The proposal may not meet with universal

acclaim, but there are few who would not prefer it to the proposals of Berkshire County Council to extend its boundaries wider still and wider to include seven rural parishes and of Reading Borough to extend its to include a smaller but nevertheless substantial part of the rural areas.

Let us hope that the residents concerned come to see this recommendation less as an empire building than as a logical readjustment. The rural areas themselves, now clearly separated from Reading, should be less threatened with urban sprawl.

PARISHES

An interesting suggestion put to the Commission was that Caversham Park Village, previously part of Eye and Dunsden Parish, should become a parish within the borough of Reading. The Commission has left this open for further discussion, adding that other areas transferred might like to be similarly treated. A parish of Mapledurham Chazey might do much to enable those living in these parts to retain a sense of identity.

THE WARREN

It is to be hoped that Reading will look after the areas it will most likely be acquiring. The wooded escarpment above the Thames is a particularly precious prize. Dutch

Elm disease has robbed it of many of its trees and before that building development had resulted in the felling of others. There is a real danger that the fine view seen upstream from Caversham Bridge may not be with us for very much longer.

The new development in the chalk pit just along the Warren does little to enhance the scenery, but it has to be remembered that the original proposal was for 30 flats and it was only after hard-fought battles that the number was reduced to six, with conditions attached to reduce their impact.

SCOUT AWARD



— WALTON ADAMS

Pc Benjamin Batley of the Metropolitan Police Force, formerly a member of St Peter's Venture Scouts, was presented with his Gold Duke of Edinburgh and Queen's Scout awards by the County Commissioner for Berkshire, Mr L. W. Vincent (centre), at the Annual General Meeting of the North Reading Scout District, held at West Memorial Hall.

Thames Valley Radio

The local radio station appears to have been launched enthusiastically and successfully.

At the present moment there is the pattern of an abundance of pop music usually associated with commercial radio, and an abundance in repetitions of this music. Doubtless there are people who like hearing the same songs over and over again but there must be many who do not and who will lose interest in local radio for this very reason, no matter what exciting programmes are promised. A little more light, non-vocal music would be appreciated, making a delightful contrast. And speaking of contrasts, the three hours of classical music from 9 - 12 on Wednesdays is pleasant listening — if one is still awake by midnight.

People have quickly responded when asked to phone in regarding competitions and quizzes, or even to expound their rather boring Bank Holiday activities. However, at the time of writing, requests to listeners to participate in serious discussion programmes seem to have had a poor response. Perhaps presentation is at fault, although it could be because one of these discussion programmes, Counterpoint, 7 - 9 on Wednesday evenings, is at a peak viewing time. The other programme, Access, is held from 10 until midnight on Mondays. Subjects so far covered have included the opinions of newcomers to Reading, the possibilities of putting church buildings to bet-

ter use than poorly-attended religious services, and the work of the Samaritans.

News concerning the Thames Valley is presented just after six o'clock each evening, but anything occurring which affects local rail or transport services is promptly broadcast. And

the regular traffic information from the AA is most helpful.

Apart from this there are the various items to induce continued listening, programmes on saving fuel, dieting, hair care, sports news, questions to members of Reading Borough Council, and interviews with celebrities in the field of

pop music.

It is not easy starting a new radio station and thereby competing with others and also television. The local aspect is, of course, the main attraction, and this combined with well thought out, well balanced programmes, should go a long way towards success.

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YOUNG CAVERSHAM

TWENTY-FIVE years ago my first Young Caversham party travelled to foreign parts; the destination, Cologne, West Germany. There were just three in the group, all 13-year-olds, Michael Prior, Max Finch and David Colyer. It was the summer of 1951, the war had been over for six years, but Cologne, once a thriving city of 800,000 inhabitants, still lay as a vast heap of debris; the consequence of it being the most bombed city of Western Europe.

The eager three were taken to observe how a large German community was recovering from the devastation of war, and what, if anything, they could contribute to a better understanding in the concept of a new generation. Unfortunately, Cologne did not seem altogether ready for that yet. Its citizens had finished licking their wounds, but the restoration of their confidence and resources was their main objective at that time.

