

## OPERATION LIFEBOAT STATION



— Walton Adams  
David Harris and one of his companions resting their feet after their walk.

On Tuesday, 14th August, fifteen-year-old David Harris, of Hemdean Road, with two school friends, Alastair Barrow from Earley and Duncan Abbott from Tilehurst, returned to Reading, having successfully completed a 125-mile sponsored walk between eight lifeboat stations on the south coast. The purpose of the walk, from Calshot to Lyme Regis, was to raise money to provide an inshore-lifeboat for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. At a time when increasing numbers of people are taking up sailing and other water pursuits, there is a growing need for these vessels — certainly one member of St. Peter's church had reason this summer to be grateful to the R.N.L.I. for helping him out of difficulties.

## INITIATIVE

The walk, which the boys called Operation Lifeboat Station, was intended to be the culmination of a series of fund-raising efforts organised by David and his friends, who, two-and-a-half years ago, formed themselves into Reading Young Enthusiasts (R.N.L.I.) and in fact were the very first young supporters branch of the R.N.L.I. Since that time they have raised £400. But with "O" level examinations facing them next year, they decided to organise the walk in the hope of being able to

reach their target of £1,000 by the end of this year. There is no doubt that they enjoyed the walk. "The hospitality and enthusiasm received from the lifeboatmen, their wives and families and helpers, was really fantastic, and the enthusiasm they had for what we are trying to do was very gratifying", says David.

However, despite all the planning and hard work, so far only about £100 has come in from the walk, which leaves David, Alastair and Duncan some way short of their £1,000. As David

again says "We still have a long way to go before we are able to buy a lifeboat. The response from Reading's people hasn't been too good so far".

Operation Lifeboat Station clearly deserves much better support than it has so far received and it is still not too late to send donations, however small. They should be sent to David Harris at 262 Hemdean Road, Caversham. Who knows, it might be your turn to be rescued some day!

Meanwhile turn to page 8 for some extracts from David's own account of the 125 mile journey.

## TALENT SPOTTED

Mrs. Rosemarie Peck, of Kings Road, Caversham, a typist at the Reading and Caversham Laundry, achieved the distinction last month of having two of her poems published. They are included in "Poetry International—1973", an anthology of contemporary verse published by Regency Press.

Rosemarie has always been interested in books, but only started to write poetry about a year ago purely for her own amusement. Earlier this year she noticed a Regency Press advertisement in a newspaper inviting readers to offer their work with a view to possible inclusion in the 1973 volume. Even then it was only through the insistence of a friend that she eventually submitted five of her poems to the publishers. Of these, two were finally chosen.

Meanwhile, Rosemarie intends to explore the world of literature through adult education classes, and to go on writing "to please herself."

## Scout Award

Congratulations to Mr. W. J. Hulse, of St. John's Road, Caversham, on being awarded a bar to the Medal of Merit last month. The medal, given by the Scout Association in recognition of services to Scouting, was gained by Mr. Hulse in 1936.

Currently Reading and District's Quartermaster and chairman of St. John's Scouts, he has been involved in Scouting most of his life. Before his 40-year connection with St. John's, Caversham, he was with the St. John's, Reading, troop. For many years he was Assistant District Commissioner for Senior Scouts and later County Secretary for Seniors.

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The Editor's Column

# A WORK FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

From time to time we are reminded of the strength that comes through prayer by some simple and moving statement from someone who in his own life has been very conscious of how he has been helped by the prayers of others. So we need to re-examine what it is that we do when we take part in this work of intercession. We are certainly not trying to tell God what to do or so to manipulate events that we get just what we want or what we think someone else may want. Intercession can best be described as the attempt at the uniting of man's will with the will of God. And to do this we do not need to have an intimate knowledge of the person or cause for whom we plead, but we do need a sense of the mercy of God to whom the prayer is made. And the best thing we can ask of God for other people is that they may come close to Him, whatever the cost in self-giving may involve. Our Lord never promised his disciples that life would be easy for them or that they would have no difficulties — rather did he say "I pray not that thou shouldest keep them from all evil".

So the ideal prayer for others is that God should strengthen them so that they should both know his will and be able to do it. Perhaps there is no better prayer than the one we find St. Paul quoting in his letter to the Colossians when he says of Epaphras "He prays hard for you, all the time, that you may stand fast, ripe in conviction, and wholly devoted to doing God's will". And of course we have the prayer of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane "Not my will, but thine be done".

So in our private intercessions for other people we do not need to utter many words, but rather to take names and lay them before God, seeking that they may know God's will and may have grace and power to fulfil it. And as we go on praying, in what at first may seem a curious way, things happen. Archbishop Temple says of such prayer that the more you pray the more you find things happen. Call it, he says, if you like, at first coincidence, but things happen too often to be written off as just coincidence.

## DISCIPLINE NEEDED

To do this we need a discipline about our praying: such prayer demands concentration, and while it is in one sense true that the housewife can pray as she washes the dishes and the commuter as he strap-hangs on the underground, it is very doubtful if we will pray effectively at such times like that unless we have behind us a discipline of prayer at fixed times. And this means that we must be prepared to set aside some time each day for this work, and have some regular scheme. There will be those closest to us for whom we shall want to pray daily, as there will be those who are gravely ill or in some special difficulty or need. We shall pray for the Church of God, its mission and unity and those in authority in it. We shall pray for those in posts of responsibility in our nation and other nations, and at any given time our reading of the daily papers should provide us with many subjects for our prayers. And of course our prayer of asking will always need to be coupled with our prayer of thanksgiving, for however much we may think things are difficult we have indeed a great many things for which we have reason to be profoundly thankful.

Those of us who are Anglicans are finding that one of the good things about the new Series Three service of Holy Communion is that it makes better provision for this work of intercession. Intercession has always been linked with the offering of the Eucharist and we know that our Lord prayed at length for the disciples at the Last Supper. So we should always at that service weave our own intercessions for those we know are in need into the silence, and as we rise and leave it is fitting that the last prayer in the service should be that we may ourselves go out in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to the praise and glory of God.

