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DEAR DOCTOR VAUGHAN...

PERHAPS THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER WILL HAVE RELENTED BEFORE THIS LETTER APPEARS IN PRINT but as things stand at present V.A.T. is going to be a nasty smack in the eye for the churches and other charitable bodies. It is estimated that it will cost the Church of England £1m annually, the Methodist Church £500,000 and the Roman Catholic Church £270,000. I am aware that the Chancellor in his budget has made a concession regarding legacies to charities but individual parishes and churches will most years not profit from this concession.

But far more serious than the effect that V.A.T. will have is the fact that after April 5th, 1973 churches and charities will receive far less back from the Inland Revenue by way of income tax repayments on covenants. Although most of us look like paying just as much tax as ever, for the purposes of repayment on covenants the basic rate of tax will be 30% and not the present figure of 38.75%. The Church of England in Caversham alone will, as a consequence of this change, be about £1,000 worse off annually: the other denominations will lose a smaller but significant sum.

Leaving out of account the work of the Church in proclaiming the Gospel it should be borne in mind that throughout the country the Churches are responsible for a vast amount of social work among people of all ages, particularly the young and the elderly.

These taxation changes are bound to impede our work. I imagine you do not want to see this happen but the remedy lies with you and other members of Parliament in devising some method so that, at the local level, the churches are not handicapped by taxation changes as it is quite apparent they will be in the future, if the present proposals go forward.

Yours sincerely,

John Grimwade

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THE YARD



—Walton Adams

For the best part of two years 'The Yard' in Prospect Street has become a familiar part of call for many Caversham shoppers, particularly on a Saturday. The stalls, with their unusual collection of 'white elephants', antique jewellery, second hand books, etc., have proved an entertaining diversion from the mundane round of shopping.

More than this, without doubt it has kept a certain amount of trade in a road where shopkeepers have been very badly affected by recent planning developments.

AN ARCADE

Now it seems we are to lose this market since the local Council, in response to an application by George Robinson to build a proper covered arcade with a walk-through entrance to the new car park, have decided in their infinite wisdom that the market is 'unauthorised' and must be closed.

Far be it from uninitiated laymen to dictate to the Council about planning permission, but one or two questions need asking and deserve answering. If the market is unauthorised, why has it taken the local Council so long to discover this? No secret has ever been made of its existence; indeed George himself was a councillor when he first opened the business.

Secondly, why is the Council only now raising the question of provision for loading and unloading just at a time when the new car park will solve this problem in any case? As to the accusation of 'over-development', what exactly does this mean? Can we be blamed for wondering if this accusation provides further evidence of the suspicion many of us already have that Prospect Street is being deliberately 'run-down'?

Many local shoppers have expressed dismay at the likely loss of this bit of local colour and hundreds stopped to add their signatures to a petition against the closure.

NO UNFAIR COMPETITION

It is an interesting fact that, with one exception, other traders in Prospect Street have welcomed the market, so there can be no question of unfair competition.

If members of the Council would care to answer these questions, we shall certainly be pleased to publish their point of view; if not, let them not blame the local inhabitants for the resentment and suspicion this is bound to cause.

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SAMARITANS

**AGAINST
 THE ODDS**

The motor car, we are often told, has something of a stranglehold on us and our environment. It is noisy and smelly. It chokes our city streets, demands more of the countryside sacrificed to roads, it takes its toll of human life. But a car is convenient and something of a status-symbol, so the British Cycling Bureau would seem to be up against the odds in trying to persuade people to use bicycles more.

This cycling organisation has recently produced a booklet — 'Before the Traffic grinds to a Halt' which hopes to persuade planners and local politicians to provide special cycle paths and tracks both in and out of town. In the United States there are paths restricted to bicycles and there is even a special commuter route into Washington. In Vadvar in Sweden, 25% of all journeys are on cycle because the centre excludes cars. Holland is well known for cyclomania.

In this country Stevenage has special cycle ways. Cambridge, Norwich, Cheltenham and Peterborough are thinking about the needs of cyclists. Elsewhere some old railway tracks are in the process of being made into cycle tracks.

Not surprisingly, B.C.B. is backed by cycling organisations and the Cycle Trade and they hope for a new enthusiasm for cycling in town and country. That would be good, they say, for our environment, our pocket and our health. "Where the motor car is noisy, polluting, space-taking and expensive, the bicycle is quiet, clean, space-saving and economical", says the B.C.B. handbook. "Cycling is fun, it offers an opportunity to be absorbed into the serenity of the countryside, to hear, smell and see the country in a way that is not possible in a car".

We wish the bicycle well—but it's peddling against the odds.



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**LET'S HAVE AN
 ECONOMIC PIPE-DOWN...**

Chris Brodan calling



I'm told that certain kinds of people who seem to have run out of life's other excitement get a great deal of pleasure from telling others about their operations—with a blow-by-blow account of symptoms and treatment. Britain today seems to get the same sort of pleasure out of discussing its economic situation.

We air the problems at every opportunity. The papers are full of it. Television discusses it. Politicians thrive on it. Foreigners are

bored by it. Most of us are bewildered by it.

That's not to say, of course, that the problem doesn't exist. So do Aunty Maud's varicose veins. But talking about them won't mend them, and not only will this constant discussion of our economic ailments do little to cure this particular disease—it might even be argued that it makes the patient worse.

CONFIDENCE

Whatever is said about wages, prices, productivity,

industrial relations, the world's monetary system and all other weighty, high faluting topics that prime the pump of the mass media, what really counts in the economic world is confidence. If people believe in you then they keep their money invested in you. If their confidence is shaken even in the slightest degree they start pulling their money out. No nation can survive this pulling out process very long. Take away Britain's reserves and an economist tells me we last two days.

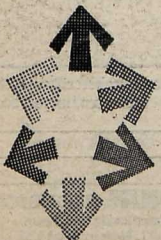
The same person predicts that if you take away the reserves of economic giants like West Germany and the U.S.A. they will last for four. So there's very little in it.

DIRTY LINEN

Our problem is that we've lost confidence. Confidence in ourselves and the confidence of other countries, and we won't regain it by the public airing of our symptoms and treatment. By all means work hard behind the scenes to get the economy

right. But stop publishing the balance of payments position. Stop emphasising the parlous state we're in. That only convinces the average worker that he needs a 12 per cent. pay rise now, in order to survive next year's inevitable price rises. Stop washing the dirty industrial relations linen in public. It takes very little to destroy world confidence—and in the end that's the worst problem of all.

So the Brodan solution to the problem is to shut-up, pipe-down and belt-up about it all—and let a bit of confidence trickle back.



PERSONAL POSERS



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.

Are some congregations irreverent?

I am a member of the Church of England. The other day I went to Mass in a Catholic Church with a friend. I enjoyed it but was rather shocked when, at the end of the service, as soon as the priest had left the altar, the congregation just walked out with no pause for private prayer. I thought that very irreverent—don't you?

G.J., Nottingham.

I don't know because I can't get inside their skins. At least they're honest. There are an awful lot of people who reverently kneel down and look very holy while they think about the new wallpaper for the hall, count to ten, then get up again. Looks good, but means nothing. The R.C.'s quick exit may look bad, but could simply mean that since the Mass—a public, corporate act is over—that's it, there's no place for further private prayer. It needn't be irreverent at all.

Our son wants to move away...

Our 18-year-old son has accepted a place at University. We are pleased about this, but can't help feeling hurt that he has chosen to go to a university 200 miles away when he had the chance of going to our local university and living at home. Are our feelings foolish?

R.D., Southampton.

No, they're not foolish, but I don't think they are justified. It's very difficult for parents to realise that their children

are grown up, which means they are now independent.

Your son had to leave home at some time, and the change between school and university is a very good time to make the break. University is much more than an extension of school, and much more than merely acquiring knowledge about a certain subject. Young people are free to lead their own lives and to make decisions about how to live. This freedom is restricted if they are still living with

their parents. Your son will gain much more and learn much more by being 200 miles away than he would by remaining at home.

For your son the break with home will probably be just as painful as it will be for you. But it has got to be done at some time, and there is no reason for you to feel hurt. The last eighteen years have really been a preparation for this moment.

