

JOURNEYS TO SANTIAGO

Pilgrimages to holy places are an ancient tradition of most religions, fulfilling what seems to be a deep seated need in many people, not only to visit the object of the pilgrimage but to make of the journey itself a spiritual exercise. Christian tradition in the Middle Ages identified three pre-eminent goals, the Holy Land, St. Peter's in Rome and the shrine of the Apostle James at Santiago de Compostela in North West Spain.

Travel in those days, whether by sea, on foot or on horseback, meant discomfort and danger, both natural and from brigands and the like. Today, reliable ships, air conditioned coaches and jet powered planes devour the miles in comparative comfort while the greatest danger to someone attempting to walk to Jerusalem or to Rome is probably that of being struck by a passing motor vehicle — but not on the road to Compostela!

Great tracts of the old pilgrim road, the Way of St. James, that runs across Northern Spain from the Pyrenees to Santiago still exist. True, some stretches are overlaid with busy main roads but the greater part is either on ancient trackways or on very minor roads. I first travelled it in 1990 in the comfort of the family motor-caravan. We could not, of course, follow the off road sections and we passed rapidly through the countryside reaching Santiago from the Pyrenees in five short days.

I knew then that I had to make the journey again and in September 1991 I set out once more, this time on a mountain bike, and spent three weeks covering the same distance. How different it was. Now I was acutely conscious of the landscape that we had sped through the previous year, the climbs over the mountains, the green countryside of the Pyrenees and of Galicia and the great brown plateau of the Castilian meseta that lies between them, the noble cathedrals of Pamplona, Santo Domingo, Burgos, León and Astorga, the magnificent churches to be found in insignificant villages, the tiny wayside shrines and a route that often ran far from any visible habitation.

I enjoyed the company of fellow pilgrims walking and cycling in the tracks of the millions who had passed that way in the preceding thousand years. At night we stayed in pilgrim refuges, simple accommodation provided by local church or secular authorities or even, in a few cases, by 'friends' of the pilgrimage who, having made the journey themselves, were now involved in helping others do likewise. However, comparing my lot on a cycle with that of the walkers I could not but think that their experience was much closer to that of their predecessors. While a stretch of tarmac eased my way it was a penance for them, where I freewheeled



The Goal — the Cathedral of St. James in Compostella

— K. Corrigan



The road seems long.....

— K. Corrigan



A cosmopolitan group at Supper

— K. Corrigan

happily downhill they still had to walk each step, carrying on their backs their rucksacks while my panniers rested, not on me, but on my uncomplaining cycle.

So it was that 4th September 1992 found me yet again at St. Jean Pied de Port at the foot of the Pyrenees, this time shod in walking boots and carrying a rucksack. Thirty days later, I entered Compostela together with two Spanish girls, two Belgians, a German and a Frenchman all of whose company I had enjoyed most evenings throughout that time. The spacing of refuges tends to dictate how much one travels in a day and the formation in this way of little groups of pilgrims travelling at the same pace is almost inevitable, not that we didn't meet others. The Way of St. James is nothing if not international and, in addition to my immediate companions, Holland, Argentina and Brazil contributed representatives, all inspired by a common goal, the shrine of St. James in the city, Santiago, that bears his name.

Over 7000 arrivals on foot and by bike were recorded at Santiago in 1991 and the figure for 1992 will probably exceed that. Some of them will have been keen walkers or cyclists but many will not and for them the physical demands of the journey can be great indeed with blisters and muscular pains combining to hinder their progress. Not all who started out would have finished. Not all who arrived would have walked the full 450 miles from the French border but they were likely to have travelled for at least a week and some for very much longer like the Irish girl I met in 1991 who walked the 900 miles from Le Puy and the young German who in 1992 had done something like 1500 miles from Munich. A few also choose to walk home again — in the Middle Ages there was no alternative!

What is it then that makes so many people hang a heavy sack from their shoulders and then place one foot in front of the other a million times or so? There are probably as many reasons as there are people doing it and I would be hard put to rationalise my own. The form one completes on arrival in Santiago asks prosaically if reasons are religious, spiritual, cultural, sporting or other. Many tick all the boxes — their reasons are personal and complex but for many, I am sure, include the continuation of a tradition established in a more spiritual age than our own.

Kevin Corrigan

Kevin Corrigan has recently joined the editors where he is dove-tailing with John Mullaney as the Roman Catholic representative. Kevin Corrigan has been part of the team for several months now and has fitted in extremely well, and it is with pleasure that we publish his article above.

TALKING POINT

by
The Rev. John Boakes
Minster, Gosbrook Road Methodist Church



A NAME CHOSEN BY GOD

The name 'Jesus' wasn't chosen by Mary or Joseph, but by God. In the past a name was chosen for its meaning, showing the feelings or intentions of the parents: and so, for example, the names of two of Jacob's sons, Judah and Asher, meant Praise and Happy.

Now I wonder if you know what God's choice, 'Jesus' means.

It would be very appropriate if it meant 'Peace' because Jesus brought peace into the world. The nativity scene is a peaceful one. The Shepherds and the wise men joining Mary and Joseph in quiet and complete contentment; and ever since that day those who have joined in adoration at the crib and confidently put their trust in Christ have known that 'inward' peace that is not given by this world.

What about 'Joy'? "I bring you good tidings of great joy", the angel said to the shepherds, and certainly after these men had seen Jesus they left, "glorifying and praising God". It has always been the same. To become aware of the wonder of Jesus Christ brings joyfulness.

And then what about 'Jesus' meaning 'Love'? One bible phrase says, "God is Love", and Christians believe that Jesus reveals the character of God. Certainly one of the great teachings of Jesus is 'Love': care and concern for all people.

Christians have willingly obeyed this teaching and so there has come throughout the world help, compassion, self-sacrifice by followers of Christ. As one of the carols, 'Love came down at Christmas', states:

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

We could go on finding suitable meanings for the name 'Jesus'. But what is God's choice? He chose a name that means 'GOD SAVES'.

The reason for Jesus coming into the world was to 'Bring God to us and us to God'; to take us away from all that brings worry, discontent, evil and unhappiness and to change our lives from being self-centred to being God-centred. This purpose cost Jesus his life.

Christ came many years ago to Bethlehem; He still comes today, to us and is still 'The Saviour'.

CONTACTS

By Wilma Tait

Christmas 1992 — Don't spend it alone

Many of your mature readers who live alone are already dreading the prospect of being alone during the Festive Season. The Christmas decorations are already on sale in the supermarkets to remind us that another lonely Christmas is looming up.

As part of the Contacts service to members, I keep a list of those who will be alone during the Festive period so they can contact each other and arrange to meet for a glass of sherry and chat.

I started Contacts three years ago when my marriage broke up very unexpectedly and I found myself alone and looking for way to make new friends and a new social life. It's so easy to stay at home feeling lonely and not realising many others nearby are in the same situation and would welcome your company.

So often I would see a poster for an interesting local event but would not attend and I did not have anyone to accompany

me. I discussed my problem with others and realised that most missed a 'one to one' relationship, someone they could phone and say 'come and have a drink' or 'let's go for a walk as it's a lovely afternoon'.

To solve the difficulty of meeting others who are alone, I supply all members with a list of the names, addresses and interests of others in their county, also details of interests. Anyone who is nervous can be listed by the Christian name and telephone number.

For those who enjoy writing letters, I run a penfriend service. Many get great pleasure from receiving letters from other members in other parts in the country.