*John Grindall*

## CHURCH NEWS

### CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODISTS

#### A SCHOOL OF PRAYER

An invitation is extended to anyone interested to attend a course of lectures on Prayer. It will commence with a prayer meeting at 7.25 p.m. which will conclude at 7.55 p.m. This will be followed by the lecture at 8 p.m. until approximately 8.45 p.m., when there will be time for questions.

Tuesday, October 16th: A speaker from Carmel College on "Jewish Prayers".

Tuesday, October 23rd: A speaker from the Roman Catholic Church on "Prayer".

Tuesday, October 30th: A speaker from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist.

Tuesday, November 6th: The speaker will be a nun from a Community.

#### Women's Work

A concert will be given by the Reading Male Voice Choir, conducted by Gwyn Arch, at the Caversham Heights Methodist Church on Friday, October 19th, at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale by members of the Women's Work Committee, and we look forward to an enjoyable evening's entertainment by this renowned group of singers.

#### CHILDREN AT ST. BARNABAS

A Sunday school is being started at St. Barnabas' Church. All children from five upwards (five next birthday) will be welcomed. The Sunday school will meet in the Church Hall at 11 a.m. until 11.45 a.m. on the first and last Sunday of each month. On the second Sunday of each month it will meet in church for an act of family worship, which it is hoped parents will wish to attend.

The first sessions will be on September 30th, October 7th and Family Service for Harvest on October 14th.

#### WAIT A MINIM!

If you are 10 years old or over and keen on good singing, why not join the Reading Junior Singers? You will sing a great variety of songs and pieces, learn much by heart, to sight-read and sing part-songs; above all, you will be taught by a professional musician, herself a trained singer.

Small concerts, e.g., a short recital next November for the funds of the Chiltern Nursery School, Peppard Road, and for some old people in December, are a great source of pleasure.

Join now in time to learn a varied Christmas programme. Practices at St. Mary's Church, Castle Street, Reading, 4.30 p.m. till 6 p.m. each Friday. New term commences Friday, September 7th.

R.J.S. was formed two years ago, conductor Mrs. J. Lowrie, L.T.C.L.

Enquiries to Mrs. N. Webb, 23 Brooklyn Drive, Emmer Green, Reading RG2 124.

### CAVERSHAM PARK

#### Services in October

Sunday at 11.15 a.m. in the School Hall. Fourth Sunday (October 28)—Family Communion. Other Sundays—Family Service.

House Communions on Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. October 10th — 5 Kendal Avenue.

October 24th—116 Lowfield Road.

#### Children at Caversham Park

##### A New Arrangement on Sunday Mornings

First Sunday in the month — everyone in church for Family Service. Second and third Sundays — a teaching group for children between five and eight years and a creche for under fives. Fourth Sunday in the month — a creche for under fives. Fifth Sunday — as on the first Sunday.

This begins in October.

### ST. JOHN'S NEWS

#### Can You Sing?

The function of a church choir is not to fill up the gap between altar and nave or even to look decorative; it is, of course, to help the congregation to sing and respond generally in worship. But unless more people can be encouraged to become members of St. John's choir, it will not be able to do any of these things very well. David Butler, organist and choir-master, is very anxious that recruitment be improved. Boys and girls from the age of seven and any interested adults should contact Mr. Butler or the priest in charge. Practices take place on Sunday mornings after the 9.15 Family Eucharist.

#### Sunday School Thanks

After carrying out her work in a most efficient manner for more than four years with St. John's children, Mrs. Audrey Yates has felt it right that she should no longer continue as Sunday school superintendent. Not that she will be giving up completely; she will continue the class which has been meeting in her own home. All church members are very grateful to her for the work she has done.

Thanks are also due to two of the Sunday school teachers who have also had to relinquish their duties, Jenny Maslen, whose Guiding activities are taking up more of her time, and Sandra Gordon, who married last month and is now Mrs. French.

#### Wednesday Group

At the group's annual meeting at the beginning of September, Mrs. Freda Savin was re-elected chairman. The place of the previous secretary was taken by Mrs. Eileen Herbert and Mrs. Josephine Houghton became the new treasurer. It was agreed that the annual subscription be increased to 30p. The programme for the coming year

includes talks by the Borough Treasurer and a midwife from Dellwood, and visits to Bishops' store and the Evening Post. It is also hoped to repeat last year's successful evening with young wives from Gosbrook Road Methodist Church. Anyone interested in being a member of the group should contact Mrs. Savin—Tel.: 479740.

### ST. PETER'S NEWS

**Unusual Decoration.** The pillars of St. Peter's were decorated with coloured postcards at the Parish Communion on Sunday, September 9th. Earlier in the summer the Rector had invited the children of the congregation to send a postcard saying what they were especially enjoying on their holiday. Prizes were awarded to Peter Boulding, Nicholas Brown, Simon Jackson, Suzanne Knight and Christopher Streather for the most interesting cards.

**Congratulations** . . . to David Hill and Angela Webster on their engagement.

**Harvest Supper.** The Harvest Supper will be held in Balmore Hall on Tuesday, October 16th, and it is understood that some of the younger members of the congregation are giving great thought to the entertainment that will be provided that evening. Tickets can be obtained from St. Peter's Church.

**Coach load to Chieveley.** About thirty members of the congregation journeyed to Chieveley on September 7th for the induction service of the Rev. Colin Scott-Dempster.

### ST. ANDREW'S NOTES

On Friday, 24th August, St. Andrew's Hall was packed with well-wishers from all over the parish to say goodbye to Michael Atkinson and his family on their departure to North Woolwich. Gordon Page, Churchwarden and Vice Chairman of the Parochial Church Council, presided as the Rector was out of the country.

The District Wardens of St. Andrew's each paid tribute to Michael Atkinson's term of office. It was pointed out that like several of his predecessors he had stayed just under three years, and like all of them he was going to a position of greater responsibility. He would go with the knowledge that his new task would be supported by prayers from the congregation that his new ministry would be satisfying and constructive.

