

ADVENT FAST before CHRISTMAS FEAST

For several weeks before and after Christmas parties galore for young and old alike are held in Caversham. And why not? There is plenty of Biblical support for men and women gathering together to eat and drink in a spirit of fellowship. Our Lord worked his

first miracle at a wedding feast, and on many occasions in the gospels he is found enjoying hospitality with people of all kinds. But to enjoy endless parties while ignoring those in need is to make a mockery of the Christmas message.

CHRISTMAS is a time for feasting and so it should be! We are celebrating the birthday of Jesus: there is no greater birthday for mankind.

Christmas is also a family time — a time to rejoice with our family around us. But there is another aspect to family and feasting. All of us belong to the whole human family that God created. On Christmas Day most of us will eat and drink rather more than usual. But for millions of people in the Third World who also belong to God's family, Christmas Day will be business as usual — hunger as usual.

And yet Christmas marks the coming of Jesus who preached love, justice and compassion for all our fellowmen and women.

That is why the Caversham Bridge is asking you now if you will FAST BEFORE THE FEAST. We are not asking you to do anything dramatic, but will you during the week of December 11-18 give up one of your main meals? Will you then put the money you would have spent on the meal in a special envelope, all proceeds to go to Christian Aid.

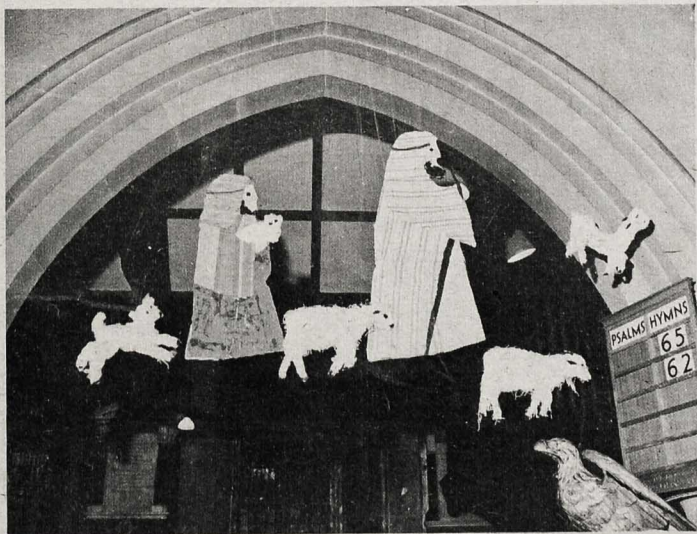
The envelopes will be available in all Anglican and some Free Churches on Sunday, December 11. If possible please bring them back to church on Sunday, December 18.

Giving the proceeds of one meal to Christian Aid is a practical expression of our love for our fellowmen. But, of course, it will not feed millions overnight. So in addition to giving up a meal, would you please:

- ★ think of those for whom hunger is a daily experience
- ★ find out about the changes that are needed to create a world that is more fair and just
- ★ pray — how does God want to use the Christian community of Caversham, Emmer Green and Mapledurham to bring justice to the poor?
- ★ resolve to think about a fitting "lifestyle" for Christians in today's world. How can you practice this in 1978?

YOUR CHRISTMAS FEAST WILL TASTE ALL THE BETTER FOR IT!

MOBILES BY CAVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



— Walton Adams

The decorations which were made specially for St Peter's Church last Christmas by pupils of Caversham Primary School will be seen again this Christmas. They consist of a different set of figures which hang between each pillar down the nave. Our photograph shows the one with shepherds and sheep.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The prophet Isaiah heard God say: "Is not this what I require of you as a fast: to loose the fetters of injustice ... and set free those who have been crushed? Is it not in sharing your food with the hungry."

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The Editor's Column

NO PLACE FOR FEAR

ONE WAY of studying the Bible is to take a word or a phrase and then to follow it through both the Old and New Testaments. Take for example the phrase "Fear not". We first find it in the Book of Genesis when God says to Abraham "Fear not: I am your shield". We find it again when just before the crossing of the Red Sea Moses says to the Israelites "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord". Then later we find God speaking through Isaiah and saying "Fear not: I have redeemed you". And this phrase is re-echoed many times in the Old Testament.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

It is, however, the birth of Christ which proves to be the occasion for the final dispersal of man's fear. His birth was accompanied by events that were strange and awe-inspiring, and indeed frightening. But in the chapters concerned with the events surrounding the Nativity we find the phrase "Fear not" no less than four times. It comes first when Gabriel appeared to Zecharias who was clearly troubled, and he is told "Fear not: your prayer is heard". Then in the same chapter in St Luke's Gospel we find Gabriel saying to our Lady "Fear not, for you have found favour with God". It is then Joseph's turn to be reassured and to be told "Fear not to take to you Mary your wife for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit". Finally at the time of the birth St Luke tells us that the shepherds were frightened but were told by the angel "Fear not for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people".

CHARLES WESLEY'S HYMN

During Advent we have been singing one of Charles Wesley's great hymns whose opening verse is:

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find new life in Thee.

Those four lines describe clearly and simply the purpose of Christ's birth:

FRIGHTENED PEOPLE

Although there is outwardly a lot of Dutch courage there are in fact a great many frightened people around. Caversham is full of worried and anxious men and women, of people who are worried about their marriages, their jobs, their health and many other things. But, as I said last month, fears and worries are really the outward sign of a lack of faith in God. So as we approach Christmas I give you the same message as was given to Zecharias, our Lady, St Joseph and the shepherds. Each of them was told "Fear not". And we are being told exactly the same thing. But, of course, this does not mean that we can sit back and do nothing.

All those people who received such a message, whether in the Old or New Testament, did not sit back: instead they went forward. Like our Lady they accepted what God was asking of them. And if we are afraid today it is because we are not prepared to take the plunge and accept the task that God is asking us to do.

LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

At Christmas we are confronted with the love of God. St John spells this out when he writes in his epistle: "There is not fear in love: perfect love casts out fear." So that is the message I want you to have this Christmas for that is the message which came to men and women through the birth of Jesus Christ.

So I wish all you a joyous Christmas, and I wish you for 1978 a year without worry and fear, and I can hardly do better than remind you of what our Lord said to His disciples: "Fear not, little flock, it is my Father's will to give you the Kingdom." Stop worrying, give up your fears, trust God, and the Kingdom is yours.

John Grimwad

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POSTBAG

Sir,

I agree wholeheartedly with the statement under "Thin on the Ground" in the October issue 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". Too few people are doing too many jobs; and many have been doing them for a very long time: hence the still-prevalent belief that churches are run by "cliques".

