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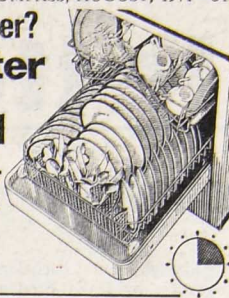
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**Chris Brodan
calling**

Recently the congregation of a big, beautiful church in the centre of London decided that they wanted to close the door. They would pull the church down, sell a valuable site and rebuild, more centrally, elsewhere. The new building would be smallish, up-to-date and equipped with facilities not only for worship but for social activity and service to the area as well.

'Good scheme', thought I,—'a church stripping itself for action and doing a bit of good business into the bargain.'

But, predictably, the imagination and enthusiasm of these folk has had a cool reception. The Church's boffins seemed to think that little would come of the scheme, and no sooner was the news out than hands and voices were raised in horror.

'The destruction of such an architectural gem should never be countenanced, etc., etc.'

SHOWPLACES

It often seems to me that churches are regarded as little more than showplaces. They give tone to the district, stand out nicely against the sky and provide a setting for weddings and the all important wedding photo.

If that's the way folk really want it, if they really value the sentimental, sometimes deep, associations of the local church — then they must be prepared to put their hands in their pockets to pay for it. And the government, if it puts a high value on our national architectural heritage, must make some contribution to the costly upkeep of the finest examples of English churchbuilding.

There is a limit—and in my view we are past that limit—to the amount of time, effort and money that regular churchgoers can be expected to give to keeping stones and mortar together.

It is thoroughly unjust that a small number of people should carry the can for buildings which a lot of people seem to want, but which they are not prepared to pay for. More serious, this state of affairs tends to turn the Christian community into fund raisers and scroungers, a society for preserving ancient monuments (S.P.A.M.) and hinders the real task of proclaiming and acting out the teaching of Jesus.

CHURCH IN ACTION!



St. Ann's Hospice at Heald Green in North Cheshire is one of the first concrete results of the movement towards Church Unity. Envisaged as a home for terminal cancer patients in the greater Manchester area, it received its first residents at the beginning of May.

It was the brainchild of Miss Elizabeth Lamb, a deaconess in the Anglican Church who had previously worked as a hospital sister, and Dr. M. P. Cole, a consultant from Christie's Hospital, Manchester.

An appeal for £250,000 was launched in November, 1969, by the former Bishop of Manchester, Dr. W. D. L. Greer. He was strongly sup-

ported by Dr. Thomas Holland, Catholic Bishop of Salford, Dr. Kenneth Crosby, of the Methodist Church and the Rev. Rabbi Dayan I. Golditch, leader of the Manchester Jewish Community.

So far more than £215,000 has been raised, mainly through voluntary subscriptions, charity events organised by church groups and sponsored walks.

Far more important perhaps has been the response from the four churches in Heald Green — Anglican, Catholic, Congregational and Methodist. Between them they have formed a band of some 20 volunteers who will assume responsibility for feeding patients, clerical

duties, gardening and transporting visitors.

Commenting on this Fr. Francis McGowan, parish priest of Christ Church, said, "For years we have been talking about unity and holding our joint services, but this scheme is a real step forward. This is unity becoming involved in work."

The Rev. Michael Culliford, Vicar of St. Catherine's,

commented, "First we had unity in prayer and now we have unity in action, an action that will strengthen unity and ensures that it will continue all the year round."

"It is very gratifying to see the local churches giving a real community lead in something so vitally important."

Churches join in caring for incurables by F.C. Price



The new hospice will cater for the incurably sick who either have no relatives to nurse them at home or whose relatives need a break from the arduous strain involved in long-term illness.

At a public meeting Dr. Cole stressed the need for such a home because at present such patients, often young people, end up in geriatric wards of general hospitals.

"They need to be nursed in an understanding way in a homely atmosphere with a staff of sympathetic nurses

who have time to discuss with them their mental and psychological problems."

She added, "It is envisaged that when St. Ann's is functioning it will be used to give medical students, qualified doctors, church students and clergymen a practical knowledge of the psychology of death so that they will be better equipped to help their patients and parishioners."

One of the special features of the hospice is the unity chapel where services for all the churches are held.

letters

Contrasts

Sir,

Although I am a bachelor, the front page article by Chris Brodan on 'Pity the Poor Parent', is one of the most brilliant I have read in many years. The logical context is supreme.

Adversely, on page 2 there was an advertisement by "Christian Aid" which and wherein states that these people

dying of hunger—yet who contain 66% of the world's population, consume only 13% of the world's produce! Surely, two thirds of the world populace should, by now, get down to tilling their respective homelands, to produce their own sustenance and independence — instead of waiting for the other third of the world to do it for them!

L. Bennett, Mitcham, Surrey.

Chocolate Facts

Sir,

With reference to the article—Slimmers' Enemy No. 1, page 4, I would like to make one correction.

It was not Columbus but the Spaniard Cortez who conquered the Aztec Emperor Montezuma in 1519 and discovered the value of the cocoa bean, bringing it back to Europe.

In the 17th century the drink was introduced in turn to the Courts of Spain, Italy, Germany, France and England.

The Maya Indians boiled the cocoa beans with maize, while the Aztecs preferred it flavoured with vanilla and beaten to a froth of the consistency of honey.

Weight watchers may be interested to know that one pound of cocoa contains 2,135 calories and one pound of chocolate (milk) contains 2,560 calories.

E. E. Ogilvie (Mrs.),
Hall Green, Birmingham.

Parents' Influence

My husband has a dominating personality and believes that we should influence our two young children in all their interests and plans. I am frightened that this will have a bad effect, but is there anything I can do?

A.D., Newcastle.

Parental influence is no bad thing—providing of course it is to the good! In fact it is impossible for parents not to influence their children, even when they are not consciously aware of it. The way they behave, the way they treat other people, all of this has an influence on their children.

I think you mean that your husband tries to order your children's interests and plans without giving them a chance to see how they feel. If this is so, couldn't you discuss this with him, and point out—in a gentle way—that you don't think he is giving the children enough say in what they should do. He may not realise that he is being overpowering—but if he disagrees and you make a big issue out of it, the effect on the children of your continual disagreement may be worse than before.

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COMMENT

If "N.H.C." will supply her full name and address we shall be pleased to consider her letter for publication.

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.

PERSONAL POSERS



Entering the Ministry

Our son has just announced to us that he wants to go into the Church. This seems to us to be a waste of the good education we have struggled to give him, especially as there is a job waiting for him in the family firm.

How can we dissuade him?

P.C. Studley, Worcs.

You can try a number of ways, but first may I point out that "go into the Church" is not the correct way of describing "becoming a minister or priest". It only applies to "becoming a church member".

Now to your son. Try the money line first. If the family firm is doing nicely just now, make a lot of the better pay and conditions he can be certain of there compared with anything he is likely to come across in the ministry.

The education line you hint at in your letter is a good one, as long as you can convince him he only got educated so as to qualify for a good job.

A last resort could be that he should have a go at ordinary social work instead, though the chances are that he will have thought that one out already.

If all these fail, then you've got a parson on your hands. You will have done him a good turn by sharpening up his vocation on your objections. And you may feel it's not that much of a waste after all.



'As jobs go there is no more important one than rearing children'—says our writer, A DOCTOR who in this article suggests it's a question of priorities.

Must you be a working Mother?

The concept that a woman's place is in the home is nowadays regarded as laughable—an anachronism from an earlier age. But let us pause and take a deeper look at it.

Let us take, for example, an office secretary. When her first baby arrives, she is consumed with the natural pride of seeing her own flesh and blood reproduced in this new individual. It gives her a sense of perpetuation—a feeling of extension into an unending future.

For a time shortage of sleep with four hourly feeds make it a struggle to maintain the pattern of three meals a day, cope with the weekly wash, and keep a semblance of order round the house. But she quickly adjusts herself and as the baby becomes less demanding and is still not old enough to respond to communication, she believes it quite in order to park it in a suitable environment and take up her old job, collecting the infant on the way home from work and bedding it down for the night.

As the child reaches the toddler stage, this routine is well established and all that is needed is a change to junior play groups, to maintain the status quo.

All around her friends and acquaintances are employing the same arrangement. Why should she stay at home idle?

Well, the answer to that lies in deciding what is the

priority. It has long been established that forging the love bond between mother and her infant in the first year of its life is vitally important to its later development.

A baby's most urgent need is not the food or physical comfort but the security that only comes from maternal love. If the mother spends most of her day apart from the child, this essential requirement is lacking. The insidious element is that when the child is small, the absence of contact makes no appreciable difference. It is only in later life that the detrimental effects of that first year of life become apparent.

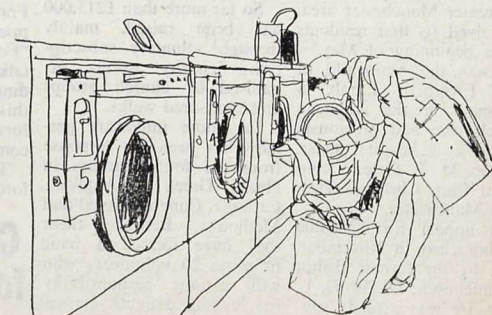
There are exceptions, but for the majority of working mothers there is a degree of failure in parental responsibility of which they may be totally unaware.

