

CELEBRATION – SHEILA NUNN'S ORDINATION



– Owen Jewiss

The Revd Sheila Nunn with the Bishop of Reading, the Right Revd John Bone, outside the Minster Church of St Mary after her ordination as priest.



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The revd Sheila Nunn with Canon Richard Kingsbury at the celebratory party at Mapledurham Pavilion on the night of her ordination.

The Minster Church of St Mary in Reading was the setting for the Peterite ordinations on Sunday, 2 July, of priests in the Berkshire Archdeaconry by the Right Revd John Bone, Bishop of Reading. The Revd Sheila Nunn, who has been deacon at St. Peter's, Caversham and St Margaret's Mapledurham for the past year, was presented to the Bishop, in company with the Revds James Colwill of St Agnes with St Paul, Reading, Christine Dale of St Mary, Thatcham, Edilberto Marques-Vega of SS John and Stephen, Reading, and Timothy Perry of Christ Church, Abingdon, by the Rural Dean, the Revd Brian Shenton acting on behalf of the Archdeacon during the latter's illness. After all the hype surrounding the first ordination of women to the priesthood last year there was room in St Mary's church for all on this occasion and all the candidates were very well supported by their home congregations.



The ordination service, set within the context of the Eucharist, is an impressive service with which to launch the new priests on their ministry. It is impressive because it maintains the apostolic succession of the laying on of hands at the point of ordination; it is impressive because it reminds all those present of the role and duty of priests as set out in the Alternative Services Book through the Bishop's Charge to the candidates during the service, and it is impressive through the wise advice given to the candidates by the special preacher, on this occasion the Very

Revd Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor. It is a service of solemnity, dignity and yet one of great happiness that another group of people are authorised "to work faithfully with their fellow servants in Christ that the world may come to know God's glory and love".



One of the striking points about this service was the feeling of family occasion. The service was not in a great and remote cathedral, but in a parish church, albeit a large one; at least for the people of St. Peter's it felt like home because their choir led the service, and they did it well; ordination was by our local pastor and Father in God, Bishop John; the candidates were surrounded by their families and friends. At the point of ordination of the new priests the Laying on of Hands was not only by the Bishop but also by the local clergy and, when it was Sheila Nunn's turn, there were most of our local Caversham Anglican clergy there doing that. Finally we all joined in the Eucharist as part of one great Christian family. Symbolically at the end of the service the Bishop led the new priests out of the church into the world where they start their priestly ministry.



For Sheila Nunn her priestly ministry really started later the same day when she presided over her first Communion Service at St Peter's. It was a service with a difference: a round table was used for the consecration, the significance of which became clear during the reading



of "In search of a round table": there is no pride of place it has no head or foot and no sides. The service was characterised by its strong flavour of Celtic spirituality and some lovely music, most notable of which was the singing of Frank's Panis Angelicus by Alison Wood of Mapledurham and Ian Westley, who is to be St. Peter's new organist and choirmaster. The preacher was the Revd Malcolm Strange, Vicar of Wash Common, who had been a strong influence when Sheila felt the call to the ministry. Among his advice to Sheila was to look out for and use the various gifts and ministries of all Christians, something from which many of us might learn. The service also seemed to reflect some of the spin off and enthusiasm which emerged from the Diocesan Conference at Bognor at which the final Eucharist ended with the singing of "We are marching in the light of God" as did Sheila's first Eucharist. Our friends from the link diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa are disappointed that the English do not often dance in church but given music from South Africa some movement in that direction was perceived at St Peter's!



After a rather different service and to round off a memorable day the congregation moved to Mapledurham Pavilion for refreshments in a party atmosphere. We congratulate Sheila on her ordination and pray that her ministry among us in the years ahead in Caversham and Mapledurham may be richly blessed.

Owen Jewiss

THANK YOU ALL

At the Annual General Meeting of the Caversham Christian News Ltd., the Board of Directors were unanimous in their decision to donate £200 towards the Kuluva Church of Uganda Hospital. The hospital was visited by Dr. Patrick Anderson, who wrote a moving account of his time there in the March edition of this paper. It is only through the support of those who buy the paper that these annual donations can be made, so thanks to all our readers.

TALKING POINT

by
The Reverend Phil Abrey
Caversham Park Church



THE CROSS OF SACRIFICE

I'm not an historian but I love history - living history - and it is on living history that I want to reflect.

I recently received an outline of the service suggested for the weekend of 19/20 August when we remember the victory over Japan. It contains The Kohima Epitaph. Where, I thought, was Kohima, and why do we remember it at nearly every Remembrance Day service (the words are familiar even if the name Kohima isn't).

For help I turned to Jack, a member of the Burma Star Association and a regular worshipper at Caversham Park Church. Jack served in the 14th Army, 36th Division, known as "The Forgotten Army". Jack served initially at Kohima and fought in the Battle of Imphal. He spent time in hospital suffering from shell shock and had only just returned to his barracks when peace was declared in August but he did not get home until November.

To Jack I owe a great debt as he shared his memories and told me about Kohima. He also found me the story of Kohima in "Dekho!", journal of the Burma Star Association (how proudly Jack wears the Star). Thank you Jack for your help and your memories.

Wimbledon is now well in to its second week and battles are being fought on the tennis courts as men battle for a place in the semi-finals of the championships. Over the years many epic battles have taken place on the Centre Court, none more so than the one between Charlie Pasarell and the late Pancho Gonzalez.

As some of you read this we will be remembering the victory over Japan and the ending of the Second World War and it was on another tennis court that one of the most remarkable battles of the war took place, the tennis court at the hill station of Kohima.

In April 1944 the Allied Forces, having retreated from Burma in 1942, formed a defence line in the Naga Mountains where the wooded hills and terraces offered protection from the advancing Japanese Army. On one of the upper terraces was a tennis court owned by a local District Commissioner. The tennis court was the focal point of the action. Defeat for the Allies would open up the whole of India. So it was that here, at Kohima, 1,500 men under the control of Colonel Richards, repelled wave after wave of attacks by The White Tigers, Japan's crack 51st Division.

For two weeks, from the 5th to the 19th April, they held on until relieved by allied troops from Dimapur. One of the soldiers, Lance Corporal Harman received the VC for his gallantry, but in reality there were 1,500 heroes.

To acknowledge the success and gallantry of these men the playing lines of the tennis court have been marked out in concrete and a monument erected on the tennis court to commemorate not only those who fell at Kohima but all who died in the whole Burma campaign.

On the monument are inscribed the words which have become known as the Kohima Epitaph:

*When you go home tell them of us and say
"For your tomorrow we gave our today."*

These famous words have been quoted at Remembrance Day Services for many years, and will be again as we remember those who served in the Far East. They came not from the pen of some inspired regimental padre but from the quill of the Greek poet, Simonides about 2,400 years earlier to commemorate the 300 Spartan soldiers who successfully defended the mountain pass at Thermopylae against the Persian King Xerxes. They fought to the last man and in so doing gave time for the main army to regroup behind them.

