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## PLAYING WITH FIRE!

Each year Bonfire Night sees a crop of nasty, sometimes tragic, accidents involving fireworks and bonfires. Each year there are appeals for care from fire chiefs and others. Regulations for the sale of fireworks are tightened up. Parents are becoming more conscious of the dangers. And this is a good thing: children cannot lightly be exposed to burning.

And yet fire fascinates them. At first it is something for adults—mysterious, threatening. Matches are forbidden, Dad lights our fireworks, Mum keeps us away from the cooker. But fascination will not be denied. Soon there is the first box of matches in the pocket, a burning of fingers, a forbidden candle in the bedroom perhaps, a boyhood enthusiasm for fires.

Adults can manage fire—but an occasional singeing will remind us of its power.

### Two sides

We are reminded that it is beautiful and beastly. The flickering coals of the hearth and the flickering napalm tongue are unnervingly close relations. Fire can purify and heal and create; it can destroy and terrify and obliterate. It is a bad master, a good servant.

This mysterious two sided nature of fire is reflected in many parts of life. Political power can get good things done, it can also enslave a nation; words can inspire people with the truth or con them with lies. Sex can drag to the depths or raise to the heights; drink can attractively loosen the tongue or leadenly slur it.

### Life's lesson

Men and women have to take risks with their two-sided natures if they are to develop their full potential. Learning to harness our powers of body, mind and spirit responsibly so that they do not destroy us but allow us to develop fully is a life-long lesson and venture.

And sometimes our fingers will be burned as we learn to manage the fire of our full humanity.

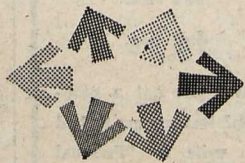


# THAT'S LIFE

A SERIES OF PICTURES THAT HIGHLIGHT THE HUMAN SCENE

## AGAINST THE ODDS

The Warwickshire village of Wooton Wawen stands on the main road from Birmingham to Stratford upon Avon. For the past twelve months, travellers through the village could not fail to notice that all was not well. Fluorescent posters sprouted from gardens and verges, and slogans appeared on walls and windows.



The protest was against the building of a refuse incinerator in the village. Now it is easy to criticise such protests on the grounds of selfishness. But the residents of Wooton Wawen accept that there could be circumstances which make the development neces-

sary. Their protest was against lack of consultation, lack of any serious research and lack of detailed planning.

### IN THE DARK

The first the residents knew about the scheme came from a chance remark from the chairman of the Rural District Council. When they questioned this they were told that the plan was only a feasibility study. But a fortnight later it was announced that planning permission had been applied for.

### ADVICE

The residents organised a public meeting, and as a result of vigorous objections set up a fighting committee (WWIFF). This committee obtained legal advice and the services of a civil engineer, and obtained copies of the report which was the basis of the R.D.C. case.

### PETITION

A publicity campaign was launched, and a petition con-

taining 500 signatures was sent to the council with a request for a meeting with the County Plans Committee. This request was refused. It seemed that everything WWIFF did was completely ignored by the council.

### SILENCE

Members of the fighting committee challenged the accuracy of the council's figures, and were ignored. They drew attention to the controls of the Town and Country Planning Acts, and

were again met with silence. They asked questions about the volume of traffic and questions about air pollution. Their questions went unanswered. Residents from the village were turned out of a council meeting when the incinerator was discussed.

### SUCCESS

But the campaign went on. And it now looks as if the residents of this country village have been successful, because the incinerator plan for Wooton Wawen has been shelved.

# PERSONAL POSERS

## WHAT DO WE TELL THEM?

A friend of mine has two small children aged 3 and 4. A short time ago her father died and she just did not know what, when or how to tell the children. Different people gave different advice, and when she asked me, I didn't know what to say. What do you think?

J. V. Notts.

Your friend, like all of us, is caught up in today's conspiracy of silence about death. Young children are quite unaware of the conspiracy and are on the whole fairly matter of fact people and are quite able to accept the straight announcement that 'Grandpa is dead'. They can accept that if they have been accustomed to hearing the word 'dead' in relation to dogs, birds, wasps and people. It is our reticence that needs to be overcome.

Questions as to where Grandpa has gone are more difficult and your friend must give an answer springing from her own convictions about life beyond the grave. Honestly to say she doesn't know could be more honest than saying that Grandpa has 'gone to live with Jesus' which could be a conventional religious answer which carries no conviction to a child.



## MY NEIGHBOUR HEARS VOICES

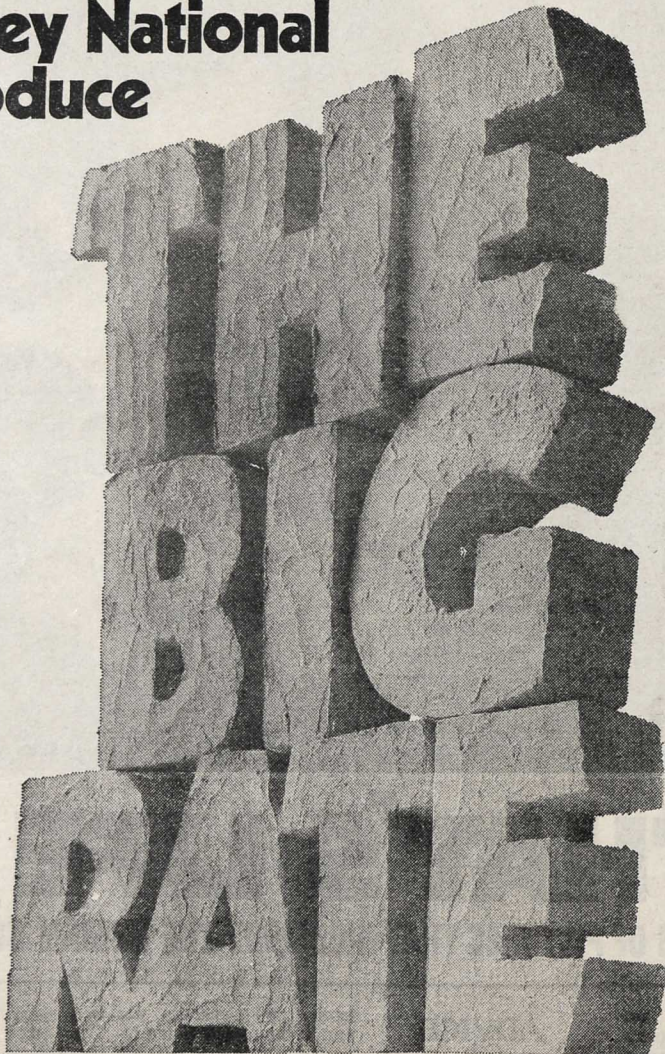
A woman in our street says that she hears voices: she is being treated as an outpatient at the local mental hospital. I seem to remember that Joan or Arc acted on instructions of her 'voices'. If we now regard such things as a sign of mental illness, what place does this leave for any idea of God speaking to man or of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

J. R. L. Southampton.

Yours is a good question and deserves more than a slick answer. Some people of course did say that Joan of Arc was mad—or at least devil possessed, which is much the same thing. The trouble is that anyone in very deep contact with God is always going to be thought a bit odd by 'normal' human beings. The test for Joan is whether or not she was taken seriously by ordinary people, and whether there is any evidence that her voices could have been a direct communication from God. The fact that an army followed her and the Church canonised her many years after seems to indicate a personality that could be taken seriously. For many the evidence pointed to a sane Joan and genuine voices.

Your neighbour will have to be judged in the same way. Do her 'voices' lead to rational action and acceptance by others? If not, then the diagnosis of a state of mental illness could well be accurate and a comparison with Joan of Arc false. We all know that very often the dividing line between mental balance and insanity is ill-defined and that's what makes answering this sort of question difficult.

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## OUR RADIO'S 'GOD SPOT'

Our local radio station has a religious programme early in the morning—a five minute talk usually by a clergyman—called 'God on Monday', 'God on Tuesday' and so on. I protested about this to one of the people connected with the station as I thought it was a blasphemous title, but no one seemed to think there was anything wrong. I think one of the reasons God is held in so little respect by so many people is that His name is taken too much in vain and too often personal opinion is put across as God's word. What do you think?

V. H. Birmingham.

I take your point and agree that this is not a very good title for these talks.

I believe that God does speak to man through spoken words, but not as direct pronouncements as we find in the Old Testament when a prophet would start his talk with the words 'thus says the Lord'. I do not believe that God uses men as mere loudspeakers connected up to a heavenly microphone. The words that men use must be influenced by their personal background, opinions and prejudices.

And I certainly wouldn't confine the word of God to a five minute religious spot, or to clergymen. God may well be speaking through words in other programmes which are not classified as religious.

At least the title you object to does imply that God is active on all days of the week and not just 'God on Sunday' which many people seem to think.

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## LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE



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A 1972 Tip NO. 10  
to Guy Fawkes THIS TIME

It could be that Guy Fawkes tried too much too early.

The power of the Prime Minister in British politics is growing steadily and a resourceful Mr. Fawkes might tumble to the fact that he need not bother with the whole Houses of Parliament. A small explosion under No. 10 might do the trick.

Some people are saying that we are heading for an American type of presidential government and the election ballyhoo there, which reaches its climax this month, shows the sort of thing they have in mind.

As government becomes more complicated the P.M.'s powers are increasing. Not only does he lead the majority party in the Commons, but he also chooses his own team of ministers. More and more these ministers have to work through sub-committees—chosen and briefed by the Prime Minister himself. Also in election campaigns there is a spreading personality cult which stresses that it is a Prime Minister that is being chosen, not just a party.

So, if there is a Guy Fawkes who wants to blow up the seat of power today, he should perhaps have a go at Downing Street. Nothing personal against Mr. Heath, of course.