It was another three years, with a succeeding party, when we eventu-

ally made effective contact with German youth. On Tuesday, July 27, 1954, aboard the "Bismarck", flagship of the Koln - Dusseldorfer Steamship Company, en route to Konigswinter - on - Rhine, we encountered schoolmaster Dr Kurt Philippek, his school secretary, Frau Kramer, and a dozen or so pupils from the Gymnasium am Hansa - ring, Cologne. That was the real beginning of a number of new friendships and visits between young Caversham and young Cologne.

Silver Anniversary

Last month to mark the silver anniversary of our first visit, I decided to take a short trip down "Memory - Strasse". It would be interesting to see what changes had taken place over all those years. I had already booked my seat on the recently inaugurated National coach service from London to Germany, and on the day of departure, at Victoria Coach Station, I was directed to the gleaming new snow - white motor-

coach standing at Bay 25, conspicuously labelled: London - Brussels - Cologne - Frankfurt.

The journey was smooth and trouble-free, and we were well-served by the two drivers, Bernard and Arthur, who took turns at the wheel and piloted us safely into Cologne Bus Station just 12 hours after leaving London.

The first building of importance one sees on arriving at Cologne is the majestic Gothic Cathedral. You cannot miss it; this massive structure with its twin spires pointing to the heavens dominates the city centre.

In the shadows of the cathedral, the narrow Hohe - Strasse stretches southwards. Here is the hub of Cologne's big shopping centre. Huge departmental stores were now much in evidence, in vivid contrast to the scarred and battered shells of ghost shops reminiscent of

The gruesome spectacle of half - submerged barges had long been removed; the old "Bismarck" and its contemporaries endured a less humiliating demise at the advent of the modern floating palaces that ply the 550-mile stretch of the Rhine from Rotterdam in Holland to Basle in Switzerland. The Koln - Dusseldorfer Line first ran vessels the same year as London Zoo opened, and was now busy celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

I took a tram out of Cologne to the suburb of Bruck and called upon an acquaintance who was already in the throes of arranging a trip to England later this year, for students of the English Seminary of Cologne University. My visit culminated with a welcome reunion with my old friend, Dr Kurt Philippek, now retired, and living happily with his wife in the country town of Bensberg a few miles outside Cologne.

By Peter Shock

1951. Modern high - speed trams have replaced the old iron - wheeled contraptions that rumbled crazily along the cobbled streets.

I took a stroll in the Volks Garten, where I sometimes wandered to escape the incessant din of the demolition and excavation devices. There they were, children playing among the trees and paddling boats on the lake, the difference was that they were happy children now. Next, I was to take a look at the little pad where we stayed on our first trip. Like most habitable premises, it was roofless then, just the ceilings kept out the elements. The house was still there, but now enhanced with a firm roof.

Before returning along the Rhine Embankment to the city centre I diverted to the fashionable suburb of Marienburg where the Anglican Church used to hold its services in a villa in the Linden - Allee. The villa was still there, but the Anglican residents had vanished! It was now a Retreat Home for Roman Catholics! Further down the road a demo was taking place. Plenty of shouting, but no "aggro". I know not whether it was "pro" or "anti", but the brass band was good. Soon, before me, lay the vast expanse of the Mighty Rhine.

Mapledurham WI

Mapledurham Memorial Hall looked very gay with check tablecloths and spring flowers on every table for the Birthday meeting when Mrs M. Hayward, the new President, welcomed members and the visitors from other institutes.

Floral buttonholes were presented to Mrs N. Barton and Mrs Ferraday who each had a birthday in

He had invited me to stay the night, and next morning a little Renault saloon drove up to the gate. Out tumbled Dr Kurt's two grandsons, Urban, 11, and Heine, ten. They had been brought by their parents for an English conversation. And grandad had promised them each ten pennings for every correctly spoken word. My goodness, didn't they do well!

My visit was almost over, and I returned to the Bus Station for the return journey to England.

