

NEW HEADMASTER AT CAVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

BACK FROM BANGLA DESH



Anne Browell fitting splints for a boy with cerebral palsy.

When Anne Browell, of Priest Hill, Caversham, arranged to work for almost a year as an occupational therapist at the Christian Hospital, Chandraghona, in Bangla Desh, she said she would be travelling overland and would arrive in a couple of months' time.

Through many lands

The long journey began by hitching lifts to Munich, from there a train to Salzburg and then another on to Istanbul. Here she picked up the coach which runs weekly from London to Delhi, stopping a couple of nights at all main towns en route. This part of the journey took her through Southern Turkey, Lebanon, Damascus, back through Turkey to Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and finally Delhi. In all a trip of about eight weeks. At Delhi Anne left the coach and travelled on to Chandraghona, which is about 25 miles inland from the main Bangla Desh port of Chittagong.

First things first

The immediate thing was to find out what natural local material she could obtain easily for use with her patients and also the type of work she could expect them to do, so she visited the women's rehabilitation centre at Dacre. Then, returning to Chandraghona, she began her work.

Part of the time she was in the general hospital and here she assisted two wheelchair patients with lower limb amputations, trying to encourage them to help themselves as much as possible, and so be fairly independent of their family, and to learn some form of work so that they could earn a small income. Disabled people do not face a very happy life as their families have very little time for them, so it is vital that they

should be helped to be as self-sufficient as possible. She also helped to make three artificial below-the-knee legs as only one hospital in Bangla Desh makes artificial limbs and there is a waiting list of three years to obtain one.

The rest of Anne's time was spent in the leprosy hospital in the same compound, where she did a daily hand and foot check among patients and worked both among the long-term and short-term patients. Once persons contract leprosy they are totally rejected by home and family and are driven to such destitution and despair that they deliberately allow their

hands and feet to get worse so that they can re-enter hospital time and again. Some even make a "tour" of the five hospitals in the area simply to have somewhere to go and be cared for.

Before returning home Anne took a month's holiday with a friend and toured India by train. She certainly made the most of this year in her life. She travelled thousands of miles, visited many countries, saw many sights and met many people. She also did a very worthwhile job at the hospitals and will no doubt be remembered by those she has helped for many years to come. M.K.

SPECIAL PRIZE

Meccano for most people is a fascinating toy, but for Peter Tipton, of South View Avenue, a warden at St. John's Church, it has been a means of winning a prize in a recent competition.

A histologist employed by John Wyeth and Brother Ltd. at Taplow, Peter has spent many of his lunch hours during the past two years constructing a machine out of bits of Meccano. Although trained in National Health Laboratories, he is now a section leader in Wyeth's toxicology department, where his work involves the microscopic examination of animal tissue. Working under the auspices of the Committee for Safety in Medicine, the object is to determine the possibility

of toxic effects in potential new drugs.

The machine on which Peter has been working is designed to speed up the process of mounting slides for examination under the microscope. Such ingenuity did not go unrewarded. It won him second prize in the specialised section of a competition organised by the British Lab. Wear Association.

The competition also led to an introduction to Raymond Baxter as the BBC's "Tomorrow's World" team was interested in the slide-mounting machine. Unfortunately, however, Peter's machine could not be featured in the programme because it was discovered that another firm had only just successfully produced and marketed a machine designed to do a similar job.



— Walton Adams

After several years with Berkshire Educational Authority, Mr. Peter Shanks has recently become head teacher of Caversham Primary School in Hemdean Road. Training at Culham Church of England Teacher-Training College, he has held teaching posts at Maidenhead, Loddon Primary School, Earley, and Polehampton County Primary School, where he was assistant head teacher. Prior to his appointment to Caversham he was headmaster of Whiteknights County Primary School. He has served on many local committees in connection with many aspects of primary school education and is vice-president of the Central Berkshire Association of head teachers. His wife also teaches, and they live in Upper Woodcote Road.



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The Editor's Column

UNDER USED

A recent report of a Reading Deanery Committee has served to highlight the fact that our churches as buildings are seriously under-used. In every parish an expensive building is maintained, but remains empty for all but a few hours each week. This is, of course, not just an Anglican problem, but one which concerns all denominations. But as maintenance and heating costs continue to rise steeply we are inevitably being compelled to ask whether this under-use of our buildings makes sense. Could we not adapt the interiors of our churches for purposes other than worship, and so incidentally break down the false division between the sacred and secular?

MORE THAN MUSEUMS

In the middle ages our churches were used for a wide variety of purposes. The church was not only concert hall and council chamber, but in a very real sense it was the centre of the community's life. In the course of time this changed: the building of church halls has partly been responsible for this, and so the varied humanity which used our parish churches for so many day to day purposes has gradually gone elsewhere. Our churches are indeed cared for with great devotion but they have become museums in which, outside the hours of worship, many feel it indecent to raise their voice above a whisper. But the parish church of the middle ages was more than a symbol of the Christian faith, it was the centre of life.

FIXED PEWS

The building of fixed pews was perhaps one of the Devil's cleverest ruses to drive men and women out of God's house. Fixed pews have severely restricted the use of our churches for anything else than worship. Now at last we are beginning to have second thoughts and to realise that we have valuable assets in our buildings. Experience in some parishes has shown, for example, that if coffee is served at the west end of the nave after a service, twice as many people will stay for a cup than is the case if it is served in a nearby hall. And when a more flexible form of seating is put into a church all sorts of activities become possible — a large congregation can quickly break up into small groups for discussion, and meetings can be held outside the times of services using all or part of the nave and facing in any direction.

It is encouraging to know that a growing number of people are thinking on these lines. I hope that readers of the Caversham Bridge will write and express their views on this subject. I hope, too, that plans can be prepared so that once again our churches will be centres of our community life. Perhaps we shall not fully understand the meaning of our Lord's Incarnation until we have taken part in group discussions, laughed, attended concerts and plays, supped and danced in those buildings in which our forefathers in an age of faith delighted to do just these very things.