On Kohima the monument built on one side of the tennis court is in the shape of a cross. It is called the Cross of Sacrifice. It is here the epitaph is written. The cross can be seen for some miles, perched as it is on one of the upper terraces.

As we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their todays so that we could have our tomorrows we give thanks for their lives and we remember too, as we do every Sunday, another cross of sacrifice, one also placed on a hill, Skull Hill, outside Jerusalem, the cross on which our Lord died.

On August 19th/20th we remember but we also make a commitment to the people of the wartime generation, to honour them; to offer them help and support, and protect their dignity and welfare; and to remember the causes for which they endured such adversity by promoting peace, justice and harmony amongst all people. A dream? We acknowledge in the service that this can only be done in God's strength.

CAVERSHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS AT HIGHDOWN

Over two hundred Caversham junior school pupils spent an exciting educational day at Highdown School, Emmer Green on Friday 30th June.

Special lessons were laid on for them by specialist staff using Highdown's up to date facilities in Technology, French, German, Science and Physical Education - subjects they may not have experienced in such depth previously.

At the end of the day parents were shown around the school and then pupils exhibited and described their work to fellow pupils and parents and received their certificates.

New Headteacher, Mr. A. E. Furley said "Despite the sun, both pupils and our staff had a very different and exciting day. We were pleased with the excellent response of the pupils to unfamiliar topics and teachers. The pupils excelled themselves."

LINK GROUP

The Link Group Annual General Meeting took place on Monday, 26th June, and reports were given on the various activities of the charities supported by their representatives. Pat Jenkins is once again Chairman, Sonia Higgs Secretary and Janet Ferguson is Treasurer.

There will be a celebration of the group's twenty-first birthday on Monday 27th November: more details will be given later in the year, but if you have ever been a Link Group member please get in touch with Pat on 478502. Future dates include meetings on 25th September and 23rd October (no meeting in August). As always, we invite interested parties to ring Barbara Graham on 482043.

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CAVERSHAM CHARITY FOLK FESTIVAL

The second annual Caversham Charity Folk Festival on the weekend of June 16-18th was even more successful than last year's event in spite of disappointing weather.

The full programme of events was centred around the Millers Arms and Caversham Hall with singarounds, musicians' sessions, workshops, children's events, dances and formal concerts. There were stalls and demonstrations of all kinds, including different types of dancing, some performed in St. Martin's Precinct and on the terrace of the Holiday Inn. At the Crown a successful acoustics blues session took place and the Griffin - the usual Sunday night venue for Readifolk Song Club - was the scene of the final singaround.

The proceeds from the Festival, totalling about £2,500, will benefit ten local charities. Already a larger festival is being organised for the weekend of June 14-16th, 1996.

SO WATCH THIS SPACE

Una Waters Ceilidh Band



- Robin Christian

NIGHT CALLERS

Bird-watching does not perhaps come instantly to mind when daylight slips into twilight, yet on warm, balmy summer evenings, the keen birder may sometimes be seen heading off to some secluded woodland or heath for one or two 'ticks' for his 'Annual List'.

A disused army-site near Sonning Common once abounded with migrant Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Whitethroat, Tree Pipit, Nightingale, Willow and Grasshopper Warbler. We also found two rarities - a Hoopoe and Great Grey Shrike, probably 'FIRSTS' for the common, as in many years we never saw another bird-watcher. Checking out its night potential, we soon realised that Nightjar and Woodcock were breeding, whilst just along the road, Tawny and Little Owl were regularly heard. Near Checkendon we came across another Nightjar site.

A few nights ago, and more than thirty years later, Jill and I returned to the now severely overgrown army-site and were thrilled to hear a Woodcock overflying the original area. A distant Tawny Owl hooted but disappointingly, no Nightjar offered itself to our encouraging tape-recording!

One night way back in the '60s when driving down the lane to the main road, a small bundle on the path in front of us resolved itself into a male Nightjar in all its glory. Mesmerised by the headlights, it performed aerial 'dances' with outstretched wings displaying the contrasting white patches. I switched off lights and ignition for a few minutes to give it a chance to fly off, but when turning them on again, it had re-settled in the same place.

Leaving the car I bent to pick it up and was surprised when it 'eased' itself onto my hand. An examination in the headlights proved it to

be uninjured, seemingly quite healthy and warm. Presumably it was still tired from the long migration. Carefully placing it on top of a thick tree-branch, a typical Nightjar roost, well away from ground predators, and saying a prayer for its safety, I could not resist stroking his little head and back before we parted company. I'm sure it 'churred' softly and contentedly just as we were leaving.

Sometimes wild creatures do seem to need a suggestion of assistance from we 'mortals'.

Emmer Green Recreation Ground (See June edition of 'Bridge') June 26th

Sparrowhawk chased Starling from Clayfield Copse. Broke off attack above sports-pavilion where SOARED clearly displaying ROUNDED wing-tips (and longish tail). Suggest NOT isolated occurrence at this venue.

Scops Owl

EMMER GREEN SURGERY

Saturday, 17th June, 1995, saw the completion and opening of the newly extended surgery at Emmer Green by Mr William Goodworth in the presence of doctors, friends and patients of the practice.

In his opening speech Mr Goodworth told how the Emmer Green surgery came into existence. It was first started when Mr Goodworth had to move house due to golf balls constantly landing in his garden in Eric Avenue, so he decided to look around for another property and bought 14 St Barnabas Road which was too big for his needs. He heard that Dr Clark of the Oxford Road practice wanted to open a surgery in Emmer Green so he offered the use of a room or two in his new house. Dr Clark decided to accept his offer and was there until his retirement, when the practice was eventually taken over by two senior doctors of the Oxford Road practice, Dr Oliver Caiger-Smith and Dr Barbara Pirquet. Together these two doctors expanded the surgery, having to ask for more rooms, as Emmer Green and Caversham Park was built up, and the area extended. Just before they tragically died within nine months of each other, the plans for a new surgery were put into action once again. It was sad that neither of these two doctors saw the finished surgery at 4 St Barnabas Road, the answer at that time to all their problems. By this time Dr John McNie and Dr Charles Martin-Bates had joined the team. Since then Dr Ian Kemp and Drs Kathryn Hockway and Susan Ronay have joined the practice so now there are five doctors and a number of ancillary staff, including district nurses, three practice nurses and a physiotherapist, all of whom seem 'always to be there'.

The work has greatly expanded and it was needful to extend the surgery yet again. The official opening by Mr William Goodworth on 17th June 1995 was the final completion of years of hard work. The doctors and staff are to be congratulated on the faithful service they give to all their patients, and the time they have for them. May this practice go from strength to strength, remaining as a family practice which draws many people to it from all around.

