

WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT

WHEN I TOLD BINDY AND BETTY SHAYLOR I was going to write something for the "Bridge" on Bindy's retirement, the response, though perhaps typical, was somewhat startling. "Rubbish" said Betty and gave me a quotation from Corinthians 1, Chapter 3: "We are simply God's servants." Bindy reacted rather differently. "Go on," he said, "tell them all about me — how I never had a chance in life from the time I was born in Battle Hospital while my parents galivanted around in Brighton."

Yes, life does get a little crazy at the Shaylor home at times and one frequently gets the feeling that the conversation is scripted by Lewis Carroll. I can't honestly say I've ever had a dinner plate sail at me as I entered the door, but I wouldn't be surprised, any more than I would do more than raise an eyebrow if the Red Queen hurtled past me or I found Betty madly shaking pepper into a cooking pot while muttering weird incantations. There's a lot of fun and a lot of giggles to be had in that house, and if it's true that saints laugh a lot then the whole family qualify on that score.

Sometimes just love

But perhaps it isn't laughter that is needed when you call; perhaps you need help, advice, a quiet moment, a prayer, or sometimes just love. And it is all there, for the unwritten rules of the house are most definitely the first two commandments.

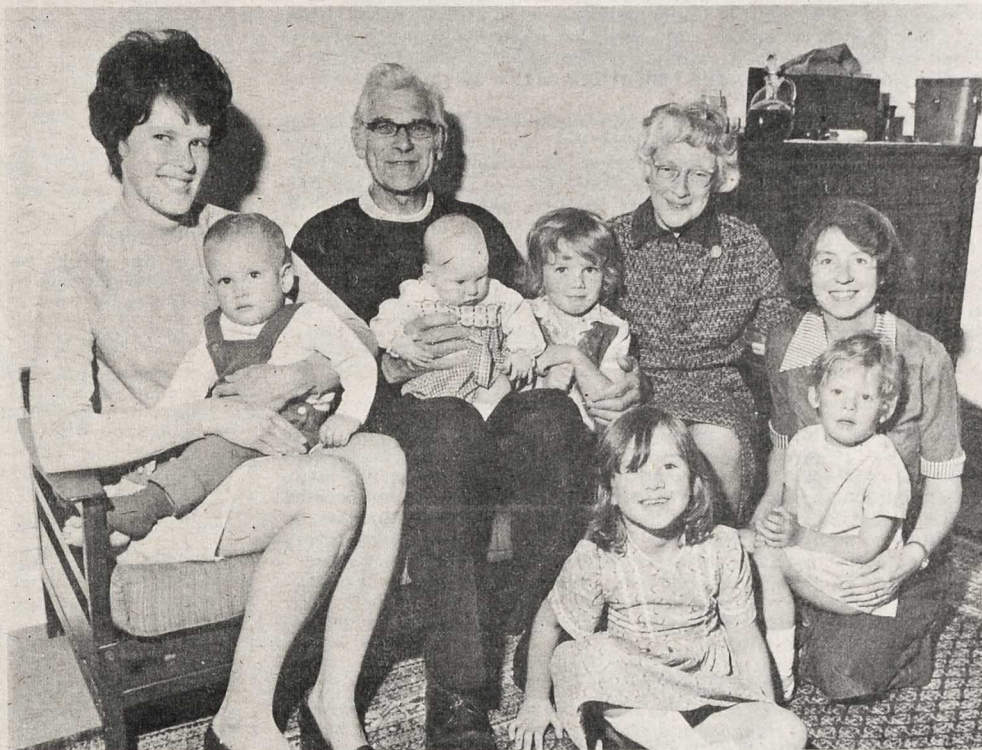
When Bindy retired from legal work in Africa a few years ago and became Caversham's perpetual curate, few of us knew what was in store for us. It wasn't long, though, before many of us began to realise that we had gained more than just another curate and his wife. While Bindy trained, became ordained and started his vast round of pastoral work and church activities, Betty befriended neighbours and clergy wives, bringing with her all the experience gained by a life-time of nursing and Christian work in Africa.

One could write a very great deal about all that they have done for the Church and for the very many people in Caversham who have good reason to be grateful for their love and devotion. But there are reasons for not doing so. First, both of them have always been at great pains to respect the privacy of those they have helped and it would be unfair to undo their efforts to that end by quoting examples that might be identified. It is enough to say that they have cared continually and devotedly for the sick, the sad, the hungry, the bereaved — all God's children who came their way.

Not what they have done

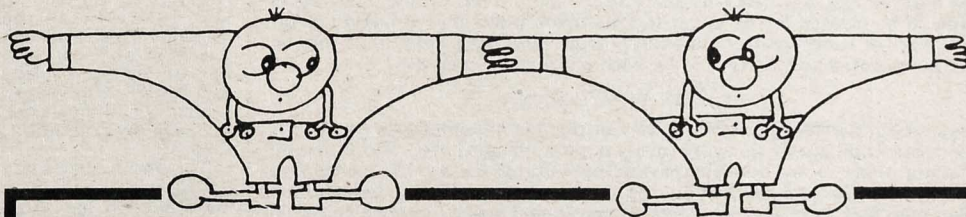
But, apart from this, it is not what they have done that is important, it is what they are — two very loving people whose lives are so firmly devoted to God's service that it may be first seem a bit ridiculous to talk of retirement.

Of course we shall continue to see them both around Caversham but after giving tremendous service to the Church here Bindy really is retiring on October 2nd (and not pretending to do so). For their sakes it is only right that we should respect this and give them the right to the rest they both deserve and need. So we thank them both, express the hope that they will take life a little easier and say, as they often say themselves, "Thanks be to God." M.D.



■ Bindy and Betty Shaylor with their two daughters-in-law Maggie (left) and Millie (right) and their five grandchildren.

— Walton Adams



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The Editor's Column

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

THE COLUMNS OF THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE have in recent months been recording many changes among the clergy and ministers of Caversham. We have seen the departure of both our Baptist and our Methodist minister, the latter after an all too brief stay of three years. Though we welcome this month his successor, the Rev Ralph Rogerson there is at the time of going to press no news of a Baptist successor to the Rev Laurence Stevens; it is incidentally one sign of the good relationships that exist between our Churches that while the Baptists have no minister of their own, one service every month is being taken for them by one of the Anglican clergy and I am delighted that we should have been asked to do this.

