



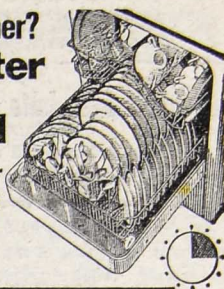
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## PARAGRAPH SUB-SECTION 5 6

'We move on to the next item on the agenda, ladies and gentlemen. You will find the wording of the proposition in appendix B, paragraph 5 subsection 6 in the report on . . .'

And so it goes on; and on; and on. For many hours able minds are occupied with sorting out the subsections, the motions, the amendments. The minds of the elected members of the Church of England—or any other Church for that matter—are burrowing away at a vast mountain of paper which is always in danger of collapsing. And sometimes does.

What's more, it's easy to dodge out of the way of making difficult decisions by becoming involved in committees, rules and amendments. And I've got a shrewd suspicion that for some people the rules of debate become more important than the reason for the debate. In any case, it all seems to have so little to do with the Gospel as Jesus taught it.

Yet if we want to get things done we must have some organisation. If we knock away all the systems and rules which make up the organised structure we are left with chaos. For example, no Church can run without money. But so often the Church becomes completely immersed in the business of raising money which appears to be the only reason for its existence.

The systems we have built up are supposed to help us to get things done. They are means to an end. When the means becomes more important than the end, or when they become obstacles to be surmounted and barriers to progress, then we should change them.

The religious leaders of Jesus' time had become so involved with their procedures and organisation that they had lost sight of the reason for it all. Jesus didn't set out to smash up the organisation. He got the priorities straight, and ignored much that seemed important to his contemporaries.

Could it be that if we spend all our time buried under paragraphs and subsections, and making them out to be vitally important, then we won't have any time for the difficult and painful business of living as Christians?

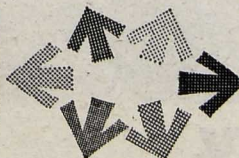
'Ladies and gentlemen, we must move on. It's getting late and the agenda is rather long . . .'



## THAT'S LIFE

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### AGAINST THE ODDS



'The Befrienders', that striking B.B.C. T.V. series which is so packed with human interest, has drawn the work of the Samaritans into the public eye.

The first Samaritan branch was formed by Chad Varah of St. Stephen's, Walbrook,

in 1953. He was struck by the loneliness of London life and by the problems which it tended to create. Some were as serious as suicidal problems, others less dramatic, but no less disturbing to the sufferers. Chad Varah adver-

tised a telephone number—Mansion House 9000—which people in despair could ring and find someone on the other end who would listen.

From this simple beginning there have sprung up well over a hundred branches of the Samaritans in this country alone. The volunteers, as those who man the telephone—usually on a 24 hour basis—are called, are drawn

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# PERSONAL POSERS

## Are graveside visits morbid?

I am a Christian with a firm belief in life beyond death and a relationship beyond the grave with those who have died. Yet I find it very hard to make the belief real in the case of my mother who died recently. A lot of people in our area go to the cemetery every Sunday afternoon to put flowers on the grave of their loved ones. I find that helpful—but at the same time its a rather macabre thing to do: some of my companions on a Sunday afternoon have been doing it every week for years! What do you think?

B.R.N., Ipswich.

Your letter shows that however much we might like to think of ourselves as rational, logical beings, we humans are very much controlled by our feelings and emotions. At the moment your head is saying one thing and your heart another. You believe in life after death and yet in the case of your mother you don't feel this belief—and understandably your feelings at the moment are winning. In the same way part of you finds the weekly visit to a graveside distasteful and part finds it helpful—and the conflict between your mind and your emotions is worrying you. As you are bound to be in an emotional state at the moment I would suggest that you let your emotions take over. Visit the grave if it helps, and carry on until such time as you feel you don't want to any more—if that time ever comes. From what you say it is obvious that many people get great comfort from focusing the memory of someone they have loved very much to a particular place—and as long as this doesn't become obsessive and morbid there can be no harm in it.



**Have you got a problem? Readers are invited to write to "Personal Posers". Our special team of experts at 319, Gazette Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham, 4, will do their best to tackle your queries.**

## My noisy new neighbours

My husband works very hard at a demanding job. He needs a good lie in on a Sunday morning. Recently new neighbours moved into the house next door. They have three children under five who 'start up' at 6 o'clock every morning, and my husband finds it impossible to sleep on. How should we broach this matter with our new neighbours—who are very nice?

M.E.L., London E.4.

I wouldn't if I were you—at least not yet. Maybe later when you know them much better you could say something in an offhand and humorous way. For example, that you intend to slaughter their kids if they don't pipe down on Sunday mornings. If you say something like that as a joke, then your neighbours may take the hint.

Any approach now, however tactful, could very well result in a strained relationship between you, and the possibility of bad feeling. If you don't want that to happen, then I'm afraid it's early to bed on Saturday nights—or ear plugs.

## BIG FAMILIES

I was very disturbed to read in the April edition of Compass, an article entitled "Plea for the big family". I was disturbed mainly by the fact that this article seemed to attempt to offer a balanced point of view but consistently failed to face up to the criticisms which have been levelled at this point of view, although the writer made reference to them. I should like to make a few comments about these.

Firstly, Mr. Morris is quoted as saying that six children are not a charge on the state. However, they may be receiving a state-subsidised education, or even if they are not, the majority of children are. Thus, after merely one simple test, the applicability of the point of view raised is limited to those rich enough to pay for the private education of a large family many people may feel that this "freedom" for the very rich only, denotes a considerable drop in idealism. Secondly, education is not the only part of life demanding involvement in the community. With the expanding population, when compared with the number of jobs available, the likelihood is that either Mr. Morris' children will push other people out of a job, or that they will be jobless themselves. One cannot forget one's responsibility to society, nor the cumulative effect that people's actions have on society by, presumably, doing without a family allowance.

I further object to the fact that the writer jumps on the

# LETTERS

bandwagon which seeks to find a "small minority" behind every movement with which the person in question does not sympathise. Surely the tragedy of the population problem is the small number of people who are worried? Also one might ask the writer what will happen if the "majority" of people, to whom he is evidently addressing himself, do have large families, as he almost advocates?

The article, furthermore, waxes lyrical about the positive role of the family in combating contemporary permissiveness. My objection here is about the extreme vagueness; in my view there are other factors which must also be considered. A large family living in one room owing to a need to spend money on food, points to the need to consider environment and the family's ability to fulfil the needs of the individual; it is also a wonderful example of overpopulation in practice and how it can, and often must, change our vague theories. I, too, bewail the infringement of individual freedom which would accompany any law on size of families, or any social pressure to inhibit people in this way. However, the need for a law has only emerged because people are incapable of doing anything themselves about the problem; otherwise the problem would not arise. Even worse many do not understand the issues involved; and one needs merely to look at

the article in question to perhaps understand why.  
D. A. GRIFFITHS,  
Caversham, Reading.

## BADGERS

Sir,  
Your article in the March issue of Compass about Badgers interested me greatly as in late August last year I actually saw one of these creatures at close quarters and in broad daylight.

It happened this way, a friend and myself were walking up a Worcestershire country lane when my friend (a little ahead of me) called out 'Oh here's a dog that's been run over.' It was on the grass verge. I moved right up to it and saw no sign of injury. On looking closer however, I said 'It isn't a dog at all it's a badger.' Its rough coat was a peculiar shade of grey (hence the saying 'as grey as a badger'). Asked how I knew I remarked on the very distinctive white markings from its snout to the head and tips of its small pointed ears. It was really more in a squatting position than lying.

We resumed our walk and it wasn't till later I realised it had been 'Playing Possum.'

How terrible to hunt these harmless creatures and to kill them in such a cruel way. I have since been told it is very unusual to see a badger in daylight. Is this so?

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# KALEIDOSCOPE



## INSIDE THE NEW LOCAL COUNCILS

In March and April we outlined the general proposals for re-organising local government and how they are meant to lead to new relations between central government and the local level.

We are grateful to a reader who has pointed out that the bill going through Parliament this spring is different in some respects from the original Redcliffe-Maude Report, which our articles were mainly based on. However, our general point remains unaffected; this was summed up in the introduction to our first article: "A major question about your life and mine in the foreseeable future is how much is run by the big boys centrally and how much by the little men round the corner." We have been trying to explore that question in the light of the coming changes.

We complete the series this month with a look inside the local councils allowed in the new scheme, using information from the White Paper "Local Government in England" (Cmd 4584).

The major local government unit will be a county, either metropolitan or non-metropolitan. And each county will be divided into Districts, with their own Councils. Functions of District Councils will vary in the two different types of Counties.

The County of Tyneside, for example, will have five Districts: Newcastle-on-Tyne with parts of Northumberland; Tynemouth, with other parts of Northumberland; Gateshead; South Shields; and Sunderland; each with surrounding parts of Durham.

Stepping down still further, we come to the round-the-corner level where parish

councils and parish meetings are allowed for.

If a parish council exists already, or if it is specially agreed to under the new arrangements, it is permitted to represent an area with a population of 300 or more. It may be set up for an even smaller population if a parish meeting agrees to it.

### GROUPING

Parish Councils may also be amalgamated into groups.

A parish meeting can be formed to discuss parish affairs and to carry out any functions conferred on it by special Act of Parliament. A parish meeting is an annual affair at which all local government electors in the area may be present. It may choose to have a council,

but if not, it can appoint committees and is guaranteed a link with the District Council through a group or individual who are designated as "the representative body." If it opts for a Parish Council, the numbers on it are decided by the District Council, with which it is linked by having representatives.

The range of authority the parish meeting or council will have includes acquiring land or buildings; having some say in the use of land in its area and of property held by it; and have some responsibility in local school matters.

### A SOP ?

All these suggestions may help to bridge the big-little gap in our nation's life. Or they may turn out to be a sop to keep the peasants quiet.