John Grindall

SHE BRINGS YOUR "BRIDGE"

Christine Chappell and her husband, Eric, came to Emmer Green two years ago from Kelvedon in Essex, together with their three children, Alison (11), Neil (9) and Ian (5). She is a member of the Methodist Church and the family attend regularly at Caversham Heights. Christine supervises one morning at the church Playgroup. Besides being a mother and a busy housewife, she finds time to be a "Caversham Bridge" distributor for Buckingham Drive.



Mrs. Christine Chappell

— Walton Adams

POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

"More Office Blocks" — the article by M.C. in the September 'Caversham Bridge', shows a number of misconceptions. The Town Hall and the Market Place are not "at Reading's historic centre", for that was by St. Mary's Butts and Bridge Street. Nor is there a general consensus of opinion in favour of retaining the Town Hall — least of all among those who have to work in it. It must be the most inconvenient building in Berkshire and much of the interior (long, dangerous flights of stairs, for example) would never pass modern building bye-laws. As for the Assembly Hall, it holds audiences too small to be economic and gives many of them poor sight and sound, many areas being 'dead', including much of the balcony.

It is difficult to think what the Waterhouse part could possibly be adapted for and there are technical difficulties — the heating and electricity both come from the other end of the building. It is a pity that many of those calling for 'preservation' have so little practical knowledge of the building.

The office requirements of the two Councils are being — or have been — worked out by experts and our elected representatives. Could WE not be more useful by first of all finding out facts and looking around Caversham which has not yet lost all its charm. For instance, in the picturesque group opposite Bridge Street the roof over the grocer's shop looks in urgent need of attention if it is to continue long to add to the charm of Caversham in the way that Mr. Good's premises do. Can we not use our influence to keep in good repair our own prized buildings before decay makes it too late.

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CAVERSHAM BOYS' BRIGADE

This month sees the second anniversary of the formation of the Band of the 1st Caversham Company of the Boys' Brigade, formerly known as the 6th Reading Company.

For the Company's Captain, Mr. A. E. Champion, the band was a venture of faith. Once the decision to form one was reached, money and instruments began to materialise. A gentleman making an enquiry about another matter offered two bugles, and an old brass drum formerly used by the Girls' Brigade at Carey Baptist Church was restored to service after being sent to Aldershot for new skins and re-stringing. Donations of money were received from many quarters, some of them anonymous, and some from former members of the Boys' Brigade.

Growing reputation

From two drums and two bugles in 1971, the band now has ten bugles, five side drums, the bass drum and cymbals. Boys join without any previous knowledge of music or instruments and are trained to read music. It is intended that each boy will eventually be proficient on all instruments in the band.

Besides leading the Company on church parades and similar occasions, the band has appeared at a number of fetes, giving marching displays and playing fanfares, and attracting contributions to Company funds. Its growing reputation is evident from the fact that this year it led the Reading University Rag Procession, and its rousing music has been heard in Charville, Twyford, Maidenhead and Basildon, to name but a few places.

In an interview with "Caversham Bridge" Mr. Champion paid tribute to the men who had given time and talent in instruction, and also to the effort put in by the boys themselves, whose average age is thirteen.

Training

A band of course helps recruiting, and with the main Company now forty-five strong and the Junior Section twenty-five, the officers have had to close the register and start a waiting list for membership. Mr. Peter Stephens recalls the days in 1971 when numbers were down to two, and he and Mr. Champion set out to knock on the doors of neighbouring streets and invite boys to join.

In addition to Bible Class on Sunday mornings, and the basics of drill, physical exercise and indoor games, the boys have taken part successfully in Table Tennis, Football, Cricket and Athletics. This winter they are adding four more activities, First Aid, Modelling, Canoe Building and "Graphics" which will eventually include duplicating and printing.

Their own bus

The same imaginative vision that produced the band sent the Captain in search of a bus. Mr. Peter Shock, well known in Caversham, and to 'Bridge' readers especially, provided a vehicle which needed renovation. Repairs were carried out by Mr. Andy Farrell, former B.B. boy and parent of one of the present boys, at his garage at Emmer Green. Various working parties

smartened up the inside and outside of the bus. It holds forty-one passengers and takes the boys to swimming and football, and the band to its engagements, and it has been of service to a number of other church organisations. Its two longest journeys were to Bristol Zoo for the Girls' Brigade and to the Boys' Brigade annual camp at Torquay.

Twenty-two boys, with their officers and officers' families, attended the Camp, which had a total strength of 106. The Rev. Donald Mason, Methodist Minister at Whitley Hall, was the Commanding Officer. Mr. Champion tells us:

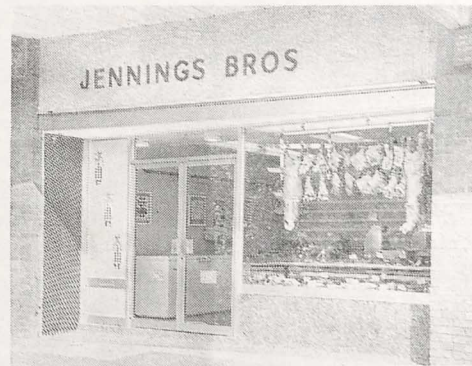
"The object of the annual camp in the Boys Brigade year is to provide an opportunity for boys to live together in a Christian environment. There are many men in the Church today who look back to a B.B. camp as the time when they took their first step along the Christian road".



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Repairs

As anyone who has ever tried to get a handbag or school satchel repaired, they will know this is now practically impossible. So again I make no excuse for telling you about Mr. Turner of Oxford Road (near Reading West Station) who is prepared to tackle any job of this kind. Only do be fair — they make very little money from this kind of work, so shoe repairs are also welcome. It is certainly not my intention to take business away from Caversham shops, but there are times when we are forced to go outside our own community for certain services, more's the pity!

Skittles

After three years, I hear, St. Peter's Wives have finally wrested the skittles championship from the Marion Group. I'm told it was a very successful even-

ing at St. Anne's Hall in September, so those of you interested would do well to watch for next year's event which will, I'm told, be hotly contested.

Incidentally, I understand many of the Marion Group meetings are open to any lady (of any denomination or of none). On the last Saturday in October, for instance, they are holding a family type Halloween Barn Dance at St. Anne's Hall and later in the year there will be a talk by a Reading jeweller. We hope to bring you details of such meetings as they come up.