Members who would like a companion for a holiday or weekend break can contact others as they are marked on the list, also marked are ladies who only wish to hear from other ladies!

Please send a stamped addressed envelope for details to Mrs Wilma Tait, 2 Knowle Close, Caversham Heights RG4 7LH.

THE SYNOD VOTE

The recent Synod vote on the Ordination of Women Priests has caught the public's imagination. John Madeley, who was present for that historic vote, will be writing about it in next month's "Talking Point". We congratulate Cardinal Basil Hume, who tempered the negative attitude of the Vatican by saying that the decision did not signal a breakdown in ecumenical relations and that praying and working together would continue despite the new and additional obstacle. It was interesting to note that a placard "Catholic Women Priests — Our Turn Next" was on show in Dean's Yard after the debate.

POST BAG

BALMORE HOUSE

Dear Editors,

I can add something to your history of Balmore House, which in my childhood seemed a mysterious place, as it could not be seen from any main road, standing as it still does on the high ground between Peppard Road and Hemdean Road.

During World War I it was used as a school which, I believe, had moved from somewhere else, but certainly it was a school for several years. Its head was the Rev. Gwatin, a tall, thin, lugubrious looking man who occasionally preached at St. Peter's Church (this was when Mr. Stoney was Rector) and attended every Sunday with some of his pupils. Because of his appearance and the extremely subdued behaviour of his boys I wove stories about him and decided (with no evidence to go on) that he was very handy with the cane. I was only nine at the time, but my parents shared my aversion and groaned when he was due to give a sermon, which tended to dwell on Sin.

Perhaps somebody also remembers him; there may even be some of his pupils around to give the lie to my youthful impressions.

Vera Ryder

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

BUGS BOTTOM LOANS RETURNED

The return of the moneys lent to the Bugs Bottom Action Group to take the case to the Court of Appeal is now practically completed. It was a long and complex task but every effort was made to see that the cheques reached the right people. There were naturally removals and sadly a few deaths over the two and a half years since the money was raised, but with a few exceptions these have all been sorted out. Anyone who still has not had money returned should get into touch with the Hon. Treasurer Jean Sawyer of 90, Oakley Road, RG4 7RN who will look into the matter.

Jean has only recently taken over this position from Caroline Speer, who oversaw the complexities of matching cheque to loaner before resigning to await the imminent birth of her twins. Jean will deal with any outstanding matters as soon as possible.

TROUBLE IN THE VALLEY

Meanwhile 'enabling' work continues to go ahead in Bugs Bottom. Not surprisingly some of it has been damaged. Building sites are often the target of vandalism, and this one is no exception. It would appear that the damage done was a form of protest rather than mindless destruction, but nevertheless this is something that the campaigning groups cannot support. In the event, it rather backfired, as it gave Higgs and Hill the opportunity to appear as victims under attack when trying to protect badgers.

Reports of infringements of the planning conditions have been coming in, the most potentially damaging being the blocking by equipment, digging or vehicles of the footway in Kidmore Road, causing pedestrians, several with baby buggies or small children, to go out into the road, as there is no alternative footpath on the other side. A group of campaigners asked questions about this before the October Borough Council meeting, and were informed that the conditions set down applied only to construction work not 'enabling' work. Nevertheless, it does appear that Higgs & Hill have been warned about obstructing the footway. Other questions about the unsatisfactory nature of the road layouts at the access points produced the answers that although they do not indeed comply with the highest requirements, they are nonetheless acceptable as the best that can be achieved, given the nature of the site agreed by the Department of the Environment for the access point. All the same, there is a very wide verge which could be used to enable space to be available on the other side for a footway.

In the end it does not matter how you look at it, the unsuitability of Bugs Bottom for this kind of development shows up again and again.

PARTY TIME

It was a cold October night when Caversham and District Residents' Association celebrated its 25th anniversary with a party, but there was a warm welcoming atmosphere in the Arthur Legge centre where an attractive buffet had been laid out. The Mayor and Mayoress came along to join in, and guests tried to identify places in Caversham from photographs round the wall, with a shameful lack of success. Isobel Dovey was the only one to get a creditable twenty-one right, out of twenty-five, with the rest lagging far behind.

Passages read from writings about the Thames and Reading must have dispelled any lingering ideas that it was a better place in 'the good old days'. Dirt, disease, inhumane criminal laws and abject poverty were all too common, but amidst all this was a growing feeling that improvements were feasible and that there was a will to carry them out.

The Thames, then as now, was a source of pleasure. Robert Gibbings was there, enjoying his chance encounter with his naiaid swimming all

unaware, in the nude, and the Three Men in a Boat recounted the anglers' tales heard in the riverside pubs we still enjoy today.

There's plenty to occupy the Residents' Association for another twenty-five years. Perhaps another excuse for a party can be found before it reaches its fiftieth anniversary.

RECYCLE IT

It's a bit of a battlefield to get to the waste paper collection on the first Saturday morning of each month in St. Martin's car park. Some people avoid this by leaving their paper there in the preceding week, stacked up against the fence. This however makes St. Martin's Property Corporation get stroppy and threaten to withdraw recycling facilities on their patch, so please refrain from doing it. Rivermead is easier to get into, but again is only there on the first Saturday of every month, which is somewhat restrictive. The Borough Council is looking for suitable sites for smaller skips which would be available all the time. One suggested place is the Albert Road playing field at the edge of the car-park there. There would be a can, bottle and textile bank there as well, the latter being something new in Reading. These would be of a different type from the larger skips, less noisy and less attractive to graffiti mongers.

Rob Angell of the Borough's Department of the Environmental Services would like to hear the views of people living locally on this and also any other sites suitable for recycling points. Far more material is taken for recycling than used to be the case, but far too much is still just put into dustbins, and of course, far too much is still produced.

THE BIG WHITE CHIEF SPEAKS

Members of Caversham and District Residents' Association assisted with the organisation of a very successful public meeting held by the Chiltern Society at Goring Hall, at which the speaker was the Chief Planning Inspector for England and Wales of the Department of the Environment. Although locally we may feel that he allowed Bugs Bottom to slip through his net, his 250 inspectors have to follow carefully laid down guidelines and are chosen for their maturity and experience (there is no such creature as a very young inspector) and their ability to take an impartial view.

Whilst a clearly presented and well thought out case stands a better chance than an ill prepared one, inspectors must also give as much weight to an inarticulate objector who may be overawed by the semi-judicial form of a public

inquiry as to an expensively acquired barrister who puts a case with practised ease and panache. All inspectors work from home, a daunting thought in view of the huge amounts of paper work generated each day of a public inquiry.

Hearing the Inspector speak, one was still left wondering however the Bugs Bottom decision got past the careful guidelines. Part of the answer must be, to use current jargon, that the goal posts were moved and the playing field was not level.

A NEW CITY

Newcomers to Reading often assume that it is a city and are surprised to learn that it is 'just' a town. Now a campaign has been launched to seek city status. This is in the gift of the Queen, so Reading has to convince her that it merits this recognition. A starting point for Reading could be that her traditional home is in the royal county, one of the few counties without a city and of which Reading is the capital town.

There are many arguments in its favour. It's big, bigger than many existing cities, it's a regional centre, it's got a well-established and internationally renowned university, and it's even got a history. It does not have a cathedral, but contrary to popular opinion that is not one of the requirements for a City, though most people would think a City without a cathedral lacked something.