Power still lies pretty well out of reach. "Them" is still going to run "us" a bit more efficiently and considerately perhaps. But still not very local.

Unless . . .

Unless this parish pump exercise in democracy can take over where urban and rural district councils leave off. And unless the lines of communication are kept strong and well used.

## LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE



The opening of the Birmingham Settlement in 1899

## A HUNDRED YEARS OF FAMILY WELFARE

A book published this year by Michael Joseph and written by Madeline Rooff throws interesting light on the roots of our Welfare State.

It is called "A Hundred Years of Family Welfare" and it traces the history of the Family Welfare Organisation from its foundation in 1869 and its early years as the Charity Organisation Society.

The Society provides a family casework service, particularly in cases of need. It also maintains a Citizens' Advice Bureau in Central London and a wider sphere of pioneer and training work in social service.

### Problem Families

This still takes it into a wide field of family assistance and also special projects—with problem families and West Indians, for example.

This is very much in keeping with our modern

approach to social casework of self-reliance". Its initials and the Society illustrates how a voluntary organisation can be flexible enough to act quickly and imaginatively in support of the Social Services and in plugging the gaps it leaves.

### Cringe or Starve

But we have come a long way to reach this point. Way back some people took a very rigid and severe view of those in need. This was certainly true in 1869 of C. S. Loch, founder of the Charity Organisation Society, which out it we might not have adhered, as Madeline Rooff quotes, to "the fierce gospel

It wasn't until 1946 and the change of name that the Society accepted the criticisms. This may seem backward of it but there's no doubt that there was a strong streak of similar harshness in much of the pioneering social work in the country. With- out it we might not have been able to become at least slightly more enlightened.

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## PROFILE

### Roy Jenkins M.P.

Back in Stechford, Birmingham, where he's been M.P. since 1950, they've known for a good long while that in Roy Jenkins they have a man who is firm in his opinions, determined in his policies—and honest.

Can it be that his April resignation as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party has shown the nation these same characteristics?

We are so used to "honest" politicians who achieve tactically useful resignations (how many party leaders of one colour or another have done that?). Is it possible that Roy Jenkins is really straight?

If so, his resignation is going to be to many people that oasis in a desert, an honest act by a politician you can trust. It could even help to turn the tide which, all parties recognise, has been flowing for some time against them. If it does that, it does something we badly need.

Roy Jenkins is a most able professional politician. Born in 1920, son of a famous miners' leader in Wales, his socialism was bred in the hard, determined school of the depression. Politics featured in his first class honours degree



at Oxford University, and he was a member of the Labour Party at 18.

After the second world war he tried his fortune at the 1945 election in Solihull (a staunch Tory stronghold), so near and yet so far from Stechford. No success for Roy there. He entered Parliament as the representative for Southwark Central in 1948. His socialism, deep as it is, is intellectual. He has been prominent in the Fabian Society and is acknowledged as a student of 19th-20th century political history.

# THE DRUG JUNGLE

Whilst in Baghdad with the R.A.F. I smoked 'pot' (marihuana) from time to time. It didn't appeal to me very much, it lacked the impact of alcohol. When I returned to this country—full of private fears, uncertainties and lack of confidence—I started to buy a drug known as 'Oblivion.' This could be purchased from any chemist's shop openly and without prescription, and had a calming effect upon one's system. The trouble was that as time went by, the dosage had to be increased for a mood of calmness to be retained. However, shortly after my 'initiation' with the drug, the government became alarmed at the amount of people (students especially) who were taking it and 'Oblivion' was placed upon the restricted drugs list, so that a doctor's prescription was needed to obtain it. Rather than go to the trouble of visiting doctors' surgeries, I stuck to alcohol. I know now that it was a hair's breadth chance which led me to become an alcoholic instead of a drug-addict, I'm grateful to Fate for the smaller mercy.

## Mainliner

'John' was a man with whom I came into contact during one of my sociological-journalistic forays. He was married, had two beautiful children, and was a drug-addict—a 'mainliner' on heroin. His condition was so bad that he was in fact on the Home Office list as a 'registered' junkie, and was allowed to obtain a legal daily ration from his doctor.

A well-meaning but ill-informed welfare worker tried to influence John towards recovery. Perhaps there was a clash of priorities with the welfare worker, who was a lay-preacher as well. Anyway, this man tried prayer-

therapy—would get John to join with him in prayers for recovery. After one such prayer session, he persuaded John to hand over his drug-ration, hypo-needle and equipment. These he destroyed.

Next day John turned up at my house. He was haggard, ill, almost incoherent. He had the shakes, and kept retching as if he wanted to be sick. His skin was cold and sweaty, and he kept having hallucinations. Classic withdrawal symptoms. I phoned the welfare worker responsible, who assured me—"I am doing God's work brother." I went to Soho, taking John with me. Eventually some of his addict friends came and 'saved' him. I'll never forget their efficiency as they prepared a 'fix' in the back of my car, removed John's shoe and sock, and inserted the needle between his toes. His arms were too mutilated, the veins too much knotted and collapsed by previous injections, for them to risk wasting the precious poison. John 'recovered' for the time being, but killed himself two years later.

## The Scene

During my investigations into drugs I became increasingly appalled at the by-product complexities of the drug sub-culture. Often, I got the impression that the scene didn't consist of unrelated pockets of drug addicts and experimenters. It seemed almost as if the whole scene were organised and controlled by a 'Head Office.' Among the junkies I found journalists, business men, a doctor, a lawyer, medical students—almost every walk of life was represented. I found instances where drugs were but secondary to other aspects of human darkness, were but sweets of enticement for often unmentionable depravities. Young people were put out as procurers for lesbians or homosexuals. Off Tottenham



Court Road, a 'gay set' group consisted of attractive females who were either real lesbians, just out for 'kicks' and experience, or just tired of men. The procurers were ever on the hunt for fresh 'talent.' Newcomers to the group were gradually absorbed into the set. First of all subtle flatteries and overtures of normal friendship; but as time went by, the inevitable introduction to marihuana, 'Bohemian' free-thinking, blue-films, sex-play... and escalation into hard drugs such as morphine, heroin and cocaine.

## Turn to Crime

For those who are young and attractive, sexual currency can invariably buy drugs. But after a few years on the hard-stuffs, the sexual attraction fades and only money currency is acceptable to the suppliers. At this stage, the addict must invariably turn to crime to keep the supplies coming. The wards of mental hospitals and churchyard graves contain many addicts whose supplies were cut off.

Yet society is not in a position to condemn drug-addicts because drug abuse takes so many forms. It roves the scale from smoking tobacco, heavy alcohol consumption, experimenting with L.S.D., to heroin and cocaine injections. And even among the readers of this article—how many are

The following is a selection of 'Addict's slang.' If you hear any of your children or associates using it freely, it will be worth making discreet enquiries about their activities.

- ACID ..... LSD
- ACID HEAD LSD user
- ARTILLERY addict's syringe and equipment
- BANG ..... an injection
- BLOCKED ... under the influence of drugs
- BLOW ..... to smoke cannabis
- BROUGHT DOWN ..... depression following drug-withdrawal
- BULLET ..... capsule
- CANDY ..... barbiturates
- COKE ..... cocaine
- COLD TURKEY ... untreated withdrawal of heroin
- COME DOWN stop taking drugs
- CONNECTION drug pedlar
- COOK UP ..... prepare an injection
- CUT ..... to adulterate drugs with other substance
- DUST ..... cocaine
- DIXIES ..... amphetamines
- EXPERIENCE LSD trip
- FIX ..... injection
- FLASH ..... initial effect of drugs
- GRASS ..... cannabis
- GUN ..... syringe
- HOT & COLD heroin and cocaine
- HASH ..... cannabis resin
- HORSE ..... heroin
- ICE CREAM HABIT ..... occasional drug taking
- JOINT ..... a reefer
- MAINLINE ... to inject directly into vein
- PAD ..... room or flat

courts, the prohibition of certain drugs, a few treatment centres for hard-drug addicts. (Again, AFTER-care instead of PRE-care.) Despite these 'deterrents', drug-addiction continues to increase. One feels that the biggest impact-area—schools—is being neglected. So far there have been only a few half-hearted attempts to give knowledge and preventative education at this level.

## New Approach

Desperately needed is a new approach to the problem of drug-abuse among our young people. For the older and more seasoned addicts, perhaps nothing can be done this side of the grave. The urgency is in the preventative field. In addition to the control of supplies and harsher punishment for 'pushers' and suppliers, young people must be inoculated against the risk of becoming contaminated by the drug-virus. Inoculation, or vaccination, in the form of qualified and sensible education and knowledge MUST become part of every school syllabus. Parents and teachers need to be instructed about drugs and drug-taking, and be able to recognise its early signs in their children. Above all, there must be proper facilities for effective treatment throughout the community, in order that delay in such treatment does not arise. Far too often the reply for help is "we can make an appointment for him in a fortnight's time. We can't squeeze him/her in before then". This is social hypocrisy.

This is yet another problem which we cannot afford to ignore. We cannot just say to ourselves "there but for the Grace of God go I", and leave it at that. Our involvement has to be much deeper, and if it is not—and soon—the remaining good qualities of our society will surely come to an end.

## Archie Hill investigates

# CAUSES FOR CONCERN

addicts alone have multiplied by more than a hundred and form at least a third of the estimated 4,000 heroin addicts in the country.

The average age of heroin addicts has also fallen alarmingly, being now in the early twenties. It is quite common to find addicts as young as only thirteen or fourteen years old. The increases in this "soft" drug-taking follows the same pattern, with school

nant as cancer. Once the condition settles with a hard-core part of the community, other susceptible people become exposed to infection. The further problems arising are invariably bitter ones.

Official action to prevent or control drug abuse is so far timid and unenlightened in as much that it seeks to prevent by legislation.