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KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I've just read Joanna Trollope's 'A Spanish Lover'. Generally I'm no great fan of Joanna mostly, I think, because the characters and their settings seem to bear little resemblance to the world I know or the people in it.

This was different; it struck a chord and, since a lot of it was devoted to families and people whose life, hitherto upwardly mobile, suddenly takes a turn for the worst, it hit home.

Here we have a group of people who have built up successful businesses, one being a craft shop in a nearby town, all happily progressing to very good family and working lives.

If Joanna had deliberately set out to portray the effects of the current recession on small business people, she couldn't have done a better job and it reminded me so vividly of the trials and tribulations of some of my shop owning friends in Caversham, running successful businesses and bringing up families in happy and progressive circumstances. Suddenly, or so it seems, all this has begun to come to an end.

As you may have realised, now that I don't seem to get much further afield, much of my life is spent talking to friends in local shops and I've come to feel enormously sympathetic towards them and even more so to those who hopefully are trying to build up business at a time when this seems a hopeless cause.

I feel terribly close to them and I must admit I found a great deal of the book depressing and hopeless, for what can those of us who don't have these particular problems to the same extent, really do to help them.

I've said enough; those traders who have followed this column in recent years will perhaps realise at least a little of what I feel. It isn't enough to drum up business and encourage shoppers to remember all this when they pick up their baskets and trolleys; but what else can we do?

Our Lovely postman
Of course what is going on at the moment

doesn't merely apply to shop-keepers for many, often young, people have recently come up against problems we older ones scarcely remember.

In my youth jobs may not have been all that special, but generally speaking there were jobs, particularly for those who studied and took effort in finding them and, if suitable, hanging on to them.

We used to say things like "Oh yes, if he's got a job in banking he's made for life". What a mockery compared with today when jobs, once so secure, disappear overnight. People no longer look forward to spending a lifetime of work among friends for it's often a case of here today and gone tomorrow. Take, for example, the case of our very friendly and helpful postman who has faithfully delivered mail in our area for several years.

Keith is one of those having to face different types of employment. Though he hasn't said much, I know he is unhappy to find himself suddenly shifted to another round, all the years of getting to know a neighbourhood apparently wasted. To be honest we often took such people for granted, expecting to find our mail always delivered on time to the correct address.

Though time doesn't always allow for learning much about such people, we do know that Keith, married with a son and daughter and two grandchildren, is a keen bowler and very interested in all that takes place in Caversham.

We do thank him for the years he has spent with us.

A sad tale

I'd better shut up about all this - you've heard me on the subject of redundant builders, milkmen, postmen etc. before. Recently we've had some very unwelcome upheavals with workmen, drafted in for just one job, digging up holes in the roads to instal new cables.

The two I sympathised with in very hot weather could only say - I think

pathetically - "Well at least it keeps us in work. What will happen when this particular job comes to an end?"

A Happier Tale

For those of you who don't already know about the Caversham Pharmacy Pat Way is shortly removing her business to the Balmore Park Surgery.

She won't be saying goodbye to all her customers as she is anxious to tell everyone that the pharmacy, though attached to the surgery, will be operated independently and will continue to dispense prescriptions to everyone, whatever medical centre they attend. She will also, I understand, still deal with film processing and all the usual stock-in-trade of a chemist. It's a good thing, she will have much more room at Balmore Park and has asked us to say that if anyone wants further information or any additional services which would benefit customers, she will be only too willing to try to help.

Local Papers

I don't understand people who refuse to take or read local papers, particularly those who say they like to know what is going on and to keep up with old friends. In the 'Chronicle' recently I saw that Sheila Bowcock of St. Anne's Road, has been nominated for a community award, particularly for the work she has done in fostering 50 children, as well as bringing up her own family.

She was nominated by Ruth Ascher, herself well known for her friendliness and for her contribution to music in this area. I'd like to say more about these two people but it is nice to have news of them.

In the same paper I read that Maggie Anderson, of Peel Close, has produced a lovely piece of embroidery entitled 'Forest in the Freedom' as part of a recent National Needlework Exhibition.

And for good measure I've been reading about an Emmer Green resident, Arthur Burge, who recently celebrated

his 100th birthday and now lives at St. Luke's Residential Home. I was interested to read his views on the changing face of the world as it affected Caversham.

There aren't many of us who are entirely uninterested in people like these and no, I don't have a stake in the world of journalism, but I would like to recommend that as many as possible try to keep up with what is happening around them. I have one friend, well into her nineties, completely confined to one room, one bed and one chair, who is always full of information about what is happening here. But I do wish more people would find the odd half hour to call on people like this. Our supply of carers in this district is extremely good and for once I do hear something positive about care in the community. But the days

are long when one is so confined and for anyone who can spare the odd half hour to visit such a friend or neighbour, perhaps once a week, it would be very rewarding.

I leave it to you to ponder on. Let's hope next month's edition of the 'Bridge' will produce some sign that Caversham as we know it is not yet due to disappear entirely from the scene.

Mrs Liz Lawrence

I was sorry to hear recently of the death of Liz Lawrence, a devoted deliverer until recently of this paper in Hemdean Road from its very early days.

Liz had a hard fight against the cancer which finally took its toll. We record with thanks our gratitude for her devotion and cheerfulness over the years.

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DR GUY AND MRS JAN DAYNES VISIT ST BARNABAS

Welcome guests from South Africa on the morning of St Barnabas Day were Dr Guy and Mrs Jan Daynes. For many years St Barnabas Church has supported their work in the Kwa Zulu Region. Latterly this has been through the Guy Daynes Educational Trust, now known as the Amajuba Education Fund. (Amajuba is a local

mountain similar to the first flat topped mountain seen by Guy Daynes in visions that led him to move from England to the Transkei in 1960. Majuba means "place of the doves", named after a peace treaty during the Anglo-Boer Wars.) Guy Daynes told us of the miracle of peace which descended on South Africa just days before the elections

that led to majority rule and which is seen by many as God intervening to save South Africa. He also revealed that Faith Zungu, one of the black students we have supported, is now training to become an optometrist, who are greatly needed and of whom there are very few among the black community. Dr Guy



- O. Jewiss

Dr Guy Daynes and his wife Jan in St Barnabas Church on St Barnabas Day on a visit to the UK from his Christian medical work in South Africa.

Daynes will return to South Africa to continue his psychiatric work among the Kwa Zulu people after a cataract operation to be performed by a surgeon he originally trained.