On the Anglican side the Rev Stephen Bartlett left in July and the Rev Michael Kitchener at the end of August. We report news in this issue of the Rev David Milling who arrives during September and in October the Rev Graham Lynch-Watson will be taking up residence at Caversham Park. We are also seeing in October the retirement of the Rev D. F. (Bindi) Shaylor who last year reached his seventieth year and who since returning from Kenya where he had been a solicitor has given nearly eight years wonderful voluntary service to the Church here; a tribute to him appears on another page. His ministry among us was really a valuable bonus but which we always realised was something that would not be re-placed — unless of course we are able to have another man in Caversham who comes forward to serve as a priest through the auxiliary pastoral ministry.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT

This form of ministry is an important development. It is still in its early stages. It poses many problems. Is the training as present conceived over academic, thereby discouraging and debarring many men who might pastorally make excellent priests? I for one am inclined to believe that this is so. But with the Church challenged by modern thought in so many departments of learning can we risk having clergy who have not been well trained theologically? What is the right balance? One has also to realise that the present system of training makes heavy demands on married men and their families, demands which in some cases may be positively wrong. The clergy and their families are not immune from marital strains.

TIME TO KNOW EACH OTHER

The close and happy relationship that exist between the Anglican and Free Churches in Caversham and Mapledurham and which has been a feature of Church life here for many years has been made possible largely because the clergy and ministers have known and trusted each other. The arrival within the space of a single year of no less than five new ones among the nine who serve the Church here, means that time is going to be needed for us to get to know each other and to build up the same sort of relationships that those of us who have been here longer take for granted and believe to be both right and necessary.

THIN ON THE GROUND

My recent holiday was spent partly in the heavily populated north east of England and partly in a very thinly populated rural area. But it served to bring home to me how comparatively well off we are for clergy and ministers in Caversham. But during the fifteen years I have been here I have seen not only the whole of Caversham Park developed but also hundreds of houses built in all parts of Caversham. During this time the ratio of clergy in the population has fallen dramatically and will continue to decline so long as more building is taking place. It is no longer possible for the same sort of pastoral ministry to be exercised as was exercised only a few years ago. To take one simple and obvious example, the number of funerals my colleagues and I are called on to take has increased considerably. It is not just the time taking funeral services that grows but the time in visiting the bereaved and it is this sort of work which is threatened. With probably more than one thousand houses changing hands every year in addition to the new ones that are being built the visiting of all newcomers by the clergy cannot possibly be undertaken. This means that the ministry of the laity which is already a conspicuous feature of Church life in Caversham is likely to grow in importance. But the clergy have also to recognise that many of the most willing and able members of the laity are just the very people whose business and professional claims are already over demanding; it is a naive simplification of a complex problem to suppose that the shortage of clergy can be solved by expecting more from over busy laity. Rather what clergy and laity alike have to do is to decide what the task of a Christian is and then to allot our resources in the best possible way. This might well mean the Church shedding some traditional roles and organisations which though valuable at one time are not necessarily so today; equally we might discover that God is calling us to new forms of service to meet the situation of the present day.

John Grindall

THE SIMPLE LIFE

by Jo Baily, Caroline Fry and Anita Scott

This summer, hardly had John Williamson returned from Taize, than he took a group from Genesis camping in Hexham, Northumberland where he used to live. Our activities were shared with his former youth group there under their leader Nora Horne who did a lot to contribute to the tremendous success of the holiday.

Amongst other things she bought our bulky food items and had an open house when we needed our clothes drying, a hot bath and a warm bed when the lad's tent leaked. After a long but pleasant journey we arrived at the farm (by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Hubback and their son Geoffrey). We soon pitched tents, arousing the curiosity of the chickens and avoiding the numerous cowpats. The farm was in walking distance of Hexham.

Our programme for the week involved an interesting walk along Hadrian's wall where the atmosphere of the Roman wall was captured by the undulating countryside. We enjoyed two evenings iceskating at Whitley Bay, the second being highlighted when the minibus broke down so that we did not get to bed until the early hours. Our trip to the Farne Islands proved memorable because of the torrential rain. To the great amusement of the locals we understood with great difficulty the broad Geordie accent of the lighthouse keeper as he explained the working of the lighthouse. Later we saw seals, puffins and shags. The open air museum at Beamish exhibiting some forms of early

transport in England particularly interested the male members of the group. The meal Mrs Hubback gave us the following evening was especially appreciated after a week of tinned and dehydrated food prepared each day by three work parties under rather basic conditions.

Night exercise

Late one night we were roused and cajoled into getting dressed to take part in a game of "Midnight Manoeuvres". We were taken to the end of a track and instructed to get back to camp without being spotted by various people posted at strategic points armed with torches. Apart from the odd few who stampered a herd of bullocks and one who unknowingly held a conversation with a stone post we all eventually arrived back safely.

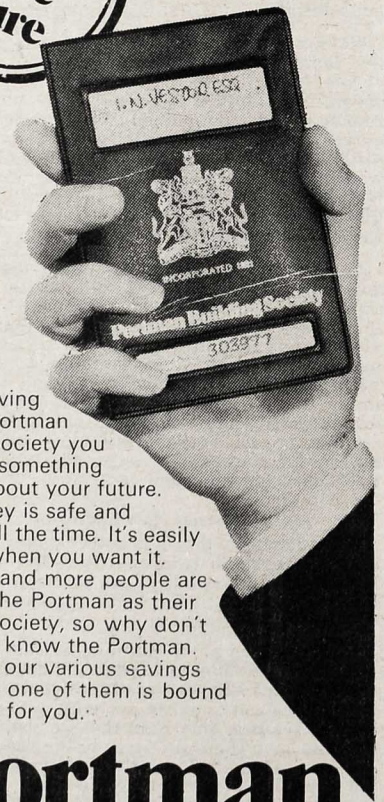
Hexham Abbey proved to be of great interest. People have worshipped here since 674AD and we attended the Parish Communion on our last morning. The Rector also held a service of Holy Communion one night in our tent. On our last evening the Hexham Abbey Youth Group organised a party for us in the Abbey monastic workshop which is now converted for use by the Abbey Youth.

The whole camp was a great success thanks to the ingenuity and kindness of John Williamson and Ian Alston who enabled us all to have such a wonderful time.



Rounders match in progress with Hith High House Farm in the background.

— Ian Alston



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THE MILLINGS

David and Bernice Milling, with their daughters Jane, Clare and Louise, will be moving this month to St Margaret's Church House, Mapledurham, from their home in Oxford.

David went to Oriol College, Oxford in 1947, to read Classics and Theology. In 1952 he joined the RAF, to do his National Service as an Education Officer. He then went to Cuddesdon College, Oxford, to train for ordination. In 1956 he was ordained in Bristol Cathedral, and worked for six years as an assistant curate, first at St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol and then at St John the Divine, Fishponds.

In 1962 David went out to South India, as a missionary of the S.P.G. (now known as U.S.P.G.). For the next six years he was a presbyter of the Church of South India, which unites Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. His main job was to be Lecturer in New Testament Studies at the United Theological College, Bangalore, where he helped to train ordinands, belonging to about twenty different denominations.

In 1965 David met his wife Bernice, who was studying Telugu at the Missionary Language School in Bangalore. She was serving with the Methodist Missionary Society, preparing to work as a nurse and physiotherapist among leprosy patients at Dichpalli. David and Bernice were married at St Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore, in June 1966; they now have three daughters, Jane (aged ten), Clare (aged eight) and Louise (aged six).

