

"UP THE WALL AND ROUND THE BEND"



Well that's the Guides, the Brownies threw bunnies in the air and the Rainbows . . . here we hit the first snag. Hands up who knows what a Rainbow is? and a Rainbow Guide?

An explanation is due

Guiding was started in 1910 but contrary to popular belief they no longer wear ankle length skirts, take genteel walks and embroider flowers onto handkerchiefs, well not usually.

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- Rangers — age 14 to 25

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It does not take an expert to fathom out that all this activity does not happen unaided. However, Guiding is short of adult help. Many units have closed leaving girls without an important part of their lives, and with a useless uniform hung in the wardrobe — refugees who cannot find another unit to join as most are full to bursting.

You might ask yourself — How do I become involved? What can I offer? what can Guiding offer me?

The popular myth that you have to have been a guide to be a guider is, just that, a myth. You do not need to know anything as a wide range of training and support is readily available. You do need to be willing to give time, energy and thought to your unit.

If you cannot manage a weekly meeting or do not want to work directly with the girls, Guiding has need of Commissioners, who organise the unit leaders and keep the units in touch, and advisors who give help and guidance on specific subjects.

Caversham West (St Peter's, St Andrew's and St Anne's) has been without a Commissioner for over two years and within that time has lost two Brownie Packs. In Caversham and Emmer Green, although the Brownie Packs have vast waiting lists, no Rainbow Unit has been opened.

This is all for lack of adult help.

Please do not read this and think, "Oh someone else will do it", because it does not happen like that. The children are here, they are keen and ready to achieve their goals but cannot do it without you.



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- St Andrew's
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- St Barnabas'
- St John's
- Micklands School
- Caversham Park Primary School

If you would like more details please get in touch with Caroline Croft, c/o Church House, Church Street, Caversham or by telephoning her during working hours on Reading (0734) 578587.

The pictures show Brownies around the parish and a sample of some of their activities.



TALKING POINT

by

MIKE HOLMES

Caversham Heights Christian Fellowship



AN INGREDIENT FOR SUCCESS

I am in the middle of reading a book about some outstanding people such as Faraday, the scientist, Henry Heinz, the food industrialist and Mendelssohn, the composer.

These people achieved so much. We can enjoy the electronic age that Faraday helped to bring to birth, Henry's baked beans and the magnificent compositions of Mendelssohn.

In events like the Olympic Games we find another group of extraordinary people; athletes with amazing talent. But there is something more to their success. Discipline, motivation, commitment and training are words we hear time and time again during interviews with athletes. Hours and hours of disciplined training each week for months and years is required to be built on top of the talent. There is always a goal, from the school sports day to the area of county championships; from the national and international competitions to the Olympic games; with personal bests and various records to beat.

People like Faraday and Heinz knew this self-discipline too; it helped them achieve success even in the midst of difficulty and failure.

What about us 'ordinary' people. Maybe we are not a great inventor or musician or athlete. Perhaps we have not got the initial talent, it is just not there. Before we run ourselves too far into the ground, is there not something worthwhile that we are capable of? Something that we can build on? Something pretty ordinary that could become something extraordinary? Perhaps it's raising our family or doing the job we are privileged to have or helping the elderly person who lives down the road or... Perhaps we are not fulfilling our full potential in life because we are not disciplined, committed, motivated. We allow other things to distract us, we try to do too many things.

Faraday, Heinz, Mendelssohn and certain athletes today like Kris Akabusi have something in common. They were/are Christians; they came to know Jesus as Lord of their lives. Not that this in itself brings success. But it brings another dimension to life. The Apostle Paul writes, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown which will last forever." (1 Corinthians 9:25).

We may regard discipline as unpleasant, but when we understand that discipline brings freedom, it puts a different complexion on it. With self-discipline we can gain more control over our bodies, it can help us to be the people we CAN and WANT to be. Akabusi, through his self-discipline, is going for gold. What are we going for? The Bible says that the Kingdom of God is like treasure. "Seek and you will find." Seeking treasures requires a disciplined approach as does running the race that God has marked out for us. However, God also promises his Holy Spirit to those who ask, who will help us find God's reign in our lives, overcome the sin which so easily entangles and run the race with perseverance.

POSTBAG

Dear Editors,

Are you unemployed, can't get a job and feeling resentful perhaps or at a loose end. I would like to meet with anyone in this situation, especially those from a christian background.

I am a trained baptist minister and for various reasons I find myself unemployed and living in Caversham. It is not easy finding yourself on the dole. Many practical and spiritual problems have to be faced.

If you are in this situation and know what I am talking about, or know someone who might be interested, please give me a call. Telephone Reading 484642.

Yours etc.
Colin Johnson

Dear Sirs,

We give three cheers for the new Waitrose trolleys. They are shallower so that the 'floor' is higher. Consequently it is much easier to lift items out. This is particularly appreciated when transferring heavy boxes from trolley to car boot, and at all times by someone who has trouble bending.

Do be fair and print this. You gave lots of space to the grumblers!

Yours etc.

P.S. and C.J. Davis

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South Oxfordshire Quilters are having a two day Exhibition at Dunsden and Eye Village Hall to celebrate their tenth Anniversary. There will be old and new quilts on show and various articles, made by the Group, for sale on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September between 10am and 4pm. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go to the British Legion. Admission £1. Any more information from Barbara on 0734-471612.

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“A NEW LIFE FOR BALMORE HOUSE”

For the new residents in the flats at Balmore House the following history of this old Victorian home may be of some interest, and, perhaps for others too! It was built in the early part of Queen Victoria's reign for Lt. Gen. Parker Radcliffe R.A. Before his retirement he was Commanding Officer of Woolwich Arsenal. He apparently married twice, outliving both wives, and was cared for by two of his daughters, one of whom, Miss Rose, was particularly well remembered.

This large family house, adorned with a glass and iron-framed verandah, was set in several

acres of grounds which was once part of Balmore field, where the Civil War skirmish took place, giving rise to the old saying "Balmer's Field ran blood." The staff was a large one:- four gardeners, a cowman, coachman, an under-coachman made up the work-force outside. Indoors, the domestic household consisted of a butler, footman, under-footman, houseman, housekeeper, and about nine other servants. As was the custom in those days, staff prayers were held in the hall. Every night and morning the household assembled to sing hymns accompanied by



Balmore House today.