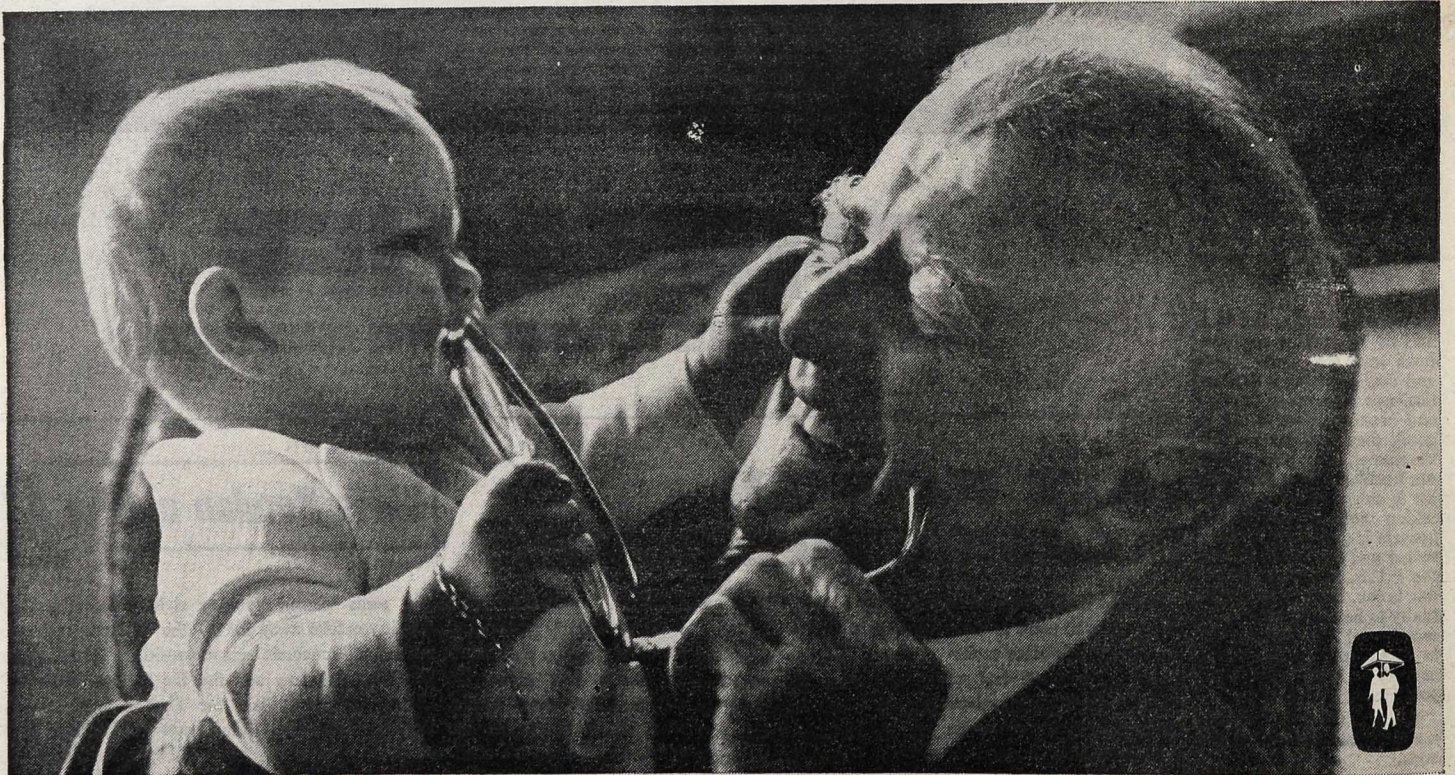
Why are the Churches greedy for more?

My daughter was recently married in our parish church and her first baby Christened there. She and her husband don't go regularly to church, but recently the church ran a campaign for raising money and asked everyone connected with it to pledge to give a regular amount each week. The visitor to my daughter suggested a formula for giving which would have come out at about 50p per week. This seems crazy to me. There's no club or institution I know of for ordinary people that asks for anything like this sort of subscription. It seems like sheer greed. Why are the churches always asking for so much money?

P.H., Cambridge.

It is easy for people to use their local church for, say a Christening, without realising that the costs of running a church building are high in cleaning, repairs and heating, to mention a few items. What is more your parish church has commitments beyond your own locality. Clergy have to be paid and trained, the central administration of the church has to be run, missionary work and the church overseas supported. These and other items are provided for by contributions from local churches like your own, which unlike a social club, say, have no other source of income—like bar profits! Of course all these costs are increasing. It seems to be not unreasonable that people, like your daughter, who value the service of their parish church in any way should help to meet the cost of its commitments.

Some will say that the people of God can manage without costly buildings. That may be so, but it is another story; and if it were so there would have been no parish church for your daughter's wedding.



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PLAYGROUND POLITICS

by WATCHMAN



Much of modern life, including politics, often looks like a Peter Pan world where people just won't grow up and where behaviour follows the childish laws of the playground. In every school playground sick and dangerous streaks of terrorism and spite run in and out of the fun and healthy play. Politics is the same.

All too often Mr. Average can scale down to playground size the antics he hears on the news.

When his children carry on in the same way he may fetch them a quick clip on the ear or give them a short lecture

laugh it off as "just their age".

But then Mr. Average picks up his newspaper and reads that some big employer boss-man (or union boss-man) has danced the Great I Am routine. And he shakes his head in dismay at the spectacle of the big boy flexing his muscles.

Or he reads that one set of Irish extremists has bristled like a ticklish porcupine at the threatening of the other. And he cringes at the horror of petty gang squabbles acted out with words, and sticks and stones, and bullets.

Or he reads that the Gov-

ernment is manoeuvring its way out of keeping some promise or other in such a way that the betrayal doesn't show too badly. And he feels sick inside at the gang-leader squirming to save his face.

And when he reads of the occasional assinine bickering of MPs among themselves—all in the nation's vital interest. Or of the tit-for-tatting which often passes for industrial and political bargaining. Then he just gives up.

He knows there are left-overs of the playground in all of us. But it passes his belief that grown men and women in positions of crucial responsibility can carry their childhood approach to play-time so devastatingly into public affairs.

He just wants to shout, "For God's sake—and mine—grow up!"

The Men in the Middle

by Tom Chapman

1—THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT PLAYS INTO EXTREMISTS' HANDS. At present extremists on both sides of industry are driving in the same wedge of hatred between man and man.

In reality everyone knows that this wedge doesn't exist, that workers and employers have a common aim and cannot do without each other. Yes, this is idealistic and the picture is coloured by greed and short-term interest, but in our daily lives we accept the shortcomings of each other and try to work together. So it is in industry, where shop stewards and managers do, in fact, co-operate. Of course their first duty is to the men or the shareholders, but their second and subsequent duties are to each other end the product or service from which they draw their livelihood and fulfilment.

Of course there will always be strikes, numerous ones each day, and

most will be justified and lead to fair agreements which right genuine wrongs. In these cases the Industrial Relations Act has no place, nor is it intended to have. The Act was a result of a sincere desire by both governments to put right a situation they saw to be wrong.

Intentions of Barbara Castle and Robert Carr are misdirected, you cannot by a code of practice and even less by application of the Law force men to co-operate one with another. The Act plays right into the hands of the extremist, the employer who sees it as a weapon and the unionist who uses it as an excuse not to co-operate.

Yet what is wrong is not the presence of extremists—these also exist where relations are good, but they are powerless against the moderation that prevails—but the ABSENCE of moderate and reasoning men.

Next month — Needed: moderate middlemen.



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PROFILE

MICHAEL FOOT M.P.

The Common Market crisis in the Labour ranks since the end of 1971 has seen the Party trying to put its best foot forward. And for a time it seemed that that would mean its most Left Foot in the shape of the 59-year-old M.P. for Ebbw Vale, Michael Foot.

He came with a rush from way out on the Left wing, one of the Party's few committed Socialists, to challenge for Roy Jenkins place as Deputy Leader. He didn't make it. But it was a remarkable return to the front line for an old soldier, who had been threatened with being allowed to fade away.

Michael Foot, one of a distinguished family, has usually been edged into a remote corner, even by his own party, since his vigorous views, argued with an eloquence not often heard in our century, have been difficult to live with.

A little modification here, a watering down there, and he could have got to the top and stayed there. But in 27 years as an M.P. he has preferred his principles.

Now, as a member of the Shadow Cabinet and spokesman on Parliamentary Affairs, he can look back over his time at Oxford University, where he was President of the Union—one of the key stepping-stones to politics. He can see ten years as M.P. for Devonport and already 12 at Ebbw Vale, an area whose past and present conditions must be a constant prod in his fight for justice and equality and shared wealth.

He has carried his fight into print with a great record of journalism.

But what can he see looking forward? He has a major task now in co-ordinating his Party's tactics on the Common Market. He wants a referendum and is sure the answer will be "No". But this must surely now be a lost cause.

This last twelve months may have been Michael Foot's last fling for success and glory. That won't worry him. His influence doesn't need to be measured in those terms. Even though few follow his line, many would recognise him as one of the major parliamentarians of our time.



CRUSE—The Gateway to a Different Life

by Marie Spinks

Life's most shattering experience for the average woman is to be widowed. Because little research had been done on the effects of bereavement upon women, an ex-social worker, Mrs. Margaret Torrie, spent a great deal of time considering the needs of the widow. The outcome of her activities was the formation of an organisation known as Cruse, started in 1959. Before this date there was no central body to which widows could turn for help and advice.

Death is the new taboo, and people just don't want any connection with it. When a woman loses her husband, friends, neighbours and relations rally around during the early weeks of widowhood. Comforting the widow is a social duty but is short-lived. All too soon she is expected to stand on her own feet, but medical and social workers know how weak and faltering these feet can be. Doctors say that the shock of widowhood normally lasts for about a year, in some cases it's two years.

Begin Again

Mrs. Torrie's own book, "Begin Again", is really an encyclopaedia of widowhood. Every aspect is mentioned, from coming with the mortgage to reasonably priced holidays for the family.

It is the chief duty of the widow to sur-

vive and provide a stable, loving home for the children. Christians have the solace of prayer and the hope of reunion with the beloved. However, Cruse is for all widows, Christian, other religions or none at all.

The headquarters of Cruse is at the "Charter House", Lion Gate, Kew, Surrey. All enquiries are promptly dealt with and women are welcome to have a private talk either with Mrs. Torrie, or her doctor husband who takes an interest in the work. When my own husband died I was filled with guilt. If I had done more, been more patient, taken him to a private specialist instead of the local hospital, would he still be alive? Commonsense replied that he would not, but Mrs. Torrie told me that these guilt feelings are part of normal grief and are quite usual. Also, we are apt to see the departed as an angel and ourselves as demons of impatience. This is illogical. All sick people can be unreasonable and we're only human when we react sharply on occasion.

Cruse is now a nation-wide service for widows and there are clubs in most towns and a central club in London. Members meet for mutual support, the discussion of problems common to their situation and social functions. The clubs are run by professionally qualified or experienced leaders. The accent is on hope and the building of a new life which will differ from the old, but will never-

theless be happy and worthwhile.