Too often it is those people who should be relinquishing some of the routine tasks who are asked to take on yet more. Too much is expected of retired people: at the beginning of their retirement they naturally feel that, as they are going to have more time, they should take on more church work. This often results in an accumulation of smaller tasks which, when added together, take far longer than one bigger job and leave little time for the hobbies and outside activities which they planned to take up after retiring from regular work.

We are always hearing that we must be outward-looking but, in fact, if we spend all our spare time working within the narrow limits of district or parish we have little opportunity to bear witness outside the church or to gain fresh experiences and insights to bring back into it.

Before our clergy are thin on the ground perhaps they should set about inviting larger members of younger people to take on some of the tasks that need to be done in a parish. Many people are too modest to push themselves forward but would appreciate being asked by the clergy to take on some work for their churches.

Perhaps if more emphasis were put on stewardship of time and talents and the fact that there are all sorts of small ways in which most people can help, the parish could build up a reserve of people who will virtually be undergoing "in-service training" and gaining knowledge of parish routine and needs before taking on the larger tasks and responsibilities which are at present shared by too few people.

I hasten to say that what we do not need is larger committees and more meetings: too much time is already spent in dealing with points which could have been more effectively covered beforehand by discussion amongst knowledgeable people (not necessarily members of committees) who could sort out the details and so cut down the man-hours wasted in unnecessary discussion at official meetings.

Undoubtedly the clergy are going to need more help from the laity — but

it must be more help from more laity whom only the clergy themselves are in a position to recruit, now, before the thinning-out process begins in Caversham. AUDREY YATES
39 Field View
Derby Road,
Caversham.

Dear Editor,

Your readers may be interested to know that the Emmer Green and Caversham Play Association held their Annual General Meeting on October 20 at The Emmer Green Youth and Community Centre.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in the past and hopefully will be in the future both as members of the committee and those who have helped while the project has been in action.

All help is greatly valued and with an attendance of up to two children very necessary. We are hoping to hold many more holiday projects and will be organising events for fund-raising; any help would be appreciated. Information can be gained from the Chairman, Sallie Wall. Tel. 476348.

We would like to welcome Sallie and to thank Sheila Tytel who was our Chairman for two years and resigned because of other commitments. This is a very demanding job and we have been lucky to have Sheila do it so well; we are glad to say she is remaining on the committee.

Yours etc.,
June Lyne,
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HEATHCROFT

"Officer-in-charge" seems a formidable title for Jenny Smith, young and attractive, at "Heathcroft", the short-stay hostel for severely mentally handicapped children run by the Social Services Department of the Berkshire County Council. Miss Smith, SRN, and a paediatric-trained nurse, runs this hostel, tucked away in the quietest corner of Marshland Square at Emmer Green.

At present it can take up to 14 children. There is space for 20 children altogether, but with a statutory three children to one member of staff on duty, sufficient funds are not yet available to keep the hostel at maximum strength. The ten care staff, plus the head and her deputy, Mike, seem well at home in a hostel

which only opened on August 1, 1977.

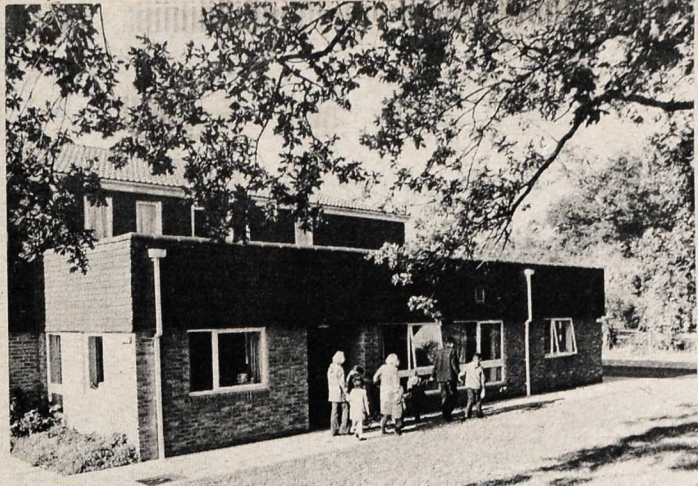
The children at the hostel, all of whom normally live at home, are aged three to 16. The main purpose of the hostel is to relieve their families by giving them a break for a maximum of three weeks at any one time. If this occurs in term time, the children are taken to their special schools; thereafter the pattern of their home life is followed as much as possible.

The facilities are very good, as one would hope with a purpose-built establishment; there are two separate sections, each for seven children (the last, for six, is not yet open). Each section has its own play area, its own bathroom and lavatory.

The children sleep in good-sized single or double rooms, attrac-

tively furnished and with gay duvet covers on the beds. There is also a large common play area, with space for wet or messy play, and this big room leads to a very good garden, with paved area as well as much lawn.

Miss Smith and her deputy live on the premises, though not the other staff. There is one "waking" and one "sleeping-in" member of staff on duty all night, and one was left feeling that the children had every advantage, including the love and caring from the staff, to make easy the transition from home. There are over 200 families in West Berkshire who can take advantage of Heathcroft, which is itself a very new idea in the country, and we wish it all success.



— Walton Adams

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Back into print after refreshing holidays, but what energy, hard work, endeavour, pleasure and competitive natures have emerged to demand recording!

Pleasure first with several members actively following the Windsor towpaths to enjoy the old skill of Swan Upping, having earlier in the year had their interest in the event stimulated by H.M. Swan Keeper, Mr F. N. Turk. All members met for a garden party and were blessed with fine weather. Concentration was

on companionship with only a raffle and bring and buy sale to distract their conversations and swell funds. Once again the Annual New Members' Get-together proved pleasing and rewarding for all concerned, giving new members an opportunity to meet the committee and to learn the history and purpose of Townswomen from their own local expert, Miss E. Baker.

Theatre visits have become a monthly luxury with select groups visiting Guildford, Henley and London's Mer-

maid. As well, members gave excellent support to a film show given by Mr and Mrs Noyes.

Competitions always bring new talent and six members secured second prize at Reading Show to Caversham Heights' first, to walk away with the Women's Institute Cup for depicting a song title with cookery, handicraft, flower arranging and general presentation. Mrs M. Cheer, Mrs E. Fitzeustace and Mrs E. Noyes were responsible for the Federation Publicity Stand. In contrast five more members took up a debating challenge, organised for the finals to be part of the National Golden Jubilee Year, and won through to represent Berkshire and North Hants Federation at the Regional Semi-finals.

Lastly, the hard-working knitting and work parties have striven hard to complete items for sale to swell the Guild's final effort towards the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund.

No one is ever alone as a townswoman and never bored as a committee member — to join the Caversham Afternoon Guild ring 473030.