— E.S. Archer

ALL CHANGE IN SOCIAL SERVICES

The last few years have seen quite radical change in the way local government departments are organised and Berkshire Social Services has not been left untouched. In fact the department has taken an extremely positive view of all the changes and in response has re-organised the department into sixteen local Social Service centres.

Reading Central and Caversham locality team is headed by Martin Hayles who is keen to see services delivered much more efficiently and locally based. "Social Services has been sometimes fairly criticised over the years but we really want to change that image." Martin believes the first step is to start talking to people and organisations in the local community and welcomes the chance to speak at the next Caversham Community Lunch, arranged by the team's Community Resource worker Sheilah Edgson and Caversham Librarian Kathy Munns, this will be held on 23rd September at Caversham at Caversham Library between 12.30-2pm.

Issues covered include:-

- ★ What the new departments look like.
- ★ What kind of services the people of Caversham want Social Services to provide.
- ★ How can we ensure that people's views about services are taken into account.
- ★ Where local people would like to see Social Services "access points" based.
- ★ How can we make our organisation less bureaucratic and more active in the community.

Martin is eager to hear people's views, whether or not they make it to this particular meeting. Any organisation not currently represented at the Community Lunches and interested in sending a representative to listen to Martin and respond is invited to contact Kathy Munns at Caversham Library for addition to the mailing list. Further Community Lunches will be held over the forthcoming year, with different speakers at each.

Miss Rose playing on a discreetly hidden organ, and to hear prayers read by the General.

Each day throughout the year, the children and old folk of Caversham could come to the back door and get a quart of skimmed milk. They had to be there by 7am sharp. If they arrived so much as three minutes late, a very autocratic housekeeper said: "Too late!" and it was.

Until 1911, when Caversham Library with its clock was built, most people in the locality told the time by the chimes of Balmore House clock, presumably over the stables.

A great excitement must have been created in the village in 1912, when the coachman up at the General's, suddenly became a chauffeur and began to drive a Napier 6 seater 1912 model car. Probably the first in Caversham — who knows! Anyway it gave everyone plenty to talk about!

The General, a Churchwarden at St. Peter's, was also a J.P. and all the recruits for the Army had to go to Balmore House to be sworn in. No doubt they were duly impressed by everything they glimpsed during their few minutes at the big house, especially the heated conservatory filled with tropical plants!

School treats and the annual flower show were held in the grounds, the latter accompanied by the Caversham Brass Band.

In those days there were no other dwellings nearby except the Prince of Wales public house and a few older homes at Surley Row. The two cottages at the corner of Rotherfield Way housed the Head Gardener and the Cowman, and the lodge stood on the present site of the 'Keep Left' bollard at the junction of Peppard Road and Newlands Avenue (leading to Balmore House).

FEED THE CHILDREN

Feed The Children representative Jan Loveridge accepted a donation of £70 collected at the July meeting and at the coffee morning at the home of Norma Jones. This was presented by Margaret Mellin on behalf of Caversham Heights Townswomen's guild. Feed The Children is a charity which has not been very long in existence. Nevertheless at the end of its first financial year the value of aid distributed passed the £1m mark. An Appeal for Sarajevo is being run by the Sunday Times at present, needs have been assessed, and thankfully, lorries have already reached there.



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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

Road Hazards and Bugs Bottom

It was a heart-rending scene. The blood stained body of a rabbit lay stretched on the road whilst his grief stricken family stooped over him. A powerful sports car which looked as if it was once in possession of Mr Toad, its engine still throbbing, had come to a halt where the unfortunate rabbit it had just run over breathed his last. Its driver, an uncarving fox, wearing a construction worker's helmet seemed more concerned about the state of his car than the fate of his victim.

It was no wonder that the unfortunate creature's demise attracted the attention of the media, for the place where he had been run down was just where the access road to Bugs Bottom would be pouring out its hundreds of cars into Kidmore Road, an already hazardous spot because for a considerable stretch there is no footpath on one side of the road. The message was plain — today a rabbit, tomorrow it could be a child.

A lot more will have to be done to this length of road if it is to become anything like safe to receive extra traffic. After a meeting with local councillors and asking questions preceding a full meeting of the Borough Council, objectors were assured that the work required would necessitate the publishing of a road traffic

order, which would mean nothing could start before the middle of September.

Until the road approaches are satisfactorily completed, Higgs and Hill will be unable to build in the valley, so their expressed intention of starting in July has not been achieved. Their failing fortunes would seem to have made a July start a financially unsound venture anyhow, for it will be a long time before they see any return on their investment.

Preliminary exploratory work by various undertakings to see how this development will affect their services takes place from time to time, but always a group of observers turns up to find out what is happening. Watchers all round the valley send out alarm calls as soon as anything suspicious is observed. The main body of workers will not be made to feel welcome.

Caversham Court

Caversham Court and the Forbury Gardens, once famed havens of peace, well cared for and bright with flowers, reached the stage this summer when complaints about their deteriorating state were increasingly heard. There has since been a considerable improvement, but the feeling remains that their continued care hangs very

much on a knife's edge. This is no reflection on the hard-pressed park rangers or the Friends of Caversham Court and the even more recently founded Friends of the Forbury Gardens, both of which in the course of their short lives have performed sterling service.

The fault has got be laid at the door of starving local government of adequate funding and the doctrinaire insistence on the employment of contract labour. Contract labour carries out only the tasks listed for it. The ongoing care and maintenance provided by a group specifically responsible for the overall care of particular gardens goes, and it shows.

Waist high weeds appeared in Caversham Court of all places. Flower beds in the Forbury Gardens were more notable for a display of weeds and colourful crisp wrappings and drink cans than for the flowers that formerly gave so much pleasure.

In both gardens there has been a blurring of the distinction between a public park and a public garden. Both Caversham Court and the Forbury suffer from young people playing ball games and riding bicycles on the lawns and amongst the flower beds. The Forbury additionally has become a Mecca for skate boarders

by day and noisy groups at night, on whom suspicion for acts of vandalism must fall. The latter is also a problem for Caversham Court, and although locking the gates at night, now carried out by public spirited volunteers, has reduced this, it has not completely stopped it as determined vandals can still find a way in.