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## AFTER THE UNITY VOTE

### THE VOTING OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

of the Church of England which did not produce the necessary 75 per cent majority in favour of the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme came as a disappointment to a large majority of Anglicans and Methodists alike. It was a sad day, in particular for Anglicans, since it is their Church which initiated discussions on re-union and which has now rejected the proposals, whereas the Methodist Conference was courageous enough in both 1970 and 1971 to accept the scheme.

#### Local Initiative

All however is not lost. The initiative now lies with local congregations and the article by Caversham's Methodist minister which appears on another page makes it quite plain where he stands. I would fully endorse his remarks. The recent visit of the Bishop of Oxford was the occasion for members of the Anglican Church Council to discuss informally with the Bishop and Mr. Harris the possibility of our churches working far more closely together, and perhaps being joined in due course in this by other churches. When the Co-ordinating Committee of Caversham Churches met at the end of April these matters were discussed further. Members of course spoke without the authority of their own church behind them but they agreed to meet again at an early date to receive a report from the clergy and ministers and the suggestion was made that there should be in the early autumn a number of ecumenical house study groups (on the lines held so successfully each Lent) so that the lay members of the churches could really consider ways and means of closer unity.

At the national level Anglican-Methodist unity may have received a set back on May 3rd, but in Caversham it looks as though some of the seeds that have been sown quietly for many years may soon bear fruit.

#### Community Relations

Both the Reading Council of Churches and the Reading Deanery Synod of the Church of England have in recent weeks unanimously passed resolutions urging the Town Council to give support to the work of the Community Relations Officer. With such officers now established in more than sixty towns in the country Reading holds the unenviable position of being one of only two local authorities which do not give financial support to this work. I know from experience something of the value of the work being undertaken by Mr. Harvey de Pass, and clergy in other parts of Reading where the population is more racially mixed than in Caversham have spoken warmly of what he is doing. I cannot help feeling that in this, as in many other matters, it is wrong that Reading's policy should be influenced by there being aldermen and councillors who live outside the borough. There is a great deal to be said for our representatives on the Town Council being required to have residential and not just business qualifications. It is surely only right and democratic that decisions concerning housing, education and social matters should be reached by residents and not by those whose interest in the town is primarily a business one, and who cannot by the nature of things be so permanently affected in the same way.

*John Grimwade*

## Flats in the Warren?



Walton Adams.

Any town would consider itself fortunate to have within its boundaries a view such as can be enjoyed upstream from Caversham Bridge of the wooded hillside rising above the Thames. The riverside gardens, red tiled roofs and the Tower of St. Peter's, which can be seen amongst the trees, all seem to blend with their surroundings.

But how would a modern block of flats fit in here? It is true it would be a small block: it is true it would only be seen, at least in summer when the leaves were on the trees, from points opposite or in the vicinity. It would also be a luxury block (if that is any pleasanter as to appearance), and would also be "well-designed" (in whose opinion?). But when all that is taken into consideration, the wisdom of allowing that kind of development in what is essentially a rural setting must be questioned.

#### "Exceptional circumstances"

To give them their due, the Town Council did seek the views of the Residents' Association and other interested bodies. The Residents' Association expressed the hope that the Town Council would make a firm pronouncement that modern flats development should not be permitted in the Warren or on the escarpment. The Town Council has said that although it is prepared to view an application to build flats on this site favourably, it would not be prepared to permit further development "except in ex-

ceptional circumstances". When, one wonders, does a circumstance become "exceptional".

But further development or not, we can now expect at least twelve more cars to emerge from the Warren each morning to try to join the St. Peter's Hill queue. Neither would we be happy to see the Warren or its junction with St. Peter's Hill "improved" to take more traffic. The Warren is a semi-rural walk within an urban area, and as such it should remain. Such places are becoming too scarce these days.

Whilst ascertaining the views of certain local bodies is certainly better than ignoring them, nevertheless this was a controversial decision, and it was reached in spite of strong opposition to it behind closed doors.

This question leads naturally to the matter of Conservation Areas. A Conservation Area is an area whose character is especially worthy of preservation or enhancement. It does not mean that all development there will be refused, but it does mean that it will have to be in keeping with the rest of the area.

Reading, lagging behind nearly every other authority in the country, has at last designated four conservation areas. They are centred on Eldon Square, London Street, St. Mary's Butts, Castle Street and Castle Hill.

Caversham has been left out. Yet surely the area around the Parish Church is worthy of inclusion, so that its charms could remain for future generations to enjoy.

M.C.

The Editor regrets that owing to extreme pressure on space a number of contributions have been held over to next month and other articles have had to be shortened.

## PARISH OFFICE MOVED

All readers of the Caversham Bridge are asked to note that the Parish Office has now moved from the Rectory to Church House, 57 Church Street, Caversham, where Mrs. Vincent the parish secretary is now working. All contributions for the Caversham Bridge and any duplicating to be done by Mrs. Vincent should be taken to Church House and NOT to the Rectory. The office is not normally open on Fridays.

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# This year— The President is a Lady

The B.B.A. is the Association of Baptist Churches in the County of Berkshire. It was founded in 1652 for reasons which today are equally relevant. They were—

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2. The economic and political threatenings of the day.
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4. The conviction that "In unity is strength".

On Saturday, 17th June, Mrs. Joan Browell of Priest Hill, and a member of the Caversham Baptist Church, will be inducted as Association President. The occasion will be unique, as in 320 years of Berkshire Baptist Association history, Mrs. Browell is the first lay woman to hold the Presidential Office. A Baptist Deaconess, Sister Eileen Stevenson, however, was similarly honoured in 1950. It is usual for the office of President to alternate between laymen and Ministers.

To those who support "Women's Lib" news of Joan Browell's appointment should be encouraging. The duties of her office are demanding and like so much work done by dedicated people, offers no

material reward, but to Joan Browell her work as President is an opportunity to serve her fellows and to witness to her trust in Christ Himself.

In the Association are 42 Churches. Baptists believe in the autonomy of the local church, each under the guidance of the Holy Spirit whom our Lord Jesus Christ promised would be the Guide and Companion of those who put their trust in Him. Membership of the Baptist Union and its Associations is entirely voluntary. The Berkshire Association is made up of five areas, each represented on the General Council by people with special responsibility for various aspects of Church work.

Joan Browell therefore faces a year of work in which the prayers of Christians are an essential part. She must endeavour to encourage the Churches and to give spiritual leadership by sharing with them in Worship and by

conducting their special meetings.

The President also must be available to those individuals and Churches who would consult with her on any matters concerning their Association Membership and Welfare. Further Presidential duties are, to chair the General and Free Church Council meetings and to preside at the Annual Assembly. The theme for deliberation at the Assembly is also the responsibility of the Office bearer.

The prayers of Caversham Bridge readers are asked for Joan Browell as she goes about her task. Many miles will be covered in visiting the Churches and her time will be fully occupied. Perhaps readers should spare a thought for her husband Robert and their three children who clearly will see much less of each other than they would wish. Joan Browell hopes to spend time with her children during school vacation and, as her husband is actively engaged as a member of staff for Dr Barnardo's Homes, lecturing to schools and colleges throughout Southern England and therefore also travels extensively, the hope is that occasionally their paths will cross.



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Those who would like to get the atmosphere of a really traditional 'village' fete will be welcome to come over on Saturday, June 17th. The fete will be opened by Sir Gerald Nabarro, MP., and the main attraction of the afternoon will be a 'Punch and Juy' show and Puppet show by Norman Kent and his family who have kindly accepted John's invitation to come over from Caversham for this occasion.

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## Mapledurham Parish

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 20th April, 1972. Mr. W. H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Council presided at the meeting.

The Council are still concerned at the continued misuse by some vehicle owners, by parking their cars on the grass verges, particularly in the Chazey Heath area. It was hoped the local police would be able to take some action against those who persist in parking their vehicles on these verges that are maintained at public expense, but this is not possible at present. The Council are pursuing the matter further with the Henley RDC.

As a result of a decision made by Oxfordshire C.C., all persons who put forward a planning application for development of their property will shortly be bound to send a copy to the appropriate parish council. The application will, in the first instance be made to the Director of Planning at Oxford, and the Director will send a copy to the parish council to obtain the local council's opinion on the proposal. It is appreciated that most developers are already carrying out this procedure, but under the new arrangement all applications will now come before the local parish council.

The Council were pleased to note that the Reading CBC had refused the application recently made to develop land at 'White Lodge'. The Warren. The need to preserve the wooded escarpment has been maintained. Whilst the Parish Council accepted that a development of 12 high quality flats might be considered, it was noted that no further development will be allowed in the area except under exceptional circumstances.

This was the last meeting of the present Council, and the Chairman expressed the Council's grateful thanks and appreciation for the immense amount of work carried out by Mr. G. P. Barton on the Playing Fields having regard that Mr. Barton was not seeking re-election.



Walton Adams

## Coventry Week-end

by "Wide-a-wake"

**BUBBLING OVER WITH EXCITEMENT** was the mood in which 37 Confirmation candidates from our parish left to spend the week-end at Coventry Cathedral on Friday 21st April. The Reverends Michael and Peter Atkinson were joined in Coventry by Miss Jill Waters and the three of them bravely shared the job of looking after the young people!

We arrived at about 8.30 p.m. a little weary from coach travel, and of course, ravenously hungry! We were to stay in John F. Kennedy House, which is a hostel owned by the Cathedral and used for such courses, and we were welcomed there by Mr. Richard Morgan-Jones who is one of the Cathedral staff. After exploring dormitory bedrooms, lined with bunk beds, we were served with soup, rolls, sausage rolls, fruit and squash! Nothing was left!

After a few hours sleep during the night we were all up by 6.30 a.m.! All meals in the hostel were self-service and this was a great help. All people who stay in the hostel are expected to wash up after meals and each meal found a team of people washing or drying. Some of the most unlikely ones had a go!

