



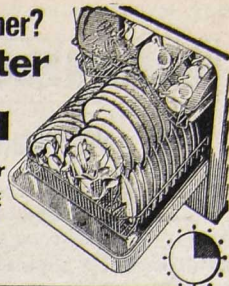
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# Relax!

'Relax!' said the sticker in the back window of the car in front as I drove down the motorway. My grim grasp on the wheel slackened; I sat back—instead of tensely forward; my jaw relaxed!—I got to the end of my journey much less tired and tetchy than usual. And what's more, I think I drove better.

A motorway is typical of our time—a competing place with everyone striving to get ahead, to keep ahead or even just to keep up.

And you can spot the competitors, thousands of them, on the motorway or elsewhere. Teeth gritted, nerves tensed, they press ahead shouting (literally or metaphorically) at people to get out of their way. Effort must not be relaxed. They think that the harder they try—at their job, their social life, their morality, their religion—the better they will do, the better they will be: often their achievements are impressive. And yet so often such people get ulcers, they feel themselves taut, anxious, strident graceless—and, what's more, they often seem that way to others.

And yet there are some whose results are no less impressive who are not like this at all. They are the people who take the advice on the car-sticker.

### THE SECRET

Relaxation helped my driving—and my arrival. It helps in childbirth. It helps top sportsmen: the man who wins is usually the one who remains relaxed and supple when the competition is toughest, rather than the one who tenses up, tries too hard and loses his rhythm and grace.

And occasionally we meet people who seem to be relaxed in a more than bodily way. They may be busy people and yet they have a rhythm and grace running through their life. They impress me. They may or may not be successful in having fame or fortune but they are people who I feel are succeeding as human beings.

What's their secret? Partly its temperament. Partly too they have a knowledge of God's love for them. That knowledge gives all their commitments and anxieties a fresh dimension. They can treat them seriously—but not that seriously, because they know that, in the end, their security depends on God's love, not on their achievements.



# THAT'S LIFE

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## AGAINST THE ODDS

This month sees the start of another football season and it will be marked by the appearance of Hereford United in the Fourth Division of the Football League.

For Hereford this is the culmination of years of fighting to gain recognition. Time after time they have been kept out while

other less successful clubs have struggled on to maintain the status of a league club, supported by the 'old pals act' of other league members.

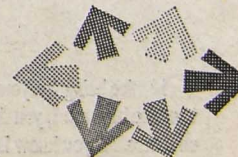
Breaking into League Football is one of the hardest things for a club to do. It can't be done quickly, it isn't a privilege that can be bought, it needs a great deal of perseverance.

Many people have criti-

cised the set-up by which ambitious and successful clubs are kept waiting for League Status. This argument has no place in this column. Here we simply salute a victory of an underdog won by teamwork, hard graft, public support and enthusiasm. Hereford have displayed a refreshing self-confidence and buoyancy of spirit that refused to take no for an answer. They have been

determined to succeed and have kept up the determination for a lot longer than any supporter had the right to expect. They, more than any other organisation in recent years seem to have provided the perfect illustration to the old saying "If at first you don't succeed . . ."

Here's wishing them luck in the Fourth Division.



## PERSONAL POSERS

### Can a Vicar blackmail my sister into going to Church?

When my sister went to arrange the Christening of her baby, the vicar said that she would have to attend the church for six months. It seems like blackmail to me. Has the vicar any right to demand this?

J. S., Leeds.

The vicar's concern is not to blackmail people into the pews of his church but to try to show that christening is a serious business. It is, of course, a family celebration, welcoming a new member with gratitude. No doubt your family wants to celebrate your sister's new baby—and that's good.



*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.*

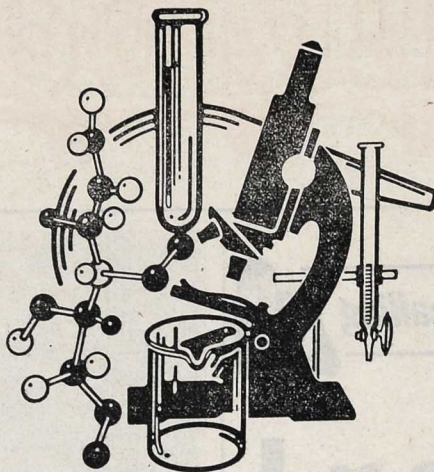
But first and foremost christening is the mark of admission to the Church, the family of God. And that really involves a measure of commitment to the Christian life. To attend church grudgingly for six months would be no sign of commitment and although the vicar is free to make such demands, he is probably unwise. Nevertheless the occasion of a baptism is a good opportunity for a family to consider its beliefs and if really it discovers it has none the honest decision might be not to proceed with the Christening. That would not reduce your sister's love for the baby nor, in my view, God's.

### Why do the Churches condone animal experiments?

You read horrifying accounts of the way in which scientists experiment on live animals. Why don't the churches band together to attack this evil?

P.B., Cheltenham.

Simply P.B. because members of the churches don't agree about the subject. Some see it as an affront to Christian standards, other as a legitimate way of lessening human suffering, and therefore as a reasonable Christian compromise. At the root of the problem seems to be the question of how much, in human terms, an animal can suffer.



Some would say that animals, because they have no reason and cannot think about suffering in the same way as humans, do not suffer to the same degree or in the same way. They would think that people tend to be sentimental in their attitude to animal experiments. On the other hand those who see the human race as responsible for the well-being of the animal kingdom, feel that experiments on animals is a betrayal of that trust. It is hard for the churches to come down on one side or the other—even though you may feel completely committed to one point of view.

## LETTERS

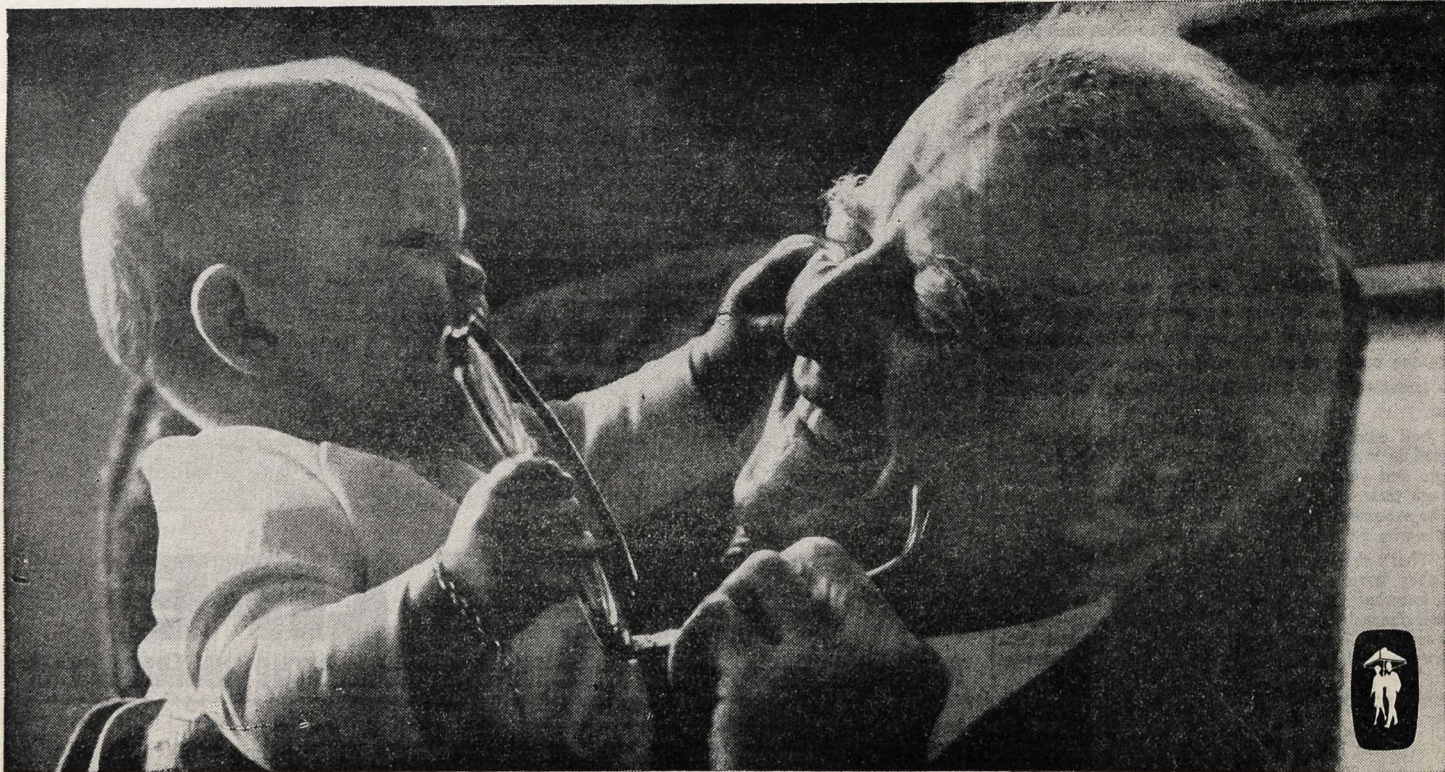
### THE DEVIL

Sir,

In the May issue of Compass I was amazed at the woolly answer to a person's enquiry as to the existence of the devil as a person.

Apart from many other references to the devil and the quantity of them in the New Testament referred to, Christ speaks of seeing Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Lucifer, the 'top devil' so to speak was originally the top 'good angel', under God, and is an adversary of the highest spiritual being, below God, who Christ indeed as man and God did battle with and of course defeated, but at supreme human suffering in order to relinquish the hold or rule of the devil over mankind. Although he has been defeated once and for all, it still falls our lot to fight him, and our own evil inclinations, but with the certainty of our own personal victory, with Christ at our side until the end of time, when the devil will no longer be 'allowed' to roam the earth for the ruin of souls.

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# KALEIDOSCOPE

## LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE

### WATCHMAN TURNS THE

#### KALEIDOSCOPE TO THE PATTERN OF TODAY'S VOLUNTEER EFFORT

Volunteering is coming back as Mr. Everyman's way of building the world he wants, according to a recent report "Fifty Million Volunteers".

The report has been produced by Walker's Whiz-kids, a working party appointed by Environment Secretary Peter Walker to examine the role of voluntary organisations in improving the environment.

They found that widespread changes are hitting the pattern of voluntary work. "Volunteering", they state, "is fast ceasing to be an activity practised by a small majority for the benefit of the majority".