It does however possess three ancient parish churches even though one is constantly the subject of rumours about closure, the other stands in a badly neglected churchyard, and the third has been cut off from the town by the inner ring road. Improvements such as the Town Hall area and the waterways make it a much better looking town than it used to be, but there is still much waiting to be done.

The plan is to approach the Queen sometime next year. There are already competitors in the field. Will she choose Reading or will she suggest they try harder and come back to her later?

FEED THE CHILDREN

The Caversham based charity, Feed the Children, is doing excellent work for the children of the former Yugo-Slavia and south east Europe. One problem with these children is that they are becoming listless and apathetic for want of stimulation. Gifts of drawing materials, jigsaw puzzles (complete) and such like constructive pastimes would help a lot. Their warehouse is above Ahmed in Priory Avenue, and their address for donations is Freepost, Reading RG4 7BR.

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DORIS WALKER

Older members of the community in Mapledurham will remember Doris Walker, who died in October, as a past president of the W.I. way back in the sixties. It was Doris and her husband Roy who were responsible for the pageant in the summer of 1961. They also organised a Carol Service just before Christmas in Trench Green Hall for several years.

For a while Doris helped at Mapledurham's little C of E School where she loved the children dearly and did so much for them. They, too, loved her and would rush to the playground fence to greet her as she pedalled her bike up the road from Step Cottage, half way up the hill.

Those were very happy days and she often recalled them when she lived at Broadstone, where for the last years of her life she became housebound. She gave a lot to the young in the community and we give thanks for those years of her life amongst us.

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DR. FAIRLEY RETIRES

Dr. James Hamilton Fairley retires from general practice at Balmore Park Surgery on 4th December 1992.

Born into a distinguished medical family — his father was a Professor of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene — Dr. Fairley trained initially at Oxford, where he met his Danish wife, Poula, and then moved to St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London. After a two year spell in country practice in Corowa, New South Wales, Australia, and a year in Reigate, Dr. Fairley joined his present practice in Caversham in December 1958. He is now retiring after 34 years of unbroken service to his patients in the Caversham area.



Dr. Fairley has been a wonderful family doctor in the traditional style. A superb diagnostician — his professionalism has always been of the highest order. The care of his patients has always been his main concern and he has been an inspiring example to the many young doctors who have been trained in his practice.

As senior partner since 1979, Dr.

Fairley's wise counsel has guided the practice through a period of change, including a move to brand new premises in 1985 and being appointed as first wave Fundholders last year. Through all the changes which have affected the N.H.S. in recent years, Dr. Fairley's devotion to his patients has never wavered.

Dr. Fairley takes with him the best wishes of his partners, staff, friends and patients, for a long, happy and well-earned retirement. Hopefully he will for many years to come be able to enjoy his beautiful garden and have some time for his hobbies which include, reading, history, music and Scottish bagpipes.

FAREWELL TO ANNE

When anything is organised in Caversham it is usually well done. The Service of Thanksgiving for Anne Hilliard, deputy head of Queen Anne's, held at the school in October was no exception. Besides the hymns, lessons and prayers led by the Reverends Neville Smith and T.E.F. Coulson, we listened to a moving reading by Sir Peter Imbert and an address by His Honour Judge John Murchie. Giving all the details of Anne's very active life, we were reminded of what a very worth-while person Anne had been and how worth-while had been her time on earth. The speech itself and the listening to it were true expressions of thanksgiving.

And what pleasure we had in the music. The powerful voice of opera singer Kathryn Hide, a daughter of another member of staff, filled the packed chapel and the four-part motet sung by the school choir, was pure delight. We should hear this choir more often in Caversham.

How different this service was from the dreary, impersonalised funerals one so often has to endure. All Anne's friends and colleagues, I am sure, would like to thank those involved.

CAVERSHAM AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

This year, Caversham and District Residents' Association celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary. During that time, the face of Caversham has changed considerably, but not beyond recognition.

The Residents' Association came into being in response to a proposal to demolish much of the property between the Peppard Road — Henley Road junction and the river in order to construct a road leading to a third river bridge between the existing two, all linked to a shopping precinct is there, and has

become an accepted part of Caversham, though closing for ever the idea of an open space between Church Street and the river. The river crossing scheme was dropped and the shops and houses fortunately remain.

Since then, Caversham has been the target of much more development, some of it good, some of it bad. As public participation gradually came to be accepted as an essential ingredient of local government, the Residents' Association came to be regarded not just as an irrelevant thorn in the flesh, but as an informed body which reflected

public opinion in Caversham and had a useful contribution to make.

Traffic, trees, parks and parking, litter and lamp posts, are some of the matters that have been taken up. Bugs Bottom is the longest running of all of them. As far as the latter is concerned, Higgs and Hill have started what they describe as 'enabling' work. Protests however led to this being limited to less than Higgs and Hill claimed as part of their permitted brief. They have also applied for a relaxation of the condition preventing them from starting con-

struction work until the road changes on either side of the valley have been satisfactorily set out. The Residents' Association, and Bugs Bottom Action Group, with whom

they work closely, do not intend to ease the way for the builders, nor to give up whilst there is still any hope of saving the valley, or as much of it as possible.

'Percy' and Pals at the Bridge

A recent visit to the car-park at Caversham Bridge may well have rewarded one with a sight seldom witnessed outside of a London Park or square.

A rugged-looking gentleman was surrounded by numerous pigeons, sparrows, swans, and Mallards. Some of the smaller varieties, having thrown caution to the wind, were perched upon his arms and hands, in readiness for the bread on offer.

Forming an 'Outer Circle' were children, as fascinated as ourselves, by the spectacle, and upon whom one or two birds were also awaiting their turn for the feast. One pigeon, doing the 'Long John Silver' act, sat photogenically on a lad's shoulder, the latter appearing completely unconcerned.

Whether this has now become a 'regular' feature is unknown, but certainly it was a

fine display of acceptance, trust, and unity between man and bird which, one may believe, our Good Lord would have 'Smiled upon', and indeed, the spirit of which, we human beings might be well-advised to emulate in these troublous times!

A few hours later, as I was returning from fishing, a pigeon fell into the river from the underside of the bridge, and sheer instinct was guiding its struggle towards Salter's Wharf.

I managed to lower my landing-net beneath it just as its last efforts appeared to be expiring. Lifting it to safety, I partially dried its feathers, then placed the sodden little bundle inside my anorak for warmth. Truly it looked well-spent, but occasionally, a gently stirring 'beneath the folds' gave some hope of survival as we walked back to the car-park.

Gradually, the movements became more pronounced and suddenly, out popped one small, but still very wet little head! Gently pushing it back inside my anorak, I resolved to take it home until it had fully recovered.

The outcome was a happy one — and highly intriguing for my sweet-natured, little King Charles Cavalier, 'Scooby' — who, with great concern, had witnessed the whole proceedings, and later, lent his own bodily warmth to the 'exterior' of the lined, cardboard-box, in which 'Percy the pigeon' was ensconced!

Two days later, fortified with drinks of warm, diluted milk, grit and mixed grain, Percy was duly returned to his family and friends at Caversham Bridge, seemingly none the worse for his amphibious experience, but hopefully, very much wiser.

