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And in the middle of the battle is one of man's most precious possessions being used as an instrument of revolt—because that is what is happening.

TWO VIEWPOINTS

In the present rumpus there seem to be two extreme attitudes presented to us. Either to think of sex as something negative and secretive so that any portrayal of sexual behaviour becomes pornographic. Or to think of sex as a purely biological function between animals. If you take the first point of view sex edu-



**Chris Brodan
calling**

cation becomes unnecessary; if you take the second then it is logical that such education should be concerned with the mechanics of sex and no more.

Just where does the Christian make his stand? Traditionally the Church has been associated with the point of view that sex is a necessary evil. Once such a label is stuck on—and there has been justification for it in the past—it is very difficult to shake it off. In any controversy like the present one the Church is expected by many people to march on to the battlefield firing the heavy artillery of denunciation, and laying down rigid rules of what is right and what is wrong.

But Christianity is not a religion of denunciation or a religion of rigid rules. It is not a matter of 'Don't do this' or 'Don't do that', but something much more positive. It is a religion of love that points to a particular view of humanity. It is a religion that sees every man, woman and child as a divine creation, capable of union with God.

TREATED AS HUMANS

This means that the Christian can no longer think of himself or his fellow men merely as animals. It means that every person has a particular value and purpose as a human being, and must be treated as such.

For the Christian there is nothing wrong with sex—in fact there is everything right with it—when it is bound up in a loving human relationship that takes account of man's true nature and destiny and there is nothing wrong with sex education. But such education must be concerned with relationships as well as with mechanics. To separate the two is to deny the humanity of man, and can only lead to bondage.

The way to true freedom is the way of Love.

NEW ADVENTURE FOR OLD PRIORY OF THE DALES

Marrick Priory, in the heart of Swaledale in Yorkshire, was for years just another disused and unwanted church. The few who visited it (perhaps having read H. F. M. Prescott's fine chronicle "Man on a Donkey" about the Pilgrimage of Grace) found it hard to realise that this was once a thriving Benedictine Nunnery. It had been built in 1144 by Roger de Aske, and was to play an important part in 16th century history. But the nuns left at the Dissolution; and though the church was later rebuilt (incorporating many features from the original priory church and buildings) Marrick never really came to life again.

Now, adventure is ahead for the old stones; for the redundant church has been converted into a residential Adventure Centre for young people. George G. Pace, the distinguished York architect, has succeeded in preserving the charm and character of the old, and restoring some of the original architectural features, while adding a new building onto it. This new building houses the kitchen, cloakrooms, warden's office, activities room, toilets, showers and drying rooms, and two leaders' bedrooms (with private showers!). The original church building

by Maxwell Fergus

(Ripon Diocese Youth Advisor)

to which it is joined contains a Refectory Hall, a leisure room, and a chapel; and upstairs two dormitories.

The Centre is now in full use and available for all young people and youth groups. It stands on an open stretch of the river Swale, ten miles west of Richmond in a remote and beautiful part of the Dales. An invitation to the explorer, it is ideal for a wide variety of activities—adventure courses and holidays, field studies, canoeing, walking and climbing, school study conferences, pre- or post-confirmation weeks or weekends, or youth service training courses of various kinds. The Centre will hold 44 people, and is being used by Churches, Schools, Youth Clubs, and other groups of young people who come from all over the country.

Marrick Priory has come to life again. In its new role, under the guidance of Jonathan Bailey, its young priest-warden, it offers modern and comfortable facilities with an historic atmosphere. Here, perhaps, many young people will learn Christian insights and how to apply them to living; here they may discover more about themselves and one another, from the experience of living and worshipping and enjoying many activities together. The Centre is an attempt by the Church to serve young people and meet their varied needs in the name of Christ. It looks as if it's going to be in great demand.

**CHURCH IN
ACTION!**



letters

Money for South Africa

Sir,

Oh how I agree with Mrs. Bennett on this question of the world Council of Churches giving monetary support to anti-racial groups in South Africa. Has the World Council gone mad? In these troubled times of violence and murder, the one sane and responsible voice in the world is the Church with its message of 'Love'. To many it may be taken as a sign of weakness that the churches do not take sides politically—but I think the World Council is treading on very dangerous ground indeed if it ceases to be impartial in its dealings with ALL the peoples of the world. No one has a direct telephone line

to God. No one can say "The Lord has directed that these people (i.e. South Africans) are wicked and should be exterminated. Here is the money—go and do my will".

I think the Church's biggest mistake in the past has been in thinking it has this direct line to God, and that what it thinks is right—and you lot toe the line or else. The World Council is made up of fallible human beings with opinions that may differ from the opinions of many equally fallible human beings outside the church. But NO ONE can say "this is what God wants". It is only what HE THINKS God wants.

I am, I suppose, an agnostic and to me and to many other uncommitted people, one of the few things outstanding in the Christian Church has been its method of helping the downtrodden to gain some dignity, either by giving of food or medicine or comfort. To give them guns and grenades and bullets turns them into killers. If the Church has money to spare, let it educate the downtrodden. It will be getting very mucky hands indeed if it dips them in the blood of anyone it happens to disagree with.

Stay impartial, I say, you wield more power this way.

Mrs. M. Pearce,
Chandlers Ford, Hants.

Should a patient be told

Sir,

How I disagree with "G.P." who advocates that people should be told when they are dying. And to tell him or her as a sort of insurance to eternity is surely an affront to our Maker?

Over and over again as a voluntary worker with the elderly, one hears the plea "Am I going to get better?" and without any thought of dishonesty, but solely to allay their fears one says "Of course you are, you look much better today." From the relative's point of view too, this sad charade is all that makes

the position bearable, and who knows?—mistakes do occur and our bolstering may give the necessary confidence to win through against seemingly impossible odds.

This world is our natural habitat, and it is natural that we should feel alarm at leaving it and the people we know and love. Don't let's make it even harder by removing all hope, for didn't faith raise Jairus' daughter?

"OSTRICH",
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Vietnam truths

Sir,

I wonder if we could be spared some of Chris Brodan's homely but dubious

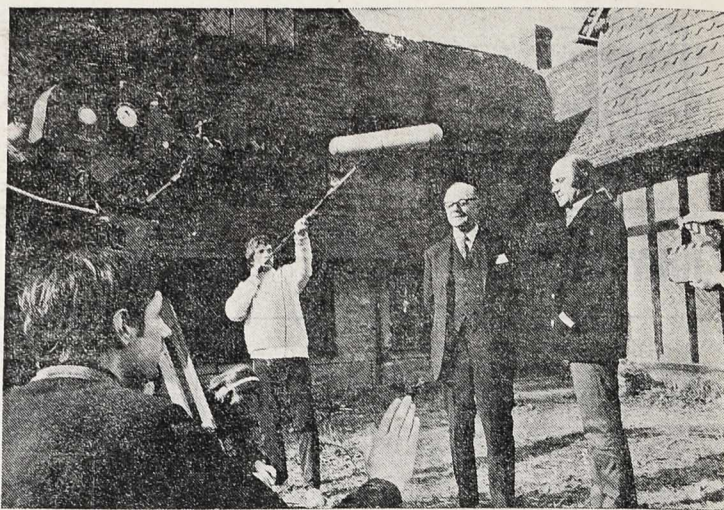
wisdom. "Americans defend a way of life founded on Christian principles by bombing with napalm Vietnamese women and children" etc. Really! That gave the Kremlin a quiet chuckle, no doubt.

I have no doubt that terrible things are being done by the Americans as the war becomes increasingly bitter. And also by the Communist forces in the North, although Chris Brodan is very careful not to mention them. Like most people in this country I have read all that is possible to read about this American Venture and I still do not know whether they are right or wrong. And I mean that, **I Just Don't Know**. But Chris Brodan has no doubts. **He knows**. I wonder!

I think possibly the Americans may eventually withdraw but when they do it will be a disaster for us as well as them. And am I wrong in thinking that President Nixon offered to discuss peace a little while ago? And am I wrong in thinking that the Communist powers were happy to keep the war going and rejected any peace talks? Fair play Sir, if you please.

C. Williams,
Birmingham.

Mr. Williams makes a good point—but he misses Chris Brodan's. Of course atrocities are committed by both sides in this appalling war. Chris Brodan was examining the apparent contradiction of defending what is thought to be a society based on Christian principles by such violent means. Presumably that is not a problem for the Communist world.



A T.V. Team taking pictures of the Bridge House, Liphook with the Secretary-General of Rehab, Commander Ian Henderson (wearing spectacles).

'Disabled? Want to go to University'

by Marie Spinks

If you were disabled what would you prefer, a pleasant social club specially for your needs where you were entertained, arranged outings with suitable transport, or perhaps light work in a protected environment? There are excellent charities that cater for people suffering from all types of illnesses, but there is one organisation different from the rest. It has no patients' associations and does nothing in the way of providing amusement. Its name is The British Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled, usually known as Rehab. Rehab believes that those crippled by an accident or paralysed by a disease should be trained, whenever possible, to live a full and meaningful life in the Community, engage in competitive employment and earn the proper rate for the job. This charity offers the greatest chance of social and economic independence even for the severely afflicted.

Born in the War

Rehab was founded in 1944 under the chairmanship of the late Dame Georgina Buller. At that time it was realised that there would be a lot of people injured owing to the war. The Council will help any disabled person, including patients with non-physical illnesses, such as dyslexia, the strange condition causing complete inability to read or write, although the intelligence is often well above average.

When I interviewed the Secretary-General of the organisation, Commander Ian Henderson, at Tavistock House (South) Tavistock Square, London S.W.1. I heard about George, now 28 years old and making a good living as a professional photographer. George had had a miserable young life because he couldn't learn to read like his classmates. He was regarded as mentally retarded until a psychiatrist discovered his trouble. George then came under the care of one of Rehab's specialist tutors whose patience and expertise unlocked the mystery of the written word. George writes letters now, even if it does take him rather a long time. In addition, he received a thorough assessment of his abilities and was found

to have aptitudes suitable for photography. Rehab arranged a first-class professional training in this work. George is now happily married and able to support his family comfortably.

The charity's Preparatory Training Bureau is justly famous among doctors concerned with physical medicine, that branch of medicine which deals with crippling conditions and loss of faculties. The Bureau ensures that patients who have to stay in hospital for a long time shall be in a fit condition to take up employment when discharged. Over ninety tutors are employed, and a wide range of subjects are also taught by correspondence.

It has always been difficult for a disabled student who is confined to a wheelchair to get accepted by a university. The older universities are so often a maze of narrow passages and winding stairs that anyone not able to walk wouldn't get from residence to lecture halls and laboratories unless carried. The new universities are aware of the problem and it is to their credit that they are giving a practical welcome to the disabled by building ramps and providing lifts.

Research carried out by Rehab in 1961 showed that 20,000 disabled children leave school each year. Excellent educational facilities are provided for youngsters up to sixteen years of age, then they stop. With the mentally gifted in mind, Rehab have now bought a large old house, The Bridge House, at Liphook in Hants. £250,000 is still needed to make the premises suitable. When ready Bridge House will be a centre for higher education and training for university entrance. The usual academical terms will be observed and when the young students are on holiday Bridge House will be used for conferences for doctors, social workers and educationalists. Lectures will be given by experts on modern methods of training the handicapped. Another use for the house will be for the re-training of the older person who has become suddenly handicapped who needs to learn new skills.