FOOTNOTE ON THE FREWINS

(see page 6)

In August, 1976, I had the chance to read and make notes on a thesis on loan from the Bodleian Library. It was written in 1954 and dealt with the history of the manors of Mapledurham Guerne and Mapledurham Chauisi. In one place mention is made of how few cases of theft occurred around the 1460s — only two or three cases in four years. One of these happened in 1462 when "Robert Frewin, 'yoman', broke into the Manor House (at Mapledurham) and stole 10 skins or hides".

This takes the Frewin family back to the mid 15th century and shows that they became connected with Caversham some time during the next 200 years. Mapledurham and Caversham families were often joined in wedlock, a glance through the parish registers shows this time and again.

The Frewins obviously improved their position in the world as only the more wealthy could have afforded a verse inscribed on a tombstone in 1744.

M.K.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

ADVENT SUNDAY

November 27, 6.30pm

Service of Advent Carols

With combined Choirs of St Peter's and Queen Anne's School

N.B. To be sure of a seat it is advisable to arrive by 6pm

CLUB NOTES

Caversham Ladies' Club

Mrs Brenda Strong welcomed members to the October meeting in Balmore Hall, and asked for special thought to be given to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beardmore who had been ill at home and in hospital.

A White Elephant Stall, which was run by Mrs King, realised £15.78.

Mrs Cannon gave a most interesting talk on her recent visit to Canada, and was thanked by Mrs Strong and warmly applauded by members.

Caversham Community Association

The popular Harvest Supper was held on September 19. A most attractive Harvest display was arranged by the members.

The following week Mrs Denne gave a very interesting talk on Emmer Green and district.

On October 3 the Whist Drive was well attended. The most recent event was a musical quiz, a popular team competition.

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... ALL THINGS NICE ...

SUCH IS THE ATTRACTIVE, nursery-rhyme name taken by a new craft shop that opened a few weeks ago next to Hymor Photographers in Prospect Street. But this is a craft shop with a difference. The display does not simply tempt us with an array of inessential, if attractive, items — enamel jewellery, painted eggs and stones, delightful dried flower cards, hand-puppets, dolls' house furniture and a host of children's toys — there are some really useful lines as well — children's and adults' clothes individually designed, knitwear made on request, cloth bags, and, the shop's originator's own first idea, babies' sleeping bags.

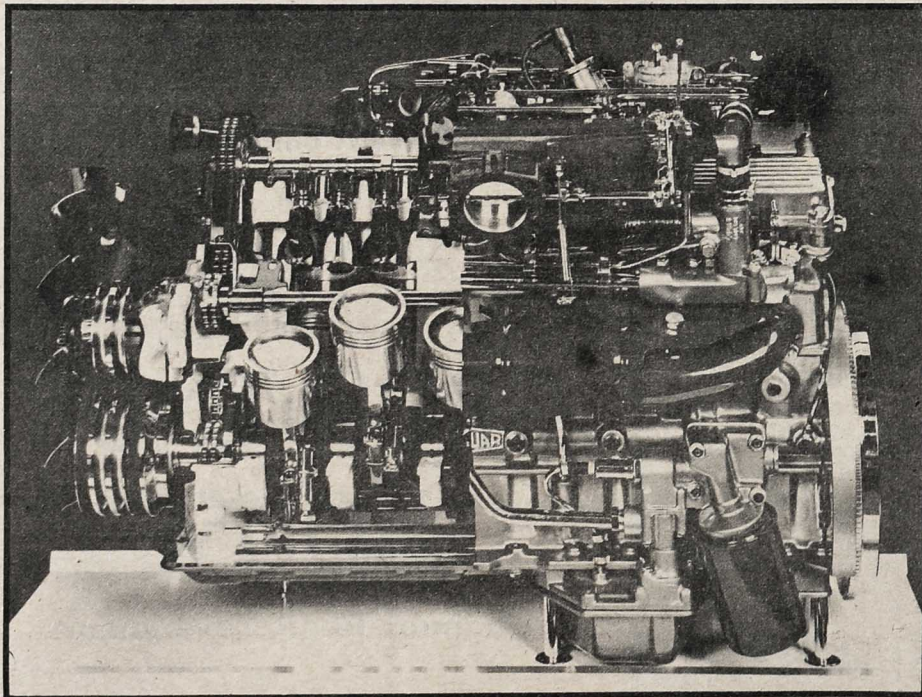
Liz Holton, who grew up in Caversham, and her partner, Marianne Downs, opened this shop to provide an outlet for their own handicrafts, and for the work of others in their position — mothers at home with young children, and other people whose talents have until now been largely untapped. "It all began when I couldn't find a suitable sleeping bag for my baby daughter and so decided to make one myself," recalls Mrs Holton. Friends saw and admired her work, so she made more. Now, to provide an outlet for such home-produced articles, she has opened "... All Things Nice..." By advertising locally, and above all by word of mouth, she has gathered as contributors to her venture many other people whose hand-crafted articles are both original and professionally executed.

Mrs Holton has many ambitious schemes and exciting dreams — permanent premises for mothers to work in, with a creche available; another shop, perhaps even one day a branch in the USA — but meanwhile "... All Things Nice ..." performs a real service. For the people whose work is on sale there she provides an outlet for their talents, for the customer she furnishes a positive Aladdin's Cave of individual but professionally finished items ideal for presents and stocking fillers at Christmas time. Although a little off the beaten track for some of us, "... All Things Nice ..." is well worth a visit!

I. P.



— Hymor photographer



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A VISIT FROM THE BAPTIST 'ARCHBISHOP'

The nearest event to a patronal festival in the Baptist Calendar is the Church Anniversary and in October the Baptist Church celebrated its 104th birthday. It was just a quiet family party, as birthdays do tend to become with increasing years, but there was one very distinguished visitor — the President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Dr Ernest Payne, C.H., has been a leading freechurchman for many years including 16 years as General Secretary of the Baptist Union; this year he is President, the nearest office in Baptist circles to the Archbishop of Canterbury. In a happy day, full of memories, it was fitting that Dr Payne was also able to point the church to the future as the services included an infant dedication. Mr and Mrs John Jenkins, familiar figures at the Emmer Green Centre, brought their baby Rachel to church to make their public promises to give her a Christian home, with the support of the Church family.

The Scouts and Guides have also been looking back. In October just over 40 former members and friends of the old 3rd Berks Scouts met for a reunion organised by Mr George Pigg, and memories stretched back almost to the foundation of the Scouting movement. In November the 11th Caversham Guides celebrated their silver jubilee, and at the same time Miss Jean Sawyer celebrated 25 years as captain — but more news of that next time!