As part of the course we were shown round the Cathed-

ral and learned of its history. We had a second visit when everyone else had left and we had the place to ourselves. We heard about the sort of work the Cathedral does.

We thought about the kind of Cathedral we would like to design, and the sort of things we would like to see happening in it. We had an afternoon of free time in Coventry. Museums, swimming baths and shops were

among the places visited. A time of quiet in the Cathedral on the Saturday evening was a fitting preparation for the Eucharist on Sunday morning. We had special seats reserved, and we were able to share in this service with Christians from Coventry.

A very happy time was had by all. We left Coventry on the Sunday afternoon somewhat tired but glad of the chance of being there.

## Obituary

### BARBARA MORLEY

The large congregation at St. Barnabas' Church for the funeral of Mrs. Barbara Morley, who died on April 10th, was a tribute to the esteem and affection in which she was held by her many friends in Emmer Green and elsewhere. Barbara Morley was a member of St. Barnabas' Mothers' Union and a distributor for the Caversham Bridge. Many will remember her as Brown Owl of the 2nd Emmer Green Brownie Pack and, until her death, she was President of the Caversham East District Girl Guide Association. A founder member of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild and the first Chairman, she also served as Chairman of the Berks and North Hampshire Federation of Townswomen's Guilds. Keenly interested in the welfare of others, Barbara Morley took an active part in the work of the Baden-Powell and Trefoil Guild and was also at one time secretary of St. Benet's House Committee and took a great interest in the work of the Church of England Children's Society. She will be sadly missed by so many, but remembered always for her unflinching willingness to serve others irrespective of the cost to herself.

### AUSTIN KEARSEY

The death occurred in the early hours of Easter Day of Mr. Austin Kearsey of 73 Westfield Road. Mr. Kearsey had until his recent illness been a sidesman at St. Peter's, and was taken ill shortly after attending St. Peter's for the last time at the

beginning of November. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Kearsey celebrated their Golden Wedding.

Mrs. Kearsey wishes to express through the columns of the Caversham Bridge her thanks to the many helpers in the Bridge Scheme who took her five times a week by car to see her husband while he was in hospital.

### JUNE PATRONAL FESTIVALS

Sunday June 11th  
St. Barnabas Day at  
St. Barnabas  
5.30 p.m.

### FESTAL EVENSONG

Preacher:  
The Rev. Canon Wilfrid Browning  
Saturday June 24th  
St. John's Day at  
St. John's  
5.30 p.m.

### FESTAL EVENSONG

Preacher:  
The Rev. Ronald Coppin  
On both these days tea will be served in the Church grounds (or hall, if wet) from 4.30 p.m.

Thursday June 29th  
St. Peter's Day at  
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THE PARISH COMMUNION  
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On St. John and St. Peter's Days Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. in St. John's and St. Peter's Churches respectively.

# THE HOUSEBOUND GET OUT TO LUNCH

## Second in the Reading Area

A new approach to Meals on Wheels is the Luncheon Club. The first of its kind opened in Silver Street, Reading. A second was started at Emmer Green just before last Christmas and there are now several in the Borough. All are voluntarily run. The housebound and lonely who normally have Meals on Wheels delivered to them are picked up by Social Services transport, which also has the meals on board, and they are all taken to the Club.

Here the meals are served by the helpers and those who come enjoy eating in company with each other. Afterwards various activities take place according to each club.

## Youth Centre used

Terry Denslow, Youth Officer for Emmer Green, is very keen that the local community get a more sympathetic view to the new Youth Centre in St. Barnabas' Road. It was his idea that the Social Services department should hire it and the Luncheon Club make use of the premises mid-day enabling local people to come in and see the Centre. Here on Wednesdays and Fridays at around 12.30 p.m. about twenty people arrive for a friendly meal together. The four voluntary helpers put out the hired cutlery and serve lunch at ninepence a head. Afterwards tea and biscuits can be had for a little extra payment and members of the Youth Club and Highdown School come along to entertain. Sometimes everyone is

taken to see a play at Highdown and even the younger children of the nearby Primary School do their bit and come in to sing: members of the Youth Centre and Highdown School are keen to help these they meet at the Luncheon Club in other ways too and decorating, gardening, repairing and visiting are all in hand. This link between the old and young in the community could prove of great value to all concerned.

## Luncheon Club soon in Lower Caversham

Mrs. Besley (telephone 472374) in charge of the Bridge Social Services Scheme hopes a similar project will shortly start at the Adult Education Centre in School Lane. It will take place once a week at first and will open when the equipment is available. There are helpers arranged but no doubt more would be welcome and anyone who feels they would like to have their Meals on Wheels in company with others can certainly come when it gets under way in a couple of weeks' time. It is a wonderful chance to get away from four walls and make new friends. One lady got herself a new hat for the occasions, the first for years! While at Emmer Green two ladies met for the first time in fifty years, the last time was in Manchester! It's a small world but can be a good one even if you are not so young as you were.

M.K.

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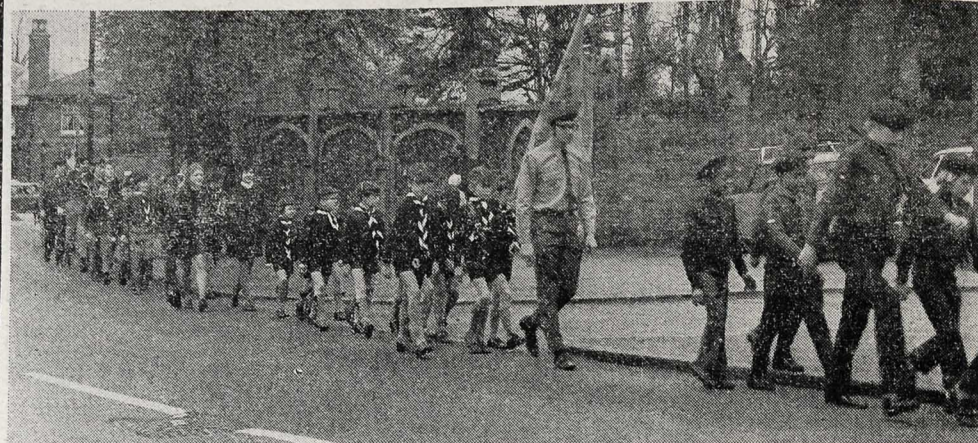
# WHERE DO WE GO FROM WHERE?

by **TERENCE HARRIS**

I am writing this article just after the visit of the Bishop of Oxford to Caversham Park Village. It was a great privilege and pleasure to share in the Service of Welcome to the Rev. Stephen Bartlett and to offer him the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the people called Methodists. The luncheon-discussion which followed was most invigorating and has caused me to take up some of the points raised.

As most readers will be aware Christians have been meeting for an act of worship in the School at Caversham Park Village since last January twelve month. The community is made up largely of Anglicans and Methodists. Here we have a microcosm of what could be happening all over Caversham. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this became an area of ecumenical experiment? If we are bold and brave enough to follow the Holy Spirit's leading, great and mighty things will soon be happening.

Do we need a Church building on Caversham Park Village? We have been very happy to use the School for Morning Worship and we



Walton Adams

**NOW THAT CAVERSHAM HAS BECOME A SEPARATE SCOUT DISTRICT the Scouts of Caversham were able to hold their own St. George's Day parade service and St. Peter's Church was packed to capacity on the afternoon of St. George's Day, Sunday, April 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector. Some of the Scouts and Cubs are seen here moving up to the Church from Caversham Court.**

have not had the problems of maintaining a building. From a personal point of view I would hate to see another, yet another, church building rising up to be maintained by future inhabitants of the Village. There are plans afoot for a Community Centre which it might be possible for us to share. Surely people are more important than buildings!

The thought did occur to me that we should not let Caversham Park Village feel that they are alone in this. It would indeed be very selfish if an area of ecumenical experiment should be limited to this one section of Caversham. We realise the problems, for example, which are facing the friends at St. John's and Caversham Methodist Church. It would be a move in the right direction, I feel, if we got together and planned together for the future. A shared building is not out of the question.

The Rev. John Crowe and I have consulted and worked quite closely together on the Village. I am certain from by brief encounters with the Rev. Stephen Bartlett that this spirit of co-operation will continue. These are the days when many team ministries are coming into being. Would it not be possible to have such a project in an area like Caversham? We may come to the point of including a fully trained youth worker in a team. This would depend on the needs of the community.

I have used this phrase "ecumenical experiment" — but do we really know what this implies? Time does not allow me to go into detail at this point. The next step could well be that ecumenical study groups be set up to learn more about this matter. Two books come to mind which may be studied with profit: "Case Studies in Unity" (SCM 50p) and "Ecumenical Experiments A Handbook" (BCC 65p) both by R. M. C. Jeffrey. Would it be possible to get this off the ground by September/October?

## Battle for H.Q.

The 3rd Reading (St. Peter's) Scout Group have moved a stage nearer to getting their own headquarters. For seven years the Group has been raising money and looking for a site. Now at last the Town Council has approved the sale of land to the Group and they hope to build their headquarters at 49 Grove Hill. The land has cost £1,500 and the building will cost a further £12,000. To date they have £2,500 in hand but it is hoped to obtain a substantial grant from the Local Authority and the De-

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Every now and then a new word creeps into the vocabulary. One such word, likely to become part of Caversham folklore, is "Embleyparker". No, it is not a new kind of windcheater. It denotes one who has tasted the delights of a Caversham Parish Holiday at Embley Park School, near Romsey in Hampshire.