Deserving Opportunites

A certain percentage of the disabled will still need light jobs within a sheltered environment and the Disablement Resettlement Officer attached to each employment Exchange will direct these to a suitable workshop. But in the near future the academically able will get the opportunity they deserve to use their gifts. Crutches or a wheelchair will no longer prevent anyone from using a fine mind for the service of others. Any person interested in opportunities for the disabled is invited to write to Rehab at the London address. Every enquiry receives the fullest attention.

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LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE



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FEEDING A REFUGEE IS POLITICAL

This page brings you politics without apology.

The world of politics is very noisy nowadays and we reckon no Christian can safely turn a deaf ear to any of the sounds it's making. Not that anyone else can either. But a Christian is someone who can't shut the world out. He knows God is to be served there.

Agony of decisions

But this can often leave him with agonising problems. Take Alan Booth—he's the Director of Christian Aid, the major relief organisation which has found itself in the pincer-grip of politics. He has felt the agony of deciding between Christian Aid taking to all-in politics and keeping out of it as much as possible.

Alan Booth has gone into print on his organisation's basic political commitment.

It all started with Biafra when Christian Aid's acts of mercy to the needy helped to prop up the rebel regime. Some welcomed this; others objected. What about Christian Aid's Director?

Politics can't be sidestepped

Well, he believes that it is right and important for individual Christians to be active in all sorts of political areas, but that Christian organisations, not to mention the Church, shouldn't line itself up in any narrow political way. At the same time aid and relief must go to anyone in real need whatever party or nationality or race they belong to, so politics can't be sidestepped.

Let Alan Booth speak for himself:

"We are on the side of the opening of opportunities for living to as many people as possible.

This is quite a political commitment. It means feeding, housing, educating refugees who are inevitably going to "cause trouble" because being fed, educated and housed in a camp as a refugee is in itself no one's idea of the good life.

And we dare to do all this simply because it is the way God treats all men—gives us dangerous life and has taken the worst consequences himself for the joy that was set before him.

That is the fundamental political commitment of Christian Aid".

PLAIN MANS GUIDE TO SOLVING DISPUTES IN INDUSTRY

... by Tom Chapman

The early stages of a dispute are the most important. Every moment counts. If a third party could be at the scene of an unofficial strike within two hours before the high heat of battle spreads, a large majority of unofficial strikes would be eliminated.

Two possibilities come to mind. Firstly, strike action having been taken, it should be recognised by all parties that the negotiators, the shop stewards and personnel officers involved, have reached the end of their con-

tribution to debate and should therefore withdraw from the scene of conflict as leaders. Fresh representatives must be selected immediately on both sides. Fresh minds, possibly contributing a new angle from both sides, often bring a speedier conclusion to the conflict.

The second possibility concerns a wider field and would lift the conflict from the local situation. A team of three, an independent chairman, an employer and a trade union official should be appointed

for every industrial area to go immediately to the site of any serious dispute, both sides to the dispute having declared their intention to abide by the findings of the three.

Experience had proven that if a dispute is ended before it is necessary to save face on either side, it must be attended to in the first hours of the strike. Furthermore, what is equally important, is that justice can be seen to be done on the spot where the trouble occurred.



STATE OWNERSHIP

The final extract from "WHICH WAY" edited by Michael Ivans and Clive Bradley, published by Michael Joseph Ltd.

Ian Mikardo, lifelong member of the Labour Party and active representative of the Party's more socialist left-wing, puts forward a second line on State Ownership in this last summary we are taking from the chapters of "Which Way?". Mr. Mikardo has been M.P. for Poplar, member of the Labour Party National Executive Committee and for the last five Chairman of its Economic and Finance Committee. As Chairman since 1966 of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries he is well qualified to counter the call by Mr. Enoch Powell, published last month, that we should denationalise wholesale.

As our writer last month assumed all nationalised industries must go, Ian Mikardo assumes they must stay. And, still more, State intervention in industry must go on growing. This, he states, is because modern technology will escalate the size of the production unit.

As a result capital and economic power will be in fewer hands, there could be still greater waste of resources and the

gap will widen between haves and have-nots.

So the State must step in. "There's no escaping it", he argues. "In the world of computers and automated assembly-lines and five-million-ton steel-mills, the idea of free unregulated competition... is as much a romantic nonsense as the idea of settling international quarrels with knights in armour opposed by the sturdy bowmen of old England".

He goes on to deal with the point of view, quite common in his party, that the State doesn't need to own industry, only to control it. "There are two answers to that question. The first is that State planning of privately-owned industry is more bureaucratic and less effective than State planning of publicly-owned industry; and the second is that control without ownership does nothing to offset the rich getting richer while the poor get poorer".

In support of this first answer Mr. Mikardo explains that, in order to plan, the Government needs information and this is far easier to obtain in publicly owned industry. He backs up his second answer with the point that control and planning become more cumbersome and bureaucratic when industry is privately owned, "because it involves more policing of the controls because there are more attempts to evade them".

He gives World War Two as an example, when, in spite of Government control of industry, there was an increased need for forms and inspectors to stop people cheating the system.

Lastly, Ian Mikardo sees the State ownership of industry as the only way to narrow the rich poor gap. "Technological advance and structural change within industry have created an enormous acceleration in the accumulation of private wealth by a small proportion of our people. At the same time there are large numbers living at low standards... The growth of working-class incomes is strictly controlled, whilst some forms of capital almost double in value in a single year". To offset this trend, he states, the benefits of economic growth must be spread over the whole community. If not, "we shall continue to be not one nation but two".



Ian Mikardo MP

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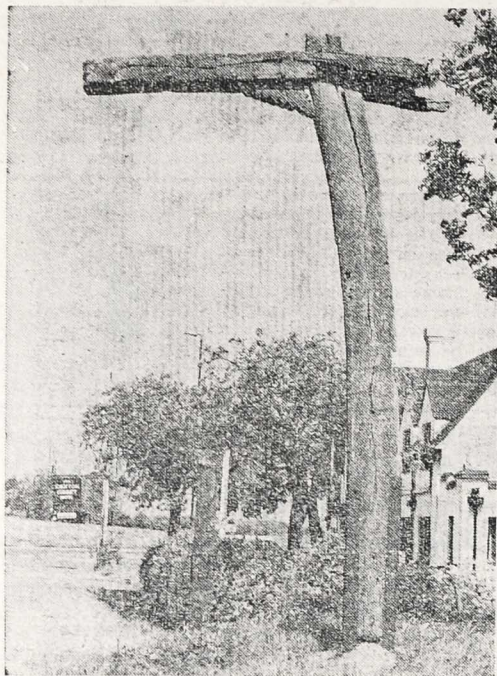
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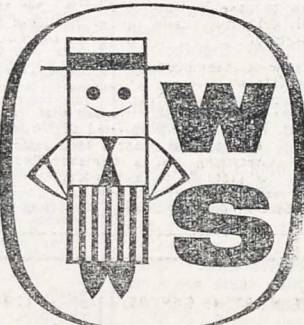
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people, places and things



Suspense Story

Near the junction of Ermine Street and the Cambridge St. Neots road is a replica of a gallows which was sited there. In days gone by, justice was certainly seen to be done as gallows were erected in public places and those who died on them were left as a warning to others. It is on record that the highwayman Gatwood hanged there in 1753 was left as an object lesson for five months.



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From the day the first one causes doting parents ecstatic joy to the moment they leave you, teeth are usually a trouble to their owners. Even when all are gone, replaced by artificial dentures, as false teeth are euphemistically called, trouble is not over in every case and few people readily admit to having them.

The Italians seem to have been the first to experiment with replacing teeth. Around 700 B.C. the Etruscans fixed false teeth to good ones by using gold wire. The new teeth could be of bone, ivory or even human teeth extracted from corpses. No great improvement was made by latter generations. In fact the idea seems to have been written off as hopeless until the Middle Ages. Even then, the wealthy, who alone could afford such luxuries, removed their dentures for eating and only endured them for vanity's sake.

The great problem was how to keep the top teeth in place. The lower were often secured by adding lead to the set. Some French dentists pierced the upper gums and then inserted hooks from which false teeth hung down. Transplants were tried. For these, the poor endured the agony of extraction with no anaesthetic for the financial reward afterwards. Teeth were pulled from one mouth and quickly inserted into the new owner's gums. Not surprisingly, sepsis often resulted and they generally fell out.

It was quite common from the 18th to 19th century to rob graves in order to obtain teeth, as human teeth found a good market. Removal experts haunted battlefields in search of corpses even as late as Waterloo. It seems incredibly ghastly to us but demand created a supply and the rich were prepared to empty their purses to keep their looks. A set of solid human teeth cost around £30 and no questions asked—a deal of money in those days.

Sets hinged together, sets joined by springs (the idea of Fauchard, a French dentist at the turn of the 18th century) proved clumsy and awkward to control. Porcelain teeth were tried but shrank when fired and broke easily. They also gave the wearer a repulsive look as they

IVORY CASTLES ARE OFTEN MADE OF PLASTIC



gleamed whiter than white in his mouth.

How much did all this cost? Victorian dentists charged up to £1000 for a set of false teeth so naturally they were not common. It was known, but never mentioned, that Wordsworth, Oscar Wilde and Lord Palmerston's teeth were not their own while George Washington is said to have kept his in port when not in use.

Gradually dentistry improved. By the 20th century, having all your teeth out is no longer a matter for embarrassment. Sets have progressed from ivory to vulcanite and now modern plastic acrylic resin, light and durable. Prices have dropped to about £12 for 'National Health' teeth and the poor are no longer condemned to a toothless old age.

The latest method is to implant false teeth. Metal plates secured to the jawbone have pins on to which new teeth are securely fixed but most people remove their dentures at night to clean them and rest their mouths.



A British woman climber on the Matterhorn

Who was Lucy Walker?

Most people interested in climbing have heard of Edward Whymper and his tragedy on the Matterhorn. But mention Lucy Walker and few seem to know anything about her.

She deserves to be better known for not only was she the first Englishwoman to set foot on top of the Matterhorn, she was also the first woman of any nationality to climb that mountain.

The climb was made nearly 100 years ago with none of the equipment available today. Lucy was no youngster either as she was 40 years old, when, in 1871 on 21st July accompanied by her father, a companion Frederick Gardiner and the usual Swiss guide, Melchior Andrieff, she set out on this remarkable feat.

Lucy refused to wear men's clothes on her climbing expeditions, 98 in all, but always wore a print dress while for sustenance, she drank champagne and ate sponge cake.

Born in Liverpool, both her father and brother were mountaineers so she had every encouragement. Even so, to achieve a 'first' on such a redoubtable peak was something any woman could be proud of yet Lucy's name has never become well known to the general public. Perhaps now the centenary of her achievement is reached, she will be given the publicity she deserves.

PERSONAL POSERS



On Tramps . . .

The other day a young tramp came to my door begging a meal. Why should this happen? Surely the Welfare State should look after these useless people.

You obviously want us to say this sort of thing shouldn't happen, that decent living folk like us who do a good day's work for a fair day's wage shouldn't have to fish in our pockets to support malingering skivers. I have a feeling that you'd really like to say that they shouldn't really be supported by anyone—in spite of your bit about the Welfare State.