In 1969 the family returned from India, and for the next four years David read for a PhD degree at Magdalene College, Cambridge. In 1973 David became Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Burgess Hall, Lampeter; here his main work was training Anglican ordinands for the Diploma in Theology. Since 1975 David and Bernice have been living in Oxford. David has been a tutor in Theology at St Peter's College and at Wolsey Hall; Bernice has been working in the Occupational Health Department of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital. Both David and Bernice now feel that they are called to full-time work in the parish ministry.

David begins his ministry at St Margaret's Mapledurham, when he celebrates the Eucharist on Sunday, September 25th at 9.15am.



— Walton Adams

BOYS' BRIGADE ANNUAL CAMP

Members of the 1st Caversham and 1st Twyford Boys' Brigade Companies combined for their Annual Summer Camp at Charmouth in Dorset during the second week in August.

Fifty seven boys attended the camp with officers from both companies. The boys travelled in the 1st Caversham Boys' Brigade Coach and the 1st Twyford Boys' Brigade van.

On the Sunday morning boys and officers from both companies paraded to Bridport United Reformed Church where the service was led by their Camp Chaplain, the Reverend Alan Finch.

Throughout the week a tent competition was in progress with a kit inspection every morning. The winners were tent 1, which was a Caversham tent, under

the command of Martin Cooper, who was supported well by the rest of his tent members who were Andy Steptoe, Sean Keating, Alan Smith, Steve Bickle and Alan Harding. All were presented with a gift voucher and a Camp '77 pennant before leaving camp on the Saturday.

Many other activities were enjoyed during the week, including staff versus boys football and cricket, cross country run, horse shoes, tetherball, rambling, fishing trip, horse riding, swimming parades, camp fire sing song, potted sports and a day trip to Weymouth.

With nearly ninety people in camp, the cook, Mrs Elsie Smith, did a marvellous job throughout the week and she was presented with a Boys' Brigade Camp '77 pennant and a long playing

record by the Camp CO Mr John Howells.

The homeward journey was not without drama; two officers, Doug Stone and Dave Warner were nearly left behind in Charmouth, the Twyford van ran out of petrol, and the Caversham coach had a radiator hose split, but all ended happily with coach, van and officers getting home safely.

Both companies will be camping with each other again next year and plans are already being made for that camp. They are intending to set up their own camp, in the South of England for other Boys' Brigade Companies to use, and also to reduce their own camp costs. They are planning to hire tentage, provide all the equipment and set up the camp which makes for a cheaper camp for the boys but hard work for the officers and helpers. For a camp such as this a lot of equipment is needed, mainly kitchen equipment. Perhaps you can help these boys? Do you have any pots or pans that you have no longer any need for or do you know anyone who has any spare kitchen utensils, knives, forks, spoons and cooking pots?

If you could help in any way whatsoever please ring Tony Champion, Reading 474034 or Les Cooper, Reading 478607 after 6pm. All offers will be greatly appreciated not only by the officers but by the boys themselves.

The Editor regrets that due to a printer's error, the price of the Bridge was given as 7p in the September issue. It is of course 8p.

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TRIP TO TAIZE

On Saturday, August 13, 13 adventurous youths from the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Caversham, together with John Williamson, our driver, set off in a bright yellow minibus to Portsmouth, where we were joined by co-driver and fellow-adventurer the Rev Donald Thomas from Oxford. We crossed to Le Havre, where we spent our first night on French soil, and in the morning we had a celebration of Holy Communion in one of our hotel rooms. We then set off on our 10 hour drive to Taize, made slightly longer by an unintended detour into the suburbs of Paris (navigation did not prove to be our strong point!).

We finally reached Taize on Sunday evening, just in time to miss dinner, although we were too preoccupied with sorting out the week's arrangements to notice. All newcomers to Taize head for the welcome tent, where they are informed of all the options available to them during their stay at Taize. The choice is

varied and ranges from spending the week in complete silence, to taking part in one of the many work parties which help to keep Taize running smoothly. One member of the group chose to join a bible-study group, while everyone else opted for "sharing districts".

These "sharing districts" are groups where the members live, work and enter into discussions together, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We were split up according to our linguistic abilities, some into a German/English speaking group and others into a French/English group. Each district consists of large, numbered tents where the majority of the group sleep, while fellow members with their own tents pitch them around the central tent, to form a small community, surrounded by many other similar communities. During the day each group meets about three times and led by an 'animateur' or leader engage in discussions which cover a wide range of topics, relating

to the problems we all face. In addition each group has its own particular chore to do during the day, such as serving out meals or washing up; no easy task when you're dealing with a population of over 1,400 people. These meetings frequently turned into lively sing-songs or hilarious games.

Eglise de la reconciliation

Visually Taize is most impressive. The focal point is the "Eglise de la Reconciliation", a large, modern building where services were held three times a day, at 7.30, 12 and 8. We were lucky enough to be at Taize during the Feast of the Assumption, and so were able to attend a mass celebrated by six Roman Catholic bishops, during which Brother Roger read his open letter to the President of El Salvador, which was simultaneously translated into many languages for the huge congregation. The church is simple, but very beautiful. There are no pews and only a few chairs; instead the congregation sit or kneel on

a matted floor, facing the raised altar illuminated by flickering candles. Everyone entering the church is immediately aware of a sense of thoughtfulness and calm. During the services the brothers sit amongst the congregation, which adds to the feeling of informality and unity and illustrates the role the brothers play in the daily life of Taize. They also take an active part in discussions and bible-study and deliver informal talks on the nature of Taize as an ecumenical community as well as on more general religious subjects. They are always available for individual chats or for advice.

In addition, the site includes large camping and parking areas, a non-profit store, a welcome area, the silence and retreat areas and the yellow house. The latter is the administrative centre and possesses areas for discussions and talks by members of the World Council of Youth or the brothers. Here, also, the cooking is done, the meals are served and the remnants cleared up. Food is simple, but substantial and there were few complaints! Facilities are very primitive, with only cold water and the situation was not made any better by the torrential rain that we experienced during our stay and which reduced the site to a sea of mud.