Watchman focuses on voting habits

### WHAT ABOUT THE WORKERS?

One of the strangest facts about British politics is that the "working classes" are not solidly Socialist. Regularly at elections about one third of the country's manual workers vote Tory.

This sticks out like a spoilt ballot paper in an otherwise staggeringly smooth and predictable scene.

National elections in this country have a consistently high turn-out of 75%-80%. And the voting pattern is consistent too. It is exceptional for more than about 25 seats to change hands. Only about 6% of the electorate regularly falls in the "floating voter" camp. There are some other unknowns—the new

voters, and voters with no candidate of the party they support—but few unrelia-

The vast majority of each party's block of regular voters is drawn by the party's image rather than its bread-and-butter policies.

Election campaigns don't persuade many people about issues; their main aim is to encourage a high turn-out of regular supporters.

### DIVIDING THE COUNTRY

On the whole the party images or general impressions fit into class divisions. The Conservatives project an image of natural-born leadership and free enterprise. The Labour Party apparently stands for social justice for the underprivileged. And so on. These rough-and-ready guide-lines aren't always accurate when it comes to actual policies, but they do divide the country on simple class lines.

Except for the Tory workers.

Why do they break ranks to go against the socialist trend of the "working classes?"

Three answers have been given to this puzzle.

One is that this is a touch-the-forelock vote by people who know their place and want to be ruled by their superiors.

Another is the face-lift theory. This suggests that the working-class Conservative really sees himself as a member of the middle-classes.

### A STABLE NATURE

The third answer makes most sense. According to this these rogue voters reflect the main feel of the country. We are, whether we like it or not, a middle-class, capitalist society, not given to revolutionary movements. Firm, definite systems of values which are different from this mainstream do influence many groups of workers, including miners and dockers. It seems that about one third, though, are less influenced by these than by the general Conservative influences. So, after all, it may be that this strange fact only bolsters up the generally stable and predictable nature of the British voting pattern.

And that may not be an encouragement to everyone.



Socialist or Tory? We don't know but it is a fact that at elections about one-third of the country's manual workers regularly vote "Tory".

### PROFILE Sir Gerald Nabarro M.P.

The moustache; the accent; the manner; the cars; all these seem to stamp Sir Gerald Nabarro, the M.P. for South Worcestershire, as a Tory of the Tories. (We write this as he is recovering from a stroke and we wish him well.) If anyone stands for the aristocratic, born-to-rule manner of the true-blue Conservatives, it would seem to be this flamboyant man with the air of a landed gent.

But Sir Gerald's 59 years have been filled by far more than a genteel exercise of the divine right of the upper classes. As Watchman points out on this page, there is many a Tory lurking in the undergrowth of the working classes.

And that, believe it or not, is where this particular Conservative hails from.

He left school in London at 14, started work as an office boy and continued it in the galley of a freight ship. He then did two massive jobs of working through the ranks: first in the Army where between 1930 and 1937 he rose from rifleman to officer in the Royal Artillery via all the non-commissioned ranks; then next in industry, where he started on the shop-floor and progressed through foreman, works manager, general manager, managing director until today he is Chairman and Director of many companies.

Not bad ways of learning what you're talking about.

Nabarro's career in politics began with a 1945 defeat in a strong Labour constituency. Success came at Kidderminster in 1950 and since 1966 he has represented Worcestershire South. He was knighted in 1963.



No one in politics is in more demand than Nab. He has spoken in two constituencies out of three throughout the land; has always seemed to be on radio or television with his fruity precision and polite repartee; and is the scourge of ministers of Government after Government with an unending stream of questions and Private Members Bills.

In addition to all this Sir Gerald, married with 4 children, has a wealth of outside interests in education, the arts and charitable organisations.

So, even if his manner puts you off because it seems too blue to be true, you can't help but admire his persistence as a man of the people. Unless, of course, you think he has betrayed his background.



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BRANCHES ALL OVER THE MIDLANDS

# GOOD HEALTH CARING FOR THE INVALID

by Jean Fielding

FEW mothers can hope to survive the winter without having one member of their family in bed for a few days. And, as even a mild attack of flu or sinusitis can make a normally cheerful person become irritable and aggressive, the nurse must show patience and sympathetic understanding.

A housewife with young children to care for can soon feel exhausted if she has a sick person to nurse as well. The following suggestions may help to lighten her load and keep the ill patient comfortable.

If possible, accommodate the patient in the largest, airiest room with adequate cross-ventilation. A large room makes nursing far easier, too.

Keep the room as quiet as practicable, for household noises tend to be more annoying than outdoor sounds.

Have two small tables in the room, one for the patient's use and the other for your own convenience. Or you may possess one of those excellent bed-tables, which can be placed in front of the patient or pushed to the foot of the bed until required.

Rugs and carpets should be vacuumed daily and the furniture rubbed with a damp cloth to avoid raising dust.

A single bed makes nursing easier and it should be placed out of draughts. Bed-clothes should be warm but light, for heavy ones tire a sick person.

If a rubber mackintosh is necessary, machine two pieces of old linen to either end and tuck these under the mattress to prevent wrinkles. Cover this with a draw-sheet made from old sheeting.

Strip the bed completely each morning to remove crumbs and make the bed feel fresh. Hot water bottles should always be covered.

Wash the patient after breakfast and provide extra pillows for day-time comfort. If a back-rest is advisable, improvise with a tray behind the pillows.

Before going downstairs, place any toys, books or drinks on the bedside table to save your own legs. Most patients forget there is housework and cooking for a mother to do besides her nursing chores. Supply a small bell but insist it is only for emergencies.

Try to enjoy your mid-meal snacks with the patient, for everyone enjoys company. During convalescence, sick children or an ailing husband welcome visitors.

If the patient has to lie flat a feeding-cup with a spout will facilitate drinking. Supply drinks in a covered jug and, if the patient is feverish, add ice-cubes to cold drinks.

When the patient cannot eat, give plenty of fluids. A coated tongue can be helped by giving small pieces of pineapple to chew.

Never leave medicine or tablets in the room with a child. Give medicine regularly. If ordered three times daily, give after meals unless otherwise stated.

As some drugs are constipating, give extra fruit or a simple laxative, for it is important to have a bowel movement daily.

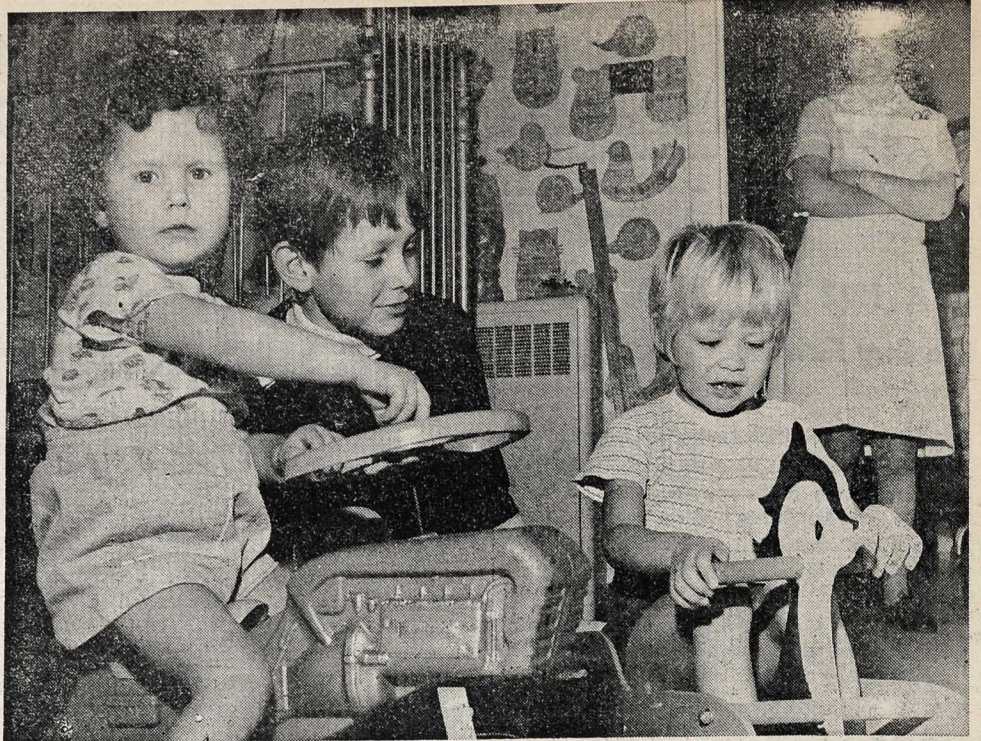
Stay with a child while taking his temperature, for many a mother has gasped: "What? 106?" after her offspring has dropped the thermometer into a hot drink.

Remove pressure from feet by placing a cardboard box or small stool down the bed. Special cradles for this purpose, rubber rings, bedpans, commodes and urinals can be borrowed from most Red Cross centres.

Tepid sponging of the face or body will help to reduce temperature and make the patient feel better.

Children and grown-ups tend to become bored during convalescence, but tempting food trays or unexpected treats or visitors will help. Youngsters welcome a new toy, comic or jig-saw, while extra daily newspapers or hobby magazines will keep a man happy.

With modern medicines most patients are quickly back on their feet these days fortunately, then the housewife-nurse can be thankful that the weary days of "May I have . . . ?" "Will you pass me . . . ?" are over again.



Children like these in hospital need something to play with and someone to read to them

## It's Story-Time in Hospital

by Eugenie Brough

As a Volunteer Hospital Reader I spend an hour one afternoon a month in the children's ward of my local hospital, reading to sick children. I am allowed to borrow my books from the local library and the librarian is most helpful in finding books suitable for the three age groups I read to. These are:

The 4 to 6 year-old who can't all read but love pictures. The 6 to 8-year-old who love adventure stories, and the older children who sometimes prefer to read to themselves but will listen quite happily when I am reading to younger patients.