But I think you're wrong. You'd be the first to be shocked if I suggested that we should give no help to

young cripples because they're useless. But in a way many of the people who beg at our doors are cripples—mental cripples who for one reason or another can't walk steadily long the tortuous and complicated paths of modern living.

I'm not pretending that giving them a meal is going to solve their problem—but it will at least recognise their humanity and show a certain compassion for a person caught up in a situation that tends to rob him of any dignity and self-respect.

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

. . . and Freemasons

I am a Christian and I have just been invited to become a freemason. I know that many good members of the Church are masons—including Bishops of the Church of England—but I also know that the Roman Catholic Church is against masonry. It's hard to make up one's mind. Can you help?

G.B.
Birmingham.

Well, G.B., I can't make up your mind for you . . . but here are a few thoughts of a non-mason.

Many sane and solid citizens are masons. The rest of us know little about it. We hear of oaths taken blindfold with trouser leg rolled and breast bared. We understand that there is a secret handshake, secret insignia. To the outsider it seems curious that grown men can take such antics seriously.

Masonry often has associations of a sometimes sinister exclusiveness. In some professions (even in the ordained ministry of the Church of England) it is said that you will not 'get on' unless you

are a mason. Is such an 'in group' to be encouraged in society? Or does the same kind of advantage go with membership of a golf club, luncheon club or even church?

Of course few would suggest that masonry is not dedicated to the highest standards of behaviour and that it is an organisation which cuts across religious boundaries and enables men with a common faith in a God to meet on common ground.

On the other hand some Christians might feel that by assenting to a vague faith in the 'Great Architect of the Universe' they were selling short their Christian convictions.

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WHAT SORT OF COMMUNITY?

THE Caversham Bridge has always been concerned to provide space for the discussion of community matters, because Christianity is meaningless if it is divorced from day to day life. The activities of the Caversham Residents' Association and of Mapledurham Parish Council are reported in these columns regularly. But probably few of us realise the extent to which our pattern of living is likely to be changed in the next few years by developments close to us. I mention three happenings which will concern us all to some extent in Caversham.

(i) The M4 motorway is to be opened later this year, and will obviously affect the pattern of traffic through Caversham where many residents are growing weary of being woken in the small hours of the night by vast lorries lumbering through roads which were never designed for them.

(ii) The proposals for a new system of local government seem likely to come into force in 1974, and this will mean boundary changes which will affect the schools and social services generally.

(iii) At present the population of the area bounded by Reading, Wokingham, Basingstoke and Aldershot is about 550,000. By 1991 it is expected that this will have increased to about 950,000—that is to say by the addition of a population four times the present size of Reading. The consequences for all of us of this tremendous increase in population must be far reaching.

We have therefore to ask what sort of town it is that we want to live in. Are we anxious to preserve some signs of our past and some peace and quiet? Should we sit quietly by and see fifteenth century old houses in London Street demolished in the name of the god of development while the same god tries in Peppard Road to ignore the law for the sake of a supermarket? Yet we must expect this sort of thing to happen more and more unless there are lively local community associations.

All too few people today take an interest in local affairs. Perhaps we feel impotent before what seems a remote officialdom that we write off as "They". And many people change their jobs and move house so frequently that they never feel they can put down roots and take a part in local affairs, while some of the ablest members of the community work at such pressure that they genuinely have not the time to become involved in local life. All the more important therefore that such of us who can give the time to such matters should in fact do so.

With this in mind the Reading Council of Churches is making an important contribution to the Festival of Reading by sponsoring a meeting in the University on July 7th, under the title of "Living in Reading". Further details of this meeting are given elsewhere in this issue but it is a meeting which deserves the support of Caversham residents, and particularly of the Christian in the community who ought to be in the forefront of the debate as the pattern of our future community life is evolved.

John Grimwade



Walton Adams

"GO AND LOOK UP THE 'CHRONICLE' FOR DECEMBER; it's all there. They gave me a wonderful write-up". So said Barbara Justham of St. Peter's Hill when I called to interview her recently. She was in bed with a bad throat, I was in a hurry—the advice sounded sensible.

But I've not taken it and for two reasons. The first (let's be honest) is that I'm still busy; the second, equally honest but far more important, is quite different. In all my reporting for the 'Bridge' it has been my ambition to meet someone whose personality alone would provide sufficient material for an article, to write a profile which was a description of qualities rather than a list of achievements.

I've come close to it; in the past I've met kindness, friendliness, generosity, ability; I've met people of worldly achievements and those who have quietly stored up a lifetime of good works. But until now I never quite found what I sought. Now, in Barbara Justham, I have hit the jackpot, to use common parlance.

So I still can't give you any more solid facts about her other than those in the programme of "Moods in Music"; in other words, she is a mezzo soprano who trained in Milan and sang for many years in Covent Garden with all the famous opera singers, before retiring to raise a family.

But I can tell of her warmth, generosity, friendliness, sense of

humour, enthusiasm and all the other qualities which make up a tremendous personality.

MUSICAL ABILITY

Her sense of humour—and a little of her musical talent—was apparent when I first heard her at the April Fool session of "Moods in Music" which, as anyone who attended knows, was hilarious. The same week, on Good Friday, I heard her as a reader in "Within a City Wall". But it was when I called to see her officially the following week that I realised just how lucky we are to have Barbara and her truly delightful family living here with us.

There is none of the prima donna about Barbara. Despite her initial suggestion, and her bad throat, in no time at all she was pouring forth her tremendous warmth and enthusiasm, her interest in everything and everybody and her gratitude to all those she meets. I wish—as I am sure Barbara would—I had

space to mention even half of the people she spoke of, from those responsible for organising the events in which she takes part to her neighbours, friends, family, domestic help, and so on.

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

I will mention only two groups of people here; she was very enthusiastic about the Maple Wood Women's Institute and very grateful to our editor and his wife who share her love of music for, as she herself put it, sweeping her and her family up into the life of St. Peter's and the local community. In her own words: "I feel we only started living since we came to Caversham".

In less than two hours I discovered all I ever need to know about Mrs. Justham, that she is a tremendously happy person and is anxious to give back to others some of her own happiness. Need I say more?

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Emmer Green's 'Drive-In' SAUNA

In or out of the European Common Market—national customs are now being shared more and more by the nations of Europe, and Britain is no exception.

In Finland there are about one million saunas. Almost every new block of flats is provided with one. The Scandinavian "sauna habit" is catching on in Britain, and now Emmer Green has its own Sauna—run in a very friendly and individual way by Stanley and Doris Storey.

Converts several years ago

Until early this year the Storeys lived in Grosvenor Road, and for many years they have been connected with St. Peter's Church.

For 25 years Mr. Storey was managing director of a family business which for various reasons had to be closed down at the end of 1969. In order to relax and unwind he and his wife went for a cruise, and they had the chance to think about the future.

For several years business had taken them to different parts of Europe, and they had often been to Scandinavia where they had been "converted" to the sauna habit in the early 1960s.

"We felt so relaxed and at ease on our cruise", explained Mr. Storey, "and we felt we wanted to stay a bit of weight.

that way whatever we did in the future. So we decided to open a sauna clinic, and help other people to relax in mind and body. Caversham has so many people who commute and have demanding jobs in London. We can help them unwind. But we cater for all age groups. A lot of married couples come to us. People who are keen to lose weight by coming regularly can soon be fit and slim again".

Private Appointments

"Saunapines" is a modern bungalow, with a parking space in front of it, just north of the Emmer Green Supermarket on the Peppard Road.

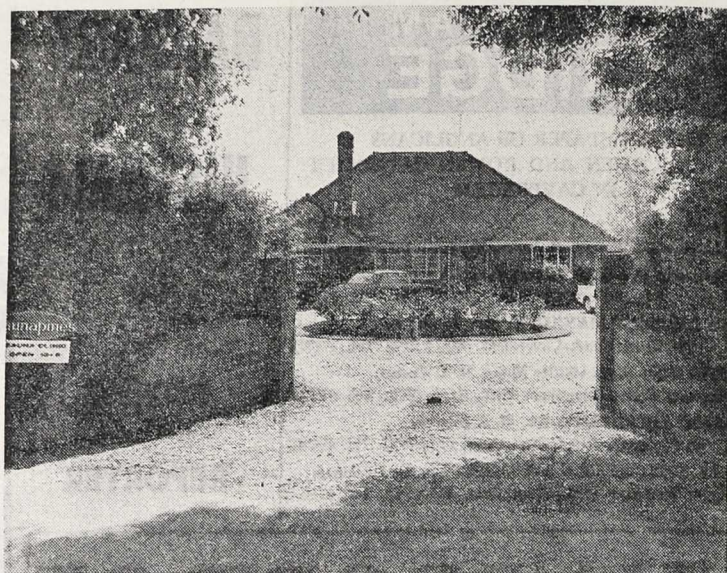
Appointments are made, and the individual or husband and wife who book themselves in have the sauna cabin to themselves. Massage with almond oil, efficiently and charmingly administered by Sally, the masseuse, and half an hour's rest is all part of the "treatment"—and the client goes away feeling on top of the world, and glad to have lost a bit of weight.

The thing is to try it

The average person may be, as I was, a little apprehensive. Will the sauna cabin bring on feelings of claustrophobia? Will the massage pummel away at sensitive tummy muscles?

Mr. Storey's advice is simple and straightforward—"The thing is to try it. We've found time after time that once people have got over their initial nervousness they can't wait to come again. We always welcome people who just want to look around and see for themselves what we have to offer".

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"Saunapines" is quite as big as a small bedroom in the average house—and the temperature of the cabin can be altered to suit one's requirements. And as far as ticklish tummy muscles are concerned—Sally, the masseuse, admits she herself is ticklish, and clients need have no fear.

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The total for the whole Caversham—Emmer Green—Caversham Park—Mapledurham area was £909 compared with £724 last year.

The increase in the St. John's district from £61 to £116 was especially noteworthy. This figure included £20 of goods sold from the Christian Aid Postal Sales Department. All the churches' amounts were up on last year's amounts, in varying degrees. A big "thank-you" to all the collectors.

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- COMMUNITY NEWS -

C. R. A. NEEDS YOU!

The Caversham Bridge has done a wonderful job in bringing the people of Caversham together both in awareness of what is going on and in helping the needy ones in our midst. This community awareness is also being built up in the Caversham Residents' Association. It has been suggested that our title is too dull to attract people—if any reader of the Bridge could suggest an alternative we would welcome ideas (first prize a bag of peanuts—see reason later).

We are proud of what has actually been achieved on behalf of Caversham Residents, what has been attempted but not yet accomplished, and of our continued alertness. We have excellent relations with the local authority who recognise us as a responsible body.

After years of constant pressure we secured the removal of the peanut factory with its obnoxious smell, achieved a pedestrian crossing in Church St. and caused the bus stop in Church St. to be changed to a position more suitable for pedestrians.

Pressure for car parking has resulted in a new site being prepared. We have pressed for more traffic control and release of street parking which is inconvenient to residents, and additional crossings, etc. We have not always been successful but we continue in hope.

We actively supported the preservation of the open land at Hemdean Bottom (Bugs Bottom as Caversham residents know it!) and opposed the infringement of the building line at Emmer Green. Our representatives submitted evidence at both inquiries.

We have made constructive suggestions about safety measures in Gosbrook Road with particular relevance to children attending Thameside Primary School.