International Community

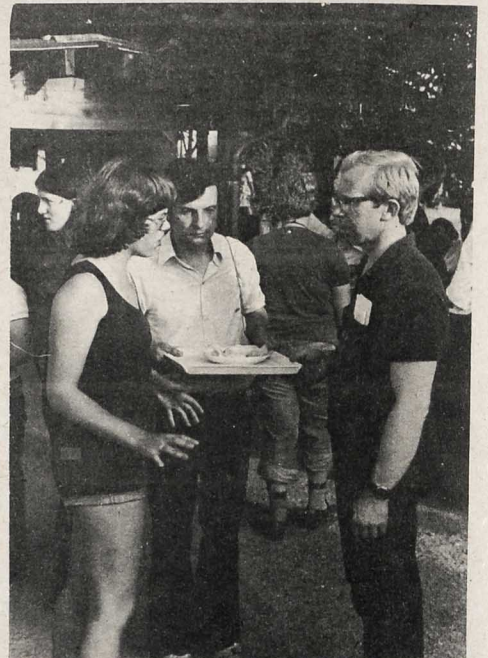
Nonetheless, spirits remained high, and this illustrates the sense of community and informality which are characteristic of Taize. Young people of all nations join together in work and play, the latter often predominating, especially as the day wore on, and sing-songs and parties, usually initiated by the large Italian contingent, would continue long into the night. We also enjoyed two pleasant trips to Cluny, a nearby town with an ancient and beautiful abbey.

Alas, our stay passed far too quickly and soon it was time to go. After noisy farewells we set off on the long trip back, which was prolonged by missing the boat and having to spend an extra night in Le Havre! We finally arrived home, exhausted but happy on Saturday afternoon. Taize had been a marvellous



■ Part of the lunch queue showing some of the group from Caversham; over 1,500 young people are fed quickly and quietly each day.

— John Williamson



■ Sally Briggs, Rodney Wood and John Williamson pause for a meal time chat.

— Donald Thomas



■ Some of the Caversham group relaxing shortly after erecting their tent.

— John Williamson

experience for us all, visited. We all hope to and we will not forget go there again, but first the many friends we would like to thank John made, or the refreshing Williamson for making approach to worship this trip possible, and that we had encouraged there. Taize can- who assisted him with not be justifiably the driving. described, it has to be

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AMONG THE TOMBSTONES AT ST PETER'S

Last year I began looking at the grave stones in Mapledurham churchyard, finding many items of interest for two articles in the Caversham Bridge, so recently I decided to take a look at the burial monuments in St Peter's.

Honest Robert

I began in the South East corner against the old stables of the former Caversham Court. There I found three carved upright slabs, two unreadable, but the middle one to a "Mr Robert Towerly, a Truly honest man who died 1808 aged 52." How nice to have that for an epitaph. I wonder where Robert Towerly lived and what was his occupation. Could he have been a shopkeeper? In the next row I was able to read the tomb closest to the crinkle crinkle wall; this was "Sacred to the Memory of Mrs Elizabeth Jemmett who departed this life November 28, 1813 aged 48 years."

So far these are the first two gravestones on which I have found the words Mr and Mrs. Interesting. Next to Mrs Jemmett was a Lovejoy grave "In memory of Elizabeth Lovejoy of this parish who died on November 20, 1808 in the 102nd year of her age." One wonders if she really reached 102 or if the date of her birth was mistaken. Perhaps the parish register of births and deaths could prove it. The Lovejoys were a very old local family, for in Henry the eighth's day, according to an old document "the manor called Farm Place ... and a tenement called Woodachys at Canons End is let to Thomas Lovejoy, Simon Lovejoy and his wife Beatrice and a son." Canon's End was of course Cane End.

Not far from the Lovejoy grave was another interesting recording from the eighteen hundreds "Ann, the beloved wife of James Hrude

who looked well in the management of her household and careth not for the bread of idleness who died aged 41." From further writing on the slab it seems that James marries again. He probably couldn't bear to be without a well run home and a good table. This was not easy wording to decipher and perhaps the surname Hrude could have been Arude or even a mason's error as I certainly found several of these.

Then there was young John Hill? who died in September 1742. He must have been of an early age according to the accompanying verse, which took a great deal of unravelling.

Who passeth by and do this stone behold — Take notice that this grave doth here enfold

The body of John Hill? His soul we trust Is wafed to the regions of the just.

In youthful vigour he his Lord adored And left a virtuous pattern on record.

The last line was under the earth and the best preserved.

By a tree against the pathway lies Ann Parritt who died on February 15, 1876 aged 62. She had sorrow in her early married life for she lost a son John and a son James aged 7 and 3 respectively in the spring of 1849 within ten days of each other. Probably they had some form of illness in the family. However she did have a third son, whom she named John James, to comfort her. He died in 1881 aged 25.

Close to Ann's sad recording is a partly legible stone. "Sacred to the memory of William Wright, Clerk of this Parish aged 95 years." The rest is unfortunately unreadable. Also a grave "Sacred to the memory of Andrew Burnside, E.S.Q. formerly of Caversham Hill who died in 1808."

Another old Caversham family were the Freebodys who lived beside the river building boats and owning barges. They were well known Thames watermen. There are several monuments to their memory. One to Mr Will Freebody, who died November 23, 1820, and near this another to "Thomas Freebody who



■ St Peter's Churchyard as it was on the South side when many of the people in this article were alive or had only recently been laid to rest.

departed this life June 10, 1842 aged 61 and also to Mary wife of the above who departed this life November 25, 1857 aged 77 years. Also Thomas son of the above. Another member of the family is recorded nearby, Matthew Roach Freebody, who died March 12, 1852 aged 28 years.

The earliest so far

One early gravestone which was fairly easy to decipher says "Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth Flood who departed this life on October 12, 1728 aged 61." No doubt her grandparents or even her mother would have had firsthand knowledge of the battle for Caversham Bridge between Roundheads and Royalists if they had lived in the village then.

Yet another eighteenth century gravestone was close by.

"In the memory of William Stevens, yeoman, late of Wargrave, Berks, who departed this life 6th July 1786, aged 33 years". The Stevens seem to have continued connections with Caversham for there is a coffin tomb inscribed on one side "To the memory of Ann relict of John Stevens who departed this life November 1, 1881 aged 89 years", and on the other "To the memory of John Stevens who departed this life July 31, 1826 aged 82." It is interesting to note how the ones are carved; in 31st and 1826 they both look like Js. Ann's side of the monument faces South West and is much more worn, although she was buried last, the prevailing wind and weather has obviously worn the stone away, whilst John's side, sheltered by the church wall, is still very clear. Any lettering is usually well preserved if it gets protection, under the grass or overshadowed by a tree, as was one

women died in the same month. Could it have been some sickness that struck their family? The sad tale is accompanied by the following verse:

They spring like flowers for day's delight, Which flourish at noon and fade at night.

This was quite exciting, for when reading some gravestones at the North end of the churchyard a couple of years ago I found the same verse on the memorial to Harmen, infant son of the Reverend Maneth, who died around the middle of the last century. I have not yet discovered if Harmen's father was at anytime a curate of Caversham. If he was he had probably read the verse on the twin tombstone which would have been much clearer then, liked it and used it on that of his little child's about 100 years later.

By now I had reached well into the South West corner of the churchyard and crosses were in evidence, there were none to speak of at the South East end. The memorials were now becoming more recent, but still interesting. On one or two in the last century there was the vogue for red lettering for all first letters. A grave dated 1803 was the earliest to be embellished in this way.