Although the bulk of British social effort can be traced back to voluntary initiative and support, there has been a growing feeling that, particularly since the growth in the Welfare State, this drive has been fading away.

Up and down the country there is a crying need for volunteers—secretaries, collectors, fetchers and carriers of all sorts. This is true of charities and clubs, trades unions and political parties, even churches which have fostered voluntary enthusiasm more than any other grouping.

This crying need usually meets a poor response.

What new factors have the Whiz-kids (average age under 30) unearthed?

Their enquiry has pinpointed two—be startlingly urgent; be brilliantly efficient.

They have discovered a majority ready to work for a better environment—a big, urgent need. Organisations such as "Shelter" will have given them a lead, where that need is presented efficiently in six-foot letters. The result has been the tapping of a reservoir of support, especially among the younger generation. But there are precious few set-ups like this.

Leaving on one side the temporary local organisation tackling an urgent threat, such as a by-pass road or a London Airport, there are hundreds of groups and societies which just can't play in the same league as the environment improvers. This may not be big enough; their cause may not be urgent; they may not have the 1970's streamlining. They are too numerous. They struggle for help.

It is an encouraging eye-opener to many that there the still reserves of voluntary energy available. The lessons seem to be:

- there should be just a few "umbrella" organisations, tackling urgent needs, to attract and channel these reserves;
- they must be run with imagination, efficiency and a flair for publicity.



## LIBERALS out on a limb

The Liberal cause in this country ain't what it used to be. We all know that.

The party now is quite different from the party before 1914, when it held powerful sway in the land on policies of free trade, social reform, industrial development and individual liberty.

Some of its policies fell over to the Conservatives and many Radicals broke away from liberalism to support the Labour Party.

So the modern Liberal Party is a different animal—smaller and weaker.

It claims to be more like "the non-socialist party of the Left" though this still leaves it very much out on a limb in the modern corridors of power.

All the same, it also claims, with real justification, that it has far more backing in the country than ever shows in the number of Parliamentary seats won in elections.

### Middle of the Road

As well as the old-guard Liberals and the very avant-garde Young Liberals, it has the allegiance of a large and widespread number of

"middle of the road" voters who don't feel at home among Tories or Socialists and others who object to the Tweedledum and Tweedledee routine of the two-party system operating in our present system of government.

Liberals without a Liberal candidate at election time seem to go more or less equally into the two main lobbies, but the party leaders and candidates tend towards the Left rather than the Right.

The very idea of Liberalism is against over-strong centralised power, so the party's local asso-

ciations revel in a high degree of independence from H.Q. in Westminster and choose their own candidates.

### Not so rich

The organisation is less wealthy and less well equipped than that of its rivals, but this in itself appeals to many who suspect bureaucracy.

Liberalism today holds a strange, but strangely important and balancing, role in our democracy. And may be it is still in process of finding its true modern role in which it will be less out on a limb.

## PROFILE

### The Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, M.C., M.P.

Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw M.C., M.P.

Kaleidoscope has now profiled a number of prominent members of the Government and is beginning to wonder whether their rise to fame happens mainly (sometimes perhaps, solely) on the basis of sporting record.

Leaving aside the obvious "skipper-at-the-helm" routine for Prime Minister Heath, we have already noted the tennis umpiring techniques which Robert Carr carried from Wimbledon to Whitehall. (Compass, May, 1972). Now we find that that cool customer of the Irish situation, William Whitelaw, was a golfing Blue at Cambridge and still lists the game top of his recreations.

It's obvious when you think of it. Who better qualified to play the ball of Irish politics calmly out of the rough, between the bunkers of Catholic and Protestant extremists . . . and so

on, than a man with a lifetime of experience and skill on the golf-courses of the country?

If that's how offices are allocated, then the Tory sporting gamble seems to be paying off again. The bland and steady progress of this 54-year-old MP for Penrith and the Border since his appointment in March of this year to Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has been breathtaking. It also seems to be effective, though anything can still happen there between the "Compass" copy date and publication date.

Mr. Whitelaw is married and has four daughters. He is a landowner. His political career began in the early 1950's and progress there has, again, been steady rather than hectic. He became Chief Whip for the Conservatives in Opposition in 1964 and was

made a Privy Councillor in the New Year's Honours of 1967. Since that year too he has been a deputy-Lieutenant for Cumberland (Penrith is in that county). With his party's election win two years ago William Whitelaw became Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons. All good approach shots.

Some, of course, would say that another non-sporting part of his background also qualifies him for his present job. In the second World War this mild, smiling man served with the Scots Guards Tank Battalion. He won a Military Cross in the Normandy Campaign and was twice mentioned in despatches. William Whitelaw has handled violence before.

And second in his hobbies' list is shooting.

Perhaps the I.R.A. and the U.D.A. didn't know that.



# EYES for the BLIND

by Rosalind Stuart

A man who has been blind for more than 50 years sees his family for the first time; a woman who lost her sight soon after the birth of her son finds out what he looks like as a young man 20 years later.

These miracles of modern healing are the result of corneal grafting which could restore the sight of 3,000 of the partially and totally blind people in Britain if the list of people willing to donate their eyes after death were longer. At present fewer than 200 people a year can have the operation which will enable them to emerge from their world of darkness.

The corneas are two pieces of strong elastic tissue which provide an outer covering for the eye, letting in light to the lens and retina. In accidents or disease they can become scratched or clouded and vision is obscured

## FIRST ATTEMPT

The first attempt at corneal grafting was made by an Irishman, Dr. James Biggar, in rather unusual circumstances. His 'patients' were two gazelles and his hospital a Bedouin tent. Having been captured by one of these nomadic tribes he was confined to a tent pending the arrival of ransom money. Since there was little else to occupy him he began to watch a nearby group of gazelles one of whom was blind. To pass the time he tried the experiment of grafting the eye of one gazelle on to the blind gazelle.

So delighted was he with his operation that he published the results in Dublin on his release.

Much interest was aroused in medical circles. Shortly afterwards anaesthetics were discovered and at the end of the nineteenth century the work of Lister and Pasteur made this sort of operation possible without the danger of sepsis.

The first human being to undergo a successful corneal transplant was a farmer in Moravia. When using whitewash lime he accidentally splashed both eyes and lost his sight completely. A boy in the same village appeared to have a growth at the back of his eye, and, according to medical practice of that time, it was quickly removed. A graft hole was drilled in the farmer's eye and a piece of the boy's eye was inserted. The farmer's sight continued to improve.

There was a great deal to be learned, however, about the techniques of grafting and even 20 years ago only a handful of doctors in Britain were experienced in this type of work. Medical opinion was sceptical for a long time and little progress was made, but a hospital which did a great deal of pioneering work in eye grafting was Sir Archibald McIndoe's 'guinea pig' plastic surgery unit at East Grinstead where this famous surgeon reconstructed the faces of wounded servicemen.

McIndoe and the eye surgeon who worked with him were dismayed at the



small number of eyes available for grafting. At that time there had been very little publicity about the possibilities of eye donation and, in addition, surgeons were hampered in their work by the Anatomy Act, passed 120 years before, which prevented them from removing eyes quickly enough.

## 1952 ACT

A National Campaign started by the President of the Royal College of Surgeons led to the Corneal Grafting Act of 1952 which cut out the delaying clause of the earlier act. So much interest was aroused that East Grinstead was able to set up the first eye bank in Britain.

More eye banks have been established since hospitals keep joint registers, but more donors are always needed. Some emergencies, for example an infected ulcer on the cornea, require an immediate transplant. Besides, eyes from donors are perishable and must be used within 48 hours.

Research on donated eyes is almost as important as grafting. Not only is it vital to discover the causes and cure of all forms of blindness, but it is essential that ways of preserving donated eyes for longer should be investigated. Deep freezing can prolong their life for about a month and refrigerated vans are being

used but there is still a great deal to be discovered.

Researchers are working at present on operating by microscope which reduces the chances of damage during surgery. They are also trying to improve the sutures used in grafting which must be strong but delicate enough not to make too large a hole in the graft.

Progress cannot be made in research when too few eyes are available. Any eyes which, for reasons of timing or unsuitability, are not used for grafting are employed in research and are just as welcome as a gift as the others.

Eyes can be used for grafting whatever their colour, even if the owner has been short-sighted or very old—in fact the eyes of the elderly are particularly valuable as the cornea becomes more useful with age. The disease which causes death rarely matters. Only a few highly infectious diseases and polio or meningitis affect the cornea.

## BEQUESTS

The eyes of children are not suitable for grafting but if their parents consider them old enough to know their own minds there is nothing which legally prevents them from registering as future donors. The eyes of adults can be used to give sight to children but it is not at present possible to bequeath one's eyes to a specific person.

If the body has already been bequeathed for purposes of medical research some medical schools may not be willing to accept it for anatomical examination with the eyes removed. The bequest of the eyes should, therefore, be mentioned and the body will be sent to a medical school prepared to accept it. In cases of doubt it is best to get in touch with H.M. Inspector of Anatomy, Alex Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London, S.E.1.

## TOO LATE

It is essential that potential donors should not imagine it is sufficient to include the bequest of the eyes in one's will. By the time the will is read, the eyes will be useless to a blind person.

The best way to bequeath the eyes is to send for a form which has been prepared by the Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London, W.1. It is in four sections, one to be given to relatives, the second to an executor, if there is one, the third to the family doctor. If the last section is completed and sent to the R.N.I.B. one's name is included on the list of registered donors and a blue identification card is sent. If donors have to enter hospital the bequest should be mentioned to the sister-in-charge.

Since, legally, the persons in possession of a body are the family, their consent is required and there is no way of forcing relatives to honour the wishes of the deceased. But most relatives understand that there is no better memorial to a loved one than the gratitude of the person who has found light and beauty in the world again through his gift.



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BRANCHES ALL OVER THE MIDLANDS

# OPERATION EYESORE

Churches throughout the country are being urged to co-operate with the Department of the Environment in what has been called "operation eyesore"—the improvement of the appearance of neglected or unsightly land and the removal of eyesores.

In a statement this week, Sir Thomas Bromley, secretary of the Churches Main Committee which provides a liaison between churches and the Government, said that the committee has agreed that churches "should co-operate as far as they can" when it comes to the question of tidying old burial grounds, repairing walls and possibly reorganising gravestones.

"It is realised," Sir Thomas said, "that some of the works contemplated in the scheme may require special authorisation in some cases—for example, removal of gravestones may involve consultation with known relatives, a record of the original position of any stone which is to be moved, and, so far as the churchyards of the Church of England and the Church in Wales are concerned, the granting of a faculty."