The original three

Now what became of Michael, Max and David, the three boys I took on the first trip to Cologne? Well, Michael began his career as a motor mechanic, but later gave up wheels for hoofs. He is now engaged with race horses! Max took up teaching and is currently instructing many young Caversham readers in handicrafts at Surley Row.

David, who was once head boy in St Peter's Church Choir, found his vocation in the Royal Air Force. He spent much of his time in Malaysia instructing the recruits in the handling of the intricate aircraft. David has recently retired from the Service and is now a computer-shooter at a large Luton business concern. He makes the decisions - whether to shoot the computer - or the operator!

JOGGING TO FITNESS

by Stan Eldon

If you have been in the vicinity of Prospect Park, Reading, between 7 and 7.30pm on any Tuesday evening during the last few weeks you would have seen the unusual sight of between 200 and 300 people of all ages and both sexes "jogging" around the park.

Following my article in these columns on the benefits of jogging as a means of improving fitness and slimming, I had the opportunity to discuss keeping fit on the new Thames Valley Radio Monday night Sportacular and pursued the idea of jogging. This brought instant response from former World 2000 Metres Indoor Steeplechase record holder Ron McAndrew of Reading AC who also knew of the wide appeal of jogging. We went on the air the next week and discussed what to do and when to start and even before leaving the studio we were encouraged by an immediate response when someone rang in willing "to give it a go".

The radio station was keen on the idea and Tony Holden, their "Sporting" DJ who runs the Monday night programme, put together a "commercial" appealing to people not just to think about fitness but to actually do something by going along to Prospect Park on the Tuesday after Easter.

On the evening in question the weather could not have been better and we went along to the park not knowing what to expect but hoping that at least 20 or 30 people would turn up for our first jog together. In fact about 200 people turned up including quite a few youngsters, but what was more important, quite a lot of mums and

dads with the age range going up to the late 50s. On this first occasion we took them for about a mile and the main problem was getting everyone to run slowly enough so as not to overdo it on this first run.

During the following weeks our members have grown and we have been attracting more and more mature people who want to benefit from the exercise, so much so that by the time this is in print we expect to have a second jog organised on a different night exclusively for the over-40s.

The appeal of a mass jog to most people lies in the fact that by turning out together you are not as conspicuous as when going out on your own, and with several hundred people you can run as slow or as fast as you like and there will always be someone near at hand to run with you.

The idea has now really caught on nationally and the Minister for Sport, Dennis Howell, who was a top - class football referee but now is not as fit as he would like to be, has started jogging in the Midlands. Indeed, jogging is being encouraged by the Sports Council.

However, on this occasion though, I think Reading has shown a splendid example by being one of the first towns to really have a jogging group going very well with a lot of support. But I think that something else has been proved by the success of this venture and that is the usefulness to the community of a local radio station. It is doubtful if we could have built up our jogging so successfully without the help of Radio Thames Valley

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The standard price of bread has risen by a penny this month. Potatoes are now so scarce and expensive that we are dropping them from our list for the moment. This means that this month's totals are not directly comparable to last month's.

The prices listed are, wherever possible, of the cheapest available goods.

Item	Co-op★★	Liptons	Oakeshotts★	Budgens★	★★★MFS
Large white sliced loaf.....	16½	18	18	18	14½
1lb cheapest butter.....	37	35	33	37½	33
1lb lard.....	17	18	20	20½	17
1lb cheapest Cheddar.....	35	42	42	40	42
1 dozen standard eggs.....	45	46	45	44	42
1lb cheapest bacon.....	77	68	68	70	48
1lb cheapest sausages.....	41	36	35	40	29
Packet of 10 fish fingers.....	35	33	39	33	30
15oz tin baked beans.....	11½	12	12	15	11½
15oz tin soup.....	11	12	15	13	10
1lb frozen peas.....	25	21½	26½	26	20
3lb self-raising flour.....	20	17	19½	17½	17
1lb dried fruit.....	24	25	24	26	20
¼lb cheapest tea.....	8½	9½	11	9½	7
4oz jar coffee.....	43	45	47	46	35
2lb granulated sugar.....	23	23	22½	23	22½
500gms cornflakes.....	22½	21½	26½	25½	27
¾lb packet biscuits.....	20	18½	21	20	13
1lb cheapest marmalade.....	18½	21	22	22	18
Double pack toilet paper.....	15	17½	23	21	16
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Emmer Green Garage (Mobil).....	71p	71p	stamps
Buckingham Drive Garage (Esso).....	79p	70½	nil

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

The monthly meeting was held in Church House on April 15. Mrs E. Smith presided. After the official business the chairman had pleasure in introducing Miss Brooker who does a great deal of work for the St John's Ambulance.