Financial necessity often leaves a woman no choice. She may be an unmarried mother, a widow, or be burdened with an invalid husband. Where such misfortunes do not apply, it can be argued that a second income is needed to buy furniture, carpets, a washing machine.

Here the distinction must be made between luxuries and necessities.

What then is the answer when a mother asserts that she is rapidly turning into a vegetable for want of mental activity? She can seek out an occupation suitable to her talents which will provide the necessary outlet without going outside the home. If hobbies or social work are inadequate, she can train herself by joining one of the many correspondence colleges. If the extra money is important, this too can be arranged from the home—making souvenirs, typing, baking for local retailers, dressmaking, knitting, even advisory services on landscape gardening, cooking, or agencies for industrial firms.

As jobs go, there is no more important one than rearing children to be assets to their community and their country. It is a skilled job and a demanding one. But the rewards are great. There is no achievement which does not first take place in the mind of man, and the production of well-balanced well-integrated personalities is more constructive to the advancement of a country than the temporary activity of an individual woman.



KALEIDOSCOPE



TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE...

The round-faced, serious-minded 12-year-old, who claimed on a T.V. programme that his hero was Chairman Mao, stands for the new Political Juveniles. All the young generations are political in a way their elders could never be.

Not just because they get the vote earlier. Nor because they have a party bias—only a small section have that. But because they think politically. Their scene is a world scene. They want tomorrow's better world today—tomorrow will be too late for it.

A hard-punching book from Germany, translated last year, wants us to follow this youthful lead. It is "The rich Christians and poor Lazarus" by Helmut Gollwitzer, who writes out of his experience among Berlin students. The book is dedicated to them "in gratitude for their insurgence and insistent zeal."

His title pins the book down to the Third World, one of the Mount Etnas which the world's politics is sitting on now. The whole way Western society ticks must be changed, he claims, if the needs of the "poor Lazarus" nations are to be properly met.

And the agitation of young people shows how this could be achieved.

Gollwitzer states that criticism of youth often betrays a real reluctance to take action to deal with problems.

He calls us to face what youth is pushing at us.

- * that a "me first" attitude is no go
- * that everyone's freedom has to be watched over
- * that the future will depend more on the Third World than on the East-West confrontation
- * prosperity and "keeping up with the Joneses" aren't much to do with what life is about—at least while others are starving.

With this lead from the young generations Gollwitzer points us to the complete re-organisation of our society to do away with all forms of privilege. He points us to "the just revolution".

In this Christians must take the initiative. He writes with great vigour: "We can do something, only we must really mean business and have no fear, and refuse to give up, as indeed the Christian faith forbids us to do. But in this we must break the polite rules of the world we live in, we must fling out the banner as the young people have done; we must begin not with modest demands, but with radical ones. The far-ranging vision must draw the reality after it."

Tomorrow's world must come today, in fact. Tomorrow will be too late.

("The Rich Christians and poor Lazarus": St. Andrew Press 40p).

FOUR WHEELS ON MY WAGON - help for the severely disabled

Four-wheeled vehicles instead of ones with three were called for in a debate in Parliament earlier this summer about the needs of the disabled.

Sir Keith Joseph, Social Services Secretary, stated that research would be undertaken in a number of matters of real concern. One was incontinence, "a source

of massive misery". Also a search would be made for the 8,200 people living alone under the most serious categories of disablement.

The debate was on a private member's bill brought in by Mr. L. Carter-Jones, Labour M.P. for Eccles, in view of the Report on Impaired and Handicapped People in Great Britain.

LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE



GERMAN STUDENTS AND WORKERS UNITE IN AN ANTI-CAPITALIST DEMONSTRATION



PLAIN MAN'S GUIDE TO SHOP STEWARDS

by Tom Chapman

in unions have known it for years. The union system we have to work from today hinges on the shop steward.

Knowing the fact, though, is different from understanding the situation. So the 1 million British shop stewards are run down, accused and suspected. But really they are ordinary you's and me's, male and female, who happened to be keen enough to turn up at the meetings and stand for election.

From that beginning they make a king-size contribution. Only managers who live foolishly or dangerously ignore them as links with their employees.

The shop steward's job is to represent the workers in all approaches to management. It's the breakdown in these approaches that find their way into the headlines. But it's been estimated that no less than 95% of British industrial concerns have

next to no dispute-trouble at all.

As the workers' power grows the larger number of agreements which shop stewards help to bring about has to be sold on the shop floor in a way that has not been demanded before. And the person who has to do the selling is the shop steward.

It is worth taking heart from the fact that we have these 250,000 workers who stand so much more for agreement than for strife.

PROFILE

DAVID STEEL M.P.

Bonny Prince David, the whip of Steel, sallied out from the fastnesses of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, to take on the English Parliament as its youngest M.P. in the 1965 by-election.

With a flourish of the Celt, if not the kilt, he achieved a major personal triumph in sponsoring the Abortion Law Reform Bill, which became law in 1968, when he was 30.

David Steel was at Edinburgh University, where he was President of the Students' Representative Council in 1960-61. As a students' leader he travelled widely in Europe, the Soviet Union and East Africa.

At University he was also President of the Liberal Club and after graduating he became a full-time Assistant Secretary of the Scottish Liberal Party until his election to Parliament for the seat he has held at the two General Elections of 1966 and 1970. It was after the last election that he was made the Liberal Whip.



Since 1966 David Steel has made an impact on I.T.V. by presenting programmes on religious and social matters. He has a deep social concern which he expresses not only with a dashing flair but also with canny thinking. All in true Scottish character—like his hobby of trout-fishing.

Few people, of any party, would disagree with the view that the vigour of some of the younger generation of M.P.s adds a new flavour of life and purpose to our flagging system of government. And that a tinge of that something extra from over the border can't be a bad thing either.

BOTTOM OF THE EUROPEAN WELFARE LEAGUE

One of the sets of figures about the Common Market which hasn't had all the airing it could do with is the Welfare League table.

Our National Health Service is way out ahead. But we can't shout too loudly about that because it looks so often like coming apart at the seams. In other aspects of welfare we come way down the scale. Family allowances have been running at a higher rate in all the Six countries for at least the past three years and all of them except West Germany pay the allowances for the first child as well as later ones. The story is similar in the fields of social security and pensions.

In the league table for welfare spending in 1967 we were easily bottom with only 12.8% of our gross national product going on the welfare services. Next was Belgium with 15%. Much smaller gaps separate off the rest of the Six leading up to league winner Luxembourg totalling 19%.

Edyth Harper writes on...

people, places and things

WHEN THE PRIZE IS A COAT AND BADGE

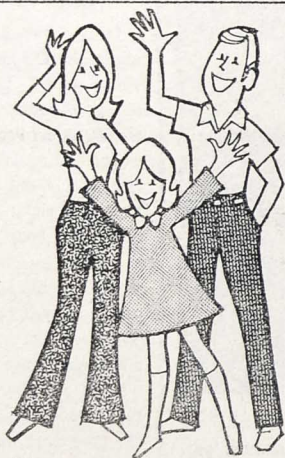
Some old customs die, some survive in a changed form and some go on quietly from year to year attracting little attention. One such custom is the Dogget's Coat and Badge race held on the 1st August since early in the 18th century.

Thomas Dogget was a well-known actor in his day and a dedicated Whig. He has been described as a prudent, honest man who after leaving the theatre in William's reign made a fortune. He died in 1721 at his home in Kent but left a sum of money in his will, with conditions attached.

A year after George 1st became King, Dogget provided a prize of a waterman's coat and a badge of silver to be won in a race among watermen of the Thames. It took place on the anniversary of the King's accession, August 1st, with 6 rowers competing. In his will Dogget wished the race to be held each year on the same date and provided money to yield enough interest to buy the annual coat and badge. Six young Thames watermen, ex-apprentices providing their own boats, were to row from the Old Swan Inn near London Bridge to the White Swan, Chelsea, when the current ran strongest against them, according to the tide.

An ex-prizefighter called Broughton was the first winner. So popular was the race that at the Haymarket Theatre in 1774, a theatrical performance was staged called "The Waterman" or the "1st of August". Gradually over the years the crowds on the river bank lessened. By 1957 the entrants had dropped to only three so the Fishmongers' Company decided to provide boats for the contest in an attempt to keep Dogget's race going.

Today the oldest race on the Thames still survives although it attracts little attention. The river has changed since honest Dogget's day but his wish is still carried out. The strength of the current is unaltered making the contest a strenuous one. Whoever wins the coat and badge this year will certainly have deserved it.



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BRANCHES ALL OVER THE MIDLANDS



"Disneyland"—entered by the Parish of Grouville—one of the colourful floats in the annual Battle of Flowers in Jersey which takes place in August, known as . . .

THE EMPEROR'S MONTH

Although named after Augustus Caesar, August is by common consent the holiday month of the common man. Governments may try to stagger public holidays but tradition dies hard. The long school holidays have to be filled in somehow so rooms are booked, bags packed and away we all go.