"It has been made clear to the Department of the Environment that such problems may arise and the Department will mention the need for special care on these points in their circular to local authorities."

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## GOING ON HOLIDAY

THERE IS A REFRESHINGLY MODERN FLAVOUR ABOUT ST. PAUL'S remark in his letter to the Romans that he hoped to visit Spain. In the next few weeks several hundred people from Caversham are likely to be in Spain, many more in other European countries, some will venture to a different continent, and those of us who stay in the British Isles may find that when Sunday comes we are worshipping in an unfamiliar way.

Holidays abroad give us opportunities not only for enjoying new scenery and tasting new foods but also of discovering something of the ways of worship of other parts of the Church of God.

Our political parties have no exact continental parallels. In the same way continental Protestantism differs markedly from English nonconformity. The Anglican will find an Anglican chaplaincy in the large cities and in many holiday centres; he will also be able in some places to worship with the Old Catholics with whom the Church of England have been in full communion for over fifty years.

The Roman Catholic will have to search hard for a Roman Catholic Church in the Scandinavian countries; in some other countries, though his church will predominate, he will find its outlook notably different from what he has grown to expect in England.

And if, of course, we venture to Greece or other parts of Eastern Europe the riches of the Orthodox Church may be revealed to us for the first time. So we all stand to learn a lot by having to worship in a different way and perhaps with Christians with whom we are not in communion.

The Caversham Bridge offers two book tokens for the most interesting accounts, not exceeding 350 words in length, of a holiday experience in Christian worship—one book token will be given for an account outside the British Isles, and one for an account in the British Isles. They should be sent to the Caversham Bridge Office not later than September 14th and the winning entries will be published in the November edition.

I hope we shall receive a varied collection of entries—and of course there is always the possibility that we will appreciate our own church a little more after our holiday experience!

*John Grimwade*

## PRINCIPAL RETIRES

TO LISTEN TO ALICE OLIVEY TALKING OF HER PLANS FOR HER FUTURE LIFE IN BARNSTAPLE CAN BE A LITTLE CONFUSING. As she talks of what she intends to do, a little coaching perhaps, joining the local badminton and tennis clubs, church activities and so on, it is not surprising that one forgets she is what is termed today, a senior citizen. In fact, if it wasn't for the Caversham Parish magazine of October, 1927, showing her as Principal of Hemdean House School, it would be unbelievable.

Perhaps the many years she has worked with young people have enabled her to retain such a youthful outlook, but, while there is no doubt that she is a little sad at leaving the school, she looks forward to her new life with an enthusiasm that most of us, alas, leave behind with our youth.

Many local people will know that Hemdean House School was started well over a hundred years ago by Miss Matilda Knighton whose name, with that of her father, became synonymous with Caversham and education.

### New principal

In 1861 the school moved to its present site and it was here that Alice Olivey came as a young pupil and, later, as a pupil teacher; when ill health forced Miss Knighton to retire, there was one obvious choice as her successor. Everyone with a personal knowledge of the school emphasises how much of its character is due directly to the personalities of its principals. It is easy to see why, when one talks to Miss Olivey, for it is obvious that she has taken a very real interest in everyone who has passed through her hands.

### Anecdotes and contacts

She has an endless fund of anecdotes about the school and its pupils and nothing delights her more than to receive news from old pupils now scattered throughout the world. She hears from America, Australia and many other places; one ex-pupil



Miss Alice Olivey (left) with her sister.

Walton Adams.

recently made contact again after 40 years. Miss Olivey follows their careers with interest and looks forward to continued contact when she and her sister Ethel, who also recently retired, move to Barnstaple.

### No newcomers

They will be no newcomers to the district; coming from an old Devon family, they have always retained their links, made frequent visits and got to know the district and the people. And while Alice joins the local sports clubs, Ethel, she hopes, will be linking up with the local Women's Institute.

Hemdean House School, we are glad to say, will continue, thanks largely to the enthusiasm of local parents; but it will not be quite the same without its old principal. She has served Caversham well and she and her sister will take with them the very best wishes of all who know them, and the hope that they will continue to keep in touch.

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## Round The Anglican Church

The June festivals were once again happy parochial occasions with an ecumenical flavour as non-Anglican friends shared in the worship. The weather was agreeably kind for such a poor June. This year the ministry of the Church had been taken as a theme for the sermons. Preaching at St. John's the Rev. Ronald Coppin, who is a member of the staff of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, outlined some of the changes and opportunities facing the church today, particularly those affecting the clergy and the way parishes are organised. With fewer men coming forward for ordination and insufficient money to maintain all present buildings he stressed that radical changes would be necessary in the near future.

When invited to preach on a June Saturday afternoon he expressed surprise that a congregation would be expected. He came on a Saturday when fetes abounded, but he found a choir of over thirty and a large congregation. Falling as it did on a Sunday there was an even larger congregation at St. Barnabas when Canon Wilfrid Browning contrasted the ministry of St. Barnabas with that of St. Paul and pointed out that the Church today needed both kinds of ministry.

On St. Peter's Day the Rev. David Cliff, who is moving shortly from Arley to be industrial chaplain for East Kent, returned after five years. He was welcomed by a very large number of old friends who were delighted to see him again. The music for the Parish Communion was a happy combination of traditional and modern. Thanks are due to our organists, choirs, caterers and flower arrangers who took such trouble to make these three festivals such happy occasions.

On St. Andrew's Day the Rev. Roger Packer will be returning and he too will be assured of a warm welcome.

### PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF READING.

The gathering to say Thank you to Bishop Knell which took place in the Town Hall was a most happy occasion. Those who organised it deserve the congratulations of those present for contriving such a well balanced evening. All the speeches were admirable and none were too long (as is not usually the case at Church functions). It was also a very representative gathering both ecumenically and from the point of view of the civic authorities. A considerable number of people from Caversham were able to be present, and one of the highlights of the evening was the solo from Helen Birtwistle.

Bishop Knell has been a good friend to this parish. His retirement is not likely to be an inactive one and it is hoped that he will be persuaded from time to time to reappear here.

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GOSBROOK ROAD friends were very pleased to welcome back Norman and Margaret Holley as Chairman and Opener at the annual Summer Market. In spite of very dull weather a most enjoyable time was had by everyone. The adults enjoyed browsing around the exhibitions in the church, while the children passed the afternoon away by trying to win goldfish, eating sweets and having fun at the sideshows. A buffet tea was served and the afternoon concluded with a concert given by the Reading Junior Singers. The sum of £77.16p. was raised and the church treasurer and Gift Day secretaries thank everyone for their support.

### CAVERSHAM PARK WEDNESDAY HOUSE COMMUNIONS

August 9th—  
10.30 a.m. at 5 Gifford Close (Phase 7).  
August 23rd—  
10.30 a.m. at 2 Blackwater Close.

### ST. JOHN'S NEWS

#### DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS

Friends of John Illman at St. John's will be delighted to hear of the remarkable distinction he has recently achieved. At 31 he has become 1st Secretary at the British Embassy in Paris. It is apparently unusual for a person of that age to reach such a responsible position. Married with three children, John has been in France for almost a year, having served for four years in the Congo and a further four years in the Irish Republic. His proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Illman, of 15 Mayfield Drive, have just returned from Paris, their first trip abroad, after a holiday with John and his family.

#### ON THE MOVE

The departure of two families this summer means a sad loss for St. John's. Marian Mawby and her family, of South View Avenue, are off to Rugby. Marian has made a useful contribution to the Wednesday Group as secretary and her husband, Andy, has been a good friend to the youth club. Their children will be missed in the choir. Marian wishes to thank all at St. John's for their friendship.

Regrettably, John and Mary Conn and their children, Allison and Elizabeth, are also moving. John is taking up a head of department post in a school in Peterlee in his native Durham. The church in Caversham will miss his thought provoking comments and his constant attempt to hold before it a vision of its purpose in the world. The good wishes of all at St. John's go with John and Mary and the children.

### Every Little Helps

During Lent this year St. Andrew's Church Family have been raising money to support Miss Joan Barker in India. The sum of £107.15 was sent to her via U.S.P.G. The following letter has recently been received from U.S.P.G.

'What a wonderful sum Caversham has raised for Joan Barker and by what a variety of means! It is almost impossible to express appreciation without sounding fulsome, but I trust you will all understand how very grateful we are for what really amounts to the gift of life itself to some of these children under Joan's care. A sum like this will ease the house-keeping problem for quite a few months, and because properly fed children are usually healthy, it will cut medicine bills as well.

I see that the Sunday School has played a big part in fund-raising, and, although I must not make distinctions, I hope you will say a special thank you to them on my behalf for making such a determined effort to help those less well off than themselves.

Congratulations, too, to the marmalade maker. As a fellow slave to the preserving pan I can picture only too clearly what was involved! Every good wish, and again, our warmest thanks to everyone.'

### St. Margarets Picnic

Perhaps by September the summer will have begun. May the sun shine at least on Sunday, September 10th, because St. Margaret's plan to have a picnic after the Family Service that morning. Those coming should therefore come to that service at 10 a.m. clothed and ready for the picnic.

## ST. PETER'S LIBRARY

When did you last read a book about the Christian faith? Do you realise that new books are frequently added to the Church Library? What about borrowing one for your holiday reading? There is no charge and books may be kept out for any period of time but please do return books when you have finished reading them. Recent additions to the Library include—

William Barclay—Prayers for young people.

William Barclay — The plain man looks at the Lord's Prayer.

William Barclay — More prayers for the plain man.

Anthony Bloom—Meditations on a theme.

Donald Coggan — The prayers of the New Testament.

Elizabeth Goudge — God so loved the world—a life of Christ.

Michael Hollings and Eita Gullick—It's me o Lord.

Marjorie Holmes—I've got to talk to someone, God.

C. S. Lewis — The four loves.

Hugh Montefiore—Truth to tell, a radical restatement of the Christian faith.

Rita Snowden — A woman's book of prayers.

## Rotary Club 50th Anniversary

Rotarians of the Reading and Caversham Rotary Clubs, and their wives, joined with the congregation of the Caversham Heights Methodist Church in an act of worship and thanksgiving on Sunday, June 4th at the morning service.

The service was conducted by the minister of the church the Rev. T. R. Harris, who welcomed the Rotarians, and their wives and friends to the service.

Lessons were read by Donovan L. Jones, President, the Rotary Club of Reading, and Dr. Graham Tate, President, the Rotary Club of Caversham. President Donovan Jones also shared the playing of the organ with Past President Ralph Lascelles, organist of the host church.