Money must be found for providing prominent notices forbidding this kind of behaviour, which will at least deter the thoughtless if not the malicious. There must be a return to the custom of having someone permanently on duty, like the old style gardener or park keeper. Without this, towns are in danger of finding their public parks wrecked, something particularly sad in the case of Reading which possesses two gardens of unusually high quality.

Pedestrianisation

One of the biggest changes ever to take place in Reading town centre was the introduction of pedestrianisation. After an extensive consultation period which showed a large majority in favour of the principle of pedestrianisation, months of careful planning and the distribution of hundreds of thousands of explanatory leaflets, the whole thing paid off when the actual transition was achieved with the minimum of disruption.

Of course there have been complaints, like insufficient consultation, insufficient parking places, further to walk from buses, and no access for the disabled. In point of fact, the only parking spaces lost were the either illegal or else already occupied kerbside places in Friar Street or the Market Place. Moreover, disabled drivers now no longer find their places in streets closed to other cars occupied by vehicles belonging to the able bodied. Bus stops may have been moved, but their distance from shops is much as before.

The completely pedestrianised areas are now free of noise and pollution and the sound of human voices can be heard once more. People can walk freely without fear of being run down. The Town Hall Square, with its tables and chairs is only one example of the benefits of pedestrianisation. There seems no reason why a more attractive town centre should deter shoppers. Any falling off in trade is more likely to be due to the economic recession.

Anyone who still thinks the whole thing is horrible can register their objection with the Traffic Management Section at the Civic Offices, as there is a six month trial period. After this, if the scheme is confirmed, enhancement of the pedestrianised areas will follow.

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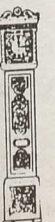
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NOTES FROM NANJING

20 March 1992 THE DAWN GARDEN

Harriet Baker of St Peter's and Caversham Heights is spending six months in China teaching at the Foreign Language School in Nanjing. This comes from a recent letter:

This week has been the hardest yet I think. It's wet and freezing cold here and right now I am wearing four pairs of socks, three pairs of trousers, a thermal vest, two jumpers and a scarf — and I'm sitting near a heater. My hands are covered in swollen and painful chilblains and they have become so bad that today I braved the school clinic. The staff there were very kind and with the help of translators, advised me about vitamin deficiency and frostbite and then gave me a lotion to rub in. I have seen a lot of students and shopkeepers with red sores and open frostbite so I shall heed the warnings.

School is as busy as ever and teaching is still fun — mostly. Some lessons are painfully rowdy, or difficult to motivate the students. On Tuesday, when I was in a particularly fragile morning state with an upset tummy and a bout of homesickness brought on by reading your letter, I was completely cheered up by Junior 1 who are so keen and funny. Our game of Hangman was hilarious — they leapt out of their seats and screamed with excitement and terror in case the man was going to be hanged!

In three weeks time the whole school is involved in the Foreign Language Festival which will consist of a day of dance, film shows, informal discussions, games, and performances of plays or songs by each year group. Annabelle and I are responsible for teaching the whole school some dances for performing at the opening ceremony — it will be brilliant if we can get them all dancing a Reel!

Since I last wrote we have been to a Pop concert. This took place in a huge stadium nearby, and about ten thousand people attended. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and there was tremendous audience participation — cheering, singing and people running up with bouquets of flowers. The most popular songs were smoochy love songs or moving tributes to Chairman Mao, which apparently is a re-emerging thought in the young generation.

On the day after this Mr Xu had arranged for us to visit a State collective farm at Laoshan, so off we rattled in the school minibus over the Yangzi bridge which gave us our first glimpse of the vast brown Yangzi river. En route we passed many small fields beside the river where vegetables were growing — in fact every bit of land was used for growing if it wasn't used for housing, roads or duck ponds.

Laoshan covers an area of thirty-five by twenty km and eight thousand people live there. It has large areas of forest and farmland as well as a number of small factories. They produce timber, wooden hand crafts, honey, Royal Jelly, and many homeopathic medicines. We were shown a fascinating and successful method of controlling insect pests in the forest. It sounds improbable but they have trained lots of blue-tailed and black-capped magpies to fly freely in the forests by day to eat the grubs. Then, in response to a whistle and extra food they return to their aviaries at night. I was amazed to see such environmentally friendly methods being used in preference to insecticides, especially as the Chinese industries and households throw such grot and waste into their rivers, streets and air. It's also rather ironic if the fate of the wild birds during the Cultural Revolution is to be believed — apparently, having been told by the authorities that wild birds were pests that destroyed crops, the people set up four days of continuous noise so that the birds couldn't settle and they all died from exhaustion. Hence the shortage of birds to maintain the natural pest control!

We were given a very "posh", but scary lunch at Laoshan. It began with a tiny cup of red plum juice — quite tasty and potent and drunk to shouts of "ganbei"! Large numbers of dishes were



"Senior One" face-painting April 1992 at a Foreign Language Festival.

constantly being added to the turntable and I ate (trying not to think about it) pig's skin, intestines and stomach; fungi; whole fish in soup; a sweet soup with lotus seeds, squid, quail's eggs, and small garden snails in it. . . and mercifully a few green weeds and bamboo shoots. We had a good laugh about it later, but at the time it took a concerted effort to swallow it!

I must tell you about Christine. She is a teacher here, and is a Catholic Nun. Her Community is in Hong Kong, and she taught on that Island for ten years before coming to Nanjing six years ago. The other night we had a very interesting talk with her that lasted three hours — about politics, the changes that the current economic "reforms" could bring, and the organisations of the "Young Pioneers", "Youth League", and "Party Members" within our school here. We also talked about Tiananmen Square. Apparently it is still a mystery as to who ordered the troops to begin shooting but it was one major consequence of a very powerful military force that is divided into factions, each one supporting an influential political "leader". So it seems that the military could very easily take over or create a civil war. The whole generation of students from 1989 have been penalised in that they will never be given an official Government job or any other highly paid work.

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AROUND THE CHURCHES

ALL FOR ST GEORGE



— Patrick Bailly

After being missing for many years, I hope many readers will have seen the flag of St George proudly flying once again over St Peter's Church on St Peter's Day. It will of course be flown on all festal occasions henceforth, although there is no truth in the rumour that it denotes the Rector is in residence!