The presentation was made by Gordon Page of a cassette tape recorder and a cheque towards dining room furniture and a bouquet was presented to Elizabeth Atkinson by Phyllis Burton. After the presentations refreshments were served to all present.

# FUN IN THE SUN



Off to a good start

—E. Post

On a fine Saturday afternoon recently the Brownies and Guides of Caversham East District gathered at Emmer Green School for their second Annual Novelty Sports. This event, organised by members of the District's Local association, is planned, as its name implies, for fun more than serious athletic prowess.

Watched by a large crowd of parents and friends in brilliant sunshine, the girls "space hopped", leap-frogged, wheel-barrowed and slow-bicycled, to name but a few of the races. They were, of course, aiming to win a trophy for their unit. These were two beautiful shields which had been given by the local Association to the District and named the Barbara Morley shields in memory of the District's first president who died tragically a year ago.

This year's winners were the 1st Emmer Green Guides and the 1st Emmer Green Brownies, and in a moving presentation speech Mrs. Joan Moss, the District President, paid tribute to the years of service Mrs. Morley had given to the movement and recalled that the year's winners of the Brownie trophy were the pack she had run so successfully for so long. The shields would be a continual reminder of a delightful person and valued friend.

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Stephen Bartlett replies

When I said that "as a Christian I believe that after my death I shall no longer have an individual existence" I think I failed to make it clear what I meant by "individual existence". There are some religious bodies who promise John Smith an extension (beyond the grave) of precisely the same kind of life as John Smith lead on this side of the grave. With John Smith very much in the centre. This belief I cannot share.

I believe that the heart of the Christian faith is Jesus calling me to die to my own self (my own, separate individual existence) and consequently to rise again to a new kind of life (in Christ and God centred). Whether this rising again happens on this side of the grave or the other is of little consequence. The grave is neither the end nor the beginning — rather it is one event among many which happens to me whilst on a journey. A journey which begins in this life and goes on into the next. This is not to say that physical death is not a momentous event. It is very momentous and will no doubt do a lot to release me from lingering self-centredness.

Whether or not I have already begun to die to myself so that I can begin to live the new life of Christ is a far more important question to me than questions

about my grave. I don't the faith". Apart from soul. Rather it is concerned with the new life within the fellowship of the Risen Body of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament "the Body" and "the Christian Church" are the same thing.

## POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

I should like to thank Miss E. Hawthorne and the children of Mapledurham school for their gift of a lovely beach bag and a super scroll which the children made for me. It is now hanging in my living room and has been greatly admired. Also my husband wishes to thank them for the very nice mug he received. It was most kind of them all. I should like to send Miss Hawthorne my good wishes and I hope she will be happy in her new post at Goring Heath School. I also hope the children will be as happy at Kidmore End as they were at Mapledurham.

B. Lewington

Dear Sir,

Readers may like to know that the Marion Crow Memorial Fund totalled £50.95p and this sum has been used to purchase a notice board for St. Margaret's Church, Mapledurham. The case has been specially made of mahogany by a Reading craftsman. "St. Margaret's" has been written in gold leaf at the top by another Reading craftsman and a plate inside the case engraved by a Caversham engraver. It has been fixed to the wall outside the church gates and as the church did not have a notice board or name displayed outside previously, it is felt that it will serve a useful purpose in displaying notices and times of church services for the parish, the parish which Marion Crow loved and served so well.

Vera Moodie, Mapledene, Chazey Heath.

Dear Sir,

I fear your correspondent "M.C." in the September issue of 'Caversham Bridge' (page two), in saying that Thameside Primary School is unable to have its lavatories improved, pending a decision on the approach road to any third bridge over the Thames which might be sited in that area, has confused the discussions which have been going on regarding the extension of that school and its playing fields and the general plan for the development of that area with the question of the modernisation of the toilet facilities.

I understand from the Chief Education Officer that plans for, and the design of, the new lavatory accommodation have been made and approved by the Education Office and that the Borough architect will be putting the work in hand at an early date. This work was never associated with the road pattern.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Stansfield-Taylor,  
Alderman, Vice-Chairman, Managers Thameside  
Primary School.

Dear Sir,

I was surprised by the answer given to the query in August's issue about prayers for those "who have died in faith".

I am a non-Christian and one of the reasons for this is that I find it difficult to accept the idea of life beyond the grave for the individual. This I have always understood to be a central feature of the Christian faith. What does the article of faith in the creed "the resurrection of the body" mean, if it does not mean the continuing life of the individual? (Only the naive would take it to mean literally the body).

Yet the writer of your article states that because he is a Christian he cannot believe in continued individual existence. He may or may not be right, but can he call himself a Christian? And if so, how many other Christians share his belief?

AGNOSTIC or Nothing at All.  
(Name and address supplied).

Mr. C. E. Buck, a member of the Editorial Board of the 'Caversham Bridge', Chairman of Caversham Residents' Association, and Vice-Chairman of the Borough of Reading Education Committee, writes:

"M.C." has been called to task in stating that the Thameside School lavatory improvements are held up owing to the delay in siting the third bridge. It is good news to hear that these much-needed improvements will be carried out shortly. However, this does not detract from the main thesis in "M.C.'s" statement that full development in this area of Caversham is held up by indecision about the bridge.

Is it not true that development of Thameside Primary School on the south side, including access to the playing fields, is held up because the developers of the residential site are not happy about the space to be left for possible access to a third bridge?

Cannot Berks, Oxon and Reading decide on where the third bridge will go even if it is not built for some years, thus releasing areas under "option" for real development as well as giving planners guidance for overall planning in the area?



— Walton Adams

# THANK YOU SAM

For the last twenty-one years and more, Mr. Sam Reed has cycled every day from his home near Reading West Station to carry out his duties as head gardener at Caversham Court. Regrettably, the time has come for "Caversham Court Sam", as he is affectionately known by the many local residents who enjoy a quiet stroll or sit in this delightful Thameside garden, to hang up his bicycle clips. At the end of September he retires from the job which has given him and others a great deal of pleasure.