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ST MARGARET'S MAPLEDURHAM

- Sunday 6th December**
11.00am Family Eucharist and 'Toy Service' (gifts for needy children)
- Sunday 20th December**
6.30pm CAROL SERVICE (lessons and carols)
- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
2.30pm CRIB SERVICE (for children aged 1 to 100!)
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS and Carols
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
11.00am FAMILY EUCHARIST and carols
- Sunday 27th December**
11.00am Holy Communion (sung)

ST ANDREW'S

- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
4.30pm CRIB SERVICE (Families and young children are especially welcome)
11.30pm FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS
- Friday December 25th (Christmas Day)**
8.00am The Eucharist
10.00am Family Christmas Eucharist (Sung)
- Sunday December 27th (Christmas 1)**
Morning services as usual
6.30pm "Your Carol Choice" (a chance to choose and sing your favourite carols)

ST JOHN'S

- Advent Meditations with Holy Communion**
Wednesday 2nd December 8.00pm
Wednesday 9th December 8.00pm
Wednesday 16th December 8.00pm
Wednesday 23rd December 8.00pm
- Thursday 10th December**
10.00am Mothers Union Corporate Communion
- Tuesday 15th December**
2.15pm Christmas Carols with children from Newbridge Nursery School and M.U. in Church
- Sunday 20th December**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion (Said Service) Rite A
3.30pm Parade Christingles
6.30pm Parish Carol Service
- Thursday 24th December**
2.30pm Bristow Court Holy Communion
4.00pm Christingles and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

- Christmas Day**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
- Sunday 27th December**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion

ST BARNABAS

- Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)**
9.30am Parish Communion
4.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols, with choir and music group
- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
4.30pm CRIB SERVICE (Children and families particularly welcome)
11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION with carols and candles
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
8.00am Said Communion (1662)
9.30am FAMILY COMMUNION with carols

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH

- Sunday 20th December**
11.00am Communion and Carols
4.00pm Carols by Candlelight and Baptism
- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
11.30pm Communion by Candlelight
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
11.00am Family Christmas Communion
- Sunday 3rd January**
11.00am Songs of Praise and Covenant Service

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

- Sunday 6th December**
11.00am Toy Service
3.00pm Ecumenical Advent Concert for Save the Children
- Wednesday 9th December**
11.15am Play Group Concert
- Saturday 12th December**
3.00pm Polio Fellowship carol service

- Thursday 17th December**
2.30pm Ladies Network carol service

- Sunday 20th December**
4.00pm Candlelit Christingle Service
- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
11.15pm Watchnight Communion Service

- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
10.30am Family Christmas Celebration

- Sunday 27th December**
11.00am Christ has come

- Sunday 3rd January**
11.00am Covenant Service

GOSBROOK ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

- Sunday 6th December**
10.30am Toy Service and Parade Service
- Sunday 13th December**
6.30pm Nativity Play performed by the grown-ups
- Sunday 20th December**
10.30am Children's Christmas Service
6.30pm Carol Service
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
10.30am Family Christmas Service

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

- Sunday 13th December**
10.30am Christmas Toy Service
6.30pm Evening Worship
- Sunday 20th December**
10.30am Family Worship
6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
10.30-11.15am Family Service
- Sunday 27th December**
10.30am Communion Service (No Evening Service)

ST PAUL'S URC

- Sunday 13th December**
11.00am Gift Service
- Friday 18th December**
7.00pm Christmas Concert — retiring collection for local charity — coffee and mince pies
- Sunday 20th December**
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
5.00pm Carol Singing in the neighbourhood
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
10.00am Christmas Festival Service
- Also:
Tuesday 22nd December
4.30pm Carol Singing at Reading Station (organised by Churches Together in Central Reading, but open to all)

CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL AND CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- Sunday 20th December**
10.45am Caversham Heights Christian Fellowship Family Worship at Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion
10.30am Caversham Hill Chapel. Family Worship
3.00pm "Keyhole Club" at The Hill School
6.00pm Carol Service at Caversham Hill Chapel
- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
10.30am Family Worship at Caversham Hill Chapel
- Sunday 27th December**
10.30am Family Worship at Caversham Hill Chapel

ST ANNE'S RC

- St Anne, South View Avenue**
Penance Service (date to be announced)
Carol Service, Sunday, 20th December at 3.00pm

- Christmas Eve**
Confessions 10.30-12.00am, 3.00-4.00, 5.00-6.00. Mass at 10.00am. Midnight Mass, with Blessing of Crib, preceded by Carols from 11.30pm.

- Christmas Day**
9.00am Children's Mass, with Blessing of the Crib. 11.00am Mass with Carols.

- St Stephen's Day, 26th December**
Mass for Altar Servers at 11.00am. Evening Mass (for the following Day) — 5.30pm (Feast of the Holy Family).

OUR LADY OF CAVERSHAM, RICHMOND ROAD

- Christmas Eve**
Mass at 10.00am followed by Confessions. Midnight Mass, preceded by Carols from 11.30pm. Morning Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am. No Mass on Saturday 26th (Mass at St Anne's at 11.00am)

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD

- Christmas Sunday**
9.30am Sunday School
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship
- Christmas Day**
10.30am Morning Worship

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

- Christmas Day**
10.30am Meeting for Worship

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS

AROUND THE CHURCHES

ST BARNABAS' NEWS

Autumn has seen much activity at St Barnabas, not least of course, the Harvest celebrations in which we all participate at this time of year. St Barnabas' Harvest felt much enriched by the support of the Fellowship Groups. They were asked to consider Harvest from the viewpoint of the "Fruits of Their own Labour". As a result members decorated the church not only with fruit and vegetables, but also with other symbols of their labour; for example a photograph of a dam in Sri Lanka supplying much needed fresh water, courtesy of the skills of one engineering member, a bandage, representing the love and care of a GP Practice nurse, a lovely handknitted jumper, a gift for some lucky child. The list could be endless. There was also this Autumn the opportunity to give thanks to God for the licensing of another Lay Reader for St Barnabas, Peter Munday, now giving the Church a total of three. The Rural Dean came to license Peter and during his sermon reminded the congregation that the word laity meant "The Royal People of God". Quite a title to live up to.

Peter, a relative newcomer to St Barnabas has, in his quiet way, nevertheless been quick to play his very special part in the life of the Church, and he is welcomed not least for his sermons and excellent singing voice.

But Harvest and thanks to God for good fortune, both corporate and individual, also remind the Church of others for whom 1992 has not been a happy year and who must be finding it hard at this present time to give thanks for anything. So it was, with much pleasure that the congregation donated its 5ps to the Sunday School's Raindrop Appeal for Famine Relief. After just a few Sundays the congregation learnt that the Sunday School had collected £30. It was a lovely idea, so "Thank you" Sunday School for helping the Church to think of others first. Thanks too, to Juliet Holland and the Oasis Group for holding a Hunger Lunch and also raising £100 for Famine Relief.

However, the congregation's thoughts turned not only to Famine Relief during the Autumn, but also to Croatia. Earlier in the year the Sunday School had donated decorated shoe boxes full of goodies to the children of Croatia. These had been personally collected by Jill and Anton Perushka and so it was lovely to get a letter from them and to hear that in spite of the harrowing stories, people remained brave and determined.

But it is not only war that brings out bravery and determination. Illness too, often encourages those qualities and many members of St Barnabas seem to have been put to that particular test this year. However, it has been able to say "Thank you" to God for the continued recovery of them all. "God Thank you".

Canons to the Right, Left and Centre.....



- J. Madeley

At a splendid service at Christ Church Cathedral, five new Honorary Canons were installed by the Bishop of Oxford, including our very own Canon Richard Kingsbury (on the far right). Two coach loads of parishioners were present to support him and all enjoyed the simple ceremony and the beautifully sung Evensong in which it was a part. After the service the Cathedral staff and voluntary helpers kindly provided refreshments when the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter and all the new Canons were able to greet their friends.