The running up of the flag, if that is the correct term, and my naval friends will no doubt put me right on that, is no Saturday afternoon stroll, or any afternoon for the matter. First, one wends one's way up the thirty spiral stone steps to the ringing tower, then it is up twenty iron wall rungs, through two trap doors which take you up amongst the bells. Across through the bells on a four inch beam to the base of a steep wooden ladder. Up another fourteen or is it fifteen rungs, and thence by hands and knees along two thick planks and out through a trap door, and, hey presto, old father Thames is way below you. The view is breath-taking, if in fact by this time you have any breath left. There must be an age limit for this operation! The flying of the flag is a minor event, and then one begins one's journey to base.

I am sure St George was pleased with it all and perhaps St Peter gave a slight nod of approval!

RJS

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

It is five years since St Peter's held a flower festival, but its team of flower arrangers has had plenty of practice. Under the direction of Vera Scott, they have decorated the church for about forty weddings so far this year, and they are looking forward to creating a Festival of Thanksgiving and Harvest worthy of the lovely old Church.

They are hoping for gifts of flowers, fresh and dried, and also of fruit and vegetables, which after the festival may be used by the Reading Drop-In-Centre.

As well as the flower arrangers, other artists and craftsmen are invited to exhibit their work.

The Church will welcome visitors on Thursday 24th September, 11am to 5pm, Friday 25th September, 11am to 5pm and Saturday 26th September, 10am to 5pm.

Admission will be free, and light refreshments of tea, coffee and homemade biscuits will be sold.

All things come of thee, O Lord
And of thine own do we give thee.

GOSBROOK ROAD
REVIEW

Summer is always a busy time with outings, teas, lunches, camps and concerts.

The Methodist Church in Gosbrook Road has, I think, sampled most of the above. The Women's Fellowship enjoyed an outing around the Berkshire and Wiltshire Downs finishing with tea at Hungerford Methodist Church, a Garden Party at Gladys Alderman's and an 'Ice Cream Social' when friends from St. John's joined them for a session of the 'Good Old Days' with Jim Plunkett on the piano and Ice Cream organised by Doreen Boakes.

The Boy's Brigade Juniors enjoyed a weekend camp at Trinity Church Abingdon. During the weekend they managed to rollerskate, swim, visit the Cotswold Wildlife Park, go to Church and have great fun on a night hike around the Chiltern Sculpture Trail. On the way home they called in at the Pendon Model Railway Museum, so I am sure a good time was had by all.

The Sunshine Girls gave an end of term concert, when £89 was raised for the Church Roof Fund. The girls gave a variety of musical items to a large appreciative audience. End of year prizes went to Beth Hutchinson, Natalie Mann, Zoe Lakeman, Pyali Chakraverty and Lexie Keeble.

In September a Share Jesus Mission team will be visiting the Church from Southampton, when a varied programme has been planned. One of the Highlights of the visit will be a Rock Concert for young people. This will be on Wednesday September 9th and will be given by Ralph Ward and Zero Options.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 20th & 21st Harvest Festivities

Oct 11th Church Anniversary

Oct 17th Gift Day

A PARISH
PRAYER

Two years ago on holiday in Yorkshire, I came across the following prayer in a church in Swaledale. I have used it a number of times at St. Peter's and several people have asked for the words. I thought it might be useful to share it with readers

John Madeley

A Swaledale
Parish Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you that I am sometimes strong,
help me when I am still weak;

Thank you that I am sometimes wise,
help me when I am still foolish;

Thank you that sometimes I have done well,
forgive me the times I have failed you;

And teach me to serve you and your world
with love and faith and truth, with hope,
grace and good humour. Amen.

ST. PETER'S AND ST. MARGARET'S SUMMER FETE

— was held in Caversham Court and was a great success



The tiny steam engine was very popular.



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Caversham Primary School provided the charming maypole dances.

— E.S. Archer

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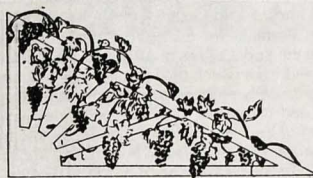
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If you just wish to withdraw from the world for a few hours and think, read, write or pray then you may find one of our Quiet Days a help. Someone is always available to listen if you need to talk and if you have young children there is a creche available nearby on Wednesdays. The dates of these days are — October 1 & 7, November 5 & 11, & December 3 & 9.

Alternatively you may prefer a more structured day, in which case one of our Teaching Days might suit you better. These are:-

- September 17 Listening to Others
- October 15 Listening to God for your church.
- November 19 Listening to the World.

Finally once a month we have a Fellowship Day, where we listen to the word of God, celebrate Holy Communion and offer prayer and the laying on of hands for healing. Fellowship Days are September 23, October 21, November 25 & December 16.

Coffee, lunch and tea is available on each day and a donation is asked towards costs. If you would like to book a place or to find out more please contact Fi Radford, The Vine, 4 The Mount, Caversham. Tel: 483965.

GOLDEN WEDDING



— E.S. Archer

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolford, from St. Peter's, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 15th July.

**TRIUMPHANT END
TO YEAR FOR
ST. ANNE'S**



St Anne's School victorious Cricket Team.

The St Anne's School Cricket team finished the year on a very high note. They won both the league and the Knockout Cup for the first time in their history. This was especially pleasing in that this was the last season for deputy headteacher, Raymond Hughes. Mr Hughes has been teaching at St Anne's since 1960 and will retire at Christmas. The team defeated all its rivals in the league and then defeated Birch Copse School in the final of the Cup which was played at Reading CC at Sonning. St Anne's prides itself on both its sporting and its academic prowess and has had an outstanding year. The School caters mainly for Catholic children, but there are a limited number of places for children of other christian denominations.

**'TIDDLERS'
AT
ST. ANDREW'S**

This group of Mums or Dads and under-fives, who have been meeting every Friday (term times) between 2.15pm and 3pm approx. for a simple service in church followed by drinks and a chat has become a very friendly happy group, and would welcome any new members in September, starting September 18th.