Rotarian Rev. John Grimwade led us in prayer, and Rotarian Rev. Anthony Boulton, of St. Giles Church, led our thoughts in depth on the Rotary motto of "Service above self".

Was it not true when one Rotarian, on being welcomed at the church door said "You'll have a good gate this morning"? Truly one gateway to heaven is to enter into God's house with praise and thanksgiving, and to hear His Word so beautifully spoken and sung.

Thanks be to God.

## SINGIN' IN THE WOODS

One of the churches in the charge of the Rev. T. R. Harris is the Woodcote Methodist Church which is situated in a woodland setting on the outskirts of the pleasant Oxfordshire village of that name. And it was here on the first Sunday evening in June that the singin' took place, the church being filled to capacity with local folk and friends from the Reading circuit.

The singing commenced with "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise" followed by twelve other well-known hymns chosen by members of the congregation. A group of young people from the Kentwood Methodist Church contributed a number of gospel songs which were much appreciated.

The service, which looks like becoming an annual event, was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Harris.

## St. Andrew's Women's Group

The June meeting of the St. Andrew's Women's Group was a very interesting talk and film show by Typhoo tea. Members saw the various stages of tea production from the plucking of the bushes on the slopes of Ceylon through the drying, tasting and blending to the final packing in the factory in London.

The July meeting was a talk by a member of the N.S.P.C.C. There will be no meeting in August.

The new season opens on September 28th with a visit from Evelyn Home to talk about her work with "Woman" magazine.

## St. BARNABAS NEWS

For the past three years the Overseas Mission Group have been supporting the work of the Rev. Peter and Jane Bugg at an agricultural college in Zambia. On Sunday, June 25th Peter and Jane were back in Caversham, and after Evensong they showed slides and talked about their work. Members of the congregation saw in action tyres for a Land Rover and irrigation pumps which they had supplied. Some even saw children wearing clothes made from material which they had sent out.

## Caversham Methodist Church

Two very successful Jumble Sales were held on two Saturdays in May, all proceeds being in aid of the roof fund. The appeal Secretaries wish to thank most sincerely everyone who helped collect, sort and serve at both occasions, and are pleased to announce that the sum of £80.95 was raised.

# ANCHORS AWAY?

by FRED DAWSON

Clergy are notoriously like 'ships that pass in the night'. Here today, gone tomorrow. True, there are the large impressive ships which seem to take their time steaming through, laden with a lot of useful cargo—but most of us seem to fall into the category of small tug-boats, hopefully doing a useful job but not destined to create any great 'wake'. Curates at St. Peter's often seem to be passing at maximum nautical miles per hour. It's not long since Billie, Jonathan and I sailed into Caversham waters, soon to be joined by another 'water-baby'—Clare. But we haven't really just 'passed in the night'. We've put into harbour briefly as well, and I believe some of the 'cargo' I've acquired here will stand me in very good stead for future stops en route in my ministry.

**So Special?**

The Warden of the College where I trained said to me one day that a deacon was needed at Caversham and although I was thinking of going to another parish, I came here on a weekend visit—and that was that. Caversham is a place where a great deal of very varied work has been going on for God, through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Work as varied as 'Mayday Week' 1970, Stewardship renewal, the work of the Bridge scheme. And an openness to new ways of doing things which has made life here very stimulating. But there are three bits of 'cargo' I am especially glad to be taking with me.

**'Groupies'**

Christians are called to be 'groupies'—people who belong to groups. ('Groupies' were the girls in the '60's' who 'belonged' to pop-groups. Well, I don't quite mean that!) But when we discover the true sense of 'belonging' to a group, we shall be a long way towards knowing what it means to belong to the Body of Christ.

**Fred Dawson, until last month Curate at St. Peter's, looks at three years' experience in Caversham.**

As a member of a team of eight clergy which has been increasingly able to share insights and grow together, I have learnt a lot about belonging to a group. Hundreds of people in Caversham have had similar opportunities through, for instance, belonging to Lent Bible Study Groups. I believe that the true meaning of worship will be rediscovered via small groups. If Christians are called to be 'groupies', Caversham is going to be a good place to learn how.

**Baptism.**

Caversham has helped me to see the importance of preparing for Baptism. But I've also learnt some of the difficulties of a policy where a real response is sought from parents, where Baptism always takes place in Public Worship, in the parish where the parents actually live. In doing this work, one is nearly always misunderstood; parents fre-

quently feel 'rejected' once the mere mention of any conditions is made (which is certainly not true—rather the opposite). So some parts of the Caversham experience have been sobering too!

**The Spirit.**

I shall also be taking with me the exhilarating experience of seeing people rediscovering the power of the Holy Spirit. The so-called 'Charismatic movement' is not limited to the United States, one of their 'fads'. In this country, there is an increasingly profound sense of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. More particularly, many are finding that 'baptism' in the Spirit' is bringing forth the gifts of the Spirit (try reading the Acts of the Apostles if you want to know what they are) in their lives. Over the past months, this has been an increasingly obvious factor in the life of the Church in Caversham too—and it will be another part of my 'freight'.

**A good cargo.**

Jesus once said that a scribe who became a follower of the Kingdom of Heaven is 'like a householder who brings out of his storeroom things both new and old.' This description, I believe, fits Caversham too. So that even a small tug or barge which calls in at this port is likely to leave with a good cargo. I certainly believe I have, and I am grateful for it.

## RECENTLY RETIRED

**QUITE A RECORD**

Fifty-three years with the same firm is a pretty good record I think you'll agree, and it has recently been achieved by Mr. Len Glanfield of 18 Cromwell Road.

Born in Queen's Road, Caversham, he has lived all his life in the district and has been in his present home for fifty years.

After active service in the First World War he was released from a prisoner of war camp on Christmas Day, 1918, and returned home to England on New Year's Day, 1919. Then in February he began working for Elliots of Caversham as a joiner and there he remained until he retired recently.

A dedicated craftsman, he worked mostly at bank fitment and just after the last war he completed the interior of many X-ray vans. Having such a wonderful record with the firm it was only right that he should make the three caskets, of English oak which were presented to three Reading Aldermen when they received the Freedom of the Borough in 1971.

**HE ENJOYS LIFE.**

Like many of his generation Len Glanfield is able to say he enjoyed his working life. He obviously took a pride in what he did and found satisfaction in all the various jobs that came his way.

Now he is getting the most out of his well-earned retirement. His garden is in apple pie order and his well appointed house bears witness to the skills of his trade.

Recently his wife and he became owners of a lively young dog, Susie, and Len finds he is taking a regular daily walk with his four-legged friend, sometimes to the playing field, sometimes by the river. Susie, he

says, gives him a lot of pleasure. So, too, do his two great grandchildren.

**FAREWELL.**

Last March he received a cheque and a beautiful gold watch at a private presentation from the directors of Elliots. In July it was the

chance for his fellow work-mates to wish him a happy retirement, when several hundred of them gathered in the works' canteen to wish him well. Caversham Bridge would like to add their good wishes for many happy years to come.



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# LEARNING THE HARD WAY

*In a time of unrest, not least amongst the younger generation, it is refreshing to hear of just one person who has channelled her energies and zest for life to good purpose. Whilst Anne's efforts may lack the glitter and glamour more often associated with such service overseas, it is, nonetheless, a most valuable contribution to the society in which we live. Moreover, it springs from a sincere Christian conviction.*

*Anne, a member of the Baptist church and formerly head girl at Abbey School, has been accepted for entry in the autumn to Girton College, Cambridge. The 'Caversham Bridge' thanks her for her story and wishes her every blessing at the start of her college career.*

"Late one January night the front door bell rang. I opened the door. The whites of two eyes peered down at me from the darkness: it was Keith, a visitor for Lesley. After frisking him for alcohol and ascertaining that the boys would not outnumber the girls, I ushered the caller into the record room, reminding the various flaying arms and legs that it was, 'Boys out by eleven.' This was one of my first nights on duty alone and I was learning quickly.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

It all began at midday on 5th January, six weeks after my preliminary interview, when Zig Smits of Community Service rang up: he had found me a project. Forty-eight hours later I arrived, very bewildered, at Almond House Hostel, just outside Croydon, and my experience as a Community Service Volunteer in a hostel for maladjusted girls began.

## NOT SO MUCH A HOME—MORE A FRIENDLY BASE

The hostel accommodates twelve girls, aged between 14 and 19, the majority of whom happened to be West Indian and in the care of Lambeth Council for one reason or another. Its aim is not to become a home for the girls since this may impede a reunion with their natural home, but to provide a secure and friendly base for them during the difficult years of adolescence, and to act as a preparation for final independence. So girls cook their own meals (with the exception of a 5.30 p.m. meal on working days) and are encouraged to entertain friends, dress-make and attend evening classes. At the same time a work pattern is established and the habit of paying rent of £4 a week begun. My task was to be more a friend than a member of the staff and involved in being on duty long hours, sometimes 7 a.m.—11 p.m., taking girls out to find jobs, and generally being there, ready to chat and join in anything going.

## COOKERY AND CABARET

That is in theory. In practice things do not run so smoothly. The girls had volatile personalities. Temperaments, for instance, were often ruled by the thermometer. A cold morning could lead to a mass refusal to go to work while on warm days in Mid-March they were found sunbathing in local parks. Or take cooking.

If anyone wishes to know why I have adopted a page-boy hairstyle, I can tell them that it is a result of one of many 'baked-bean fires' caused by overheating baked beans and bacon fat. By the end of three months I became adept at covering the two foot flames without singeing my locks.

## WILLINGNESS TO BE 'THERE'

I was something of a Seven Day Wonder during my stay at Almond House. Being a contemporary I was well accepted most of the time by the girls, but with puzzlement. Why didn't 'Miss' want to earn money? Why didn't 'Miss' want to live with her boyfriend? Why couldn't 'Miss' cook? Before I left the girls loyally attacked my most accessible

disability, namely my lack of aptitude for cooking. I was taught two West Indian meals—yam, plantain, dumpling and salted fish, and the traditional rice and peas curry dish: both highly enjoyable and highly indigestible.

Altogether, I thoroughly recommend anyone with three months or more to spare to volunteer for work with Community Service Volunteers. No knowledge or expertise is required: it is the fact that you are willing to be there that counts."

ANNE SHIELD.