On December 18 the morning service will be a Toy Service conducted by the Rev A. Gray and in the evening the Young People are arranging a Carol Service. Christmas Day will be a family occasion because the morning service will be conducted by the Rev Peter Brewer recently returned from Baptist Missionary work in Trinidad, son of Jim and Connie Brewer.

Baden-Powell's Originals

The curiosity of passers-by could be forgiven when a number of elderly gentlemen, and a few elderly ladies, were to be seen stealthily entering the West Memorial Institute in Gosbrook Road one evening recently.

The gentlemen were Boy Scouts of yesteryear assembling for a reunion of the old 3rd Berks Troop. The troop, which was affiliated to the Baptist Church and used the institute as its headquarters, was founded by the late Mr Percy Alexander in 1911 and disbanded in 1931 to be resuscitated as the 75th Reading which continues today.

The reunion, which was organised by two former members, Messrs George Pigg and Eric Mills, was attended by some 20 old Scouts. Of those present one was aged 81 and another, almost as old, had travelled from Torquay for the occasion. Whilst none appeared willing to attempt a mile at "Scout pace" they were in good voice not only with anecdotes of their Scouting days but with the "old faithfuls" which were sung around camp fires. The evening proved both nostalgic and enjoyable and it was resolved that another "get-together" should be held next year when it was to be hoped that others would be able to attend.



— John Williamson

NOMADS BARN DANCE

Some 80 young people from different parts of the parish of Caversham enjoyed a Barn Dance that was held in Balmore Hall on Saturday, October 22.



FLOODS



FLOODS AT CAVERSHAM IN SPRING 1947. Men trying to salvage a piano from the wooden bridge. To the left of the picture is Willow Grotto, an ancient cottage now pulled down to make way for the Thameside flats.

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OUR APOLOGIES

We apologise for a mistake on Page 7 of our November issue. Under a photograph of a bride and bridegroom it was stated that they were Mr David Sayers and Miss Margaret Roderick. It

should have said that they were Mr Philip Wyatt and Miss Lesley Hope. Both couples were married on September 17 at St Barnabas, and we regret this mistake.

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20 IN A ROW

Against the east side of St Peter's Church a path leads up to the vestry. Bordering the right-hand side as you go up stands a row of old headstones. There are 20 in all and those that can be read date from 1719 to 1831, though almost all belong to the 1700s.

To make it easier for anyone else who may wish to study them I have numbered them from one to 20 beginning farthest away from the public pathway through the churchyard. The first is illegible, the second is "In memory of Richard Frewin, who died March 10, 1744". I could not make out his age, but as on my previous visit to the churchyard, found the figure one in March 10 formed like a J. He had been a sick man for a long time for below was the following verse:

Afflictions sore long time he bore,
And doctors arts were vain;
Till God did please to give him ease,
And free him from his pain.

Next to Richard's memorial was one to his wife, Mary, but that was all I could gather.

The fourth was to a member of the Salter family. John, son of Nicholas and Susan, who died in 1719. Could this be a branch of the family who own Salter's Steamers? It may well be as they lived in a Thames-side village and could have been boat builders and owners. Anyway this was the oldest memorial I had found in the churchyard to date.

Number five was not

readable and number six not much better. I could just make out it was "In memory of Sarah, wife of Thomas Roase. The next four were impossible, so I came to the 11th — to a Mary Crockford "who departed this life May 4, 1752, aged 36. I learnt nothing from the 12th, but the 13th was far easier to decipher: "To the memory of Sarah Francis who died January 25, 1831, aged 78 years". Again a J for the one at the end of 1831, but not at the

beginning and a very elaborate seven for the 78. A little verse accompanied the information: Weep not for me my race is done,
As the Lord's doing must be done;
I hope this change is for the best,
I live with Christ and all the rest.

The 14th memorial remembered another of the Frewin family, "Mary, the daughter of John and Mary Frewin, who died April 28, 1762, aged 10 years."

Four out of the next six were to Wrights or Sandersons who possibly married into each other's families. The stone after little Mary Frewin's remembers James Wright Sanderson and his wife, also Emma their daughter, aged six. The next remembers Mr James Sanderson who died January 29, 1777, aged 31 years, and his wife Elizabeth. Then comes "In memory of Mr Richard Wright, late of London, who departed this life December 1, 1789, in the 67th year of his life. Also Mr Joseph Wright". So the Wrights had connections with somewhere in London, but I could not read where.

The third headstone from the public footpath through the churchyard was to Mrs Mary Pockett. What a lovely name. Regrettably I was unable to read any more about her. Then came another Wright memorial "In memory of James Wright who departed this life May, 1786, aged 90 years. Also Sarah his wife who departed this life November 6, 1762, aged 72 years". Last in the row was, sad to say, unreadable.

Because the 20 stones are all lined up so neatly beside the pathway, it is quite possible that they were placed there from various parts of the graveyard after the restoration in 1878 had been completed. There is no doubt such alterations and additions must have necessitated a major upheaval

and the use of extra ground for enlargement of the church.

An additional bonus connected with the first lot of gravestones I had studied in August came when I was looking through my notes. I discovered the following piece: "Mrs Tyrrell told the following in 1889. She remembers rejoicings after the First Peace of Paris in 1814 which included an open-air dinner held at the bottom of the field, then called the Mount, and opposite the wall of the present Rectory garden. Mrs Tyrrell's mother helped to make 100 puddings at the Church Gate or Church End (now called Bank-foot) then occupied by Mr Stevens." Also another reference to Mr Stevens in 1796 mentions quit rents between J. Loveday (of Caversham Rectory) and Joseph Stevens of Toots

Farm. In a garden in Darell Road, once the land of this farm, is a stone trough and old well head also carving on a stone W.B.S. 1821. So it seems that the family of William Stevens, yeoman, late of Wargrave, farmed Toots Farm, and also rented the house and land opposite Caversham Court, then Caversham Rectory. Remember I also found more tombstones to the Stevens. One to John who died in 1826 aged 82, and his wife who died in 1881 aged 89. He would have been 70 at the time of the First Peace of Paris in 1814, and his wife Ann would have been 22! She would have enjoyed a gay time at the rejoicings in the Mount field no doubt, but he alas would perhaps have been rather too old to join in the dancing.

M.K.



A picture of St Peter's before the restoration in 1878. The 20 tombstones in the article are beside the path under the East windows.

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Residents' Viewpoint by Watchdog

POP AND ROCK

The passionate feelings aroused by the annual Pop Festival have somewhat abated in recent years as people have come to accept it, and, even if they dislike it, to console themselves that it only happens for one weekend a year. The land on which it is held is generally referred to as "The Pop Festival site" but it is difficult to justify the retention of a large slice of land in the centre of the town simply to hold a festival once a year.