### MAKING FRIENDS

A small child loses her shyness on seeing pictures of pets. So many have pets of their own and they chatter happily about them so we soon become friends.

In the summer I take little posies of flowers from my garden and offer these to the older children who love to keep them on their lockers.



### STORY SESSIONS

Boys like pansies and nasturtiums best they save their ice cream tubs to keep them in.

I have to divide my hour into three twenty-minute sessions as I read to three different groups. My story needs to be bright, simple, and have some dramatic incidents to keep up the interest. If I see their interest flagging I often substitute THEIR names for the hero's or heroine's. This arouses keen delight.

There are two suggestions I would make. One is to parents who have a child sick in hospital a long way from home—a child likely to be there for many months. Children love a photograph. Just an informal one of the family would do.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The second suggestion is, the older children love adventure books, and if you contemplate buying one as a present, first let them browse leisurely through a couple of catalogues and choose their own. Your present will be doubly acceptable.

Apart from the WRVS, the Red Cross also need volunteers to read to children in hospital. One needs to be sincerely fond of children and reading as well as patient and of a cheerful nature. A MUST is to be on time always and never, never disappoint a sick child.

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## FALSE PROPHETS

AS THE YEARS GO BY MANY OF US COME TO REALISE MORE FULLY THE MANY SIDED NATURE OF CHRISTIAN TRUTH. DIFFERENT PEOPLE COME TO GOD BY DIFFERENT ROUTES. It is one function of the Church to hold together in love those who travel to God in these different ways; no one group must ever be allowed to unchurch another, or even to make them feel unwanted or inferior. Our Lord warns us to beware of false prophets: the difficulty, however, so often lies in discerning the true from the false; in his commentary on St. Matthew's Gospel the Scottish theologian, William Barclay, suggests certain tests which we should apply.

(i) We must beware of a presentation of Christianity that relies too much on the observance of external matters. It was because the scribes and pharisees put such emphasis on things of this kind that they so often came under our Lord's condemnation. Sunday worship, Bible reading, membership of a stewardship scheme are not ends in themselves, but means to an end. Perhaps this danger is less now than it was in the past but for some people it is still a very real one.

(ii) We must beware of a presentation of Christianity that speaks more in negative than in positive terms. The law came by Moses, but St. John reminds us that grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. The commandments of the Old Testament are mainly negative—the commands of Christ are positive—"Thou shalt love". Jesus said "I am come that they may have life and have it in all fullness".

(iii) We must beware of a presentation of Christianity that suggests that there are certain departments of life which are not the concern of Christ. "Let the preacher stick to his own affairs" is the sort of remark that is heard from supporters of apartheid. But problems of race, industry and the like go to the heart of the Gospel.

(iv) We must beware of a presentation of Christianity that makes long established Christians feel uneasy. Any teacher who suggests that one church or sect has a monopoly of truth has little understanding of the many sided nature of the Christian faith. This is often the temptation of the young and of those who have had an experience of Christ later in life after being only nominally Christian. Today there are certain pietistic movements which are in grave danger of seeming to unchurch devout and long-standing Christians. If these movements are divisive they cannot be true movements of the Spirit.

(v) We must beware of a presentation of Christianity that is too easy. This perhaps is the particular temptation of the middle classes and of those who have never seriously doubted the existence of God. Suffering lies at the heart of the Gospel; today we often see this temptation to want religion on the cheap; we have seen this in the way the great sacrament of Baptism has frequently been lightly administered and this has given the suggestion, right at the start of the Christian life, that the demands of Christ are minimal. Nothing can be further from the truth.

Today few can doubt that the ecumenical movement is a real movement of the Holy Spirit drawing us all together in Christ. But it will make tremendous demands on all of us, for we shall have to learn to live together in love with those who have come to a knowledge of the truth by paths

## 25 YEARS WORK FOR YOUTH

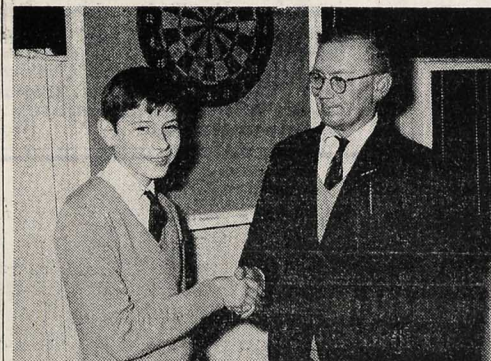
On Monday 25th September Peter Snock celebrated his 25th anniversary as a voluntary youth leader. To mark the occasion a little buffet supper was held at the Toc H Centre, the headquarters of the Lowfield and West Caversham Boys Clubs of which, he is the leader

Peter started his first club on 25th September, 1947, in one of the rooms at Balmore Hall. It was at the suggestion of the Rector at that time, the Rev. H. Hewitson Nash, and most of the members were from the Sunday School and choir of St. Peter's. In pre-war days Peter was a member of the St. Peter's Lads' Club, which had flourished since the last century but had to close down at the outbreak of war due to its premises, the Parish Hall, in Gosbrook Road, being required for military use. Des-

pite the rather cramped accommodation, all kinds of indoor activities took place in the winter months, but in the summer time the new club took full advantage of outdoor pursuits, such as rambling, baseball and numerous cycle rides into the surrounding countryside. Peter was, and still is, a very enthusiastic cyclist. Sometimes the club amalgamated with the junior section of the St. Peter's Guild in social events, and eventually became absorbed into the Crossbearers Club in which Peter, together with the Rev. Raymond Birt and Mrs. Cropp, were joint leaders.

The Chazey Boys' Club first saw light of day in February, 1959, when Peter opened up the doors of the Toc H Centre to boys who lived on the fringe areas of Caversham, such as Micklands and Chazey Heath. There were few facilities for youngsters in these areas, and the new venture met with massive response. Soon, not only boys from the perimeter areas, but from all parts of Caversham were thronging the premises, and it was then necessary to open on two evenings a week to cope with the multitude. When, however, other youth organisations opened

up in the Mapledurham and Chazey Heath area, to avoid confusion it was decided to rename the club and in February, 1970, its new title became the West Caversham Boys' Club. Then, alas in January, 1971, news got around Caversham Park Village that a boys' club existed within a reasonable distance of this rapidly-expanding estate, and the next move was to open the Lowfield Boys' Club also at the Toc H Centre. Now both clubs are functioning happily as brotherly organisations, under the leadership of Peter Shock with the assistance of Ken Hyslop. Every summer joint holidays are organised, and this August both clubs spent an eight-days' holiday in the Austrian Alps. In past years many of the boys have participated in exchange visits with youngsters in Austria, Belgium and Germany, thus fostering an international understanding of goodwill and friendship. About twenty people were gathered at the celebration on 25th September when Peter gave an account of his 25 years voluntary service with youth. He summed up by saying, if you want to stay young and fit and still possess a taste for adventure, get involved in youth leadership!



Fred Walker.

So keen are the boys that this photograph shows Peter Shock congratulating West Caversham member, Paul Mason, who a short while ago attained his 100th successive club attendance.

which may seem uninviting and even misleading to us. We shall all need the gift of tolerance, but as one sees how our Lord chose as his disciples twelve men of utterly different temperaments who certainly did not find it easy to accept each other, one catches a glimpse of what the Church will be when we have accepted each other in Christ and our divisions have been healed.

*John Grimwade*

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# HOLIDAY COMPETITION

Book tokens have been awarded as prizes to Mrs. E. Hursey of Kidmore Road and Mr. W. J. Eves of Wrenfield Drive for their entries in the holiday competition as announced in the August edition of Caversham Bridge. Miss Fiona O'Dair of Fernbrook Road is highly commended for her account of her visit to the annual camp of the Baptist Youth Club.

## Sussex Holiday By Mr. W. J. Eves

Arundel House is situated at the eastern end of Brighton Promenade; it is a lovely old Regency stone-built house, catering for 70 guests. Roedean Girls' School can clearly be seen in the distance. It was given by the brother of the Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon to the Baptist Union for overseas Missionaries on leave and for Ministers and their families in this country. It is open all the year round and other denominations are welcomed as well.

At our dining table of four we had Dr. Chas. E. Cook, 85 years of age with his daughter. Dr. Cook had toured Canada and the U.S.A., also China and Japan. It was a joy to have conversation with him and speak of our Christian experiences.

The first Sunday we attended St. Mark's Church at 11 a.m. for Matins. The Vicar, the Rev. Paul Eardley, has two churches, St. Mark with St. Matthew at Kemp Town, Brighton. In the evening my wife and I went to Florence Road Baptist Church. We enjoyed the service very much, especially the singing.

Each morning, before breakfast, we met in the drawing room for a Bible reading, prayers and a hymn. On Sunday evenings it was hymn singing from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. when anyone could choose a favourite hymn and if possible state the reason for their choice. A young Baptist Minister played the guitar and sang modern spiritual hymns. He was very much alive and keen.

We met and had interesting conversations with two lady missionaries from Korea and Hong Kong, also a Salvation Army officer and his wife who had been working in Biafra many years.

On our second Sunday we again attended St. Mark's at 11 a.m.; in the evening it was Evensong with Holy Communion. Two friends who came from Reading joined us, the wife attended Earley Church but the husband went to Wycliffe Baptist; they were both keen Christians.

This was our second visit to Arundel House: we feel we must go again in the future because of the happy fellowship—"All one in Christ Jesus".