These and much else have been done in the name of Caversham. We are not blowing our own trumpet but yours. We need your support so that our representations may have more weight. Will you join us? The membership is only 25 new pence (5/-) per family per year. We have also need of secretarial help. Surely there is a lady or gentleman who can type who could see such a task as a piece of Christian citizenship. It is not too onerous a job as we have re-formed the Committee and re-allocated tasks. Can we hear from someone?

We also want your ideas as to what the whole of Caversham needs; all suggestions will be welcomed.

Excellent public meetings have been held with official speakers, on Transport, Town Planning and Education. More are being planned but we want to hear what you would like discussed. The acting Secretary is Mrs. M. Casey, of 14 Albert Road, Caversham and my address is 71 Blenheim Road, Caversham, and either of us will be glad to hear from any readers. We would also be glad to send speakers to organisations.

CHARLES E. BUCK,
(Chairman — Caversham Residents' Association).

EMMER GREEN CLINIC

We have been asked to make it known that anyone over the age of sixty five years who needs a hearing aid battery or cord should apply at Emmer Green Clinic on either a Monday or Wednesday morning between 9 and 10 a.m.

Living in Reading

As part of their contribution to the Reading Festival the Reading Council of Churches are organising a public meeting on the practical implications of the changes which will take place in the Reading area during the next 20 years.

Population will double.

An impressive panel of speakers will be present at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7th in the Great Hall of the University to consider different aspects of the problems posed by the fact that the population of the Reading - Wokingham - Basingstoke - Aldershot area will double by 1991.

Mr. A. G. Hirsch, Oxford University Reader in Rural Sociology, Mr. R. S. Stoddard, Berkshire County Planning Officer and Mr. K. H. Thorpe, Reading Borough Surveyor and Planning Officer are the three main speakers.

Great Human Cost.

Besides the Council of Churches the Reading Jaycees are sponsoring the meeting.

To stress the importance of how we should be prepared for what will happen the Organising Secretary of the meeting, the Rev. J. Stevinson made this comment—"Few thoughtful people can be unaware of the great human cost to those moving into large new developments, even when these have been well planned. For a number of years there is often a serious lack of medical and social services, shops and public transport, open spaces and play areas, halls or community centres. In some places, developers to save ground space, have erected high rise blocks of flats. These sort of conditions breed violence, suicides, broken marriages and loss of religious faith. Need I say more to stress the importance to us all that developments in the Reading area are wisely handled?"

Let us hope that there will be a large audience at this meeting — showing that people living in the Thames Valley are concerned that life will still be worth living in the Reading area in 20 years time.

EDUCATION IN CAVERSHAM

Caversham, which already has the first comprehensive school in the town, is to have another, not at once but before the seventies are out, it is hoped. Highdown, already coping with more children than it was built for, could not even now take all the children of secondary school age in Caversham, and it was never intended to provide only for Caversham. Eventually it will probably become an area school but this will not be before the new South and Tilehurst schools are built. A welcome side-effect of this would be a reduction in the burden on public transport.

This was one of the interesting pieces of news given by Mr. J. Buck, the Borough deputy-chief Education Officer, when he spoke at a public meeting organised by the Residents' Association. Turning to primary schools, he mentioned again the new primary school to cater for children both inside and outside the borough who live in the North-West part of Caversham. The overcrowding that exists in some of the primary schools should be gradually relieved as zoning measures take effect and the primary school population becomes gradually re-distributed. Grants have already been made for the modernisation of E. P. Collier and Thameside Primary Schools.

A certain amount of overcrowding is however inevitable as long as the Department of Education and Science will only grant permission for new schools when there is 15% overcrowding in existing schools. This means of course, that Caversham cannot be considered separately from the rest of the town, and it is indeed a microcosm of Reading. In one thing however it falls behind and that is in providing crossing-patrols. Too many are unmanned and as the Residents' Association knows well, there are more places that really should have patrols than are already meant to.

The meeting had been called to give residents the opportunity of hearing the facts about education in Caversham and not to discuss the merits and demerits of comprehensive education. Although the subject was fre-

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MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 20th May, 1971. Mr. W. H. Wheeler was elected Chairman of the Council and Mr. B. A. Fowles Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Consideration was given to a proposal made by Oxfordshire C.C. in connection with the re-routing of the Reading-Crowmarsh road, in particular where the road passes through the Parish.

The Council expressed its strong views on such plans and the present road planning in the area. The Council deplored the use of valuable agricultural land that would have to be acquired to enable the road to be built.

The Council were also very concerned over the routing of

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"A very useful meeting" was the most widely heard comment and we are grateful to Mr. Buck for so willingly coming to speak to us.

Let us have your suggestions for future meetings. Health and Welfare and the riverside have so far been mentioned.

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the new road when it approaches the Reading boundary, as at present there does not appear to be any firm policy or plan published dealing with the entry of traffic from the County into Reading. The Parish Council fear that with the building of a fast road from Woodcote, traffic will be halted on the outskirts of Reading because no road will be available to take this influx. The Council are to try and arrange a meeting with other Parish Councils immediately affected, and an invitation will be sent to the Chairman of the County Highways Committee to attend.

Among planning applications considered, objections were raised in connection with two applications for development on the north side of The Warren. An application for development in Mapledurham Village was also rejected by the Council.

The Council have agreed to put down a more durable surface at the Chazey Road entrance to the Playing Fields.

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Sunday Clubs in Caversham (for children whose parents are at church).

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9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
11-00 a.m. Matins (Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday).
12-15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st 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 3rd Sunday).

St. Barnabas'

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9-15 a.m. Family Eucharist.
11-00 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).
6-30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd Sunday).

St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).
10-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION. (4th Sunday. Matins).
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays).

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6-30 p.m. Evening Service.

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May 9—Clare White.

St. John's

Mar. 21—Matthew Kempster.
" 28—Gordon Hodge.
Stephen Atkinson.

Apr. 11—Sarah Badger.

St. Andrew's

Mar. 7—Julian Lee.
" 21—Simon Read.
Joanne Davies.

Apr. 18—Mark Harris.

St. Barnabas'

Apr. 4—Kevin Maslen.
" 11—Amy Guppy.
Karen Preston.
Anne Rawlings.
Sarah Sarjent.
David Smith.

Caversham Park

Apr. 18—Nigel Underwood.
Sarah Crawford.

St. Margaret's
May 23—Kim Upward.

CONFIRMED

At St. John's, 17th May

St. Peter's

John Anderson.
Monica Anderson.
Beatrice Atherton.
Carol Baker.
Jill Bowler.
Elizabeth Brooks.
David Douglas.
Kevin Douglas.

St. John's

Debra Cooper.
Rita Hicks.
Sharon Holmes.
Shelley Jones.
Susan Lucas.

St. Andrew's

Sharon Beabey.
Donna Brownlow.
Roger Budd.
Deborah Chapman.
Helen Cooper.
Christopher Goriup.
Christine Gosling.
Janet Gosling.

St. Barnabas

Jonathan Allen.
John Anderson.
Rowena Phillips.
Sarah Phillips.

St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

Julie Durrant.
Alistair Thompson.

MARRIED

St. Peter's

Mar. 6—Maurice Le Sueur and Michele Dean.
" 27—Christopher Davies and Pamela Beards.
Apr. 17—Eduardo Sanchez and Jennifer Wharton.
Nigel Stanbrook and Julia Woolley.

" 23—Brian Robson and Susan Bortoft.

May 15—Robert Squires and Gillian Minchin.

" 29—Michael Painter and June Hooper.

David Ruskin and Angeline Langford.

Martin Perry and Margaret Bale.

June 5—John Matthews and Susan Dummer.

St. John's

Mar. 13—Peter Quinney and Sheila May.

St. Andrew's

Apr. 30—Stanley Russell and Lillah Fortescue.

May 29—Stephen Wells and Angela Morgan.

BURIED

St. Peter's

Mar. 10—Eric Belcher.
" 23—Ellen New.

Apr. 1—Edith Lambourne.

St. John's

Mar. 15—Elsie Lovejoy.

St. Andrew's

Feb. 2—Edwin Salter.

Mar. 4—Frank Heaton.

" 23—Alice Smith.

St. Margaret's

May 19—Muriel Nelder.

Apr. 18—Paul Harper.

May 16—Helen Cooper.

" 23—Avis Lilly.

" 30—Gavin Orpwood.

May 30—David Coombes.

John Back.

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Caversham Park

Successful Show

Nearly 4,000 people attended this year's show on May 22nd. When the finances are sorted out it is expected that something in the region of £300 will have been made for the community centre fund.

The great attraction of the afternoon was the Royal Artillery motor-cycle team who performed an incredible series of manoeuvres and rode through blazing hoops of straw.

Services during July

There will be no house communion at 8-30 p.m. on July 7th as the Rev. J. Crowe will be away. The morning house communions will take place as usual at 10-30 a.m. on Wednesday July 14th at 13 Almond Drive and at 10-30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28th at 1 Mallory Ave.

Family Service every Sunday at 11-15 a.m. at Caversham Park School. July 4th: The Revd. J. Y. Crowe (Anglican). July 11th: Mrs. Myra Parsons (Methodist). July 18th: Mr. David Parsons (Methodist). July 25th: The Revd. F. Dawson (Anglican).

Increase for Christian Aid

A warm word of thanks to the collectors who during Christian Aid Week collected £92.67, a considerable increase from last year's £61 even allowing for the fact that quite a number of new houses have been completed since last year.

TWO DEATHS

The Caversham Bridge is sorry to note the death of Mr. Bill Jennings and of Mrs. Elizabeth Knight. We extend sympathy to all the relatives of Mr. Jennings whose family is so well known in Caversham. Only last month we reported about Skipper Knight's retirement from active scouting and reference then was made to his mother who had been able to attend when a presentation was made to the Skipper. We are sorry to learn of her death and we feel certain that readers will wish us also to extend our sympathy to her son.

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180 Home helps in Reading

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Anyone can apply for this service. With the exception of the aged every case must have confirmation from a doctor. Once a case is taken up the home is visited the needs assessed and the charges calculated according to income.

It is possible to have a Home Help one day a week or every day according to need. The hours per day may also vary. A Home Help might be in one particular home for 2 hours—or even as much as 6 hours a day.

If the Home Help comes in around 12 she can do the mid-morning meal, and often fit in with Meals on Wheels—so ensuring the person she visits has a prepared meal each day.

There is also a special arrangement for maternity cases when full time help can be received for 10 days from the time of the birth.

Training Scheme

A small training scheme is run for those doing this work. It entails talks on quick methods of preparing and cooking food, and shopping—especially for invalids, older people and those in the lower income bracket. Balanced diets at varying



Helping an elderly couple.

income levels are suggested.

Some home nursing also comes into the course and home helps are encouraged to see how they can arrange rooms for convenience, or to make them more attractive. Nor does the training scheme stop here. It includes the use of all the latest electrical equipment, and other appliances in all types of homes. Home helps are taught to mend fuses and given some knowledge of aids for those who are physically handicapped.

A worth-while job.

There may not be much glamour in being a Home Help, but if you want a worth-while job it comes high on the list. You may be

an ordinary housewife, a teacher, or the wife of a surgeon or a bank manager (and all these people do this work)—but you must be dedicated, have intelligence and initiative, and above all like helping others.

Many more Home Helps are needed in Reading.

However it is not all work. A recent outing to an ice show was one event organised by and for the Home Helps.