CHORISTERS' AWARDS



- E.S. Archer

Pictured left to right, St. Peter's Choristers, Jackie Antell, Jackie Wing and Teresa Bosley who passed the R.S.C.M. Bishop's Chorister examinations earlier this year, and who received their awards from Bishop Richard in Christ Church Cathedral during Evensong on 31st October.

LINK GROUP

Much interest was shown in the talk given at the Link Group's inter-church lunch in February by Jill Pitkeighley of the Carers' National Association. The group therefore held a special meeting on 26th October and invited representatives from the Medical practices, health workers, Good Neighbour scheme, Red Cross, and others concerned with the care of disabled people in their homes, and from various churches.

Sheila Brownlow came along to speak and to show a video. She is the Crossroads Co-ordinator for South Oxfordshire and the film showed how well the scheme is already working in Bracknell. A team of carefully picked and trained Care Attendants are ready to go into homes where there is a handicapped person of any age receiving constant care. They can take over for a short period, allowing the family "carer" to have a much needed break. They visit first to get to know the family well. Mrs. Brownlow explained in detail the workings of the organisation and answered many queries.

All those present concerned with such families realised how welcome such a scheme would be in Caversham, and a steering committee was set up to carry the idea further. Anyone interested would be most welcome and should contact Link Group Chairman Anthea Prescott (478865).

The Link Group's 18th birthday falls in November and they will be celebrating this at the Bennett's home where the first meeting was convened in 1974.

MEN OF ST. ANDREW'S

The group, who had invited the ladies, was addressed by Derek Shew, resident of Caversham, who is the coordinator of Reading Victim Support Scheme, founded fourteen years ago and helping over two and a half thousand a year. He has the assistance of twenty three volunteers and is asking for more to assist him. The work is entirely voluntary and training is given. As we unfortunately know, crime in Reading is rising all the time.

We are all potential victims of crime. It can strike us at any stage of our lives and when it does, it is always unexpected and disruptive in many ways. It is hard to anticipate how we might react. Some recover easily but many are shocked and bewildered and do not know what to do to begin to help themselves. It may be, for example, a burglary at home, criminal damage, theft from a car, or a nasty assault (even to a close relative).

To meet this need, the Scheme movement was started in 1974 and there are over three hundred local schemes as part of a National Association. Each morning the police tell the coordinator about people who have been victims in the previous twenty-four hours and volunteers either call, telephone or write to ask if the victim requires any assistance. This is adjusted to the victim's particular needs and circumstances by sympathetic support from an understanding and helpful listening, contacting insurance companies, practical assistance...

The service is free and completely confidential and the usual plea goes out for funds from the public and more VOLUNTEERS... YOU!

Mr Shew answered over an hour's worth of our questions and we sincerely thank him and his three volunteers (including Evelyn Harden) for coming.

To sum up, they extend the hand of friendship, love in the full sense of the word, to speed recovery to lead a normal life. The consequences of crime are a loss of control and frustration in their lives due to this very disruptive event — a slice of one's life wrested away.

R. Oliver — Chairman

MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Ascension Singers returned to St Andrew's Church on Saturday, October 17th, after quite a long absence. It was a return well worth waiting for!

Under their Conductor, David Sidwell, and with Philip Aspden at the Organ, this small choir of very talented singers gave an enthusiastic audience a real musical treat, not least of which was Philip Aspden's Organ Solo by Lefebure-Wely.

From the moving opening words of Bairstow's "Though I speak with the Tongues of Men" to the finale, Vivaldi's "Gloria" the well balanced programme, sung so beautifully, provided an enchanting evening.

St Andrew's is very grateful for this wonderful effort on behalf of the Roof and Organ Restoration Fund.

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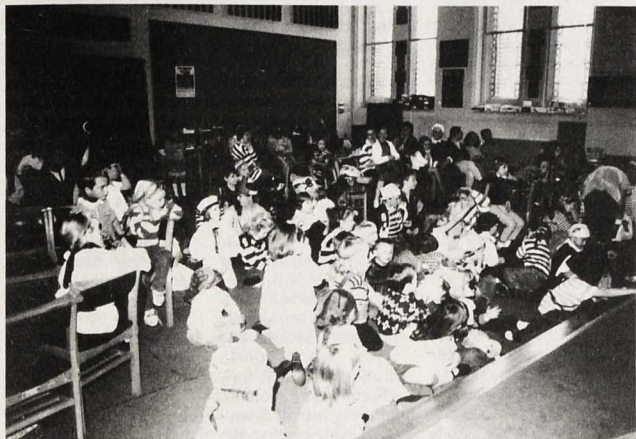
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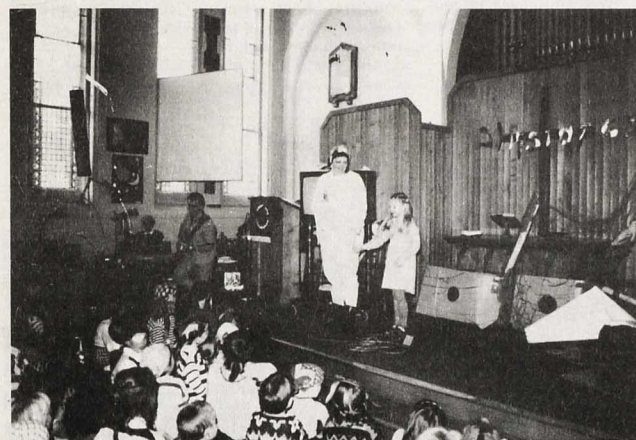


Children between the ages of 5 and 12 went sailing along to Caversham Baptist Free Church each afternoon of half term week for 2 hours of fun.

The theme for the week, organised by Mrs. Jan Ham & Mrs. Shirley Strong and a whole 'navy' of helpers, was 'Ship-shapes', published by Scripture Union. Through fun, craft, music, games, drama, map making and treasure hunting the children learned the stories of Peter and Jesus, helped along by an excellent video featuring cartoon stories with narration by Roy Castle.

An average of 86 children each day had a great time, and a total of 136 children came along during the week. 70 of these children did not go to church on a regular basis. The others represented 16 different churches and a total of 21 different schools.

Not only did the children have a great time but the leaders and helpers did too and would like to express thanks to the children who came and to the parents for bringing their children along and giving support to Friday evening when they were invited to join in the fun and hear the Scripture Union representative Rev. David Abel of Banbury.



The Keyhole Club

Keybunch, a Christian drama group based at Caversham Hill Chapel, has just completed another tour of the Primary Schools in the area (seventeen in all, full details in next month's Caversham Bridge). They started the Keyhole Club last year and it has been very popular with average attendances of seventy children. The Keyhole Club

is open to all children of Primary School age. It meets once a month for games, quizzes, drama sketches, crafts and singing. The primary aim is to introduce the children to Christianity in a fun and relaxed atmosphere and encourage them to live a Christian life-style.

There is a small annual membership fee

of £1 and monthly sub of 30p to help with the cost of a special Keyhole Club membership card and badge, room hire, activities, refreshments etc.

The next meeting will be a Christmas Party Special on Sunday 20th December, starting at 3.00pm at The Hill Primary School Pppard Road. The

children will then be given tea at Caversham Hill Chapel. Parents are invited for mince pies at 5.30pm and everybody is welcome at the Chapel's Carol Service at 6.00pm.