Cruse doesn't encourage widows to shut themselves away, but to go out into the community. Most are women who have known love, and their power for love mustn't be allowed to turn inwards, becoming self-pitying and bitter. The British Red Cross Society, hospitals, services for the aged, children's playgroups, can all use the skills of mature women.

Giving Advice

Many widows have to learn to manage on a much smaller income. Cruse gives advice about getting jobs and re-training schemes for those whose skills have become out of date. Information is given for preparing nutritious meals from the cheaper meats, and there is help for women who have a number of young children and insufficient funds for warm clothes and stout shoes.

As an ex-social worker, Mrs. Torrie is aware that one-parent families can develop emotional problems. The previously good child may start telling lies, playing truant or stealing. She knows exactly which agencies can support the mother so that she isn't standing alone between her children and authority.

For the older woman whose family has left home the introduction service is just what is needed. Names and addresses of other widows are available if desired for the purpose of forming personal relationships.

Subscription for joining Cruse is low, only £1 annually. All members receive a monthly newsletter containing details of social events, important meetings, recipes for economical meals and practical household hints.

The Japanese say a widow is a woman waiting for death, but Cruse maintains she is a woman who has to learn to lead a full, happy, but different kind of life.



MARGARET TORRIE

Can Gamblers help their weakness?

asks Marie Spinks

Some people think gambling is a mug's game, a waste of time and money. Others can enjoy a mild flutter then forget all about it. Unhappily, there is a percentage of men and women, mostly men, for whom gambling is a terrible, destructive, feverish obsession. It is now regarded as a genuine obsessive illness. Men caught in its grip are of all ages, trades and professions. They will go without food rather than

spend gambling money. They lie, cheat and steal, reducing their families to extreme poverty in order to get money to back a "dead cert".

These compulsive gamblers can't believe they won't finally have a huge win and be able to live luxuriously and happily ever after. Psychiatrists studying such gamblers say there is evidence of immaturity, an inability to face up to life and a desire to escape into a fan-

tasy world. Relations and friends learn to dodge the uncontrolled gambler to avoid being asked for a loan which would not be repaid. The wives, too, are ostracised and such homes become a miserable little unit of isolation and misery.

Some compulsive gamblers go into hospitals for nervous diseases and are subjected to Aversion Therapy. Unfortunately, the success rate of this treatment isn't high.

HELP

Nowadays, there is a good, sympathetic organisation for the help of all gamblers who need it. It is known as Gamblers Anonymous—G.A.—for short, and was brought to this country by two visitors, Henry and Vivien. No surnames are divulged, unless members do so themselves. These visitors attended a London church where the sermon was on the havoc caused by crazy, uninhibited gambling. Afterwards Henry introduced himself to the minister, the Rev. Gordon Moody, and frankly told him, "I am a compulsive gambler and a member of Gamblers Anonymous".

Two days later Mr. Moody and Henry met again and made plans for starting a London group. Henry said he was missing the support of the meetings which kept him out of trouble at home. Shortly after this meeting rooms were found with the help of the London Council of Social Service, at the Abbey Community Centre in Westminster. A Press conference was called, and Henry told his story, describing the aims and the

group therapy of the American organisation. A telephone number was put in the national papers, suggesting those who had a gambling problem might like a special kind of help. The response was overwhelming. A practising psychiatrist, Dr. Ronald Casson, attended the first meeting and is now Consultant to Gamblers Anonymous.

What happens at the meetings? Firstly, everyone present must have a sincere desire to stop gambling, and G.A. acknowledges its debt to Alcoholics Anonymous for ideas freely borrowed. No glossing over or hiding facts. They also tell of their successes which are most encouraging. If George and Harry can stop gambling for three months after years of losing money, why cannot Charles and James do the same? Members do slip up. Group members tell their stories, modestly, truthfully sometimes seriously, but most return to the group and try again. Another condition of membership is that people try to put right the harm they have done, and this includes the paying back of money borrowed, as and when they are able.

I recently attended a meeting and was amazed to learn that a number of quietly dressed, sober, well-educated men had been in prison, either for theft or embezzlement. Reckless with the urge to gamble, money was obtained from any source.

LIFE AFRESH

The organisation has a step-by-step programme, and it is emphasised that a member tries to plan his life

afresh each day. Every day without gambling is a day towards recovery.

I learned how wives suffer. They have their own subgroup, called Gam-Anon, where they meet to share their hopes and fears. One woman told me that when she was ill in hospital she returned home to find most of the furniture and the washing-machine sold. Another said, "My husband hasn't gambled for nearly eight months. He's building a wall at the end of the garden. Last year, he'd have spent his time hiding behind it from his creditors."

A young woman held up her foot. "Look, the first pair of new shoes in three years. Len's been off gambling for ten weeks, the happiest weeks in seven years of marriage." The love these women still had for men who had been in prison, in debt, on the run, or away from home, living rough, sent a warm glow through my heart.

A compulsive gambler is advised to keep away from all forms of gambling, even the filling in of a pools' coupon. There are now groups in nearly all the major towns of Great Britain, including Birmingham, and there are three groups in Eire, in Dublin.

Any man or woman who has a gambling problem is invited to write to Gamblers Anonymous, at 19, Abbey House, Victoria Street, London. The telephone number is 01-222-4252. Courtesy and understanding are assured, and enquirers will be directed to their nearest G.A. group. Isn't it worth it—just the price of a phone call or a postage stamp, and another

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Talking Point

WHERE DO WE GO FROM WHERE? (Part Two)

In the June issue of "Caversham Bridge" I spoke of the possibility of starting some ecumenical study groups in order that we may see where we go from where. A team has been at work and produced a Study Outline and Group Leader's Notes. It really does look as if we are likely to get this off the ground this month!

The Study Outline is available and may be obtained through your church officials. It covers six sessions:

the direct missionary concern of the Church in Caversham;

The leader's notes will be available at the Leaders' Training Sessions to be held in "Church House" on Wednesday, September 13th, and Thursday, September 21st, at 8 p.m. All potential leaders are asked to attend one of the sessions. A lot of work has been put into the material in order that folk may be well informed.

by
Terence Harris

- i. to look at Caversham as an area of human life and the place of the Church within it;
- ii. to examine the educational resources available to Caversham people and to look at the role of the churches in education in church and community;
- iii. to consider the role of the Church in Caversham in the development of responsible community life;
- iv. to examine the areas of human life other than Caversham which are
- v. to bring to a culmination the Bible Study concerning the reconciling ministry of the whole Church to the whole world;
- vi. to make decisions on the practical steps the Church in Caversham ought to take in order to do the job we have to do with the resources we have.

During the week of Sunday, September 24th, the first group meetings will take place. If you would like to join a group and have not received details of their whereabouts please contact your Minister. The course will run for six weeks—one evening each week. The findings will be recorded and presented at a meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, November 12th. The chair on this occasion will be taken by the Revd. Robert M. C. Jeffery. Any recommendations from this gathering will be sent to the various church councils for their approval or disapproval as the case may be.

The matters which are before us will demand a great deal of thought and prayer. It is hoped that during the course preachers at the Sunday services will make reference to the material being presented during that coming week. During the second week a Day-by-Day Bible Study leaflet will be available which will extend over three weeks. Passages of Scripture will be suggested for reading each day with some short notes and a prayer. It is hoped that through this Project we shall all discover what God's will is for us here in Caversham, and filled with His Spirit fulfil the same.

THE MAN WHO DREW BILLY BUNTER



—Fred Walker.
With Billy Bunter looking over his shoulder, Mr. Chapman is seen making music in his favourite armchair.

After a long and happy life, Charles Henry Chapman died recently at the age of 93, and a familiar bald-headed figure will no longer be seen riding his bicycle around the streets of Caversham.

Mr. Chapman was a great lover of the country and he delighted to paint country scenes. But it is not for these that he will be remembered but as the illustrator, for nearly thirty years, of Billy Bunter and the happenings at the mythical Greystones.

School which enlivened the bundle of drawings under his pages of the Magnet.

Born at Thetford in Norfolk, Charles Chapman came as a boy to Reading and was a pupil at Kendrick School. He was apprenticed to an architect, but it was not long before he was knocking at doors in Fleet Street with a

A devout churchman, he was at one time Churchwarden at Woodcote. Then on moving to Caversham he worshipped regularly at St. Andrew's but at the time of his death he was living at Kidmore End. May he rest in peace.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Society have been given permission to hold a flagday throughout the Borough of Reading on Saturday, September 30th, together with a house-to-house collection during that week. The Society, which has a home in Caversham (St. Benet's) and another in Reading, would be very grateful for helpers on this occasion. Anyone who is able to help is asked to contact either Miss R. Eves, 6, Wrenfield Drive (Tel. 476494) or Mr. H. Hitchman, 153, Upper Woodcote Road (Tel. 472542).

THE EDITOR

regrets that owing to secretarial holidays it has not been possible to publish articles which were not submitted on the copy paper on which the printers require copy. It is hoped that it will be found possible to include this material next month.

NEXT MONTH'S BRIDGE

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Round the Anglican Parish

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE.—Books of Remembrance are to be placed in St. Peter's in memory of the late Mr. Walter Canning and in St. Barnabas in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Reece. In them will be included the names of departed members of those two churches. Relatives who wish a name to be entered should write to the Rector giving full name together with year and month of the death of those concerned.

VISIT TO EVESHAM.—A party of nearly forty people from Caversham visited the Rev. and Mrs. John Crowe on Sunday July 16th. Tea was provided by members of the congregation at Hampton Evesham, and a display was also given by the hand bell ringers. The visitors had plenty of time to see the Vicarage and garden and admire the splendid view of the River Avon. They then attended Evensong at which the Rector preached. The outward route had been via Chipping Morton—the return journey on a beautiful July evening was through Stow-on-the-Wold and Burford. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Crowe and the congregation at Hampton for their hospitality.