A final word from a Home Help herself:—

"I thought any one could be a Home Help—after all what is there to sweeping and dusting? What I didn't realise at the time was that its like having 'a go' at lucky dip. You never know what you've got until you get it! Looking back now at the cases I've been sent to I know I wouldn't change it for any other job.

"The people who look down their noses at us Home Helps as if we were different breed (and some do just that) don't realise what they are missing. A pair of hands and a blank mind are not enough for a Home Help to have. What's needed is a heart as big as a house and a sense of humour—because without that you are lost before you even start."

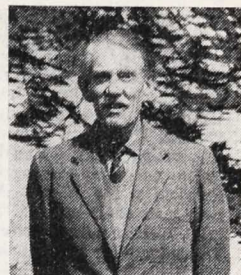
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Time for a bit of chat, too!

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, JULY, 1971—FIVE

DEATH OF LORD THURLOW



Walton Adams

Major-General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who retired to Mapledurham four years ago, died in hospital at the end of May. He had been in poor health since his premature retirement from the army.

Born in 1910 Lord Thurlow had a distinguished army career. During the Second World War he was with the Libyan Arab Force in the Western Desert. Later he commanded the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders and the 44th Lowland Infantry Brigade during the invasion of Europe.

After the war Lord Thurlow held a number of staff and command appointments. After promotion to Major-General he commanded the 50th Northumbrian Territorial Division and Malta and Libya Command until his retirement in 1963.

Despite his failing health Lord Thurlow led a busy and active life during the years after his retirement. He was President of the Missions to Seamen and Chairman of the Jerusalem and East Mission Trust which looks after the work of the Anglican Church in all Arab countries. Another sphere of work was his interest as Chairman of St. Christopher's Hospice, Beckenham, Kent, for terminal illness.

Three years ago Lord Thurlow purchased the Old Vicarage at Mapledurham. His kind hospitality in allowing the gardens to be used for the annual St. Margaret's Day Garden Party was always much appreciated.

Lord Thurlow gave great encouragement to the efforts of last year's Caversham Mayday Week. As President of the Week he was involved in the initial planning, and during the week itself was present at most of the events, acting as Chairman at the public meeting addressed by Lord Chalfont, Mr. Nigel Fisher, M.P., and Canon Kingsnorth.

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NEW VENTURES AT GOSBROOK ROAD

Two ventures have recently been launched at our Gosbrook Road Methodist Church. The first is a men's fellowship and study group, a monthly meeting so far held at the Manse. As time goes on it is hoped to meet in one another's homes.

The subject for study is the recently published book 'God's lively People,' by authors Mark Gibbs and T. Ralph Morton (Fontana Religious, 30p), who write on the theme that the Church, if there is going to be a Church at all in the future, will have to change, for no longer are men content merely to listen, they also want to question. Further, that the Church needs laity or regional centres for spreading the gospel, for it is the layman, rather than the priest, who is in daily contact with fellow workers in industry. The writers quote the late Martin Luther King: 'If the Church of today does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authentic ring, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. I am meeting young people every day whose disappointment with the Church has risen to outright disgust.'

The book ends with the words: 'If we are to have institutional churches of any strength in the future, then changes will have to come quickly. There has already been much time lost.' We hope that from the study of this book something constructive will come for us at

Gosbrook Road, for, to quote from the Methodist Recorder's review of the book: "The writers recognise that fatal disease of all Church groups, which is to talk about important ideas and do nothing to activate them."

A further venture is a book table installed in the church. A number of books deal with the various aspects of our Christian faith and are both instructive and helpful. Other subjects dealt with are: "Getting married", a Family Doctor publication issued by the M.A.; "World Poverty and British responsibility," a report commended by the British C.C.; "A State of Siege," by C. P. Snow, a statement on the most urgent crisis in world history; "The Debate about Drink," by Kenneth C. Greet, giving some hard facts in support of total abstinence; "Sins of the Fathers," tells of 400 years of slave trading between Africa and America, when an estimated nine million died on the voyages a trade in which England took part; "Hiroshima," a report by John Hersey, journalist, sent by the New Yorker to find out the facts and effects of the dropping of the first atomic bomb when 60,000 Japanese men, women and children died, and some 100,000 were injured, in August 1945; "The New Testament Basis for Pacifism," by Professor G. H. C. Macgregor; "It is the way the Master went, should not the servant tread it still?"

The above are a small

selection of the books that provide worthwhile and important reading. It is good to be able to report that many of the books are being read, which must contribute to an already healthy, progressive and outward-looking church.

1st CAVERSHAM BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY DISPLAY

At Gosbrook Road Methodist Church on Friday, May 21st, the 1st Caversham Boys' Brigade gave a display at their Open Evening. The Rev T. R. Harris presided and the Guests of Honour were Mr. and Mrs. John Clark. The inspection was taken by the Rev. T. R. Harris and Mr. John Clark. Mrs. Clark presented awards to the following boys: Keith Underwood (Coy. Section) and Martin Cooper (Junior Section) received the Captain's prize, and Jeremy Phillips (Coy. Section), Peter Blackburn (Junior Section) received the Company prize. The boys took part in drill, P.E., miming and team games, and a novelty item set in the future. A good number of parents were present to share the evening with a fast growing enthusiastic Company.

Caversham Heights Methodist Church Concert in Aid of Overseas Missions

The concert held at the church on Friday, 30th April, was a great success and raised £33 for the Methodist Missionary Society.

The programme opened with John Simpson playing 'Jesu Joy of Man Desiring' (Bach). Kathleen Wilden, mezzo soprano, sang three groups of well-known songs—the first group by Handel and Boyce, the second by Schubert, and the third by more modern composers, C. V. Stanford, Rachmaninoff, and Michael Head.

A. James Hall, baritone, sang 'Arm Arm Ye Brave' from Judas Maccabaeus followed by the Air 'It is Enough from Mendelssohn's Elijah, and in the second half of the programme, a group of four light pieces including 'In Summer Time on Bredon' by Graham Peel.

Anthony Morgan played Bach's 'Unaccompanied Cello Suit No. 1 in 'C' major' as a double bass solo, and followed this later with pianoforte solos by Brahms, Chopin, and Debussy.

Poems by Robert Herrick, John Milton, William Wordsworth, Robert Browning, Thomas Hardy, and Laurie Lee, were read by Mary Finn, and the programme concluded with an organ solo 'March for a Pageant' by Eric Thiman, played by John Simpson.

Sunday School Anniversary at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church

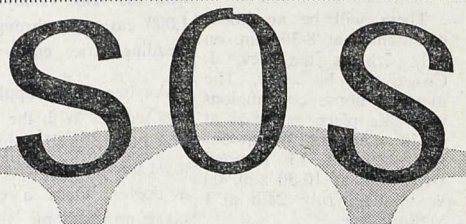
The annual Sunday School Anniversary was held on May 2nd. At the morning service the Reverend T. R. Harris gave the children an interesting talk using the game of Snakes and Ladders; the primary department sang two hymns and accompanied their singing with percussion instruments. The older children sang a hymn to a very modern tune. It was a very happy family service and very encouraging to see so many parents. At the evening service the Rev. T. H. Harris was again the preacher, and the service included a teachers' dedication service.

GARDEN PARTY

On July 31st at 3 p.m. a Garden Party is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Marshall, 'Valleyhead', Kidmore End Road. The money raised will go to Gift Day Funds at Caversham Methodist Church, Gosbrook Road. There will be a log splitting competition, pony rides, sideshows, refreshments and some musical entertainment given by Messrs. Marshall, Nix, Eeles, and Rev. T. R. Harris. This promises to be an entertaining afternoon.

A NEW BAND FOR CAVERSHAM?

The 1st Caversham Boys' Brigade are hoping to form a band in the future and have just started Band Practice on a Monday night. They have the help of a music teacher and an ex-drum major; all they need now is money and instruments... they already have the enthusiasm!



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ST. JOHN'S NEWS WEDNESDAY GROUP

There must be many mothers with young children who feel the need for an occasional break from routine. St. John's Wednesday Group was formed some years ago to meet this very need. Meeting in the informal atmosphere of members' homes, any newcomer can be sure of a warm welcome. Recent Wednesday evening meetings have included speakers and demonstrations on subjects from the Drug Squad and Crime Prevention to Cookery and Make-up.

Anyone wishing to join the group or learn more about it should either call on Mrs. Audrey Betteridge at 23, Washington Road, Caversham, or telephone her at Reading 471191.

CHRISTIAN AID FILM

Facts and figures about world poverty tend to obscure the fact that they are about the sufferings of real people. However, they were given some flesh and blood reality by the Rev. Michael Crowther-Green in a recent talk given to members of St. John's and their friends. Illustration was given by way of a film on the Gurupi Project in Brazil which is supported in part by donations from Reading. The quality of the questions following the film were an indication of the growing awareness of the problems of world development and of the ways in which they must be tackled.

St. Andrew's Women's Group

At the Annual General Meeting the chairman, Mrs. Price welcomed the Rev. Michael Atkinson as president of the group, and expressed satisfaction at the steady increase in the number of members. Four new committee members were elected, these being Mesdames Gardiner, Edwards, Manser and Mundy. The evening concluded with a Fashion Show.

On May 19th many members visited the British Home Stores in Broad Street, and spent a very interesting, if exhausting evening, being shown "behind the scenes", and discovering the tremendous amount of work involved before any of the goods reach the public.

The May meeting was a demonstration of the care and propagation of pot plants. The items on display featured orchids plants from Japan and Australia, and even included a rather sinister Venus Fly Trap. Members gathered many gardening hints, and were able to purchase plants at the end of the meeting.

ST. MARGARET'S Mapledurham—Ascension —Brazil

A most successful mini-market followed the school Ascension Day Service at St. Margaret's this year. During the service, the congregation had thought of Christ the unseen but ever-present Lord of the universe, how he called his followers to carry on his work in the world. Then they had thought and prayed about some work they could share in. They were told of some people in part of Brazil, who because of insufficient food could not expect to live more than 28 years. Yet all they needed was instruction in agriculture and better seed; given that they would be able to feed themselves. These were things we could easily provide in England, given the money.

The service over, parents and children completed their prayers and worship by action; they went into the mini-market under the tower to buy the goods they had previously made or supplied as part of their preparation for the service. So the school was able to send over £14 to Christian Aid for this work.

St. Margaret's Day St. Margaret celebrates its patronal festival on July 20th. Parish Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. B. Brindley, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Reading. Refreshments will be served after the service.

ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

STANDING ROOM ONLY. St. John's Church was crowded with many of the congregation having to stand when the Bishop of Reading confirmed over fifty candidates from the parish on May 17th. Passers-by who saw the surrounding streets choked with cars were made aware of the importance of the occasion. The newly confirmed received Holy Communion for the first time three nights later on Ascension Day in the different churches of the parish. After the Confirmation service the Mothers' Union provided refreshments for about 130 people in the hall.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. With the death in recent months of many generous supporters to the funds of the parish, and the removal to other areas of many more, there has been a sharp decline in income which at present seems likely to be about £2,000 less in 1971 than in 1970. At the last meeting of the Church Council it was unanimously agreed that it would be wrong for any district to embark at present on schemes for the installation of central heating in the clergy houses, and when the Finance Committee meets on July 7th to review the position at the end of the half year it is likely to have to make unpopular decisions as income is at present running in some districts considerably below the budget expectations. This serious situation serves to underline the importance of the Stewardship Development campaign which is to take place in October. Mr. Dennis Birtwhistle has succeeded the late Mr. Stanley Flack as chairman of the committee. It is estimated that it will be necessary to increase the parochial income by £4,000 to offset the effect of inflation in the next few years and to make allowance for the reduced amount which will be received from the Inland Revenue because of the changes being made in the calculation of income tax. Last year £4,500 was received in this way but this is likely to be £1,000 less in 1973. Unless a greatly increased income is obtained in the October campaign it is now quite plain that the parish will have to reduce the range of its work in many fields.

