

THE REGENERATION GAME



Two views of the run-down building as it looks today with a maximum life span of three years.

Pictures: Philip DeVille

New group aims to replace community hall

A new pressure group has been set up to campaign for the rebuilding of the run-down pavilion at Mapledurham playing fields. The group was formed within the last few months by members of the Warren and District Residents Association with Robin Bentham as chairman.

Its aim is the rebuilding of the pavilion including a community hall, not just replacing the building with changing rooms as under the current council plan.

The first major event of the Mapledurham Pavilion Community Hall Regeneration Group was a dinner dance at Caversham Heath golf club last month with all profits from the event going towards the campaign.

The current situation is that the community hall and changing rooms are run down and suffering diminished income. As it is considered uneconomic to refurbish the pavilion for a limited life span, council policy is to demolish it within three years and replace the changing rooms only, with possible later addition of a community hall.

Reading borough council funding of £100,000 is earmarked for the project from S106 funds and sports funding grants are being applied for. Festival Republic, the organisers of Reading Festival, have donated £25,000 and promised a further £25,000. The cost of building changing rooms only is put at £450,000 but with a hall this rises to £750,000-£900,000, more if added later.

The new group says: "Residents are unhappy with the phased approach as we would lose the community hall for an indefinite period with no

guarantee of it ever being rebuilt."

In a statement issued recently, it adds: "Residents and users are strongly in favour of regenerating the pavilion with both community hall and changing rooms to complement the vital green space of Mapledurham playing fields and preserve Charles Hewett's legacy for the community.

"An attractive multi-use facility, in a sustainable building, is needed to cater for existing users such as the bridge club and mothers' group, regain favour as a venue for clubs, parties and social gatherings, provide a base for youth activities and satisfy council needs for a polling station.

"In addition, it would be desirable to widen its use for sports training, badminton and include a licensed bar. More intensive use providing adequate revenue is essential for long-term viability.

"We can only save the community hall with local involvement and fundraising. The proposal is to build a community hall, for all the community; community involvement is essential, so please support our efforts."

As well as the dinner dance in June, which was given enormous support by Caversham traders, a couple of car boot sales, shared with the Kings Meadow swimming baths team, were held earlier this summer. More events are being planned.

Robin Bentham comments: "Raising funds and gaining community support will give us a stronger voice in discussions on the future of the pavilion."

HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY

- In 1938 Charles Hewett gave the playing fields in trust to the residents of Mapledurham parish and Reading.
- In the late 1940s a wartime hut became the War Memorial Hall. In 1975 the hall was rebuilt, with the addition of changing rooms and a tennis clubroom, generally known as Mapledurham pavilion.
- In the local government reorganisation of 1977 part of Mapledurham parish, including the playing fields, was transferred to Reading borough council.
- On 1st April, 1979, responsibility in trust was transferred from the National Playing Fields Association to Reading council.
- The Charity Commission trust deed dated 20th September, 1985, named Reading council as trustee.
- In 2007 the cabinet of Reading council were formally identified as trustees.
- In 2008 the cabinet acknowledged that Mapledurham pavilion is part of the Mapledurham Playing Fields Trust.

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TALKING POINT

by

Jeremy Tear

THE OLYMPICS: COMING OUR WAY

As you read this article in July 2011, so it marks a significant milestone - the Olympics are only a year away. Excitement is already gathering locally with the news that Reading has been selected as one of the locations in which the Olympic torch will stop overnight. You may have applied for tickets to go and watch some of the Olympic events, and recently learnt that you have been successful (or not, as the case may be). Whether sport usually interests you or not, the Olympics is something different. I was recently told that it is estimated that eight out of ten people in this country will watch the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. That's a massive amount of interest, and something that will be hard for us to avoid next year, whatever our own particular attitude towards the games is.

The games, of course, are based on ancient sporting games that were developed at a place called Olympia in Greece over 2,000 years ago. They would have been known to St. Paul who makes reference in his letters to those who competed, both athletes and boxers. In his letter to the Christians at Corinth, he says: "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. **They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever.**"

Many athletes across the world are engaged in that strict training for the games now, indeed they have been so for many months. They are hoping for glory, to win an Olympic gold medal. The reality is that most of them won't, but even for those who do, then the glory of winning (says St Paul) will not last. Yes, they may well be remembered by others but the glory of winning will only be an earthly thing. Christians, says St Paul, are aiming for heaven, for a crown, a glory that lasts for ever.

What are we aiming for in life, I wonder? Is it to get a certain job, buy a certain house, earn a certain amount of money, achieve a certain amount of happiness through relationships with our partner, family and friends? Whatever we may be aiming for, the reality is that we are unlikely to achieve every life goal that we have, and even if we do, will we be truly happy or contented at the end of it? The only way to move towards achieving true joy, to use some other sporting words of St. Paul: "**Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.**" If our focus is on heaven (in other words on spiritual matters) then we shall not be disappointed in the end. That focus, of course, is also rooted in the here and now, for Christians pray each week that God's kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

Jeremy Tear is the community priest for the parish of Caversham Thameside and Mapledurham and is leading the response of Churches Together in Caversham to the games next year which includes children's holiday clubs, a proposed Olympic community festival, and hosting members of athletes' families.