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## OBITUARY

### JOHN PARRIES

The Reverend John Parries and his wife Ann and their four children came to Caversham in early February. They came from Australia. Mr. Parries was a lecturer at the University of Melbourne in Reformation History. He had been sent for twelve months to undertake research concerning the life of a Puritan, John Preston. His family had come with him.

Suddenly, on Wednesday, 21st June he died. It was a great shock to his wife, and their four little children. He had been attending Caversham Heights Methodist Church and the friends there could hardly believe the news. Thoughts and prayers and practical help were forthcoming.

Mr. Parries had entered the Methodist ministry in 1952 at Queen's College, Melbourne, where he obtained his B.A. He then travelled to the United States and studied at Chicago University where he obtained his B.D. for his thesis "John Wesley's Doctrine of the Sacraments" published in 1963. He returned to Australia and took Circuit appointments at Ouyen, where he married, then Port Melbourne and Burnie. He was appointed to the University of Melbourne. He died at the age of 45 years after receiving, the day before, news of a promotion in the University. His wife and

family will be returning shortly to Australia and can be assured of the prayers of many people in Caversham.

### JAMES COCHRAN

The Reverend J. Oswald Cochran died suddenly on Sunday, 28th May. He came to Caversham in 1959 with his wife, Joan. His wife had been a Deaconess in the Manchester and Salford Mission where they met. Their ministry was a joint-ministry wherever they went. They went as missionaries to India in 1922 for six years, and then again in 1934 for sixteen years. Their ministry in Caversham was distinguished. Mr. Cochran was a powerful preacher and a compassionate pastor. It was a joy to the folk in Caversham and Reading when they came to retire in Reading in 1959. It was far from retirement—they were ever active.

He was a man of boundless energy and was "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord". His wife will miss him greatly. The prayers of Caversham Bridge readers go out to her at this time. Her example at such a time has been an inspiration to many.

### WILFRED TAYLOR

The death occurred on June 11th of Mr. Wilfred Taylor of 12 Priory Avenue, Caversham, at the age of 77.

He worked for many years at the Army Records Office and was a lifelong Methodist. A member of the Oxford Road Methodist Church, he was a former Society Steward of the Friar Street Church before its closure.

Known to many people in Caversham for his friendliness and humour, he is survived by his widow, Mary, and his sons, Eric and Ronald.

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# SIXTY HAPPY YEARS

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There was nothing to warn them then that shortly they were to be parted for four years when Ernest, a blacksmith by trade, found himself with the Mechanical Transport in such far-away places as Salonika and Alexandria. In all those four years he never once had home leave; there never was, he says, such a welcome as he received when he finally returned home.

For fifty years now they have lived in their quiet little cottage tucked away behind the White Horse at Emmer Green, so close to the busy main road and yet so peaceful and probably very little changed from when they first arrived. They have a son, a mechanical engineer, living at Birmingham and a married daughter living on the Isle of Wight. Both, of course, visit them, but on the whole they live quietly.

Unable to get about very much, and perhaps a little tired, nevertheless, they give visitors a very warm welcome, and it was a pleasure to interview them.

Many is the tale they can tell of old Caversham. It is with pleasure that the 'Bridge' staff send them our very hearty congratulations at this time.

W.D.



Ernest and Hilda Peacock

Photo: Walton Adams

## ROUND THE CLUBS

### Mapledurham W.I.

The President Mrs. Bramwell was in the Chair at the June Meeting of the Mapledurham W.I. There were very few present unfortunately—and it was a very pleasant meeting with a competition for the two best roses, won by Mrs. Butler, a bring and buy stall, an excellent tea and two lovely films, one about holidaying in Norway and one about Spring in England, which featured Selbourne and 'Gilbert White country.' Mr. Nunnery showed the films which were much appreciated, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Harper. Members are reminded to bring a garden chair with them for the next meeting which is in Mrs. Skinner's garden.

### Maplewood W.I.

Mrs. B. Osborne, Vice-President, presided at the June meeting and she welcomed the speaker, Mrs. M. Lindsay, who spoke on "Windsor Great Park". Mrs. Childs, Delegate to the AGM, gave an interesting report. Mrs. Briggs, Treasurer, gave a satisfactory account of our budget. The proceeds from our cake stall at the Hospital Fete amounted to

£30. The competition for the best rose from the garden was won by Mrs. Lawford. Members enjoyed a visit to the Savill Gardens.

### Blagrove W.I.

The June Meeting was held at 139 Upper Woodcote Road, by invitation of Mrs. Sholl. It was intended to hold a Garden Meeting, but owing to the unfavourable weather it had to be held indoors. A Bring and Buy Sale, Raffle, Competitions, resulted in £7 being raised, and an excellent tea was provided by the Committee. The Raffle prize was won by Mrs. Thomas, who also won a competition. Mrs. Plumridge was awarded a Bursary to Denman College for 1973.

### Emmer Green

#### Townswomen's Guild

Mr. F. A. Lyne spoke most amusingly on his work as a Public Analyst. He started by explaining how a long time ago food was adulterated to quite a considerable and alarming extent and so gradually his department was formed to deal with it. He assured us that nowadays the public interest was well safeguarded by the very high standards which had to be adhered to by manufacturers of food and drink. After this he gave us a short resumé of other varied and interesting work done by his department.

A social evening was held at which the Whiteknights guild were present.

The Drama Group won the Woodley Cup at the Woodley Festival.

### Caversham Afternoon

#### Townswomen's Guild

The Chairman, Mrs. C. Mitchell, welcomed two new members at the monthly meeting held in the Caversham Community Centre on June 15th. It was also her pleasant duty to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. J. Beauchamp, Fellow of the Society of Auctioneers and Valuers.

Born in Isleworth Mr. Beauchamp had from an early age taken an interest in many large houses in the area. His subject on this occasion was china and glass with particular emphasis on the 17th and 18th centuries and he illustrated his talk by showing some beautiful pieces from that period. A measure of the interest shown by members can be taken from the number who produced pieces from their own collections for his comment. At the close of this instructive talk a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. E. Fitzzeustace.

Continuing the meeting after the usual tea-break, Mrs. C. Mitchell gave a report of the National Council Meeting which was held in the Albert Hall, London, in May.

A very successful coffee morning which also featured a Bring and Buy Stall was held at the home of Mrs. M. Crockett of 21 Ellesmere Close, on Tuesday, June 13th. This event was well attended and from the proceeds a cheque was sent to the British Empire Cancer Campaign Fund. The Guild funds also benefited.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday in each month at the Caversham Community Centre, School Lane, Caversham. Meetings start at 2.15 p.m. and new members are cordially invited to attend.

## POSTBAG

Dear Editor,

*I would like to express my grateful thanks to all the kind persons who provided transport for me to visit my sister in Battle Hospital recently. Thanks to their kindness I was able to see my sister every day and I am most grateful.*

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# THE METCALFES OF ILKLEY ROAD



—Walton Adams

Bernard and Penelope Metcalfe who have succeeded the Dawsons as inhabitants of 25 Ilkley Road (St. Peter's curate's house) are by no means

entire strangers in this area. Bernard was born at Tilehurst and his grandfather was at one time vicar of St. George's. His wife comes from Bromley, Kent, but for many years her home was near Pangbourne.

Bernard went to Westminster School and then to St. John's College, Cambridge, to read architecture. He then moved over to Oxford to read theology at Balliol College before completing his training for ordination at Ripon Hall. Penny Lewis, as she then was, was at the Abbey School, Malvern Wells, where she was taught by Miss Jarman, a member of St. Peter's congregation. She then went to the Royal Academy of Music and the college of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea, where she encountered one of her husband's predecessors at St. Peter's, the Rev. Colin Scott Dempster who is now chaplain of that college. She completed her training last summer and has been teaching music at St. Frideswide's School, Didcot. She hopes that now she is in Caversham she can do some private piano teaching.

With their musical and architectural background the Metcalfes should bring a distinctive contribution to the life of Caversham.

## CAVERSHAM WEST DISTRICT BROWNIE GUIDES

One hundred very fierce Pirates, fully armed with pistols, cutlasses and daggers, met outside the Balmore Hall on Saturday, 17th June. After boarding their cunningly disguised vessels they were piloted to St. Benedict's School, Wokefield Park, Mortimer.

Oilskins were not needed for the sun shone all afternoon and after sinking their ships through the Alley Alley Ooh! each pirate chose a 'Piece of Eight' from a collection of pieces in five different colours, and then ran off to find the "Pirate Captain" whose ship was painted the same colour. They then spent the afternoon in their chosen group, playing games, having a competition and then finding a "Desert Island" where they enjoyed their "Rum and coconuts". A Sea Shanty sing-song followed and then the ships returned to Caversham where the "Pirates" disembarked and turned back into Brownie Guides.

Many thanks to Mrs. Cooper, a member of the Girl Guides Local Association, who watered and doled out the "Rum" and also to the Fathers at St. Benedict's who so kindly loaned us their grounds.

## MORE MONEY FOR CHRISTIAN AID

For the first time the sum of over £1,000 was raised in Caversham during Christian Aid week, and the Caversham Bridge thanks the many collectors who knocked at thousands of doors. The house to house collection for Caversham, Caversham Park and Mapledurham produced £876. The concert given by the Dolmetsch Consort showed a profit of £111. Members of St. John's congregation raised £36 by special efforts and with the collection at the united service and some donations the final figure was £1,041, a little under 3½p per head of the population.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### ANGLICAN

#### St. Peter's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).  
9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION (4th Sunday Matins).

### 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.

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# CONGRATULATIONS

by ROVING REPORTER

Once more we are sending out our annual appeal for examination news; last year we attempted a systematic circulation of likely sources of such news but with one or two notable exceptions it was a flop, possibly because teachers are too exhausted and results came in too erratically. So, since the editor firmly refuses to authorise the purchase of a crystal ball, we are once more reduced to the grapevine.

## DR. GERALD SOUTH

We hear—by accident of course—that Dr. South, better known to St. Peter's congregation as young Gerald, has been invited to become a Research Fellow at Queen Elizabeth College in London, where he will be doing heart research work. Though he will probably be furious with us for saying so, we feel it is a great honour for one so young and we send him our heartiest congratulations.

## CHARLES and GRAHAM HUBBARD

Also well-known at St. Peter's is Charles Hubbard who, we hear, has just qualified as a chartered accountant; he works with the local

firm of Dunster Morton. At the same time, somewhat belatedly, we send our congratulations to his brother Graham who works with Brain and Brain and who became a fully-fledged solicitor some months ago. Our congratulations to both. ANY MORE NEWS?