In point of fact, other events are held on it but for the greater part of the year it is unused or under-used. Now a report prepared by the former Leisure Officer of the Borough has been accepted by the Borough Council, in which plans are set out for establishing it as a permanent out-of-doors leisure site, on which the Pop Festival will be only one of many events. The report rejects the plan to build a comprehensive school on the site on the grounds that this would permanently prevent its development for outside leisure use.

It points out the primary need to spend a fairly substantial sum on re-levelling and resurfacing as the land was formerly levelled by using it as a rubbish tip and subsidence has now taken place. Some of the report's ideas are perhaps a little too high-flown for a hard-up local authority, and many leisure activities can be enjoyed in surroundings that are less than ideal. In fact, too luxurious conditions can push up the price beyond what those who would most benefit from the amenity can afford. But despite these criticisms the report is to be welcomed because it has looked carefully at the site and suggested ways it can be put to maximum use to provide much-needed leisure facilities for the town.

This site was not included in the Central Reading District plan because it was felt that a semi-rural open space was not really typical of a town centre. It will probably be included in the West Reading plan, but as such is likely to attract less comments from outside the West Reading area than would otherwise have been the case.

Caversham Residents' Association therefore included their comments on the site in their response to the Centre Plan. They largely welcomed the former leisure official's report and made various suggestions for lessening the untidy impact made by the Pop Festival, such as not permitting any overflow camping on the Promenade, quicker tidying-up after the Festival, and a less unsightly screen than rusting corrugated iron.

ROCK

So much for "Pop", even if that is not strictly speaking the correct term for the type of music played at the Festival. "Rock", however, seems to be the correct term when used in conjunction with "Punk", and there are few, however tolerant, broad-minded and unshockable they try to be, who were not dismayed at the prospect of seven days a week Punk Rock at the former Glendale Cinema. Fortunately it never came to opposing the plan (for one thing Punk Rock really thrives on its opposition) as its backers decided the scheme was not financially viable.

Instead, a plan is in to convert the building into a Pentecostal church. The idea may take a little getting used to, but it is the kind of community use that can be welcomed, not only because it saves us from seven days a week Punk Rock, but also from a sterile office building, or mere dereliction. It could prove an imaginative use of a building held in much affection by Caversham people.

THE LINK GROUP

At the Link Group's meeting on October 24, it was reported that £76 had been raised at the concert held in Caversham Heights Methodist Church. This money, together with £50 already in hand, would be divided between organisations in which

the group takes a personal interest: Richmond Fellowship, Mentally Handicapped Children's Society, Partially Sighted Society and two local youth groups.

It was agreed that the Reading School Brass Ensemble, Kendrick

Madrigal Group and Jeanne Montague, had given a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, as well as enabling money for such good causes to be raised.

The group then discussed its regular furniture and clothing collection and distribution, and transport, as well as plans for the future. The evening concluded with a talk by Mr Eric Crutchley about his years of working for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Members were surprised and enthralled by the enormous scope of the help given by the Bureau, with its team of volunteers backed by professional advice from doctors, solicitors and many others, on a nationwide network.

The next Link Group meeting will be on November 28 at 52 Kidmore Road. In December Carol Singing in the Caversham Park Area and an interdenominational Communion Service will replace the monthly meeting.

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Cheddar per lb.....	1/5
Dutch Edam per lb.....	1/2
Genuine Gruyere each.....	1/9
Gorgonzola per lb.....	1/4
Roquefort per lb.....	1/4
Stilton per lb.....	2/9
Margarine Blueband per lb.....	1/-
Pork Sausages per lb.....	1/3
C & B game, hare soup lb tins.....	1/2
Cherries in Marischino (French) per ¼-litre bottle.....	1/5
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Progress at Umzimkulu

"Pleased to remember the fifth of November ... " — not just because it was Guy Fawkes Day, but because it was also the day of St Barnabas' Christmas Fair. £380 was raised for work at St Lucy's and Umzimkulu Hospitals in the Transkei.

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Dr Guy Daynes who works at Umzimkulu reports on his work there:

"Greetings in the name of the Lord."

In early 1976 I was asked by the Secretary of Health of the Transkei Government to attempt to turn the 4,000-acre Biswaili prison farm into a psychiatric hospital. Jan (his wife) and I prayed about this request and finally came to the conclusion that God was indeed calling us to this work.

We started work on our project — Umzimkulu Hospital — on May 1, 1976. Later that month the Minister of Health paid us a visit and formally inaugurated the Psychiatric Services of Transkei — though as yet there was no hospital, and virtually no services!

I had an African doctor and matron and a gang of labourers to

help me get started. Slowly we cleared the weeds which were waist-high and cleaned the existing buildings. The only buildings big enough for wards were the jail blocks. We pulled down all the old wire netting and barbed wire and removed bolts and bars. We divided the big cell units into small wards. We converted some of the smaller buildings into consulting rooms, a dispensary, an X-ray department and a laboratory.

A milking shed became the laundry, a small cell block became the linen store — we left the bars up to prevent people getting in rather than to keep people from getting out!

500 PATIENTS

We started admitting patients on November 1, 1976. Now we have 500 patients, staying, on average, seven weeks. Within two weeks we had a full-time chaplain who was an elderly priest-doctor. After a year he felt he should finally retire. Another priest, an African, became available. We run Umzimkulu as a psychiatric mission hospital, possibly the only one in Africa, bringing the gospel of Christian love to those

who stand so much in need.

Our staff has become a really effective team. One of our part-time doctors is a very gifted man who was once mayor of Johannesburg. He has taken charge of the male patients' work therapy; as a result the gardens and grounds are taking on a new look.

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This reminds me of our two great needs. The first is for a stipend for our African priest ... unless we can increase what we give him he may not be able to stay as he has considerable family commitments.

The other need is for funds to build a chapel. Using local materials and voluntary help it will cost about 1,000 rand (£700).

Thank you for your kind interest and support. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, now and always."

BEANS!

by VALERIE SMITH

If this is a report on the recent Youth Conference in Coventry, what has it to do with beans? This — it was on arrival at Coventry that the group were given baked beans for supper and there must have been something about this event which led the conference newspaper (when it was published) to be accorded that title — BEANS! To reprint that document here would show you that the conference was a very happy experience, but would leave no clue as to the serious intention of the conference which will now be disclosed.

ON SUNDAY, October 23, a coachload of young people left Caversham for their visit to Coventry. Originally two conferences had been planned for the half-term week, but these had to be merged into one, with the theme — "Choosing a career in the light of the needs and problems of Community life". The group of 24 young people, led by the Revds. Martin Loveless and John Sumner, spent the three days at Kennedy House (named after the former American President).