The afternoon had passed all too quickly and I suddenly realised I was rather weary and in need of a cup of tea. The gravestones on the North, East and West sides would have to wait before they, too, told me their tales. M.K.

trunk in the churchyard. It was on the early Stevens' grave stone that spelling mistakes were found. In some cases the mason had tried to alter the letter.

Two of a kind

Several children were buried on this side of the church. Poor little Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bowery is remembered. He died aged 8 in 1792. Nearby is another sorrowful recording "George Lewis Neathe, son of James and Elizabeth who died March 20, 1835 aged 13 months and 10 days. Also of Susan

Neate (spelling fault) who died August 20, 1839 aged 6 months". Again the one in 13 is formed as a J. It is very probable that the same person carved both graveheads. A twin headstone close to the church porch and garlanded with ferns has much writing on it. "Here lyeth the body of Eliz: the daughter of Nicholas and Eliz: Jenkins who departed this life Jan: y9, 1750 in the 16th year of her age. Here lyeth the body of Eleanor y wife of John Hayter and niece to Nicholas Jenkins who departed this life January y30th 1750 aged 28." Again both young

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EARLIER DAYS



We publish this month two further photographs of life in Caversham in earlier times.

One of them depicts a ladies working party in Balmore Hall during the first world war and the other the annual Sunday school procession that took place each summer at the time of the parish patronal festival — the procession is seen in Church Road.



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They lived in Caversham

NEWS OF THE CROWES

Last November the Crowes moved from the Vale of Evesham to North Staffordshire. John accepted an appointment from the Bishop of Lichfield to be Priest in Charge of St Edward's Leek and informal chairman of what is hoped will become a Team Ministry covering the three Anglican parishes in Leek.

Leek is an industrial and market town of 20,000 people. It's surrounded by very beautiful countryside — especially on the north and east sides where the Peak District National Park comes to within four miles of the town.

John feels there is slow but sure progress towards a Team Ministry. He has a colleague at St Edward's, a retired Grammar School Headmaster who was ordained three years ago, and there are two other Priests in Charge and a Church Army Captain in the town. There is already a co-ordinated approach to confirmation preparations, hospital visiting in the Stoke hospitals

12 miles away, and preparation for marriage. A Provisional Team Council is now in existence working out priorities for Christian work and witness for the immediate future — alongside regular staff meetings.

St Edward's is a magnificent church which attracts a good number of visitors. It was the venue for some of the events of the first Leek Arts Festival held in July — notably a very fine exhibition of manik and batik painting by Thetis Blacker previously shown in many English cathedrals, and a concert by the North Staffordshire Symphony Orchestra. John has found himself acting as Chairman of the Festival, and he hopes it will become an annual feature in the life of the town.

The Vicarage is large — basically eighteenth century — though it incorporates features from much earlier vicarages. Bonnie Prince Charlie spent a night in it on his way south in December 1745 — and

because of its historic associations the parish is keen to retain it. It's certainly very conveniently situated in the centre of the town. Part of the top floor is being made into a self-catering holiday flat — so, John and Una will be pleased to hear from any Caversham friends who'd like to explore this part of the country.

Una is free to pursue more of her own interests now that Christina, aged 5, is at school. She has taken up her piano playing after a lapse of some years, and is starting an Open University degree course in the autumn. She also helps one morning a week in the Oxfam shop over the road, and is on the rota for the WRVS meals on wheels service.

Josephine, now nearly 8 years old, is doing well at school, and is keen on horse riding and her piano lessons. Monica is more athletic than academic and is happily settled in her school after a period of being "homesick" for Evesham.

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CHURCH NEWS

ST PETER'S NEWS

Coming and Going. St Peter's congregation has been sorry to have to say Good-Bye to Professor and Mrs Yoshimoto and their daughter Cecilia, who have recently had to move to 6 Arthur Road, Wokingham as the house they were occupying during their one year stay in England was, at short notice, wanted again by its owners. Christians form a very tiny proportion of the population in Japan and it was a great pleasure to have the Yoshimoto family worshipping here for a few months.

The Bowcock family moved during August from 9 Picton Way to 4 St Anne's Road and into their former home have come Mr and Mrs Rule and their three children from Winchcombe. Mr Rule and his daughter Corinne are bell ringers and will be welcome additions to St Peter's band. From Bath have come Mr and Mrs Hewison who are living at 24 St Peter's Avenue, the former home of Mr and Mrs French and their family who have moved to St Alban's. It is hoped that these new families will soon feel they have friends among the congregation here.

Redecoration. Congratulations and thanks to all those in the congregation who have worked so hard with the re-decoration of the interior of the Church. Mr Moore and Mr Cropp put in a great many hours of work and were supported by a consider-

able number of men (and a few ladies) in this. Another piece of painting of a different kind which is greatly appreciated is the skilled relettering of the Church notice board carried out by Jane Kane. Stewardship of time and talents is certainly being practised.

First visit. Caversham's new Methodist minister, the Rev Ralph Rogerson will be preaching for the first time at the Parish Communion on Sunday October 16. The Rector attended his induction service at Queen's Road Methodist Church on September 1 and afterwards in the hall gave greetings from the Anglicans of Caversham.

Old map. An interesting map showing the central part of Caversham as it was in 1881 has recently been placed in St Peter's — the kind gift of Mr M. Hutt.

ST JOHN'S NEWS

Nomads — The Nomads have been making the most of the summer months, and their recreational activities have included rounders (with a challenge match against the rest of the congregation), football and other outdoor games.

Life, however, has not been just fun and games. Their community service projects include a new scheme for visiting elderly folk in the district. In addition,

they are making a useful contribution by helping with various small tasks around the church and garden, and have recently painted the ironwork of the altar rail, not only considerably improving its appearance but also making dusting it a much easier job.

Upper Vestry — Visitors to St John's may wonder at the marked decrease in noise from the upper regions. Thanks to Cyril Badger and his helpers, the Upper Vestry has been transformed: gone are the boarded ceiling, dingy walls and paintwork, and bare floor. In their place, white polystyrene tiles, cheerful pink walls and white paint have brought light and colour into the room; and floor-length curtains, new lighting and fitted carpet provide a pleasant and comfortable room for the Sunday morning creche, Fellowship meetings, and so on. Fitted carpet also covers the stairs, muffling the sound of tiny and not-so-tiny feet.

St John's choir must now be the best accommodated in the parish, if not the Deanery: they now have a cupboard large enough to take all robes and surplices without crushing and — the ultimate luxury — with a thermostatically controlled heater to keep them aired during the winter. Cupboards formerly used for boys' and girls' cassocks and surplices have been adapted to accommodate the choir's books in individual, named, pigeonholes, shelves for sheet music and space for storing the creche toys.