Sam Reed is a happy and contented man, mostly due, he says, to a good home life and a love for his work, which, although low in the pay scale, has many compensations, including a life in the open air. He believes it is the happiness gained from daily work and not so much the pay packet that counts.

## AUTHORITY ON BANTAMS

Fortunately he won't mind retiring. He plans to devote more time to his hobby — rearing and breeding bantams. In the early thirties he helped to produce a breed of bantams. A member of the Reading and District Bantam Society and several other clubs, he shows his birds all over the country, and his stock has been sold in many parts of the world.

Right from his school days at Park Lane School, Tilehurst, he has been keen on gardening and keeping a variety of livestock, including piglets. On leaving school gardening became his livelihood and for many years he was head nurseryman at the University's St. Andrew's Hall. From there he went to Caversham Court.

## FRIENDLY CHAT

But Sam Reed will no longer be there for a chat as he collects deck chair money or tends the rows of dahlias. Caversham Court will miss him and no doubt he will miss the ancient riverside garden.

The "Caversham Bridge" wishes him a very happy retirement, success with his bantams, and thanks for all his work in the garden for the residents of Caversham.

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9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist  
(all Churches)

11 a.m. Matins (St. Peter's)

11.15 a.m. Holy Com-

munion (St. Andrew's)

6.15 p.m. Evensong (all

Churches)

### Mapledurham

8 a.m. Holy Communion

9.15 a.m. Parish Com-

munion.

### PARISH DEDICATION

### FESTIVAL

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# GOLDEN WEDDING



As mentioned briefly in our last edition, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Butler, of 332 Kidmore Road, celebrated their golden wedding on August 6th. We were unable to publish a photograph last month as Mr. and Mrs. Butler were on holiday in Wales immediately before their wedding anniversary. A director of the well-known wine firm of Butlers, Mr. Butler served for many years as warden of St. Andrew's Church. A family gathering was held at their home on August 6th with their son, who is vicar of St. Andrew's, Wellingborough, and their two daughters.

—Walton Adams

## SOUL DOWN THE RIVER

by BERNARD METCALFE

Once upon a time an article about a group of young people living under canvas to enjoy fellowship and music around the camp fire could only have been about Boy Scouts. But times have changed and the Baden-Powell reaction to the Reading Pop Festival would surely have been apoplexy. Nevertheless there was much about the festival which was laudable.

### Well Served

Take the music, for example. It may not have been everyone's cup of tea, but by its own standards it was generally good and frequently excellent. Of course it made a noise — music does that, but no more than necessary. I found it was possible to stand right in front of the speakers and still carry on a conversation. Even so credit is due to all those local residents who were prepared to sacrifice some of their accustomed peace for the happiness of thousands of young people.

The organisation, too, ran very smoothly. There was a store for groceries as well as a sizeable shopping precinct of marquees. The prices of essential goods were pegged at reasonable levels. Although the absence of Release, the organisation specifically concerned to help drug addicts, was regrettable, the festival was well served by a variety of agencies in addition to the first-aid tents. The Samaritans were there, as were the Salvation Army, worried about how to meet

Number Five and an ecumenical group of church people manning the "Christian Tent". The facilities which most impressed me were for washing: a collection of mobile units plumbed into the mains drainage and water systems and with, believe it or not, hot running water. No wonder so many people have commented favourably on the cleanliness of those present.

### Friendly Atmosphere

Clean or otherwise, it was the people at the festival who impressed me most. At football matches lasting only a few hours we have come to expect violence and rowdiness from crowds of a few thousand. Perhaps as many as 40,000 people passed through that festival over three days, yet in all that time I saw no violence at all. Indeed, quite the reverse. The atmosphere was relaxed, happy, friendly and generous. There was an openness between people which deeply impressed me. When I arrived at the festival I was

people without seeming to intrude. I needn't have bothered. It was impossible to walk anywhere without people saying hello, inviting you to join them and offering a share of whatever they had. No wonder, then, that the dozens of police were grossly underworked. They didn't have to keep the peace. Noise or no noise, peace reigned supreme.



—E. Post



Chris Barber and his Jazz Band

—E. Post

## ZOILUS at the POP FESTIVAL

The last weekend in August has become top of the pops in Reading since 1971, when our first Jazz, Rock and Blues Festival was held in the fields off Richfield Avenue. Understandably there were misgivings in the minds of many Caversham residents about the wisdom of permitting this sort of enterprise. Indeed, the aspect of some of the visitors was pretty fearsome in the eyes of those of us who hadn't realised that tattered jeans and a faded sweater had become the accepted uniform of the orthodox teenager. Certainly the first festival made the magistrates work overtime dealing with a multitude of offences, mainly concerning drugs. The second year brought the horrifying spectacle of nude sun-bathing, and in 1973 we waited with bated breath for further enormities.

This year your representative was a guest of the

organiser, Mr. Harold Pendleton, who has been running popular music festivals since 1960, starting at Richmond in the days when jazz was still generally popular, hence the misnomer in the title of last month's junketing, which in fact had only two jazz items. Having but a mild and uninforming interest in pop, I felt a bit of a sham squatting in the orchestra stalls as it were, almost at the feet of such legendary idols as Rod Stewart and Rory Gallagher, and knowing that hundreds of kids on the fringe of the crowd would have given their eye-teeth for such a vantage point.

At the rear of the stage was the guests' enclosure, and strolling around was rather like being in the sad-dling ring at a racecourse. V.I.P.s of the entertainment world, the Press, friends of the promoters, all milled around amongst the various groups getting ready for their act, some using sump-

tuously appointed coaches for their dressing rooms. Generally speaking, it was hard to tell who was former and who was audience, but one exception who brought a touch of pre-war panache to the proceedings was vocalist George Melly, who combines film criticism in the "Observer", frequent appearances on telly chat programmes and a rumbustious jazz singing like a mixture of Fats Waller and Al Jolson. Mr. Melly arrived on Sunday evening, enthroned in the rear seat of an ancient chauffeur-driven Rolls-Bentley, flanked by blondes and fronted by a magnum of champagne. This bravura appearance caused one on-looker to ask if it really was Frank Sinatra, and if it wasn't, well, it was a very good try.