The house, an integral part of the Cathedral Community in Coventry, is an International Conference Centre run largely by volunteer staff. After settling in to their dormitories, the group had supper and then went for a walk about the city together to get a feel of Coventry by seeing its nightlife.

On the first full day, the group went by train to Birmingham New Street and then out of the centre by bus to Balsall Heath. It was here that the group split up into smaller groups to study parts of this slum area, its facilities for young and old, its relation to the rest of Birmingham, and above all its many problems. The groups looked into an Adventure Playground, a Nursery School and an Independent Community School for teenagers who don't fit into the state pattern — this school was started in its present situation — three very inadequate terraced houses in a street that was very depressing to see.

There was a stark contrast between the window boxes of the school houses and the dilapidated and decaying state of some of their neighbours. Some of the young people met a Moslem Counsellor who worked for the Balsall Heath Association and heard of the problems encountered by immigrant families as they struggled with language problems and culture shock. Others visited a Rehabilitation Centre for problem girls and were deeply impressed by the American Sister who worked there.



On the second day the group were shown round the Massey Ferguson factory in Coventry from which 400 tractors are produced every day. Not only did the group see how the whole process worked — how the tractor was put together, but they also became aware of the nature of factory work. This experience was followed by a film in the Cathedral on the role of Cathedrals in people's lives and was a sharp reminder that the church and the world shouldn't be seen as having nothing to do with each other. Walking about the Cathedral afterwards then raised questions about the style of its architecture, and how this should or should not reflect the world we live in.

At the end of the second day, the group went over to a Youth Club run by the Cathedral Community largely for some partially-sighted young people. As they joined in a disco, the group were heartened to see the enjoyment of these people, in spite of their disabilities.

The last morning of the conference was spent in some very useful discussions on the experiences of the visit to the factory in particular and on how one's religious life is inter-related with one's work life. The conclusion to the conference was a Eucharist held in Kennedy House, and was clearly the most fitting way to offer what the group had seen and done and learnt to the God through whom all these things make sense.

Kennedy House says: "We have frequently found that church groups, etc., have benefited from the unique and inspiring opportunity to witness our Christian community responding to the challenge of today's world." Perhaps that's why there'll be more conferences from Caversham!

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Round the Anglican Parish



St Anne's News

Confirmations
Bishop McCartie visited St Anne's on October 16 and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to over 60 children. Attendance at the church had to be restricted to the children and their families, but there was a chance to meet the bishop afterwards over refreshments. The whole occasion was particularly happy and memorable.

Parish Council
The first General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on October 26 after Benediction in St Anne's. Well over 100 people attended, the parishioners who have agreed to serve were introduced and voted in and a lively discussion was followed by cheese and wine.

Women's Circle

This plans to meet, as a general rule, on the first Thursday of each month at 8.15pm in St Anne's Hall. All women are welcome — any age, any denomination. The aim is partly social and partly educational. There will be speakers and discussions on subjects of interest to members. The annual subscription is 50p, and there is a charge of 10p for each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments.

There will be a meeting on January 12 and in the week after Christmas there is to be a coach outing for children from the age of seven upwards to visit Westminster Cathedral and one of the museums. Please contact Mrs Crabb at 73 Hemdean Road. Tel. 475710.

St Margaret's News

On Saturday morning, October 5, Mapledurham's farming community were already busy preparing the fields for Harvest 1978. That same Saturday evening several who had been busy in the fields earlier in the day joined in St Margaret's Harvest Supper in thanksgiving for Harvest 1977, all at last, despite so much rain, safely gathered in.

It was a very cheerful

occasion, when people in Mapledurham were able to meet their new priest-in-charge, David Milling, and his family. It was also especially good to welcome many newcomers to the Harvest rejoicing.

As usual there was the happy village atmosphere in the old Parish Hall with folk chattering away in groups, plenty of laughter as various country dances were tried out and trestle tables loaded with

all manner of good food, most generously provided.

Many people worked very hard to make it such a successful event and it was great to see so many of the younger generation helping in various ways. All are to be congratulated and thanked for their worthwhile efforts.

The most wonderful part of it all was that almost everyone who attended the Harvest Supper came to the Harvest Thanksgiving Parish Communion at 9.15 next day.

CHURCH INTRO '77

— John Williamson

Newcomers to the parish of Caversham were able to learn a great deal of the varied life of the parish when they attended a gathering on October 21 in St Andrew's Hall. In addition to stands representing the churches in the parish visitors were able to discover about different aspects of youth work, music and bell ringing, the parish holiday, the Bridge scheme of social service, Christian Aid, the Mothers' Union, and Springfield St Luke.

St Peter's News

On Sunday, October 2, the Dedication Festival Evensong which coincided with the retirement of the Rev D. F. Shaylor was the occasion when a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was run by the parish ringers.

Those ringing were: 1, Alison Jackson; 2, Ann Osborne; 3, Simon Osbourn; 4, David Matthews; 5, Rebecca Dick; 6, Joseph Beaumont; 7, Roy Harris; 8, Douglas Beaumont.

Five days later on Friday, October 7, a full peal of 5040 Stedman Triples was rung by: 1, Douglas Beaumont; 2, Rebecca Dick; 3, Roy Harris; 4, Andrew Mead; 5, Richard Butler; 6, Peter Gardner; 7, John Wells; 8, Joseph Beaumont.

St John's News

More than 120 people gathered in St John's on Monday, September 26, for a Harvest Supper. The evening's entertainment included a

film shown by Freddie Knight on his travels in New Zealand, and community singing.

There was also a "Slave Auction", when the Nomads put themselves up in pairs and sold their services to the highest bidders for such tasks as baby sitting, dog walking, gardening, shopping and a variety of other domestic work. The money thus raised was given to a fund for buying goats for Kenya.

St Andrew's News

After a service in church, conducted by the Rector, on October 4, members of St Andrew's Mothers' Union also attended the Annual General Meeting in St Andrew's Hall. It was decided to begin meetings at 2.30pm after Christmas, instead of 2.45pm.

December 6 should be a busy and happy day. Mrs Bannon will give a "Christmas Flowers" demonstration at the annual meeting, and this will be followed by the Borocourt Party.

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CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST NEWS

"The Sunday School established by Mr Raikes of Gloucester," says John Richard Green, "was the beginning of popular education." This Sunday School, however, established in 1780, was not the first experiment in education of neglected children on Sundays. Methodist convert Hannah Ball, encouraged by John Wesley 11 years earlier, had established a Sunday School in conjunction with her day school in High Wycombe.