For their last meeting on July 10th, the Mothers' Union paid for them all to go to Wellplace Zoo at Ipsden. They all took a picnic lunch, which was eaten on arrival; they then wandered around looking at the birds and animals. Some of the children thought it was a better idea to spend more time in the playground than appreciating the wonderful variety of different coloured birds. However everyone had a very enjoyable time and were able to get to know each other much better.



'Tiddlers' from St Andrew's at Wellplace Zoo

**CAVERSHAM ACADEMY
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Mr Ted Burnell, Tutor at the Caversham Academy of Art Centres tells us that on 19th October at 10am in Church House, Caversham, the Art Class is open to the public when watercolour painter, Mr Sid Cox, will give a demonstration and Mr B. Rice will talk on Acrylics. Both will answer questions. As the Class is a Community project £1 admission, which will include light refreshments, will be charged to cover expenses.

Numbers will be limited and application to attend must be made to Mr Burnell, tel. 478496.

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We'd really like to share our activities and worship with more of you. Come and join us in the new term, starting Sunday 6th September. We're looking forward to it.

More details from Jane Robson 481452.

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ST. MARGARET'S NEWS

This year St Margaret's Patronal Festival was a very special occasion for two reasons. It was the first time that Bishop John had preached at St Margaret's and everybody was delighted to have him with them; it was at this gathering that St Margaret's was able to record their deepest appreciation to Alf and Edna Martyn-Johns for almost forty years' of service to the Church of Mapledurham. Alf has recently retired from the Parochial Church Council. The congregation's appreciation took the form of a picnic hamper, bottles of wine, chocolates and a handsome cheque.

For once the weather prevented people from going outside for refreshments afterwards, but at the end of the service the beautifully decorated church was swiftly transformed and everyone was able to enjoy themselves.

The younger members of the congregation helped to mark this special day in their own ways. The Sunday School put up an attractive display at the back of the church in Their Corner and Marianne and Christopher Pynn and Katherine Allsopp played before and during the service.

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OBITUARIES

MAVIS HAZEL

Mavis was a very much loved member of our community who, in a quiet way had helped so many people. So it was a great shock to hear of her death in July, while on a visit to her sister in South Africa to join in a family celebration.

So many people would have liked to have added tributes but we were fortunate to enlist the services of Neville Smith who, until a short time ago, was chaplain at Queen Anne's School, and who knew Mavis very well. It is hoped there will be a Memorial Service in Caversham later in the year when, no doubt, others would like to add their own thanksgivings.

"IN MEMORIAM" — MAVIS HAZEL

Mavis was trained as a piano teacher and reached "performer's diploma" standard. She learnt her violin at the Royal Academy of Music and tried her hand variously at the 'cello, recorder, flute and then the organ (taking her A.R.C.O. diploma). She was a long standing member (over 30 years) of the Reading Symphony Orchestra in which she played first violin.

Although her work at Queen Anne's School was obviously in the music department and playing the organ in Chapel, she was a person of many talents. I can do no more than mention her interest in gardening, cooking, natural history, photography, various forms of craft (e.g. upholstery and tapestry) and travelling, and from this list it will be seen how "catholic" were her tastes.

Having said that, Mavis started out life as a member of the Congregational Church, but was confirmed in the Church of England when she and her parents moved to Caversham. She was an extremely devoted daughter, who looked after a blind father (from whom she learnt much), and (with enormous patience and without complaint) a not very easy mother!

At home, therefore, at School and in the parish, Mavis quietly made her presence felt. This was to be seen in the way she set herself a high standard in all things — in her own playing of music, in the teaching of her pupils, in her care for her home and garden, and in the practical expression of her many gifts.

Her sense of organisations and accuracy at times made her many friends and colleagues a little bewildered, and even frustrated, but Mavis was never one to accept second best, least of all from herself. At School she was a loyal and gentle member of the Common Room and always showed sympathy, understanding and concern for staff and girls alike. She exemplified the "quiet" graces of patience, humility, generosity, kindness and commitment. To say she will be much missed is a complete under-statement. But it is true, for many of us loved and valued her friendship and her wisdom greatly.

It write this briefly for the 'Bridge' in the state of many of her friends, that is of great shock and loss. Perhaps I may be accorded the privilege of saying more at a later stage when her Memorial Service is held in Caversham.

Neville Smith

KATHRENE MARY BATSON SOLLTY June 30th 1917 — 30th July 1992

Known to us as 'Kay' she was brought up in the Birmingham area — the only child of an Army Officer who died at the end of the 1914-18 war. She attended King Edward VI High School, and studied for a social science qualification at Birmingham University.

During the second world war Kay served in the WRAF on Radar on the East coast. She spent a year in Australia before coming to Reading in 1958 to work as a social worker at Borocourt Hospital until 1980 when she retired.

A colleague says 'Kay had a warm heart and was extremely caring of the high grade girls in her care, visiting their families sometimes at long distances! She stimulated family contacts — driving her patients to their homes even on Christmas Day, and on special outings outside the normal run of her duties.

A ward sister says Kay 'had guts' and she was so good to the patients and was also a kind friend to her.

Kay was a regular attendee at St Andrew's church and was very knowledgeable on church doctrine.

Kay became a founder member of the Reading Carer's Association and she had strong views on support for the carers of elderly relatives. She assisted at Corrymeela office and had other interests.

In her latter years Kay had several cancer operations and fought the disease bravely until it claimed her on 30th July at Abbeycrest Nursing Home. She will be warmly remembered by her wide circle of friends.

Alison Parmenter

PETER SEABY

Peter Seaby who was a leading figure in the world of numismatics, died at York in July. Before moving there he lived for many years in Emmer Green with his wife, Muriel, and their two daughters.

He was the grandson of Professor Allen Seaby, the first Professor of Fine Art at Reading University and often stayed with his grandparents in their home. On leaving school he joined his father's firm of B.A. Seaby, numismatists, where he spent all his working life apart from war service in North Africa where his interest was stimulated in the civilisations that produced early coins. He soon became very knowledgeable in this field and after his father's retirement became chairman of the firm.

His careful research threw new light on many aspects of the subject and coin collectors from all parts of the world turned to him or his written work for advice or information. He became President of the International Association of Professional Numismatists and the standing of his firm was recognised when it received the Royal Warrant as numismatists to H.M. the Queen. He was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1974. Yet for all his distinction in his profession he gave as much interest to the schoolboy just starting on a collection as to a rich collector in search of a rare piece.