ST BARNABAS - THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

Seized with the notion that the people at St Barnabas Church, and the rest of Caversham had not learnt enough about St Barnabas in recent Patronal Festivals, the Vicar, the Revd Nigel Hardcastle, staged a 'St Barnabas - This is your life' event on the afternoon of St Barnabas Day after a service of Evensong. Aided and abetted by members of the congregation we were taken through the very significant contribution that St Barnabas had made to the early Church. Starting with the sale of a field and the money being laid at the feet of the apostles by Joseph (a man from Cyprus whose nickname was Barnabas) we were taken through Barnabas' introduction of Paul to the apostles, a

reminder that when Peter escaped from prison he went to the house of Mary, Barnabas' sister. Her son, John Mark, joined Barnabas and Paul for part of one of the missionary journeys. There were reminders of Barnabas and Paul explaining the Christian Gospel to Sergius Paulus, the Roman Governor of Cyprus and the intervention of Elymas the magician, who became blind for a while as a result. Then there was a representative of the women of high ranking pagans who stirred up trouble for Barnabas and Paul and even one of the priests of Zeus put in an appearance; at one point Barnabas had been mistaken for Zeus. Finally those who stoned Barnabas turned up again and

had another go at him!

Those present on St Barnabas Day were introduced to the characters in the life of Barnabas and learnt much more. Any who feel deprived by having missed the event can read all about St Barnabas' life in a 16 page booklet which is freely available to any who visit St Barnabas Church. It was for those of us who were there a St Barnabas Day with a difference. Where would the early church, or even the church of today, have been without the



- O. Jewiss

The Revd Nigel Hardcastle (right) with Barnabas (centre) and the 'This is your life' guests.

enabling, encouraging and reconciling role of St Barnabas? In a novel way we were reminded of the narrative in the Acts of the Apostles and the supporting information in Paul's

epistles. In his role as narrator the Revd Nigel Hardcastle had also enabled some of us to discover more of the diversity of gifts present in our own congregation.

O. Jewiss

MEETING FOR WORSHIP EACH LAST FIRST DAY

Members of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, talk funny! 'Thee know that they do...' A picture of the seventeenth century women wearing grey dresses, their men in tricorne hats and both with pristine white collars. And, everyone knows that they all ate quantities of porridge! Quakers were the people who braved the wide Atlantic crossing to set up the new colony of Pennsylvania. It was called after William Penn, an

English soldier who wore a sword and who was one of the early Quakers. George Fox, the Society's founder, advised Penn to wear his sword 'for as long as thou canst.'

But, all that is history, as they say. At the end of the twentieth century the Religious Society of Friends still exists, and some Quakers live here in Caversham! We meet in Church House, for worship on the last Sunday of each month (that's what the title says...) in Caversham. Our hour together is not programmed,

thoughts and words arise from the gathered silence. It is not easy to explain the Quaker way of worship. But, if you find the concept of silent waiting upon God attractive, or if you would simply like to know more about us, you will be very welcome indeed.

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Ann Varma... a Caversham Quaker.

JAM 1995 — JESUS AND MUSIC

Being one of the stewards at JAM I really only got to hear the groups who were performing at my venue.

The theme at the Victoria Room, Town Hall, was dance, soul, acid jazz etc., which isn't my favourite style of music, but from what I heard all groups were on top form.

Having heard all four afternoon groups which were Funky Beehive, True Addiction, Phat Fish and Rhythm Works, I would say that Phat Fish were the best.

I thought that the whole layout of this year's JAM was very well planned and I recommend that they do it again next year. It was a great way to bring the gospel to the people as it contained all types of music from Classical to Heavy Metal. I think that the only problem was that there could have been a few more people to help with stewarding.

Hopefully next year, if JAM is planned to be the same, more people will come forward to help in the afternoon and evening.

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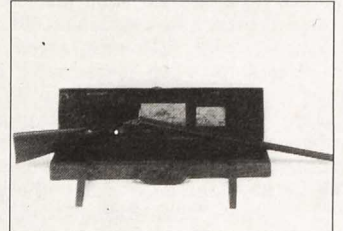
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AROUND THE CHURCHES

PATRONAL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Both St John's and St Peter's celebrated their Patronal Festivals in traditional fashion and were joined by others from elsewhere in Caversham. St John Baptist Day fell on a Saturday and, following a tea in the adjacent hall, the Eucharist was celebrated with the Revd Christine Rowe presiding. The Revd Ian White, Team Vicar from the Schorne Team Ministry in North Buckinghamshire, was the special preacher; he used the occasion to remind us of the important points from the life of the one who prepared the way for Jesus. We too like John might point others to Jesus.

A bronzed Canon Richard Kingsbury, newly returned from Los Angeles, presided over the evening Eucharist at St Peter's for the Patronal Festival. At the beginning of the Service tribute was paid to Mrs Liz Cooke and Mrs Pam Asbury, who in the interregnum between permanent organists and choirmasters have kept the music going at St Peter's; for the casual visitor from elsewhere it seemed excellent. The Team Vicar of St Paul's, Bracknell, and former curate of Caversham and Mapledurham, the Revd Christine Allsopp, was the special preacher.

After the service the congregation moved en masse up St Peter's Hill to the home of Mrs Meg Gale for some excellent refreshments masterminded by Mrs Regula Adams.

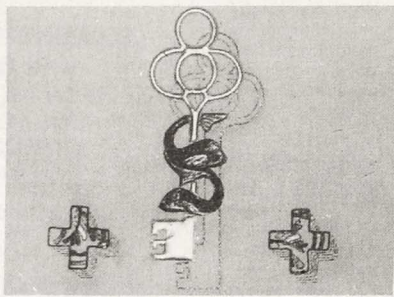


Clergy at St. John Baptist Patronal Festival: from right to left the Revd Ian White, special preacher from the Schorne Team, the Revd Christine Rowe, celebrant, The Revd Stephen Rowe, Vicar, and the Revd Nigel Hardcastle from St Barnabas.

GIFT OF A PULPIT FALL TO ST. PETER'S

It was appropriate that a new frontal for the pulpit lectern should be dedicated on St. Peter's Day. The frontal or fall is a gift from St. Peter's Wives Group in thanksgiving for and celebration of their thirtieth anniversary.

The frontal was designed and exquisitely embroidered by Sheila Smith who worships at St. Peter's and has the City and Guilds qualification in embroidery and design. The design incorporates keys, crosses and fish, all symbols associated with St Peter, and the



Detail of the new pulpit fall embroidered by Mrs Sheila Smith.

colouring was specifically chosen to pick up the cream of the stone and the soft, deep red of the marble from which the pulpit is made. This means that it is for continual use and will blend in with different colours used throughout the church year.



Snapped in happy mood at St Peter's Festival refreshments: from left to right — Mrs Meg Gale, Mrs Angela Kingsbury, Mr Dennis Allsopp, the Revd Christine Allsopp, Canon Richard Kingsbury and Mrs Regula Adams.

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BIBLE SHORTAGE!

The invitation to a multi-media presentation in sound, sight, taste and smell said, "It will blow your mind and be entertaining". What a pity that many more people from 'all the churches in the Reading area' did not dare to experience this on June 14 at the Greyfriars Centre! By this new way of presenting the work of the Bible Society, Peter Roslyk (the new Regional Representative) kept us so alert by his quick changes and rapid delivery, with much laughter, that we were hard pressed to keep up with him!