Traditionally too it is the month to go to the seaside. In fact it has had many famous sea-connections. On August 3rd, 1492, the 'Santa Maria' was bravely sailing towards the New World, with Christopher Columbus aboard. About 100 years later, Spanish ships were fleeing from Admiral Drake and his companions as the Armada was harried round our coasts.

Cross Channel Swimmer

Captain Webb became the first cross-channel swimmer in this month and the first ship passed through the Panama Canal (1914).

August's most famous birthday is that of Napoleon who arrived in Corsica on 15th, 1769; Sir Walter Scott shared his birthday two years later in Edinburgh.

When Davey Crockett was born on 17th, 1786, his parents cannot have foreseen his rise to fame. Prince Albert had 26th, 1869, as his

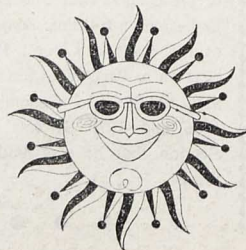
birthday. Others to share this month were Sir Donald Bradman, Tolstoy, Marie Antoinette's husband, Louis XVI, Stanley Baldwin and John Galsworthy.

Unlucky for Some

Two Queens found August an unlucky month. Queen Anne died in 1714 while in 1561, Mary Queen of Scots set foot in Scotland and started her journey to the block.

It seems to have been a popular month for battles. The English won at Crecy in 1346, the Scots lost at Flodden (1513) and Marlborough was victorious at Blenheim, a battle commemorated by his palace. A gentler kind of battle, that of the flowers, takes place in Jersey.

August brings the Glorious Twelfth, Festivals, sheep-dog trials and on 25th the end of St. Swithin's prophetic 40 days of weather. August 1834 saw 700,000 slaves liberated in the British Empire and in August the Great Train Robbery eventually sent men to prison.



ANIMALS IN CHURCH

Most visitors inspecting ancient churches expect to see angels and carved figures on tombs, but it comes as a surprise to see elephants and mice. Thompson, son of the village carpenter at Kilburn, Yorks., became one of the best carvers in oak, in Britain. His work can be seen in many schools and colleges and is always distinguished by his 'signature'—a tiny mouse signifying "industry in quiet places" which even appears on candle-sticks in Westminster Abbey. Thompson trained only local boys and refused all efforts to commercialise his skill.

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POP

The Pop Festival that was held on the last week-end in June may well be the one event in the Reading festival that most of us will remember. The orderliness of the thousands of young people who travelled to Reading for the festival came as an agreeable surprise to those who in the preceding week were apt to say "Why should our peace be disturbed? Why should Reading have to have all these long haired types?" The Police too must be congratulated for the part they played in ensuring that order was maintained and local residents not bothered.

It seemed very appropriate that on the Sunday morning of the Festival the Gospel for the day was the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. With thousands of young people on the Reading bank of the Thames, most of them having rejected the Christian faith, the Christians were that morning reminded through those parables that the Christian Gospel is an inclusive and not an exclusive Gospel. Our Lord told those parables because the Scribes and the Pharisees murmured at the company that he kept, and it was right and proper that a team of clergy, including one of the staff of the Parish of Caversham, should have spent most of the weekend talking to those at the Festival. Who is to say that there was not more idealism and a greater spirit of sacrifice among those who pitched their tents on the south bank of the Thames than among many who profess the Christian faith on the north bank? The flight of the younger generation from the Churches is more serious than many people realise. And many of the younger generation are opting out of society because society, as they see it represented by many of us, stands for the rat race. Before we are censorious of the young we do well to remember that we all stand under the judgment of God, and our Lord in his day was rejected by the nice church people who were content with things as they were and did not take easily to the prospect of change.

If the Pop Festival has challenged the complacency of even only a few Caversham Christians it will for that reason alone have been a worthwhile event.

John Grimwade

Scout and Guide Awards in Caversham

Second Queen's Guide for a Caversham Company

Friday, June 11th, was a red letter day for the second Caversham Guide Company when Mrs. Moss, the district Commissioner, presented Fiona O'Dair with her Queen's Guide badge at St. Andrew's Hall. This is the second such success in the Company in three years and they are to be congratulated on this achievement.

Eleven months' task

Fiona, aged 14½, began working for this award in April, 1970, when she was 13 and by March, 1971, she had obtained the twenty badges needed, covering a wide range of subjects including housecraft, nursing, sport and childcare. She had also attended two hours each week at the Chiltern Nursery Training College for four months.

In the autumn Fiona hopes to become a Sea Ranger. Caversham Bridge wishes her every success in the future.

M.K.



FIONA O'DAIR

Walton Adams



Walton Adams

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ERIC HATCH VISITED BALMORE HALL recently to present sixteen-year-old Peter Richards of St. Peter's Troop with his Wings Badge. Peter is the first winner of this badge in Reading, and obtained it after many months of hard work. Congratulations Peter.

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DEARLOVE BY NAME AND DEARLOVED BY NATURE

THEY ARE SMALL ROOMS IN THE HOUSE IN QUEEN'S ROAD where Miss Dearlove lives, but they are choc-a-bloc with happiness and love. For Grace Dearlove, who has been looking after children ever since her mother died, has for the last seven years minded other people's babies at home; for the last four and a half years she has actually been fostering children.

When I called to see her a few weeks ago, I met young Sharon, Andrew, Adrian No. 1 and Adrian No. 2; two of them were being fostered, the other two cared for daily. In the other room was baby Derek, three weeks old, who had arrived quite unexpectedly the day before. In an hour or so two more children would be arriving to spend an hour or two after school until they could be collected by their parents.

There has never, she says, been any jealousy among the children and certainly it would have been difficult to find a happier group; they took it in turns to peep in and see if baby Derek was asleep and then return to report to Auntie Nancy.

Often asked how she can make such sacrifices, Grace gets somewhat annoyed at the question. There can never, she says, be any question of sacrifice, even though it does sometimes mean giving up children she has grown to love. These children need love and security, at least for the time being, and nothing else matters.

INTEREST

Without any formal training, Grace has learned to watch for the individual needs of her charges, to give that extra bit of comfort where it is wanted and to encourage those who need confidence. Affection and interest, she says, is more important than expensive toys and clothes. Michael Stockwell owes his life to her, for it was while he was with her that she brought him back to life with "the kiss of life", something which, in one way

or another, she applies all the time.

It is because of this that Grace Dearlove has, in turn, received so much help from people like Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell and other neighbours. She would like to thank them all, but here we can only mention Mrs. Maud Burnham, of Star Road, known to the children as Nanna. A frequent visitor to the house, she helps to create the home-like atmosphere that one finds there.

There is so much one could say about Grace and her achievements, for she radiates love which shows itself in a hundred and one different ways, without thought of return or reward.

But has anyone a three-wheel bicycle for the bigger children, they can spare? They also need a better push-chair if it can be found. They are never short of toys, and always have their own birthday parties, to say nothing of outings and other celebrations, but there are some things which it is a little more difficult to provide.

God bless you, Grace, for all you are doing for our little ones. W.D.

FAREWELL TO NURSE IVY

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS IN ONE JOB is quite a long while but Miss Ivy Over, matron at the Chiltern Nursery Training College, has never known the meaning of boredom. For in that time a great number of young students have passed through her hands and, as she says, they are all different.

At the party given for her a few weeks ago to celebrate

her retirement, nearly 300 of her former pupils came along to see her, and of the gifts she received the one she values most is the album containing more than 200 photographs and messages from those she has taught.

Nurse Ivy will miss the college, of course, but she is looking forward to going to live with her sister in Maidenhead and having the

time to do just as she pleases.

PAINTING

She intends to spend much of her time painting, one of the few hobbies she has had time for in her busy life. A keen traveller, she intends to visit the continent again this year and shortly hopes to visit relatives in America.

We are sure the "Bridge" readers—and there have been many who have paid individual tribute to her work—would like to join us in wishing her a very happy retirement. She has certainly earned it. W.D.



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HILDA

In a district where the hairdressers are known for their friendliness, there can be few more popular than Hilda Vickery who works in Prospect Street. So we were very pleased to hear of her recent engagement to William Henderson, a site engineer at present working in the district. We are sure our readers would like to join us in congratulating William and sending our best wishes to Hilda; we look forward to reporting her wedding.

MR. JACOBS

Those of you who deal at the local Co-op will, we know, have been sorry to lose the services of Mr. Jacobs, manager there for several years, who has now been transferred to another branch. We would like to send him our best wishes and thanks for his always helpful service. At the same time, we would like to welcome Mr. Cook, of Gosbrook Road, who has taken over from him.

by ROVING REPORTER

HARRY STELLING

When Harry Stelling, of Caversham Heights, recently retired as Deputy Clerk of the Peace and first Assistant Clerk to the Berkshire County Council, Judge Duveen, Chairman of the Berkshire Quarter Sessions, paid tribute to him for the invaluable service he had rendered. He is obviously going to be much missed at work, but we would like to wish him and his wife a very happy retirement; perhaps now he will find more time for the golf which he enjoys so much.