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Lottery boost for 100 Years On project

Following on from the Lottery grant in support of the new Caversham Festival, there is more exciting news for the area. The Caversham 100 Years On project, which celebrates the centenary of Caversham becoming part of Reading, has been awarded a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Aimed at reaching out to people of all ages, the £34,000 grant will provide funding for:

- Professionally designed and printed exhibition boards on aspects of local heritage
- A grand garden party in Caversham Court with a heritage theme, including a ferry, a marquee and evening floodlighting
- A heritage sign to be erected in central Caversham
- Publication of a booklet drawing on the material gathered during the project to restore Caversham Court Gardens

- Training for an oral history project.

The project will support the increasing network of local organisations joining in marking the many different aspects of local heritage.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is the largest dedicated funder of the UK's heritage, with around £255 million a year to invest in new projects. It has the responsibility of distributing a share of money raised through the National Lottery to heritage projects across the UK, including museums, parks, historic buildings, archaeology, the natural environment, and cultural traditions. It is also a leading advocate for the value of heritage to modern life.

In 2007 the HLF approved a grant of £1.2mn to support the £1.6mn restoration project at Caversham Court. This funded restoration of the 17th and 19th century features of the garden, including the gazebo and crinkle-crackle retaining wall. Some historic

features that had been removed over the years were replaced, notably the ornamental gateway. Unlike many HLF restoration projects, a sizeable portion of the grant was used for planting of trees and borders. New facilities include a tea kiosk and disabled-access toilets.

The year 1911 is an interesting one to look back on. It was the coronation year of George V so flags were flying. Caversham was a busy and fast-growing commercial centre, with a population of well over 9,000, including nearly 700 shopkeepers and other traders.

There were increasing employment opportunities in the village itself, while almost 1,000 Caversham residents worked in Reading. A popular riverside watering place, Caversham was a desirable place to live, with its own library, police station and schools. In this period before the First World War, traditional crafts still thrived and transport was still mainly horse-drawn, but times were changing fast. These changes were captured by enthusiastic photographers whose work gives us unique insight into the lives of those who lived, worked and played in this thriving village north of the Thames.

Leaflets about the project will be available across Caversham or you can look at the website, Caversham100YearsOn.org.uk. As they are completed, the exhibitions will be at locations across Caversham and at many of the events. They are also available to borrow for schools and interested groups. Contact info@caversham100years.org.uk or leave a message at 0330 100 2828.

The team have been in close contact with Readipop who are organising the Caversham Festival and the picnic on Sunday July 10th at Christchurch Meadows 12noon to 7pm.

PIANO MAN SEEKS HELP FOR NEW VENTURE

Clive Sieling, a member of Caversham Heights Methodist church, writes about his new career, tells of the soul-searching that led to his change of direction, and asks for some help in setting up a business venture.

It's not often that people drop their long-time career and change directions, certainly not on a whim these days. So it was after a lot of prayer that I finally gave up teaching last July, after having been a cello and strings teacher for donkey's years.

I knew I wanted to do something very different, and so applied for all sorts of jobs. For the last six months work has consisted of reading gas and electricity meters for G4S, but this was never really a long-term career plan.

Then recently, I heard from an old music friend that a well-established specialist piano company in Oxford wanted to train some piano tuners. I got in touch and went for an interview, where the owner, Marcus Roberts, was very positive and suggested that with my background and location, we should set up a branch in Caversham or Reading. But first we needed to pray about it – so we ended the interview with a prayer.

I'd been through quite a few job interviews by then, but never found such interest and prayerful support – and it turned out that everyone who works at Roberts Pianos is a Christian. At last it seemed that someone was pointing me in a new and meaningful direction.

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ANNIVERSARIES

It was strange meeting an old school friend whom I last saw almost 50 years ago. We went out to eat, exchanged stories and it was almost as if we were back swapping tales after a month's holiday instead of a lifetime.

CATHOLIC READING

The next 12 months sees a string of commemorative events connected with the Catholic community in Reading and Caversham. On July 13th Reading libraries are organising a Catholic Day looking back at the story of Catholicism in Reading. One of the events is taking place at St Anne's Church with presentations from speakers outlining the role Catholicism has played in our community. *For further information see leaflets in the Caversham library*

CHAPEL OF THE RESSURECTION

In the 1800s several hundred French priests, exiles from revolutionary France, were found lodgings by the British Government on Castle Hill, Reading. Several of these priests stayed on in England and one of these, Francois Longuet, built the first Catholic chapel in Reading since the Reformation. It was consecrated in 1812 by Bishop Poynter. It was called the Chapel of the Resurrection. Situated on Vastern Lane, more or less where Blagrove Street now runs, it stood on or near to the site of the Rising Sun public house. The chapel was the forerunner of the church of St James in the Forbury, designed by Pugin and opened in 1840.

BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI – THE LINK WITH READING

Last year Pope Benedict visited England and beatified John Henry Newman. On 8th October a plaque is to be unveiled to commemorate Reading's link with this event. Many readers will know the story of Newman's spiritual journey from Oxford to Rome. Not so many will know that of another great churchman's journey from Viterbo, in Italy, to Reading. Yet the two are linked.

Dominic Barberi was born in 1792 into a farming family near Viterbo. When he was old enough he joined a religious order, the Passionists, who devote themselves to preaching and missionary work. Dominic was ordained in 1818. In 1829 he was sent to Rome to teach theology. There he took the opportunity to meet any English visitors he could.

In May 1840 Dominic and three companions were sent to Belgium to establish the first Passionist house outside Italy. Dominic assumed this was the first step on his way to England. While he was in Belgium John Henry Newman, then still a member of the Church of England, gave up his position in Oxford and retired to Littlemore where he lived a community life with a number of colleagues. About this time Dominic made contact with one of Newman's colleagues, John Dobbie Dalgairns, and began a correspondence with him.

Finally, in 1841, Dominic's superiors sent him to England to establish a Passionist house at Aston, near Stone in Staffordshire.

In 1844 Fr Dominic called on John Dalgairns at Littlemore and met John Henry Newman. Still members of the Church of England, Newman and his community welcomed Fr Dominic, who in his turn was impressed by them. In the following year Fr Dominic needed to visit the community in Belgium and it happened that his route would take him near Oxford. He was invited to break his journey at Littlemore. Newman took this as the sign for which he had been waiting. Fr Dominic arrived dripping wet, having travelled on the outside of the stagecoach, and was drying himself by the fire when Newman entered the room and asked to be received into the Catholic Church. Dominic received Newman into the Catholic Church on 9 October 1845.

On 27 August 1849 Dominic and a companion, Fr Louis, set off from Paddington on the 7:30 am train intending to go to Stroud, for the opening of a new church at nearby Woodchester. As the train neared Pangbourne, at about 10 am, he became ill and a doctor who happened to be travelling from Reading to Goring attended him. Later the same day he died at the Railway Tavern in Reading. The following day Dr Muggeridge wrote to the Berkshire Chronicle, describing how he had been called to attend a "Fr Benedic". The Berkshire Chronicle looked into the story and discovered the identity of the patient. Although he had

Support for refugees

Every year in June the contribution in arts, sciences and knowledge that refugees make to the rich diversity of the United Kingdom is celebrated nationally during Refugee Week. This year sees the 60th anniversary of the UN Refugee Convention and the Reading Refugee Support Group marked the occasion with an exhibition in Caversham library under the theme *Different Pasts – Shared Future*. Facts and figures as well as the stories of those seeking sanctuary in Reading were displayed. The exhibition was supplemented with a coffee morning when refugees shared their experiences with library-users.

For further information about the Group activities, contact the office on 950 5356 or go to www.rrsq.org.uk.

never worked in Reading the paper reported "Fr Dominic was very generally known to the Roman Catholic communities and particularly those Rev. Gentlemen who have seceded from the Church of England". So, although he had never worked or preached in Reading it was in Reading that he received help when he was dying.

It is believed that there was a plaque in the Railway Tavern (later the Duke of Edinburgh) commemorating the death there of Dominic Barberi but this disappeared when the building was demolished.

Plans are now underway to replace it with a 'blue plaque' on the same site. The Catholics of Reading hope this will be a sign of true ecumenism and a lasting memorial in honour of two great men, one an Italian missionary and the other a great Englishman.

FAITH AND HERITAGE

As a symbol of unity the Catholics of Reading will be taking part in the annual interfaith Friendship Walk. This year it is on Sunday 11th September and for the first time St James' Church will be one of the venues visited by those on the walk. Its timing will coincide with the week for Heritage Open Days and St James, as one Reading's architecturally significant buildings, will be open from 8th to 11th September, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 to 4 and on Sunday from 2 to 4.

A NEW ANNIVERSARY

So back to my old school friend. His visit got me digging around for old photos and I got to thinking that commemorations, memories and anniversaries all have to have a starting point. Let us hope that these and other events will become markers for future anniversaries, remembering a time when communities have come together to share common beliefs and build on the living testimony to the spirit of ecumenism which this newspaper has championed for so many years.



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A MEMORABLE CENTENARY



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Glory, glory...the male voice choir and children's choir join in singing The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Looking back, the centenary celebrations of St Andrew's, Caversham Heights, were a whirl of busy-ness, talk, laughter, and song. After months of preparation, Easter Monday signalled the start of a fortnight of varied activities. The Rt Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, celebrated the Eucharist on the Sunday evening, flanked by many former vicars of the parish and local clergy. It was a service of celebration indeed. The refreshments which followed set the standard for the rest of the fortnight: Regula Adams and her catering team worked hard behind the scenes so that visitors to each of the many events were refreshed in body as well as spirit!