"Did you know that you smell?" (1 Cor. 2v14-15) was his challenge as he contrasted God's intention in Creation with what we have become and how we have treated His creation. "Western society is starved of spiritual oxygen, while across the world the number of Christians is growing rapidly. How can we remove the blocks which hinder the Living Word being spoken to those who have never heard? The Bible Society is meeting that need." Then we were taken on a high-speed world tour "where God knows

and cares for each country" — churches being restored, millions of Bibles on offer in schools and streets, congregations doubling every 10 years, translation into many more languages, Croatian refugees with choice of food or Bible choosing the Bible — these give part of the story. A real eye-opening came when we were allowed to experience the range of helps offered by the Bible Society to those who wish to read and understand God's Word — the new digital Bible for the West (£6.99), the manual tape record-



er for those unable to read and without electricity (e.g., in refugee camps), the Braille Bible and the Prayer Manual (which led us into prayer).

Yet an average of 3,500 churches each day in Latin America alone, all wanting Bibles, and over 400 languages with no Bible translation yet, there is still a great shortage of Bibles. Volunteers of all kinds are needed if we are to share our inheritance and be "the aroma of Christ." O.M.

AROUND THE CHURCHES

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS
METHODIST CHURCH

- D.E. Skelton

When the youth organisations of the Caversham Heights Methodist Church staged a parade for FATHERS' DAY, the band of the Boys' Brigade led the march round local roads.



- D.E. Skelton

Apart from the uniformed organisations, SQUASH, the youth group affiliated to the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC) brought their flag in the traditional MAYC colours of green and yellow.

Anyone living near Caversham Heights Methodist Church who thought 18th June was just another Sunday was soon to learn they were wrong when a procession, led by the Boys' and Girls' Brigades, passed through the neighbouring roads on its way to a service of celebration conducted by the young members of the church.

The theme of the Fathers' Day Parade Service was "There is no Greater Love", and this was explored in a variety of traditional, along with more challenging, styles of worship.

The younger members of the Sunday Starters sang three songs which reminded us of God's love for us. These songs were interspersed with our thanksgiving prayers led by members of the Girls' Brigade.

Following a dramatic reading by members of the Boys' Brigade the congregation was invited to join in the singing of two songs which were unfamiliar to many. Not only were the songs unfamiliar but also the actions which accompanied them! No-one was spared from joining in, much to the concern of the Property Committee when it came to stamping feet!

Squash, fresh from the recent MAYC London Weekend, then explored the theme of love with a drama called "Love Contest" and this was followed by a meditative dance.

For the prayers of intercession the congregation was invited to bring forward its concerns on paper 'prayer hearts'. This resulted in a wealth of thoughts

being expressed from the heart and shared by all.

The culmination of the service was a conga around the church with young and old joining in the song "We are Marching in the Light of God."

To many, such a service challenges traditional styles of worship. It is important, however, to remember that the future of God's Church will soon be in the hands of our younger members. If we are able to inspire young and old alike by mixing traditional and modern styles of worship we will keep the church alive.

Congratulations to all those who brought us such a vibrant time of worship and also to those who joined in the celebration for a truly memorable Father's Day.

Martin & Claire Leckie

St Andrew's
Fellowship

St Andrew's Fellowship were not blessed with hot weather for their June outing, though a pleasant time was enjoyed at a garden centre near Abingdon, and a scenic drive home was much appreciated. The centre offered a variety of attractions apart from lovely plants, and members came home loaded with produce from the Farm Shop, plants and crafts.

STOP
PRESS

It has just been announced that the Revd Nigel T. Collinson, M.A., Chairman of the Southampton Methodist District, has been elected President — Designate to serve the Methodist Church as President for the year 1996-97. Lorna, his wife, is head teacher of Marchwood Church of England (Controlled) Infants School outside Southampton.

SUMMER QUIZ

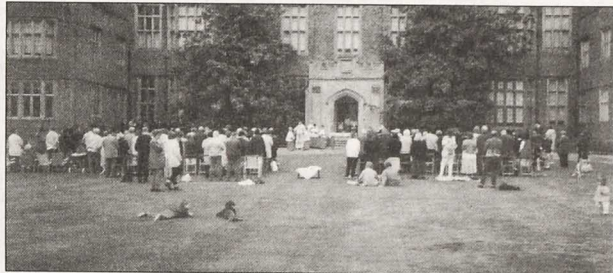
A general knowledge quiz for VE/VJ Year has been devised in aid of Save the Children. Entry forms, at £1 each, from Mrs E.M. South, 8 Dovedale Close, Caversham or Caversham Bookshop, Prospect Street.

NEWS FROM ST ANNE'S

The picturesque grounds of Mapledurham House were the setting for Holy Mass and procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the afternoon of Thursday 15th June, the feast of Corpus Christi. In lovely summer weather, the pupils of St Anne's School, the choir of the Oratory School at Woodcote and a congregation of some 100 from St Anne's and nearby parishes gathered to celebrate this great feast. The Oratory Choir excelled themselves and further musical support was provided by the St Anne's recorder group, all in all a most moving and enjoyable occasion.

The following Sunday, a number of St Anne's parishioners gathered with others from South Oxfordshire for a further celebration when they walked in procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the picturesque little church of St Birinus at Dorchester on Thames to the beautiful Abbey Church where, with the kind of permission of the Rector and Churchwardens, Benediction was celebrated. A barbecue followed, held in the delightful grounds of St Birinus on the banks of the River Thames in glorious summer weather.

On Saturday 1st July, another party set out from St Anne's, this time for the Church of St John the Baptist in Great Heywood, Staffordshire, to assist at the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the ordination of their former Parish Priest, Fr Thomas Meagher. The Choir of St Anne's joined forces with that of St John's in leading a touching tribute to Fr Meagher. Afterwards, everyone sat down in the village hall to a superb meal prepared by the parishioners. Speeches by the chairmen of the two parishes and by Fr Meagher himself set the tone for a splendid celebratory occasion during which a presentation was made to Fr Meagher. Alas, the journey back to Caversham meant that the party from St Anne's had to make a relatively early departure but their journey had certainly been worth the effort.



- K. Corrigan

Mass being celebrated outside Mapledurham House.



- K. Corrigan

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

CATCHING THE BUS

Even the Department of Transport is coming round to the idea that it is no longer going to be possible to cater for the unrestricted use of the private motor car, and that if society is to continue to have the mobility it wants, greater use must be made of an improved public transport system. Leaving aside railways, where so-called improvements seem to be making an even worse mess of things, for the majority of people this means buses.