ST. ANDREW'S SUMMER FAIR

St. Andrew's Summer Fair will be held in the Hall and car park of the church on Saturday, July 3rd, and the proceeds will be given to the Church of England Children's Society for allocation to St. Benet's Home, Emmer Green, for the purchase of a new electric cooker and towards furnishing the new wing to be built on to the home.

The Fair will be opened by Mr. W. Sayers, diocesan secretary of the Church of England Children's Society at 3 p.m. and the gates will open at 2.30 p.m.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, patron of the Society, has sent a gift to assist the fund raising. Admission is by programme priced 3 pence.

A Whist Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 6th and a Barn Dance on Saturday, July 10th, to augment the proceeds from the fair. Bridge readers are asked to do all they can to help a very worthy cause in our own parish.

ST. BARNABAS' NEWS

There are many pieces of church work which do not hit the headlines but which are done quietly and unobtrusively and for which thanks are due. One such is the cleaning of the church silver which has been combined with the washing of some of the altar linen. Miss Celia Stevenson has through illness felt obliged to give up this piece of service which she has done so regularly. Mrs. Julian has kindly agreed to see to this in the future.

Stanley Flack

The Caversham Bridge regrets to record the death of Stanley Flack at the age of sixty two. Married in Northampton in 1939 to Miss Florence Margaret Dodd, he was well known as the manager of the Reading branch of National Cash Register, and during the past year decimalisation had meant that business demands upon him had been exceptionally heavy.

Stanley Flack's particular contribution to the parish was the lead he gave to the Christian stewardship movement. He was chairman of the 1966 Development Campaign, and only resigned from the chairman of the coming autumn campaign a few days before his death. In 1968 he became district warden of St. Peter's and his election proved very popular. He faced death with a courage which has inspired many people. Exactly a week before he died he managed with great effort to attend St. Peter's to receive the laying on of hands by members of the congregation, and to be anointed. The Caversham Bridge extends sympathy to his widow. May he rest in peace.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, JULY, 1971—SEVEN WEDDING AT ST. ANNE'S



Walton Adams

Miss Cathryn Jennings of Picton Way was married to Mr. Richard Webb at St. Anne's Church.

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ROSEHILL W.I.

Mrs. Russell welcomed two new members to the May meeting and also Mrs. N. Fisher (V.C.O.) who helped us ably with the discussion about voting on the resolutions to be put forward at the A.G.M. in June. We were delighted to have with us Mrs. Sholl from Blagrove in her capacity as delegate at the Royal Albert Hall. About 25 of our members had attended the Group Meeting on April 29th where we took 4th place in the competition. Obviously this year the stars were not in our favour! Competition results were: 1st, Mrs. Ellingham; 2nd, Mrs. Roberts; 3rd, Mrs. Booker.

MAPLEWOOD W.I.

The President, Mrs. Betty Lewis, presided at the May meeting, and welcomed Mrs. Vinall who is to be our delegate to the A.G. Meeting. This was followed by a discussion on twenty A.G.M. resolutions by a team from the Institute, which included Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Bubbs, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Crowder. During social time the Drama Group presented a play "The King of Spain's Daughter" written by Mrs. Pamela Ridley and produced by Mrs. P. Duckworth.

BLAGRAVE W.I.

The President Mrs. Wright, welcomed two visitors and one new member. After presenting birthday posies she received hers from the Secretary, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Sholl, the delegate, explained the resolu-

Round the Clubs

tions for the A.G.M. to members, who after discussion gave the delegate instructions for voting. Final arrangements were made for the visit to Windsor Safari Park at the end of the month. It was announced that there would be a Garden Meeting at Mrs. Sholl's on 15th June. The competition result: 1st, Mrs. Batstone; 2nd, Mrs. Sholl; 3rd, Miss Reynolds.

MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

Mrs. Bramwell, Vice-President, took the chair at the May meeting and welcomed Dr. May who explained the resolutions for the annual meeting of the N.F.W.I., and delegates from Tokers Green W.I. who attended to take the votes. Mrs. Mortimer gave the vote of thanks, emphasising the interesting and informative way in which Dr. May had discussed the resolutions. Mrs. Collard won the miniature garden competition.

CAVERSHAM**AFTERNOON****TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Miss E. Baker was thanked for planning and organising a one day trip to Holland, an outing which included two of our octogenarian members and was very much enjoyed by all.

Preparations are now going ahead for the Guild participation in the Reading Festival.

adventure clubs, etc. Several members spoke of personal gratitude to the Dr. Barnado homes. Miss M. Hopgood gave a vote of thanks.

A Fashion Show followed when members modelled the dresses they had made from material bought when the Crimplene Factory at Hayes, Middlesex was visited recently. It was a demonstration of the wonderful talent within the Guild.

THE HEIGHTS**TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild held two interesting meetings within a week of each other. The first was a Fashion Show organised by the Berkshire School of Modelling at which clothes supplied by a number of well known local shops were displayed. This was a show for all the family; dresses for all ages, sports wear, and last, but by no means least, men's wear, showing that the man of today can dress just as glamorously as the opposite sex.

The second meeting was addressed by Mr. Bryant Peers, who is so well known for his talks, and for being such an interesting guide on tours of London. He spoke in his inimitable manner on "Day and Night in Victorian London" and illustrated his

talk with numerous slides showing aspects of London which have now vanished.

EMMER GREEN**TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Mr. W. M. H. Tee, the Town Clerk, gave a talk on "The Effect of the Maude Report on Reading" at the May meeting. This Royal Commission set up by the Labour Government proposed that the country should have about 70 local authorities with all purpose coverage. The Tory Government propose a two tier system based on the Counties, which should be divided into districts. These were to be responsible for Housing and Refuse Collection, and the County Council for Education, Highways and Refuse Disposal. After 21 years of proposals, Mr. Tee thought that this should go through, and might be beneficial to all.

The Arts and Crafts Group were arranging an outing to Greys Court on June 2nd. The Caversham Singers were congratulated on winning the shield for Chorus at the Shinfield Festival and Social Studies had arranged a combined evening with Henley Guild on May 19th, when a talk on Education would be given by Mrs. N. Morgan.

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THE WORLD WITHIN US

A PSYCHIATRIST SAYS

we all need affection

Brian was a young boy who was always in trouble. By the age of twelve he had been banned from school by the headmaster, and behind him was a succession of teachers, all of whom had done their best, but who were unable to help the boy. He had disturbed classes, was always fighting, and had few friends. He was not particularly cheeky, but listened when taken to task, yet never changed. He was finally removed from school when caught lighting a fire too near the buildings.

Brian was a pleasant child who, after a few moments awkwardness, talked easily about himself. He knew he was branded as a naughty child. He didn't fully understand why. He was the eldest child in the family, having a younger brother and sister. These apparently were no trouble to their parents, and Brian resented a little the fact that they were the favourites. His parents confirmed that he was almost uncontrollable at home, comparing him unfavourably with the other children. They were at their wits end and said that they had tried everything.

Brian came into hospital. For a day or two he was very good—until he found his way around and got to know other children. Then he began! He disappeared if he wasn't watched, he fought, he swore, he broke windows. But all the time he was treated consistently. Unacceptable behaviour was punished by putting him to bed for a short while, but when he wasn't behaving badly he was given a lot of attention by the hospital staff. Slowly over a period of months his behaviour changed. Most of the anti-social activity disappeared. He was still a mischief, still a twelve-year-old boy, but much more like any other.

Looking further into his background it appeared that the problems had begun with the birth of the next child. Both Mom and Dad had been delighted by the birth and had rather forgotten Brian. From being the only one he became very much second. Everything was still provided for him, but he did not get much attention. People came to see the baby. Mom was always washing and feeding it and he wasn't allowed to help. Little treats that he had enjoyed ceased, and everything revolved around the baby. Brian soon found that the only time anyone paid any attention to him was when he was naughty!

And so Brian learnt, yes he learnt, that being naughty, being anti-social, attracted attention to himself, and away from the new baby. Slowly it became a pattern of life. He wasn't aware of it, but his resentment of the new brother was released onto other people around him. The hospital situation was reversed. He was only given attention for acceptable behaviour—but he was given a lot of attention. There he learnt a new lesson, that being naughty led to bed on his own, and that being good meant friends and treats.

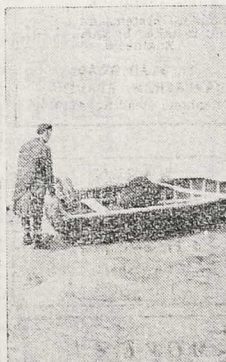
Brian is now at a special school where he is still learning how to mix normally. He loves it. His parents now understand a little more of what went wrong, and the whole family has settled down. The lesson surely is that we can't afford to ignore anyone. Whether they are young or old, whether we are young or old, they and we need attention and affection. Life is a rush and a crush. Are any of our relatives or friends being left out?

BY CORACLE TO CHURCH

by Owen Barker

That is how the inhabitants of Owey Island (Co. Donegal) travel each Sunday, crossing the water separating their little island from Cruit Island.

Taking off shoes and socks, they paddle ashore, lift the coracle above their heads, then 'park' it on the sands while they go to Church. Some propel their boats with oars, some are a little more modernized with motor-power; but all these sombrely dressed islanders with their little coracles make a picturesque scene on one of the loveliest beaches in this isolated part of Donegal.



Dear Sirs,

The wind of change is blowing more forcibly into the enclosed pews of prejudiced churchmanship... a few short years ago, this paper published two letters of mine, in which I feared that unity would never be achieved; and subsequent letters that many lay people wrote to me, upholding their own unswerving beliefs strengthened further my fears of the insurmountable difficulties of an ecumenical Church. Now, however, I have completely changed my mind—so many people are at last seeing the sense of more flexible worship and that their old church laws are sometimes not necessarily God's law after all.

Here in this area—a housing estate on the outskirts of the naval city of Portsmouth—a truly remarkable union is taking place—mixed groups of about fifteen people meet in one house, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Baptists and Anglicans, to discuss various aspects of religion. They went tentatively at first, because they did not know quite what to expect—then delightedly they found that if they accepted each other's different form of worship, they actually all had exactly the same feelings and thoughts and basic be-

liefs. Not only did they find they understood one another's points of view, many made lasting friendships of people they had hitherto mistrusted and misunderstood! Such fellowship and love flowed through these meetings on this particular estate, that they have been voted to continue indefinitely.

This is only a little ripple upon the ocean of course, this concerns only about 300 people, but little ripples of goodwill always spread outward and onward to other areas, and other congregations, and some day when people everywhere in the pews can mix and accept more freely, and give up some of their preconceived notions, then will the hierarchy eventually be able to form the Church that Christ tried to make us envisage, but which we still have not achieved.