So at this festival there was something for everyone. The huge audience—over 80,000 were there in three days—seemed happy and well-behaved. Those

in trouble with the law totalled less than 0.01 per cent., which is far less than at many football matches. So if Reading becomes famous as a pop festival venue it may not be an altogether bad thing.

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# EMMER GREEN YOUTH CENTRE



Disco Night with John Jenkyns and members of the Club

— Walton Adams

Last October the Emmer Green Youth Centre was put out of action by fire. However, that did not mean the end of all activity by the club. Senior members had started to build some disco equipment so they continued to do this based in Max Finch's workshop at Highdown School.

At the end of the year Terry Denslow, the full-time leader, left to take up an appointment at Worcester and Max Finch was made acting leader of the club. They took over St. Barnabas' Hall on Friday nights with the intention of running a junior club. After one week it was clear that this would not be a success, so the senior members worked hard to finish the disco equipment for the following week. The weekly disco proved a great success, attracting up to 300 young people, and continues to be a regular feature now the Centre has reopened.

## NEW LEADER

On August 1st John Jenkyns took over from Max Finch. John and his wife Helen have moved here from Greenford. They are members of the Baptist Church and are looking forward to being involved in the life of Emmer Green. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Finch and the senior members of the club, they have a good basis from which to start. At the moment the Centre is open three nights a week, but more activities are being planned. The Centre is not used solely by young people; the Emmer Green Luncheon Club meets there twice a week and a playgroup meets there in the mornings during term time.

## GALLERY VIEWPOINT

by ZOILUS

In the municipal diary there are four or five nearly blank pages, representing the month of August when there are no normal committee meetings of either Borough or District Council, and your representatives are presumed to be rolling up their trousers for a nice paddle at the seaside, or helping the wife with the children and the gardening, just like ordinary mortals.

So until September there is little to report, although I understand a batch of newly elected members were taken out to Ufton Court, which is a County Council conference centre, to hold a day seminar at which they were instructed in their duties and powers, and took part in discussions on the theory and practice of local government. Which is a sign of the professional attitude that present-day councillors are expected to take.

There was also a meeting of the District Council steering committee to consider two matters of policy. One was a motion passed at the last Council meeting that there should be a register showing the financial interests of all councillors, open to inspection by the public. It appears that holiday breezes have blown

away some of the more muddled and ideologically slanted misconceptions, which suggested that some members scented a Poulson lurking under every councillor's bed, and the proposal has now been amended so that inclusion in the register is voluntary, which at least gives our representatives the chance to ignore what some must regard as a preposterous and insulting demand.

The other talking point was whether elections to the District Council should be held annually or every three years. The committee was amicably divided on this and it was generally thought that democracy would be best served by letting the public decide. Which had the added advantage of saving members the bother of coming to a tricky decision.

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# ONE CHURCH WORSHIPS ONE LORD

by  
STEPHEN  
BARTLETT

Much of the thought and experiment in Caversham Park during the past year has centred around Sunday morning worship. As with any church, this is the hub of Christian life. The church in Caversham Park is a community of Christians from all denominations and all parts of Britain: from the Welsh chapel and the Scottish kirk; Methodists, Baptists, U.R.C., Roman Catholics; Anglicans. All meet together as one Christian Church.

I suspect that all of us are far more part of our own denominational tradition than we would perhaps care to admit. The sheer fact of Caversham Park church, meeting Sunday by Sunday to worship one Lord across these boundaries, is witness to the hope that the Church can be one. But it is not easy for these Christians to do this. It means each sacrificing something of his own denominational past. And so it has not been easy to decide on the form that Sunday worship should take. Anglican and Methodist clergy have kept in close contact with one another, together with two Methodist lay preachers living in Caversham Park.

Obviously the worship is family based. On three Sundays in the month there is a Family Service. This is a service of the Word, with readings, sermon and prayers. This service has a basic invariable structure, although it does leave room for the individual expression of the leader. It includes the lighting of a candle, which has become very much part of the Sunday scene in Caversham Park. At the end of the service this candle is carried out, symbolic of our mission out into the world. On the fourth Sunday there is a Family Communion, celebrated alternately by Anglican and Metho-

dist clergy. This service, which is the Anglican Series 3, has been warmly received by all Christians in Caversham Park. Such a response to an Ecumenical Communion Service is good. It is the interdenominational homespun Family Service which seems to have thrown up the greater number of problems.

It is always difficult to know what to do for children. In Caversham Park they seem to prefer the "action" services like Baptism and Communion to the more wordy Family Service. On most Sundays there are separate facilities for children up to eight years for part of the service. As well as giving parents a break it means that trained adults can spend some time teaching the children.

There have been (and probably still will be) lots of problems in the Sunday morning worship at Caversham Park. What is surprising is that they don't seem to matter. This is because Caversham Park has discovered that Christians who commit themselves entirely to the adventure of being one in Christ enjoy a new Spirit. And this is worth far more than denominationalism.



Photo: P. Handford.

## The Gardiner Family

A happy photograph of Brian and Valerie Gardiner and their five children, who have moved into St. Andrew's House. The Rev. Brian Gardiner, who has served in parishes in the dioceses of St. Albans and Chichester, succeeds the Rev. Michael Atkinson as priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Reading on Wednesday, October 17th.



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## - OPERATION LIFEBOAT STATION -

by DAVID HARRIS

**Monday, August 6th.**  
**Reading-Calshot**

Arrived Southampton 1300. The crew of the Lepe Ventures lifeboat took us down Southampton Water to Calshot Spit, the former R.A.F. seaplane port, where Lawrence of Arabia was once stationed. We were taken to the Calshot Activities Centre where, after being shown round the newly built Coastguard Station, we stayed the night.