Reading is fortunate in having one of the best bus services in the country in the shape of Reading Buses. It is easy enough of course to find fault. They are too expensive, particularly for families, they are not frequent enough, it's difficult to use them if you are encumbered with shopping or small children or are not very agile, but a visit to other towns will show that Reading is at the forefront in tackling these problems. The bus undertaking is independent of the Borough Council as councils are not now allowed to own and run bus services, but the Borough is a major shareholder, and as such is committed to running services where there is a perceived need, even if that individual service is run at a loss. The whole undertaking though must not be reliant on subsidies, so must pay its way. To continue running it must have enough passengers.

Now a rival bus company has set up in Reading. Before deregulation this would not have been possible, but it is now allowed, on the grounds of introducing healthy competition. This company is in the business in order to make money, and it does not and will not

operate any routes that are not profitable. By running their buses a few minutes ahead of Reading Buses they naturally pick up the latter's passengers. They accept Reading concessionary passes, so holders of these can travel on them, probably unaware that the bill is passed, quite legally, to Reading Buses, who are obliged to pay for their use. This is competition all right, but whether it can be called healthy, when the final result could be to leave the travelling public with an inferior service, is another matter.

Caversham remained free of these buses till fairly recently, when one was introduced that exploited a weakness in Reading Buses, which has provided little in the way of a north-south service. No one can be blamed for taking a bus from the far end of Hemdean Road to the Royal Berkshire Hospital or places further south. Reading Buses are fighting back and there have already been changes and improvements made to their service to combat this threat, so unless a Main Line bus is going to save a lot of time and effort, the established service is the one to support to ensure long term benefit.

CAVERSHAM'S NEW ARRIVALS

Of course the Vicar of St. Barnabas is right (Welcome to the Bugs Bottomers. July issue) when he says the people coming to live in Bugs Bottom must be made to feel welcome in Caversham. Most of them were probably unaware of the huge wave of opposition there was to building in this valley when they bought what are in fact very pleasant individual houses on the very attractive terms offered by the developers. Apart from the first arrivals, most of them will have no more idea of what this valley once looked like than do all those who now live on the farms, meadows, orchards and shallow quarries that once made up the greater part of Caversham.

However, without living in the land of 'what might have been', it is, apart from being a very human reaction, not entirely fruitless to regret the past, as it is a

constant reminder that green areas on the edge of large urban areas are doubly precious these days as they disappear for ever under bricks and concrete, and that there are some that, because of their significance for the locality, or even the country, should never be built over. Bugs Bottom was some of these (it attracted national attention), Twyford Down another, and locally, coming up in the pipe line, Kennet Meadows, is being defended against developers, eager to get their hands on it.

It is not very easy to feel charitable towards the building companies working in Bugs Bottom, who admitted they were doing the whole thing for financial gain ('our duty to our shareholders'), so perhaps Nigel Hardcastle is being a little over-optimistic in hoping for any positive steps in that direction. Not for the first time, one of the firms has had to be brought to the attention of the trading standards authority for an advertisement in the local press showing a picture of a beautiful rural valley with a caption claiming that such views are hard to find these days, except with H... and H... The truth is that it is particularly hard to find with H... and H... though not impossible if the camera is carefully angled from a certain position and the eyes do not stray to the surroundings. The firm could easily enough have advertised their houses without misrepresenting the situation. Nigel Hardcastle is meanwhile right to hold out a welcoming hand to these newcomers to Caversham.

NIBBLING AWAY AT THE AONB

Not entirely unconnected with the foregoing is a planning application to construct a Telecommunications installation at Sandy Hill which, for those who say 'where's that?' is at Park Farm, Mapledurham. It is to consist of a 35 metre high lattice tower to support a headframe with six sector antennae and three 0.6 metre diameter radio dish, two BTS class 3 equipment cabins, a meter cabinet, a 2.2 metre high

security fence with access gates, works and extension to existing access track and associated works.

This site is in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and if AONB status means anything it should mean refusal to allow anything so intrusive within its boundaries. We already have a couple of high masts not far away, one in Bugs Bottom and one near the Pack Saddle. We can do without a third.

But how much power does a Telecommunications organisation possess? Is this something we shall get anyhow because it is considered an essential service? The escarpment on this side of the river provides an attractive backdrop to Reading, and can be seen from far away. This construction could damage more than its immediate surroundings.

WILL THESE TREES DIE?

After several days of temperatures in the high eighties (or top twenties for those more at home with Celsius) and months of being imprisoned in concrete, the two horse chestnut trees in St. Martin's precinct were at last released, though no one thought of pouring in a large quantity of water to help restore them.

It is by no means certain that these trees will survive this treatment, but since mature trees do not die at once, only time will tell. Once a mature tree is lost it is lost, and replanting cannot replace it. Tree preservation orders

have not enough teeth to be really effective against wanton, or perhaps in this case thoughtless, damage.

A GOOD YEAR

Hemdean House, Caversham's own home grown school, which dates back to even before the time when it moved into what must have been one of the first houses in Bugs Bottom (the two cottages at the corner of Hemdean Road and Rotherfield Way being contemporary with it) was able to review, with well merited satisfaction, the past year, at its recent Speech Day. Its prize and examination lists would be a credit to any school, and it has also participated in a wide range of activities outside the requirements of the National Curriculum, which had imposed as heavy demands and changes on this school as on any in the State system.

One such venture which was still being talked about, was the annual drama society production entitled 'Murder at the Music Hall' which combined the attraction of working out 'who dunnit' with that of enjoying a good meal at the same time. It sounded great fun and I was sorry to have had to miss it.

Along with a concert given by pupils the same evening in the marquee erected in the grounds for Speech Day, and the annual fete being held the next day, it was a busy week end in which just about every member of the school had some part to play. Mrs Pethybridge could justifiably feel pleased at the end of her first year as Headmistress.

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A CALIFORNIAN EXPERIENCE

Richard Kingsbury Reports

It was two month's 'working sabbatical' as priest at St Aidan's Malibu, a sprawling community with ten miles of mountains and Pacific beaches. Watch out for Angela as a 'splash-on extra' in Baywatch. We visited the 'usual places' from Palm Springs (104°) to the more clement climes of north California. Meanwhile Revd Susan Klein, Rector of St Aidan's, with her family and uncountable friends, used Caversham Rectory as a holiday base and were hospitably received by many.

St Aidan's grew, just a year ago, from mission ('daughter') church to full parish status. I had the privilege of presenting candidates from the parish at two Confirmations, thus meeting two diocesan bishops. I thought of Sheila Nunn, weekly officiating at baptisms and marriages, with some envy. To Sheila and to Terry Lee for looking after St Peter's and St Margaret's, our thanks.

Apart from the wretched 'O.J. Simpson' trial, media attention centred initially on Oklahoma City's bombing tragedy, but 'O.J.' remained front page news. My final duty was dedication of a twelve foot California Jacaranda tree to

commemorate Oklahoma's one hundred and sixty-eight victims. As the bell tolled - once for each victim - with people queuing to shovel earth round the tree, a small child broke free, climbed the tree and shouted 'I'm part of the tree!'