To the pessimists who say that the Church is dead, I

would suggest rather that a new Church is being conceived, with One Faith, One Lord, and one army of Christians to bear witness to the materialistic world, before it destroys itself. The Jehovahs Witnesses can shame Christians, it was apparent to me when I did a part-time door-to-door job, that it is time for much more Christian Witness by ordinary people. So many people too embarrassed to state they believed in God, after I had spoken of my beliefs, 'opened up' and spoken freely of their doubts and fears. This is not an anti-Christian country, people need to be shown merely that Christianity can be a normal part of anyone's life, irrespective of their dress, hair style, and mode of life, or whether they ever in their life attended a formal church service: only by unification can the church jargon and cliqueness of most churches be swept away to

show the young in particular that it is not a club for the carefully dressed, carefully spoken select few, who like "that sort of thing".

I belong to a secular Friendship by Correspondence group in which we exchange letters in batches, and it would be a good idea to start similar groups on Inter-Denominational Religion, in which people could state their own differing beliefs and ideals, and learn of others. Some people can be less inhibited in writing than in speaking at meetings. Also of course hundreds of house-bound faithful people, who cannot mix, because of physical disabilities, are very welcome to take advantage of my invitation to write... to me.

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE G. CLARKE
Mrs.

23 Ernest Road,
Belhampton, Havant,
Hants.

CHRISTIANS CAN COME TOGETHER

Marjorie Clarke writes to COMPASS on a topic of Christian Unity

letter FROM AUSTRALIA

BY DOROTHY O'NEILL

Stewart is a blind boy who has just taken a big step forward. He has been away on an Adventure Weekend—and had a marvellous time.

Christine was there too—Christine, an eight-year-old with a speech difficulty. She, too, enjoyed every minute of "Camp".

Other children present were asthmatic, or "emotionally disturbed". Some were mentally retarded, or came from broken homes.

A Camp for handicapped children?

Yes—and no. Rather, a Camp for all children, handicapped and healthy. A unique Camp where normal and handicapped children mix and mingle freely; where acceptance is the keynote, and no one feels "different". A Camp run by the Sunshine Club of South Australia.

The only one

The Sunshine Club is the only club in Australia which places an emphasis on bringing handicapped and healthy children together for outings and weekend adventure camps. Indeed, it may well be the only one of its kind in the world, for the young people who started it searched for two years for a similar one on which to base their ideas, writing many letters overseas in their quest for knowledge. But they could find no other group which brought normal and sub-normal children together on an equal basis.

So they decided to go ahead and develop along their own lines—and they certainly have!

This was in October, 1970, when they held their first adventure camp at a Youth Hostels Association camping site. Three children came—the Sunshine Club was off the ground.

Other camping weekends followed and the numbers of children, both handicapped and healthy, grew. Now the Club is having to move away from Y.H.A. sites in search of larger hostels for they are now having to plan camps to accommodate up to sixty children.

Laurie O'Shea, the Camp Director, is a young man with wide camping experience. Add to experience, enthusiasm and ideas. He has two assistant camp directors—both young and keen, and like Laurie, dedicated to helping children. They have a number of voluntary helpers.

The basis of the Club programme is the "buddy" system. This means that one or more children who are normal, help a handicapped child, and the children respond to this challenge well.

In Stewart's case, the children took charge of him from the moment he joined the group at the railway station. Nothing was said by the leaders, but throughout the whole camp, the children saw that he was drawn into activities; that he knew where to sleep, that he was taken for meals etc.

In another instance, five-year-old Jenny, a healthy child, took over a retarded girl in her late teens. Taking her hand, she led her around the camp, befriending her and, quite unwittingly, making her feel very much part of the scene. Jenny, being a veteran of five camps, knew the ropes!

Here is a Club which is meeting a need in the lives of many children for it is bringing fun, friendship and challenge where before there was isolation and loneliness.

For them, making billy tea in glorious Australian bushland is just heaven. And what a thrill to play cricket with other kids when you've always been treated as "different".

A new concept

Just sitting around a camp fire eating chops and sausages while the kookaburra chortles in the nearest tree, has brought a new concept of living into the lives of some youngsters.

And this because a group of young men and women love children enough to do something different for them. It is not without significance that the motto of the Sunshine Club is "We care".

"Miracles happen when people care", says Laurie and his fellow workers. They do.



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Island of Many Happy Tomorrows



by Marie Spinks

"I had no idea there had been such a delightful spot in the kingdom", declared the future George IV when he visited Brownsea Island in 1818.

Pine-clad Brownsea, with its gentle hills, lying in Poole harbour has a secret magic and a history that makes it the romantic equal of any faraway island in the world.

Long ago it was called 'Bruni Insula'—the island of Bruno. We don't know who Bruno was, but many a hermit spent his life there. The monks of Cerne Abbey once built a chapel and a resident priest served the needs of sailors who asked for help.

After Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries a castle was built to protect the trade and shipping of nearby Poole. This castle

and its upkeep were a source of friction between Henry, then later Elizabeth and the townsfolk. Everyone wanted protecting and nobody wished to pay. After the defeat of the Armada the military use of the castle was finished. Still a royal property, court favourites were allowed to live there for many years. When the island passed into private hands, some centuries after, it was owned by a succession of sad and flamboyant characters.

One notable, Mr. Benson, a man of some literary gifts, gained a sinister reputation for dabbling in Black Magic. He was certified insane in 1741. After a year he was said to be cured and he returned to the castle. Then a young female servant disappeared without a trace.

Word went round Poole town and charming little coastal villages that she had been used as a human sacrifice. It is more likely that she felt restricted on tiny Brownsea and left voluntarily—one can row to Sandbanks on the mainland in just under 15 minutes.

In 1848 Colonel Waugh and his wife visited Brownsea. The lady, an amateur geologist, prodded the seashore with her umbrella and declared she had discovered a bed of rare china clay. When an expert agreed on the value of the find, Colonel Waugh, a wealthy man, planned a big commercial enterprise. A small community sprang up with school, public hall, shop, farm and laundry. The colonel built the church of St. Mary and added a large house as vicarage. Unhappily, the clay turned out to be common stuff, fit only for the manufacture of drain-pipes. After the Colonel's bankruptcy the island was sold to discharge his debts. With a history of Black Magic, madness and bankruptcy the 'pleasant spot' of George IV took on a very dark reputation.

Sold

After a number of short-stay owners the island was sold to Mr. Cavendish-Bentick. An expert on Italian art, he improved the castle and enriched the church with treasures from Venice. He and his wife are buried under a beautiful

ornamental Italian well-head.

The next owner, Major Balfour, suffered a disastrous fire which gutted a large portion of the castle—another tragedy for the pleasant spot. The major eventually restored the castle and the property was sold to Charles Van Raalte and his wife.

Beauty

Rich and cultivated, the Van Raaltes brought a touch of princely living to Brownsea. They employed a large staff. Ten gardeners kept the lawns like green velvet and many exotic plants and flowers were imported. A band of twenty musicians were in residence for entertaining guests. The island became a place of great beauty. In 1907 the Boy Scouts were allowed to hold their first camp on the West side of the island. After Charles

Van Raalte's death an extension was built on to the church to house his magnificent tomb.

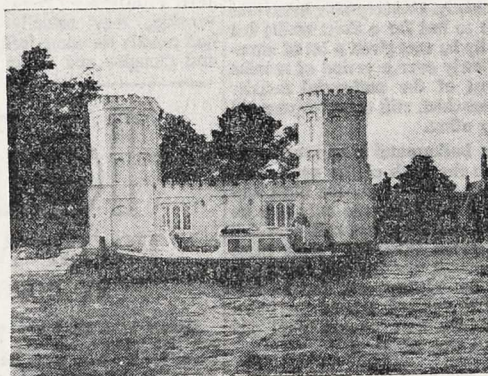
Wilderness

The last private owner of Brownsea, Mrs. Mary Christie, turned everyone off the island and lived alone in the castle, tended only by a caretaker and his wife. To this strange ménage was added a hefty Scandinavian woman whose duty it was to throw persistent intruders back into the sea! Mrs. Christie wished to make the island a nature reserve where no flower, bird or even insect was to be disturbed. Peacocks, introduced by an unknown owner, strutted everywhere. But Mrs. Christie hadn't understood that nature untamed can be ruthless. Rhododendrons, formerly vividly beautiful, became gaunt, giant trees, strangling everything in their

paths. The Vicarage, long called 'The Villa' disappeared entirely, together with the paths to the two fresh water lakes. Brownsea became a timeless, sombre wilderness, living a secret life cut off from the world.

Pennel Holiday Camp

When Mrs. Christie died the island was handed over to the National Trust who leased part of it to the Dorset Naturalists' Trust for a bird sanctuary. Tremendous efforts were made by members of both Trusts, and voluntary workers, to clear the dark, dank choked paths of the island. Whole areas were cleared of trees to make natural fire breaks. The dangerous old houses of Maryland were taken down and the original field, where the first Scouts camped, was made a permanent place for Scouts and Guides. The John Lewis partnership gave generous financial help and took over the castle as a holiday residence for their own staff. These lucky people, together with Scouts, Guides and Wardens of both Trusts are the only people who can actually stay on Brownsea. But the island is open to the public from May to September. One travels by motorboat from Poole to enjoy a day in another world. The peace and solitude of Brownsea are a miracle of delight in a noisy, crowded existence.



David Collyer

LOOKS
AROUND
THE
YOUTH
SCENE

and asks

WHO CAN THEY TELL?

Some months ago, there was an interesting public debate into the rights of the sixteen-year-old, in relation to the contraceptive pill. While the controversy itself was raging the matter, for and against, was analysed, represented and no angle was left unexplored. Except the all important angle of the young person. He or she might now ask—"Who then can I trust absolutely with my problem?"

The loss of the extended family—which often bridges the 'generation gap'—the mobility of the present society, the lack of veneration for the elderly, have condemned a present generation of young people to the professional confidant. This is in vast areas of the urban conurbations.

Counselling services, school counsellors, youth and works counsellors provide a professional ear for the young persons problem. Yet in calling themselves by the name 'Counsellor' they prevent certain young people with a fear of expertise from ever coming near them.



But there is a desperate need in adolescence for someone to talk to and for someone who will provide a willing ear.

Not someone who is so close, that there can be feed back but not so remote as to need to fix an appointment.

The Doctor used to provide such a service for some young people—they could go to the surgery for no declared reason and have a chat. They felt that even if they had a VD problem it would not reach home ears. Many doctors would say that this still applies and that what they hear from a patient, is sacrosanct.

But the young persons view is very different. He argues from the particular, to the general—one doctor in one place under one set of circumstances speaks to a parent: they all will.

This adolescent view is not strictly accurate but it's the one by which he guides his actions.

In Confidence

'Do you know a doctor who?'—used to be the question about abortion, but it now goes—'Do you know a doctor who keeps it to himself?' And I even get the question, as I'm sure other community workers do—'Is this in confidence or not?'

However hard it is to keep a confidence—even involving a crime—there must clearly be in every community individuals who offer this service. Ideally they should be focal points of community wisdom and experience and not outside agencies. Perhaps doctors, clergymen and other professionals who have hitherto offered such could display a symbol which reads 'all confidence kept here'.

It's a mechanical gesture—but then young people need this assurance—on occasions I need it myself. You need to know the terms on which the discussion can and does take place before you embark on it.