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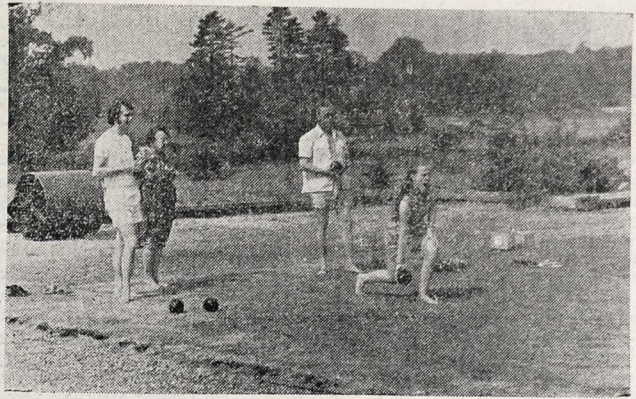
Another attraction is the fact that once there you can please yourself what you do. You are free to just sit and relax, read, attempt feats you never had time for or didn't think yourself capable of, like the "Times" crossword, or play bridge all night. There are facilities for outdoor and indoor games—tennis, swimming, cricket, bowls and that most savage of all games, croquet. Or if you want a change a number of places of interest are within easy reach; Salisbury, Winchester and Stonehenge. Children will enjoy an outing to the sea, perhaps Bournemouth, Southampton docks or the New Forest.

### GOOD COMPANY

Lasting friendships have been made on the Parish Holiday. Young and old alike have found it an excellent way of getting to know each other. There are always other children for yours to play with. The kind of community which the holiday creates has undoubtedly enriched the life of the churches in Caversham.

### VALUE FOR MONEY

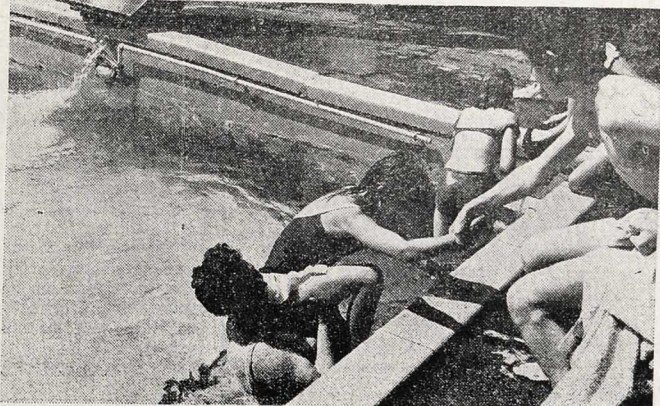
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### OUR JUNE FESTIVALS

The Rev. David Clift, curate of Caversham from 1963 until 1967 will be making a welcome return when he is the preacher at the Parish Communion on St. Peter's Day. At present vicar of Arley near Kidderminster and part time industrial chaplain in the diocese of Worcester, he is moving early this autumn to Maidstone to be the first industrial chaplain in East Kent, an area which Mr. Clift says is likely, with the Common Market, to see important industrial development in the next few years. On St. Barnabas Day which falls this year on a Sunday Evensong will be cancelled at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's and the preacher at St. Barnabas will be Canon Willrid Browning of Christ Church, Oxford who is responsible for the further training after ordination of junior clergy in the diocese. The Rev. Ronald Coppin who is a member of the staff of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry will be the guest preacher at St. John's for Festal Evensong on June 24th at 5.30 p.m.

### New appointment for the Rev. F. W. Dawson.

The Rev. Frederick Dawson who came to Caversham as a deacon in 1969 and was probably the first person to be ordained priest in St. Peter's (on St. Peter's Day 1970), will be leaving Caversham on July to take up an appointment as priest-in-charge St. Columba's in the parish of Ranmoor, Sheffield. He will be succeeded by Mr. Bernard Metcalfe who is at present training at Ripon Hall College Oxford and who will be ordained deacon at the end of June.

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# SOME CHEST

A midshipman's chest has been described as a place for everything but with nothing in its place. This is what the Baptist Manse at 80 Balmore Drive must have seemed like to the Revd. and Mrs. Laurence Stevens and family since they moved in shortly before Christmas.

When the property was acquired early last year it was decided to extend it to afford more adequate accommodation for the Church's future minister. At the time it was not known who he would be and it was not until the summer that Mr. Stevens was invited to the parastore. Some hurried re-thinking had to be done when it was realised that he and Mrs. Stevens were the proud parents of three small but rapidly growing sons. At this stage it was decided that a more spacious extension was necessary and a revised plan was drawn up and discussed informally with the Town Planning Authority. With high hopes this plan was submitted for formal approval and after many deferrals, references backwards, forwards and sideways between the various depart-

ments in the Town Hall, planning permission was refused. Undaunted by this fiasco the process was repeated from square one with the mark three plan and after much anxious waiting the 'approval stamp' was applied.

Winter had now arrived and in consultation with Mr. Stevens it was decided that building operations should be deferred until he had moved in. At long last and after much dust and noise the work has now been completed and in order to minimise the cost much of the interior decorating and minor alterations have been undertaken by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens—she is a dab hand with a paint brush—and a small band of members. To the great relief of all, especially the occupants, the contents of the 'chest' can now be re-stowed.

A Manse Fund, controlled by a small committee, has been set up to raise funds to cover the cost of the work. The various organisations of the Church are working on fund raising projects, the proceeds of which will augment the direct giving to the fund by individual members and friends.

## CAVERSHAM PARK

June 14th—10.30 a.m.  
at 4 Holyrood Close.

June 28th—10.30 a.m.  
at 4 Redberry Close.

The Family Service is held every Sunday at 11.15 a.m. in Caversham Park School Hall. Children and babies are welcome to this service.

## Methodist Young Wives

About 62 young wives from the Caversham Groups attended a cookery demonstration given by a representative from the Potato Marketing Board. Many dishes were prepared and at the end of the demonstration these were given to the winners of the quiz. All young wives who attended this function now know that they can eat potatoes and still be slim!!!

## Gosbrook Road Roof Fund

During this year many functions will be held to raise money to help to pay for the repair to the roof. So far a Cake Stall at the Women's Fellowship has raised £4.12p a Coffee morning run by the Sunday School £4.30p and a Beetle Drive at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curling raised £2.10p. The appeal secretaries thank all people concerned with these events.

## ST. PETER'S NEWS

Beginning on the third Sunday in June (June 18th) there will be, for an experimental period, a short Family service for parents and children at 10.30 a.m. This will last half an hour and will also be attended by the members of the Sunday school. The celebration of Holy Communion which has normally taken place at 11 a.m. on that Sunday will begin fifteen minutes later at 11.15 a.m. It is hoped that this monthly service will prove of value to parents and children and that the alteration in time of the celebration of Holy Communion will not cause inconvenience.

## ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

### St. Andrew's Fellowship.

At the recent Annual General Meeting Mr. C. Chennell was re-elected Chairman, Mr. K. Bond Secretary and Mrs. B. Bond Treasurer. Mr. G. Canning was elected to the Committee in place of Mr. A. Rivers who has left the district. A mystery coach tour has been arranged for June 8th and a visit to Messrs Butler and Sons' bottling plant on July 13th. The Autumn programme begins on September 14th (please see Church notices for details of all events). The Fellowship is open to all members of St. Andrew's family—there are no formal membership requirements and everyone is welcome to any or all of the activities.

# MARGARET TELEVISION

At 12.00 on Friday, March 30th, 27 young people between the ages of 5 and 13, and 4 adults, heard the following newsflash on the newly-opened Margaret Television Service.

"Jerusalem, 16 Nisan, 3800: it is reported that a small-time carpenter, Jesus Davidson, who was executed for treason three days ago, has been seen alive in the city. These reports are being investigated, and we hope to bring you up-to-date information later on today." Message time at 04.00 hours."

The briefing of 4 TV teams followed and after interviewing such people as Pontius Pilate, and Caiaphas and consulting the late-night edition of the "Jerusalem Chronicle", one team issued this bulletin.

"Here is some information on Jesus Davidson . . . Jesus was crucified on Friday for treason. He claimed to be the Son of God and tried to turn the people against Caesar. He also acted very strangely on the cross. When he was dead, his body was taken by Joseph Arimathea to a tomb. On Sunday morning Mary Magdalene visited the garden and found the tomb empty.

Here is a recording of an interview with Mary Magdalene. Interviewer: What happened at the tomb?

Mary: I went to the tomb and found it empty. I turned away crying and I saw a man whom I recognised as Jesus.

Interviewer: Where did you see Jesus?

Mary: Outside the tomb.

Interviewer: How did you know that it was him?

Mary: I recognised his voice and he shewed me his hands and feet.

Interviewer: Did you go into the tomb?

Mary: Yes.

Interviewer: Were the clothes spread over the floor?

Mary: They looked unmoved.

This was the first reported sighting of Jesus Davidson. There have been other people claiming to have seen him. We will bring you further information as it comes in."

So ended this year's Children's Three Hours at Mapledurham.

## Caversham Heights Methodist Church

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The Caversham Heights Methodist Church Anniversary was held on Sunday April 16th., when the Revd. Gilbert W. Norgett (a former minister of the church, 1954-1958) conducted both morning and evening services.

A coffee evening was held the previous day to give the Revd. and Mrs. Norgett an opportunity to meet old and new friends. Entertainment was provided by the church choir, David Lewis (violin), accompanied by Kathleen Robson (piano), Enid Caddy (readings), and Donald Goodrich with Ralph Lascelles as compere.

During the evening the Minister, the Revd. Terence R. Harris, received gifts from members and friends which produced about £300 towards the upkeep of the church premises.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY

Are you between the ages of 15 and 22?

Are you still undecided on where to spend your summer holiday?

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This year the holiday is to be for one week at Lynton, North Devon. We have hired a youth Hostel there, and this means that we shall have a number of spare places available.

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### ANGLICAN

#### St. Peter's

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9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
10.30 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sunday)  
11.00 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).  
12.15 a.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 2nd Sunday).