## Norwegian Holiday By Mrs. E. Hursey

While on holiday in Norway we were staying near Bergen and on Sunday, June 18th, went to a church in Paradis, a few miles away, as a special service was to be held there. It was a very fine church, with good wooden pews with upstanding carved ends. The walls were hung with large rugs, which we understood helped the acoustics. There was a large congregation, and although we could not follow the service, we could not understand the sermon.

The service started at 11 o'clock, and an hour later five babies with their parents, Godparents and some relatives came in from a side door and sat in the front pews. Unfortunately the babies all cried together and the noise practically drowned the Minister's voice.

The font was in the centre of the chancel, and each child was baptised separately. Round each baby parents, Godparents and relatives gathered. The Priest did not hold the babies, but each child was held by presumably a Godparent, but of this we were not sure. Some flashlight photographs were taken.

When this part of the service was over, a short simple Confirmation service followed. So far the left hand front pews had been occupied by some young spastics and their helpers. Now they all went up to the altar rails. Instead of what we understood would normally be a long service, this was just the speaking of a few words by the Minister, and a blessing by the laying on of hands.

In spite of language difficulties we found it a very interesting service. We learned that it is the custom in Norway for children of about fifteen years of age to be Confirmed at the same time. This entails services on several consecutive days, and the actual Confirmation is performed by the Minister and not a Bishop. As far as we could gather, Confirmation is more of a coming-of-age occasion than one of religious significance.

## THANK YOU MR. POLICEMAN

The practice of advertising charitable events with posters on the barks of trees has become very frequent in Caversham recently. A Caversham Bridge reporter was therefore very glad to see recently a policeman get out of a police car in Church Road and remove posters from trees. It is hoped that the practice of disfiguring trees in this way will be discouraged by the organisers of fetes and bazaars

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# THE NEED FOR MORE HOUSES

Caversham Residents' Association is not a "hands off Caversham" movement: still less is it a "hands off Caversham Heights" movement. We recognise that there must be development, and that the large houses and gardens of Caversham Heights must, to a considerable extent, be replaced by smaller dwellings. These houses were built for a different age when plenty of servants and gardeners were available to help run them. Some of them can be converted into flats; some of them can be modernised into more easily run family homes, but for others, either the garden must go for more housing, or the house itself be demolished, and the whole site re-developed. In these cases, Caversham Residents' Association is anxious to see that the new building is in keeping with the neighbourhood.

Mostly this will mean not building too high and keep-

ing as many mature trees as possible. This is almost certain to mean less high density than the maximum the site could carry. Nevertheless, we believe that in the long run this will prove the most satisfactory.

Serious though the housing shortage is, houses last a long time and there are too many examples all over the country of houses that were put up to satisfy an immediate demand which are now breeding other kinds of problems. A pleasant environment in which to live is a basic right. Caversham is

prepared to share this with others, but to share it means to maintain, not destroy, it.

A slightly different problem occurs over any building on the Warren escarpment. The bank of trees rising above the river gives pleasure not only to those who live there but also to all those who enjoy the view from the south bank of the Thames. For that reason we are asking the Planning Committee to exercise particular care over any plans it may have to develop Warren House and Wychcotes. The best possible use must be made of this site so that as many people as possible can enjoy it now and in the future.

M.C.



Above: Mr. Edgar Ruddock was married to Miss Annette Hill at St. Peter's on August 5th. The bridegroom is an ordinand and the wedding was conducted by his father, a parish priest in Somerset.—Hymor Photographers.

Centre: St. Barnabas Church was the scene of the wedding on September 16th of Mr. Malcolm Alder and Miss Carol Trott.—Walton Adams.

Below: Mr. Gerald Turner and Miss Susan Trott were married at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, September 2nd.—Walton Adams.



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# Growing up at Newbridge Nursery

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## AIMS

The aim of every adult in the Nursery School is to help each child to develop fully to his own potential and to provide the atmosphere, situations and play materials necessary for this development; to give him wide and varied experience and to support him when he needs it for instance, when he is faced with new or difficult situations; to help him to relate well to children of his own age and adults; to help him take responsibility and to make decisions; to help him to understand himself so that

he will become a complete person, emotionally, intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually.

## LEARNING TO COPE

To do this the child has to learn about himself and his capabilities. At this age he has to learn how to deal with his own feelings; sometimes feelings of aggression, jealousy, disappointment, fear and grief, and we help him in the Nursery by providing a good atmosphere free from tension and stress and full of love, understanding, friendliness and warmth together with selected materials with which the child

## PREPARING FOR LIFE

At this age the child is developing in all aspects at a great rate and we must make sure that all these aspects are catered for. We must be careful not to stress one side of his development and forget the others which are just as important. Here I refer to the academic subjects -- the subjects that are sometimes only associated with the words "school" and "teaching". The learning of reading is quite a long process and for the child to be able to acquire such a skill he has to be sufficiently equipped for it. Much of the "play" in the Nursery includes pre-reading experience. For instance, becoming aware of various

shapes, sizes and colours and the opportunity to become familiar with these concepts, as well as language development, the ability to listen and concentrate are all necessary factors in the establishment of good reading. Likewise interest in maths, science, geography, history and biology is stimulated by the various play situations and activities within the Nursery School. But what is the point of being academically equipped if the personality is out of balance?

It is exciting to be part of the child's discovery of himself and the world about him. Have you ever observed a group of young children playing together and noticed how they interact, organise and discipline themselves in a Nursery School situation?

Our concern then, is not focussed on "getting the child ready for primary school" but helping to prepare him for life by giving a sound foundation in education in its widest sense, so that he will become a complete person in his own right with the ability to cope with the future and its unknown contents.

STELLA WILLIAMS,



Parents got to work and the grounds of Newbridge Nursery School have taken on a different appearance. Our photographer visited the scene some months ago and then returned to take this second picture. — Walton Adams.

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## WITH KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I'm not one of those who claim to love children indiscriminately, heaven knows some of them are appalling little horrors. So nobody can accuse me of being sentimental when I say what a pleasure it often is to walk up Peppard Hill in the morning with the youngsters heading for the Hill Primary School. They always seem to be carrying something for a project of some kind or other and are often very friendly and confiding. I have no idea who the two were who joined me on the morning of the Harvest Festival, but they were a delight to talk to and, young though they were, obviously conscious of their

part in the social scheme of things. Their gifts, they told me proudly, were to be sold in aid of Borocourt Funds. It is good to know that education in our schools today doesn't stop short at academic knowledge.

And while on the subject of The Hill Primary, could I add a special plea to our new neighbours who will shortly be moving into the new cul-de-sac at the top of the hill. Please don't leave yourselves late for work in the morning; a mad dash out into Peppard Hill could mean death or serious injury for one of the many children who use that stretch of the road

Which brings me to another thought. I know our police are very busy but could they, once in a while, keep a speed watch on Peppard Hill, particularly late at night. Some of the antics of motorists and motor-cyclists are literally appalling. Judging from this, and the number of cyclists I've recently seen without lights after dark, I imagine police patrols are conspicuous by their absence on this stretch of the road.

Come to think of it, pedestrians generally aren't getting much of a deal in Caversham at the moment. Trying to cross from the Bank in Bridge Street to the garden and handyman shop in Church Street recently, I realised that a pedestrian has no proper indication as to when it is safe to cross. There are no 'little men' or signs

telling you to 'cross now'. Furthermore, crossing from the bank to the first island, a pedestrian is always at risk with traffic coming from both ends of Church Street. We are all pedestrians at some time or another; couldn't we have a little more consideration.

Thanks and congratulations to the lady who recently made her very young son give up his seat for me in a bus. "It's never too soon for him to learn", she said, when I commented. She's right; the next time I hear someone say, "You sidown, I paid for that seat" I hope I have the courage to tell her what I think of her. Mind you, I wasn't quite so pleased when, the next day, I was offered a seat by a young lady in, I should say, her early twenties. Do I really look that decrepit? Never mind, it was well intended, so she came in for the usual smile and thanks which I reserve for such occasions.

Come to think of it, we don't say thank you often enough, do we? Neither, I think, do we smile often enough. Walking to work somewhat reluctantly one Sunday morning recently, I got a charming smile from a lady, a complete stranger to me, which quite made my day. Heaven knows we don't want to go round with a fixed grin on our faces all day, but such a lot of friendliness can be expressed in a smile and there are so many occasions when we could give each other this small acknowledgement. As the old adage has

it, it costs so little and it often means so much. Which brings me back to where I started.

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## WHERE DO WE GO FROM WHERE? (part three)

by Terence Harris

On Monday, September 25th, the ecumenical study groups went into action. On Sunday, November 12th, the special afternoon conference will bring to a culmination the reports from these groups.

Nearly fifty groups have been meeting each week in order to cover the six session syllabus. The "Recorders" from these groups have been sending in their reports which are being analysed. A precis of these reports will be sent to each Group Leader—thus all the folk participating in this project may be made aware of the thinking of all. This will make extremely useful material for the last session. At the Conference the Revd. Robert Jeffery will take the chair. Then the reaction from the various church councils will be sought. The practical working out of the proposals, if they are approved, will possibly be done through the Caversham Churches' Co-ordination Committee.

The whole project has been undertaken with great prayer and care. On the Sunday prior to the group meetings a prayer leaflet was issued in all the churches. It gave suggestions for thanksgiving, confession and intercession. At the second session members were issued with a three-week Bible study course covering aspects of unity in the Old Testament and New Testament Gospels and Epistles. These devotional exercises have been vital

elements in the whole project since it is not man's mind we are searching, but God's will we are seeking. Preachers have been relating their theme to the subjects the groups would be discussing in the following week. Many have commented that this has been helpful.