As you would expect with a church of relatively recent foundation, there is a lot of recorded history about its beginnings – including a photo from 1911 of the Bishop of Oxford arriving by motor car in top hat and gaiters – to consecrate St Andrew's – and about the Church's life through the century. This has been made into a fascinating time-line display in the link corridor, thanks to, Lynda Hanks, Bithja Moor and Nigel Jones, the vicar. There is a huge amount of material to look at, read, and comment on, and people have enjoyed lingering and chatting to each other about what they see there.

It was interesting to walk through the time-line exhibition, moving from 1909 to 2011, and then to enter the church to see the contemporary art exhibition "This Time". The organiser and artist Bithja Moor commented: "It was really good. The contemporary art exhibition is becoming something of a tradition in St Andrew's, and is becoming known in the Reading art scene as an annual event to which it is worth going. More artists joined this time and there were 150 visitors including some from Oxford. The artists find it very interesting to respond to the special space which the church provides, as opposed to a wide, neutral gallery space."

An old tradition of Women Together in Caversham was revived in the Mother's Union tea party, which was a truly ecumenical event. Traditional afternoon tea complete with best china tea cups was served to 45 people drawn from many different churches: St Andrew's, St Peter's, St John's, St Anne's and the Methodists – and there were a few gentlemen there too. There was plenty of time to talk and reminisce.

Music in St Andrew's was also celebrated, with an inspirational organ concert by Paul Manley, the former organist of the Church. He is spending the year as organ scholar at Chichester Cathedral, which he is really enjoying, before going to Oxford University as an organ scholar. The fortnight was brought to



Visitors inspect the time line exhibition.

a close by the resounding concert given by the Reading Male Voice Choir together with children from Caversham Primary School. The concert was conducted by Gwyn Arch, the founder and musical director of the Reading Male Voice Choir, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. The children were conducted by Helen Wallis.

The vicar, Revd Nigel Jones, summed up the fortnight: "We're so lucky at St Andrew's to have such a beautiful building and such a vibrant community. The centenary has been a great celebration of the life of the Church. It's been really good to welcome so many people to St Andrew's: many of our friends and neighbours; former vicars, local clergy, the Bishop of Oxford; the Mayor, the Lord Lieutenant's deputy and members of the Reading Interfaith Group. Many people have said that the time-line is fascinating and we will keep it up for some time, so take a look if you can."

The centenary will be remembered in the worshipping life of the congregation by the smart new hymn books, which were kindly donated in memory of Barbara and Bill Leatham, and by the reorganising of the back of the church to make a welcoming space. A number of former vicars will be invited back during the year to give the sermon at the Sunday 10 o'clock service. The carpark will be cheered up by the winning mural design by Emma Barraclough – watch that space! The Fisherman café will continue to open on Thursdays in the Church Hall from 3pm to 10pm, serving tea, coffee, home-made cakes and other good things, mostly Fairtrade.

Many people have commented that one of the most memorable aspects of the centenary celebrations was the opportunity to meet and talk with so many people – both in the congregation and within the community – they had never spoken to before, and many new friendships have been formed.

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Spitfire over the Thames

A flypast by a Spitfire of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is the highlight of this year's church fete of St Peter's, Caversham, and St Margaret's, Mapledurham, on Saturday 9th July.

The event is again in Caversham Court gardens. The organisers are pleased to welcome back the Kennet Morris Men and are grateful to the Berkshire Maestros Holst Band, whose young musicians will provide a fine selection of music prior to their summer tour of Germany.

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The children help to feed the chickens.

Thameside children visit farm

Children from the Foundation stage at Thameside Primary School went on a school trip to Rushall Farm in May. The organic farm, located in Bradfield, produces wholesome, healthy food in a sustainable way and helps children understand how they can better look after their environment.

The trip was entirely funded by Ella's Kitchen, a company that promotes active and health lifestyles for children and an understanding that healthy food can be fun, tasty and cool.

During the trip, the children had an opportunity to:

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- meet the resident pigs George and Camilla
- use their senses to have a guess at what was hidden in the feely boxes
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- take a tractor ride to find the cows

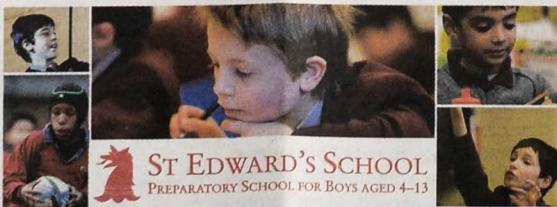
Miss Shield, foundation stage teacher, said "The learning opportunities for the children were endless. It was a fantastic experience for them. Thank you Ella's Kitchen!" The parent helpers and children certainly agreed, with one parent saying it was one of the best trips their children had ever had.

Award for Caversham Park Guide



Lucy Smith, aged 14, a member of 1st Caversham Park Guide unit, was presented with her Baden-Powell Award in May. Lucy (left) completed a number of challenges including a first aid course, organising a birthday party for nine year old twin girls, finding out about the life of a child from a deprived country and spending two days at the Guide House in London completing an active game of Monopoly, by travelling to and photographing the destinations on the Monopoly board. Lucy is also a pack leader with a local Brownie pack.