#### St. John's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday).

#### St. Andrew's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11-15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. (not 2nd Sunday)

#### St. Barnabas'

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.15 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. (5.30 p.m. 2nd Sunday)

#### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).  
9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION (4th Sunday Matins).  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays).

### NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

10-45 a.m. Morning Service.  
6-30 p.m. Evening Service.

### CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

11-00 a.m. Morning Service.  
6-30 p.m. Evening Service.

### CAVERSHAM PARK SCHOOL

11-15 a.m. Ecumenical Half Hour Family Service.

### METHODIST CHURCHES

#### Caversham Heights

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St. Andrew's  
March 5th—Antony Reed.

St. Margaret's  
April 9th—Emma O'Brien.  
April 16th—Catherine Patrick.

### MARRIED

St. Peter's  
April 15th—John Moor and Hilary Ladd.

St. Andrew's  
April 8th—Paul Richards and Moira Glead.

### FUNERALS

St. Peter's  
April 6th—Austin Kearey.

St. John's  
April 10th—John Moth.

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# CAVERSHAM DRAMA ANNUAL

Mid-April performance of John Mortimer's "Two Stars for Comfort" by CAVERSHAM DRAMA has proved that it is still possible to stage a play in this area with a young cast. There were 14 young people on stage—a rarity considering that some other groups seem to have difficulty in attracting even two or three.

The play may be considered a bit "daring", unsuitable for children under 16. It is not only a confrontation between the "sheltered" village life and the annual intrusion by outsiders during the regatta—something like a pop festival descending on the quiet, "decent" sort of citizens in a forgotten corner of the countryside—but also a confrontation between the carefree youngsters and the middle aged who would like to be "with it". The result is not a compromise but a tragedy. One could not but feel sorry for the owner of the "Riverside Hotel".

Roy Heather put over the hotelier's fate very forcefully, although at times too melodramatically. The outcome of the performance certainly rested on him—for the amount of lines he had to speak and the variety of moods he had to portray. The play was produced and directed by Gilly Spencer. The scenery and the sound effects were very good but it would have been better if the mechanics of them were concealed from the audience.

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Mrs. Goodyear thanked the speaker for the most enjoyable afternoon.

Tea and refreshments followed provided by Miss N. K. Brown on the occasion of her birthday.

The meeting closed after a discussion on the N.C.M. to be held at the Albert Hall in May.

### HEIGHTS T.G.

With great success Mrs. Jean Cullen, Editor of the Berkshire Federation of Townswomen's Guilds magazine "Flashlight", emulated Max Robertson in our Guilds version of 'Going for a Song'. Our experts were Mr. John Beauchamp, who has spoken to us before on his great love of porcelain, and Mr. Rid Ryder, who is well-known to many of us as a local businessman but who also specialises in collecting church carvings. Our amateurs (although after their splendid showing I hesitate to use that description) were Mrs. Salmon, Chairman of Reading Evening Townswomen's Guild, whose husband used to have an antique shop, and Mr. Jim Ager-Harris, an architect whose hobby is the study of antiques.

The proceedings started with a silver plate cucumber dish, and ranged through such objects as a Georgian chest of drawers, Jacobean wood panellings, a Toby sugar sprinkler, David Cox painting, a Georgian Old English ale glass, superb Regency hand-made fans, a

goffering iron holder (which Mrs. Salmon identified although it had the audience mystified), silver presentation spoons and a red herring in the shape of a 20th century Czechoslovakian coloured glass vase. There was not enough time to run through all the objects, some of which had been supplied by Guild members, but we all thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. There was much audience participation in trying to guess the prices but as even the experts disagreed on occasion we could all feel quite complacent about the odd mistake!

The International Section had a talk on Ulster as a holiday resort and were shown some simply splendid slides, especially of the Giants Causeway and beautiful sandy beaches.

Social Studies continued their theme of 'Transport through the Ages' and had a talk on 'Trams' which whetted their appetite to hasten away to Derbyshire where there is three miles of tramways with many examples to satisfy the enthusiast.

### EMMER GREEN T.G.

Mrs. Cuncell gave us a most interesting demonstration on flower arranging. Her floral creations showed us how to blend beauty and simplicity to their most artistic advantage and the knowledge gained will be most useful to us all.

The Drama Group were warmly congratulated by the Chairman on their success at the Drama Festival.

A plant and produce stall was held.

Guild meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. at the Emmer Green Primary School. New members and visitors are most welcome.

### MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

The April meeting of the Mapledurham W.I. was the 31st Birthday Meeting. In celebration there was a really splendid cake made by one of the Members and visitors from neighbouring W.I.'s were invited. Mrs. Bramwell was in the Chair and after the general business and the Minutes, a report by Mrs. Crick on the Spring Meeting and another report by Mrs. Beacroft on the Group Meeting at Goring, there was a general discussion as how we were to raise money to help clear the debt on the new H.Q. at Oxford. Mrs. Webb, the visiting speaker, then showed some excellent slides of Berkshire and Oxfordshire and Mrs. Corkery pointed out in her vote of thanks how very fortunate we were to live within easy reach of such interesting and historic places. The Committee, as usual, worked very hard, and everyone voted it a good 31st Birthday.

### ROSEHILL W.I.

Mrs. Russell presided at the April meeting and read her President's report postponed from the A.G.M. The Committee and members were thanked for their support during the preceding year. Profit realised from the Jumble Sale in March was £22.

A June outing on the local canal is to be arranged. Tickets were available for the Group Meeting at Micklands School on 27th April.

Charity for the year was announced as "Elderly People in the locality."

Competition:— Something "New From Something Old" resulted: 1) Mrs. Booker, 2) Mrs. Ellington, 3) Miss C. Stevenson.

### MAPLEWOOD W.I.

The April meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. Betty Lewis, who welcomed new members and visitors. Captain John Treasure Jones, the last Captain of RMS Queen Mary, was the speaker. Minutes of the 17th Annual Meeting of Maplewood W.I. were read by Mrs. Eleanor Alford. Mrs. Kitcher, delegate to the Spring Council Meeting, gave her report. Congratulations to Mrs. Phyllis Duckworth on receiving a silver medal after 10 years of devoted service to Lifeboat Association. The Coffee Morning organised by Mrs. Bubb at her house in aid of Blind people in Reading raised £11.40p. Members enjoyed a visit to the new buildings at Battle Hospital.

### BLAGRAVE W.I.

At the April Meeting members and friends were entertained to two films, "Journey into Spring" and a "Tour of Scotland".

Miss Reynolds gave a report on the Spring Council Meeting at Oxford, and Mrs. Pert gave a report on her visit to The Ideal Home Exhibition to see "The Green and Pleasant Land" exhibits.

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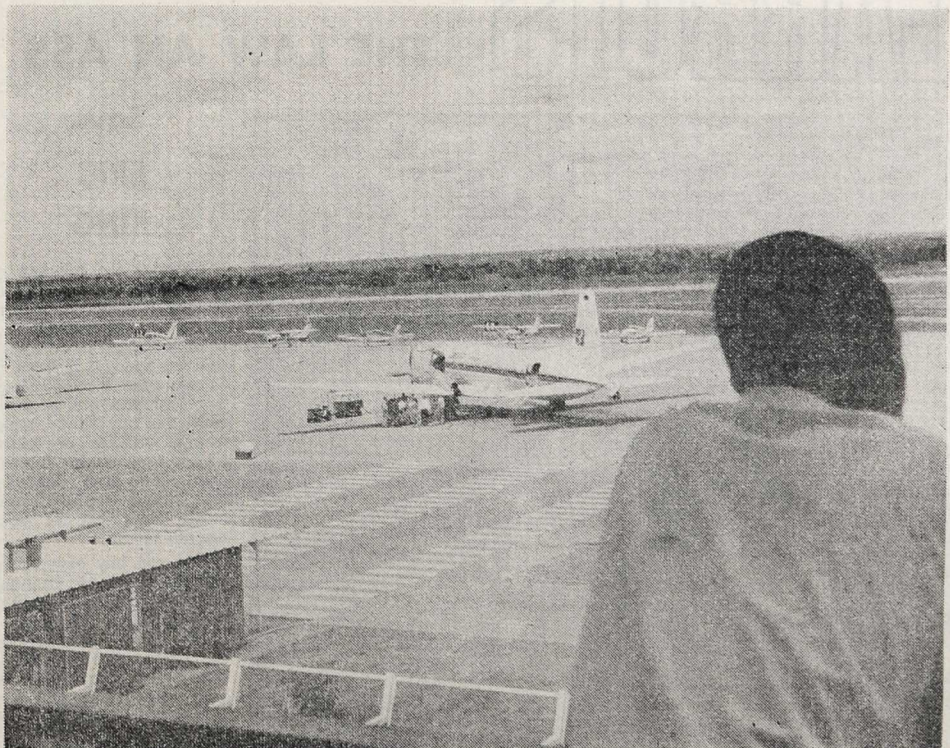
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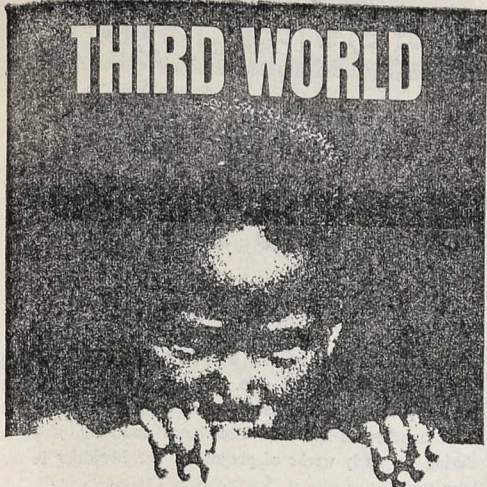
To bring the paper within the reach of everyone the price has been set at 1p, half the cost of the largest daily paper in the country.