For further information please phone Mark Hatcher or Mike Holmes at Caversham Hill Chapel on 474529.

RETIREMENT OF CAVERSHAM G.B. OFFICERS



Mrs Peggy Ide recently retired from active service in the Girls Brigade, after a life-time's membership — 43 years as an Officer.

Peggy began her service as an Officer in Twickenham and introduced her own girls to Brigade as her mother had previously taken her.

When the family moved to Reading she helped 1st Caversham (Gosbrook Road Methodist) until their Captain moved away and then she was asked to help out temporarily (18 years to be exact!) A member of Caversham Baptist Free Church, Peggy's appointment was an early example of ecumenical cooperation.

In 1981 Peggy was appointed Commandant of the Reading District G.B. — an area which includes Caversham, Thatcham and Newbury.

At the District AGM Peggy said that one of her most exciting memories was the Albert Hall Rally, an event which showed the Brigade nation-wide to be in good heart. During her service as Commandant, Peggy had been much impressed by the standard and enthusiasm of Young Leaders in training and she looked forward to the time when they would take their place as Officers.

Now what of the future? Peggy felt that the District would go on from strength to strength under their new C.O. and Adjutant and she looked forward to hearing of further progress, always remembering that the work of GB is to the Glory of God and for the encouragement and help of its members.

Warm tributes were paid to Mrs. Ide (right of picture) and to the value of her devoted service to the Brigade and the gift of a Rose-bowl was presented in appreciation.

At the same Meeting, Mrs. Polli Packham (left of picture) a retired Officer from Surrey Downs, completed 5 years as President of the Reading District G.B. Polli (a member of Caversham Baptist Free Church) had brought a wealth of experience and interest to the work of the District and was always a good friend both to officers and girls. Mrs Packham was warmly thanked for her work and presented with the gift of a leather writing case.

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KATY IN CAVERSHAM

Some years ago somebody said to me that a local paper, which is what the 'Bridge' is, should be full of names of local people doing things. Well, that's exactly what this column is going to be this month so if you're one of those who aren't interested in what other people are doing I suggest you turn to the other pages where you will probably find something more to your taste.

Caversham Residents Party

I suppose what sparked off this train of thought was the party given in October for the 25th anniversary of the Caversham Residents' Association. I'm only on the fringes of their work, but when I arrived I was pleased to see some people I knew, including one of our editors who has served on the 'Bridge' for years and Daphne Vincent and her husband. Daphne really is a backroom girl but if you don't already know, I'm telling you for years she has typed scripts for the 'Bridge' and helped link distributors with possible readers. This has been a great help as some of our original plans have become somewhat confused.

When it came to the formal side of the party, names were mentioned which will be very familiar to most of us and which I'm sure Watchdog will mention. Molly Casey and Doris Thomas, both founder members serving on the committee for the whole 25 years, will be known well to readers of the local paper who, like the local council, take the Association seriously. But perhaps Rosemary Chapman who has dealt with planning in the Oxfordshire part of Caversham for many years and Marion Fallowfield who takes care of membership and co-ordinates delivery of notices, will not be quite so well known. But my goodness, what a lot of work they do. Nor should we forget Drusilla Murdoch who copes with Molly's scripts and I was very pleased to hear mention of the services of Mrs. Pickersgill from Henley Typewriters who has helped so well for a long while.

Past members shouldn't be left out either, too numerous to mention but including people like Isobel Dovey and Peggy Dainty who did

yeoman service for the Association as long as they were able. And the quiet stalwarts like May Leach, who goes round Caversham with her eyes wide open and is always quick to alert the committee as soon as she sees something which the Association should put right.

It was a lovely evening and I was pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Humphries who years ago ran the local post office; these are the people who have supported the Association for years. And I thought of our old friend George Robinson who, 25 years ago, with three other locals, all members of different political parties, really started the whole thing off with a conversation outside the local cinema.

Working for Caversham

So many people beaver away to keep Caversham the friendly community it is! And it's more than time that somebody mentioned Mrs. Vincent of Cromwell Road. As long as I remember — and I've lived here for over 30 years — she's been working for some organisation or another, pets, life boats and so many others. Even now she still thinks nothing of touring the streets selling poppies after dark when more sensible, but less caring, people, stay safely at home.

And I wonder if the lady from North Street who used to feed the ducks on the river regularly in the coldest weather still does the same today.

Collecting Boxes

I've sometimes heard people grumble about the amount of collecting boxes that come around. Well you know, people don't do this for fun and it's frustrating sometimes to see shoppers trying to walk past as if they'd not seen people, for instance, like the gentleman from the Thames Valley Medical Unit. Of course, if you don't agree with a particular cause then don't be afraid to say so and, if, like the most of us, you are rather counting the pennies these days, don't forget that a five penny piece put in a box at least makes the collector aware that he is not wasting his time.

Good Friends

I shall only tell you her name is Daisy — she wouldn't like the publicity and you may

think she doesn't do much. But I tell you, though she is no longer able to go out and is dependant on relatives and friends for company, she does a good job simply by being there. No, it's not a chore to visit her for at over 90 she's as keen as ever to hear all about what is happening in Caversham and is a joy to visit. Alas, none of us have the time we would like for visiting so if this column has touched a chord and you feel you'd like to add to this Roll of Honour, there are a lot of house-bound people who would be overjoyed to welcome even a ten minute visit from the lady next door.

A Helping Hand

And now may I add my personal thanks. First to those who help with this column — too many to mention all

those who have — but one very big thankyou to our photographer, Ben Archer, who turns up trumps, even when called on at the last minute.

The other very personal thankyou didn't start out to be a thankyou at all for I was most indignant to be helped across the road on at least three occasions recently. Admittedly I have slightly impaired vision and limbs which don't always behave as they should, but I hate to consider myself disabled or even senile so my instinct was to refuse offers of help negotiating traffic, but looking back I'm grateful. Who am I to refuse a helping hand. So thank you after all; keep up the good work.

Medical Aid in Pakistan

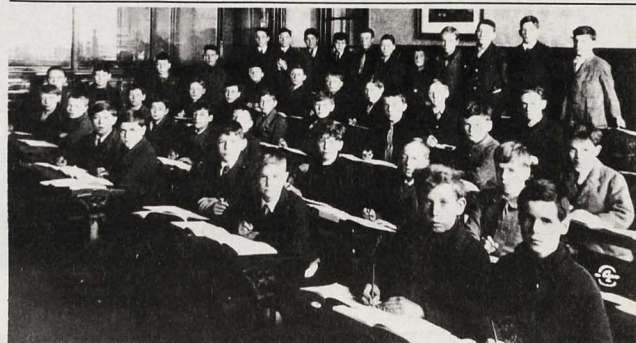
I hear that Dr. Ian

Kemp, from Emmer Green Surgery, already well known for his many efforts along with his colleagues, to raise money for medical aid, is spending his sabbatical, at the request of an old friend, at a missionary hospital in Sialkot, Pakistan, instructing medical people there how to use some of the modern equipment now available. Armed with books and slides, he is busy passing on knowledge to those who can make good use of it.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see further examples of how fortunate we are in Caversham with our medical services.

BORED?

Well don't blame me. You brought it on yourselves. And, like I said, you can always ignore this column.



The Editors have received this photograph of E.P. Collier School in the early twenties (then known as Swansea Road School) for publication in response to a request from 'Katy in Caversham'.

It has been received from Mr H.L. Wickens, Hodrid Barn, Llanwrthwl, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6NT, the author of a recent novel 'The Naked Plant', who would very much like to hear from anyone who is interested in the photograph.