ST ANNE'S NEWS

Mary Andrews was discharged from hospital on August 25 after her operation and is now recuperating at home. Members of the congregation have been offering her their prayers and good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

The work of redecorating the outside of the Chapel of our Lady, Richmond Road, continues and should be complete by the middle of September. The parish is grateful to all who gave their time and energy in this practical way.

During the summer holidays four windows in St Anne's School have been broken by what appears to be stones thrown at them.

Mrs Helen Thomas at 15 Kidmore Road (Tel 472364) will be glad to have news of young members of the congregation for publication in the Caversham Bridge.

NEW METHODIST MINISTER

Ralph and Elsie Rogerson with their children Deborah and Andrew who are at Highdown and Reading Schools. They were able to move here in mid-August and have already been welcomed by many church members. Mr Rogerson's official welcome to the Circuit was at Wesley Methodist Church on September 1 and he took his first services in the two Caversham Churches on Sunday September 4. Mr Rogerson's previous ministries have been mainly in the North West at Merseyside and in the Manchester area and also in the Isle of Man.



— Walton Adams

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TALKING POINT

by Helen Thomas

'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of' said Tennyson in 'The Idyll of the Kings'.

The need to pray is a primitive need in all of us. Men always have and always will feel the urge to appeal to something beyond themselves and beyond the reality they know. They express it in love, in the work they do, in music, in dance, in pictures, in sculpture, in film and in the spoken and written word. All over the world at every hour of the day and night people are spinning prayer wheels, saying rosaries, ringing bells, burning candles, arranging flowers, singing, processing, dancing, fasting and making feasts all to the greater glory of God.

Verbal prayers are just one facet of prayer. Because men — alone among God's creatures — are verbal beings we have come to associate prayer with words and because we have grown up in the shadow of an organised church we tend to associate it also with church and kneeling down and being a card-carrying Christian. But prayer is older than Christianity and to restrict it to something to do with church is, of course, to diminish it.

I was taught that prayer is 'the raising up of the mind and heart to God'. This means that it is communicating with God, relating to him at every end and turn, dedicating everything we do to him and thereby investing it with dignity and significance. Just as there are countless valid ways of 'raising the mind and heart to God', so there must be one which will suit every temperament. We are told that 'the effort to pray is a prayer in itself' but prayer is not meant to be difficult. I believe that God wants us to have a close relationship with him as we would with a friend. I believe he wants us to share our joys as well as our sorrows with him. Abstract meditation does not come easily to most of us and formal prayers sometimes seem meaningless and irrelevant but it is not difficult to concentrate the mind and find our own words when we are praying about something which is important to us. If life and death are at stake or hope, despair or uncertainty overwhelm us prayer seems the natural and spontaneous response. It is only a small step — chiefly a question of habit — from praying in these times of crisis to praying our thanks

when we are happy and healthy and free from care. Prayers are said for everything under the sun. Whenever we say goodbye to someone we are praying 'God be with you'. All around the clock God must be listening to a baffling assortment of requests — for rain and for sun, for more work and less work, for company and for solitude, for more children and for no more children, for the courage to go or the courage to stay, for health, for patience, for acceptance and a million other things.

When the motivation to pray is not so strong and words evade us the Benedictine motto 'To work is to pray' is helpful. With this as a starting point our whole day can be dedicated to God and transformed into prayer — however humble or exalted our work may be.

And prayer is always answered but this is not to say that we always get the answer we think we would like at the time. The answer may be 'no' or 'not yet' or the solution may appear in a very different form from what we visualised. We have to try and be patient, keep an open mind, trust in the Lord and, as St Luke said — 'Keep on praying and never lose heart'.

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THE OTHER CAVERSHAM

Caversham Court, demolished in the early 1930's was occupied in the 18th century by the Loveday family. John Loveday who was born in 1711 had a daughter Penelope who married William Benwell of a well established Caversham family. William went to Reading School at the time that Dr Valpy was

headmaster, and the doctor married his sister. They had a son William Henry who was born in 1793. This boy did not enjoy very good health and after working for a time in India went to New Zealand in January 1849. He acquired 120 acres of land south of the fast growing new town of Dunedin. He farmed this on English lines with the help of a bailiff and called it the Forbury. He also bought other land which he called Caversham after the birth place of his Mother.

According to accounts of him in New Zealand he was a good employer and a "man of the highest public spirit". His long administrative experience in India proved a great help to the new local emigrant community. He was offered a seat in the legislative council of New Zealand but did not live long enough to accept it. He died at the age of 59 at his farm, the Forbury on September 25, 1852.

In the popular sea side resort of St Claire on the outskirts of Dunedin is another Valpy Street.

Caversham New Zealand became a borough in 1877. Its Church is also St Peter's and its branch of the Mothers Union is linked with its English namesake. On two occasions in recent years members of the New Zealand branch on holidays in England have paid visits here.

M.R.C and M.K.

ROUND THE CLUBS

Blgrave WI

The August meeting was a very happy occasion. A return trip by river to Mapledurham House and a guided tour of the House was enjoyed by all.

Rosehill WI

Mrs Buckle welcomed 48 members. Mrs Ilott and Mrs Neal entertained members during August to a coffee morning and afternoon tea respectively in aid of funds and the ACWW. A theatre outing was proposed and the Christmas Fair discussed.

The speaker was Mr Ted Smith of Emmer Green who gave an entertaining account of "The role of toast master".

Mrs Ellingham received the prize for most points in competitions. The monthly competition, "A peg doll" was won by Mrs Green.

Caversham Community Association

On July 18 Mrs Betty Kent, a member of the Association, spoke on the use of herbs in cooking and medicine. The members were invited to sample her herb tea, a fragrant blend of rosemary, sage, elder flower and honey.

The following week, as the weather was rather cold, the games

planned to take place in Christchurch Meadows were played in the club-room. A 'chip' supper completed the evening.

Another member, Mrs Olive Howard, gave a talk on August 1 on the trip she and her husband made to France on the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Welcome visitors on August 15 were the girls from the De Bruin School of Dancing. The well chosen costumes and varied dances were much appreciated by the audience. Their pianist, Mr Barry Maskell, then accompanied the members in community singing before tea was served.

Caversham Park Women's Institute

At the July meeting, the President Mrs Olive Harris welcomed Mr W. E. Gilbert, Honorary Secretary of Age Concern, Berkshire, who gave an informative talk entitled 'Partnership in Service to the Elderly'. The competition — A Congratulatory Letter on 100th Birthday was won by Mrs Phylis Colley, with Mrs Betty Atherton second and Mrs Betty Atherton second and Mrs Ella Goodban third. At the meeting on October 20, Mr A. J. P. Martin will give a talk entitled 'Our Christmas Carols'. The competition will be — A hand made Christmas Card.