Talent in Caversham

There must have been a number of Caversham people who took part in the now familiar Moods and Music event at the Town Hall in September; this performance, consisting of selections from Gilbert and Sullivan, was of a very high standard. One name I have been able to pin down is that of Martin Ladd, of Emmer Green, who produced two excellent busts of Gilbert and Sullivan; made of papier mache, they dominated the platform and were most impressive.

Neighbourliness

Finally, I must add that it was no surprise to me when, walking through Caversham Heights recently, I met a lady (who would murder me if I mentioned her name) carrying a nicely laid-out tea tray in the direction of a house which was in the process of being occupied. In an area like Caversham, where the population is constantly fluctuating, it seems to me that this kind of friendship does more to help Caversham than any formal or voluntary body can do.

Smokers' Forum

Sorry to say that, like many others who rejoined the forum this winter, I have slipped, badly. But there is hope. With the support of the local authorities this winter there are to be new and probably more scientific attempts to help cure ourselves of this lethal habit, auto-hypnosis classes being one example. Group therapy will, of course, continue to play a large part in the programme. Every Monday night, between 5.30 and 7.30, at Abbey Mill House (next to St. Lawrence's Hall).

OBITUARY

NELLIE TAYLOR

The death occurred on 11th September of Miss Nellie Taylor whilst staying with a niece at Bourne-mouth.

Many readers will remember Miss Taylor as Canon Nash's housekeeper. She had worked for Canon Nash when he was Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Earley, and came to Caversham with him on his appointment as Rector of Caversham in 1942. Miss Taylor was at the Rectory for twenty years and was always a loyal and devoted church worker. Her duties included organising and catering for occasions such as confirmations, St. Peter's days and choir suppers and she always entered into and enjoyed these activities to the full.

Latterly she had lived in one of the Almshouses in Castle Street. Although she had spent several years in a wheelchair and was forced to lead a restricted life, she was always cheerful and alert and gave her many visitors a warm welcome.

Grill, very inexpensive charges. Even if only a cup of coffee was the order, the service was impeccable and friendly; furthermore, it was something very much needed in Caversham at that time.

Mrs. Chapman, of North Street, who has worked for Mr. Charalabous, says he was the most considerate of employers, caring as much for his staff as for his customers. It is obviously a shock to all of them, but they are hoping to carry on running the business until arrangements can be made, possibly for a manager.



GEORGE CHARALABOUS

It was a great shock to the diners of the Church Street restaurants to hear of the sudden death of George Charalabous in September.

Coming here seven years ago, George first opened the European Grill, and three years later the Kebab Steak House, both of which quickly gained a reputation for good food, good service and, in the case of the

Mr. Charalabous, who leaves a wife and three young children, had intended to return to Cyprus shortly to attend to his interests there and visit relatives; alas, he returned only to be buried there. We offer Doreen Charalabous and her family our very sincere sympathy and our hope that the practical difficulties she must be facing will soon be sorted out.

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TALKING POINT by Stephen Bartlett

Church for Sale

Having no church building in Caversham Park makes for occasional difficulties and frustrations. These are minimal compared with the one great advantage—that the Christian witness in Caversham Park cannot be bricks and mortar; it has to be people transformed in Christ. And this, says the New Testament, is what it's all about.

What about church buildings, then? What are they for? Like all religious equipment, their function is to point man beyond himself to God.

The average church building does this? You're kidding! What they all too often do is to provide protection for the collective ego of a local congregation. The weaker the congregation becomes the more grimly they hang on to their building.

The age of Church buildings

The only age which could put up church buildings which served their purpose was the Middle Ages. Every age creates a mass of things and ideas soon forgotten. Amongst all this there is something created which is never forgotten. It will say something significant in every age. Medieval church building is such a creation.

The trouble is, people thought they could go on putting up buildings. But humanity never stays in one

place. Christians in the Middle Ages knew how to build churches. Thank God for them and let's preserve the results. But don't let's try to copy them.

Our heritage—our contribution

In this area there are two church buildings worth preserving: St. Peter's and St. Margaret's. These would be perfectly adequate as the bricks and mortar focus in this area of the Christian aspiration and ideal. Meanwhile let the Christians in Caversham work out what is the unique, lasting contribution that we can make in our age to the evolution of the universe.

Today's Church sometimes seems paralysed by money. By and large this is the motivating force behind our attitude to buildings.

Cynical? Let's look at the evidence. Where there is no money (Caversham Park) there is no building. Where there is a shortage of money (East Caversham)

we aim to amalgamate. Where there is sufficient money we continue as before.

It seems to me that our attitude to church buildings is governed by money, not by a conviction of what the buildings are for.

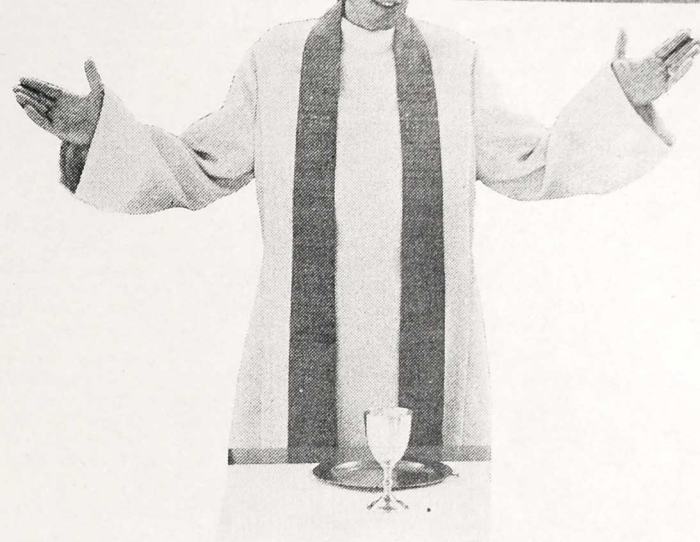
Ideals

Perhaps this is realistic. But for God's sake, what's happened to ideals? Ideals were what medieval church buildings were about. This was the spirit in which they were put up.