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Multimedia Zambia has set out to bring Christian witness into the market place, it may well carry it beyond the boundaries of this central African state into the world.



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## THIRD WORLD

## FILM NETWORK

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"I sit on a man's back, choking him and making him carry me, yet assure myself and others that I am sorry for him and wish to lighten his load by all possible means — except by getting off his back." LEO TOLSTOY

We are living in a world whose material resources are distributed so unjustly that one third of its population worries about whether to buy a second car or about the problems of over-weight while the other two thirds cannot be sure where the next meal is coming from. Charity alone cannot close the widening gap between rich and poor; what is required is JUSTICE. We are not merely leaving Third World countries behind by our own material advance. Our high standard of living is maintained at the cost of their poverty. We have fashioned the economies of Third World countries to provide us with vital raw materials and yet we are not prepared to pay a fair price for them or to allow these countries to diversify their economies. If they have the courage and self-reliance to try and escape from this relationship they face economic and military reprisals.

## Causes of Poverty

This is why Third World education in this country is so important. We should be prepared to learn about the causes of poverty in the world and to ask ourselves what development really means. Is it merely an increase in material wealth for a privileged few in a country, or does it mean material benefits at minimum social cost for the whole population? We might even begin to question assumptions about the way of life in our own society.

Film is the most powerful medium for this education process, second only to meeting the people themselves. It not only allows the transfer of information, but also gives the viewer an insight into the way of life of people in the film. This is why the Third World Film Network was set up. It provides a critical catalogue of Third World films and a system of concessions which it is hoped will bring many more films into a price range which allows for their increased use both inside and outside universities and colleges.

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# Very Special Seats

by Edyth Harper

The "Treasures of Tutankhamun" exhibited in the British Museum this year contain among other things, the young Pharaoh's wooden stool with white painted seat, a chair inlaid with ivory that he used and of course his throne. This was elaborately decorated with semi-precious stones, glass paste and although made of wood was gold-plated to make it fit for a king.

From ancient times to the present day, rulers have little choice as to what they sit on for state occasions. Their seats are usually inherited. It may be uncomfortable but it goes with high office. Gone are the days when Monarchs designed or commissioned their own thrones.

The idea of a specially important seat probably originated way back in history when tribal chiefs and leaders raised themselves higher than their subjects around them. Often a large stone was used, such as the king's stone at Kingston-on-Thames on which our earlier kings were crowned. The famous Coronation Stone or Lia Fail, "Stone of Destiny", was believed to have been Jacob's pillow. From Tara in Ireland it went to Scotland and remained at Scone from the 19th century until 1296 when Edward I ordered it to be incorporated into a bronze chair for Westminster

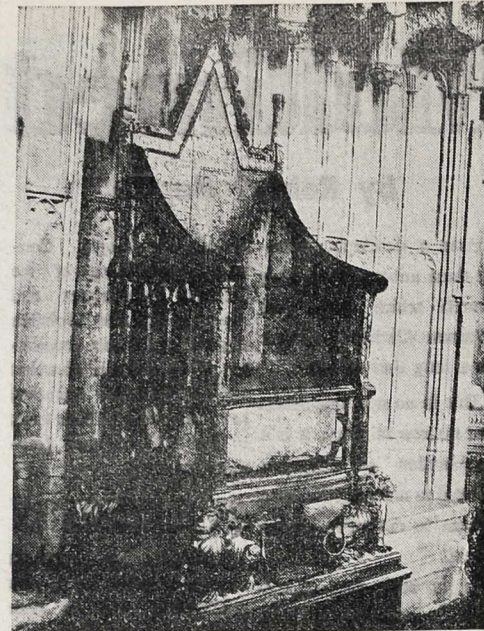
Abbey. The chair was, however, eventually made of wood, decorated by William the Painter and became the Coronation Chair for British Monarchs.

Swedish Kings were also crowned on a stone. The grave of Odin in Upsala has a "Great Stone" used for their coronation. Earlier Viking chiefs preferred carved wooden chairs with a foot-stool which became in time an attribute of important seats.

Dignitaries of the Church also had special seats. A Bishop's chair or "cathedra" gave its name to our cathedrals. Usually these chairs are simple in design, carved in stone but some 12th century cathedra had foot rests and carved figures decorating them.

St. Augustine's chair in Canterbury Cathedral, the marble official seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury is thought to date from the 4th century and to have been used by that Saint. The Papal Throne is carefully preserved in St. Peter's, Rome. Made of bronze, tradition says St. Peter himself sat in this chair although some say it belonged to Pudens, a senator. St. Mark's, Venice, also has a unique chair in its Treasury. Some claim it is of 7th century origin but others assert it belonged to St. Mark himself.

One of the most curious British seats of importance is used by the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords, who sits on the Woolsock, made



The Coronation Throne in Westminster Abbey with the "Stone of Scone".

of red cloth, stuffed with wool. At one time there were four of these sacks, on which sat the Barons of the Exchequer, the Sergeants at Law and Masters in Chancery. An interesting point is that the Woolsock is considered to be outside the precincts of the House of Lords and so the Lord Chancellor need not be a Peer of the Realm.

Kings and queens are crowned in most cases on a traditional throne. Napoleon varied this rule for his own coronation when a heavy gilded throne was made for the occasion. It was profusely decorated with lions' heads, eagles and a good deal of Egyptian styled ornamentation. When, however,

he visited Boulogne in 1804 to give the Legion of Honour to those deserving it, he used a very ancient throne, that of King Dagobert, an early Merovingian King of Gaul. Today this throne is kept in the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris.

Beyond Europe, there are and have been some outstanding official seats. King Solomon's throne, of ivory overlaid with pure gold was raised with 6 steps leading up to it and had a built-in foot-stool of pure gold. On either side stood two golden lions while two more lions of gold stood on each step. "There was not the like made in any kingdom." No wonder the Queen of Sheba was impressed.

# CARROTS

## NEARLY PROVED THE LAW AN ASS



The usual crowds that throng Petticoat Lane on the look-out for bargains.

Says  
ERIC  
KING

Whatever the religious or moral rights and wrongs of Sunday trading, the legal aspect of it is certainly in a mess. What can be bought or sold on Sundays is listed in Schedule 5 of the 1950 Shops Act and you are perfectly entitled to buy whisky, table-waters, cooked or partly cooked tripe, but not fish and chips. You can, however, take away a cooked Chinese meal; how's that for racial discrimination!

You can buy newspapers, periodicals, flowers, fruit and vegetables, but not canned or bottled. You can buy a photograph for your passport but not to give your loved one. You can buy fodder for your horses, mules and donkeys and do business if you are an undertaker. You can buy a coffin, but not a kitchen cabinet.

Throughout the land the law is flouted flagrantly.

Sunday morning markets sprang up all over the place

and some attract from twenty to forty thousand customers each week. One at Crayford Greyhound Stadium, in London, has five hundred stalls and another on an old market site at Warwick is probably even bigger.

In areas where the law enforcement is zealous ingenious schemes drive a horse and cart (you can fodder the horse, remember) through the regulations.

A device adopted by a chain of furniture warehouses which open on Sundays with no sales-staff in attendance is for the customer to select and reserve his chosen purchase by attaching a docket to it. Delivery and financial details are dealt with later during the normal lawful business period.

Until recently, at Darley Dale, in Derbyshire, carrots

used to fetch fantastic prices on Sundays. You could pay over £300 for one carrot—mind you, though, you did get a suite of furniture thrown in free! Sales staff were on hand to sell the carrot and help customers choose the free gifts. If you paid cash you could take your carrot with you—furniture free gift was delivered later in the week. If you paid a deposit your carrot was carefully placed in a polythene bag and delivered with the furniture. When the device was challenged, local magistrates decided that it was within the law. But an appeal to the Queen's Bench reversed the decision and ordered them to convict. The traders said they would still be open on Sundays and by now have certainly found yet another way of proving that the Sunday law is an ass.

# GOOD HEALTH COPING WITH MORNING SICKNESS

by Jean Fielding

EXPECTANT mothers may be glad to hear that morning sickness has its brighter side. After a survey carried out on 7,000 women in America, a research doctor declared that mothers-to-be who experience morning sickness during the early weeks of pregnancy are healthier in the long run.

Apparently they have fewer miscarriages, premature deliveries and low-weight babies than those not affected.

Some psychologists assert that this sickness is caused by a subconscious fear of having a baby. When the expectant mother overcomes this dread, the unpleasant symptoms disappear.

Morning sickness is unlike anything else affecting a healthy young woman. First thing on getting up in a morning, perhaps even while getting out of bed, a feeling of nausea is experienced with an empty or sick feeling.

Actual vomiting may take place occasionally, often without previous warning, and a quantity of colourless fluid may be brought up, either with or without food, according to whether the stomach is full or empty.

The feeling usually passes off and food may be taken and enjoyed later in the day, though sickness may recur at any time.

All the treatment necessary is to sip a glass of hot water or a cup of tea before rising as a rule. After a short rest, get up and dress slowly for breakfast. Better still, take a light meal of crisp toast before rising, if your husband can be persuaded to rise earlier than usual.

If you have nobody to bring you a cup of tea to bed, put it in a vacuum flask overnight. Nibbling a dry biscuit before rising may often prevent an attack of nausea.

Only in a few cases of morning sickness is it sufficiently severe to be really distressing. When persistent, the doctor may prescribe medicine to relieve the condition or give helpful advice.

Fortunately after the first three months of pregnancy this symptom decreases and passes off naturally. Some women are particularly prone to morning sickness while others never experience it at all. A woman can suffer badly with one baby and never be affected at all with another.

As sickness occurs mostly when the stomach is empty, a woman who is vulnerable should try eating little and often, rather than taking the normal three meals. Butter, cream, cheese and fried foods should be restricted.