Yet Raikes is an historic character. When he opened his Gloucester Sunday School the Evangelical Revival had already created an atmosphere favourable to the rapid national reception of the educational enthusiasm that warmed his heart. Backed, not only by the strength of Wesley's organisation, but also by the influence of his voice and pen, the Sunday School Movement, which at first taught both reading and writing as well as Bible knowledge, was soon on the high road to national and even international significance.

As early as 1784, Wesley reports that he finds schools emerging wherever he goes and his frequent visits were to them a source of strength and encouragement.

Methodism has always remained concerned in the evolution of popular education in England. In common with other Christian denominations, Methodism merited the words of Sir Thomas Chambers after the advent of Board Schools (circa 1870): "Who are they that have brought about this marvellous improvement in the amount of education given? Who filled the National Schools with teachers? Who but the Evangelical churches throughout the country (producing) — the men who have acted from religious motives and whose conduct has been influenced by the teaching of the Gospel?"

The Methodist Church today retains direct control over a few day schools, a number of boarding schools and training colleges, but her concern and involvement in the educational system does not end there. A pointer to her involvement is the use by the Methodist Church, in common with others of the BCC, of Education Sunday.

On October 23 (Education Sunday) at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, a special Education Service was conducted by Rev Ralph Rogerson and Mrs Beryl Goodall — local preacher from Wirral. Three members of the church made excellent contributions — speaking as Christian parent, school teacher and

junior church teacher respectively.

Mr Noel Postles called for the Christian parent to initiate joint decision-making consultations with teenage children in the atmosphere of a home rendered conducive to ready acceptance of Christian values. He emphasised how vital for the all-round Christian Education of the child is the provision by the Church of facilities for weeknight recreational and cultural activities, as well as Sunday worship and study.

Mrs Pamela Baker — teacher — emphasised the necessity for greater authority and discipline in our schools. Greater conviction and commitment was necessary among RE teachers and, whilst some knowledge of comparative religions was good, Christianity was central to our nation's life and culture and ought to hold a central place in the curriculum. Assemblies for worship — whilst allowing for flexibility — ought to be a regular part of the school's life and programme.

As a Junior Church teacher, Diana Bean affirmed that, in the last analysis, Christianity was "Caught and not taught". The character of a teacher is more important even than the extent of his Biblical knowledge. This was not to say, of course, that

the Christian teacher could neglect to "study to show himself approved before God, a workman needing not to be ashamed". The Partners in Learning scheme was being used at The Heights Junior Church. Here the experimental approach used role play and various dramatic and visual aids to relate the truth at the point of the child's own experience.

In a duologue, Mrs Goodall and the minister warned of the dangers of ideologies alien to the faith infiltrating into the classroom. The Marxists were getting a hold in so many institutions. A necessary "softening-up" process engaged in by any freedom-destroying creed like Marxism was to reduce law and order, encourage student anarchy and reduce the effectiveness of education. Totalitarianism works most effectively when people are ignorant, morose and when denied the opportunity to use their own gifts creatively and freely.

Hence the Caversham Heights Church sought, in its own situation, to identify with the concerns expressed by the Methodist Conference this year, through her Division of Education and Youth, which may be summarised:

- (a) A determination to retain religious clauses within any future Education Act.
- (b) A recognition of Christian Education as the predominant subject in any RE syllabus.
- (c) A flexibility in the approach to school worship, but an unwillingness to see it abandoned.
- (d) A concern that managers and staffs of schools, as well as parents, should together be involved in the principles and practice of moral standards and discipline.

METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED

For some years the Caversham Heights Ladies' Sewing Circle has been interested in the Methodist Homes for the Aged, and in particular the Home at Falmouth at which the "Caversham Heights Room" accommodates two elderly people.

This year, because of rising costs, and also to commemorate the Silver Jubilee, the members decided that they would go "all out" for their annual donation to the Homes, and set themselves a target of £100. They now report that as a result of holding two coffee mornings, and the addition of a few private gifts they are able to send £125 to this worthy cause.

Not bad, is it, when one considers that two members of the Sewing Circle are over 90 years of age, and at least three are in their 80s?

W.I. COLUMN

CAVERSHAM PARK

At the October meeting members got into the Christmas mood early when the President, Mrs Olive Harris, welcomed Mr A. J. P. Martin who gave a talk with coloured slides on the origin of Our Christian Carols. Members enjoyed singing some of the carols, accompanied by recorded organ music.

The Competition for a Home-made Christmas Card was won by Mrs Doris Gillett, with Mrs Pauline Gresswell second, and Mrs Linda Rixon and Mrs Betty Atherton third.

Some members travelled to Newbury on October 12 to a cooking demonstration, organised by the Milk Marketing Board.

On December 8, after the business, the meeting will get into the party spirit when Mr Tug Wilson will entertain with Magic and Mind Reading.

On and after January 19, 1978, all meetings will be held at Church House, Church Street, Caversham, on the usual day and time.

discussed for the Group Meeting. Mrs Bond kindly offered to compile the Scrapbook for the competition and arrangements for serving tea were made.

A visit to Borocourt was also planned, and Mrs Dean gave a report on the Craft Representatives day, held in Watlington House. The Competition (Flower of the Month) was won by Mrs Baxton.

ROSEHILL

Mrs Buckle presided and 52 members attended. Mrs Watts, a visitor from Australia, spoke about the Women's Institute in New South Wales. This was followed by a most interesting talk by Mrs Mates, on "A Victorian Doctor" (her mother), who then judged the competition "A Victorian Remedy", won by Mrs Jennings.

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Visitors included a local farmer, Mr John Lucas of Dean's Farm, who gave an amusing and instructive talk on farming, which included many instances of the interesting and far-reaching changes which have taken place in farming during this century.

The President, Mrs Haigh, took the chair for the meeting which followed, when plans were



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Following the introduction of really big money into sports such as tennis and cricket, there is now an attempt to try the same approach with athletics. The press have already given wide coverage to the news that an American/Dubai consortium are to put up millions of dollars in an effort to turn the world's top athletes 100 per cent professional.

The main attraction next year is to be the "Mile of the Century" with huge cash prizes for the winner and runners-up. The deal is not unlike the Gerry Packer affair in cricket as a lot of the money will come from showing the race on television throughout the world.

Whether it is going to be successful or even get off the ground we will have to wait and see, but if past history is anything to go by, it is doomed to failure. Over the last 40 years there have been many attempts to produce the athletic "circus" by attracting the top athletes of the day.

Possibly the biggest attempt was made in Spain in the 1960s when a lot of money was put up to organise races around the world and in particular around the bullrings of Spain. Very few athletes were tempted and those who were tended to be those in the twilight of their careers, such as Gordon Pirie, and even in his

case he always regretted the move as it cut short his athletic career.