Another memory: we were granted a day in Los Angeles County Jail (missed O.J. by ten minutes) and visited parts of the prison of which most USA citizens are unaware. Unconvicted men on remand spend their first days incarcerated in a huge dormitory. Over five hundred of them stared bleakly at us on our visit. The Prison Officer, our guide for the day, admitted 'This is not good'.

On the brink of the United Nations fifteenth anniversary, we were privileged to see in San Francisco the table and setting where the Charter was signed. A poignant moment, one of many in our time in California.

On this short experience, I'd say the Episcopalian Church still looks to England, gets confused messages about, for example, homosexual priests and our 'liturgical trifle', and hopes the Church of England will stay true to its traditions.

THE BRIDGES ARE OPENED

On Saturday, 17th June, the Corrymeela Link held its Annual General meeting. This year it took place at the Burghfield Common home of Mrs Sally Stuckey. All the participants were aware of the importance of this AGM - the first since the ceasefire. In the opening prayer the chairman, Mr Ian Gilchrist of Maidenhead, asked for a moment's reflection on all that has passed in the last year, the coming of peace in Northern Ireland, the legacy of hurt and the prospects for the way forward.

It was a moving experience. For 30 years - before the

Troubles - the Corrymeela Community working in and from Ballycastle, Antrim has provided a haven, an arena for discussion and pastoral help for many of those affected by the centuries-old sectarian bitterness so damaging to Protestants and Catholics alike. In 1973 Corrymeela Link was founded in Mainland Britain to act as a conduit for the aid of British sympathisers in this work. The Reading-based Link coordinates the activities of the 30 UK groups. All through the worst years of violence the Community and its

supporters never lost hope. However a moment of reflection was all the meeting had. It was, as both Mr Gilchrist and Mr Neil Bole, guest speaker from the Community itself, made clear, no time for sitting back. While people were still delighted and surprised by the ceasefire and before Northern Ireland dropped out of the headlines, there was a window of opportunity'. In a sense, Mr Gilchrist asserted, the work of reconciliation was only just beginning. 'The bridges we have

built can now be crossed'. The entire meeting agreed that permanent peace could only be achieved by the complete dissipation of the sectarian hatred which had delayed the ceasefire for so long. Until the communities mingled, peace was fragile. The problem was to persuade the government and others to invest in these longterm policies now that the immediate threat of violence was receding. A lot of time was given to how to meet the challenges of peace. Mr Neil Bole and Mr David Stevens,

also from Corrymeela, told their hosts that an appeal would be launched in September. Money was needed to renovate the Community's buildings and carry on its work - work which would change and diversify. The treasurer, Mr Robert Beck of Warwick, gave an account of the Link's financial situation. All this would require discussion. New members, including Mrs Ann Varma of Caversham, were elected to the committee. In the words of Mr Ray Netherclift, the vice-chairman, 'The Link might change beyond recognition, but its work will go on.'

Meetings are held once a month. For further information ring Reading 589800.

OBITUARY

ERNEST PAKENHAM-WALSH

We have been sorry to learn of the death of Ernest Pakenham-Walsh in hospital in Sherborne on 9 June after a stroke. Ernest will be remembered by many as District Warden of St. Barnabas Church for six years until 1985 and also as a member of the old Caversham PCC. He came to Reading with the engineering firm Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners with whom he worked and during that time was a resident of Burnham Rise. After retirement and because of deteriorating health he and his wife, Jane, moved in the mid-80s to a bungalow in Sherborne to be nearer some of his family. He will be remembered as a kindly, gentle man who did much pastoral work in Emmer Green. Not many houses changed hands without his notice and not many moved in without a friendly call and a welcome from the Church through a visit from Ernest. After his move to Sherborne he worshipped regularly in the Abbey and his last communion there was on Whitsunday just a few days before his death. Ernest was much missed when he moved and we were privileged to have had him as part of our Christian family in Caversham and Emmer Green. We offer our sympathies to Jane and their family.

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AN OSCAR WINNER

Caversham Theatre's summer production — 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'

This is a play which has been cleverly derived from an Oscar Wilde short story. The playwright, Constance Cox, has not only contrived hilarious scenes from the ingenious plot but refashioned the epigrams and repartee from the well-known Wilde plays to produce a remarkably authentic look-alike.

Lord Arthur is on the brink of marriage to Sybil Merton, played with charming Cecilyan demureness by Anne Brent, but he has the misfortune to have his palm read by Mr Podger, a chiromantist who was

convincingly transformed from smoothie to menacing blackmailer by Peter Anderson. Arthur is told by Podger that he will commit a murder, and to save his bride distress he decides to do the deed before the wedding!

The most obvious victim is his wayward and ailing great aunt Clementina, who often declares that she would be better off dead. But she speaks with a twinkle in her eye, and her mischievous nature was well conveyed by Maggie Stokes. She escapes a poisoned sweet and Arthur then casts his eye on

his aunt Lady Windermere and his uncle the Dean of Paddington. Jackie Case was suitably dignified and tetchy as Lady W and Jonathan Brown suitably bewildered as the Dean, though a contrast of ponderous tone with flashes of irritability might have enhanced his characterisation.

The slow witted Arthur looked to his butler Baines, whose smirking superciliousness was successfully portrayed by Peter Ludlow, and the incompetent anarchist Herr Winkelkopf, a part which Tony Hales

made the most of, though at times it was difficult to catch some of his lines. Poisoned sweets, tripwires and explosive umbrellas all failed to achieve Arthur's ends, and each time he was obliged to postpone the marriage, much to the annoyance of Sybil's mother, Lady Merton, played in true Bracknellesque style by Pat Blundell.

Martin Leckie well deserved the plaudits of the audience for his tour de force — in the lengthy and demanding part of Arthur which he carried off so well. To

comment on his performance seems carping, but perhaps he could have allowed the slow wheels of Arthur's mind to turn a little longer before the light of understanding dawned! Last but not least is Nellie the maid: Denise Bickerton bleating "Mr Baaaaanes" brought the house down!

In fact the house came down from the very first line, and Bob Green deserves our gratitude for directing this winner and ensuring that costumes and scenery so well supported the action. *E.M.A.*

POSTBAG

BRITISH OR EUROPEAN?

Dear Sir,
Twenty years ago I, together with the majority of those who voted in the referendum, opted for the United Kingdom to join the EEC. In recent months the Euro sceptics have pontificated at great length on their reasons why we should now change our minds and opt out.

My reasons back then for opting in are still the same today. Yet not one of all the politicians have mentioned what I firmly believe — they prefer instead to look only at the benefits or disadvantages in the immediate future rather than those of the far

future, so let me see if I can explain my belief.