Fresh fruit and salads should be eaten daily, with powdered glucose sprinkled over cereals instead of sugar. Eating meals dry is a wise plan, so drinks should be taken between meals.



### BITER BIT

The name JACOB means 'heel of a foot'. But 'heel' is also a slang word for a rogue. Jacob, of Old Testament fame, was a heel by name and a heel by nature! He had a twin brother, Esau, a man with hairy hands, who was a top-rate hunter. Jacob was a stay-at-home, a bit of a sly one, and a real Momma's pet. When their old blind father, Isaac, was dying in his tent, Momma and Jacob pulled a fast one across the old man. Isaac one day announced, that he wanted to bless Esau, which really meant he was going to make him his heir. Now Isaac was very partial to savoury stew, so he sent Esau off with bow and arrows to hunt for a wild animal, out of which Momma would make Isaac's favourite stew, and Isaac promised to give Esau the blessing when he brought the dish of venison stew. But while Esau was away, Momma hatched a plot to get the blessing for her darling. She made some stew from goat's meat, rigged Jacob up in Esau's clothes, tied soft goat skin on Jacob's hands to make them feel hairy, and told him to take the stew to Isaac and pretend to be Esau. You've got back very quickly from the hunt', blind old Isaac said to Jacob, 'And your voice sounds like the voice of Jacob, but your hands are hairy like Esau's and these feel like Esau's clothes. Are you really Esau?' 'Yes', Jacob lied. So the old man gave his once-and-for-all blessing.



### THE BOASTERS

Jim and Jock were boasting how strong they were. "I'm a lot stronger than you are", said Jim, "and to prove it I'll push something in this wheelbarrow right across the playground which I bet you can't push back". "All right, we'll try it", said Jock, "and I bet I can". "O.K." replied Jim, picking up the handles of the wheelbarrow, "Jump in".

### WHAT IS IT?

If you complete these three-letter words correctly, the initial (first) letters reading down will spell something we're already looking forward to.

- .. m eaten with eggs
- .. l a bird
- .. g to dawdle behind
- .. k used for writing
- .. d Father
- .. y Girl's name
- .. s Opposite of 'no'
- .. a A very wet place!

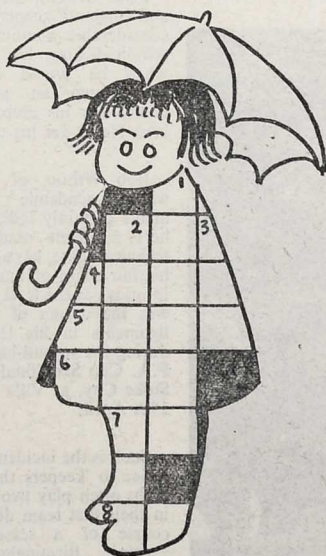
When Esau got home and found out what had happened, he was all out to murder his brother. So Jacob dashed off into hiding, and eventually went to stay with Momma's brother, Laban, many miles away. While he was there, Jacob fell in love with his cousin Rachel. But uncle Laban was a sharp one, like his sister. He said that if Jacob worked for him as a shepherd for 7 years, he could marry Rachel at the end of that time. At the end of seven years the wedding took place in a dark tent by night, with the bride heavily veiled. And was the biter bit? When it was daylight, Jacob saw that his bride wasn't Rachel, but her elder sister Leah, a bit of an ugly duckling. Uncle Laban had decided he would get his elder daughter married off first, and had pulled a right fast one across Jacob. Fortunately for Jacob this happened at a time when a man could have several wives, so he served Uncle Laban for another seven years, and got his Rachel in the end.

### ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle: Across: Rut, fame, time, one, BR, we. Down: Summer, rainbow, tee, fro. What is it: Ham, owl, jag, dad, Army, yes, sea.

### RAIN IN SUMMER

Solve this crossword puzzle. The answers are at the end of the previous column.



#### CLUES

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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groove made by a wagon wheel.</li> <li>Enjoyed by well-known people.</li> <li>Hoar frost.</li> <li>The first number.</li> <li>British Rail (initials).</li> <li>You and I.</li> </ol> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The present time of year.</li> <li>Sometimes seen when it's raining.</li> <li>Used on a golf course.</li> <li>Same as 'from'.</li> </ol> |
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# salad days

by Jon Pusey

Growing things to put in a salad is easier than most people think. Now, I am not going to argue with the enthusiast who after hours and hours of loving care and attention produces beautifully ripe tomatoes with a redness that would make a beetroot pale. But everyone can grow dandelions, can't they? The fresh leaves of these weeds can be chopped and used in a salad. So can the flowers from chickweed and red clover. Not to mention the young leaves from those daisies which pop up in our prize lawns overnight.

Many of us are having a go at growing herbs in our gardens. Or in little pots which adorn the kitchen window ledge! Fresh basil leaves, parsley, mint and rosemary can all be added to salads. As can sprigs of fresh thyme and angelica stalks. Even in

dried form these herbs can be sprinkled on to the lettuce, chopped cabbage or endive—whichever you are using for the base of your salad. Now to those flowers which delicately scent and make a pretty show in our gardens and window boxes. The flower heads from lavender, honeysuckle, lily of the valley, nasturtium, cornflowers and cowslips can be thrown in a salad. Likewise the petals from roses and marigolds. All of these flowers will make your salad look very attractive. The leaves from violets and primroses can also be used in the same manner.

Of course, all of these can be used only sparingly—4 to 6 flower heads at most. But at least your salad will be 'different'.

It also would seem that producing a good salad needn't be so terribly expensive. Especially for those of us who are unable to grow masses of vegetables due to shortage of space and poor soil. Or that biggest affliction of all—lack of time.

### PEN FRIENDS

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# LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON

A LIVELY LOOK AT THE TV SCENE

## A spoonful of sugar



As children, we always believed that unless medicine tasted absolutely foul, it couldn't possibly be doing us any good.

Rumour has it that among some of the clerical boffins who have a say in the religious programmes on ITV the same line of reasoning prevails. They are worried that although Sunday's religious slot is pulling in more and more viewers—who obviously find the offerings extremely palatable—the therapeutic quality falls short of what it ought to be. Too many spoonfuls of sugar are helping too little medicine go down!

### OFFENSIVE

Many clergy find the soppy sentimentality of STARS ON SUNDAY offensive and, according to one report, ITV's religious soap-opera ADAM SMITH has "put back the clock on religious programmes." It has even been suggested that Stars on Sunday may not reappear after its usual summer break.

To check up on these tales of dissent I talked to the various TV companies. Granada TV, who produce Adam Smith, had no complaint to make and are quite cock-a-hoop about the 14 million viewers the programme pulled in each week. They are making another series to be screened later in the year. Yorkshire TV are equally chuffed about the viewer-ratings for Stars on Sunday—never less than ten and often as many as 17 million viewers.

ATV's Head of Religious and Educational Broadcasting, in Birmingham, is also happy about the programmes they screen during Sunday's religious hour. "If we weren't happy about them we shouldn't be putting them on," he told me. He reminded me during the conversation that these programmes are intended for people who do not go to church.

Finally, a word with the overlords of commercial television, The Independent Television Authority, elicited that there are no plans for any drastic alterations and certainly no intention of dropping Stars on Sunday.

I accept that some people don't like the coyness of Stars on Sunday and in Adam Smith find the emotions false and the values superficial; but what would replace them? Bible quizzes, gospel drama, folk-singers and even satire have all been tried and flopped.

### TURN IT OFF

Gone are the days when moving pictures on the little box in the corner were such a novelty that viewers looked at anything and everything. Each TV set has a little button marked 'off'!

While the viewer may get precious little 'religion' out of the present 'God-slot' offerings, he'll probably get even less if he switches off and goes out for a beer.



With the village church in the background, the main streets of Gifford, near Edinburgh, location for outdoor scenes in Granada's ADAM SMITH.

ANDREW KEIR, front, as Adam, with KARA WILSON, left, and BRIGHT FORSYTH as his daughters, Helen and Annie. Rear, TOM CONTI as Dr. Calvi.

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**SPORTS SPOT**

**THE TOUGH GUYS**

by *Stew Linnell*



Arsenal v Stoke. The F.A. Cup Semi Final and here's Bob Wilson being assisted off the field.

### EXPOSURE TO RISK

"All goalkeepers are mad". An oft repeated statement that, while being open to some factual criticism, nonetheless holds water when one considers the physical risk to which this particular breed of sportsmen expose themselves.

Peter Bonetti, the Chelsea and England 'keeper, spent a considerable amount of last season licking his wounds, when he would normally have been an automatic choice for his club, and at least No. 2 for his country.

Bob Wilson, of Arsenal, whose academic achievements certainly indicate that he is far from "mad" in the technical sense, has also taken his fair share of knocks and injuries not the least of which was the drama of the torn ligaments in his left knee, during the second-half of the F.A. Cup Semi-final, against Stoke City, at Villa Park on 15th April.

Such is the incidence of injuries to 'keepers that many clubs often play two or three in their first team during the course of a season. For example, Birmingham City called upon Mike Kelly, Dave Latchford and Paul Cooper before their season finished.

Very few 'keepers get off lightly during a season, and by "lightly", I mean the odd bruise or muscle strain as opposed to a broken bone or torn ligaments. Many's the time such brave and brilliant

'keepers, such as Gordon Banks, have done their stint "between the sticks" with injuries that would have caused many "outfield" players to miss a game.

So, all would-be goalkeepers beware. It's a tough life beneath all the glamour, but for the brave and the gifted, such as young Mark Wallington, whom Leicester City bought from Walsall a few months ago, it could also be rewarding and successful.

### EXCUSE ME, WHILE I COUGH

A footnote to my recent comments on sponsorship; surely the most hypocritical publicity stunt of the year, is Rothman's advertising campaign, inviting you to donate your cigarette coupons towards the cost of financing our Olympic team.

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