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WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO?

As part of Christian Aid's programme to reduce poverty it is working with 600 partner organisations in over 50 countries around the world: one in Nicaragua, Soppexcca, was chosen as an example of this during Christian Aid Week. Since Reading is twinned with San Francisco Libre situated on the northern shore of Lake Managua we ought to be aware of many of the facts about Nicaragua, the second poorest state in the Western Hemisphere after Haiti. 80% of the population live on less than £1.50 a day, one fifth are undernourished and more than one fifth have no access to clean drinking water.

Soppexcca (Society of Small Producers for Coffee Export) began in 1997 and has increased from 68 coffee producers to 650 organised into 15 co-operatives in the Jinotega region of Nicaragua about 100 km NNE of San Francisco Libre. About 65% of the total coffee production in Nicaragua comes from this area. From the beginning Christian Aid saw the potential of working with Soppexcca which is passionately committed to helping poor farmers beat poverty by producing good quality coffee, marketing it for them at a premium and putting funds back into the local communities. At the Christian Aid Week service Katrine Musgrave, from the Christian Aid office in Oxford, was able from personal experience to report on some of the transformations that had taken place and were continuing

Christian Aid Week in retrospect

in communes around Jinotega.

Twelve years ago Gustavo Adolfo Talavera, an illiterate coffee farmer, was given a loan that enabled him to expand his farm and build a small environmentally sound processing plant. Members of his Los Alpes co-operative have since gathered together enough resources to build a school and a health centre. Five years ago a group of poor farm labourers in Elaido Simedín Pineda's community were offered credit to establish themselves as coffee farmers. As part of the La Paz del Tuma co-operative they now hope to transform their community by the provision of a school, clean water and latrines. 4,000 people are benefitting directly and 9,000 indirectly from the activities of Soppexcca which is providing technical assistance, loans to help develop and improve the production and processing of coffee, and finding international markets in the USA and Europe for their organically produced and fair-traded coffee. The fair price and the premium paid for the coffee are reducing poverty by ensuring the livelihoods for the farmers and their dependents, whilst providing education, health, training and other facilities for the local communities.

These are some of the achievements made possible by the annual house to house collections that raised £13.2 million



O. Jewiss

Taking part in the service at St Barnabas were (from left) Keith Stephen-Evans (Caversham CA organiser), Robin Kent (churchwarden), Richard Cunningham (St Barnabas CA organiser), Katrine Musgrave, (the speaker), and Elisabeth Gash (lay minister).

in 2010. As Christian Aid says in its literature its work enables us to look beyond ourselves and enables others to do what seems impossible. The bigger picture is the world as it could look if we allowed the kingdom of God to be a reality, if we really believed in abundant life for all. It is the world that Jesus showed us in his life and ministry.

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Picture O. Jewiss

Glynn Davies is presented with cheque by Sam Kent with Churchwarden Jim Dunkley between them

Virtual climb of Kilimanjaro

Education for Life is one of the overseas charities with a local link that is supported by St Barnabas. Glynn Davies, its co-founder, was born and raised locally and his parents still live in Emmer Green. The charity is situated in Kenya at Tumaini in Mombasa where it provides food daily for about 650 poor children as well as a school where some of these children receive an education. This year they have a challenge to provide some apprenticeship training.

Each year school children at Tumaini have an eight mile fund raising walk based on the distance to climb Mount Kilimanjaro; it is a 'Virtual Kilimanjaro' climb. Sponsoring churches have been encouraged to adopt this model as a fundraising exercise. So in May this year 21 members of the congregation and friends of St Barnabas set off on such a walk. The route was planned by Sam Kent, with a little help from 89th Reading group scout leader Chris Butlin. Sam produced maps, elevation and an altitude chart and risk assessment forms and was rewarded with several scout badges. Education for Life subsequently received £800 from sponsorship money. This, together with a share in the proceeds from the handyman sale, was handed over in a cheque for £1230 to Glynn Davies at an afternoon tea event in St Barnabas parish centre.

Glynn and Jane Davies are currently visiting sponsoring churches in addition to taking leave. During their visit they were also able to tell us about other work at Tumaini and show a DVD about the building of "Stepping Stones", a two-storey halfway house with 24 rooms that will accommodate those reaching 18 years of age when they are no longer permitted to live in the orphanage.

Corrections

The caption of the photograph on page one of the June issue should have read 'Clergy lead procession in Kelvedon Way'. The form in which it appeared is a reminder that the original Palm Sunday procession was in fact a protest by the crowds against the rulers of the day. They were probably like those seen in recent months across the Arab world, where the crowds have demonstrated against rulers ignoring the demands of the population.

We wish to record that the photograph of the Easter event at Caversham Court was published by courtesy of the Friends of Caversham Court.