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by Peter Shock

WHAT A SUMMER IT HAS BEEN! Weather-wise pretty awful; but that did not stop the rush of young people eager to reach our island. It was the "in thing" to visit Britain in Jubilee Year. Since July I have been involved with young travellers from Finland, France, Germany and Austria, and have my ears well tuned into 'Kuinka voitte', 'Bon jour', 'Guten Tag' and 'Servus, mein Herr!'

It was the Austrians who inevitably seized a big chunk of my attention, as the eighteen boys and ten accompanying adults from the Klosterneuberger Sportsverein came to Caversham as guests of the Caversham West and Lowfield Boys' Clubs. The emphasis was on sporting activities, and Wokingham Town Football Club offered their facilities for soccer friendlies. Two matches were played between the Caversham joint clubs and Klosterneuburg, the visitors winning the first match 3-1, and in the other match the home team were the victors 2-0. Wokingham Town also sided a team to test their abilities against a continental opposition, and an exciting game resulted in a 2-0 win for Wokingham. On Wednesday, August 10, an international six-a-sides indoor soccer tournament was staged at Chiltern Edge Youth Centre, Sonning Common. After a gruelling 2½ hours, Klosterneuburg emerged champions, taking the cup with them to Austria. The Caversham 'A' team, representing England were defeated 1-0 in the final, and the French 'A' squad from Brittany, were runners-up in the semi-final play-off.

There were of course, other events organised; one quite unusual. Mr Hewetson, the Managing Director of the Reading and Caversham Laundry, arranged a tour of his establishment, and even laid on the services of a competent German-speaking lady employee to explain the modern technique in laundering. Further afield, the guests were taken on sightseeing trips to London, Windsor, and Southsea. A number in the party even experienced their first trip on a Hovercraft, breezing across to the Isle of Wight.

The highlight of the first week-end was the spectacular Barbecue, set up by Mrs Mures and her

family in their large garden in Priest Hill, Caversham. About 70 people turned up, and to the accompaniment of the piano-accordion the Austrians yodelled their folk-songs and the English chanted their patriotic, 'Nice one, Cyril' variety. This was international co-existence at its most natural.

All the Austrian boys, who came from the district of Klosterneuburg near Vienna, stayed at the homes of the Caversham club members. It is intended that a return visit will be made next summer, which may include a few days at Schrems in the forests of Lower Austria.



CO-STARRING PAUL. He was not billed to appear at the Winter Gardens Theatre, Ventnor. But Paul Halliday, 11 years of age, of The Ridings, Emmer Green, found himself on stage with Felix Bowness one evening while on holiday. Paul can tell a good yarn with his husky voice, and he came off stage 10 pence richer, too!

STAN ELDON'S COLUMN

"WELCOME TO ATHLETICS"

Reading Athletic Club should soon be able to call upon fresh talent to strengthen their senior athletic team. This is because ex-Reading professional footballer, Alan Taylor, has been re-instated by the Amateur Athletic Association so that he can take part in Amateur Athletics. He and the Club are particularly fortunate as his re-instatement has been made much more quickly than usual and many sportsmen in similar positions have had to wait years to regain their amateur status.

Alan took part in athletics with Chesterfield Athletic Club as a schoolboy, and in fact represented his county of Derby in athletics, until he became a professional footballer playing for Leicester, Chelsea and Reading. Of course, during his playing days he was not able to take part in athletics but two years ago he decided to quit professional sport to take up a position in Social Work.

Since he last played football he has retained his enthusiasm for keeping fit and in fact joined the Joggers in the middle of last summer. His talent soon became very obvious and he has taken up athletics training very seriously. During the recent Skillmaster Competition he performed very well, particularly in sprinting events, and provided one of the highlights of the final night when he ran a very skillfull and well-judged 800 metres steeplechase in the last event of the Skillmaster Final, beating a specialist steeplechaser and also a very good athlete with some steeplechase experience. His hurdling technique was obviously not good but his running of the race between the hurdles was very impressive and his form even surprised Gerry Stevens, the Reading international steeplechaser.

Now that he has been re-instated, Alan can have a full winter season of cross country before resuming his specialist event, the 800 metres flat, next track season. At only twenty-three-years-old and with an ideal physique he should quickly be able to make his mark in athletics.

This is a time of change for him as in August he married Shirley, a fellow Social Worker in Reading, at St Michael's in Tilehurst. We wish them every happiness, and to Alan, success in his athletic career.

AROUND THE LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUBS

Local boys team Mapledurham Under 14 started their season in aggressive style when they won their first match 23-0. The club's Under 17 team are still in need of more players and Roy Bangs, on Reading 477594, would like to hear from anyone interested.

GOALKEEPER SHORTAGE

Clubs in the Caversham area, like the rest of Reading, appear to have difficulty in finding goalkeepers and in particular, Clifton require one for their Reading Combination First Division team and the man to contact in this case is Alan Clinch on Reading 475807. I hear the reason for the goalkeeper famine is that they are not getting sufficient protection from referees and the position is rapidly becoming the most dangerous on the field. So referees — PLEASE TAKE NOTE!



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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

WHEN BIG IS NOT BEAUTIFUL

Katie, in a neighbouring column, often extols the virtues of our local shops and points out, quite rightly, that if we do not patronise them on the grounds that sometimes goods cost a penny or so less in Reading town centre we shall be in danger of losing them. As a careful shopper I would only add that frequently there is no difference in price and in the case of green grocery which this year has reached unprecedented levels, the local shops are nearly always less expensive than those in the town centre.

Most people who have been in Caversham for any length of time are sad to see empty shops or shops frequently changing hands in Prospect Street which was formerly the chief shopping street of Caversham. Much of this decline can be traced back to the opening of St Martins Precinct, yet even there, there are empty shops, confirming perhaps the contention of those who were opposed to the building of the precinct, that Caversham already had enough shops for its daily needs.

However, one threat we do not have to fear in this area is the building of a hypermarket on the outskirts of the town. This is chiefly because our neighbouring countryside is in or near an area of outstanding natural beauty and is relatively sparsely populated. There are, though, interested parties hoping for permission to build a hypermarket either to the South or South East of Reading or at Calcot. Whilst there is no chance of all three being given permission and none of them is likely to affect Caversham's shops, one alone could have a serious affect on Reading's town centre where the traditional shopping pattern has already been upset by the Butts Centre. Although many of our needs can be satisfied in Caversham we still need to go to Reading for certain articles. The journey

BY WATCHDOG

there is easily made by bus, car or even on foot. Only a car will get us to the hypermarket.

Does the debatable advantage of lower prices at a hypermarket outweigh all the other disadvantages? The answer must surely be 'No'. It will be interesting to see what kind of a public response the feelers put out in the Central Berkshire Structure Plan consultation will have produced.

SMALL ISSUES

The bus stops at Vastern Road bridge which place bus queues in danger of their lives are, at the request of Caversham Residents' Association, to be changed so that the queue faces the oncoming bus and so is in a less vulnerable position.