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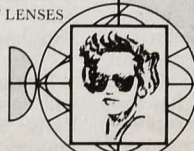


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OPPOSITE WAITROSE

One World Week hits the streets

by John Madeley

Supporters of "One World Week" in Caversham this year took to the streets to get the week's message across. The annual "Week" is coordinated by local churches; it started in the 1970s and has a different theme each year. This year's theme, "Trading places — linking lives", was designed to encourage us to think about the links we have with people abroad who produce the goods we often take for granted — like coffee and tea for example.

Existing trading arrangements mean that most developing countries simply do not earn

enough from the goods they trade to meet the needs of their people, and this makes drought, famine and disaster more likely.

On the Saturday of One World Week, October 24th, which is also United Nations Day, church members handed out leaflets by the library headed, "When you shop, can you help the world's poor?" The leaflet included a breakdown of "who gets what from a cup of coffee", and had practical suggestions about how we can buy to help the Third World.

Also during the week a "How fair's your fare"

evening was held at Mapledurham Pavilion. Dramatic sketches, musical items and discussions on the One World Week theme made for a lively evening. The Traidcraft stall, with products made by people who get a fair return, was doing especially good business!

Church ministers in Caversham were provided with sermon notes before the week, and asked if they would consider preaching on fair trade. These pointed out that while not condemning trading activity, Biblical prophets attacked the evils that were practiced in its name.



— John Madeley

David Burrell, of the Chapel on the Hill, handing out leaflets in One World Week.

"Well over 2000 years after such warnings, the international trade scene is little changed", said the notes.

Traidcraft products can be obtained from the local representative, Margaret Brown

(479628). The Oxfam shop, (12 Prospect St.) keeps stocks of "alternatively traded" coffee and tea. Early in 1993 a "Fairtrade Mark" is to be launched and awarded to products that have been fairly traded.

NOTES FROM NANJING

THE DAWN

No 6 IN A SERIES BY HARRIET BAKER

May 30. The mosquitoes are out and eating us alive but malaria pills are not necessary until we go further south. Yesterday the temperature was 33c. and it was pretty uncomfortable — throbbing head, sweaty hands and feet, and generally sticky. Luckily we have a fan in our rooms but even then I find it hard to sleep at night.

Yesterday Annabelle and I had to get rid of another horrific monster from my bedroom — no, not one of the Engineering Students! — but a huge, six inch long black and red centipede thing with fearsome pincers. Apparently these are poisonous if they bite, and so they are much worse than any cockroaches.

Lessons which have been fun as they are excited about being taught by a foreigner, especially one younger than themselves. After the one and a half hour lesson we are rewarded with a gourmet meal cooked, presented, served and nervously hovered over by our students as they practise their skills in the mock-up restaurant.

Chinese wouldn't have stretched very far. They got very embarrassed when the Monk suggested that we should marry a Chinese boy as they are so "diligent, noble and loyal to their parents". But it was interesting when we talked about mixed marriages as he couldn't believe that some white people marry black Africans. He was shocked and said "but blacks are worse than the Chinese". We have discovered that Chinese people are very racist and seem to have a fixed scale in their minds with Whites at the top, then Chinese, then the other Asians, and then the Blacks. To hear this from a learned, holy Monk shocked us because we didn't expect for fear of upsetting him in front of all the other people who had gathered around us.

Talking of Engineers, our social life with them has suddenly become very busy, and now that the ice has broken they are very enjoyable to teach. Now we can all sit informally and discuss topics such as "young people in the West and in China". It is sad hearing them talk about the hopeless situation that they feel themselves in with no opportunities, challenges, incentives, independence, privacy or freedom to express themselves or protest. I find myself trying to "put down" Western society in order to show them that it is nowhere near as rosy as they imagine it to be. But then I'm conscious of sounding ungrateful for the privileges that I enjoy and that is even worse. We went on to discuss human rights and Tianmen Square. At the time they were shown no T.V. or Press pictures and were given the barest of information. Even now they don't really know what happened or how many people died.

Last weekend, Mike (a Chinese student from the YMCA group that we teach) and his friend Robin, Annabelle and I all cycled to Qixia — a Buddhist monastery fifteen miles outside Nanjing. It is one of the four largest monasteries and temples in China and is set in beautiful wooded hillsides. About two hundred monks live there now. The temple is impressive with the largest golden Buddha that I have seen so far. Behind the temples are quiet, shady "streets" of the monastery and an ancient stone Stupa. Behind that again is the "thousand Buddha cliff" which has rock face carved with one thousand figures of Buddha and other gods. Seeing it so damaged by the Red Guards in the Cultural Revolution (most of the statues have been beheaded) makes one realise how much havoc was wrought at that time. In the temple Annabelle and I met a wonderful old Monk with darting twinkly eyes and a huge grin. It was his job to collect donations which he did very expertly as his sales talk was very impressive. Luckily Mike and Robin roused themselves from their post-lunch siesta and arrived to help us out with translating as my

Next weekend the school is taking us to Wuxi — a smallish city on the shores of the Tai Lake, near Suzhou. We shall be visiting a "village enterprise" so it will be interesting. Our own travel plans are taking shape gradually and we have fixed the date for when we stop teaching — June 19th — only three weeks to go and fifty lessons!

Before I close — guess what? I was listening to the BBC World Service the other day during my post-lunch siesta and heard John Madeley talking about the effect of the E.C.'s agricultural policy on developing countries. It was amazing to hear such a familiar voice from so far away!

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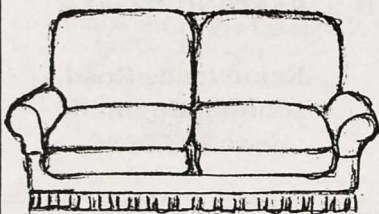
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Caversham W.I.

Mrs Edna Van Dort was welcomed back to this month's meeting and demonstrated some delightful arrangements using a mixture of silk and dried flowers combined with fresh foliage. Members were reminded about the Christmas Fair at Caversham Hall on November 28th. The competition for four fancy cakes was won by Miss Cameron.

STAR Reading branch of the University of the Third Age

October Activities
 The Books group studied "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain and learnt of the tremendous effect it had on Americans, also about the fluctuating fortunes of Mark Twain's life. The Classical Music group listened to tapes brought by Mr Roy Boyson illustrating unusual favourite items. The Open Meeting in the Kennet Room, Civic Centre, heard Mr David Evans on "The Return of the Harpsichord". It was a fascinating story of how the technology of

how to make harpsichords was lost for about one hundred and fifty years and had to be re-invented.

The Travel group completed 'The Journey of a Lifetime' and heard a talk on 'Autumn Glory, Vermont in the Fall'. The Debating group discussed health and deficiencies in the Health Service. The new group on Cosmology heard how this age is experiencing vast changes in every way and how necessary it was to prepare for that by understanding changes in the past. The Playreading group read 'The Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestly and greatly enjoyed its dramatic impact.

The Walkers had a delightful walk in lanes and farmland beyond the Basingstoke Road.

New members are always welcome at STAR. Please ring the Membership Secretary, Mrs Grace McGregor, Reading 866037.

Caversham Ladies Club

In the absence of Mrs Harwood, Chairman, who was away on holiday, Mrs Brenda Strong chaired the meeting. Before Club business was attended to Mrs Strong gave out the sad

news of the death of Mrs Davis who had been a member for many years and would be sadly missed. Part of the Committee had attended the Service at the Crematorium to represent the Club. A minute of silence was held by members in respect to her memory.