What is likely to come of it all? Proposals made and no action taken! I myself don't hold that view. Action is taking place already. It has been my pleasure and privilege to administer the Chalice in the Parish of Caversham by permission of the Bishop of Oxford. I am truly grateful for this genuine gesture of co-operation from our Anglican friends. Now in Caversham Park Village we are discussing the possibilities of a monthly Sunday Holy Communion which may be acceptable to both Anglicans and Methodists. Recently it has been made clear that members of other churches can make their Communion in the Anglican Church. Some may regard these as slight changes, but to me they are signs of the Holy Spirit drawing Christians together. He will give us much to talk about in the coming days.

Let me conclude this article by quoting the prayer for this project: "Eternal and merciful God, the God of peace and not of discord: Have mercy upon your Church divided in your service, and grant that we, seeking unity in Christ, and in the truth of your holy word, may serve and glorify with one mind and one mouth you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

### CHRISTINE THOMAS — PROGRESS REPORT

The Editor has asked me to write to you, to let you know what we have been up to on Reading Council since we took control in May.

As usual, I expect there are some of you who are saying that the "Council do nothing for me". Well, perhaps we haven't done anything for you personally, but I hope that we have been able to please most of you. Free fares on the buses for our old folk is one of the things which I am very pleased to see. Although I shan't qualify for another thirty years, I know how pleased those who do are. And please, those of you who haven't yet taken advantage of it, go and do so now, even if you only go into town to do a bit of window shopping now and again. Also we have been able to increase the meals on wheels service, which I hope those people who are entitled to use. Our mortgage rate is now

### RETURNING TO THE NORTH

At the end of September the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of England, York Road, said farewell to their minister, the Reverend George Shearer.

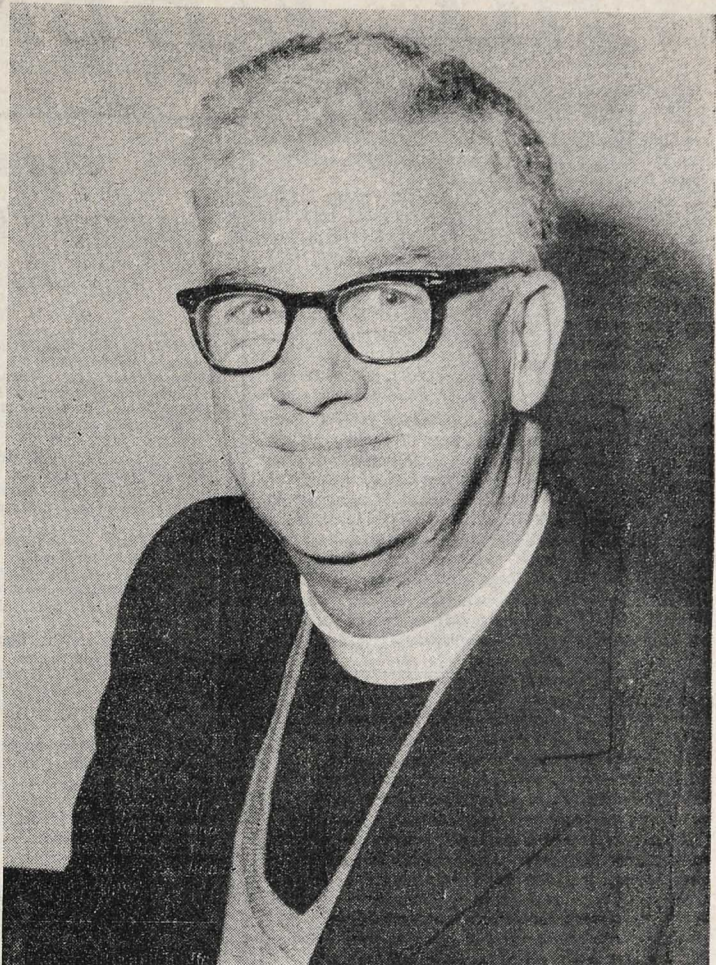
Coming to Reading from Plymouth in the summer of 1965, Mr. Shearer has been connected with various aspects of church life in the town. For two years he was president of the Free Church Federal Council. He was also a committee member of the Reading Dispensary and connected with the Bible Society.

#### MANY OVERSEAS VISITS SINCE 1965

Since he settled in Reading Mr. Shearer has done more travelling than ever before. With his wife he attended the Reformed Alliance meeting in Italy at Torre Pollici. Later he was at Royau, near Bordeaux, for a gathering of the French Reformed Church. As a member of the French Protestant Committee in London he was a delegate in Paris and even more recently visited the French Protestant Community at Taize Macon near Burgundy. He last trip abroad took place this year when he was one of twelve ministers nominated by the British Council of Churches to preach overseas. He went to the United States and preached to Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. His tour took him over four thousand miles. In Cleveland, Ohio, he met a group of Manx settlers, and as he had been a minister on the Isle of Man for a short period he was able to bring them news of their original homeland.

#### RETURN TO THE BEGINNING

His new appointment takes him back to old haunts. He began his work in the Durham district in 1936 and is now going to live in almost the same locality. Caversham Bridge send him their good wishes for the future.



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The scouts now have an enthusiastic Football Team playing in the Reading and District League. Several tournaments have been entered. A week long Summer Camp at Kingsdown, near Dover, organised by Col. Wait, Assistant Scout Leader and Stephen Cousins, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, proved a great success. Weekend Camps have also been held

near a home, Lowfields Farm.

There is a waiting list for both the Cubs and the Scouts and only the lack of helpers prevents more boys from joining. Anyone who would like to give a hand to Ernie Cartwright, the Scout Leader or to Mr. Davies, Cub Scout Leader, should contact Group Scout Leader, Mr. Wise, who lives at 81 Luscombe Close.

A perennial problem is the question of finding alternative accommodation for weekly meetings as the old Iron Room is becoming increasingly dilapidated. A new building would cost a great deal and many more fund raising efforts would be necessary before such a luxury could be contemplated.

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

##### St. John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday).

##### St. Andrew's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 2nd Sunday)

##### St. Barnabas'

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.15 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 2nd Sunday)

##### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION (4th Sunday Matins).

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## A WEEK WHEN TIME STOOD STILL

St. Peter's Brownies went to Eastleach at the end of August for their Pack Holiday. Their theme was "Peter Pan", and within minutes of our arrival the camping area was soon transformed into the Never Never Land. The Brownie "sixes" became Mermaids, Pirates, and Indians, the Guiders Cap'n Hook, Smee, John, Nana and Mrs. Darling—who of course was the cook! Two of St. Peter's Guides who came as Pack Leaders became Peter Pan & Wendy and the very small daughter of "Smee" made a delightful Tinkerbell. Activities covered the making of Wendy Houses in the beautiful beech woods, a real Indian Pow-wow, wearing feathers, blankets and war-paint round a real Indian Camp Fire—a hunt in the woods to find Peter's lost shadow—it had only been tacked on with black wool which soon came undone! They searched for Never-Never Birds and Animals, and found all sorts of Never-Never Trees and Plants, they modelled Indian villages, gent made sea-shell necklaces and collages (empty of pictures, and made nature collage pictures to hang in the week went too quickly.

#### CAVERSHAM WEST DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES Swimming Gala Results

##### Brownies

1st—5th Caversham (St. Peter's) ..... 26 points  
2nd—1st Caversham ..... 25 points  
3rd—4th Caversham (St. Andrew's) ..... 12 points  
4th—11th Caversham ..... 3 points

##### Guides

1st—5th Caversham (St. Peter's) ..... 54 points  
2nd—2nd Caversham (St. Andrew's) ..... 37 points  
3rd—11th Caversham ..... 30 points  
4th—12th Caversham ..... 20 points

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## ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. TAYLOR

After almost sixty years at 6, Star Road, Mr. Frank Taylor and his wife have, regrettably, had to leave their home to live with their daughter in Tilehurst. Well known in Caversham, Mr. Taylor was also a member of St. John's, where he sang in the choir until he was seventy. Less well known is the fact that he was the first server at the church, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's wedding was the first one in St. John's. Star Road will not be quite the same without them.

### A LOSS TO THE CHURCH

The sudden deaths recently of two of its faithful members has been a great loss to St. John's and to the community.

Miss Linda Gundry, of St. John's Road, though well cared for by her friends and neighbours, had become increasingly housebound during the last year, and it was shortly after moving to a home in Tilehurst that she died. A nanny for many years, her funeral was attended by some of her former charges. Her deep Christian conviction, and the courage and humour with which she faced her illness, remain an encouragement to all.

St. John's was also saddened at the loss of Mr. Harry Beech of Kings Road, who died very suddenly on September 16th. Always a cheerful man, he carried out his duties as sidesman in such a way that people were always made to feel welcome at church. The congregation shares the grief of his family.

### SALE AWAY

Tickets for the Annual Bazaar (3p each) are now on sale. Taking place in St. John's Hall on Saturday, November 11th, it will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. Williams, head of Newbridge Nursery School. Mr. Norman Kent will provide the entertainment. Do your best to come and to make it St. John's best effort so far towards the work of Overseas Missions.

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## BALMORE HALL HARVEST SUPPER

THE HARVEST SUPPER for members of St. Peter's congregation was a most happy gathering. The catering arrangements were made more complicated as the kitchen was in the hands of the builders, but the social committee did not allow this to perturb them, and a delicious meal was served. A presentation was made to the Misses Olivey who after a connection with the parish reaching back to the early years of the century have now left Hemdean House for their new home at 4, Ellerslie Road, Barnstaple. It was particularly nice to have at the supper their successor at Hemdean House, Miss M. Akeroyd. Some of the younger members of the choir sang a group of songs and those present listened to the fascinating account by Dr. Thomas Stewart of his visit to St. Lucy's Hospital, a U.S.P.G. mission station in the Transkei, and saw his splendid transparencies. All in all a most successful evening.