The traffic light control box in Church Road which has dealt many a painful blow to unsuspecting citizens who do not expect to find such an obstacle in the middle of the pavement cannot however be moved because the council has no money. One hopes they are adequately insured to pay up for anyone who is seriously hurt by it. As usual the pedestrian finds himself the last of the road users to be considered.

SMALL BUILDING

The Gazebo Restoration fund will again be the beneficiary of the evening of music, readings and slides arranged on the topic of Hardy's Wessex, which Ted and Betty and Nigel and Joan Townshend will be giving at St Andrews Hall on Saturday, November 5 at 8pm. Tickets (75p) from 14 Albert Road. Tel. 472300.

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MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, August 25, 1977. Lt Col A. G. Elliott, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

Because of the recent changes in the Parish, the Parish Council have been reviewing its constitution and the actual numbers of members on the Council. They feel that it is somewhat unrealistic for the Council to remain at 12 members in view of the reduced size of the Parish. An application has therefore been made to South Oxfordshire District Council for the numbers to be reduced to eight council-

lors; this will give the Council the opportunity to co-opt members to increase the present membership, as vacancies at present exist.

The Council have again made application to the Southern Electricity Board for the overhead power cables in Rokeby Drive to be placed underground. However, the Board have stated that because of the present financial restrictions no capital expenditure is available to carry out the work at the present time.

The Council have agreed to erect a fence between Rokeby Drive and the Chazey Heath Play Area as a safety precaution for those children using the Play Area. Unfortunately the estimate was larger than the money available, but is hoped to carry out part of the work within the available funds.

Because of the recent boundary change, Mr R. H. Jones, who has been Clerk to the Council for the past sixteen years has decided to resign, and he will be giving up his duties at the end of September.

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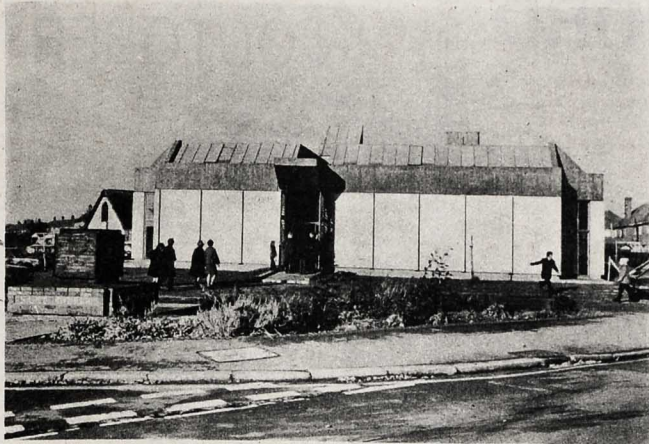
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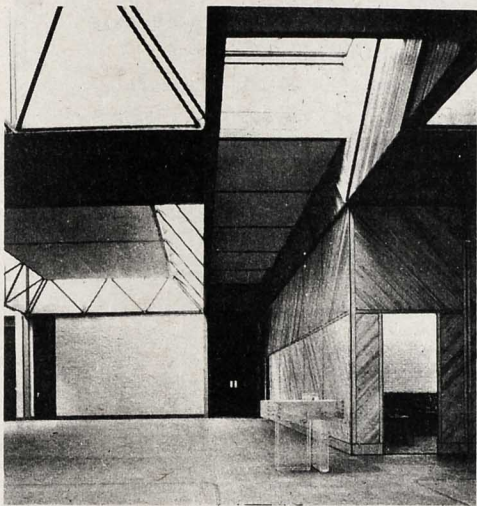
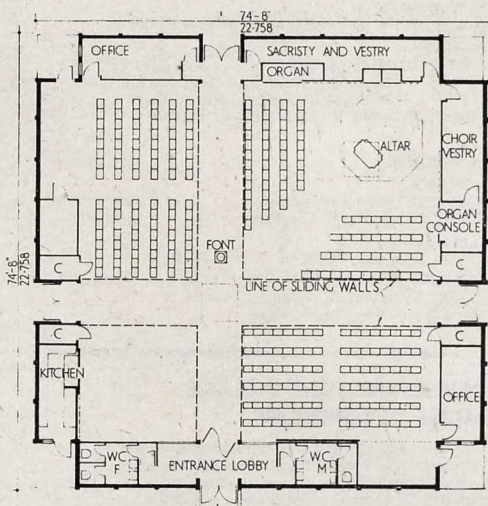


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It can be observed that the congregation/audience does not suffer from looking towards the glare of windows. The absence of windows then became a

conscious feature of the design, and from outside this gives the impression of a small fortress. Views outwards have been provided in the offices and main entrance.

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The only major item of the original design which has been omitted up to the present in the interest of economy, is the moat which was planned in place of the grass verge close to the outside walls. The effect of the moat would be to increase the fortress image and the apparent height of the building.

ROUND THE CLUBS

Mapledurham WI

At the September meeting birthday buttons were presented to Mrs Burnside, Mrs Butler, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Griffith and a present was given to Mrs Collins who is 91 this month.

The President, Mrs Hayward, welcomed the speaker, Mrs Vera Paul who gave a talk on the Thames Wildlife Association. As it was a sunny afternoon unfortunately her slides did not show up to advantage, but it is hoped that next June some members of the Institute will be able to visit Bix and see some of the unusual flowers growing there.

Blagrove WI

Miss M. Chapman presided at the September meeting as Mrs Haigh was away on holiday. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly signed. Birthday posies for August and September were presented. The outing to Mapledurham House was much enjoyed by all who went. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to the organisers.

There was a showing of members' transparencies and the competition was for a holiday picture: Mrs Tilley was the winner. The meeting ended with tea and scones.

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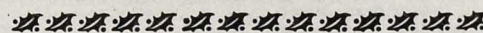
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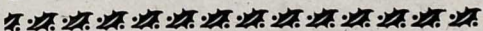


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St Anne's
 August 7 Sian McConbry, Stuart Kelly
 August 14 James Peacock, Sarsh Cowlard
 August 21 Euan McLaughlin

MARRIED

St Peter's
 August 13 Martin Smith and Mary Russell
 September 3 Anthony Gregory and Mureen Condon

St John's
 August 6 George Miller and Carol Taylor
 August 20 David Scearce and Sonia Clarke
 August 27 Stephen Fletcher and Jane Archer

St Barnabas
 August 6 Barry Taylor and Pauline Downes

St Margaret's
 August 20 Garry Paxton and Patricia Plank

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 August 20 Michael Yates and Teresa Gratrix
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 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
 10.45 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sunday)
 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
 11.00 a.m. Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays)
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong

St John's
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (1st and 4th Sundays)

St Andrew's
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 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 1st Sunday)

St Barnabas'
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday)

St Margaret's, Mapledurham
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd, 4th Sundays)
 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
 10.30 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday)

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 11.00 a.m. Morning Service
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