MR. AND MRS.
WOOTTEN

Some of our readers will have noticed in the local Press that Mr. Wootten of Cromwell Road, was recently presented with a

clock after 40 years with the railway service. He and his wife are well-known in the Cromwell Road District; life has not always been easy for them, but they have made a reputation for themselves as friendly neighbours. We would like to add our congratulations on Mr. Wootten's long record of service.

PETER SHOCK

A little book of poetry was put through my letter-box the other day; but it was no ordinary anthology. Edited by Peter Shock, known to many Caversham people for his work with young people—it contains poems contributed by the young passengers on the school bus he takes to Sonning Common each day. The youngest contributor is Wendy Smith, aged six, and the eldest are only 12, but they tell us so much about the young children involved, besides keeping them well occupied during their bus rides. It is a pity that more people don't take children as seriously as Peter does.



Walton Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Wootten

THE SAMARITANS

The Reading Branch of the Samaritans has been established for nine years and in that time has encountered nearly 5,000 clients and admitted 425 volunteers to membership.

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They are essentially a

body of selected, ordinary people of all ages and both sexes, who are prepared to give a few hours each week to maintaining our 24 hour, 7 days a week telephone service and to the befriending of clients. They maintain close links with professional people interested in this field. They provide would-be members with some rudimentary preparation before accepting them for membership.

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Anyone interested is invited to write to the Director at Trinity Hall, Sidmouth Street, Reading, RG1 4QX; or to 'phone 54846 at any time.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 17th June, 1971. Mr. W. H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Council at their previous meeting expressed strong feelings over future development of the Woodcote Road (B.479), particularly in relation to its approach to the Reading Borough boundary.

The Council at the meeting this month were informed that the Henley R.D.C. are hoping to arrange a meeting of representatives of the local authorities concerned, to discuss future road developments in the area.

The Council noted the receipt of a letter from the County Surveyor, Oxfordshire C.C. indicating that certain works had been carried out at the junction of Boundary Lane / Graveney Drive to discourage the use of Boundary Lane by vehicular traffic. The Council had taken up the matter with the County Surveyor and have asked for more details regarding the description of Boundary Lane as a private footpath, which is challenged by the Parish Council.

We record ...

BAPTISED

St. John's

June 6—Jason Bushell.

MARRIED

St. Peter's

June 19—Michael Hanford and Margaret Owen.

" 26—Patrick Ross and Celia Webber.

July 3—Graham Greig and Lesley Muncer.

St. John's

June 19—Frederick Smith and Valerie Harris.

St. Andrew's

June 19—Christopher Aston and Susan Barnett.
Robert Sturgess and Sheila Fry.

St. Barnabas'

June 5—Deric King and Jeanette Lowe.

FUNERALS

St. Peter's

June 10—Doretta O'Neill.

" 14—Frederick Hounsom.

" 17—James Sellick.

July 2—Marjorie Kift.

St. Barnabas'

June 22—Mary Robinson.

RETURN VISIT OF DOLMETSCH CONSORT

The concert given by the Dolmetsch Consort during St. Peter's Flower Festival in June, 1970, was such an immense success that a great many people will be delighted to know that the Dolmetsch Consort are to make a return visit to St. Peter's. They will be playing on Saturday, May 20th, at a concert which this time will be on behalf of Christian Aid. Further details will be announced later.

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The Girl Guides Berkshire Premiere Camp was held at Whitsun at Donnington Castle, the Berkshire County camp site. Nearby are the well-preserved ruins of the Castle with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Berkshire provided two Guides from each Division as we were the host county while other counties in the South West region each provided two representatives. The camp's theme was a "Quest for Contact" and activities were planned to

give Guides opportunities to make new friends. These activities included a hike—on which parts of the supper were found along the route, pottery, tie-dyeing, whittling and "Knock-out Crazy Sports". On the Sunday morning we escorted the newly-appointed Mayor into Newbury parish church.

The Guides arrived on Friday evening and when camp was struck on Monday afternoon each of the divisions in Berkshire provided hospitality for four of the visiting Guides.

On Tuesday the Guides were taken on a coach tour of Berkshire which included Uffington White Horse and Windsor. The day finished at Binfield Manor, the home of the Berkshire County Commissioner, Mrs. Vernon Stratton, with a barbecue at which several important people, in the Guiding world, were present including Mrs. Clay, the South-West Regional President.

Jane Watret and Angela Ramsay
12th Caversham Guide Co.
(21st June, 1971).



Walton Adams.

Tom and Hope Valentine

Caversham Heights Methodist Church has just lost two valued members in Tom and Hope Valentine, who, on Tom's retirement, have returned to their native Northern Ireland.

ELDER

Tom and Hope were married in 1934 and came to England in the same year and in 1935 their only child Michael was born. They moved to Reading in 1937 and joined the Presbyterian Church where Tom became an Elder. At this time Tom was with Singer Company, but in 1954 he joined James

Golder Limited as a Director with whom he worked till his retirement. In 1956 Michael emigrated to Canada, and their friends in Reading and elsewhere have been pleased to see him on his occasional visits here.

In 1961 Tom and Hope became members of Caversham Heights Methodist Church, and Tom has held the offices of Trustee, Society Steward, Poor Steward, and latterly Secretary of the Covenant Envelope Scheme in which capacity he was extremely successful.

WAR SERVICE

During the war Tom served with the Royal Army Service Corps from 1942 to 1946, and was fortunate enough to remain in this country throughout the whole of this period. During his absence Hope was a voluntary helper at Toc H Services Club in Friar Street. There many friends wish Tom and Hope a very happy retirement, and grateful thanks for the valuable contribution they have made to the life of Caversham Heights Methodist Church.

D.G.

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MRS. AGNES DUVAL

Caversham people will have been very sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs. Duval of Gosbrook Road, at the age of 96. Unfortunately it proved too difficult to interview her when she was alive because, strange as it may seem, Mrs. Duval, better known as one-time landlady of the "Miller's Arms", lived such a full social life that we could never find her at home.

Mrs. Duval, better known as Nancy, came originally from Worcestershire, but had lived in this neighbourhood for many years. She was a member of St. John's Fellowship, and it was through St. John's that she met Mr. and Mrs. Cook who went to live with her and look after her a few years ago. It was an arrangement that was to work out very happily. She took a keen interest in the Cooks' young son and his activities and taught Mrs. Cook how to make a sponge so well that Eva Cook herself is still taking prizes with the same recipe. As the years went by and increasingly bad eyesight forced her to give up some of her social life, she turned her attention to the radio and followed national and local news with keen interest. Every day she would give Mr. Cook, when he came in from work, a news summary and weather report. A very fastidious old lady, with a keen eye for colour and an interest in clothes, she never became a burden to those around her; she will be very much missed, not only by the Cooks but by all those who knew her.

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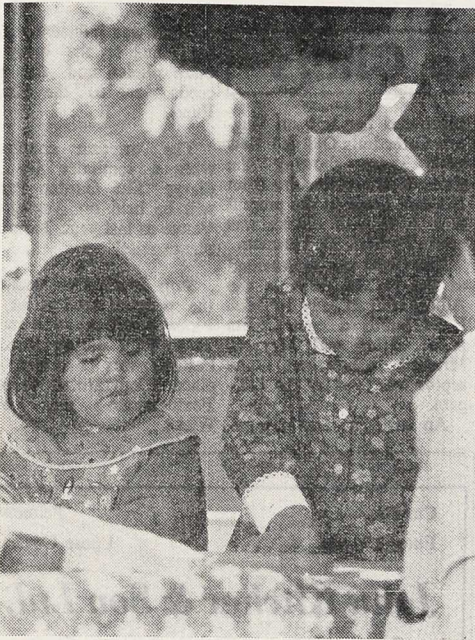
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Micklands play group

In two years, a mixture of imaginative leadership and hard work has produced a first rate play group adjacent to Micklands County Primary School. Now everything looks so well established, and the play group is running so smoothly, that any casual visitor might think the project has been going for several years.

Backing of Headmaster

Caversham Park Village and its large number of families with young children and the Micklands and Henley Road area were not very well served by play groups until the new play group was opened last September.



—Peter Handford

Mrs. Jill Woodman helping Holly McBeth and Trudi George to make pastry.

Mr. Lane, headmaster of Micklands School and chairman of the play group, gave the scheme his enthusiastic support from the start. A public meeting in December, 1969, led to the formation of a committee to raise funds, plan the building of a suitable centre and plan ahead for the actual running of the play group.

Funds were raised mainly by private loans, and helped by deeds of covenant, donations and various money-raising events. A sponsored swim made £240. The loans are being paid back as quickly as possible, and by the end of 1972 the play group should be out of the red.

Parents helped with building

Last summer the shell of the building, costing £1,250, was put up. The total cost of the building was kept to a minimum through the voluntary help of parents and other interested adults and young people. Parents lined the building with fire-proof material, put in the electrical fittings, dug the drains and did the interior decorating. A plumber, who wasn't a parent, gave his services free.

A spacious open-air play area surrounds the building. As part of their training programme in social service a master at Chiltern Edge Secondary School supervised the work of teenage pupils when building the sand pit.

Trained Supervisor runs

Centre

Children can start coming to the play group during the term in which they are three years old. The charge is 25p a session.