In today's world ideals have to do with People—their value as individuals and their relationships with each other. Anything of significant progress in today's world is about this.

The religious dimension in all this is vital. But it is new ground which needs to be explored. The people in our culture best equipped for this exploration are the Christians.

For how long?



— P. Handford

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A WINDMILL ONCE IN CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS?

Recently wandering round the garden of "Pine Cones" an empty house in Darell Road almost opposite Toots farmhouse, I came across two mill stones. One was set in the crazy paving; the other, almost hidden under ivy, had been set up on bricks as a low garden table. The second one, I could see, was bound by an iron hoop.

It is most unlikely that such objects would have been brought up St. Peter's Hill from a water mill beside the Thames as there would be no point in the exercise, so it seems likely that a windmill once stood in the vicinity of Darell Road. The granary to Toots farm is still there, dating from about 1620.

Two kinds of millstone

There were two commonly used types of millstone. One was made of Derbyshire millstone grit and usually called Peak stone. These were used for grist work—that is, grinding coarse meal for stock.

The other type, made from a much harder stone, was quarried in Northern France and known as French Burr. As the nature of this stone is such that it cannot be quarried in large pieces, each millstone has to be built up from a number

of small sections. To give the necessary solidity the layer of stone is backed up with cement or plaster of paris and a iron hoop is placed round the edge to hold the whole mass together.

It didn't take much detective work to identify the stones at "Pine Cones". French Burrs, used to grind wheat for flour, had a working life of 10 to 20 years, depending on the amount of work done.

In view of the fact that the word "Toots" means a hilly promontory it is quite possible that the Toots farm site was a good place for a windmill, and the evidence suggests that there was one there once.

M.K.

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MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 13th September, 1973. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Parish Council have been taking advice over the main belt of trees across the Playing Fields. Two separate opinions have been given, and whilst both reports indicate that there is no dutch elm disease in the trees, a need does exist for some attention to be given them. It is almost certain that some of the trees will have to be felled.

It is the Council's intention to write to all the occupiers of properties whose back gardens are adjacent to the Playing Fields, reminding them that owners or occupiers of these houses have no right to make open-

ings with or without gates leading into the Playing Fields. The Council are also equally concerned at the dumping of rubbish on the Fields by some residents, and a reminder will also be included in the Council's letter that by carrying out this practice the bye-laws are being infringed.

A planning application for the development of eight detached houses and estate road at 'Telscombe' and 'Outlands', Upper Warren Avenue, was opposed by the Council. The County Planning Department, Oxfordshire C.C., are being advised accordingly.

The Council are suggesting that the name of the road on the Donfield Development off Upper Woodcote Road should be called 'Crispin Close'.

Accommodation required

For ten years Mr. A. T. Lock was organising summer courses for French schoolboys (approximately 13-17 years old), who almost all come from Brittany or from the Basque country, and chiefly from the school where he taught for 11 years. Finding suitable accommodation in Reading and Caversham is becoming increasingly difficult, although there are never more than about 50 boys in any one year.

Families who might be interested in taking one or two boys for the 1974 course (about 18th July to about 17th August) are invited to write to Mr. Lock for full details. Each boy pays £40 for full board and lodging. There are classes each weekday morning and excursions on certain days, and the boys are taken away on a two-day visit during their stay.

The boys are all Roman Catholics and must attend Mass each Sunday.

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A "WHO'S WHO" in the FAMILY FESTIVAL

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WHO IS RUNNING WHAT?

Caversham Free Baptist Church. Concert. Mr. L. T. Farmer.

Caversham Heights Methodist Church. Cricket Match. Mrs. M. Sholl and Mr. H. Baker.

Caversham Methodist Church and St. John's. Art competition and exhibition. Mrs. Rosemarie Peck.

St. Peter's. Flower Festival and Concert. Mrs. L. Cropp.

St. Barnabas. A Full House of Theatre and Folk Music. Mr. D. G. Snell.

Caversham Park. An evening of Gaiety and Fun. Mr. P. Handford.

St. Andrew's with St. Margaret's. A United Churches Fair. Mr. E. Boulding and Miss Elizabeth Hawthorne.

Although the Fair is being planned by St. Andrew's, it is hoped that all churches will take part.

GALLERY VIEWPOINT

by ZOILUS

AFTER a thrash around the Pop Festival last month, and one or two sessions recording the birth pangs of Reading District Council, it seemed time for Zoilus to re-visit the Borough Council if only to pay respect to an institution shortly to enter whatever Valhalla has been set aside for redundant civil bodies.

Although its existence will be brought to an end within a few months, the Town Council looks like going out with a bang, not a whimper. The October assembly was more like a revivalist meeting than a wake, with members bouncing up all over the place to protest at schoolchildren getting a day's holiday for the Royal Wedding, the mucky conditions of public loos, the state of the riverside by Scours Lane and the effect of V.A.T. on the price of books. Others had their own infallible remedy to combat rising municipal expenditure, ranging from higher charges at swimming pools to the abolition of the Stock Exchange.

One of the most interesting debates, on a topic that could affect many of us on this side of the river, was initiated when Ald. Stansfeld-Taylor attempted to amend the suggested rise in car park charges. These rises would double the cost of an hour's parking at most sites.

Now Ald. Stansfeld-Taylor is one of the best speakers in the Chamber. Blessed with a beautifully round delivery, at times he can sound like one of the more august bishops rebuking a particularly venal sin. Indeed, his theme that overcharging town centre shoppers for short time parking, so that they take

their cars and their baskets to more benevolent areas such as Henley or Wokingham, was short-sighted had much to commend it. But Socialist leader Bob Towner would have none of this. The fact that attendances at the town centre multi-storey parks were up 2,000 this year showed people appreciated them.

Transportation Committee Chairman Cllr. Alan Marshall emphasised that parking charges in Reading were lower than in many comparable towns and pointed out the desirability of discouraging long-term parking, and educating the public to use the bus service.

After a vote had confirmed the Council's intention to raise town centre charges, the indefatigable Ald. Stansfeld-Taylor returned to the attack with a bid to reduce the proposed new fees at Hills Meadow and Kings Meadow — the latter being a free park at present. He agreed that people should have to pay, but made a plea for the businessman who had need to bring his car into town to use for calls during the working day. This amendment was defeated, so it looks as if travelling to Reading by car is going to become an even more expensive luxury.