Let us look back to the days of prehistoric man who lived in a cave with his family. He soon found that if more than one family joined together the larger number of adults gave him greater protection from his predators and so the tribe was born. When these tribes

ceased to be nomads and settled down to become farmers small hamlets were formed which, in turn, became villages, and with the advent of the industrial revolution large towns and cities sprang up.

Since those early times each tribe had to have a leader to settle differences between families, and to make laws for the physical and moral good. Over the centuries government of communities became more democratic or totalitarian, but government there was.

In the UK this developed into the present twentieth century with both local and central government, the people's representatives being democratically elected.

Trade and commerce depend on communication, first the horse then the horse-drawn carriage and on to ships, the motor car, aeroplanes, radio and finally television. As the

speed of communication developed so did the realisation that, to coin a phrase, "United we stand. Divided we fall". This was the reason why I voted for the UK to join the EEC — the increased trade between our European partners bringing greater prosperity to the UK. But this was not all.

Long ago I realised that, by the law of natural progression, Earth must eventually have a World Government (this partly exists today with the advent of the United Nations Organisation). I am sure that this will not happen in my lifetime but happen it will, be it one hundred or five hundred years hence. The formation of the EEC is but one step along this path, yet this little step has provided the members of the EEC with fifty years free from wars.

There will always be differences between people, that is human nature. One only has to look at one's own family circle for confirmation — Auntie cannot stand Uncle whilst Sister infuriates Brother, but the family endures, and so too will World Government in the fullness of time.

Yours etc.
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CIVIC CAROL CONCERT

Dear Sir,

The Salvation Army would like to thank all who supported them by attending last year's Civic Carol Concert at the Hexagon. Some £9,000 was available for sharing between the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths and the Children's Society.

Arrangements are well under way for the 1995

Concert to be held on 2nd December and we are pleased to announce that this year's compere will be the Rev. Roger Royle. Tickets can be ordered by phoning 723394 until 9th October, but watch out for the Advert giving full details in the September issue of the Caversham Bridge.

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CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The speaker for this month was unable to be present but Mr Cyril Kirby, husband of one of the members, gallantly stepped in and entertained with a selection of coloured slides taken on some of their holidays.

First, slides of the magnificent Niagara Falls were seen. These were a reminder to some members fortunate enough to have visited Canada and the Falls, whilst others enjoyed the whole panorama. Then came scenes of the majestic Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, higher and wider than

the Niagara Falls. Mr Kirby also showed slides of the famous Kirkenhof Gardens, a spectacular show of colour and design in flowers, amid lakes and woodlands. Also, there were slides of Mr and Mrs Kirby's own garden in its various seasons, with close-ups of flowers in bloom in Spring and Summer, and birds that visit the garden in all weather.

Members' thanks were due to Mr Kirby who, at short notice, provided a really enjoyable afternoon.

The competition was for "The Prettiest Cup and Saucer". A good selection of pretty china was entered and Mrs Irene Stokes' entry was judged the winner.

Visitors/New Members are welcome

to meetings held at Church House at 2pm on the third Thursday of each month.

CAVERSHAM W.I.

Think small was the theme of Caversham's June meeting when the speaker was Mrs Munday from 'Bits and Pieces' dolls house shop. Dolls houses started as show cabinets and later as an educational aid for Victorian young ladies. A delightful house with Victorian style furniture held members enthralled. Mrs Macgregor recalled the doll's house of her childhood when she proposed the vote of thanks.

Earlier the president introduced the business section and congratulated Mrs Olive Harries on her ruby wedding. The rose competition was won by Mrs Sylvia Myszor.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

ARTS & CRAFTS enjoyed their Garden Day at Fairleys Littlewick Green. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and they bought plants and had tea and biscuits.

WORDS & MUSIC Pam Ridley said members enjoyed the Video on "DIVAS" although her T.V. set broke down the day before the meeting but fortunately it was repaired in time. At the "Summer" meeting members brought articles, poems, recipes, books etc, anything of interest to them. This would be the last meeting until September.

RAMBLERS have had three walks since the last meeting. One along the Thames and Tidmarsh. Another in the Henley Area when it poured with rain just as they decided to picnic. The walk continued however and ended in sunshine and ice-creams. The third walk was seven miles around Yattendon/Frilsham, River Pang and Stanford Dingley.

On a much more serious note the Sick Visitor Isobel Dovey informed members that if they felt they needed to have a mammogram after the age of 64 this was possible by going direct to the clinic.

The June coach outing to Sudeley Castle and Stow-on-the-Wold, was on the 20th June.

Pam Ridley has kindly offered her garden for the Guild Garden Party on August 10. It will be held in the afternoon from 2.00 until 4.30 p.m. Suggestions are needed for games and stalls.

The Chairman Joan Palmer was pleased to announce that the committee were very pleased to make Betty Hudson an honorary member of the Guild. Betty is one of the original members of the Guild (Emmer Green). Betty was present at this meeting and was happy to accept this honour.

The competition for the Nora Pollard vase was won by Pam Harvey.

The talk for the evening was by "Barbara of Waves" on hairdressing and care.

Barbara said hairdressing was very varied and exciting these days. There were so many good products which made hair care and styling easier. She said it varied a great deal how often people needed to wash their hair but if hair was washed frequently mild shampoos should be used. She said it was much better not to use harsh shampoos because it left hair dull and lank. Hair did not need lots of lather and water temperature should not be too hot. Gentle massage is good but hard scrubbing of the scalp is not. Lots of rinsing is needed. Barbara went on to give information on conditioning, colouring, permanent waving, types of setting, hot brushes, rollers etc. She also answered many questions from members. The talk was very interesting and informative and seemed to be over too soon.

The coach, although last to leave the car park, made good time in the heavy homeward traffic and members once again gave an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Dorothy Moore for her hard work in making the day such a success.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild held their birthday party this month and as members entered the cheerfully decorated room, they were offered a glass of punch. After the chairman welcomed everyone and Mildred Hutchinson cut the birthday cake, it was straight down to the End of the Pier to watch the show.

Opening with "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside" sung by two young sailors and

their girlfriends and followed with songs and items ending with a bang on "The day we went to Bangor"! Each item was differently costumed but whatever happened to the missing skirt and how the "Sun shone with his hat on" when it was found!

After such a fun entertainment by the drama group, everyone was in the mood for the fish and chips supper, followed by the birthday cake and coffee. A most enjoyable celebration!

The Social Studies group went to Hatfield House for their annual outing this year. After walking around the gardens, some keen gardeners taking note of unusual plants, it was perfect weather to sit outside for coffee or under the trees to picnic.

After lunch, the members were split into two parties to tour the magnificent house. There was so much to see, but only time for a passing glance at the many treasures as another group was always just around the corner. The guide was knowledgeable as well as entertaining and the beautiful floral art arrangements everywhere bore evidence of the Flower Festival of the previous week-end.

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