DIOCESAN SYNOD.—The Diocesan Synod discussed the report of the Archbishop's Commission on the Christian Doctrine of Marriage when it met at Radley College on July 16th. The motion before the house was that "This Synod is in general agreement with the conclusions of the Report and asks the General Synod to take such steps as may be necessary to implement the proposals for the remarriage in church, subject to adequate safeguards, of divorced persons". Both the Bishop of Oxford and the Rector of Caversham spoke and voted in favour of the motion which was carried by 72 votes to 22.

JULY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.—The need for oil fired central heating to be installed at St. Andrew's was agreed and the Rector and Churchwardens were asked to obtain the necessary faculty so that the work can be put in hand as soon as possible. The work will cost about £2,500 and a bank loan of £2,000 is to be sought.

The Council heard plans for the ecumenical house groups which are to be held in the autumn and as a consequence resolved not to meet while they are taking place. A letter was received from the Caversham Residents Association asking the Council whether they would be prepared to take any action to prevent flats being built in the Warren. As the Council had recently invited the Residents Association to co-operate over matters regarding conservation and pollution which it had been asked to look into by the Bishop of Oxford, it was felt that the Council's own group on conservation should look into this matter and consult the Residents Association with a view to seeing whether or not there was appropriate action which should be taken.

ST. PETER'S NOTES

Harvest Festival will be observed on September 24th. In addition to the normal services there will be a service for children and their parents at 3 p.m.

Balmore Hall Kitchens. Extensive improvements are to be made to the kitchen at Balmore Hall. The Harvest Supper will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 26th and it is hoped that the social committee will have the benefit of the improvements by that date.

New arrivals. A warm welcome to two new families who appeared successive weeks in July. First came Mr. and Mrs. Stewart with their two children from Woodley. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are living at 3 The Mount. They were followed a week later by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and their two children who have moved from Loughton, Essex to 157 Upper Woodcote Road. Members of the congregation have been glad to welcome them and hope they will all soon feel very much part of the Christian family at St. Peter's.

Youth Work. Youth groups come and go. Every few years the time comes when a fresh group has to emerge. Thought is being given to this

at the moment and it is hoped that in the course of the autumn plans for new ventures in youth work can be announced.

Two joyful weddings.

St. Peter's was the scene for two weddings of note on July 29th. A server for many years and with a wide circle of friends in the congregation Mr. Roy Gordon married Miss Pamela Bradley better known to the congregation at St. Barnabas. Included in the music at the service was the version of the prayer of

St. Richard "Day by Day", which has become so widely known through the production of Godspell. Earlier in the day the wedding service took a quieter but equally happy note, when Mrs. May Hakesley, a widow and member of the Mothers' Union married Mr. Thomas Harwood, a widower from Kent. As was to be expected since both brides and bridegrooms were communicants the Eucharist was celebrated at both weddings.

The Gordons will be living at Winnersh, the Harwood's in Hemdean Road where Mrs. Harwood was living before her wedding.



—Walton Adams

Mr. Langford and Miss Hope who were married at St. Barnabas' Church on July 15th.



—Walton Adams

Mr. George May and Miss Jacqueline Brown who were married at St. Andrew's Church on July 15th.



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CALLING THE TUNE

There is a tendency for churches to take their organists for granted. It may be that the Caversham churches have a better appreciation of their work than many others. But in recognition of their services The Caversham Bridge is pleased to publish a series of profiles, by Miss Maive O'Connor, of our local organists.

CAREY MOORE

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

A native of Reading, Mr. Moore has lived in Caversham for the last two years. By profession he is an electronic engineer. Following a familiar pattern his musical career began with piano lessons at 9, graduating to the organ at the age of 12.

APPRENTICESHIP

His first lessons, with the organist of Carey Baptist Church, were the first step towards his becoming organist there himself. Boarding school intervened, but lessons continued during holidays, with the organist at St. Mary's in the Butts, Mr. Ewart Masser.

BACH AND THE "KING"

A member of the Berkshire Organist Association, Mr. Moore, like many of his associates, believes that the organ is the king among musical instruments, with Bach, particularly in his Toccatas and Fugues, the supreme composer for the instrument.

What of current trends? Carey Moore firmly believes that music should play a secondary role in church services. Preaching the gospel comes first. There is a place for modern music in worship, but there should be a balance between the music of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Married with three young children, Lydia, Paul and Rhoda, Mr. Moore met his wife, Winifred, a native of Emmer Green, at the Carey Baptist Church. Besides music he is a keen do-it-yourself handyman.



—Walton Adams

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Our next social occasion will be a Garden Party in Caversham Court on Saturday afternoon 16th September to which all members of the public are invited. Refreshments and amusements will be provided and the Pangbourne Silver Band will play throughout the afternoon. The Mayor of Reading will attend and Mr. Steptoe Senior of Television and Radio fame has promised to be with us if professional engagements permit.

We shall be glad of any voluntary help to push wheelchairs, serve refreshments, run stalls or side-shows, etc., but most of all we hope that the public will come along and make it a

A FUTURE FOR YOUR PAST

This is the title of an excellent film which the Residents' Association will be showing on 9 October. It puts a powerful case for conservation and good planning and is particularly relevant for showing in Caversham as there is growing feeling that the part of Caversham near St. Peter's Church both qualifies for and would benefit from being designated as a Conservation Area.

When we asked the Town Council why this part had not been included in the areas designated, the reply was that regard must be paid to "the concentration of buildings of special architectural or historic interest and the areas designated should contain a high proportion of such buildings. Other properties included in the areas, although not of individual merit contribute to the character and appearance of the respective areas".

As the area around the parish church possesses all these qualities, it seemed it would qualify, but no. The Town Council went on to say that although attractive, these parts "do not qualify for inclusion in the conservation area and, accordingly, cannot be so designated by the Council".

We shall be emphasising those aspects of Caversham on 9 October which we think merit inclusion as a Conservation Area. As well as seeing the film, there will be a display of old maps, photographs and pictures of old Caversham and a short talk on its history. Anyone who knows anything about the history of Caversham is invited to come along and speak about it, preferably but not necessarily letting the Secretary (Tel.: 472300) know beforehand.

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M.C.

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Hundreds of copies of a special study outline are to be circulated to Anglicans, Baptists and Methodists in Caversham and Mapledurham early in September. Far from the failure of the Anglican-Methodist scheme being a set back to unity it seems to be having the opposite effect.

Beginning in the week of Sept. 25th groups will be meeting in many homes to study how the Churches in Caversham can make better use of their resources of men, money and buildings. Practical proposals for closer unity are being invited and a conference is to be held on the afternoon of Sunday, November 12th. Further details will appear in the October edition of the Caversham Bridge. Any reader who wishes to join a group and does not receive a copy of the study material by September 11th is asked to contact the Rev. J. G. Grimwade, the Rev. T. Harris or the Rev. L. Stevens.

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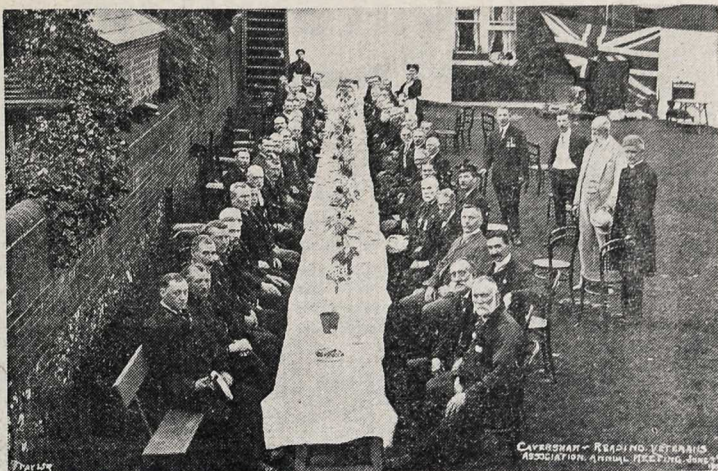
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The Caversham Reading Veterans Association at their annual meeting in the garden of Church House in June 1911.



The front of Church House as it once was formerly known as Weston Mead. The coffee house was pulled down for road widening. Can any reader tell us when this was done?

THE VANISHED SCHOOLS OF MAPLEDURHAM

Although the present Church of England School at Mapledurham came into being as early as 1830 it was not by any means the first place of learning in the village. It is probable that the first school in the parish was one kept in the late 18th century by the Rev. John Norbury who was vicar from 1785 until 1800. This school provided education for twelve children and was left in the hands of the curate, the Rev. Coventry Lichfield, as Dr. Norbury was too involved in his work as a house-master at Eton. The curate seems to have carried on the school after Tew, the new vicar, was appointed.

Three schools in 1808.

From a report sent to the Bishop of Oxford in 1808 it is known that in April of that year there were three schools in Mapledurham; none of them were endowed. One "supported by the Rector" had twelve pupils: there was another for Roman Catholic children which was financed by Mrs. Blount with eight children and third "a Common Day school" which was kept by an "infirm parishioner" had an attendance of about twenty. By 1815 the Roman Catholic School had been closed but another was re-opened in 1851. The Rector's school in 1815 had twelve pupils, all girls, and about fifteen children attended the Common Day School. It is not known exactly when this school came to an end, perhaps in 1830 with the opening of the Church school.

The Roman Catholic school was still in existence in 1871 when its numbers had increased to twenty-two; it is not known when it finally closed but it may well be that some old pupils of it were still alive until about twenty years ago and if there are any people living whose parents attended this school the Caversham Bridge would be interested to hear from them.