## MISS JOYCE KINCHINGTON

We would like to congratulate Miss Joyce Kinchington on the award of an M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours list. Joyce is a member of the Caversham Heights Methodist Church and Honorary Treasurer of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. She was educated at Kendrick School and works at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## JUST TILES

From scientist, to school-teacher, to selling tiles is, to say the least, a varied life. But Mr. Elson is a rather unusual kind of person. A local man, married with three children, he worked for thirteen years as a scientist at

A.W.R.E. until a few years ago, when he departed to teach in the Canary Islands for three years. Returning last July, he took up a teaching post at Crosfields School.

## A new shop

Now Mr. Elson and Mr. Packham, who lives with his wife and two children at Gal-lowstree Common but is well-known as a carpenter in this area, have decided to set up shop on the corner of Donkin Hill and Southview Avenue. They will be selling 'just tiles', but they will carry an enormous range of English and Continental ceramic tiles, tiles for bathrooms and kitchens, tiles for floors. The prices will range from £1.38 to £10 a square yard, so there will be something to suit everyone.

## Advice and Service

Mr. Packham and Mr. Elson hope that by specialising they will be able to offer a good selection, expert advice and service, and that is something we value in Caversham. We wish them every success in their venture.

## DOES PUBLIC OPINION COUNT?

We make no apology for returning to the subject of flats in Warren. During the past few weeks the Residents' Association has received many complaints about this development and it has become increasingly clear that there is scarcely any body of opinion in favour of it.

The question must be asked, "Why and how was this application given approval?" It cannot even be said that in this case there was no consultation, as there was a certain amount, yet it seemed to carry no weight at all. Did the significance of the application get lost in a long agenda or was public opinion simply shrugged off?

Whatever the reason it looks as if what should be a semi-rural locality is soon to be shattered by the incongruity of a block of flats. Reading Planning Committee has much to answer for.

One green site that is to remain is Hemdean House School. There was general welcome for the news that now this school is to con-

tinue, this oasis of grass and trees will continue to give pleasure to the many who pass it or live near it. M.C.

## ANOTHER BARRIER REMOVED—

It is perhaps still not generally known that the Canon Law of the Church of England has recently been revised and there are no restrictions now on communicant members of other churches receiving Holy Communion at Anglican altars. They will be welcome on all occasions in the parishes of Caversham and Mapledurham, and it is good to be able to report that this change has been brought about and already many non-Anglicans have received the Sacrament with their Anglican friends.



—Walton Adams

Miss Julie Warner and Mr. Nicholas Bailey, who were married at St. Andrew's Church on June 3rd.

## CAVERSHAM DRAMA FOR CHARITY

At the end of June, Caversham Drama gave two performances in aid of St. Andrew's Summer Fete—a very commendable gesture. The programme included a number of sketches and "The Lover" by Harold Pinter, starring Heather Mumme as Sarah and Roy Heather as Richard. The play was produced by Mike Gandon (now working for the BBC Radio Birmingham), for last year's Woodley Festival at which Heather and Roy obtained full marks for their acting. Mike also made a brief appearance in the play as a hopeful milkman.

The decision to make the sketches, produced by Jim Preston, a lead-in for "The Lover" was a happy one. They created the exactly right sort of atmosphere for a play which can make its impact within a cleverly arranged TV programme but may arouse only a flicker of enthusiasm in the vacuum of theatre. The players taking part in the sketches were John and Gilly Spencer, Paul Willey, Laurie Deighton, Sue Hogg, Bob Silver, Peter Goodman and Jim Preston. Laurie and Jim may be remembered for their delightful performance in "Two Stars for Comfort", while Peter seems to be perfecting his act as a drunk—"so he can safely cross the road..."

Caversham Drama is otherwise preparing a new production in December, but I understand that Jim Preston is moving out of the area, which represents rather a sad loss for us. P.C.

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## Doreen and Jack Hollingum

Once again Caversham Doreen and Jack Hollingum Heights Methodists have had to say farewell to two valued members of the church.

They have moved from Caversham to Mottingham to be nearer to the Woolwich headquar-



Walton Adams.

During their stay in Caversham Doreen was Sunday School Secretary and Christian Citizenship Secretary of the church, whilst Jack was a very acceptable Local Preacher in the Reading circuit. Up to 1969 Doreen was Family Welfare Officer in Reading, and in that year she became a Probation Officer. Many will remember Jack as a member of the board of the "Caversham Bridge", and also for his production of the very professional brochure for the Caversham M'aidez Week a couple of years ago.

Of their three sons, John will be staying on in Reading to finish his schooling, Mark will be working locally, and Godfrey is at Birmingham University.

Both Doreen and Jack wished to express their gratitude for the fellowship which they have enjoyed in Caversham, particularly from the ecumenical point of view.

## Mapledurham Parish Council

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, 25th MAY, 1972. Mr. B. A. Fowles was elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and Mrs. F. M. Ford was elected Vice-Chairman.

The Council expressed its grave concern at the conditions that exist along the Reading-Woodcote Road. Whilst they were pleased to note that it is the County Council's intention to make regulations that will not permit the overtaking of vehicles between the Gallows Tree Common Road and the 'Pack Saddle' Inn (Goring Heath junction), the Parish Council feel such a regulation is not sufficiently realistic. Double white lines have been proposed, but the County Council have stated that the highway is not of the required width at many points. The Parish Council have noted that the Thames Valley Police consider that double white lines are a necessity before 'no overtaking' regulations could be enforced.

The Council are also alarmed at the great increase in heavy traffic along this road, which will be aggravated when the road is improved in a few year's time. The Parish Council are, to press for double white lines along the stretch between Shepherd's Lane and the Reading Borough boundary.

The Clerk was requested to refer all these problems to the County Council, some have previously been made, but the Parish Council feel that the County Council should be very strongly advised of the Parish Council's grave concern at the low standard that at present exists along this particular stretch of the public highway.

The condition of some pathways in the Parish that have recently been dug up for public statutory undertakings recently was referred to. The Council expressed dissatisfaction that these pathways were not being properly maintained either by the local highway authority or the statutory undertaking. The Council will have further correspondence with the County Council on this matter.

Following a recent meeting in Henley, the Council were advised of a change in the planning applications for development procedure. So far as Oxfordshire is concerned, anyone now wishing to make a development application must firstly send their application to the Director of Planning at Oxford who will furnish the Parish Council with details, so that the local parish council will have the opportunity of making comments to the Area Planning Committee.

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, 15th JUNE, 1972. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Council were informed of the recent opening of Mapledurham Country Park, but expressed their concern that the conditions on the road from Trench Green to the village were far from safe. The Council were informed that the cutting of grass on the verges along this road by the County Council had not been up to the County Council's usual standard. Because of the deterioration of this service, the conditions along the road had become more dangerous. The situation had been further aggravated by the opening of the Park, and the consequent increase in traffic that such a Park is bound to cause.

The Parish Council are to write to the County Surveyor requesting him to deal more effectively with the problem of grass cutting along this road. The Council are also to write to the County Planning Officer, as the County Planning Committee were one of the chief instigators in forming the development of

the Park, and the Parish Council feel that the Planning Committee should examine the approach conditions to the Park more closely having regard to the potential use this particular area offers.

The Parish Council were disturbed to hear that the Chiltern Queen Bus Co. had withdrawn their service between the Pack Saddle PH and Goring Heath PO because of overhanging trees along the road. The Council are to write to the Traffic Commissioners asking them to take action against the company. The Parish Council are also advising the other interested authorities in the area, and are putting forward other proposals to alleviate the situation.

The Council were informed that action has been taken to cut back the overhanging trees along the route, so that this should permit the bus company to resume its service at an early date.

Approval has been given, in principle, for the erection of a temporary building on the Chazey Heath Play Area. The building is to be used for changing purposes only by the sports section using the field.

New Bye-laws have recently been approved by the Home Office in respect of the use of the Playing Fields. They will come into effect from the 1st July, 1972.

## We Record..

### BAPTISED

St. John's

June  
25—Rachel Kidby.  
25—Maxime Bishop.

St. Barnabas'

June  
25—Sara Dennis.

St. Margaret's

June  
25—Scot Durrant.

### MARRIED

St. Peter's

June  
3—John Charman and Ann Stevens.  
10—Peter Rawdon and Evelyn Ford.  
17—Anthony Wadman and Jane Smith.

24—Peter Ferretti and Irene Dean.

St. John's

June  
24—Michael Ford and Julia Hopkins.

St. Andrew's

June  
3—Nicholas Bailey and Julia Warner.

10—Francis Wicks and Gail Poynter.

St. Barnabas'

June  
24—Bernard Bicknell and Susan Huddy.

### FUNERALS

St. Peter's

June  
26—Esme Bussey.

St. Barnabas'

June  
5—Annie Bailey.

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# Just a thought

by DEE MOSS

It was not the clear light of Spring that woke us to-day but the vibrant song of a bird. The voice was incredibly lovely but I'd had a late night and only wanted another hour of sleep. Yet the haunting melody followed me under the blanket until my brain was beating to its tune.

They say, 'If you can't beat them, join them,' so I surrendered sleep and lay awake, listening as more and more birds joined in the morning chorus. The solitary songster had been joined by others of the breed, then by different birds until the area was ringing with song. What had begun as a pest had developed into music of wonderful tone and clarity. I identified the poignant notes of the robin, the thrush's trills, the coos of wood pigeons and the outpourings of the blackbirds.

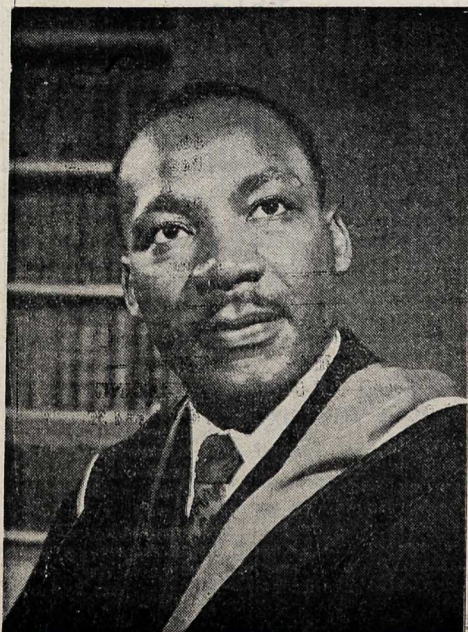
By the time the singing stopped, nearly an hour later, I was too wakeful for sleep and beside my bed lay a book, newly bought; the late Martin Luther King's *Strength To Love*. Suddenly I saw his life as the bird that had led the dawn chorus. In every generation there are a few men and women born ahead of their time. Art, politics, religion, science would all have suffered without these leaders in thought and action who invent, create and instigate ideas and deeds which are beyond the imaginings of the rest of mankind.