In Reading, this expertise was valued in the Coin Club and in the Berkshire Archaeology Society. He was also an active member of Reading Liberal Party and at one time was its chairman.

He and Muriel were members of the Society of Friends and worshipped at Reading Meeting where Peter was an Elder.

On going to live in York some eight years ago, he had more time to devote to painting, an interest that had come from the early years spent with his grand-

father, one of whose other grandsons is Robert Gillmor, the well known wild life artist, though Peter's talent had lain dormant for many years. He followed a course at the York College of Art in which Muriel joined him and from which they gained much pleasure. Peter particularly enjoyed painting less well known corners and unfamiliar views of York. He became chairman of York Art Society which benefitted from his organisational abilities and he was also President of Yorkshire Numismatic Society. He played an active role in both these areas until the last few weeks of his life and his loss will be widely felt.

Muriel, whom many will have known for her work with the Women's Institute whilst living in Reading, has been much comforted and supported by the many tributes to Peter that have poured in. She and Margaret and Barbara, with their families, will particularly miss him, though they have many previous and happy memories to look back on.

M.C.

SHEILA CLIFTON

Sheila Clifton's many friends were saddened to hear of her death in the Gloucestershire Nursing Home where she had been a resident for most of the last year of her life.

As soon as she came to live in Caversham over thirty years ago, with her husband Cliff, a meteorologist, and her two small daughters, she set about involving herself in local life. As an enthusiastic Liberal she worked hard for the party in many fields Cliff was an equally convinced member of the Labour Party, but they agreed to differ and on many occasions Sheila was to be found entertaining members of both parties in their home, sometimes simultaneously, but she was such a good hostess no one ever came to blows.

She was an excellent cook and to see her kitchen on the days prior to a Liberal Party function was a mouth-watering experience. She was also a first class needlewoman, producing beautiful clothes for herself and her family, and tutoring adult needlework classes.

She had a particularly happy knack with young children, and the most fractious baby would respond to her. She ran the crèche at the language centre classes for immigrant mothers, and many women, new to the country, valued the friendship she offered them. Her interest in children also led her to becoming a governor of Thameside School.

She was the first secretary of Caversham and District Residents' Association when it was formed twenty five years ago, and was always watchful of Caversham's interest.

The death of her loved Cliff was a severe blow to her but she gathered herself together and continued as before. Her health had never been robust, but she did not allow this to deter her. Latterly however, it had deteriorated to such an extent that she had been compelled to drop her outside activities. When her daughter Miranda moved from Scotland (and Sheila herself always remained very much a Scotswoman) she also moved to a nursing home there. All who knew her will remember her for her courage, her quick wit, her friendliness, and her interest in life, whilst being relieved that her last three years of suffering have to an end. She gave a lot to the community in which she lived as well as to her family, by whom she will be much missed.

M.C.

MRS EDNA FITZEUSTACE

As the paper goes to press, the Editors have learnt of the sad death of Mrs. Edna Fitzeustace and offer their condolences to the family. An appreciation will appear in the next edition.

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MEMORIES OF OLD CAVERSHAM



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We were fortunate to be given a copy of a photograph which may interest many of our readers. It is a picture of 'V' Detachment, BBC Home Guard (Caversham) consisting of members of the BBC Monitoring Service, then at Caversham Park, in May 1945. Unfortunately only a few names are to hand, including Capt. F.W. Simkiss, Officer Commanding and Lt. F.A. Rush, Second-in-Command. Of the officers and NCO's in the front row, a few names are familiar though many, alas, died some years ago. The soldier on the far right of the front row was Mr. Hamburger, a language monitor who died very recently and was well known as a Wimbledon tennis player.

It would be nice if any of our readers could identify some of the others in the picture.

"A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square"

As we change our calendars on the first of each month, with or without the utterance of "White Rabbits" (old habits die hard!) how many of us give conscious thought to the passage of time?

Nature would seem to possess an "Inborn" clock, yet with careful analysis, one soon appreciates that it lacks our regimentation and is governed by forces far more subtle and integrated, making it gel and flow as a whole.

Soon we will find ourselves facing the autumn, a "Big" time for passage migrants, rarities — and twitchers!

Our garden birder would do well to dally, remain vigilant for the next few weeks, with Field-guide, note-book — and Check List at the ready!

One September many years ago, I saw a male redstart sitting on my back-garden fence. This striking little bird with its slate-grey crown and back, black face and throat, chestnut breast and constantly flicked, rusty-red tail, is a real eye-catcher.

We may spot our small warblers moving southwards, through our gardens on their way back beyond the Sahara Desert — the willow warbler, having bred, now looking very yellowish. If we are fortunate, they may provide us with a few subdued snatches of their songs with which they graced us upon their arrival in April and May.

I cast my own mind back to that same period, as I stood in the "Warbler Lane" near the Theale/Burghfield gravel-pit complex, surrounded by the songs of garden reed, sedge and willow warblers, blackcap, chiffchaff, lesser whitethroat and nightingale, all within fifty metres.

The nightingale sings as volubly during the day as it does at night, either from dense vegetation or immediately adjacent to it, and rarely near habitation. Its song is loud and rich, varying from strange "Gurks", reminiscent of great reed warbler, to a flute-like, deliberate, "Chook, Chook, Chook".

In breeding season, a robin attracted by a neon street-light, will sing both long and loudly in the middle of the night, giving rise to mis-identification, although its song is completely unlike that of the nightingale.

Thus, in spite of the old song, it is highly unlikely that a "Nightingale" ever "Sang in Berkeley Square", as the habitat was (and still is) entirely unsuitable and out of character.

Perhaps the Robin with its wistful, yet quite far-carrying song was again, the culprit!

"SCOPS OWL"

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MATTERS



OVER 60'S CLUB TO CLOSE

An established OVER 60's CLUB in the Caversham Park area will have to close owing to the retirement of two long-standing committee members — The Chairperson and Treasurer.



...UNLESS...

Could you help the forty members by giving up three hours on a Tuesday afternoon?

It's not all year round as there are breaks at Easter (one week), Christmas (three weeks) and Summer (four weeks).