**Tuesday, August 7th.**  
**Calshot-Lymington**

We'd got about three miles along the coast from Calshot when we came to a complex of breakwaters. We were confronted with a problem: either climbing over them all or walking round the ends of them in the sea; we got soaked. At Lepe we stopped for coffee and then continued up to Beaulieu and followed the main road across the New Forest to Lymington, where we stayed overnight in a caravan belonging to one of the lifeboatmen. That night the maroons went up and we raced through the town and saw the lifeboat launched.

**Wednesday, 8th August.**  
**Lymington - Mudeford.**

Reached Mudeford at 1500. We were staying with some friends of Mrs. Duckworth, who, as many Caversham people know, is chairman of the Reading branch of the R.N.L.I. At the lifeboat station Alastair and I wheeled out the ILB and were able to inspect what we hoped to buy. That night we all had a bath!

**Thursday, 9th August.**  
**Mudeford - Poole.**

Early start. Temperature rose to the eighties. Hot and tired. Stayed with one of the Launching Officers.

**Friday, 10th August.**  
**Poole - Swanage.**

9.00 reception at the Mayor's Parlour, where we also met the secretary of the R.N.L.I., Captain Nigel Dixon, R.N., and Commander Pritchard, R.N. Arrived Swanage 1700. Had a meal with the coxswain and his family, with whom we stayed. Taken round the Pevril Point Lighthouse and the coastguard station. Got to bed just past midnight.

**Saturday, 11th August.**

**Rest Day.**  
Worked out the next day's

route. Watched the Fastnet race through the coastguards' telescope.

**Sunday, 12th August.**  
**Swanage - Weymouth.**

Set off at 6.00. Route took us through Corfe Castle and Lulworth Ranges. Extremely hot and hilly. Arrived Weymouth 17.30. Noticed bunting and flags hanging on the lifeboat. We all thought it must have been their lifeboat week, but on asking we found that it had been put up specially for us! The boat had only been back in moorings for two hours, after having been out on service for twelve hours.

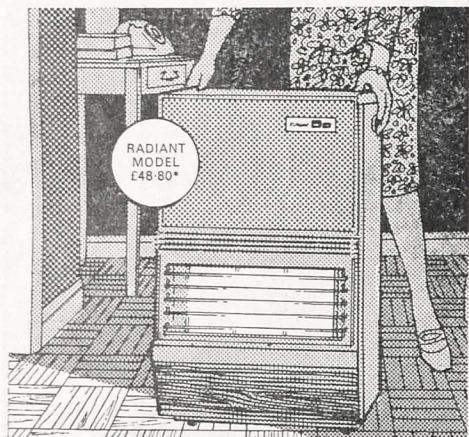
**Monday, 13th August.**  
**Weymouth - Lyme Regis.**

Followed a "B" road running parallel to the Chesil Bank, to West Bay. Then climbed the highest cliff on the South coast, Golden Cap (625 feet above sea level). After a drink at Charmouth we followed the road to Lyme Regis because the cliff path had collapsed into the sea. Arrived at 18.30 and went straight to the lifeboat station to have our pictures taken by the local press, and then we were taken to Axminster to catch the train home.

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### OBITUARY

## JAMES EVES

As briefly reported in last month's edition of the 'Caversham Bridge', the death occurred suddenly on Sunday, August 5th, of Mr. James Eves shortly after returning to his home in Wrenfield Drive after having administered the chalice at the Parish Communion that morning in St. Peter's.

Moving to Caversham from Bracknell during the war, Mr. and Mrs. Eves lived in the Rectory flat for nearly 20 years until moving to Wrenfield Drive in 1962.

The story of Mr. Eves' life makes exciting reading. He was one of only 18 people who were saved in 1917 when the hospital ship on which he was serving was mined in the English Channel. A few years after the first World War he was commissioned as a captain in the Church Army and served in this country and also for a time in Canada. Then back in England he married and he and his wife Grace spent some years in Bristol, where he worked for the Seamen and Boatmen's Friends Society.

For the past 30 years he had given help as a Reader in Caversham. He had done much visiting of old people in St. John's district, had sung in the choir of the Parish Church and been secretary for the Bible Reading Fellowship and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He had also exercised a quiet but much-valued pastoral ministry among many neighbours near his home in Wrenfield Drive, and until bronchitis weakened



—Walton Adams

his voice he had been a welcome preacher not only in this parish but in many other parts of the diocese. Many indeed have cause to be thankful for his simple but unswerving trust in Christ, and in all his work he was loyally supported by his wife and his daughter Ruth, who is superintendent of St. Peter's Sunday school. His has indeed been a life of faithful Christian witness and the large congregation at his funeral was evidence of the regard and affection in which he was held. May he rest in peace.

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When work began in the summer of last year it was expected that the cost of the work would be about £1,200. Unfortunately, on arrival at the bell foundry in Loughborough four of the bells were found to be cracked and have had to be recast. This meant not only



—Walton Adams

One of the newly cast bells being returned to the tower.

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## Berkshire invades Burgundy

AT THE END OF JULY, THE CITIZENS OF BOURG-EN-BRESSE MUST HAVE REMARKED ON THE NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN BRITISH VISITORS TO THEIR TOWN. Certainly, the authorities at the Municipal Camping site were prepared for the mini-invasion from Caversham, for they knew the reason — the coming wedding of Andrew Lorenc and Françoise Richard. The days before were marked by a steady trickle of arrivals until quite a little encampment of Cavershamites had formed. When it was discovered that a friendly French family in an adjacent caravan were relations of the bride, entente cordiale was soon established and pre-wedding celebrations began.

For the Caversham visitors, that wedding day was one they are unlikely to forget. In the early afternoon, everyone assembled at the bride's house for their cars to be decorated, and witnessed the arrival of a magnificent basket of flowers, a traditional gift to bride from groom. When the bridal car left, it was closely followed by the guests' cars, horns sounding continuously (a time-honoured custom) as they forged their way through crowded streets in gay pursuit. Many a Saturday shopper turned in astonishment to see this cavalcade containing G.B. cars, mini-French flags fluttering from wing-mirrors and bedecked with streamers, as they hooted their noisy way to the Town Hall.