This could well become a blessing in disguise, and there is one solution to the problem I didn't hear mooted in Council. Why not bring back the good old bicycle? Apart from rejuvenating a dwindling industry, it might well save many of our citizens from an untimely thrombosis. A cyclist from Caversham should beat his neighbour in his car for quickness, at the rush hours, and there would be little parking problems. And I assure you Zoilus has no financial interest in Norton-Villiers, or any other cycle manufacturers!

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STREET NAMES OF CAVERSHAM

by F. MALPAS

Caversham Park Village has two main roads enclosing nearly every house on the estate. **Caversham Park Road** is an obvious name for one, while **Lowfield Road** is named after a farm on the south side of the Henley Road.

But the distinguishing feature of the estate is the network of footpaths linked to the central **Milestone Way**. This gets its name from Milestone Wood, which used to lie across the middle of the estate—and this got its name from a milestone, "London XXXVIII", which used to stand by the side of a drive from the Henley Road to the mansion of Caversham Park.

In 1776 the lord of the manor, Lord Cadogan, brought in the greatest of landscape gardeners, "Capability" Brown, to bring his park up to date. Among other things, Brown made a new main entrance to the park and mansion, as he had done, for instance, at Blenheim and Chatsworth. This drive wound gently up through the trees, roughly as Milestone Way does now; the previous main entrance had been off Peppard Road, where it is now.

Lord Cadogan also remade the road from the Bath Road at Charvil, through Sonning to the Henley Road and his drive. The **Bath Road** milestone, "London XXXVI", is in **Thames Street**, Sonning; his "London XXXVII" is now buried by the side of the Sonning road at Play Hatch. This road-making also involved rebuilding Sonning Bridge as it now stands. In this way Lord Cadogan avoided Reading and, above all, Caversham Bridge, which was in a shocking state at the time.

Caversham Park was sold for personal reasons only a few years after he had spent £32,000 on embellishing house and park—an enormous sum of money at that time. What would he think if he could see them now?

SHE BRINGS YOUR "BRIDGE"

Mabel Sholl and her husband, John, came to Caver-

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and away from home. She

delivers the "Bridge" in

Woodcote Road.



Mrs. Mabel Sholl

— Walton Adams

THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN

Coming away from a mid-day meeting at Church House, Caversham, several Tuesdays ago I met a couple of old-age pensioners, one almost blind, who badly needed a cup of tea. I suggested the only place I knew, to be told by them that they had already been there and had been turned away as they were too busy serving lunches. This sort of thing really isn't good enough. These two elderly people had come all the way from Newbury to the Green Shield Stamp Shop and had obviously decided to make a day of it as the weather was so lovely. To them it was a day to look forward to and a day to remember — but they will not think of it very happily, unfortunately. They were very disappointed — "We thought we would find a cafe near the river", they said.

How many people have come in to Caversham with their Green Shield stamps, many from long distances, and had a similar experience? Would it not be possible to have some form of refreshment place in Caversham Court during the dinner hour next summer manned by volunteers? Perhaps after the cost had been taken away for the refreshments, any profit could go to charity. But please could Caversham Court be sign-posted up somewhere in the Precinct so that strangers could find their way to our lovely public garden and share with us in Caversham in its enjoyment. M.K.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGES

September's 'Bridge' reflected the feeling of most people who live in Caversham and district that until a third bridge is built, life north of the river will become increasingly frustrating as traffic congestion and delays come to dominate our lives. Impending developments, if realised, will only increase the problems, and bring further pressure on existing facilities, as well as altering the whole character of the area.

In order to discuss these points and present a reasoned case for positive action to the local planning authorities, the Caversham Residents' Association has called a meeting of representatives of organisations and bodies in Caversham and the surrounding rural areas, to take place on 9th November. This is not a public meeting, but if your organisation has not received a letter of invitation and would like to be represented, contact the Secretary of the Residents' Association, 14 Albert Road, Caversham, phone 472300, who will give you further details.

News has just come in that application to build in Bug's Bottom has been refused. It would be an enthusiastic man who thought this would be the last of the long list of applications to build in this attractive valley. M.C.

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THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

Next time you visit a record shop, take a look at the pamphlet you will probably find on the counter, listing the new singles' releases for that week. How many singles are issued by the record companies in a week? Well, if you look at the list you will find that the total is about 60. Then ask yourself how many of these records you will be able to hear on Radio One; and of those that you do hear, how many will be spun more than a few times? BBC policy is to have a "playlist", chosen from these 60 or so records, from which the various programme producers are then free to make their own selections. Any new single by Gilbert O'Sullivan, the Moody Blues or the like is almost automatically guaranteed a place in the playlist as these artists are popular.

IGNORED

But what about the other 40 or so singles—those that are not on the playlist? Are we to assume they are not worthy of consideration? What is really annoying is the fact that a large number of records are ignored by the public, through no fault of their own, because they don't hear them on the radio. Many excellent records have been neglected by Radio One, except by the enthusiastic producers and disc jockeys of the late night "Sounds of the Seventies" programmes, which are probably the only ones not subject to the playlist policy, and which play interesting L.P. material, unusual Continental music and studio sessions by talented, but often little-known, artists.

UNDER-EXPPOSED

Back in 1967 "Top Gear", on Sunday afternoons, was almost the only Radio One programme worth bothering about. They played Gilbert O'Sullivan's first single, "Disappear", Family's first record, "Scene Through the Eye of a Lens", Love Sculpture's "River to Another Day" and stacks of others. True, some of the artists championed by "Top Gear" have since prospered, but some of their very best releases have never been heard by their present fans—Tyrannosaurus Rex's "By the Light of the Magical Moon", for instance, or David Bowie's single, "The Prettiest Star" (with Marc Bolan on guitar). The fact that you haven't heard of many of these records is because they were not given sufficient exposure on the radio, not because they were lousy records.