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Around Caversham

by Roving Reporter

EDWARD HODGE

Retiring after 44 years as a teacher, Edward Hodge, of Kidmore Road, Deputy Head of Stoneham School, will be very much missed. Born in Reading, for 21 years he has been Treasurer of the Reading Teachers' Association, in which he has also held other posts. We send him our very best wishes on his retirement, and hope he will now find time for his other interests.

MAEVE DENBY

A little belatedly we welcome to Tyler Close the new prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate for Reading North. Moving from Oxford, where she is a member of the City Council, 26-year-old Miss Denby feels that her place now is in Reading, and whatever the outcome of the next elections, we offer her a hearty welcome to our community.

LOCK-KEEPING

Our congratulations also to Mr. R. H. Knightley, Caversham lock-keeper, who

with his assistant, John Williams, took the award for the best-kept lock between Reading and Maidenhead. We all know competition is very keen among Thames lock-keepers, and Mr. Knightley, who has worked in Caversham since 1957, certainly deserves his award.

To Australia and back

When young Christine Ward of Marshland Square recently married Brian Smith at St. Anne's Church, it provided an opportunity for a grand reunion with one member of the Ward family with the wanderlust.

In 1960, Christine's sister Pat married George Bayliss and, with a van bought for £30, they set out on their travels. Beginning with an overland journey through Europe, with Pat spending her 21st birthday in the Iranian desert, they finally arrived in India, from where they set sail for Australia. Here they settled until 1964, during which time their two sons were born; then it was back, across Australia to Perth, to Ceylon, India, West Pakistan, Turkey, Bulgaria, and so on back to England. But not for long; soon Pat, George and their sons set out for Canada.

All their travels

Space, alas, does not permit the full story of their travels, which have included, for Pat, further visits to Australia, Christmases spent in Mexico, trips to the Yukon. And for good measure they have crossed London Bridge in its new setting in Arizona.

Pat's husband, a steel fabricator, was unfortunately not able to come over with her this time, but when she returns in August she will be taking her mother back to Vernon with her for a short spell. Even now she is busy travelling all over Britain, having had the foresight to obtain cheap travel tickets for herself and her sons before coming home. Where they will eventually settle is anyone's guess, but Pat, whose family are "Bridge" readers, has promised to let us have news of her future travels.

Congratulations

Fortunately for the Wards, the rest of the family, Sheila, Terry and recently-married Christine, are content to stay nearer home. Our best wishes to all of them, congratulations on having such an enterprising member of their family, and our sincere wishes to the new bride and groom.

FOUR BELLS CRACKED



—Walton Adams

Mr. John Walker, the bellhanger from Loughborough, seen at work lowering one of St. Peter's bells.

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ROUND THE CLUBS

ROSEHILL W.I.

The July meeting was a very successful outing to Burchett's Green, to the Berkshire College of Agriculture. A coach load of members watched Mrs. Mann give a demonstration of "Quick Supper Dishes". Tea was served at the College and members had an enjoyable afternoon.

MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

Mapledurham W.I. held their July meeting in Mrs. Skinner's lovely garden at Cane End. It was a beautiful warm sunny afternoon and everyone enjoyed sitting on the lawn and chatting. There were several competitive games played and an excellent tea, provided by the Committee. Visitors from surrounding W.I.'s attended and judging from the vote of thanks thoroughly appreciated the afternoon.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A few weeks ago the committee received an invitation from Woodley Guild to send a team of four to join in a quiz programme they were organising. With some trepidation they agreed and chose their team—Margaret Hill, Chairman, Angela Lovewell, Assistant Secretary, Joyce Gosling and Marion Kitcher.

At the appointed time and along with several supporters and knocking knees, they arrived at the Methodist Hall, Woodley. There they found the programme was being organised by the neutral C.U.C.

It was to take the form of a knock-out Twenty Questions quiz, and the winners of this would go forward to the final which would be the game of Criss Cross Quiz (similar to that played on T.V.).

There were four teams in all, Tilehurst Afternoon, Wokingham Afternoon, Caversham Heights and the hostesses, Woodley. Caversham Heights were drawn first against Wokingham and also won the toss. Their Chairman elected very bravely to bat first. The object was shown to the body of the hall written on a small board and they were told it was mineral. They struggled along and at last after 17 questions and very shame-facedly they guessed 'TG badge'. This gave them 3 points only and when Wokingham got their first 'Royal Ascot' with 12 questions and 8 points they felt they were letting the side down. However they popped up again as Margaret guessed 'the Winner at Royal Ascot' with 7 questions and 13 points.

Wokingham got their next object with 10 points and Caversham managed to redeem themselves and got 'Federation Chairman' with 10 points. This meant that they had 26 points and Wokingham had to get their final object with eight questions to beat them. Unhappily for them they failed and thus Caversham qualified for the next game. Tilehurst and Woodley then had their eliminating contest and the home team joined Caversham for the finals.

The contestants were seated in front of buzzers and there was a board behind

them on which to place their colours if they succeeded in answering questions first and correctly. A team also got 2 points for each correct answer and 3 extra points if they completed a line in their colour—horizontally, vertically and cross-ways!

Caversham soon found that the questions were not all that hard and at the half-way stage were just leading by 26 to 21 and there was a small break to give them other problems in the shape of certain objects which had to be correctly identified. Unfortunately the question master had his cards mixed up and the first object had been identified as being something to do with a whale—large, flat, greyish-black and a bit fibrous—which had then been passed over for Woodley to identify and they failed also. The surprising answer given was an elephant seal's tooth! With some slight commotion and a bit of a red face Woodley's secretary hastily put the cards in the correct order and Caversham was given two points as consolation! The object was in fact a whalebone.

It got very exciting but Caversham managed to pull it off in the end although it was touch and go for a bit and the final score was 56 and 45. The Caversham team went home with some lovely polished stone pendants as souvenirs of a very successful and delightful evening.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the July Meeting the new Guild typewriter bought with funds raised by special efforts was on display. The speaker, Mr. E. J. H. DePass, Community Relations Officer, told us of some of the reasons for immigrants coming to this country and how they found the money to do so. He also outlined some of the problems caused by their different upbringing mentioning particularly the almost Victorian type of family life some of them still had. He felt that much could be gained from courses in schools on the history of the countries from which immigrants come as this would help them and give our own children a better understanding of their new comrades.

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A plan proposing a new route for the A.4074 (Reading-Woodcote Rd.) which would relieve the traffic at present using this road, with particular reference to the length passing through the built up area of the Parish, was put before the Council. The Council are now actively pursuing the possibility of this road in more detail.

Mapledurham News

Former headmistress dies

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Marion Crow who from 1947 until 1960 was headmistress of Mapledurham Church school. A memoir will appear in the next edition of the Caversham Bridge.

Canon Sherwood, formerly vicar of Mapledurham, will conduct a Memorial Service for Mrs. Crow on Sunday, September 10th at 12.30 p.m. and it is hoped that many who remember her work as headmistress will be able to attend.

Parish Picnic

After the Family Service on September 10th members of the congregation will go off on a picnic expedition. Harvest Festival will be observed on October 8th.

St. Margaret's Day

The Church was crowded to capacity for the Parish Communion on the patronal festival, and there were 120 communicants. The Bishop of Dorchester, the Rt. Rev. Peter Walker, who had only been consecrated the previous Thursday, was the celebrant and preacher. Refreshments were served afterwards at Mapledurham House. The weather proved unkind and stopped the party enjoying the riverside lawns on a July night. Many thanks to the catering ladies, St. Peter's ringers and not least our host and hostess at Mapledurham House.

Mapledurham Parish Council

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 19th July, 1972. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Council, at its last meeting, had made strong representations to the Oxfordshire C.C. that the standard of grass cutting of the verges along the roads in the Parish was below the standard of previous years. The Parish Council were therefore dismayed to learn that because of lack of funds the County Council are only able to cut where necessary for safety purposes. The Parish Council feel that with the quantity of traffic using roads in the Parish, more attention should be given to this facility, and that safety standards should be maintained and given high priority along the whole stretch of the highway, not only at bends.

The County Council have also stated that because of lack of funds, they are unable to improve the standard of passing bays on the road to the Village. This is deprecated by the Parish Council because of the increased volume of traffic that uses the road to get to the newly created Mapledurham County Park and also Mapledurham House.

The Council were advised of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting from many sources, regarding the re-routing of the Chiltern Queen's bus service away from the B.4526, between the 'Pack Saddle' PH and Goring Heath PO. Concern was expressed that the situation appeared to be little changed since the June meeting of the Council. The Clerk was requested to write to Oxford asking that the highway department should take all possible action to clear the road of the unnecessary obstruction, particularly at Cross Lanes on the B.4526 where, it appears, the clearance is most required. The Council are most concerned that the bus service should be re-instated as soon as possible for the residents who live in that part of the Parish.

The Council considered a planning application for development in Gunney Close, but it was agreed to recommend that it strongly opposes the type of development proposed. It considers that any such development should be similar to that already in existence.

The Council were pleased to learn that an initial allocation of £10,000 has been made to them through the County Council for the purpose of building a new Hall on the Playing Fields. The

(Continued in previous column)

OFF TO NORFOLK

Chaplain of Queen Anne's School for the past five years the Rev. Pat Stacy Waddy has left Caversham for Norfolk where he is now serving as chaplain to a religious community at Ditchingham.

During his time at Queen Anne's he has helped in the parish of Caversham during school holidays and he and Mrs. Waddy have made many friends locally. Mrs. Waddy was the Caversham Bridge distributor for South Street.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. Waddy's new address is: St. Fursey, Ditchingham, Bungay.