The play group is run by a qualified supervisor, Mrs. Eggleton, who did her 2 years' training at Reading College of Technology.

"I wanted to do this sort of work since I was 12 years old", she said. "Only 28 girls are accepted for the course each year. There were over 200 applicants the year I applied." After leaving college Mrs. Eggleton worked at the Avenue School with the reception class educationally sub-normal children.

As far as possible the Micklands Play Group is run like a nursery school. Mrs. Eggleton makes sure that the routine gives the children a sense of security. "We put out a variety of equipment", she said "so that children can choose what to do."

Mrs. Eggleton is assisted by two paid part-time helpers and one voluntary helper each session so that the ratio of adults to children is kept at a maximum of 1 to 8.

An exciting year

Mrs. Valerie Hanson, vice-chairman of the play group, sees 1970-71 as a most exciting year. "There is a great sense of achievement", she commented. "Perhaps too much work has fallen on a few people, but this has been accepted willingly. A lot has stemmed from the encouragement of Mr. Lane and the contacts he has provided for financial help and the actual building of the centre".

Certainly the Micklands Play Group shows what can be achieved in a short space of time if people really give a project their support.

J.Y.C.



—Peter Handford

Conrad Bodman being a fireman.

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Simon Anderson, Hilary Fuller and Neil MacDonald learning to balance.

CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE CHURCH NEWS

Every Sunday at Caversham Park Primary School—11-15 a.m.—Ecumenical Family Service. The service lasts half an hour, and is a good way in which to introduce young children to corporate worship. Don't be put off by thinking your child will be a distraction to other people!

The atmosphere is easy and friendly, and children settle down very well.

August 1st. The Rev. John Crowe (Anglican). **August 8th.** The Rev. John Crowe. **August 15th.** The Rev. Terence Harris (Methodist). **August 22nd.** Mrs. Myra Parsons (Methodist). **August 29th.** The Rev. John Crowe.

House Communions 8-30 p.m. Wednesday, August 4th, at 2, Blackwater Close—an opportunity for a quiet and reflective evening communion.

10-30 a.m. on Wednesdays, August 11th, at 4 Redberry Close (off Montpelier Avenue) and August 25th, at 2, Blackwater Close.

CAVMIC SPONSORED WALK

The Cymic Youth Club sponsored walk, held on Sunday, June 20th, showed what could be done by a determined group of young people—and may spur on the rest of the community to similar fund-raising events for the Caversham Park Village community centre fund.

A combined effort

88 young people and 8 adults took part in the walk, which was started just after 10 a.m. by County Councillor Dick Denning. The start was delayed for a few minutes while Village Association officers parleyed with the dumper drivers careering up and down Milestone Way, and persuaded them to do their careering somewhere else.

The Walk was very much a combined Caversham Park Village / Micklands effort with a dash of Emmer Green, Kidmore End and Sonning Common thrown in. This illustrates the wide catchment area of the youth club.

The youngest walker was a 3-year-old visiting the Village. The furthest distance was covered by one group which walked 32 miles.

The help given by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who dealt with quite a number of blisters during the day, was much appreciated—as was the help given by all the adults who acted as

marshals, and the St. Peter's Scout Troop who lent two tents.

The job of collecting

If all the money promised by sponsors is given to the walkers, the total raised to be split between the youth club and the community centre fund will be in the region of £200.

Now the walkers are faced by the task of going round to all their sponsors—and we hope that all sponsors who are readers of the "Caversham Bridge" will help the walkers by paying as soon as possible.

MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

Mrs. Scott, the president, presided at the June meeting and welcomed the two delegates from Tokers Green who reported on the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall. Then Mrs. Gawthorne gave a very interesting and amusing talk entitled "Rhyme and Reason" for which Mrs. Collard gave a vote of thanks.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Miss P. M. Soar, of the Reading Rambling Club, showed slides of the surrounding countryside and told us where to get maps for some walks in this area. She also said that the rambling clubs frequently clear footpaths as well.

The Arts and Crafts are now busy preparing for the Floral Art Exhibition to be held in the Town Hall on June 23rd. The Drama Group came third in the Woodley Festival, and the Social Studies would be having a talk on "A Glimpse of Fashion Through the Ages" on June 16th.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS

The members of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Guild with a Birthday Party, during which Dorothy Perkins Ltd. presented a fashion show. This was greatly enjoyed, and members were especially intrigued by the fact that much of the night attire shown could quite easily be used as evening and dinner dresses. In view of the time of year, the birthday cake was beautifully decorated with roses.

Throughout the year the Social Studies section of the Guild has been dealing with towns and villages of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and outings are being arranged to visit the places that have been discussed.

MAPLEWOOD W.I.

At the June meeting Mrs. Miranda Mayne was welcomed by Mrs. Betty Lewis, president, who also introduced visitors from Bolham, Devon. Mrs. Rose Dugelby, a former treasurer of Maple-



A few days before—limbering up for the "novelty walker" prize, a £1 record token, which was won by Bob Poole and Bob Griffiths.

—Evening Post

Round the Clubs

wood W.I. and now president of Bolham W.I., was accompanied by eight members. Mrs. Duckworth and Mrs. Vinall, delegates to the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall, gave interesting reports. Coffee mornings were a great success. Mrs. Warwick raised £11.14 and Mrs. Matthews' £8.20. At our cake stall at the Hospital Fete £32.60 was raised.

Mrs. N. E. Gould, the speaker, gave a talk on Mapledurham House and plans to visit the house on June 22nd were made by members. Mrs. Clarke won the competition for the best rose and Mrs. Hodges won the Social Time Competition.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Events since our last meeting include a visit to the Drury Lane Theatre to see the Strauss musical, The Great Waltz, and to Windsor to see the Garter Ceremony. Both events were kindly arranged by Mrs. L. A. Grey and Mrs. P. M. Tiffen.

Our thanks to Mrs. A. E. Smith for her good work in assisting the planning of the float which took part in the Reading Festival Procession. The float represented Lovejoy's Library (now William Smith's Ltd.) of London Street as it was in the early 19th century. Members from other local Guilds characterised famous novelists and essayists of that era who patronised the Library. Congratulations to our indefatigable chairman for her first class portrayal of Charles Dickens.

Continuing the meeting Miss M.K. Brown announced that she will not be holding any more whist drives until September.

Mrs. E. M. Smith then read the Federation report. Arrangements have been made by Mrs. L. A. Grey for an outing to Hever Castle in August.

The speaker for June, Miss M. J. Carter, B.Sc.,

illustrated her talk on English Cathedrals Old and New with slides showing the changes in architecture from Norman times to the present day. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. D. Hosman.

The Guild was represented at the N.C.M. held in the Albert Hall in May by Mrs. E. M. Smith (delegate), Miss A. K. Hind and Mrs. C. Mitchell (observers). The report was read by the delegate.

An artificial flower com-

petition was judged by placing coins on the entry of one's choice and the proceeds went to the Flower Fund.

The meeting concluded with a reminder for the diary: "The Garden Party" will be held on August 12. Venue as last year. Members please note!

Stop Press: Our entry in the pedestal section of the Floral Art Exhibition in the Town Hall during Reading Festival was awarded 4th place. Congratulations Mrs. Featherstone and Mrs. Wicks.

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METHODIST NEWS

Summer Market

At Gosbrook Road Methodist Church on June 5th the Annual Summer Market was held. The afternoon proceedings were opened by Ralph and Renee Aldcroft former members of the Church; they then judged the Children's Fancy Dress competition the winners being Stephen and Trevor Holley as 'Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men'. During the afternoon there were various seshows and stalls and a Curio and Oddity Exhibition in the Church. Teas were served in the schoolroom, and this was followed by a 'Mini Auction' and an entertainment by the Sunday School children. The sum raised for church funds was £62.07.



Walton Adams

Caversham Heights Methodist Sunday School

The Anniversary Services for the Caversham Heights Methodist Sunday School were held on Sunday, June 13th. The highlight of the morning service was a performance by the Junior and Senior scholars, of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and words by Tim Rice. This was produced and conducted by Diana Bean who contrived by her skill and enthusiasm to inspire the children to give a moving and dramatic performance. Credit must also be given to Denis Tutty the pianist, and to David Leckie and the minister of the church, the Rev. Terence R. Harris, who took the parts of Joseph and Pharaoh respectively.

During the service certificates were presented to scholars who had taken the Scripture Examinations and to two seniors who had passed the Temperance Examination. At the same time Mrs. Lily Allies, who has been a loyal and devoted member of the staff for several years, received a presentation and the good wishes of all on the occasion of her departure to Germany to join her husband, Wing Commander Martyn Allies.

Part of the evening service was in the form of a questionnaire in which the senior scholars questioned two visitors, Hazel and Glyn Stanley, and a church member, John Sholl. They were asked, amongst other things, how their faith affected their lives and work, and questions relating to the church and its services. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley also sang folk songs to guitar accompaniment, the congregation joining in. Senior scholars read the lessons and took up the offertory at both services.

ANNUAL OUTING

On Saturday, June 19th, scholars, teachers, and some parents travelled to Sonning Common for the Annual Outing which took the form of a sports day. Although the weather was not all that could be wished for, the occasion was enjoyed by everyone. This was undoubtedly due to the enthusiasm of the organisers and participants alike.