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EVENTS

High drama at Caversham Court

Four A' level drama students brought history to life in Caversham Court at the beginning of May. Alyssa Champion, Anke Strautmann, Jordan Neale and Gino Meeajaun, from Denefield secondary school, in Tilehurst, put together and performed a 20-minute theatre piece based on events in the history of the site, as part of their AS level drama exam. With very few props – a tray, a hard hat, a travel bag, a clipboard – and only a hint at costume and sound, the black-clad youngsters acted out some of the scenes that have taken place on the Caversham banks of the Thames. Early monks processed to ancient St Peter's church, Henry VIII's serjeant-at-arms hosted Tudor entertainments in his grand house, there was war and destruction through the ages, culminating in the misery of forlorn evacuees in Reading during the Second World War. The Old Rectory, as Caversham Court was known until the 20th century, has seen it all, and now, as the actors showed in a witty change of gear, is a popular venue for school parties.



Drama students bring history to life in the gardens. Picture: Friends of Caversham Court

Caversham Court was suggested as a potential theme by drama teacher and Head of sixth form Mrs Melanie Shaw, who visited the gardens last year for the first time and was herself inspired by the sense of history there.

Don't forget there will be more theatre in Caversham Court in July. The Mikron theatre barge will be mooring alongside on Saturday 2nd July for a performance of "Beer Street" at 7.30 pm. Progress Theatre will be performing "The Tempest" at 7.45 pm from Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th July except Sunday, with matinees on Saturdays 23rd and 30th and on Sunday 24th at 2.30 pm.

Talk on True Food shop

The 27th annual general meeting of the Emmer Green Residents' Association (EGRA) was held at the Grace Church on Tuesday May 10th. Margaret Ormonde, the chairman, reported a fruitful year, with various projects either completed or underway. Former secretary Carol Gibson had retired and moved away from the area, but her replacement Jane Handley was welcomed. Three new officers were elected to complement the remaining committee.



Chris Aldridge of True Food Co-operative, speaker at the EGRA AGM, with Chairman Margaret Ormonde.

Summer Music with the Hurst Singers

The Hurst Singers are a mixed voice choir who perform a variety of music including songs from the shows, traditional and modern music. They will be presenting an evening of summer music at St John's, Gosbrook Road, Caversham on Saturday 9th July at 7.30pm. Interval refreshments will be available. Tickets are £7 from Richard Purkis, 0118 9475120, or on the door.

Fete at Day Centre

A traditional summer fete is taking place in the grounds of the Albert Road Day Centre, on the corner of the Mount and Albert Road in Caversham, on Sunday, 24th July, from 12 noon until 4 pm. There will be a range of free fun and games for children, as well as stalls aplenty to browse, the opportunity to buy quality bric-a-brac, toys, books, plants, jewellery, crafts and home-made cakes.

A lunch will be available and cream teas will be served all afternoon. The money raised will be used to help continue funding the seated yoga and arts and crafts sessions which the 50 senior citizens who attend the Day Centre are currently enjoying.

The chairman thanked all those who had helped throughout the year. After the formal business, Vickie Abel from Friends of Caversham Court outlined some of the events scheduled for Caversham 100 Years On.

The main speaker was Chris Aldridge from the True Food Co-operative shop in Emmer Green. He gave a fascinating insight into the development of the enterprise and how, with the help of volunteers, they were able to provide the community with healthy eating produce in a sustainable way. They provided drinks and nibbles, which went down a treat!

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My Uncle Fred used to enjoy a pint of beer and a cigarette with his pals in the pub – and the brand of cigarettes he smoked was “Wills’s Wild Woodbines”, produced in Bristol by W D and H O Wills. This was before smoking was considered harmful to health. On the packet was a stylised honeysuckle plant – and William Morris, too, appreciated the plant’s decorative possibilities, and used it in his fabric designs.

It took me a long time to connect Uncle Fred’s Woodbines to the plant I knew as honeysuckle. The design on the packet didn’t look much like the plant, and the smell of the tobacco smoke didn’t seem to bear much resemblance to the scent of honeysuckle either.

The “bine” part of the name is just a lazy way of saying “bind”, of course – so a woodbine is a plant that binds the branches of trees. This word “bine” also became the name for any kind of long, climbing stem, and is the technical term given to the stems of hop plants.

A dip into the *Oxford English Dictionary* shows that what we know as honeysuckle was called honeysuck in Anglo-Saxon times, and that honeysuckle was originally the name given to white clover. The reason for the almost-identical names is not hard to guess – both plants produce delicious nectar which I remember sucking out as a child.

Among foresters who look after woodland, honeysuckle is not a favourite plant. It climbs up trees, cutting down the light, and making them top-heavy. It can cause saplings to distort as it spirals round them, and this is how those walking-sticks with a kind of natural barley-sugar twist in them were produced – the kind favoured by Sir Harry Lauder. Maybe encouraging honeysuckle to grow round saplings was a minor woodland industry at one time – though I have also read that a particular kind of hazel grows like that without any encouragement.

As they scramble about in hedges and woods, honeysuckle stems can become thick and trunk-like, with a papery bark which is shed in patches. It never seems to have proper buds, wrapped in tight brown sheaths, during the winter – the new leaves seem to be there all the time, and just unfurl and expand in the spring. The red berries which follow the flowers seem to go largely unnoticed by people, but I’ve found them fun to photograph, because they are shiny and translucent, and you can get different effects taking them wholly or partially against the light.