It's not only so-called "progressive" music that falls victim to this state of affairs, but also many soul records, much good reggae and a great deal of good, straightforward, apparently commercial pop. You may hear a new single on "Sounds of the Seventies" which you may think has a good chance of being a hit; yet the BBC apparently decides to assign it to oblivion and you never hear it again on any of their other programmes.

BRAINWASHING

Sometimes a record is not played because it is thought to be too long. Argent's "Hold Your Head Up" was originally issued as a maxi-single with an A-side lasting more than six minutes; in this form it was only played by "Sounds of the Seventies". Only when the

record had been reissued in a drastically shorter version did it get played on other programmes and eventually became a hit. A long record destroys the chatty, zippy style that Radio One seems to be fond of. It seems they regard pop fans as morons who are unable to concentrate for more than three minutes at a time.

Many youngsters say they choose which record to buy each week from the "Top Twenty" list in the shop window because "only the best records get into the charts". Others say that their friends might laugh at them if they buy "something different". It's going to take more than late-night "Old Grey Whistle Test" programmes on BBC 2 to change attitudes like these. Many kids have been victims of far too many TV "Top of the Pops" brainwashing sessions to be any longer in control of their own opinions.

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS

So much for rock music. What about other forms of entertainment? Does ITV really give the public what it wants, or merely what it is prepared to put up with? How far do the Rank Organisation and ABC give you a chance to see in Reading all the films that are worth

by
**JOHN
BEASLEY**

seeing? This last question becomes laughable if you visit the reference library and look at the Monthly Film Bulletin's complete list of films for any month. Rank and ABC, by screening sex rubbish with ludicrous titles like "The Naughty Nun", often by showing single films rather than double bills, by keeping mediocre films on for several weeks and by showing the same film at two separate cinemas, have prevented the public from seeing some very fine films indeed.

We in Caversham should consider ourselves lucky that the Glendale, our very own cinema, is truly independent, and that excellent double bills are often on offer there—the friendly little corner shop battling against the supermarkets.

NEVER SAY DIE!

A member of the Caversham team of clergy, on bidding farewell to a party after a funeral service at a crematorium chapel recently, noticed a book lying on top of the organ. On closer inspection it turned out that the book was entitled "Revival Hymns."

A Gardener's Thanks

Sam Reed, who has recently retired from the post of head gardener at Caversham Court, wishes to express his thanks to all of his friends who contributed towards his presentation. He hopes to be in the Court from time to time to meet the many friends he has made while working at Caversham Court since 1952.

SHE BRINGS YOUR "BRIDGE"



June Davies

— Walton Adams

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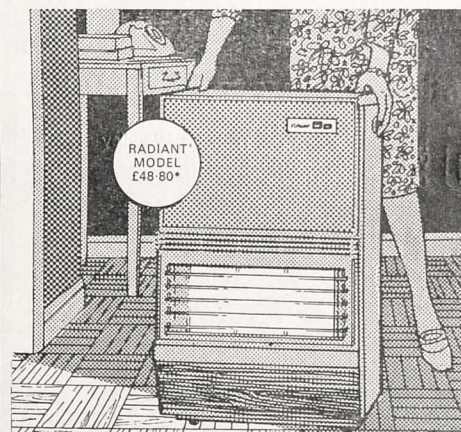
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CAPACITY CONGREGATION AT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Extra chairs had to be rushed into the Methodist Church at Gosbrook Road when the Harvest Festival Service on the morning of September 14th attracted a capacity congregation.

The 1st Caversham Boys and Girls Brigade Companies paraded, led, of course, by the band, then the Sunday School children presented their gifts. This was followed by two baptisms, singing by the primary school, hymns and an excellent address by the Rev. T. R. Harris. Definitely a family service!

The Harvest Festival continued in the evening with a service conducted by the Rev. Stephen Bartlett. On Monday there was a Harvest Supper with an entertaining and amusing talk by Mr. W. Spray, M.A., Headmaster of Leighton Park School, which concluded a very pleasant evening.

ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The first meeting of the new season was held on Thursday, September 27th. The fortnight prior to the meeting was a most worrying one for the chairman, Mrs. Daisy Manser. The speaker suddenly cancelled and it was impossible to find a replacement at such short notice. However, it was decided by the Committee to give the talk themselves, and a most successful occasion it became.

An extremely attractive buffet was prepared by Mrs. Manser and Mrs. Hallett, with some contributions from the rest of the Committee. Members were requested to bring both plate and wineglass and after the talk the audience had plenty to sample, accompanied by a delicious punch.

The next meeting at 8.00 p.m. is on Thursday, October 25th, with a talk entitled 'The history of Corn Dollies' by Miss A. Gibson.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

The beginning of a new university year means parting with friends at least for a while. This year Peter Nicholls, whose father, Ken, is district Warden and Treasurer at St. John's, begins his studies at Swansea University. He will be reading Economics. Peter has the distinction of being one of the first pupils of Chiltern Edge school to win a place at university. St. John's wishes him well.

Ready for Christmas

Several members of the congregation are already preparing an evening of entertainment and music based on a Christmas theme. The date has not yet been decided but it will take place in the church during the week before Christmas. Details in the next issue of the 'Bridge'.

ST. JOHN'S AUTUMN SALE

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Caversham Heights Methodist Church

At a recent coffee morning held by ladies from Caversham Heights Methodist Church an appeal was made for used towels, in good condition, for a camp for deprived children from the Manchester area. The response was immediate and 43 towels were sent to the leader of the camp, Mr. Russell Kirby, who is a social worker in Manchester.

ST. PAUL'S — DUAL MINISTRY BEGINS

Friends and representatives from most of the churches in Reading and Caversham gathered at St. Paul's United Reformed Church in York Road on 28th September for the induction of the Revd. Stephen R. Haine. The occasion marked the beginning of a new chapter, not only for St. Paul's but also for Reading, as Mr. Haine is combining the pastorate at York Road with the role of being the Reading Council of Churches' first Industrial Officer which involves co-ordinating the work of the Council's Industry, Trade and Employment Mission (ITEM).