Women's Branch of the Methodist Missionary Society

The Circuit Summer meeting was held at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 23rd. The chairman was Mrs. J. S. Stephens and the speaker Mrs. Ward of Richmond College. Tea was served in the schoolroom after the service, this having been prepared by the ladies of Gosbrook Road. There was a Bring and Buy stall and all proceeds were for Women's Work.

WEDDING

The marriage of Alison Ford to Bruce Alderman took place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Orpington. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. B. Jamieson assisted by the Rev. T. R. Harris. Alison and Bruce have done a great deal for the young people at Caversham Heights Methodist Church and they are glad to know that they will be coming still, since they have a flat in Tilehurst. The Caversham Bridge wishes them both every happiness.

Women's Fellowship Annual Outing

On May 25th, the Gosbrook Road ladies accompanied by Mr. S. Holley and Mr. J. Powell visited Williton, Somerset, where the Rev. Ewart B. Wright and Mrs. Wright, formerly of Gosbrook Road, is now the minister. The ladies of Williton church provided a three course lunch in the schoolroom and everyone enjoyed seeing Mr. and Mrs. Wright again. They showed their little chapel and village to their visitors and chatted together and got up to date with all the news of Caversham and the Gosbrook Road church members. The afternoon was very dull and chilly but everyone enjoyed a look around Glastonbury on the way home.

SOME DATES FOR ANGLICANS

Saturday, August 7th, 4 p.m. The choir of the parish sing Evening-song in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 6-30 p.m. Reading Town Hall. Stewardship Campaign Service—Commissioning of visitors by the Bishop of Reading.

Monday, Nov. 1st, 7-30 p.m. St. Peter's, All Saints Day Parish Communion. Conclusion of Stewardship Campaign. Preacher: Fr. Mark Gibbard, S.S.J.E.

Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 7-30 p.m. St. Andrew's Day Parish Communion.

Sunday, April 16th, 1972. Visit of the Bishop of Oxford to the Parish.

Mrs. Jane Steer

Mrs. Jane Steer, Superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday School for the past four years retired from this onerous duty at the end of the current term due to family commitments.

Mrs. Steer attended St. Andrew's Sunday School as a child and has worshipped at St. Andrew's all her life. She has supervised the Sunday School on several previous occasions, only relinquishing her duties to meet the demands of a growing family. She always set the very highest standards of conduct and often had to work with inadequate help.

Her leaving creates a problem for those responsible for appointing her successor for few people could match her dedication and give as much as she has done for the spiritual welfare of the children of the district.

On July 18th, the last day of the Sunday School term, the Sunday School participated in the Family Eucharist. This necessitated considerable preparation and formed a fitting climax to her period of office.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, AUGUST, 1971—SEVEN

ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

The three June festivals on the feasts of St. Barnabas, St. John the Baptist and St. Peter were all extremely well kept and happy occasions, and the congregation on each night was representative of the different parts of the parish—and of Mapledurham. The choirs of the parish worked hard and their singing added greatly to the character of the services, while the flowers were beautifully arranged on each occasion and the catering ladies rose to the occasion and managed to serve a lot of people very quickly. There were 110 communicants at St. Barnabas, 124 at St. John's and 182 at St. Peter's. In use for the first time at St. John's were fifty hassocks, the gift of the Mothers' Union.

Canon Stephen Verney reminded his congregation on St. Barnabas Day of the influence of St. Barnabas on St. Francis and spoke of St. Francis as the Saint who had special relevance for the Church today. He went on to speak of the signs of renewal that he saw through the small groups and house churches that he found springing up in so many places. At St. John's the Rev. A. Peebles, a former District Officer in the Solomon Islands took as his subject the life and death of Bishop John Patteson, the centenary of whose martyrdom in Melanesia occurs this year. Finally on St. Peter's Day, Canon Cheslyn stressed how the early church had always coupled St. Paul with St. Peter and how Pope Paul when visiting the World Council of Churches had emphasised the importance of the Pauline influence. He argued that a correct doctrine of the papacy must preserve a balance and not so exaggerate the Petrine claims that the teaching of St. Paul is neglected.

OBITUARY. Two devoted members of the church with long connections with the life of the parish passed to their rest during June. Frederick Hounsom had been a member of the choir of St. Peter's for seventy years, first as a boy and then as an alto, and his family's connection with the parish goes back for more than a hundred years. He was born in Westfield Road and lived all his life in Caversham. Ill health had stopped him singing much of late, and when possible he had worshipped recently with his wife at St. Andrew's.

Marjorie Kift died on June 28th after a short illness. Born in Goring where she was married in 1920 she had lived for many years in Darell Road worshipping sometimes with her husband at St. Peter's and sometimes with her daughter at Mapledurham.

To both these families come the sympathy and prayers of their many friends in Caversham. May these two life-long Christians rest in peace.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

BEING PREPARED

Community was the theme of a Scout and Guide service held in St. John's Church on June 6th. It was the first time that Scouts from the whole of Caversham and Guides from East Caversham District had joined forces for this kind of service. Led by the priest in charge, the large congregation, through readings and prayer, explored the truth that people belong to and depend on each other. In his address the priest in charge stressed the need for human bridges to give people a sense of belonging to a community. The service was seen as a way of being prepared for this kind of work. It is hoped that similar joint acts of worship will be held.

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The Wayfarers Dole

by G. M. KINGHORN

About a mile south of Winchester, near the river Itchen, there stands the famous Hospital of St. Cross, which still continues the ancient custom of 'Wayfarer's Dole'. This consists of a small horn of beer and a piece of white bread, which is distributed from the hatchway of the Porter's Lodge, under the Beaufort Tower.

The Hospital of St. Cross is the oldest charitable institution of its kind, and was built in 1136 by Henry Blois, grandson of William the Conqueror, and also Bishop of Winchester.

It was founded to shelter 'thirteen poor men, feeble and so reduced in strength that they can hardly or with difficulty support themselves without another's aid'. They were to be provided 'with garments and beds suitable to their infirmities, good wheaten bread daily to the weight of 5 marks, three dishes at dinner, and one at supper suitable to the day, and drink of good stuff'. The Hospital was also to give food and drink to poor wanderers who came to its gates.

In 1446, The Almshouse of Noble Poverty was founded in addition to the Hospital of St. Cross, by Cardinal Beaufort. This was intended for those who had once had 'Everything handsome about them', but also had 'Had losses'.

TWO ORDERS

There are thus the two orders living together: The Brethren of the original Hospital Foundation, distinguished by their black gowns, with a silver Cross worn on the breast; and the Beaufort Brothers, wearing claret coloured gowns and Cardinal hat badge.

When a St. Cross Brother dies, his silver Cross is cut from his gown, placed on a velvet cushion, which is then arranged over his heart in the coffin. It is then removed by The Master of St. Cross, who fastens the silver Cross to the gown of the incoming Brother, thus admitting him to the Hospital.

The Brothers 27 in all, occupy the buildings on the west and north west of a large quadrangle.

AN EXAMPLE

The story of St. Cross Hospital is encouraging to those who live in this day and age. The English Chronicle for the year 1137 records: 'Then was corn dear, and flesh, and cheese, and butter, for there was none in the land; wretched men starved with hunger—some lived on alms who had erstwhile been rich. The earth bare no corn, one might as well have tilled the sea. It was openly said that Christ and His Saints slept'.

Thus for over 700 years the good work has continued. The Brothers are still sheltered by those ancient walls, and poor men of the Queen's highway are not refused.

THE WORLD WITHIN US

A PSYCHIATRIST LOOKS AT THE AGGRESSIVE MOTORIST

Blaming the other chap is something of an international pastime, and has clearly been so for some time, being referred to in the Bible as the mote in the neighbour's eye. The most obvious example today, to my mind, is on the road. Recently, when turning onto a main road I was caught blocking one lane of traffic. A car raced up, squealed to a stop about two inches from my driving door, and began to hoot furiously. Apart from disturbing the peace, this particular behaviour helped nobody. His fault! A few minutes later some 'old fool' pulled out in front of me from a side road. I stopped, made angry faces, and with a variety of gestures indicated that he should hurry up. His fault! For most of us it always is.

A rather more alarming side to motoring is the number of accidents. Driving around a city at night it is nothing to come across two or three major accidents. Usually they are at crossroads, often even at traffic lights. Each car driver has assumed right of way, each has raced across as amber changes to red or green, with predictable yet destructive results.

VIRILITY SYMBOL

To comment on all this is nothing new, nor it is original to remark that most men seem to regard a car as a virility symbol which must be used after the manner of a cave-man's club. Even the most shy and retiring of people can become raging lions behind the steering wheel in traffic. Yet does this behaviour really indicate the strength of personality, the manhood, which so many seek to portray? A more pertinent question might be to ask why do we need to be so dominant in our cars?

Yet it is not only in cars that the need to dominate is apparent. We see it in the pushing of the rush-hour, in disorderly queues, in the bad-tempered customer or in the arrogant sportsman. In fact probably we all know someone who has the problem of trying to show people that he is better or stronger or more clever. It may even be our own problem, but if it is we are blind to it.