But the main glory of honeysuckle is, of course, the scent, which becomes more intense as dusk falls, in order to attract night-flying long-tongued moths. Someone has reckoned that some moths can smell honeysuckle flowers from a quarter of a mile away, and it is interesting to speculate on how they worked it out.

Like many scented flowers, even when the air is still, the scent sometimes seems to hover at some distance from the flowers. I know of houses in Caversham which must have wonderful scented honeysuckles in their back gardens, even though I’ve never seen the flowers. And sometimes in woods, I’ve been disappointed when the scent from honeysuckles seemed to diminish as I got nearer. The scent of lime blossom sometimes seems to do the same.

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Caversham Horticultural Society

"Dig for Victory" is the title of a talk to be given by Russell Bowes on Wed 13th July, 7.45 in Caversham Primary School.

Russell, a very experienced lecturer, will look at the period when England's gardens took on the might of Hitler's armies. Gardens great and small, public and private saw clematis give way to cabbage and roses replaced by radishes. He will discuss the role of the "forgotten army" - the Land Girls - who helped to put food on the tables of the nation, plus advice and propaganda given to gardeners in print and over the airwaves. Russell is a garden historian who has been lecturing for over 10 years.

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Rosehill Women's Institute

Members met for a very interesting May meeting opened by President Brenda Caborn who welcomed members and visitors. Secretary Margaret Seal read out the various announcements including a summer outing to the Vine, a National Trust House.

The walking group had walked around Hurley and Ewleme Park both ending with pub lunches and the scrabble group had two very sociable meetings.

The knitters had bought along a colourful array of hats, jackets and blankets. This year 38 blankets, 57 hats and 70 cardigans have been sent to the RBH Buscot ward.

Rosemary Weekes gave an account of the spring council meeting of the Berkshire Federation. Members were informed of the pros and cons of the two resolutions to be voted on for the result to be sent to The National Federation. The resolutions were to urge HM Government to maintain support for local libraries and urge HM Government to ensure planning permission is not guaranteed for such projects as factory farming for cows and pigs. After a debate amongst members the resolution for maintaining libraries was passed unanimously; the vote for the factory farming was mixed with no clear outcome.

Brenda then introduced member Gladys Gale who gave a reading of her memories of war time which she has written for her grandchildren. She read about enlisting at 18 years to join the WAAF and how her first days of joining up were spent. Learning to make her bed the army way and being issued with the full uniform and including all the sundry items such as cutlery. A very interesting account for her family in years to come and members were interested as well.

The meeting closed with tea and biscuits and the raffle. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm at St Barnabas Church Hall, Emmer Green

We welcome visitors and potential members.

Reading & District Probus Club

Have you ever read a detective story and found vital pages missing? Well Tony Eaton's talk on 'Hess- the cover up' did just that. Many Government files do not explain why Hess managed to steal a German fighter plane, fly across the English Channel with three RAF fighter planes from RAF Edinburgh, of which Lord Hamilton was the Commanding Officer, land on a private air strip in Scotland with a welcome committee waiting for him. His flight was known to Hitler, his order to negotiate a peace with a British peace group of industrialists, leading gentry and leaders of political parties and Armed Forces. Hess had a list of names (Butler, Halifax, Hoare) on him when he was detained. These, and others, had previously met at the Vatican and Lisbon. Why? Because Hitler was planning advancement in the East, not the West. Who but Hess, his deputy, could negotiate? Should it fail, Hess left instructions that he be considered by Germans as a crazy, 'off his head' individual. This was duly a speech by Hitler shortly after the story got out as propaganda.

So why did witnesses say that they saw the runway lights switched on for a plane to land? Why was a cavalcade of civilian cars seen arriving and leaving? Did Hess (and Hitler) know of Churchill's leadership being threatened by Lloyd George and Hoare? Did Hess land or did he bale out as written in the press release? Was he captured by the Home Guard?

It was two years later that it was known that Hess was a prisoner, with no contact with the outside world, which continued well after the war was over (highly confidential). No name was registered in documents, only known as Prisoner 7. Did he die or was he strangled? This was refuted later when he appeared at his trial, thus putting down the rumour that had prevailed.

When Hess eventually appeared in public, it was at the War Crimes Trials where he continued to act as an imbecile, avoiding all eye contact. As such he evaded the charge of murder and was committed to life imprisonment in solitary confinement, strictly guarded, 24 hour watch, no contact with the world, still known as Prisoner 7. But leaving yet another mystery. Did he die of strangulation? Did he hang himself? The 25 year embargo on the release of information was increased by another 25 years, with the possibility of up to 100 years, before Government files are released when later generations reading modern history will read the 'missing pages'.

Members of Probus were intrigued and left with many

questions, which even if asked, could not be answered. However, retired men can enquire about Probus by ringing the secretary Raymond Head on 0118 941 1445 or www.readingprobus.talktalk.net

St Peter's Wives Group

At our May meeting Alveen Thoresen talked to us about Victorian children's literature.