The Group meets at the Milestone Centre from 2.00pm - 4.00pm, but the voluntary workers appointed need to be there by 1.00pm.



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In addition to the lectures, there are usually visits to places of interest during the year. Last season the Whitchurch Silk Mill, Hinton Ampner and the College of Heralds were visited. There was also a visit to Stonor which included a supper party.

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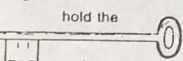
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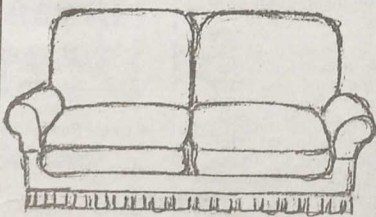
Autumn Show
The Caversham Horticultural Society will be holding its popular Autumn Show at the Arthur Legge Centre on Saturday 12th September from 2pm until 4pm. This event, for members only, has many categories including a cooker sections for cakes and jam with a host of prizes, plant sales and auction as well as a raffle. There is still time for keen gardeners not yet members, to join and enter the competition by applying for membership details from Miss Sheila Bryant on 0734-473441 or the Club Chairman, Mr Peter Handy, on 0734-473745.

Caversham W.I.

The history of the National Trust was the subject of a fascinating lecture by Mr and Mrs Michael Shepherd at the July meeting of the Caversham W.I. Mr Shepherd began with a short history of the National Trust, and then led members on a tour of National Trust properties in England and Wales. The National Trust holds a unique place in the National Heritage, and over eight and a half million people visit the properties in one year.

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The competition for a photograph of a stately home garden was won by Mrs Wills.

Caversham Ladies Club

The meeting was opened by Mrs Harwood, Chairman, who after her usual warm welcome to the members, gave out the sad news of the death of Mrs Ferris, who had been a member for a very long time, and would be sadly missed. A minute's silence was observed by members as a tribute to her, a very friendly lady always.

It was then time for the introduction of Mr Larry Crosier, who with slides accompanying his talk, was going to tell members about the Avon and Kennet Canal, which came into force in 1724, but then practically faded away. His talk started at Reading and then followed on to Bristol; and what a wonderful job the people of the Kennet and Avon Canal Society had accomplished over the years, bringing so much of it back to its present glory. To see the "Before and After" slides was a wonderful credit to their work, and nature has added to the beauty of each lock. It is certain they will be continuing this fine work effort for a very long time to come with their one hundred per cent enthusiasm. One doesn't realise just how many beautiful places and locks there are to be seen, not too far, nowadays if one is interested. The colourful barges on this canal add to its delight, but it is hoped more ways will also be found to explore the locks etc. Mr Crosier was thanked and appreciation of a very interesting afternoon was shown by members in the usual way.

Members were reminded that September 24th was the date for their outing. Further details would be given at the next meeting. Tea followed, then the meeting closed.

Rosehill Women's Institute

The July meeting was on the 1st, and Mrs Jane Stockill welcomed

members. The minutes were read by Mrs Fry. Mrs Bush will take over as Secretary in September, replacing Mrs Jefferies. As no meeting takes place in August, several dates were given; for instance Mrs Noreen Hooper had a garden party at her house, 6 Tower Close, Emmer Green on 5th August at 2.15pm when members and their friends were invited. Also Mrs Barbara Weller was going to have a coffee morning at 12 Phillimore Road on 26th August.

The speaker was Mr. D. Chandler of "Swan Lifeline". He talked about the wildlife around here, mainly owls, foxes and badgers. Some, especially badgers, will be disturbed when building starts at Bugs Bottom. He also showed some very good slides.

The silver salver was presented to Mrs Joan Martin, and the goblet to Mrs Jane Stockill; these are given annually for points gained in competitions. Today there was an exhibition for "A Swan Decoration", showing quite a number of interesting objects.

Emmer Green Townwomen's Guild

The July meeting of the Emmer Green Townwomen's Guild was entertained with a talk and slide show given by Mrs Mary Freeland entitled "Being a Vet's Wife in the Third World". She began the evening with a display of some of the beautiful objects she had collected from her years overseas in Swaziland, Borneo, Bangladesh and Nigeria. Mrs Freeland is a nurse and was often able to work wherever needed, sometimes alongside her husband and as he attended to the animals' needs she coped with the human patients. It was obvious that she loves the people and the countries in which she lived and worked as do her children and they all gained much from absorbing new cultures and customs.

Mrs Freeland's slides showed a very basic way of life and a need for an open mind and a spirit of adventure, but she and her family clearly had both. Swaziland is very beautiful and fairly mountainous, being known as "Little Switzerland" and wonderful tropical fruits grow in abundance. Heat and humidity are very great especially in Borneo but the jungle flora and fauna are fascinating if sometimes rather daunting with poisonous scorpions and leeches lurking in the lush undergrowth. Although Mrs Freeland has lived very happily in the U.K. for the last ten

years, she has a great affection for the people and the lands of the third world that she and her family got to know so well. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs M. Sutherland.

A full and interesting report by Mrs B. Fowler on the National Council Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall was read by the Chairman and Mrs E. Fuller was thanked for arranging the annual outing to the Ironbridge Museum, a lovely day being enjoyed by all.

The Ramblers raised £50.00 for MacMillan Nurses when they walked as part of the fund raising "MacMillan Mile" in June and a collection was made to add to this in memory of the late Mrs E. Swaine. Two new members, Mrs Randall and Mrs Thrower, were welcomed and it is hoped that they enjoy many happy years with the Guild.

There will be a break for the summer, the next meeting being on September 8th, but there was a garden party to look forward to in August, and the walks were to continue throughout the summer.

Maplewood W.I.

'Bees in my Bonnet' was the title of an amusing talk by Mrs E. Wilson at the July meeting of Maplewood W.I. Her first bee, she said, concerned an enthusiasm for people and illustrating this she told her audience about a blind girl named Anne she had met on a radio programme who was 'Princess for a Day'. On this day Anne had all her wishes fulfilled and she was taken to skate at Queens ice rink, go dancing, 'see' the Royal Family, feed the pigeons in Trafalgar Square, touch the elephants at a circus, and after tea at Ascot, went to buy a new evening dress. Then she went on to change at the Dorchester where she met Bob Hope and actually danced with him. The skill with which she used her other senses to manage and enjoy so many activities and new environments, her en-

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thusiasm and delight in everything, said Mrs Wilson, were an example of what can be achieved if one has the will.