The Guild very much enjoyed listening to all the valuable hints, beginning with the contents of a first-aid kit, that should be in all homes.

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burns clothing should not be taken off, but the patient should just be wrapped in a blanket and sent as soon as possible to Battle Hospital. Members were also told how to deal with epilepsy, which is far worse for the onlooker for the patient has no knowledge of the attack once it is all over.

Mrs Patey gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Guild. The meeting then drew to a close with members feeling very much wiser about first aid.

Blagrove WI

Miss M. Chapman, the new President, welcomed members to the April Meeting and presented the Birthday Posies. She paid tribute to the hard work done by Mrs Wilkie, the past President, and said she hoped that her term of office would be just as happy and successful. Two members were welcomed back from visits overseas where they had been visiting families, and Miss Chapman was particularly pleased to welcome three new members.

The guest speaker was Miss Vowles, from the Berkshire Home Economics Centre at Burchetts Green, who gave a most helpful and interesting demonstration on "Cooking for Tomorrow", and Miss Vowles very kindly judged the competition which was for a plate of Rock Buns, and this was won by Mrs Tinson.

Arrangements were finalised for the Group Meeting to be held at Pangbourne, and the forthcoming visit to Saville Gardens was discussed.

Caversham Park WI

At the April meeting members enjoyed a talk given by Mrs Joan Parkes, VCO, on Denman College, which was illustrated with coloured slides, it was of great interest to members who have never been to the college, to learn of its history.

At the meeting on June 17, Mrs C. Millson will give a talk on Country Tales. The competition will be a Farmhouse Cake (recipe to be provided).

Mrs Olive Harris presided at the Group Meeting on April 26, after welcoming all members, and before giving her own report, she invited the Presidents of Sonning Glebe, Rose Hill, Maiden Erlegh, and Woodford Park to give their reports on the activities of their respective institutes which proved to be varied and enlightening.

Mrs Irene Fisher, the Group Link, outlined forthcoming events. The musical entertainment was provided by the Summerdown Singers, directed by Mrs Yvonne Milne. The comedy note came from Mrs Phyllis Colley who recited a poem about "Poor old Lil the Charlady". The Group Competition "Afternoon Tea on a Tray" was won by Rose Hill WI who were presented with a cup, runner-up to the competition was Caversham Park WI.

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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. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)
 11.00 a.m. Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays)
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong

St John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST

St Andrew's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 1st Sunday)

St Barnabas'

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (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 (not 1st Sunday)

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 (not 1st Sunday)

Caversham Heights

11.00 a.m. Morning Service
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 1st Sunday)

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

WE RECORD

BAPTISED

St Peter's
 April 25
 St Andrew's
 April 18

Zoe Smith

Hilary Brooke-Wavell
 Heather Matthews

Caversham Park

March 28

Neil Mulroy
 Daniel Mulroy
 Daxious Pett

Emma Larkins
 Claire Larkins

April 20

Catherine Winchester
 Susanna Winchester
 James Etherington

MARRIED

St Peter's

April 19

Philip Dyson-Coope and Jane Hornsby

April 24

Stephen Walker and Angela Anderson-Hall

St Barnabas'

April 10

Brian Giddings and Rhoda Thurlow

April 19

Grant Falys and Anne Davies

Caversham Baptist Free Church

April 3

Roberto Arama and Hazel Allen

FUNERALS

St Peter's

April 14

Lynn Vann

St John's

April 9

Bert Billingham

St Andrew's

April 27

Elsie Cheyney

Caversham Baptist Free Church

February 16

Daisy Payne

March 9

Elizabeth Goddard