These are the voices that lead the dawn chorus and to their hearers they often seem a nuisance, disturbing sleep so that we want to hide under the blankets of respectability or status quo. Yet, as we listen, the beat makes sense and beauty grows out of the rightness of their cause. Other voices join the first and so a new dawn breaks and life improves for all mankind.

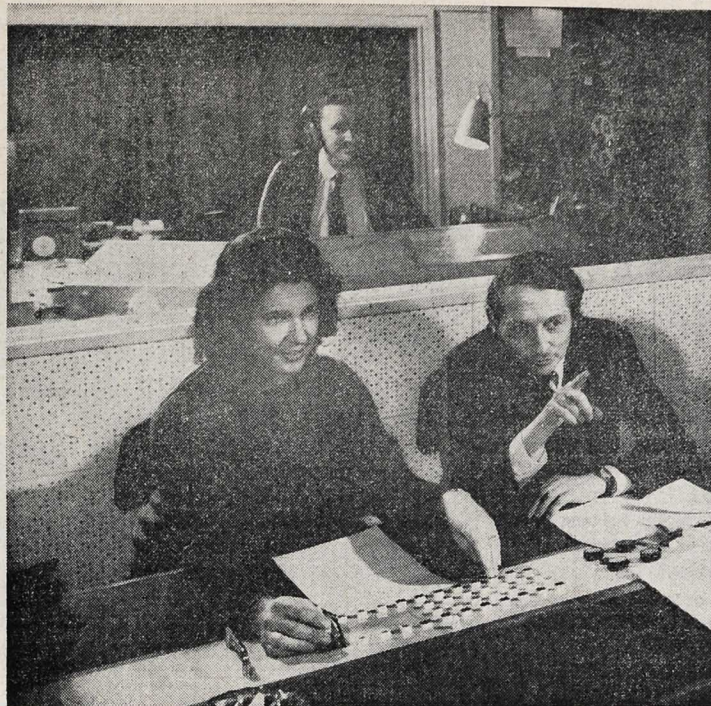
But the singing is often brief and is followed by a period of silence. We know it will be continued another day, perhaps by another singer.

Doctor King's life was not wasted—the song he began, of freedom and dignity and harmony, will not be forgotten. One day men will look back to his vision—he called it a dream—and know that all men are equal not only in the sight of God but to their fellow-men.

In the early morning the book opened at chapter six and I read the last paragraph with its glorious words . . . "The dawn will come . . ."



MARTIN LUTHER KING



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## THE CHURCHES' TELEVISION CENTRE

by Charles A. Rigby

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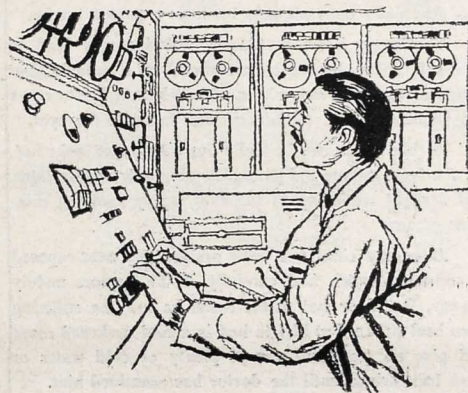
split into two groups, and each group creates a programme. All this is recorded on video tape, played back and appraised. There are courses in co-operation with both BBC and ITA for people concerned with religious broadcasting. Nor is the emergence of local radio overlooked.

The Centre has its own film unit which has produced a number of films, ranging from the teaching of religious education in primary schools to a documentary on a neighbourhood "Care Scheme", titled: 'TIME TO CARE'. Other films including 'OF PRIMARY CONCERN', 'SIGNS OF THE TIMES', and 'THINGS TO DO', all have a religious background and theme. However, as film-making is expensive, the Centre is leading the field in a system of tele-recording—putting T.V. pictures on to film. By using this system, the aim is to provide churches, schools, etc., with short 'starter' films for discussion groups, at a reasonable cost.

It has been announced recently that the Centre is converting to COLOUR, and the necessary work should be completed before the end of this year. Full television equipment is being installed, including three of the latest 'automatic colour cameras'. The studio is run by only a relatively small technical staff, and the new cameras with their automatic features will dramatically lighten the work-load of its operators. An automated Video-tape Recorder is also being installed.

### Professional Knowledge

The Director, the Rev. Leslie Timmins, a Methodist Minister and frequent broadcaster, is well-known in the West of England, hav-



ing been at one time, Minister at the Central Hall, Bristol. Another colleague is Bertram Mycock, former Industrial Correspondent with the BBC, and recently the Rev. Malcolm Kerrell has been appointed Administrative Director. From time to time, guest Directors such as Joy Whitby, a distinguished Film Director, and Bill Allenby, a T.V. Director with life-long experience of religious programmes, bring their professional knowledge to help the Centre to help others learn about this business of communication. Trained technical staff, with the BBC, and recently handle the complex T.V. equipment. The Centre aims to be as professional as possible. Its own permanent staff is augmented by visiting experts from radio and television. The work involved is totally ecumenical and the courses are inter-denominational.

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# GOOD HEALTH

## CHILDREN'S SUNBURN

by Jean Fielding

Exposure of a child's body to sunlight has a vitalising effect but this treatment should be given gradually or the skin may be burnt. To allow a young child to play outdoors practically unclad on the first really hot day is inviting trouble.

Never expose a baby's body to the full rays of the sun. Undress the baby certainly, on a scorching day but place his pram under a tree or other shade.

Severe sunburn is agonizing and unnecessary and can prove as dangerous as heat burn. Fair or red-haired youngsters are particularly susceptible to sunburn and need special attention. Just half-an-hour of sunshine while playing on the beach is sufficient to burn a fair-skinned child unaccustomed to exposing his body.

When staying by the seaside, allow your child to expose his tender skin for a few minutes only the first day, preferably not between noon and 2 p.m. Increase this time daily until his skin becomes a golden brown.

Too many hours in blazing sunshine may lead to heat exhaustion. During hot weather dress a child in light cotton or rayon clothes with a wide-brimmed hat to cover the vulnerable back of the neck and to shade the eyes.

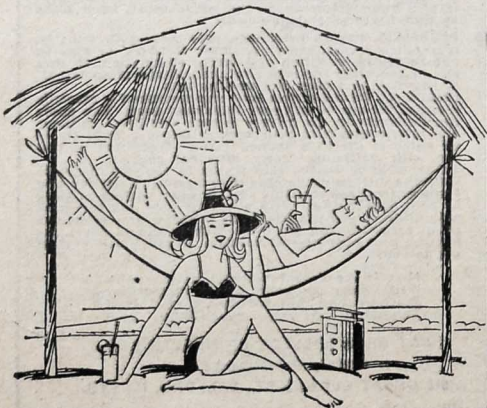
A child's skin can be badly burnt before it looks hot, for the fierce colour and painful tingling only appear later. For a slight reddening of the skin, apply soothing calamine cream.

After any child has been accidentally over-exposed to sunshine, watch him carefully. If he appears unduly drowsy, fretful or hot to the touch he may be suffering from heat stroke. Put him to bed in a cool darkened room and give no treatment except plenty of cold water or fresh fruit drinks until the doctor has examined him.

To relieve the maddening itch of mild sunburn, add a handful of bicarbonate of soda to the child's lukewarm bath. Peeling sunburn can prove a problem when the youngster is determined to pull off the tiny flakes of skin, revealing the delicate underlying tissues which can become inflamed quickly.

Try to remove as much "peel" as possible by rubbing gently with a fairly rough towel after the bath. Fasten thin "gloves" made from old linen on the child's hands if he persists in picking the skin.

After any skin has been badly sunburnt, keep it dry and covered until all the redness disappears. When you take children abroad, it is important to remember that no "tanning" lotion will adequately protect a child's sensitive skin against a large amount of strong continuous sunshine.



## SCARBOROUGH SWIMMERS DRANK SOUP

by Edyth Harper

Are you one of the splash and dash-in brigade in bathing or do you stand huddled on the edge, before wading slowly in, to endure the feeling of cold water slowly creeping up to your waist?

Bathers have not changed much it seems for in the 19th century a Scarborough gentleman, William Alexander gave would-be bathers some helpful advice.

"After leisurely descending the steps of your machine crouch down so as to easily immerse the whole of the body under water, after which the feeble and debilitated ought immediately to return with a close towel, hastily dressing, however, to favour by the warmth of clothing the conservative glow. Then gently walk home, avoiding the sun's rays, if powerful, and on arrival, if you feel inclined partake of a warm bowl of soup or coffee as may be preferred".

### 'Bathing Room'

It hardly seemed worth all that effort for one quick crouch but sea bathing by Alexander's day was fashionable and recommended by the medical profession. There were several devices to preserve respectability of course. Another Scarborough man called Crosby invented in 1847 a bathing "room". This was towed into the sea, the floor was lowered and the bather went down steps to splash in his own private bathing pool.

Scarborough seems to have welcomed the craze earlier than many other places, later to become resorts. In 1873 both men and women bathed

there, separately of course, for mixed bathing was unthought of in those days. An onlooker wrote "the gentlemen go out a little way to sea in boats and jump in naked. The ladies have the convenience of gowns and guides. There are two little houses on the shore to retire to for dressing".

### 'Costumes'

Men may have bathed nude at sea but the ladies wore "a suitable costume or dress consisting of a tunic or blouse reaching from the neck to the knees with belted knickerbocker drawers".

Some years later the Amateur Swimming Association ruled:

"Men may wear either swimming costumes or swimming trunks if the drawers are worn underneath. Women may wear swimming costumes of one piece provided all open work is at the back. Fastenings, if any, shall be on the shoulder. The texture of all swimming costumes shall be non-transparent".

The old fashioned bathing huts on wheels towed into the sea by horses have disappeared together with by-laws prohibiting mixed bathing. Costumes shrink every year while crowds in the sea grow annually. Bathing is a part of any seaside holiday for most people.

Unfortunately not all those who go into the sea pay sufficient respect to it, with resultant fatalities. Provided you ask about the tides and currents, obey any beach guards and avoid bathing for one hour after a meal, you should be able to enjoy your swim or crouch to your heart's content.