Her next bee was about communication. Today loneliness is rife while the media glut the air and newspapers and telephones take the place of letters. We are in danger of losing the art of conversation and this should be combatted by encouraging communication in our schools. Lastly, Mrs Wilson thought parents were sometimes making a mistake by trying too hard to be as youthful as their children. They were losing sight of their responsibilities as parents to foster interest in so many aspects of life, from changing fashions, decorations and architecture to the marvels of the world of nature. The age of wonder is lost all too soon, she said.

This lively and evocative talk was followed by a special tea and birthday cake provided by the members, as this was the Institute's thirty-seventh Birthday Party. It was a very happy occasion enjoyed by all.

The flower of the month competition was won by Miss W. Simmonds with a lace-cap hydrangea.

Caversham Heights TG

Acupuncture in Modern Times

At the July meeting of the main guild of Caver-

sham Heights Townswomen in St Andrew's Hall Miss Lynn Wilkes outlined to an interested audience the law of the five elements, which lies behind the ancient practice of acupuncture. This is essentially part of a method of treating the body as a whole. The elements of fire, earth, metal, water and wood, and there are emotions and feelings association with these. By a careful study of the patient and the use of acupuncture, an imbalance of energy can be detected and sometimes put right. For instance, energy may be blocked through an inappropriate response, and it may be possible to learn a better, appropriate response. Everyone is different as regards energy.

At social studies Mrs Lewington spoke about the work that is being done in Romania to help orphan children there. A contribution towards this cause was made by members.

After Christmas some members are hoping to attend a map reading course.

St Peter's Wives

In May, the Wives' Group gathered in Church House and enjoyed a Beetle Drive followed in June by a successful Strawberry Supper.

On the 11 July, armed with home made cakes, scones etc. volunteers from the Group were at the Sue Ryder Fete providing cups of tea and selling cakes. Some £300

was raised for the Home's funds. For the monthly meeting in July, the Group welcomed Mrs Kate Penny, who gave a pedicure to member Sharman Wells, and kept the Group amused as she worked.

To look forward; on the third Tuesday in September Mr George Bartlett will be at Church House to talk about Fuchsias.

On the 20th October, Mr K Sands will talk on "Old Time Music Hall" and on the 25th October, the Group will be participating in Family Eucharist at St Peter's Church.

On 7 November, the Wives will be holding their Autumn Fair and the AGM will be on the 17th of this month.

The Astronomy group discussed "Stars, Black Holes and Galaxies", and "The origin and possible end of the Universe. Are we alone?" The play readers ended their session with Terence Rattigan's moving one-act play 'The Browning Version'. The group resumes in September.

The Walkers were blessed with a beautiful day for their ramble round Winners. This was much appreciated as last year it poured down for the same walk.

New members are always welcome at Star. For details please ring Membership Secretary Mrs Grace McGregor, Reading 866037.

score and received first prize.

Mr. Philip Staines was welcomed to the club on the 20th July to give a talk and a photographic slide show. His subject was 'Close up on Nature' and he showed a series of slides depicting a year of nature at home and abroad. Fascinating closeups of flowers, insects, butterflies, birds and trees made the audience aware of the beauty of nature when seen in such fine detail. The members appreciated the clever photography and Mr. Staines was invited to visit the club again.

A Gypsy Party was arranged for the meeting on the 27th July. The members were asked to dress in appropriate costume and also to bring a contribution to the refreshment table. Entertainment was provided by singers from the Peppard Women's Institute, led by Molly Lindlaw. The group like to give a lighthearted performance and this proved to be the case with their medley of well known songs. Wearing beflowered hats with smart blouses and skirts, they sang items from stage shows, old time melodies and many popular ballads interspersed with amusing poems. Memories of war-time days were evoked when the group, dressed in army, navy and airforce uniforms sang songs of that era. Their musical voices and cheerful mien were appreciated by the audience who, when invited to join in the choruses were quick to do so. After a break for the supper, which consisted of a delicious assortment of food, some of the entertainers were asked to choose the member with the best gypsy costume. Evelyn Cook won first prize with George Feast in second place. After a few more songs it was time to go home. The Chairman thanked the singers for a happy evening which the members endorsed by their applause.

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The Books Group had an in-depth study of Jane Austen's 'Mansfield Park' and learnt how closely she portrayed the social manners of her day. The Classical Music Group ended its cycle with a splendid talk by Mrs Auriel Warwick on 'Music as Therapy'. She inspired and moved the group with her description of work done with autistic children and also of how music can be the only human contact when speech fails.

On July 11th a party from Star again visited the Mill at Sonning. After an excellent lunch they saw the thriller 'A Sting in the Tale' which fully lived up to its name. The open meeting in the Kennet Room was on 'Industrial Archaeology in Berkshire'. Slides were shown of Reading's past with buildings devoted to biscuits, bricks and breweries. There was much to be seen if one knew where to look. The Technology and Change group concentrated on the Golden Years of the Industrial Revolution from 1870-1914.

The new Environment group spent their time discussing the rainforest and the climatic changes brought about by deforestation. The subjects for the Travel Group were "Temples in Turkey and Gulls in Greece" and "Up the Rhine". The motion for the Debating group was "That the good old days were best". This was lost in spite of a spirited defence of times gone by.

The Writers' group each brought an informative article from an unusual angle and this proved very interesting.

which was imported as a ground plant and is now taking over the trees and growing eighteen inches a day. A memorial in remembrance of Martin Luther King was visited in Atlanta. Miss Tyler stayed at New Orleans for four days and found it a fascinating city, seeing the French quarters with lovely old 'iron lace' balconies and cobbled streets. a highlight was a sail on the Creole Queen steam boat down the Mississippi and a farewell dinner on board to complete a holiday to remember. Beryl Latcham, the Chairman, thanked Miss Tyler for her interesting talk. At this meeting, Evelyn Cook presided over the 'Nearly New' stall, selling members' unwanted goods, a small percentage of the price being donated to club funds. The following week club member Doreen Crawley was in charge of the whist drive, held in friendly competition between the members. May Plant had the highest

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