Presiding over the service was the Revd. D. A. Smith, Moderator of the Wessex Province of the United Reformed Church. The charge to the church and minister was given by the Revd. J. C. Brock, of Mansfield College, Oxford. Also present were the Mayor of Reading, Councillor J. Price, the Revd. J. G. Thornton, Chairman of the Reading and Oxford District Council of the U.R.C., the Revd. Dr. R. G. Ashman, Chairman of the Reading and District Council of Churches, and the Revd. G. Harris, Interim Moderator.

A welcome meeting was held in the hall after the service, during which presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Haine.

ST. PETER'S NOTES

The autumn is always the occasion when many of the younger members disappear to different universities and colleges and gaps are noticed in the ranks of the choir and servers. Fortunately a number of new servers have recently been trained, but the choirmaster reports that he is in urgent need of more choirboys. Caroline Mercier has gone to Edinburgh University to read theology, and as John Handy went last year to Newcastle to read the same subject it looks as though Caversham is producing some budding theologians. Katharine Coome goes from the choir to continue her studies in London, and Philip Coope goes from the servers to read sociology at Warwick University, while David Briggs is at Cardiff wrestling with geology. Members of the congregation will wish them all well, and will hope to see them back in the Christmas vacation.

Wedding News. — Many members of the congregation will be interested to know that Marcia Sullivan was recently married at Santa Cruz, Tenerife, to Ricardo Rey, and Paul Aucock was married in September at St. Andrew's Church, Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire, to Linda Forbes.

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Mapledurham W.I.

Mrs. Bramwell, the president, was in the chair for the September meeting. The speaker cancelled at the last minute, but this turned out to be a 'blessing in disguise' as everyone had a chance to talk and lots of opinions were expressed and various things discussed—including the new Channel tunnel. The majority seemed in favour. Birthday posies were given out, raffle tickets drawn and an excellent tea enjoyed. The members stood for a few minutes as a mark of respect for Mrs. Spencer, who died very suddenly and will be sadly missed at Mapledurham W.I.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The September speaker was Mrs. D. R. Cloke, from Radio Oxford. She explained that her interests are extremely wide and varied and this helps with the material necessary to enable her to broadcast and write short articles on a great variety of subjects. The first short story she had published was on Bellingham and a later one on the Spires of Oxford, but now she said she concentrates mainly on science fiction. It was not until about two years ago that she tried Radio Oxford and has continued broadcasting with them since then.

Rosehill W.I.

Instead of the usual meeting a coach trip to Burchett's Green Agricultural Centre was much enjoyed. A cookery demonstration, "Dishes for the busy housewife", proved both instructive and entertaining, and some members were fortunate in being able to purchase the results. Tea was provided and a drive back by a different route ended a pleasant afternoon's outing.

Caversham Park W.I.

The traditional harvest supper was held at the September meeting and the Bring and Buy stall symbolised the festive season with its display of garden and home-made produce. Mr. G. Hawthorn gave a fascinating talk on the history of corn dollies and the revival of the craft in the last decade. His demonstration of the craft was enjoyed by all the members. The competition was, appropriately, home-made bread and this attracted a good number of entries.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

At the Guild's last meeting the speaker was Mr. J. Beauchamp, who came to tell of his holiday in Russia. He did, of course, go primarily to view the splendid treasures and antiques that are now on show to tourists.

The late Czars, apart from being immensely rich, were very acquisitive and bought many wonders, not singly but in sets. Mr. Beauchamp showed slides of such things as row on row of crystal glasses, each glass on its own being worth several hundred pounds. In Kiev he had only four days to look at collections where he would have liked to spend four years.

Of course his party's sightseeing was not limited to grand old palaces and treasures. The tube stations, for example, are like marble halls and the lighting is made up of crystal chandeliers, with onyx figures upholding the doors. Although officially an atheistic country the Government is repairing and rebuilding churches.

The onion-shaped domes have even been gilded so that they shine like so many suns against the skyline. Towns that were damaged during the war are being rebuilt in the original designs and with the original material and new flats and housing would cost the average worker about £1 per week but 5 per cent. of everyone's earnings goes in income tax. There is, of course, no free enterprise and only the very important people would have a motorcar, but on the other hand anyone can travel for about 5p on the tube in any direction and as far as they like. Also at the sports stadiums they have about 12 swimming pools set out rather like Wimbledon and it is possible to progress from a paddling pool right up to a full Olympic pool.

It was practically impossible (not knowing the language) to meet the ordinary person in the street; even the hotel was strictly for tourists and similar ones can be found in any big capital in the world.

However, there is no doubt that Mr. Beauchamp found Russia a fascinating country and his talk, together with lovely slides, really brought home to members that the Iron Curtain has many chinks in its armour.

The informal half-hour was given over to plans for the A-Z Christmas Bazaar at St. Andrew's Hall on 1st December. Many suggestions were made to complete the alphabet theme, such as 'H' Handicrafts, 'L' Lucky Dip, 'Q' Quaint and Curious, etc., and the Education Chairman confirmed that as so many members were involved in making things for the bazaar no outside classes will be arranged until after Christmas.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

After a break in August the usual monthly meetings were resumed in September. It was chaired by Mrs. C. Mitchell, who introduced the speaker for the month, Miss J. Sullivan, a beautician. Miss Sullivan concentrated on the care of the skin and make-up. Her remarks were listened to intently by all those present and her hints on make-up were very much appreciated. A vote of thanks for the interesting and instructive talk was proposed

by Mrs. E. Fitzeustace. After the break for refreshments the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a game of charades which had been organised by Mrs. B. Stratford. This proved to be a pleasant and entertaining diversion.

An invitation was extended to the Committee and all members who had joined the Guild during the past year to attend a get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Tiffen, 37 Peppard Road, on Friday, September 21st. There was a very good attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

Meetings are held at the Caversham Community Centre, School Lane, on the third Thursday in each month. Anyone who is interested or wishes to join will be made very welcome.

ST. BARNABAS' CHRISTMAS FAIR

November 17th
2.30 p.m.

ST. BARNABAS' HALL

The proceeds of this fair will go towards the nutrition project at St. Lucy's Hospital, Transkei.

Blagrove W.I.

An interesting afternoon was spent when members brought holiday slides from British Columbia and Austria. The flower of the month competition result: 1, Mrs. Wilkie; 2, Mrs. Batstone; 3, Miss Reynolds.