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Knighton presented the

prizes at Hemdean House

School prize-giving. Intro-

ducing Miss Knighton, the

Rector, the Rev. J. G. Grim-

wade, said that Miss

Knighton's grandfather had

moved the school into its

present building no less than

111 years ago, and that for

the last forty-six of those

years Miss Alice Olivey had

been the headmistress, and

the character of the school

had been moulded by her.

The Rector spoke of the

debt owed to Miss Knighton

for making it possible for

the school to continue.

He stressed the close con-

nection which the school had

always had with the parish,

a link which, he said, he

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

THE READING
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The Reading Phoenix Choir is giving a concert at the Caversham Heights Methodist Church on Friday, 20th October, at 8-0 p.m. This is an outstanding choir and was recently awarded first place in the mixed voices class at the Llangoll. Eisteddfod, the first time in 11 years that this has been achieved by an English choir.

Tickets at 25p are now available from ladies of the church, and for convenience may also be obtained from 11, Sandcroft Road and 47, Buxton Avenue. Everybody is welcome, and to avoid disappointment early application is urged. Proceeds to support women who work overseas for the Methodist Missionary Society.

SPONSORED WALK FOR MISSIONS

This year's Sponsored Walk organised by the Caversham Heights Methodist Sunday School raised the sum of £90.18 for the Junior Missionary Association funds. Thirty members, aged from four to fifteen years, walked along the tow-path from Henley to Caversham—except for some of the very young scholars, who were reluctantly persuaded to return home when the walkers reached Sonning.

CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH ROOF REPAIR FUND

Sunday, September 17th

11.00 a.m. Rev. Terence R. Harris.

6-30 p.m. Rev. David Le Poidevin.

Harvest Supper on Monday, September 18th.

On July 1st a Bread and Cheese Lunch was held at which £5.36 was raised, and on July 15th the Women's Fellowship held a coffee morning when £5.50 was raised. The total so far from January to July is £148, and the Gift Day Secretaries wish to thank all who have helped and supported all these extra events during the past few months. There has been a happy atmosphere and good fellowship on all these occasions. Further events for the latter half of the year are as follows: Sept. 23rd, Coffee Morning; Nov. 9th, Slides, Cine and Soup Evening; Nov. 18th, Coffee Morning, and Dec. 2nd, Hot Lunch. Members of other churches will be very welcome at any of these events. For further details of times, etc., please contact the Gift Day Secretaries, Mrs. J. Hackman, Tel. Reading 473107, or Mrs. E. Cooper, Tel. Reading 478607.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 24th

11.00 a.m. Rev. W. Grant Anderson, M.A., B.D., of the Church of Scotland.

6-30 p.m. Rev. Terence E. Harris.

Harvest Supper on Tuesday, September 26th.

We record . . .

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July 9—Katie Thwaites.

St. Barnabas'

July 9—Amanda Heighway, Clare Heighway, Pearl Back.

Caversham Park School

July 2—Darren Batchelor, Matthew Cross.

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St. Peter's

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St. Andrew's

Donald Jackson.

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St. Peter's

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July 22—David Suthurst and Angela Storey.

July 29—Thomas Harwood and Louisa Hakesley, Roy Gordon and Pamela Bradley.

St. Andrew's

July 1—Neil Freeman and Ruth Turrill.

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St. Barnabas'

July 15—Michael Langford and Doreen Hope.

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BACON AND COOKED MEATS

Just a thought

by DEE MOSS

Thursday Night is Baths Night for a good many of our local children. From six-thirty to eight the baths echo with the laughter and shouts of the tinies, many of them too young to attend school. On this occasion it's not a case of children admitted if accompanied by parents, but the other way round. I did see one Grandma who'd squeezed in, saying it was her great chance to enjoy a swim!

Watching the parents, encouraging their small-fry to try a few strokes, and the joy of the youngsters, it was obvious that this is a much-appreciated family night out.

Most of the children have some sort of prop to boost their confidence—a rubber ring, foam board or a pair of plastic armbands. I asked one small boy, battling along in the deep end beside his father if he were not scared, but he told me cheerfully that his armbands held him up. Thank God they did! And thank Him, too, for the many props which, albeit material, hold us all up in the deep end of life.

Attending this Family Night, week by week with my Number Three Son, I noticed that some parents were gradually letting the air out of rubber rings. Each lesson the child learned to rely more and more on its own efforts and less on the prop for support. Eventually, when one small girl could swim a little, alone, her father urged her to float, without support or frantic movement, on the water. Fear crossed the little face. How could water support her weight? It was only by trusting her father she learned to float.

I'm glad my son took me to the baths. It reminded me that we need to grow in the Christian life—to do without the things we think support us—and in the end to come to a point when we see that no effort of ours can make us His. Complete faith is able to accept the support of His Love.



"I'm glad my son took me to the baths."

An "IMPOSSIBLE" Solution

by R.C.R. Adkins

"Impossible," I murmured again to myself. "There is nothing more I can do for David." After all, having just been sworn at and then—to crown it all—spat upon by David Hardwick, it was not, I felt, unreasonable to decide that he was beyond my help. He was not, however, as I was to find out, beyond the help of God.

I had been very fond of David. He had been both in the Sunday School and in the Church Choir. He was, I thought, a nice lad. Then a change came over him. By the time he was eighteen the Church saw nothing of him but he could be found, most nights, in the local pub. He was a leading member of a wild gang from the nearby town.

I wanted to get him by himself but he always tried to elude me. At long last I was successful but his answer to my question why

he had cut himself off so completely from the Church was a long string of swear words and obscenities interspersed with statements that he did not believe in any God and then, when I had tried to interrupt him, he spat in my face!

About two weeks later old Bill Mendham got knocked down by a car soon after leaving the pub one night. This did not surprise anyone. Bill, as everyone knew, drank far more than either he should have done or was capable of doing and the accident was not the fault of the motorist.

Bill lived by himself and had no friends. At least, that's what we all thought but we were wrong—Bill had one friend, David.

He visited the old man in hospital and then, when he went back to his little cottage, spent nearly all his evenings there. Bill had not

been badly hurt but one of his legs had been injured so he could only hobble about and could not get down to the pub.

It seemed a strange, incongruous friendship between this drunken old man and a boy still in his tee, but a stranger thing was still to come.

Bill suffered from a bad heart. One night, when David was with him, he had a bad attack. As he lay in his chair he said, "I'm going to die, I know I am. Say a prayer, David."

David was completely taken aback. "You're not going to die and, in any case, you don't want any prayers, there's no God."

"Don't be a b— fool," burst out the old man, "I know there's a God, you must say a prayer."

The urgency in the old man's voice startled David. "I'll get the parson," he said.

"There's no time for that," Bill cried. "Say a prayer, quick."

And so David found himself praying to a God Whom he had denied but Whose presence he felt in that dirty little cottage.

After the prayer was over, the old man smiled. "That's better," he murmured. "Now read to me from the book."

He gestured to a Bible that lay on a nearby shelf and, hardly knowing what he did, David turned to the fourteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel and slowly read out, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me," and, as he told me much later, a strange peace seemed to come to him.

The old man did not die that night—he slipped peacefully away six months later and, as I took his funeral, I looked over at a young man standing by the graveside, whom he had brought back to the Christian Faith.

I had, like many others, thought of Bill as just a drunken old vagabond, but he had done what I had been unable to do, for, with God, nothing is impossible.

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

by Dorothy O'Neill

The telephone rings. A friendly voice answers and a troubled young person begins to pour out a problem. This may concern boy/girl relationships, finance, employment, accommodation or sex.

The young man or woman answering the phone listens carefully. He or she is there for one reason only—to help the caller work out his difficulty.

This telephone ministry is Youth Line, a new service to youth which has been started in Adelaide by the Church, Youth Line, which is based at the Central Methodist Mission in the city, covers the 13-25 year age group, and its director is himself a young man within this group.

The service is based on the premise that most young people can talk more freely with someone of their own age.

"It is a service which is immediate, effective and anonymous," says Mr. Bandt, the Director, "and deliberately presents an image that will allow young people to feel free to phone us any time they need us."

Mr. Bandt has found that young people with problems often steer clear of existing welfare services which they rate as part of "the Establishment".

Youth Line counsellors

managing the phones must be between the ages of 18 and 25. They are very carefully selected. The work is voluntary, and all counsellors must be prepared to undergo an intensive training programme.

Youth Line is the baby

they have dialled the number just to hear another human voice: some on the verge of self-destruction through despair.

The words "This is Life Line—can I help you?" aim at creating a communication link between counsellor and

establishes a relationship which benefits both caller and counsellor.

Sometimes the situation is desperate, and then an "emergency care" trouble team goes out to meet the caller. Last year 100 trouble teams were sent from Adelaide Life Line.

As well as Youth Line, Life Line now plans a further extension to its service. This is a walk-in counselling centre at the Mission. Here people in need can meet friendly counsellors, who will give themselves to meeting those needs both from their own resources and the resources of the Church and city.

Love in action is the keynote of both Life Line and Youth Line. "Christians care" is the message it inscribes over this city and state.

Service to Youth

brother of Life Line, which was started in Adelaide in 1958. Life Line—again a telephone counselling service is open seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. It is listed in the telephone directory with "emergency numbers".

Last year 5,600 calls were received by Life Line counsellors—over 100 of which occurred between December 23rd and Christmas Day. Most of the calls were from lonely people, unhappy and depressed. Almost half of the callers were under the age of 25 and this fact may well have prompted Life Line to branch out into Youth Line.