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## A MONTH TO REMEMBER

Nearly everyone goes places in August. So keep a record of the things you do and the places you visit this month. You'll need an exercise book, and some coloured crayons would help to make the book more attractive. In the winter you'll be able to look through your book and have a lot of fun remembering things you might otherwise have forgotten. And if you can get some of your friends to make holiday books too, you could have an interesting time afterwards comparing your books.

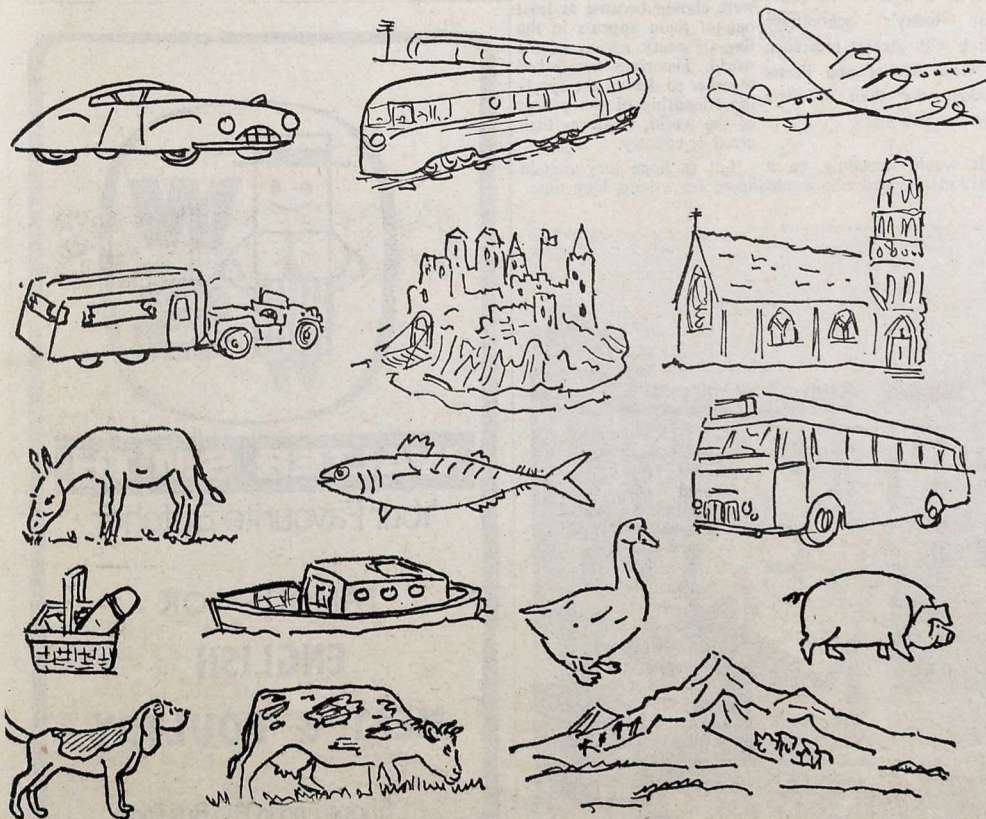
## WHAT TO PUT IN

You don't have to go away for a holiday before you can make your book. You can record day trips you've made; how you went, what you did there. Put in whether you went by train, bus or car, the kind of weather you had, the number of miles you walked, and who went with you.

## DECORATING YOUR BOOK

All books look more interesting if they have pictures, and better still if the pictures are coloured. This month we've given you some pictures which you can cut out or trace to put in your book. Colour them to make them more gay. For instance, if you went by train, use the picture of the engine; if you had a picnic, use the picture of the picnic basket; or if you had a holiday on a farm, use the pictures of the cow and the pig. You could also draw and colour your own pictures, of course, and perhaps add coloured borders on each page.

## TRIPS and THINGS . . .



## THE SCARF

Old Mrs. Tressider  
Over at Winches  
Is knitting a scarf—  
Of many gay inches—  
An inch of scarlet,  
Another of blue,  
An inch of green  
(The apple's hue),  
Crimson like sunset,  
Rosy like dawn,  
Purple like twilight  
Over a lawn;  
Noonday blue  
And rain-cloud grey,  
And an inch of white  
As flowers-o'-May.  
So she purls  
And plains them together—  
All the moods  
Of the world and weather.

## CAN YOU KNIT ?

If so, you could make a scarf like Mrs. Tressider's from odd balls of wool that you've got at home, or odd balls that your friends would let you have.



# THE PLEASURES OF CAMPING

by Reg Moore



## Jumbled Message

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(Answer below)

## STOP PRESS

Praise the Lord for all the seasons  
Praise him for the gentle spring,  
Praise the Lord for glorious summer,  
Birds and beasts and everything.

## Jumbled Message SOLUTION

Don't leave you litter lying about. Take it home with you.

Healthy days spent in the open-air, clear nights under twinkling stars, the enchantment of nature, wide open spaces, quiet streams, good companionship, cooking on open wood fires, pitching in heather or glade, among sand dunes or pine, with your tent as a room with a view. These and more are among the pleasures of camping.

Camping is as economical as any bargain basement holiday. It is a means to cutting costs during the height of summer.

Campers are advised to search around before buying a tent. The wide range of camping exhibitions offer an assortment and safe choice. Hire tents should be checked as though they have been bought and every conceivable loophole unravelled before setting out on holiday.

Some tents are too big and draughty, others too small and cramped. A few collapse on their first outing. Hire gear often needs repairing and a poor choice site can cause havoc in a rainstorm.

Frame tents are ideal for large families. They provide separate compartments, awnings and porch. They can be swiftly erected and cost as little as £20. The more lightweight tent can cope with rough ground and exposed windy sites.

Lightweight tents are popular and ideal for families, friends on holiday, or the roving traveller abroad. The single-pole pyramid and

wedge-shape tent without walls are the most popular.

These tents need a fly-sheet or outer covering, which can be as costly as the tent. But covering keeps out the rain and is essential for cyclists, walkers, canoeists and strollers on the open road.

The groundsheet is an essential part of the tent, as is the sleeping bag or foam mattress for lightweight campers. A stove with paraffin pressure is ideal for wild country excursions and a few old service mess tins, mugs and utensils.

A slight gradient for pitching a tent is better than a flat hollow, and care should be taken to avoid setting up home alongside a river which is likely to rise overnight. But part of the fun of camping is learning from experience as you go along.

There are several good sites left in Britain, including quiet ones by the roadside and those registered by the Camping Club. Sites abroad cost about five shillings a night and usually include amenities like showers. The sunnier climate attracts most travellers and camping enthusiasts to the open-air life. The Forestry Commission has several good woodland sites, varying from commercial enterprises to the one-night pitch in an open field. Camping is more enjoyable when you are well prepared, although there is much that should be left to chance.

# LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON

A LIVELY LOOK  
AT THE TV SCENE



## There's trouble up at t'mill

I suppose if we hadn't seen on TV a few real-life nitty-gritty Northerners like, say, Fred Trueman or Harvey Smith, ITV's MAN AT THE TOP series would be hard for us to swallow south of Manchester.

John Braine's ambitious anti-hero, Joe Lampton, who clawed his way from the grime and cobbles of a mill town to the higher echelons of big-business, has been one of the most successful literary creations to make the transition to the TV screen. Kenneth Haigh plays the central character superbly. He conveys the durability and resilience expected of a definitive Northerner, with just the suggestion of an underlying inferiority-complex because, he believes, we in the effete South think civilisation ends just north of Birmingham.

Devoid of social graces and with the morals of an alley-cat, Joe Lampton uses people ruthlessly in pursuit of his own ambitions. He flits constantly between luxurious lechery in London to sorting out labour troubles among the tough down-to-earth quarriers for coin in the grimy northern mills.

In a perfect world Joe Lampton would be an utter failure. But one can't help thinking that in big-business—and elsewhere—it is the ruthless pushers and shovers who often come out on top of the heap and that all too often a man is

accepted at his own personal estimate.

You may not be too keen on the ethics and morals in Man at the Top, but it does have a gusty vitality which is lacking in many other television series.

I think it was Billy Butlin who first promulgated the theory that the best thing to do when impelled to take exercise, is to have a good lie down until the feeling wears off.

Of course, television is absolutely MADE for followers of the cult. Not only can you assume a nice restful posture, you can watch other people doing the exercising for you!

And it makes experts of us all. To a youthful sporting career limited to cricket in summer, rugby in winter, and an annual belt around the running track on Sports-day, have been added any amount of vicarious expertise in such pursuits as tennis, show-jumping, golf, and the finer points of soccer. I know how to clog an opposing winger with the Best—if you'll forgive the atrocious pun.

Naturally, there are those who will deplore our sedentary preoccupation with sport on the box—we ought to be out there limbering up with the lads. But for the sick, the disabled, and those of us just getting a bit past it, David Coleman, Dicky Davies, Frank Bough, Eddie Waring and all the other grand chaps who bring sport into our homes are real public benefactors.



Joe Lampton (Kenneth Haigh) always has a soft spot for a lovely girl such as Paula (Stephanie Beacham).

## SPORTS SPOT

by Stew Linnel

### IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE GREEKS

It all began in 776 BC at Olympia; an estimated crowd of 45,000 Greeks saluted the first recorded winner of an Olympic event. His name was Coroebus.

There was no television appearance on "Sportsnight with Mercury". It will all be very different this month in Munich.

The media will be there in force, and news of "The Games" will be relayed "as it happens" to the four corners of the world.

It is interesting, in the light of today's world, to recall the words of the man who was responsible for the revival of the Olympics in 1896. At a meeting called to enlist support for his idea, he said, "Let us export oarsmen, runners, fencers. There is the free trade of the future—and on the day when it shall take place—the cause of peace will have received a new and powerful support".

He was Baron de Coubertin and he also laid down the Olympic creed: "The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well".

I wonder what le Baron would have made of the political and racist overtones that have crept into today's sporting world?

### AND TALKING OF MUNICH

It is possibly fitting that this month's Games, and the '74 World Cup Finals, are being held in Munich.

Fitting, because of the current ascendancy of the West German soccer side. Mana-

ger Helmut Schoen has completely revolutionised the game in his country, and is currently dazzling the rest of the world with his brilliant stars.

It is a sign of the times that today's schoolboys speak with greater reverence of Gerd Muller and Franz Beckenbauer than of their own nation's stars.

Let us hope they remain brave man indeed who would linked for a long, long time.

dare to say that West Germany will not be in the Final in 1974.

### RINGS OF FRIENDSHIP

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