All Saints Day, Wednesday November 1st. The Parish Communion will be sung on this principal feast day at 8 p.m.

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## Mapledurham activities during September

With the summer holidays over events began to take place once more in the Parish. The weather proved kind to two outdoor activities early in the month. On Saturday, September 2nd the yearly picnic party for children from the Reading Welfare Centre took place at Greendene Farm. Under the organisation of Mrs. Martyn-Johns about twenty children were given a very happy afternoon with the help of several members of St. Margaret's Church. The following Saturday saw a most successful barbeque at Trench Green which raised about £45 towards the maintenance of the Parish Hall. Memorial Service for Mrs. Crow, St. Margaret's was filled with friends, relatives, old pupils and former parents who came to the thanksgiving service for Marion Crow. A former Vicar, the Rev. Purvis Sherwood, gave the address and it was an occasion for many who had left the Parish to meet their old friends at Mapledurham once again.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT GOSBROOK ROAD

The Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday, September 17th. At 11 a.m. there was a family service preceded by the 1st Caversham Boys' Brigade and parading in the surrounding area, the Rev. T. R. Harris conducted the service and received the colours of the Girls' and Boys' Brigades. The Harvest theme continued at 6.30 p.m. when the Rev. Maurice Wendt from

## CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival services at Caversham Heights Methodist Church were held on Sunday, 24th September. The services, which were conducted by the minister, the Rev. Terence R. Harris, were enhanced by the colourful displays of flowers, fruit, and vegetables. At the morning service four babies were baptised. Samantha Anne Field, Charlotte Ann Lewis, Ciaran Martin McDonald, and Alison Rosemary Griffin, the last-named being baptised by her grandfather, the Rev. W. Grant Anderson of the Church of Scotland, who also preached the sermon. Gifts of flowers and produce were brought by the children of the Sunday School, and these together with those already on display were later sent to the Monks Barn Rehabilitation Centre and the Social Services Department.

The Festival concluded on the following Tuesday evening with a Harvest Supper at which the speaker was a church member, Miss Joyce Kinchington, M.B.E.

Wokingham was the preacher.

On Monday, September 18th, the evening began at 6.30 p.m. with the sale of produce after which the cantata 'Ruth' was sung by the Church Choir; soloists were Mrs. Kathleen Radborne, Mrs. F. Daniel, Mrs. K. West and Mr. Gordon Prior. The evening concluded with a lovely supper served by the ladies of the Church.

## We Record...

### BAPTISMS

St. John's  
September.  
10—Sarah Dighton, Sarah Eggleton, Paula Turner, Nicola Turner.

St. Andrew's  
July.  
30—Fiona Mundy.

Caversham Park  
September.  
3—Simon Bennie, Christopher Monks.

### MARRIED

St. Peter's  
August 5th:  
Edegar Ruddock and Annette Hill.

September 16th:  
Gordon Bisp and Helen Shipcott.

Alan Hoefung and Janet Halford.

September 23rd:  
George Maltby and Margaret Watson.

September 30th:  
Nicholas Beaven and Christine Hunsdon.

### St. John's

July 1st:  
Robin Sherman and Patricia Atkinson.

July 8th:  
Alan Gowers and Angela Evans.

July 29th:  
Frederick Underwood and Linda Kisingbury.

### St. Andrew's

September 2nd:  
Gerald Turner and Susan Trott.

### St. Barnabas'

August 5th:  
Derek Jones and Gillian Davies.

Anthony Cook and Marion Fowler.

September 16th:  
Malcolm Alder and Carol Trott.

### St. Margaret's

September 2nd:  
Robert Glover and Gillian Lambourne.

September 23rd:  
Malcolm Carter and Margaret Tucker.

### FUNERALS

St. Peter's  
August.  
31—Elizabeth Terry.

September.  
20—Thomas Vanderpump.

### St. John's

September.  
4—Phyllis Cockrill.

11—Minnie Archer.

18—Linda Gundry.

21—Harry Beech.

27—William Faulkner.

### St. Andrew's

September.  
12—Elsie Butler.

### St. Barnabas'

August.  
George Bright.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, NOVEMBER, 1972—SEVEN

## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

MAINTAINING THE BUILDINGS. Much work has recently been undertaken and more is likely to be put in hand shortly in maintaining the churches and halls of the parish. During the summer months new toilets have been installed into St. Barnabas Hall and the kitchen of Balmore Hall has been entirely reconstructed. At St. Andrew's a faculty has been obtained for replacing the old solid fuel boiler with oil fired central heating, but delay in obtaining supplies is holding up the work, which it had been hoped to complete before the end of October.

The roof at St. John's is giving rise to growing anxiety and the district committee at St. Peter's are awaiting a revised estimate for work to the bells as four of the eight bells that have gone to Loughborough for repair and returning are now known to be cracked.

The rising cost of all works to buildings gives added importance to the consideration that the study groups are giving to the proper use of resources by the Church to-day. Elsewhere in this issue details will be found about the important conference that is to be held on November 24th to consider the findings of the ecumenical groups.

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# RETIREMENT OF MISS GARDNER

At the end of September the principal of the Chiltern Nursery Training College retired.

### A Full Life

Miss Gardner, who trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, came to assist Miss Halliday, the College's founder, not long after the end of World War II. In 1949 she was in charge of family groups at the Rise, Peppard Road with the help of another member of staff. She also deputised for Miss Halliday and lectured to students on a variety of subjects as well as teaching practical work connected with child care and on occasions relieved mid-wives in

the maternity block.

After Miss Halliday's death Miss Gardner became Principal. She then not only became involved in the running of the whole organisation, but built it up by gathering around her many interested and influential people who were able to become members of the Management and Training Committees and who had all the expertise needed to cope with the business and financial running of the large organisation it was then becoming.

### Crowning Achievement

With the opening of the new Students' Hostel by the present Duchess of Kent Miss Gardner realised a project for which she had striven many years and which could be seen as the culmination of a life-long service of dedicated devotion to the College.

She is deeply loved by all who have known her at the College throughout the years and on September 30th there was a gathering of her friends among past and present staff, students and children to wish her well.

Caversham Bridge join with them in hoping she will have a long and happy retirement in her home at Shiplake.

## — ROUND THE CLUBS —

### Mapledurham W.I.

Members were glad to re-sume meetings again in the Mapledurham Village Hall after the holiday. Mrs. Mortimer took the Chair as the President has her son home from Canada for a short holiday. A birthday posy was presented to Mrs. Harper who was 80 in August and to Mrs. Collins who was 86 this month—both are active members and certainly do not look their age. Mrs. Corkery gave a very interesting talk about collage, illustrated by her own really beautiful work. The members voted to make a contribution to the Memorial Fund for Mrs. Crow who was Headmistress of Mapledurham School until 1960 when she retired.

### Belgrave Women's Institute

On August 8th members visited Denman College, Marcham, which is the 'Adult Education' College of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. They were told something of its history, were shown round the residential quarters, the new teaching block, and enjoyed tea in the Dining Hall. A business meeting was held in the coach in the grounds.

On September 5th, a Members' Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Upper Woodcote Road. Holiday slides were shown, a competition guessing the weight of a cake made by Mrs. Waite, was won by Mrs. Day, and the raffle prize given by Mrs. Menary was won by Mrs. Wright.

### Mapledurham W.I.

At the September meeting at St. Andrew's Hall the President, Mrs. Betty Lewis, welcomed the Speaker, Mr. Bernard Venables who spoke on "The Life of a River".

The delegate to the Autumn Council Meeting was appointed and Resolutions discussed.

**Social Time.** Instructions for Bulb Planting were suggested and these bulbs are to be exhibited later on at our birthday meeting. The competition was won by Mrs. Parcel.

### The Jubilee Club

At their October meeting Mapledurham's Senior Citizens had a most interesting talk with slides by Mr. Warner on the training of guide dogs for the blind. The Club holds its open meeting and small sale of work on Monday November 13th. All visitors will be most welcome to come along from 2.15 onwards to chat and have tea with members.

### Emmer Green

#### Townswomen's Guild

A sale table and a cake raffle were held at the September meeting.

The Speaker Mrs. A. Belcher gave us some of the basic facts concerning Yoga and an idea of the ways it can help to overcome the stresses and strains of the tempo of modern living. Great enjoyment and amusement was had by all when the members took part in a few breathing and relaxing exercises. Mrs. Belcher then demonstrated some simple exercises which could be practiced at home. Judging by the enthusiasm which this demonstration evoked and the eager questions fired at the speaker a great many present would be extremely interested in Yoga classes.

### Emmer Green Club

The club now offers recreational and social facilities for people from the age of 3 up to the age of 90. Among the programme events are a playgroup, O.A.P. Lunch Club and Youth Club.

Applications for membership of the Youth Club are invited from young people between the ages of 11 and 21. The Youth Club programme includes weekly

discotheques, regular visits, competitions, holidays abroad, as well as the usual social facilities around a very pleasant coffee bar where snack meals, drinks and ices are available.

Full programme details are available upon request although it is hoped that young people will come to the club and organise their own programme features which are of particular interest to them. We hope that young people from Caversham Park Village will take advantage of our excellent facilities and that adults will also be interested in helping to staff the club.

Further details are available from Mr. Terry Denslow. Reading 476794.

The Emmer Green Club is situated next to the Primary School and behind St. Barnabas Church, in St. Barnabas Road.

Full details of times and programme details are available at the club. The Youth Club is open from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. on Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. Further information from Mr. Terry Denslow at the Club between 9.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. most mornings and every evening. Tel. Reading 476794.

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Evening

### Senior Youth Club

### TUESDAY

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### Playgroup

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### Ladies Keep Fit

Evening

### Senior Youth Club

### WEDNESDAY

p.m.

### Lunch Club

Evening

### Disco Club

### THURSDAY

a.m.