Children's books at that time dealt mainly with class, religion and death. For the first time, the Victorians saw children as different from themselves, as in previous times they had been treated as small adults.

Many stories emphasised duty, and Sunday school books were written to improve the moral behaviour of the lower classes!

Favourite authors were Dickens, Scott, Kingsley, Shakespeare and Bunyan. Charles Kingsley's "The Water Babies", published in 1862, was written for his young son and is still in print, although in recent years judicious editing has ensured that it has become more 'PC'.

Alveen's research into Charles Kingsley and his famous book revealed that he was an Anglican vicar, who was very interested in country sports and nature. He was also a strong social reformer and the aim of his book was to improve the lot of chimney sweeps like his hero, Tom. Within a year of the book being published, the Chimney Sweeps Act was passed, banning children from chimney-sweeping.

The book included characters such as Grimes, the sweep, and fairies called 'Mrs Do As You Would Be Done By' and 'Mrs Be Done By As You Did'.

Many of us remembered our parents reading this story to us when we were young and it was with a certain nostalgia that we listened to Alveen's in-depth analysis of the book and its author. Many thanks to her for such an enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting, depending on the weather, will hopefully be a river

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

On July 21st Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild will be buzzing about the Incredible World of the Honey Bee, with Steve Moll.

This will be our last meeting before the summer break. We meet again at St Andrews Hall at 7.30 on September 15th. Darren Curtis, who is a qualified life coach, will give a talk on child/parent psychology.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Caversham & Chiltern Flower Club

A demonstration entitled "What a find" by Carol Ferris is to be held by Caversham & Chiltern Flower Club on Wednesday 13th July, starting at 7.30pm - doors opening at 6.45pm. The venue as usual is Caversham Heights Methodist Church, entrance fee £4.50. A plant and book stall will be available, together with a sales table and refreshments. The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month and is a great source of inspiration to those who love all things floral. Visitors are always very welcome. For further details contact Berna Macdonald on 0118 9477400

Caversham Women's Institute

It was resolution discussion time when members met in May. The two subjects for debate will go forward to the National AGM in Liverpool. Both resolutions - keeping local libraries open and refusing permission to build so called 'mega farms' were passed unanimously with many expressing their support for the library and their distaste at the thought of farm animals kept indoors all the time.

After tea a quiz on television programmes proved too easy for most and gave rise to much discussion. Dates for summer activities were given and the evening ended with the raffle.

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Lions and their guests at the birthday party.

Members of Lions Clubs from all around the district came together to join with the Goring, Woodcote and District Club to celebrate their 30th Charter Anniversary with a dinner dance at Goring & Streatley Golf Club.

The guest of honour was John Howell, MP for Henley on Thames with his wife Alison. He congratulated the club on its work in helping people in need both within the local community and abroad. Among the guests were a number of past members and their wives including the club's founding president Paul Haddock and his wife Jan.

This Lions club has consistently raised more than £10,000 a year since it was formed in May 1981. Within the past 12 months a total of

Pride of Lions celebrate 30th anniversary

more than £15,000 was achieved through local fund raising events involving the general public.

All money collected by the Lions goes to support charitable projects, the majority of which are in the local community. The balance of funds is used to help Lions-sponsored national and international projects primarily related to youth and eye sight preservation in areas of greatest need. Every pound donated goes to charity with no administration charges taken out.

LETTERS**Memorial for writers**

I was annoyed that the article by the Happy Wanderer did not say who were the writers of the article in Oxoniensia in 1995 on the chapel of St Mary Caversham. One of the people involved would have been familiar to the readers of *Caversham Bridge* - the late Mary Kift - the others were the late Marion Fallowfield and myself, all residents of Caversham. We spent quite a long time exploring references, consulting maps and walking (as far as possible) the area.

As both Mary and Marion died last year it would have been a memorial to them both to attribute the Oxoniensia article.

Pat Preece

As a Deans Farm resident who is interested in the history of the site, I was intrigued by the front page article by Happy Wanderer in the May edition of *Caversham Bridge*. I was already aware on the whole of the facts he presented and will follow up his suggestion to consult "Oxoniensia". But the photographs were interesting. I have quite a few of the old Deans Farm but had not seen either of the two shots published. Would it be possible for the author to tell me the source of these pictures, please?

In passing, the arrival of your excellent newspaper is always much appreciated in this household!
John Woodard

Dear Sir

I note that in the May edition of *Caversham Bridge* Ex Libris has again strayed into party politics.

In a contribution timed to coincide with local elections Ex Libris seems to bemoan the fact that flat dwellers and those without gardens will no longer be subsidising the green bin collections for Caversham residents. (in fact it appears the green bin collections only benefits about 30% of the town but is paid for by all residents.)

Surely those of us who are fortunate to have gardens should not expect our lifestyle to be supported by the rest of the town and paying for the waste from our hobby to be disposed of is not unreasonable.

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