Why? Why the need to dominate? It can only come from a fear that otherwise the person will be dominated by others. Aggressive or bullying people are usually terrified inside themselves that they will lose out; that the world will tread on them if they don't fight from the word go. One such person reminded me of the old saying, "Blessed is he whose cause is just, but thrice blessed is he who gets his blow in 'fust'." Hardly the motto for a peaceful and contented life.

So how does this help? Firstly when I'm feeling particularly aggressive, perhaps driving the car, I ask myself why it matters so much. If someone does beat me to the gap, or cause slight delay by not using their indicators, it makes little difference. So why should I endanger everybody just to prove in a very stupid way that I'm better, and particularly as that is an irrelevant piece of information anyway! And secondly, when I meet a bullying or aggressive person, either in the consulting room or outside, I find it helpful to try to see why they need to be so. And if they find that other people do not try to dominate them perhaps they will find the courage not to have to fight.



FOCUS ON LONELINESS

BY OLIVE PARKER

A nice young lady was talking to her nice young man. "We ought to go and see old Miss X. She lives all alone. She doesn't get many visitors."

That's good, I thought. The more there is of this sort of thing, the sooner we'll get on top of the problems of loneliness.

But I'm halfway between the young people and old Miss. I began to see things from her point of view.

What would I feel like if nice young people felt they ought to come and see me because it's obvious I'm lonely? I decided that I'd have to be pretty desperate to enjoy it.

Are people who live alone bound to be lonely, I wondered.

I thought of people I know who are lonely. Mrs. A., for instance. She's lived for other people, she'd tell you. Then her husband died. Her children pay duty visits now and again. She doesn't seem to have any friends.

The truth is that Mrs. A. is faced with her own company for the first time in her life and she doesn't like what she sees. Perhaps if she'd depended less on other people for her existence earlier on, she'd be able to live with herself now.

Then there's Mr. B. For years he's worked all hours at his job. He put the rest of himself into cold storage, hoping to take it out and use it when he retired. But

he's a human being, not a deep freeze. A lot of him has withered away, perhaps for good. He's bored with gardening and books and people. There's nothing left now the mainstay of his life has been taken away.

And poor Miss C. She was all right while her mother was alive. Life was orderly and reasonably affluent. Now everything's gone. Money doesn't buy what it did. People don't pay her the respect they should. Things have become terrifyingly different.

She's bound to be lonely. She's living in her private world of memory. Visitors like those nice young people can't help her.

So I come back to myself. It's my fault if I end up a lonely old thing who ought to be visited.

Perhaps I'll avoid it if I set about things now, liking myself as I am, keeping wide interests and living in the world of the present. With luck, there's still time.

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Safety first begins at home

by A. IRWIN

It's hard to believe that more accidents occur in the home than on the road. We simply must take all the precautions we can to avoid them.

One of the major causes of accidents through falls is poor lighting. The hall, landing and stairs should be well lit. Especially where there are elderly people. Increasing the wattage of lamps, if necessary, is a highly desirable step in the interests of safety in the home.

Floor and stair coverings should be firmly fixed. Provide a non-slip mat at the bottom of the staircase. Never polish under mats. Floors should be kept clear of cleaning apparatus.

Don't rush around and carry too much at a time. Check your footwear periodically. See that it is in good repair, well-fitting and suitable for wearing whilst doing housework.

One safety first "must" for children and old people is a grip rail by the bath. Use steps for reaching high places. Turn pan handles from the front of the stove and keep hot liquids out of the reach of children.

Avoid a trailing electric flex. Protect yourself and children by fixing guards to all open fires. See that gas, electric and oil-burning heaters are properly guarded.

Where clothes are concerned, use flame-resistant fabrics. Close fitting pyjamas are much safer than full fitting night-clothes.

If you are a smoker, make sure cigarette ends are stubbed out. Don't smoke in bed. Avoid fire risk by never drawing the fire up with a newspaper or using petrol or paraffin.

Patched up electrical apparatus might be more costly in the end. Disconnect all electrical equipment when not in use.

Make sure all gas appliances are in good order. Geyser flues must be clear of obstruction check gas taps for tightness and see all of them are turned off at night.

Whilst factory conditions aren't applicable to the ordinary household, one or two pointers may be gleaned from a report on the contributory causes of accidents. These cover fatigue, lighting and temperature of the room.

Fatigue is the main cause as the accident rate rose sharply towards the end of a working day. More people fell whilst working under artificial light. The ideal room temperature is 67.5 F. Below or above this temperature, the accident rate increased, due to fingers being numbed or fatigue brought on because the room was too hot.

Old Age Pensioners will be inclined to say "taking these safety first precautions, fire guards, bath grip rails etc., costs money." Don't forget, birthdays and Christmas when the young ones want to know what they can give you as a present. Nothing could be more useful than these safety-first devices.

Paint is expensive:
time is valuable.
Don't throw
both away for want
of a good brush.
Buy a new Harris.



The paint brush with a name to its handle



David Collyer looks around the Youth Scene and finds

SHOWBIZ HELPS THE YOUNG

The entertainments business and industry often takes a fearful knocking for being over permissive or of low standard or in need of the severest censorship. But there has always been another side to this coin. The massive charity help that is given to the community. Numerous clubs and organisations record the help they have received from stars in show business. So many Festivals, Fetes, Fairs, Carnivals are opened, sponsored, helped by showbiz personalities.

However this is not the only work that the entertainments industry does, because it has its own organisations, to help, especially to help the young.

From its formation in October, 1949, the Variety Club has raised £8½ million for babies, children and young people throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1962 the Club has been presenting 'sunshine' coaches, of special design, to hospitals and organisations caring for handicapped children, enabling them to enjoy holiday excursions. Well over 300 of these coaches are in service and fifty others are currently being built.

Mobile Cinemas

For 14 years Variety has operated a free mobile cinema scheme for youngsters who rarely, if ever, have the chance to enjoy 'outside' entertainment. Seven full-time units regularly visit 260 centres throughout England, Scotland and Wales, and an average of 110,000 children are entertained each year. This is a direct-help scheme as opposed to that for which the Club has given £150,000—the maintenance of a research unit investigating the causes of leukemias which are responsible for over 50 per cent of the deaths of British children under the age of eight.

A further £18,500 was subscribed to Britain's first home for children who are both blind and deaf; £11,800 towards the establishment of Wales' first Sunshine Home for Blind Babies; and £200,000 for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The volume of this work tends to look like a catalogue of goodness but the range of the help should not be understated. Donations and technical equipment have been contributed to hospitals engaged on pre-natal and baby health research, and remedial pools sponsored for children suffering from polio, muscular dystrophy and similar ailments.

Equipment

But the help also goes in the long term to children in need. Twenty-five thousand toys, as well as cash grants, are donated each Christmas

to sick and deprived children for whom holidays, parties and outings are arranged through the year. So that the help given is of a sustained nature and carefully planned and arranged.

Christmas

Other Variety disbursements include equipment, furnishings and accessories for children's organisations, as well as technical items essential to the well-being and education of handicapped boys and girls.

All this work is run by voluntary groups and committees which stretch all over the country.

The Variety Club has regional branches in Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool, Bristol, Manchester, Sheffield, Teesside, Birmingham and Nottingham; these augment the Club's work in their own

areas, so that the work will have implications wherever you are in the country.

Last year the organisation raised £1,171,177 for charity and grants, gifts and help went all over the country. Young entertainers and the old stagers worked together for love. Sometimes people envy the publicity, freedom and popularity but I wonder if this envy couldn't be transferred to pride for an industry that despite being maligned so much is still prepared to undertake vast work for the underprivileged sections of the young community.

SPOT THE STARS

Our photo above was taken at a recent Charity Show. Left to right: Coral Browne, Anita Harris, Vera Lynn, Joan Sims, Harry Secombe, the Beverley Sisters and John Mills.



cuddles

Marineland in Florida has set the trend for performing whales and dolphins. They are now a popular attraction in many British zoos. Cuddles photographed here with his trainer is the name of Dudley Zoo's recently arrived Killer Whale. Cuddles is on the right.



FISHPONDS

Scientists describe fish as cold-blooded animals that live in water and breathe through gills. A cold-blooded description, if you like! But the word **fish** has lived up our language quite a bit, and we find it in lots of well-known sayings. Can you fill in the missing words in the expressions in column 1? Column 2 gives some clues to help you.

Column One

She's like a fish out of . . .
A pretty . . . of fish
He . . . the fishes
He . . . like a fish
Other fish to . . .
All's fish that comes to his . . .

Column Two

She feels out of things
A muddled state of affairs
He was seasick
He takes too much strong drink
More important things to do
Takes all he can get
(Answers below)

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On the lake, which was really an inland sea, there were fishing fleets, Roman galleys, ferry boats, pleasure boats and trading vessels. Fish was the main industry of the place. A lot of the fish was salted down and packed in barrels. Some was sent to various markets in Palestine, because fish was much cheaper and more plentiful than meat in those days. But there was a good

export trade too, and barrels of salted fish were sent as far west as Rome.