### Playgroup

Evening

### Junior Club

### FRIDAY

p.m.

### Lunch Club

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### Senior Youth Club

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### SUNDAY

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# CHRISTIANITY stirs in Russia

A third article about affairs in the Soviet Union

by Janice Broun

Forty-year old Russian Christian artist, Yuri Titov, and his wife Elena Stroevo, are stranded in Rome with fifty ruined paintings, two of a group of prominent Soviet dissidents, mainly Jews. They were given only a few days

The Titovs, like hundreds of other sane folk who have

dared to criticise government policy, or possess and distribute 'forbidden' literature (they distributed religious books), know what an enforced stay in an asylum is like.

In March, 1971, they were invited to London by Cassells the publishers to see some of Yuri's work reproduced in 'Decorative Arts of the Christian Church'. Some Jews—and the Titovs have many Jewish friends—were applying to leave for Israel at the same time. The police swooped and arrested everyone, and the Titovs found themselves in Moscow's Kaschenko prison hospital. Yuri was given a barbarous course of depressive drugs aimed at erasing all his creative ability and individuality. For several months he was extremely debilitated —

"eyes glazed, speech indistinct, head on one side, completely anathetic" was the description applied to another victim of aminazin treatment. But prayer can breach the Iron Curtain... Titov was expected only to be fit for 'low-grade' jobs; his atheist captors failed and he painted again more dramatically than ever.

**ALPHA & OMEGA**  
Nearly all his work shows the suffering head of Christ, ikon-like, against the background of modern Russia. His very lovely 'Alpha and Omega' shows our Lord on the right, on the cross, and, on the left, Mary tenderly holding the Christ-child. The Soviet Government's intense hatred of his art stems from its deep faith.

Once a semi-abstract painter, in 1962 he was converted and baptised into the Orthodox Church (Elena was already a believer) and he turned to paintings aimed at showing the conflict between good and evil, between religion and atheism, a conflict much clearer cut in Soviet society than ours. He wrote: "our forgetfulness of the truth revealed to us by the Holy Scriptures has brought the modern world to the brink of catastrophe."

**ARCHITECT**  
An architect by training, and later a restorer of badly damaged ikons and frescoes in Russian churches, Titov has never received any official recognition as an artist, but many intellectuals, increasingly drawn by the spiritual vacuum in Soviet life to a re-awakening of interest in the art, history, liturgy and traditional teaching of the Orthodox Church, have visited his flat to see his works. Solzhenitsyn is said to have wanted to spend his Nobel Prize money on building a church designed by Titov—but, though churches are desperately needed, you



Yuri Titov and his wife with some of his ruined paintings.

## From Communist Whiz-Kid to Christian Evangelist

22 facts about Sergei Kourdakov

(Reproduced by courtesy of "Underground Evangelism")

1. Orphaned when Khrushchev killed his Stalinist military father.
2. Raised in a communist children's home.
3. Trained as Soviet naval officer with rank of Lieutenant.
4. Leader of Communist Youth League with 1200 young communists under his command.
5. Judo Champion of Kamchatka Province.
6. Selected as head of special Russian police Anti-Christian Attack Squad, assigned to hunting down and raiding underground churches.
7. Police "Specialist" in destroying faith in God.
8. Personally led more than 150 attack raids on secret churches in Russia.
9. His Anti-Christian Attack Squad directly killed 4 Believers including an Underground Pastor during a secret baptismal service.
10. Burned quantities of Bibles and handwritten Scriptures.
11. Was honoured as No. 1 Communist Youth of his Province and was given award on Soviet TV.
12. Was honoured on Soviet TV as "THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF COMMUNIST YOUTH".
13. Social lecturer on communism at Soviet Universities.
14. His life was changed by encounters with Believers he beat and by reading pages he tore from a Bible before he burned it.
15. Survivor of ten hours in freezing North Pacific during epic swim for freedom.
16. Found unconscious in Canadian shores minutes before tide would have carried him out to sea.
17. Was unconscious in Canadian hospital for 14 hours.
18. His epic escape made headlines across Canada.
19. His escape and endurance were so unbelievable that Canadian authorities checked all factors through a computer to see if such a survival were possible.
20. Met Premier Trudeau of Canada and was allowed to stay as a political refugee.
21. Fasted and prayed 2 days in a Toronto Church in search for God.
22. Became a Christian and is now working to bring the message of Christ to the youth of Russia by radio and literature through Underground Evangelism.

are only allowed to knock them down, not build new ones. There are six million Russians of all ages and classes keen enough to work voluntarily on restoration of old churches. Almost every week there are complaints in the press about the 'unhealthy' interest of the young in religion. The government is worried.

They disliked Titov not only for his paintings but for his deep personal faith and moral integrity which compelled him and his wife to become involved in the cause of the oppressed. The Titovs were besmirched in the press and warned by the KGB.

### CHOICE

Then suddenly came the awful choice. He was allowed to take fifty of his paintings with him—fifty less religious paintings around anyway—but, crowning act of hate, they sprayed them secretly with acid. Italian art experts have worked desperately to salvage the disintegrating pictures. Fellow-exile, film-producer Yuri Stein described it as "an unprecedented act of vandalism by the Soviet police, obviously with the connivance of the highest authorities". Yet Titov is not bitter. "I am not angry with them," he told a newspaper correspondent. "They did it because they are afraid of God. I pity them." I still have two hands to paint with." (and thanks to individual Italians he can, since an editing job has been found for his wife, and a flat temporarily loaned them).

Thus speaks a wonderful Christian. Thanks to people of such calibre, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God is not dead in Russia.

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# Where Time really stands still

by Sam Napier

Among the newest tourist attractions in America are the Amish communities. There are 19 of them in the United States and Canada. And visiting one is like stepping back into the world as it was almost 200 years ago.

Their forefathers fled from Bavaria, Alsace, the Netherlands and southern Poland because they refused to take oaths or permit their sons to serve as soldiers.

And in the New World—particularly in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania—they decided to make a new life as they believed it should be lived.

Today their descendants wear the black, wide brimmed hats with a tall crown and sombre, home-made suits. The women dress in dark dresses with white aprons and sun bonnets. And all the married men wear beards.

These people who call themselves 'The Plain People' reject the Twentieth century as 'worldly and of the Devil'

The Amish do not seek to have others join their sect: and for one of them to marry outside the faith is taboo.

## No Modern Aids

They are peasant farmers who refuse to have tractors in the fields. They plough, using horses, and travel in horse pulled cabs and wagons. They won't have a motor car, telephone, radio or powered truck about their homes.

You will never find modern furniture in one of their stone farmhouses. They are lit by oil lamps for the Amish will not have electric power near their farms. If they buy a farm with electricity installed they rip out the cables and build windmills for grinding corn and irrigation.

The men let their hair grow down the backs of their necks. The married ones sport 'Uncle Sam' beards but rarely take off their big hats. Moustaches are banned because they have military associations.

These people whose lives are lived strictly according to the Bible take literally the command that man must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. From morning to sundown they work on their farms. A man walks behind horses drawing a plough: their orchards burst with apples. The Amish people, in spite of the world passing them by, are among the best and richest farmers in the world.

Yet the women still cook and bake at wood fired stoves and ovens. There are no labour saving devices in their farm



Before a prayer meeting a group of Elders discuss the events of the day.

houses. They know nothing of fertilisers or pesticides. There are no refrigerators or air conditioning. But they grow very profitable tobacco crops—although tobacco is banned to the Amish people themselves.

In recent years the Amish people have been in conflict with State authorities over a number of issues. They refuse to pay Social Security Tax, arguing that to do so is an indication that they 'lack faith in God' whom they believe will always provide for them. In the end Congress granted them exemption.

They refuse to have their young men serve in any army; and are opposed to paying income tax because part of this is used for war. They even educate their children in their own schools and have been in conflict with education inspectors who say the standards of teaching just aren't high enough.

With all their stern discipline, the Amish people encourage their young to marry at an early age. And weddings can only take place once a year—in the month of November

After the ceremony the couple get a 'closed in' or married buggy as opposed to the 'courting buggy' in which an unmarried young man takes his sweetheart about. The newly married man also begins to grow his first beard.

Today many of the Amish communities—and particularly that in Lancaster County—are becoming popular tourist attractions. In a recent year 2 million people flocked to see the Plain People with their quaint customs and costumes.

But the Amish people dislike publicity and many of them refuse to be photographed. They resent the curiosity which prompts people to look strangely at them.

A young Amish man explained himself thus: "I am happy, have work and friends. So what do people want?"



These people, who for centuries have been laughed at as being backward, have once again become pioneers in our times. With our transient city life and the capitulation to technology, their way of life corresponds to the 'back-to-nature' and anti-consumer movement of thousands of young Americans and Europeans.



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# ...JUST A BIT OF BRASS

## HORSE BRASSES

When horses were in everyday use on farms and for pulling coal carts, bread vans, milk floats, dust carts, and the like, the horses often wore brass badges on their harnesses. These are known as horse brasses, and they were the pride and joy of the drivers, who polished the brasses with great care. The brasses had different punched-out designs, which include such patterns as groups of half-moons, swans; foxes' heads; elephants; carthorses; camels; a sheaf of corn; horseshoes; engines; thistles; the face of the sun; and different kinds of flowers. Altogether there are about twelve hundred designs! Many breweries, dockyards and town councils, who used a lot of horses in their work, had their own specially designed brasses.

Collecting horse brasses is a popular hobby and some of these original horse brasses are still to be found in

antique shops, but they are very expensive. Most of the horse brasses in the shops nowadays have never been near a horse, but are especially made for collectors.