This symbol would preserve professionals, who feel that there are conditions under which secrecy is no longer possible or desirable, from the burden of the unwanted information. It would also enable the client to understand the viewpoint of the counsellor.

The one thing which must not continue, is a hit or miss personal attitude, which allows for the public enquiry and its ensuing unwelcome publicity.

The Samaritans, probation officers, clergymen and the natural counsellors could tell (but they won't) what difference the confidentiality of their interview has meant to

their clients. There is at least one young lady, to my knowledge, alive because of such an opportunity.

Be Honest

At a time when relationships with young people are reputedly most difficult—lets at least offer an honest and consistent line. This they well understand even if they reject it. Very few young people can exist, let alone live, without a considerable interaction with adults—even if it is often an interaction of conflict.

Somehow we have to provide a community which allows for all forms of interaction and includes a confidant.

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GREEN IN THE GARDEN

Has Dad been puffing and blowing lately as he mows the lawn? If he's in a bit of a mood at having to push and pull the mower, better not to choose that moment to tell him that King Cyrus of Persia was the man who way back in 500 B.C. discovered how nice it was to have a bit of green grass about the place. Cyrus had what was described as 'flat green growth' planted in his palace grounds among the flowers. He was extremely fond of slipping out of the palace, taking off his sandals and padding around on his own on 'the grass'. But it was an Englishman, Edwin Budding, who hundreds of years later invented a 'rotary mowing machine'. Up to that time a scythe had been used for cutting grass. When Edwin Budding patented the world's first lawnmower he said he thought the users of his machine would find it 'an amusing, useful and healthful exercise! What's Dad got to say to that?

(Answers on right).

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Something to do on a sunny day

Yes, we know we've gone quite mad on colour this month! But Junior Compass adores all the gay colours. Even light has got its colours. Doubt it? Then try this experiment on a sunny day.

Put about an inch of water in a flat dish and arrange the dish so that the sunlight falls on the surface of the water. Lean a small handbag mirror at one end of the dish, and hold a sheet of white paper on the other side of the dish, facing the mirror. The light will go through the water and will be reflected by the mirror. As it comes out, the light will be split and will show bands of colours on the sheet of white paper. This is called a spectrum. If Mum has got a diamond ring you can see a spectrum when sunlight falls on the cut edge of the diamond. Spectrums are also formed when sunlight falls on raindrops, on cut glass and on the edges of mirrors.

Count how many times you see a spectrum this month.



RED, WHITE AND BLUE

God of bright colours; rainbows, peacocks . . .
Daffodils in March,
Cowslips in April,
Dog-roses in May . . .
Red flare of autumn . . .

How come that Junior Compass reckons that God must love colour?

—Well, we've been having one big whale of a think and a look round. Colours everywhere! Trees, flowers, sky, earth, grass! Even the food on our plates—red strawberries, yellow-yoked eggs, green peas. When you've had a good look see, we hope you'll agree with us.

God of all the colours . . .
Unblind us to Thy glory
That we may see.

Find the Colours

We even use the names of colours to describe feelings and actions. Find the missing colour in the blank space in each of the following sentences. Then arrange in their correct order the initial letters of the boys and girls to find yet another colour.

George ran away and everyone said he was . . .
Anne looked in the . . .
Oswald used to . . . every penny he got.
Edward saw . . . and struck his opponent.
Raymond made the air . . . with his bad language.
Norma was . . . with envy when she saw her friend's new dress.

(Answers on right).

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When you have de-coded this message, you could ask your family and friends the question, and see if they know the answer!

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Answers to Puzzle

Did you guess the right colours? They are—Yellow, pink, blue, red, purple, green. The initials make up the word "orange".

BOATING ON THE BROADS

by Margaret Wale

THEY have all been worthwhile, those winter evenings spent at the Municipal Baths teaching my son how to swim. I have suffered the indignity of standing thigh-deep in the tepid Teaching Pool whilst toddlers thrashed around me like so many tadpoles. Then, on promotion to the Main Pool, there was the anxiety of trying to keep my chlorine-stained eyes on one small glistening body among so many others. And so to the showers shared by shrieking children, to the impossible task of trying to dry and dress myself and Simon in the cramped humidity of the sentry-box cubicle, then out into the cold night air, with yesterday's shampoo and set hanging round my neck in sticky rat's tails.

But it was all worth while. Simon learnt fast and in no time at all his tiny triangular swimsuit was emblazoned with badges, and Mum, who likes to swim with one toe in contact with the bottom, was left behind in the shallow end.

Now we can at last take a family holiday on the Broads, for there is no peace of mind, on this most peaceful of

holidays, if the youngest crew member is in constant danger of drowning. We have booked the boat, a four-berth cruiser, for two weeks in June. In order to further prepare Simon for the nautical way of life, I have been reading aloud to him Arthur Ransome's "Swallows and Amazons", and with his imagination fired by the escapades of the children in their boat, he has been making some of his own preparations. Father is to be allowed the title of Captain only on alternate days. To Mother he concedes the permanent post of galley-slave. On a traced plan of the boat we have been allocated our quarters and orders to keep to them on pain of walking the plank. He has compiled a log book for the voyage and already scattered it with highly fictitious entries like, "Six bells—attacked enemy ship off port bow." He has even secreted some cocoa tins with curious contents in a suitcase under his bed, together with an illustrated map of the Treasure Island he hopes to find.

I can see that my idea of a boating holiday—lying in limpid waters watching the wild-life—is going to be severely shattered. I'm going to have to be very broadminded.



If you were to go sailing on the Broads here are the kind of boats you would see. This is the scene at Hicklin Broad, one of the most popular spots on the Norfolk Broads.

LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON

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Dougall and Florence

I don't think I go quite as far as the critic in the 'heavy' Sunday newspaper who said it was worthwhile getting rid of our GT-6 motor car in order to afford colour telly, but I do think I'd consider dropping a horse-power or two for BBC-2 if you haven't got it already

They tell us that 90 per cent of us are now within range of BBC-2 transmitters and the viewing audience approaches a potential 30 million—note the 'potential'. A while back, deprivation of the second BBC channel was mollified by the fact that viewers could al-

most certainly count upon any of the 'important' programmes which start life on BBC-2 being repeated later on BBC-1: The Forsyte Saga was an example. This assumption was dispelled by the Elizabeth R. series being repeated almost immediately on the same channel but on a different night.

I appreciate getting all channels with the same picture quality as the ideal televising procedure for me is an energetic business involving some pretty smart switchwork dodging from channel to channel.

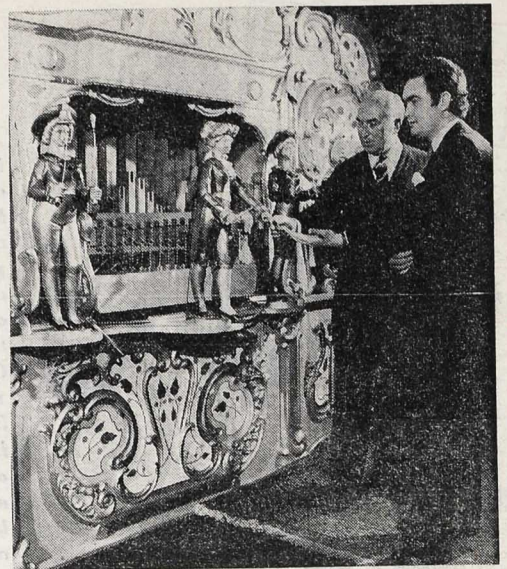
But the great thing about BBC-2 is that it doesn't have to pander to the mass audience. It can cater for minorities with programmes like *Collector's World* or *The Money Programme* or cover sports of limited appeal such as snooker in *Pot Black*. With a combination of screening on BBC-1

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and 2 the cricket fan can be given a complete ball by ball coverage of test matches without really vital BBC-1 programmes like *Magic Roundabout* having to be shelved. Without BBC-2 there would be real danger of our being deprived of Dougall during the cricket season. For that alone BBC-2 justifies its existence!

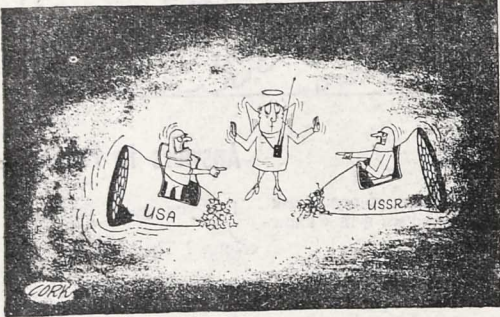
Although many viewers regard BBC-2 as the egg-head channel, it really has an excellent record of breaking new ground in the field of pure entertainment. Programmes like *Marty*, *Not Only... But Also* and *Beachcomber* were all pioneered on BBC-2.

And, of course, if you do want a night-cap there is always *Late Night Line-Up*. Most nights it's better than Horlicks.



Paul Corin and Hugh Scully looking at a Belgium Hoo-guys Organ at Paul Corins Organ Museum at St. Keyne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

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LADIES BEFORE WICKET

by Con Holden

Sports Spot

The Laws of Cricket—other games simply have rules, but the most English of them all has laws—were first published in 1745.

And, a year later, the first recorded women's match was played, on Gosden Common near Guildford, "between eleven maids of Bramley and eleven maids of Hambledon, dressed all in white".

Indeed, by 1777, the Duke of Dorset was admitting: "What is life but a game of cricket? and if so, why should not the ladies play it as well as we?.....".

Respectable Pastime

The first women's club was founded in 1887, with a membership of 50, most of them titled married ladies. Cricket had rapidly stepped out of the village green league, where it was viewed as a hoydenish romp, and become as respectable a pastime as croquet.

Cricket, both for men and women, may have come a long way since those days, but one woman cricketer still reigns supreme in the archives—and the record-books. Miss Mabel Bryant, a school teacher, hit 224 not out in two and a quarter hours in a match at Eastbourne in 1901, and, further, took five wickets in each innings!

It was October, 1926, before the Women's Cricket Association was formed in London by a group of the game's foremost enthusiasts, and, by then, the game was already being taught in girls' schools.

The early pioneers of the W.C.A.—still the governing body of the women's game today—realised their first dream by sending a touring team to Australia in 1934.

Two years before this, the first milestone had been passed when men's county grounds were made available to women for their official matches. Worcester and Edg-

baston were, in fact, the first strongholds to topple to the women, and the last was the Oval in 1935.

County associations for women were started, and, from these, that first test team for Australia was picked.

The team returned unbeaten, and Australia made a return visit three years later.

Among the first touring team were such famous names as Molly Hide, Myrtle MacLagan and Betty Archdale, all of them at the start of a long cricketing career.

Further tours to Australia and New Zealand followed regularly over the years, and new ground was broken in 1960 when a W.C.A. team toured South Africa.

On Tour

This spring, the W.C.A. sent its first official tour to the West Indies, and wrote

a further chapter in women's cricketing history.

Women's cricket is, today, exactly the same game as the men play, with the exception of a smaller five-ounce ball.

It is internationally recognised, taught increasingly in schools and colleges, and followed closely by devotees of traditional English sports.

It is, furthermore controlled entirely by women, and England still remains the only country whose women's first-class matches are umpired by women.

Women's cricket is, in the best sense, an amateur sport still. It is played solely by people who enjoy it.

And that, after all, is the best reason of all for doing anything.