The four partners, Simon, Andrew, James and John, were doing very nicely, thank you, with their fishing business, and there must have been something rather special about the young man who caused them to pack it all in and take to the road with him. But that was what happened. One morning the four partners were doing their thing in their boats, mending their nets. Old man Zebedee, the father of James and John, was lending a hand. Then along came this young man, Jesus. 'Come with me, and I will make you fishers of men,' he called to them. No force, no pressure. Just an invitation. But they came ashore and followed him.



GOING TO THE SEASIDE ?

No, this isn't about fish! It's about sea shells. Collect as many different kinds of small shells that you can. When you get them home, wash them well and leave them to dry out thoroughly. Then paint them in different colours, as gay as you like, and leave them to dry. Get an old syrup tin (or any other small tin would do). Cover the outside evenly with putty. Then push the shells into the putty. When the putty is dry, brush over the sea shells and putty with varnish.



FISHY STORIES

There is the name of at least one fish hidden in each of the following sentences—sometimes two. Can you find them?

1. The crabbed old man sang a Psalm on Tuesday.
2. Alice lost her ring, so Leslie went to the police.
3. 'Don't make a blob' sternly admonished Roy Sterling.
4. If you had docks in the garden you should have pulled them out.
5. Help raw nurses in hospitals.
6. Benjamin nowadays is a bit of an erratic oddity.

COMPASS CLUB

Decode this month's message. You ought to be getting quite quick at this by now, so give yourself five marks if you do it in five minutes, three marks if it takes you ten minutes, and only one mark if it takes you a quarter of an hour.

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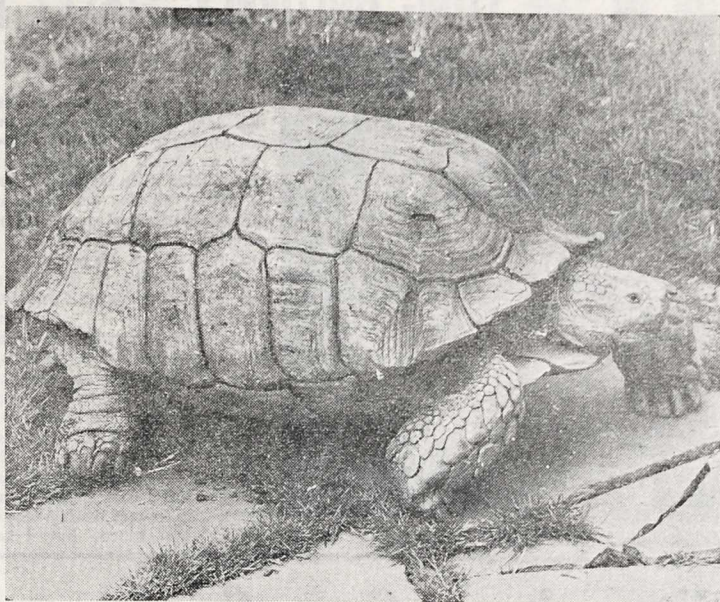
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ANSWERS

Fish expressions: water, kettle, fed, drinks, fry, net.

Fishy stories: 1. Crab, salmon; 2. Herring, sole; 3. Lobster, oyster; 4. Haddock; 5. Prawn; 6. Minnow, cod.



IT GROWS ITS OWN HOME

There are tortoises in our English zoos which are big and strong enough to allow a boy or girl to ride on their backs.

In its native haunts these grow to an immense size, sometimes reaching four feet. But the story of the development of the tortoise is a very strange one. Here is an animal which moves about very slowly and carries on its back a house into which it can retire when danger threatens. In very far-back times, the tortoise did not have a shell on its back, but at some period hundreds of years ago it started to develop an armour-plate skin made up of bony nodules covered with a sheath of horn. As this, in the course of time, increased in weight and size, it hindered the movement of the animal's backbone.

The result was that the muscles of the back, having less and less to do, dwindled away, and the back gradually became lowered on to the ribs and spine till at last shell and ribs became welded together, forming the shell of the tortoise as we know it today.

Through the ages the bony plates have become beautifully linked with the ribs, but down the middle of the shell—if you look closely—you'll still see the tops of the spines of the backbone. Something had to be sacrificed when the tortoise developed this heavy armour for protection, and it was speed that went. The tortoise now crawls about very slowly and deliberately, carrying the heavy carapace, which is just another name for the shell, with it.

There are small tortoises like the Greek type of the Mediterranean countries, which we keep in our gardens, and there are the giants of the Galapagos Islands, which sometimes weigh over 600 pounds and are more than four feet long.

by Gwen Bennett

The European tortoise is an interesting animal to keep as a pet. Of course, the tortoise is a strict vegetarian. It loves water, and in warm weather if placed under a running tap will put out its neck in different directions to get well bathed.

It always hibernates during the winter and if we don't put our pet away in a box filled with leaves or straw, it will bury itself in the ground, often in a flower bed, and reappear next year when the weather begins to get warm.

Tortoises are always hungry after their winter sleep and if their eyes seem gummy up at all it's a good idea to gently bathe them with cotton wool dipped in warm water.

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HERE IN THE LONG UNLOVELY STREET

LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON



Pearl Catlin plays "Stella Randall" in Coronation Street.

(Tennyson: In Memoriam)

There was a time, not all that long ago either, when not owning a TV set conferred a certain intellectual cachet. But with the advent of BBC-2 all but the most diehard intellectual snob has succumbed to the lure of the box. Now one of the pseudo-egghead gambits is 'to say that you never watch Coronation Street.

But "Britain's most popular programme", with more than a thousand episodes behind it, and viewed regularly in nearly seven million homes, can hardly be ignored.

I have to admit though that I'm not a true addict; I didn't send flowers when Val Barlow was killed, but I

usually reckon to drop in at the Rovers about once a week just to keep in touch with the regulars. And I really do miss Jack Walker. Annie is doing a grand job on her own, but we do need a man about the house.

There you are, you see, once you talk about The Street the line between reality and fiction starts to blur. The secret of the series' longevity is, I suspect, the way the scriptwriters identify and relate stories and characters with real life happenings. For example, while the Linda Desramault 'tug - of - love' baby affair was hitting the national headlines we had poor Ken Barlow's ma-in-law threatening to rush off to

the town hall in high dudgeon to get custody of the twins.

You will have noticed too how the standard of living is keeping pace. A better class of customer now, as Annie Walker would call them. The only real yobbos left are Stan and 'ilder Ogden—bless her cotton headscarf and curlers.

And we're getting some real dolly birds in The Street these days! Not only curvaceous blonde Bet Lynch behind the bar at The Rovers, but more recently, the sophisticated Stella Randall owner the new night-club, The Carousel.

"Night-club," did I say? In Coronation Street! The mind boggles. At one time

the depth of debauchery was a brace of milk stouts in the snug at the Rovers!

With all this hang-up-to-the-minuteness going on what can we expect from the next thousand episodes, spanning the next decade? Surely Ena Sharples and Minnie Caldwell can't go on for many more years; so can we look forward to an ageing Elsie Tanner and the loveable Maggie Clegg maturing gracefully into their shoes? Or will The Street progress remorselessly towards middle-class, Sunday Supplement refinement with Jags and colour tellies.

If this happens, in ten years' time will we still really want to know?

Racing for fame

DAVE BEDFORD

Sports

Spot

by

Julia Savage

Whilst it is hardly fair to talk about one athlete when there are so many in this country today, there is one who at the time of writing seems to be at the very forefront of the news, Dave Bedford.

At present he is studying at home with the knowledge that he may begin a year's course at St. Mary's College, Twickenham, from this September. Such an arrangement suits him admirably since it leaves him with ample

time to train, and train he does, seven days a week, three sessions a day. Each session may last from thirty minutes to three hours, and in all he expects to clock two hundred miles a week. The driving force behind such dedication is his hope of Olympic, European, Commonwealth gold medals and world records.

After a scintillating winter season running over the country and roads the first track race of this athlete was

keenly anticipated. It was no let down. On May 12th at Motspur Park he stepped onto the track for the first time since setting a U.K. 10,000m record in Warsaw last September, and ran a 3,000m in 7 mins 51.6 secs, then the fastest in Europe in the year. But Dave the perfectionist was slightly disappointed having set his sights on Dick Taylor's U.K. national record of 7 mins 47.6 secs. Even so it was a fine start to his season.

He next travelled to Rome to run at the Bruno Zauli Memorial Meeting on May 20th and there he outclassed a highly talented field to win the 5,000m in 13 mins. 28.0 secs. This time made him equal eighth fastest ever over the distance, but still did not wholly satisfy him, as he had hoped to crack Ian Stewart's European record of 13 mins. 22 secs.

June 12th saw him competing in the British International Games held in the Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh. Here, although racing under extreme adverse conditions, he managed to record 13 mins. 22.2 secs., slicing three fifths of a second from Ian Stewart's record.

He then flew to Sweden to begin a month's training. First he ran in the capital on June 14th hoping to break Ron Clarke's world record of 13 mins. 16.6 secs. However, he failed, losing precious seconds because of the lack of opposition. His time of 13 mins 24.6 secs. was still the sixth fastest ever, but not fast enough. The world record still dangles teasingly before him.

Dave is an athlete worth watching.



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