Club business was then settled. Members all agreed they had enjoyed the outing to Bourton-on-Water and the weather had certainly helped by being fine and sunny. It was now time for members to gather around the stalls and buy bargains. It was a happy and lively afternoon and all too soon stalls were looking empty and forlorn. Tea was a very welcome sight.

Mrs Strong reminded members that the speaker at the November meeting would be Mr Moss, who was known to members for past visits. This time he would be showing slides and talking of 'Old Caversham'. The meeting then closed with members saying how much they had enjoyed the afternoon.

Rosehill W.I.

The October meeting commenced at 1pm so that members could come together for a harvest lunch, very much enjoyed. At 2.15 the usual business started with a talk by Reading Crime Prevention Officer, Mr Townsend. He gave an interesting view of all that is done by the Police in this very large area. We must do all we can to prevent crime, so he produced a number of safety alarms to show how to protect ourselves, in

addition to phoning the Police if possible.

Mrs Jane Stockhill then asked the various ladies to give dates for rambling, play reading, crafts and scrabble. A party from Rosehill hopes to enjoy the "Music Hall" at Henley later in the month.

The competition for a "Limerick about the Flowers" was won by Mrs Stockhill.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

At the October meeting of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild Mrs R. Chisholm gave a most enjoyable talk about the art of Sugarcraft. She gave many helpful hints about cake-making for decoration, explaining how to avoid a hard

crust on the outside by baking a cake in its tin inside a closed casserole dish, and baking for longer at a very much lower temperature. She explained how to get a nice even colour in the icing and a really smooth finish, and demonstrated crimping, making and attaching a frill, and making flowers. It all looked so easy when Mrs Chisholm demonstrated these skills, and she brought along examples of her work which were quite beautiful.

Members were told the result of the Jumble Sale and thanked for all their hard work; over £200 was raised.

The Words and Music, Arts and Crafts and Ramblers groups are all thriving with holidays, demonstrations and theatre visits

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Mr Ted Burnell, the Tutor, tells us that the Arts Centre will be holding their Christmas Exhibition in Church House on November 28th from 10am to 5pm, when some original paintings will be on sale at sale price. The photograph shows the Monday Art class in action. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Mr. Burnell (Tel: 478496).

— E.S. Archer

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planned — a busy time ahead.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Guild's Fortieth Anniversary and a mention of this was made in the Townswoman magazine.

Caversham Heights TG

Changes in Reading

At the October meeting of the guild in St Andrew's Hall Mr D Noyes gave the second of his audio-visual representations, show-

ing how Reading changed with the introduction of the inner distribution road. There were pictures of scenes in the Coley area, for example, both before and after its construction. Much comment and lively reflections followed from members, as the past was recalled.

A talk about life on the canals, mostly built in the eighteenth century, was heard at social studies. The Duke of Bridgewater, for instance, organised the carrying of coal this way. Pottery in the Birmingham area could be carried safely and more quickly by water. Roads were muddy and footpads were likely to snatch packages from carts. Mrs M Crosier's talk was a tribute to canal boat women. Wearing a shawl, with bonnet and beautiful lace trimmings, she represented a girl born in 1820 in the

midlands. After working as a servant after her mother died of cholera, she married a boatman although marriage was often not undertaken in those circumstances. Photographs were displayed and charming examples of painting, on a stool for use in the cabin and on an ever useful lidded can. Lace work is the stock in trade on the canals, and Mrs Crosier produced some work from her pocket. Though the Kennet and Avon canal is wide, in the Midlands 14 feet will allow two 7 foot boats to pass each other.

St Peter's Wives

Members have been enjoying an interesting and varied programme and in August, a small group gathered to enjoy an evening walk.

The Group meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month and in September, Mr George Bartlett talked members through the care of fuchsias.

Mr Sands was at Church House in October and with slides and a tape recorder, shared with the Group his love of Old Time Music Hall.

On the last Sunday in October, members participated in Family Eucharist at St Peter's Church.

December will be a very busy month with a Christmas Dinner at Mansion House; the monthly meeting on the 15th December will take the form of a party and a band of intrepid carol singers will be out in Caversham the following evening raising money for the Sue Ryder Home.

Looking ahead to 1993, Mr Fear from

Clifford's Dairies will talk in January on the "History of the Dairy Industry" and in February by Mr McClure, from the BBC Monitoring Unit, will talk to the Group.

Caversham Community Association

The October programme commenced with a social evening that was well attended. Evelyn Cook ran the Nearly New stall.

The following week Mr. Charles Moss made another visit to the club and brought some of his fine photographs on slide film to show the members. This time Mr. Moss described the places he visited when holidaying on the islands of Malta and Gozo. He then explained how Malta had been occupied by many invaders during its history including Phoenicians, Arabs and Romans. The Knights of St. John made Malta their home in 1530. The island was a British colony from 1800 to 1964 and was awarded the George Cross during the Second Great War. Mr. Moss showed photographs of Valletta and the Grand Harbour, Sliema, Rabat, with its old buildings, St. Paul's Grotto and the catacombs, St. Paul's Bay where the saint is alleged to have landed and photographs of the many churches, including the domed church at Mosta. Some lovely bays were portrayed and views of the sparsely vegetated interior. Water is pumped from under the rocks to irrigate the orange and lemon groves. The island of Gozo was greener and had two historic temples. Beryl Latham, the Chairman, thanked Mr. Moss at the end of the evening for his comprehensive and interesting talk and slide show.

Walter Phillips, who is Chairman of Fund Raising for the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed, came to the club on the 19th October to give a talk and show slide films taken at the Home. He explained how Sue Ryder, the founder, saw suffering in Europe during the aftermath of the Second World War and determined to help in relief work all over the continent. Eighty homes, for the practical

help of human suffering, exist now in many countries. Some homes are devoted to continuing cancer care, as at the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed. Patients are helped by the informal atmosphere, good food and careful nursing, whilst the surrounding lovely gardens give the patients a pleasant outlook. Pets are welcomed visitors. It costs £133 a day, per bed, to care for the patients, which is less than a N.H.S. bed, and although the Government reinstated the grant towards the funds for this year, the rest of the money and help comes from patients' contributions, from friends, relatives, support groups — an enthusiastic one exists in Caversham, and an army of volunteers. Various fund raising events are held at the Nettlebed Home and the club members were asked to support the Christmas Fair, due to take place there on the 28th November, from 12.00 noon to 3.00pm. At the end of the evening a raffle was held, and a collection made, to help towards the praiseworthy work at the Home.

On the 26th October a party was held to celebrate Hallowe'en. Val and Jim came to entertain the members, Val played the keyboard and Jim the electric guitar. They gave a varied programme of popular melodies and invited everyone to join in modern or oldtime dances and community singing. A competition was held for the best dressed witch costume, Val and Jim were asked to decide the winners. Evelyn Cook was judged to be the winner with Margaret Payne in second place. A break was then made for refreshments of bread rolls with sausages and pickles. More music followed until it was time to go home after a pleasant evening.

The Autumn Bazaar, held on the 31st October, in aid of club funds, completed the month's activities. The many stalls, including one for the Sue Ryder Home, provided a wide selection of goods. The customers derived a good deal of amusement from the many competitions and, after making their purchases, were glad to sit down for a chat and enjoy a cup of tea. The stallholders had a busy time and welcomed the many visitors to the club.

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