This service is an excellent example of the Church in action in an ecumenical way, for it is manned by 120 counsellors from all major Christian denominations. Barriers have a happy habit of falling when Christians are reaching out hands of service and love to people in trouble. And in trouble they are—some so lonely that

caller. Together they explore the circumstances which prompted the call. Patiently the counsellor gives himself and his time in an effort to do everything possible to meet the needs of the other person. Eventually, the troubled caller unburdens himself and comes to a clearer understanding of himself and his problem. This

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GOOD HEALTH

by Jean Fielding

DEALING WITH FATIGUE

Often a woman feels exhausted and unable to cope with her daily chores yet the doctor tells her, "I can't find anything wrong with you". Fatigue is difficult to define yet it can be either a condition in itself or a symptom of some other trouble.

The person who suffers from fatigue complains, "I feel constantly weary. Nothing gives me pleasure any more". She views the world through grey-tinted glasses.

If you find yourself continually tired it is important to visit the doctor to discover any underlying reason for your lack of energy. Tell him about any breathlessness, poor appetite, giddiness or other symptoms, however slight.

You may have a slight anaemia which can be righted fairly quickly with iron and vitamin therapy. But if he assures you that you appear quite healthy, it is essential to survey critically the way you work.

CONSERVE ENERGY

If you are fatigued through overwork, make an effort to streamline your chores.

Arrange your work rota more methodically to conserve your vital stores of energy. When you feel "low", drink a cup of warm milk containing a tablespoonful of honey, which is a quick restorative.

Frequently a housewife's fatigue is due to boredom. In this case she must provide more social and cultural interests for herself and meet more people.

HAVE A BREAK

The overtired woman is invariably the one who says, "I've so much to do that I have no time for rest". But it is surely advisable to take an occasional break before becoming jaded?

Fatigue is as much a state of mind as a state of body. If the mind is fully and happily occupied, your body will provide you with all the energy you need, in most cases.

Chronic exhaustion may affect the middle-aged woman badly once her family have left home, for she feels she is wanted no longer. Repeatedly a wise doctor orders the older housewife, "Take a job outside the home", or "Get interested in some charity work". For people who are fully occupied seldom have time to think of themselves and their imaginary ailments.

During the menopause it is quite common to feel rather depressed and tired with a feeling of lack of confidence. This can be helped with modern treatment and the woman must appreciate that this period will pass. She, too, will improve more rapidly if she finds an interesting hobby such as oil painting or pottery-making, meets new friends or takes a part-time job.

BALANCED DIET

A well-balanced diet is necessary if energy is to be restored. Eat plenty of fresh fruit, salads and lightly cooked vegetables with a fair portion of lean meat, fish, cheese, eggs and milk daily.

No one should feel ashamed of asking for medical advice when they feel unable to cope with their day's work. Fortunately a little advice and possibly a course of tranquillisers will often enable a woman to relax physically and mentally until she feels bursting with energy again.

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SENSATION AT THE STATION

I just approached the platform in time to see my train disappearing in the distance.

There wasn't another for a couple of hours. Prepared for a dreary wait, I armed myself with some reading matter, and headed for the Cafeteria.

Approaching the Self-service counter, I couldn't believe my own eyes. Directly in front of me in the queue, were two bonny young girls, tattooed down the length of each arm. There were sprays of flowers and endearments on one arm, and ships anchors, and the dove of peace on the other.

I chose a corner table, and was just about to settle down for a quiet read, when I suddenly had the strange sensation that I was being watched. I looked up, and true enough, there was an old tramp sitting facing me across the room. A piece of dirty paper was on the table, and with pencil in hand, he appeared to be sketching. Surely it was not possible! Taking one last quick look at me, he gave the paper the final touches, and walked over to me. It was indeed a recognisable likeness of yours truly! He had obviously known better days, and I gladly treated him to a cup of tea and biscuits, which seemed to be his price.

The artist had barely departed, when I got the shock of my life. The cafe was now becoming rather crowded, as a main-line train had apparently arrived. Approaching my table somewhat unsteadily, was a long-haired youth, a youth with a difference.. Through his nose he had a huge metal ring. Seeing my look of horror, and my obvious recoil, the hippie moved in another direction.

My paper was still lying unopened, when a middle-aged woman slipped into the seat opposite mine. She heaved a sigh of relief, and

smiled at me. "Are you tired?" I asked sympathetically. She fished in her bag, and brought out pad and pencil. The pad came over to me, with the words, "I'm deaf and dumb". That started it off. The next half-hour was spent in a written conversation. How I wished I could have used sign language! But like most women, she evidently enjoyed the chat, unspoken though it was. For her last note before leaving was, "Thank you for the pleasant interlude".

What was that clacking noise behind me? I turned round, and there was actually a man pounding away on a portable typewriter, brazenly finishing his office work. Sensing my disapproval, he grinned at me and said airily, "Shan't be long!"

As I now discovered that my tea had grown cold, I went to the counter for a fresh cup. The agonised cry of a child made me jump, and spill some of the hot tea over my coat. There seemed to be a commotion near my table. Floating up to the ceiling was a toy balloon. The cafeteria had one of those high ornamental ceilings so beloved of British Railways in Victorian times. There seemed little hope of recovering the balloon.

The child's screams grew louder. "It's a bloody shame. That's what it is", cried the mother with tears in her eyes. "I paid twenty pence for that balloon only an hour ago". She looked round wildly, then turning to me said savagely, "You'd think one of these men sitting here would have the decency to help".

Evidently stung into action by the last remark, a man in overalls called out for a step-ladder, only to be told by the staff that there wasn't one handy. "I'm afraid you've had it", he said, turning to the woman.

"Have yer no kids of yer own?" she cried indignantly. "And how would you like to lose all that money?"

"Oh, hell", groaned the man. He jumped on the table, and tried to grab hold of the string attached to the balloon, but alas, it was just out of his reach.

By this time, everyone in the room was watching the

performance. Advice on how to reach it, was given from all sides. Spurred on by the rising emotion, the cavalier put his foot on the back of a chair, and made a flying leap at the strong, only to lose his balance, and come crashing to the ground. "Shame!" cried the audience.

Now red in the face, and determined to do or die, he jumped again and again. And wonder of wonders, just as we had visions of him collapsing with a heart attack, he

came down with the balloon in his hand. Tension had been mounting, and at sight of the restored treasure, everyone broke into loud cheers, clapping, and stamping their feet.

I was just as excited and carried away as all the others, when suddenly I glanced at the clock.

Oh, no! It couldn't be! But it was quite true. I had missed my train once again!

Ye Olde St. Anne's Castle Inn

It is well known that a number of old inns in the country have long-standing association with the Christian religion. Outstanding in this respect is "Ye Olde St. Anne's Castle" seen at Great Leighs in Essex. Its name holds a significant link with St. Anne, a saint upheld as the mother of the Virgin Mary... the cult of St. Anne being very old, dating from before the sixth century and widespread throughout Europe during the Middle Ages when many churches were dedicated to her.

Around this time St. Anne's was, from all accounts, a hermitage. It afforded shelter to

the pilgrims on their way to visit the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket at Canterbury, the martyr who died in the year 1170.

From this role St. Anne's evolved into a wayside inn and claims to be the oldest hostelry in England.

Thus history has clung to the inn over the centuries and is represented today in an attractive sign-board which features St. Anne clasping a miniature castle... a link with Gt. Leighs from the past it is thought... against a background scene of the weary pilgrims etched against the skyline with the bishop's mitre and the date to the fore.





WHAT'S IN THE WIND?

Ever heard of the Beaufort Scale of Wind Force? It's a way of measuring the strength of the wind. The Beaufort Scale gives numbers to the different winds according to how strongly they are blowing. Here are some of the Beaufort Scale numbers and how you can recognise the winds.

Beaufort Number	Description of the Wind	How to recognise the Wind
0	Calm	Smoke from garden fires and chimneys goes straight up.
1	Light air	Smoke blows slightly sideways.
2	Light breeze	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle.
3	Gentle breeze	Leaves and twigs move gently.
4	Moderate breeze	Raises dust and loose paper and moves small branches.
5	Fresh breeze	Small trees begin to sway.
6	Strong breeze	Large branches move; whistling in telegraph wires; difficult to keep open umbrella up.
7	Moderate gale	Whole trees begin to sway; difficult to walk against wind.
8	Fresh gale	Twigs break off trees.
9	Strong gale	Chimney pots and slates blown off.
10	Whole gale	Trees uprooted and buildings damaged.

This month would be a good time to keep your own wind chart. Rule out a fairly long sheet of paper so that you can fill in the date on each line. Leave a space to fill in the wind force each day. You could make a patterned border round your chart and draw pictures to illustrate especially windy days.

Day	Date	Wind Force number
Friday	1st	
Saturday	2nd and so on.	

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How do you end your letters—with love, lots of love, yours ever, cheerio, so long? Grown-ups often end their letters 'Yours sincerely', which means the writer wants the reader to know that he is honest and isn't pretending to be friendly or setting out to hoodwink him. A songwriter in the Old Testament had a dreadful let down from a man he thought was sincere and his best friend, but was really an arch-enemy in disguise, and this is how the songwriter described his so-called friend after the let down:

The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but what was in his heart.



HIKING-THE PRACTICAL WAY

by REG MOORE

More people are taking to the outdoors these days and hiking has become more than an extension of a protest march. It is a pleasure in fine weather enjoyed by more people than in any other activity. Whether you are hiking to reach a set destination or historical spot, strolling up hill, or rambling with a camera along a quiet glade, you can enjoy hiking away from city congestion.

An enjoyable hike is not a speed test. Setting a moderate pace allows you time to take in surroundings. A rhythmic swing of the body helps to avoid fatigue and no long hike should be taken without previous conditioning by a series of short walks.