After the Civil Ceremony in the Town Hall, the



religious marriage took place in the nearby, beautiful old church, the Eglise de Notre Dame. The bilingual service, planned and arranged by Andrew and Françoise in close co-operation with the friendly French priest, was truly ecumenical. So that it could be easily followed by all, the service sheet was printed in both languages, all the translations having been done by the bride. The vows were made in French taken from the French marriage service, then in English, taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Readings from the Bible were given in both languages, a French canticle was sung and a hymn in English, "Now thank we all our God" to Beaumont. It was fortunate that among the guests could be counted two present and a former member of St. Peter's choir.

In the evening the guests re-assembled at the bride's house for aperitifs, before driving out to an hotel in the country for dinner, followed by dancing till dawn. The British, though at first somewhat daunted by the sight of a menu of eleven courses, seemed to have no difficulty in eating and enjoying everything. The courses were served at a leisurely pace, giving time in between for both nationalities to take turns in singing their native songs, everyone joining in such old favourites as "Tipperary" and "Frere Jacques". This wonderful evening must have killed for ever many an old-established myth, held by one nationality about the other. The British now know that frogs' legs are delicious, and the French were surely left wondering where they got the idea that the British were a stiff-lipped, reserved, unbending race.

After the return of Andrew and Françoise from their honeymoon, it was Caversham's turn to celebrate and wish the couple well. A Service of Blessing of the marriage took place at St. Peter's on 1st September, and was attended by many of their local friends. This was followed by a reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

In wishing the couple every happiness in their future life together, congratulations should surely go to Andrew for his contribution to European unity; and to Françoise a very warm welcome to her adopted country. May she forgive our national inadequacies, make her mark on English cuisine, and live happily ever after.

Y.F.H.

### TO BE CONTINUED

No apology for returning to the subject of the Emmer Green supermarket. After all, what rated front page news in the national dailies and a slice of T.V. time merits a follow-up on its own home ground.

The story is familiar enough. It was the publication of the Ombudsman's report which triggered off the publicity and it was some gratification to those affected that it was their case of all the cases dealt with that attracted the most attention. The general tenor of all the reports was that here was a serious case of mishandling whose victims were quite right to protest.

Yet it was a bitter satisfaction because in spite of everything the supermarket remains as a 'memorial to inept planning', while occupiers of premises on the other side of the road face the threat of their property being affected by possible future road widening.

There was, however, one positive result of this renewed publicity. Dr. Vaughan, M.P., agreed to receive a deputation consisting of representatives of the Action Committee, which put to him once more the case for either removing the supermarket altogether or else moving it back. If that should prove to be completely impossible (and

(Note: No one is against having a supermarket in those parts, but there are other possible positions for it.)

Dr. Vaughan has now agreed to make a second approach to the Secretary of State to see if he would be prepared to review the whole matter. It is hoped that a deputation will be able to meet him to put the case. Residents are determined that the matter shall not rest with no more than commiseration being offered for their fully acknowledged grievance.

So this is not the end of the story. Look out for the next exciting instalment.

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- 2 Enjoying ourselves as a Family;
- 3 Going out beyond ourselves to those in need, especially those deprived of Family life.

The Churches in Caversham have elected representatives to a central committee. The function of this committee is to co-ordinate the activities of the Churches rather than to organise the events. For one reason this committee doesn't have the resources. For another, more important reason, the lasting value of this Festival will depend directly on how much the churches themselves run it.

So have a word with your representative about the kinds of things your church is doing and what you can be involved in.

(A 'Who's Who' will appear in the next issue.

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

Although it is hoped that the organisation for the fair will be undertaken by St. Andrew's, it is also hoped that all churches will take part in it and share in the manning of stalls and sideshows.

Committee members include Mr. C. Belfield-Smith (treasurer), Mr. H. R. Jeffrey and the Rev. S. Bartlett.

**THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Up to June, 1974.** A project called "The Family of Man" has been drawn up, in which local schools will be invited to take part. Opportunity will be given for the schools to exhibit their work sometime during the festival fortnight.

**Early Summer, 1974.** A half day Sunday conference at which it is hoped Dr. Jack Dominian, a consultant psychiatrist, well-known for his writings on the subject of Family Life, will be present. This will include facilities of children of all ages and will be for everyone involved in family life. (So don't ask the single person who baby-sits for you to look after the children that afternoon, but bring the children AND the babysitter).

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**Wednesday, July 3rd.** A Full House of Theatre and folk music.

**Saturday, July 6th.** Cricket match.  
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**Tuesday, July 9th.** An 'Any Questions' evening.

**Friday, July 12th.** A Pop evening.

**Saturday, July 13th.** Combined Churches fair in Caversham Court.  
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**Sunday, July 14th.** A United Service of Holy Communion in Caversham Court.

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## ROUND THE CLUBS

### CAVERSHAM PARK W.I.

The business of the July meeting highlighted many of the Institute's forthcoming activities. Fund-raising and leisure activities, together with competition entries, will keep members busy. It was particularly pleasing to note that Mrs. Knight's "Glove Puppet" design has been published; that the offer of the Institute to plant a tree in the grounds of Micklands School has been accepted, and that the Micklands and Caversham Park Adult Education Centre are providing in 1973/4 an interesting and varied programme for the local community.

Mrs. Colyer gave a much appreciated demonstration of the art of paper sculpture.

### BLAGRAVE W.I.

The August meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham. The president, Mrs. Wilkie, told members of the varied and interesting programme arranged for the autumn. The speaker, Mrs. Hurst, explained the art of quilting and smoking, and showed members many samples of this work. The subject was so interesting and well explained that members were delighted to be allowed to try for themselves on "Samplers".

The competition "Something new from something old" was won by (1) Mrs. Price; (2) Mrs. Waite; (3) Mrs. Sholl. The raffle prize was won by Mrs. Guest.