Look in the windows of antique shops and see how many different patterns of horse brasses you can spy. But keep your eyes open! There are, for instance, lots of different shaped elephants on different brasses, and when you've found an elephant horse brass there are lots more elephant ones of different shapes and sizes to be found...

One of the things you may spot in the windows of antique shops is a martingale. This is a broad band of leather which hangs down the horse's chest. It is decorated with five to ten brasses, and it was used to stop the horse from rearing and tossing its head too far back.

## AN IDEA

If you think you would like to start collecting the less expensive kind of horse brasses, remember to put them down on your list of Christmas presents you would like to receive.

## HIDDEN TREASURE

There are all kinds of treasures and useful things hidden in this old earth of ours. To get hold of them, men make mines deep down in the earth. In the mines they cut complicated passages underground, which often stretch for miles. And pretty dangerous work it often is, too.

Find in the following sentences some of the different kinds of mines in the world. There is one hidden in each sentence.

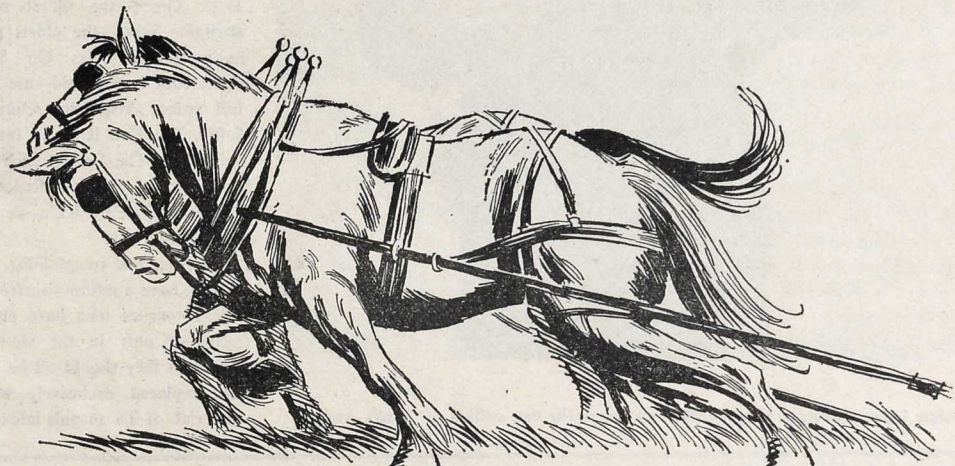
1. I love horses, but I'm afraid of a bronco all the same.
2. He said he thought the king old-fashioned and too prim.
3. A saucepan is a utensil very useful in the kitchen.
4. It's odd I am on dangerous ground in this old haunted house.
5. The route to Mandalay was altered several times.
6. Come and see us sometime if you can fit in a visit. Check your answers below.

Answers: Coal, gold, silver, diamond, salt, tin.

## IN QUEEN ELIZABETH'S REIGN

One metal we don't get out of a mine is brass. How come?

Because brass is made from a mixture of two other metals, copper and zinc. Brass was first made in this country in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, but it was only about 175 years ago that large brass foundries were built to turn out vast quantities of brass.



## BRASS PUZZLE

We use the word "Brass" in several everyday expressions. Here are three of them. Fill in the missing word.

Expressions	Meaning
I don't care a brass . . . .	I don't care at all.
He's a bit of a brass . . . .	He's rather important.
Let's get down to brass . . .	Let's get down to the real business in hand.

Answers end column.

## SILVER AND GOLD

The moon shines clear and silver,  
The sun shines bright as gold,  
And both are very lovely,  
And very, very old.  
God hung them up as lanterns,  
For all beneath the sky;  
And nobody can blow them out,  
However hard they try.

## ANSWERS

to Brass Expressions: Farthing, hat, tacks.

# PARCHMENT

## A Group Going Places

Parchment come from Liverpool—something you discover within seconds of any one of them opening a mouth. And they have all the qualities that have come to be associated with Liverpudlians. They are straightforward, open, humorous and very much down to earth.

Sue McClelland, John Pac and Keith Rycroft all sing, all play and all write songs. Together they blend into a thoroughly entertaining commercial folk unit that packs enough punch to be constantly in demand.

Their first single release "Light up the Fire" issued by Pye Records (Single: 7N45178) last September was adopted by the Nationwide Festival of Light as the "official song" for their programme of "Jesus Festivals" around Britain. The song, which has been described as starting like a weird Hungarian waltz and end-

ing like a black church freak out, was written by the group, who changed their name to Parchment to coincide with the single's release. They were previously known as Trinity Folk and, as such, have been heard on BBC radio and have appeared in a large number of major concerts, including two sell-out events with other artists at London's Royal Albert Hall.

The folk world has always had strong "religious" undertones and, seeing that Jesus and folk music are the two major influences on the members of Parchment, it is hardly surprising that their music is both honest and authentic. Their first album is being released by Pye Records this month, and they have an American tour lined up for the New Year as well as another Royal Albert Hall concert on January 6th.



## LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON



Arthur Lowe returns as Captain Mainwaring in the new edition of "Dad's Army."

## A LIVELY LOOK AT THE TV SCENE

### JUST A BREATHING SPACE

A television viewer, transported to some remote region beyond the range of transmitters a couple of years ago and then set down again before his screen this autumn might well have thought he'd never been away.

I suppose it would have dawned on him eventually, that 24 Hours is no longer with us and that Nationwide is screened five nights a week instead of three.

But in the field of entertainment the mixture is largely as before: Dixon of Dock Green—the oldest cop on the strength—Sykes—the oldest gags in the business—and Stars On Sunday—the ripest corn in the field—are all back in full swing. With the return of Softly Softly, The Two Ronnies, fourteen more episodes of The Onedin Line and a welcome return of yer actual Alf in Till Death Us Do Part, it's as though they've never been away!

Not that I'm complaining. Far better that we have a return visit from tried and true favourites who have proved themselves—if only in the viewer-ratings—than that they should all be swept away and replaced exclusively with untried material. If TV moguls intend to use the



darkening days of autumn, and even the fire-hugging nights of early winter, as a breathing space before moving on to fresh pastures, then that's all right with me. But in six month's time, we'll take another look!

Personally, I welcome back with most pleasure Dad's Army, the chronicle of Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard's gallantry as they faced the imminent threat of invasion during World War II.

Can it really be all of thirty years since we stood alone with our backs to the wall? It comes as a salutary shock to some of us to realise that the hilarious and sometimes all too authentic activities depicted in this brilliant comedy series are ancient history to a large percentage of the populace. One begins to feel one's age!

What a marvellous comedy actor Arthur Lowe has turned out to be. In the early days of Coronation Street, as Leonard Swindley, the punctilious manager of Gamma Garments who so nearly married Emily Nugent, few can have foreseen his rise to fame as that one man Land-of-Hope-and-Glory, Captain Mainwaring.

And what manner of men he has at his command! Clive Dunn's "Corporal Jones", local butcher and renowned Zulu fighter, would have given Jerry a taste of the cold steel—"they don't like it". And even gentle, harmless, old "Private Godfrey", we can be sure, would have summoned up the blood in defence of our island home.

Dad's Army reminds us that war has its funny side; a fact which may well astound some of those earnest young men and women whose only experience of "conflict" is an occasional spot of aggro with the Fuzz on a protest march.

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## The Magic Eye

Whenever I manage to grace a sporting event with my presence these days, I feel fine for the first ten or, on a good day, twenty minutes. Then it happens I begin to fidget in my seat—always assuming I've managed to raise a bank loan to enable me to sit. I feel strangely uncomfortable. There's something missing that I can't quite put my finger on.

Suddenly, there's a burst of action in front of me—a certain goal is tipped over by an over-athletic goalie, or a speedway bike goes hurtling off the track in one direction, its rider in the other—and I realise what's wrong.

I'm waiting for the personalities involved to reposition themselves and then repeat the performance exactly, but this time in slow motion, to enable me to analyse the entire incident, with David Coleman or Brian Moore, or whoever, telling me why it didn't happen the way he said it would in the first place.

An announcement is made to the crowd imparting some essential information about the spectacle we behold; half of which is completely lost in the noise of some of the more youthful members of our gathering who choose that moment to make their presence felt.

No, it's all too much, especially when I can't see again whether the centre-forward was offside or whether that linesman really is colour-blind.

There's no doubt about it, television coverage of all sports, not just soccer, has created a completely new environment within which those sports must exist. Strangely enough, the eagle eye, all-seeing for millions at one time has not made its presence felt in the area of skill and ability so much as the area of officialdom.

It really is ludicrous to me that one man's decision, such as that of a soccer referee, usually made in a split-second and invariably open to partisan misinterpretation anyway, should also be criticised and re-scrutinised in front of millions of other people.

There is an argument which says of course that the ultimate can only be better referees, and there may be

## SPORTS SPOT

by Stew Linnel

some truth in that; but anyone who saw Derby County's first-leg European Cup match against Zeleznicar of Sarajevo will know that the standard of British refereeing is way above that of the rest of Europe.

To return to the media, however, I am in no doubt that the magic of it all, not only television, has to answer for a lot when it comes to the violence and other such nonsense that plagues our sports-fields.

On the field of play and on the terraces there's a weird kind of glamour in having your name mentioned or your picture shown as a result of a violent act.

Whilst appreciating that if it's news then it's a newsman's job to report it, I do wish that the subsequent reports could bring home more of the revulsion and disgust, and less of the glory.

Then perhaps I can go to a match and not feel that I'm

missing something by being there, instead of staying at home for the "highlights" and the action replays.

Incidentally, I do wish there'd been live television of the Fischer-Spassky Chess Championship. I would have loved to see either of these gents deliberating for several, seemingly endless, minutes before making his move, and then to have heard our erstwhile commentator mutter those immortal words, "Now —let's see that again!"