Hikers learn to make the most of their own capacities. The more they hike, the more they increase their ability for strenuous journeys and climbs. The average stroller covers a least four-miles-an-hour on level ground. Steep slopes take twice as long and three-miles-an-hour is a good rate for a group or family hike.

Proficient hikers rest a few minutes every hour on long hikes, but resting can stiffen the muscles and slow down the rate. When hiking in a group, there is usually a pace-setter to lead the way and another experienced campaigner to help stragglers in the rear.

It is essential to find a comfortable stride when you have a pack on your back. The arms can be relaxed by slightly leaning forward and the body is balanced by the additional weight. Heavy items should be kept near the top of packs in order to concentrate weight on the shoulders, without upsetting balance. Items needed along the trail should be kept within easy reach and packed near the top of the pack on long jaunts. Some hikers carry as much as forty or fifty pounds in weight, although thirty pounds is more than enough on a hot tiring day.

If your mission is to ramble, it is best to avoid main roads and keep to grass, which is less tiring on the feet. Property should be respected as if it is your very own, gates and fences closed, and plant life left intact unless you have permission to pick flowers.

Hikers should always take care of their feet. The feet bare the main burden during a hike and can be kept in good shape by running or walking every day. New shoes should be avoided like the plague and socks dusted with talcum powder. If you get blisters at first don't neglect them.

Feet should be regularly washed and blisters pricked with a sterile needle. The sore area should be covered with clean bandage and clean socks put over it. Trying to be tough to avoid this will only set you back in the long run and it's always best to face up to realities at the outset.

Comfortable clothing helps to get the utmost out of hiking. What you wear may depend on weather conditions, altitude, season and location. Always be prepared for sudden changes in weather, especially in Britain where it is advisable to carry at least one complete change of clothes on hikes lasting several days. Warm clothing for spring and autumn jaunts need not be heavy. Wool is a warm fabric and lightweight windproof jackets are easy to obtain.

Shoes are probably the most important item and comfort for feet is absolutely essential. Light shoes are ideal for gentle climbs and through smooth areas, but in rough country and on the heights, it is advisable to take firm pliable leather shoes or boots to ensure ankle support. Leather soles can slip and changes of hiking shoes rest the feet in warm or wet weather. High boots are far too hot and heavy for most hikes, but ideal in swampy ground or marshland. Good woollen socks with a heavy outer pair keep out blisters and sturdy warm slacks are best for hilly areas.

Some hikers carry first-aid kits in their packs during long journeys. Bandage rolls, tapes, aspirins, needle and thread, can come in handy on occasions. Adhesive bandages, safety pins, an adequate Scout's knife and sunglasses are ideal on hikes abroad. Flashlights, matches, map and compass, camera and field glasses, all have their use on the long range journeys heightened by exploration.

The most ardent hikers learn to map read and usually find their way off any beaten track. Hikers confining their walks to roadsides and well-defined areas will never require map and compass, but the more adventurous need to be prepared.

Even the best hikers lose their way. Hiking teaches you to become self-sufficient and long walks give you a sense of direction. The best hikers train themselves to become more observant in life and mentally take in surroundings as they go along. With adequate preparation, an open mind and observant eye, the hiker can still find vast acres of unexplored territory to enjoy all the best of nature.

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Do you speak French?
Do you speak German?
Do you speak Welsh?

Even if you do speak one or other of the languages, the chances are that you're a bit limited in what you can say. We know a girl who went into a shop in Paris and thought she was asking in her best French for a roll of films. Laughs all round from the shop assistant and the other customers. What she was really asking for was a lawn mower! And a proper Charlie she felt!

DID YOU KNOW?

That there are more than 3,000 languages spoken in the world today? But there are only about 12 main languages. English, Russian, German, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, Greek and French are among the 12 main languages.

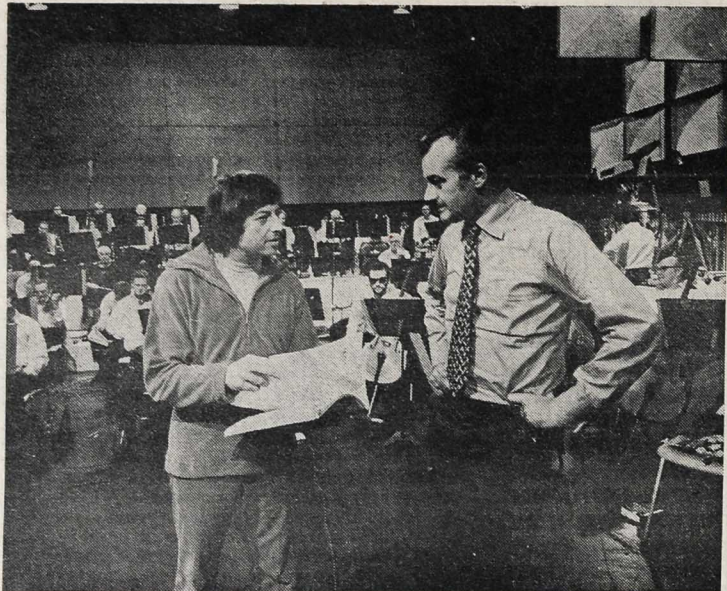
That the Chinese language has the greatest number of speakers? English has the next greatest number.

That the oldest recorded language is Sumerian. People in the East were speaking Sumerian more than three thousand years before Jesus was born, but the language died out many, many years ago.

That Chinese is the oldest of the languages spoken today? It has been spoken for more than four thousand years.

That Jesus learnt to read and write Hebrew at school, spoke Aramaic (the local language of the ordinary people) with his family and friends, and probably understood and could speak Greek?

LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON



Andre Previn, Conductor, and John Culshaw, Producer, during rehearsal of Andre Previn's MUSIC NIGHT on B.B.C. 1

A LIVELY LOOK AT THE TV SCENE

Chord and Discords

"The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not mov'd by concord of sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems,
and spoils;"

(Wm. Shakespeare)

The London Symphony Orchestra arrayed in bright yellow sweaters for the first series of *Andre Previn's Music Night* on BBC-1 had indignant squares reaching for their pens. In the second series the chaps wore honey-coloured shirts without ties. I have't heard yet how viewers reacted to that!

More significant was that after the first series of programmes over a thousand requests arrived at the studios for music to be played in the future. A response not perhaps quite up to the "Stars on Sunday" post-bag, but it shows that with the right conductor and by steering clear of the stuffed-shirt image, there is a market for classical music on the popular channel at a fairly peak viewing hour.

I am told by my music-expert colleagues that, despite the Beatle hair-do, floral shirt, flared pants and film-star wife, Andre Previn is a musician of no mean ability. His competence seems to be matched by that of the television production team; the camera-work on this type of programme seems to have improved enormously in recent times. A while ago



no producer could resist having his cameras swoop all over an orchestra like demented bumble-bees. Now—as it should be—we get more of the music and less of the visual acrobatics.

Should you prefer the "treasons, stratagems and spoils", the BBC-1 series *Grand Strategy* had Michael Howard, M.C., a Coldstream Guardsman and now Fellow in Higher Defence Studies at All Souls College, Oxford, take an objective historical look at the crucial battles which dictated the course of the Second World War. A team headed by Ronnie Noble the executive producer, a former wartime newsreel correspondent, combed film libraries and television networks throughout the world for film of the battles. Thus we were able to see the combat through the camera-eye of both sides.

To those of us who lived through the war years, *Grand Strategy* seemed a fascinating flashback to a period in our recent history which is only just receding far enough for us to take an objective view. The battles have not yet acquired the vague aura of Hastings, Agincourt or Waterloo, which lie buried in the history books. The Battle of Britain, El Alamein and Operation Overlord can live again on the fireside television screen.

"Hawks" will have enjoyed *Grand Strategy*: "Peaceniks" will find the whole thing highly immoral—over to you Mrs. Whitehouse!

SPORTS SPOT

by Stew Linnell

RACE YOU ROUND THE CITY

The highly commendable idea of the World's top racing drivers showing their paces round Birmingham city Centre must be one of the most exciting sporting prospects to emerge in this country for many a year.

"Brrm Brum", as it has been dubbed by the city's press, will be held for the first time in 1974, if a Parliamentary Bill giving permission for the roads to be closed to other traffic is passed next year.

Naturally, many points remain to be solved, and the first task of Birmingham City Council is to sell the idea to the good people of that progressive city, especially those who live adjacent to the proposed "track".

I for one, however, believe that the prospect of such an event is something that must, at least, be given the opportunity of proving itself.

I DON'T LIKE TO SAY I TOLD YOU SO, BUT...

A few months ago in this column, I lamented the state of British heavyweight boxing, but promised that hope for the future lay in the very solid shape of Danny McAlinden.

In taking the British title from Jack Bodell, Danny boy proved me right, even if the manner of the victory left a lot to be desired. I am sure we've yet to see the best from this young Coventry-based Irishman, although one can be forgiven for feeling that if his immediate ambitions aim beyond European shores, our Trans-Atlantic friends have little to worry about.

what other adjective could you choose to describe someone who has done what he has done.

He picked a sport dying of phoneyism up off its backside, and improved the standard of that sport at the same time.

More power to your mouth, Muhammed. It will be a long time before we see another quite like you.

... AND FROM ONE MONTH TO ANOTHER

I look forward with some amusement to the reaction of European football to the Manager of the English Champions, Derby County.

Brian Clough is a man of many words as David Coleman, Mike Yarwood and the rest of us have enjoyed finding out. Exactly what they make of him at Zeleznicar of Sarajevo, against whom Derby begin their assault on Ajax's European Cup, we must wait and see, although I am quite sure they won't forget him.



Danny McAlinden—New British Heavyweight Champion

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