### ROSEHILL W.I.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sansum. Mrs. Bradley (secretary) was welcomed back after her recent operation, and Mrs. Banham, a new member, was welcomed. Congratulations were accorded to Mrs. Collinson, who has succeeded in gaining an A Level in

Economics. An interesting film and talk on the production of whisky, and the industry generally, was given. Competition prize for a cocktail savory was won by Mrs. Ellingham.

### CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON T.G.

Although no monthly meeting was held in August, other events have taken place as usual. On July 21st a party of 37 members enjoyed an outing to London to see the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. On August 8th members and friends spent the day at Burghley House, Stamford, the home of the Marquess of Exeter, perhaps better known as Lord Burghley, the Olympic Gold Medallist. Both events were very successfully organised by Mrs. L. Grey.

The Annual Garden Party was held this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett at 157 Upper Woodcote Road. The setting was perfect, and in beautiful summer weather the various activities were enjoyed by a large number of members and friends. The refreshments were organised by Mrs. H. M. Summers. The day of the garden party was also, by happy coincidence, the birthday of a popular member, Mrs. A. L. Lovejoy, and to mark the occasion a presentation was made. At the close chairman Mrs. C. Mitchell thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bennett for their efforts in making this a very memorable event.

Congratulations to Mrs. E. Fitzeustace and Mrs. L. Grey on the success of their exhibits at this year's Reading Show.

Now the holidays are over monthly meetings will be held as usual on the third Thursday of each month at 2.15 p.m. in the Caversham Community Centre, School Lane, Caversham. New members welcome.

## OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES

### ANGLICAN

#### St. Peter's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
10.30 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sunday).  
11.00 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).  
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

#### 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.

#### St. Barnabas'

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11.15 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).

#### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

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

### NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

10.45 a.m. Morning Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

### CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

### CAVERSHAM PARK SCHOOL

11.15 a.m. Ecumenical Half Hour Family Service.

### METHODIST CHURCHES

#### Caversham Heights

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.  
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# A FISHY TALE

by STAN ELDON

THE FIRST SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER WAS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE IN THE LIFE OF 14-YEAR-OLD KEVIN DOUGLAS FROM PRIORY AVE., CAVERSHAM, when he finished second out of 20 finalists in the Tizer National Course Fishing Competition held on the River Ouse at Peterborough.

To qualify for one of the twenty places in the final, which was for junior anglers under 16, Kevin caught a 7lb. 9½oz. Barbell on the Kennet in November last year and had sent details of his catch into the Angling Times where it was nominated 'Catch of the Week' over the whole country and won him a special underwater watch as well as a place in the 'Tizer' Final.

During the week before the final Kevin was on holiday with Peter Shock and the Caversham Youth party

on the Isle of Bute, the avoidable tiredness after the group travelling back from long and hasty journey to Scotland by coach on the day of the competition. To get him there in time the coach stopped off at Birmingham and Kevin travelled by train to Peterborough where Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were waiting to meet him and take him on to the competition. Mrs. Douglas will be well-known to many readers as a 'Caversham Bridge' distributor.

It was a very windy day and not good for match fishing, but all the boys were given helpful advice from Robin Harris, the World Champion and International, and several other leading anglers. Kevin used the advice well, using a size 18 fine wire hook and pinky maggots he caught an assortment of roach, perch, bream and gudgeon to finish the three hour competition in second place with only 3½oz. of fish less than the winner. According to the experts watching the final he had narrowly missed the National title when he lost a fish during the last minutes of the competition, female, or indeed, at almost any age.

Kevin started fishing at the age of 8, joining the South Reading Angling Club as a 10-year-old when he really started taking his chosen sport seriously. Among the many competitions he has won, for two successive years he has achieved the Kennet Shield. An enterprising boy, he makes much of his own tackle, including a rod and many floats.

He is a pupil at Highdown School, plays badminton, rugby and football and whilst not 'following in father's footsteps' has reversed that trend by introducing 'dad' into the Angling Club to fish with him. One of the pleasing advantages of angling is that it is a sport where we can all take part, whether male or female, or indeed, at almost any age.

## YOUNG CAVERSHAM

by PETER SHOCK

You might think that to produce a pantomime in the summer school holidays is way out of season. But "Cinderella" was just one of the highlights provided by the work-force of the 11th Caversham (Baptist Church) Brownies during their action-packed Pack Holiday in Windsor Forest. "Toad Hall" cottage may not quite have resembled the fairy-tale Royal Palace but it certainly proved the ideal centre of activities. Everybody tried their best to help Brown Owl (Mrs. Beryl Ault) gain her Pack Holiday Camp permit, this being the first camp she has been allowed to organise. From what I hear about the treasure-trails, handicraft sessions, log-fires and sing-songs, it must have been a resounding success. Well done — well done — well done, Mrs. Ault!

nine and sixteen years. These gifted musicians and songsters, dancers and comedy artistes provided the packed audience with an unforgettable evening of enjoyment. Ella's "gang", which also raises large sums of money for charity, gave me food for thought. If on Clyde-side, why not on Thames-side?

Our travels in Scotland took us to a spectacle of a different nature — the Edinburgh Tattoo. (I wish that horrid word could be ditched, and substituted with 'Pageant'). The rain just about kept clear of the Castle to enable us to witness, at their best, the colourful Highland Dancers, the massed pipers and trumpeters of famous Scottish Regiments, and a series of tableaux of Scotland's turbulent past.

Should you ever visit Rothesay on the Isle of Bute, there is one name of which you will be constantly reminded — that of Ella Wilson. Ella was a stage actress for many years before moving to Scotland's "Madeira Isle". While on holiday there with the Lowfield and West Caversham Boys' Clubs I was prompted to take the boys to see Ella's weekly revue "H.M.S. Rothesay" at the Palace Theatre. Not knowing quite what to expect in this age of variety conceptions, I was pleasantly surprised to be entertained by first-rate talented young Clyde-siders aged between

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