Of course today there is the added factor of television coverage, but those who hope to turn the heads of today's stars have got the following problems to overcome:

1. Most top athletes are already very well rewarded, even if it is to a large extent "under the counter".
2. A very large percentage of the top stars are from the Eastern European or developing countries where they will not be allowed to give up

by Stan Eldon

their chances of national glory on the winners' rostrum of the Olympic or European Games.

3. Athletics is still an amateur sport, at least in name, and once a star decides to go professional there will be no turning back. For example, if Brendan Foster said "yes" tomorrow he would almost certainly be banned from athletics at once and if through lack of support no professional races ever took place, he would be out of athletics altogether.

4. In skill sports the public would pay to see ageing stars perform, but in athletics a double gold medal



winner who is 35 and a few years past his best is unlikely to attract the public, so the organisers have to attract the up-and-coming and very current stars, which will be very difficult.

Whilst there is a lot wrong with athletics, this latest idea will certainly not help, and most people in the sport will be pleased to see it go the way of previous attempts to professionalise.

JOGGING ON ... from the very professional to the very amateur side of running! The Jogging Group started over 18 months ago is still jogging come rain or shine. Every Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the winter we will be meeting at 7pm at the entrance to the Meadway shopping precinct car park in Honey End Lane, Tilehurst.

Many of our original joggers have progressed so well that they are now running quite fast but to keep the jogging side going we need a few more unfit people to turn up and run with those who are true joggers. We still have quite a mixed age group and both sexes so don't be shy — turn up now and again for a little exercise and you won't need to worry about slimming next spring.

WHAT DO SPORTSMEN DO ON A SATURDAY? These days the organisers of any Saturday sport, whether it be football, athletics, tennis, etc., all suffer from the same problem of persuading people to turn up for their sport on the traditional sporting day of the week.

Apparently, it applies to all ages and cannot be due to the fact that some people work on Saturdays as this can only affect a very small percentage. Do our sportsmen prefer to watch their sport on the "box" on a Saturday, or do they need a rest after their week's labour before partaking in their sport on the Sunday, because sport on the "Day of rest" is very well supported? Perhaps now we are in the Common Market we are moving towards the Continental Sunday!

Young Caversham

By Peter Shock

So true to tradition, as guests of the city, we made for one of the popular fish restaurants, Braun's, in Keil-strasse. There, we ensconced lavishly, we reckoned, on Seelachs und Pomme-Frites! Our appetites satisfied for the start of the 16½ hours' voyage back to Harwich!



AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS would not allow much time for museum-browsing; but there is one such place I could not miss out — the fascinating Maritime Museum at Bremerhaven, on the north-west coast of Germany.

In the recent autumn half-term holiday I took a party of 11- to 15-year-olds from Caversham on a cruise to this great seaport, which this year celebrates the 150th anniversary of its foundation. The city's nautical collection is contained within a modern structure designed in the style of a ship.

Its interior is a showcase of a living past, yet at the same time portrays the technical development of navigation in relation to modern economic, social and political trends. The historic section houses a large workshop where we were able to watch craftsmen restoring the world's one surviving "Kogge" (a 14th century wooden sailing barge) which was salvaged in 1962, having lain about 500 years in the mud of the Weser estuary.

Countless models of famous vessels were on display, and we were able to inspect an antique German paddle-steamer, the "Meissen", also one of the preserved Second World War two-man midget U-boats. A true-to-life mini-port had been installed on the lower floor, where visitors can pilot the miniature ships by means of remote control.

The open-air part of the complex is a genuine harbour; this was at one time a section of the Old Port.

SEA-VIEW ZOO

Adjacent to the museum is Bremerhaven's famous zoo and aquarium. This is the only major zoo in Europe where its inhabitants enjoy a sea-view. However, this facility has not always been to its advantage, particularly on the night of February 16-17, 1962, when Bremerhaven was struck by a violent hurricane.

The storm waves breached the dike, the zoo was flooded, and many of its creatures perished in the havoc. In less than two years, redesigned to withstand the brute forces of nature, the grounds reopened. The zoo is proud of its aquarium, which contains a number of rare species from the under-world.

It is hard to escape from fish when you are in Bremerhaven. It is the largest fishing harbour in the Federal Republic. Half the catch subsequently consumed on German meal tables passes through the fish quays. Likewise, more than 50 per cent of the nation's 140 trawlers are registered at Bremerhaven.

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ANGLICAN

St Peter's

11.45pm Midnight Eucharist
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.00am Holy Communion

St John's

11.45pm Midnight Eucharist
10.00am Family Eucharist

St Andrew's

11.45am Midnight Eucharist
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Family Eucharist
11.15am Holy Communion

St Margaret's

11.45pm Midnight Eucharist
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion

The clergy would be glad to know of sick or household people who wish to receive the Sacrament in their homes in the days following Christmas

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11.00am Family Service

CAVERSHAM FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Carols round the Christmas Tree

CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH

11.00am Christmas Service

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11.15pm Holy Communion
11.00am Christmas Service

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St Peter's

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 4.00pm. Children's Gift Service with blessing of crib and lighting of Christmas Tree.

St Peter's, St Andrew's and St Margaret's
Sunday, January 1, 6.30pm. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

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Sunday, December 11

11.00am Toy Service

Friday, December 16

7.30pm Carol Concert in Church Hall

Sunday, December 18

11.00am Family Service

6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 25

11.00am Christmas Morning Family Service (no service at 6.30pm)

CAVERSHAM FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 18

11.00am Childrens' Toy Service

6.30pm Carol Service

CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH

December 11

11.00am Toy Service

6.30pm Micklands School Choir Advent Service

December 18

6.30pm Carol Service

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

December 11

6.30pm Advent Service conducted by the Squash and Mr G. Williams

December 18

11.00am Toy Service

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight

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St Andrew's

October 16: Ian Ballard
October 23: Vanessa Young
November 6: Lucinda Jameson

St Barnabas'

October 2: Gareth Eynon
Elizabeth Eynon
November 6: Vicki Churchill
Catherine Sear

Caversham Park

September 25: James Gregory
October 23: Julia Woodley
Matthew Williams
October 30: Rhyannon Boyd

St Anne's

October 9: Victoria Morris
Catherine O'Connor
October 16: Matthew Murphy
Benjamin Murphy

MARRIED

St Peter's

October 8: Gilbert White and Beatrice Scullion

St Andrew's

October 2: Anthony Pope and Sheila Pocock

St Margaret's

October 22: Graham Howard and Christine Pearce

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St Peter's

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October 17: Mildred Holland

St John's

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St Andrew's

October 14: Roland Gooch
October 27: Eva Beats
November 2: Geoffrey Archard

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