A New Venture in Caversham Road

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly have had a hairdressing salon in the Caversham Road for about a year now. This autumn sees them launching into the fashion world as well. Their new boutique, 'Janette', has a wide range of clothing from many well-known firms and caters for the mature figure as well as the young. At the moment sizes are stocked up to 22 but in the future size 24 will also be found on the rails, all in attractive styles and with something a little different in mind. Slacks, dresses, sweaters, evening wear, there is plenty from which to choose, and during October anyone spending £10 or over gets a free shampoo, set and conditioner. But please note Monday is closing day when Mr. Jolly and his manageress go up to London in search of new stock, and they have already found some excellent firms which cater for the larger figure. Many people find the dinner hour a helpful time to go out shopping, so with this in mind Janette's is open all day.

Young Caversham

BACK IN THE YEAR 1936, WHEN STILL A NIPPER IN SHORT PANTS, I FIRST MET GEORGE. He was a lovable character, and in about his mid-twenties. All the kids of the "village" adored him. George lived in lodgings in Hemdean Road and worked at Thornycroft's by the river. He was a born leader, and whether it was Penelope's birthday party or the works' annual 'beano', it was George Preece who was called in to organise the fun and games. He was a keen outdoor man, too, and would give up many evenings and week-ends to take the local kids on cycle trips, hiking adventures and camping. After the war

George took a leading part in the forming of the Caversham Boys' Club in School Lane, and pioneered several expeditions to other parts of the country and abroad.

by PETER SHOCK

About twelve years ago George suffered a serious illness that eventually affected his eyesight. He had to give up his work, then his landlady moved house. So George returned to his native Abingdon. Through the subsequent years only scanty news of him filtered through. Then, alas, on August Bank Holiday last, while taking a party of kiddies on a trip to Portsmouth Navy Review, George collapsed and died. His devotion to the young, regardless of their class, colour or creed, remained to the end.

I heard a little whisper the other day that three Emmer Green boys, bored with the long school holidays, decided they should

do something useful and charitable. The trio, Neil and Andrew, aged 11, and Ian, 9 (no surnames—no pack-drill!) set out to do some odd jobs for their neighbours and friends. They raised over £4 and took it along to the Matron of a near-by children's home. I am not allowed to say much more here, but I think there might be little surprises for the children at the home later in the year.

Welcome to Ray Tapken, recently appointed secretary of the Berks. Association of Boys' Clubs. We shall be seeing him in Caversham quite a lot as he goes his rounds of the affiliated clubs. Ray was previously at Newton-le-Willows in South Lancashire, and has also spent a number of years in problem centres and youth clubs on Merseyside and other industrial areas. More locally, he was from 1961 to 1963 a tutor at the Wallingford Farm Training Centre near Crowmarsh. The B.A.B.C. has been without a full-time organising secretary for over a year, so all should be back into full swing again shortly

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ALL SPORTS AT HIGHDOWN

by STAN ELDON

Our local school, Highdown, has a wealth of sporting talent amongst the 80 members of its staff. Indeed, in the one sport of rugby, the school staff could almost field a team of county standard.

Arthur Jones, the senior master and school counselor, was for seven years head of P.E. at Reading School and is still hooker for the London Welsh Druids, for whom he has played for 17 years. During this time he has also played for the R.A.F. and Combined Services, was captain of St. Luke's College, Exeter, team and also played for the Notts., Lincs. and Derby combined County team, besides being captain of the Berkshire team. As chairman of selectors and secretary of the Berkshire County team he is now very actively concerned in running Rugby locally.

Head of P.E. at the school is Clive Boulter, a contemporary of Arthur Jones at St. Luke's. He has played for the Welsh club Newport, now plays for London Welsh and is a regular member of the Berkshire team as a wing forward.

Probably the most versatile member of the P.E. staff is Greg Colebourn, who is currently captain of Newbury Rugby Club, having played for Loughborough, the country's top P.E. College. He also excels at football, cricket, golf and several other sports.

New boy on the staff, Clive Rees, who joined the school this term, is another Loughborough student, who was their No. 1 sprinter with a time of 9.6 secs. for 100 yards. As a junior he was the top Welsh sprinter and is now a star player with London Welsh, especially in

seven-a-side tournaments. He has played for the famous Llanelli club and, we hope, will be selected for his first full Welsh trial this year. He is also responsible for Religious Education in the school.

A student teacher last year and now on the staff is Mike Mahoney, last year's Reading University captain of Rugby. Hugh Llewellyn, who plays for Shire Hall, Max Finch, who plays for Reading and helps to run the Emmer Green Youth Club, along with John Muxworthy from the Abbey Club, complete the team.

Talented Ladies

It is not only the men who have distinguished themselves in sport. The new head of Girls' P.E. and Dance, Miss Sue Blackburn, is a county netball player, Miss W. Summers plays for Ranelagh, the leading ladies' hockey club, and Mrs. Janet Jones, wife of the senior master, has played squash for both Devon and Berkshire.

Sport for All

As is to be expected at a school with so many good sportsmen and sportswomen on the staff, sport is considered to be an important part of the school teaching programme, and although they like and encourage all children to take part in team games, they do like to encourage individual sporting activities. Each week a group of boys goes to a local squash club and others go horse-riding, swimming and play golf and badminton.

The school encourages participation in sports out of school by helping pupils to find the rights sports club for their individual activity; in particular they provide many players for the Abbey Rugby Club colts' team. Whilst happy to have individual outstanding successes, the school's policy could really be summed up in the Roger Bannister and Sports Council slogan of "Sport for All".

Sharing School Facilities

New squash courts will shortly be erected at the school and they will be available for use by the public on all evenings and week-ends. The headmaster will be pleased to hear from groups of people, rather than individuals, who would like to form themselves into clubs for collective use of the facilities.

WE RECORD . . .

BAPTISED

St. John's

Sept. 2nd Clare Kempster

St. Andrew's

July 8th Clare Carter Melanie Matthews

Aug. 5th Gareth Acteson Robert Acteson

Sept. 30th Astrid Hazell

Caversham Park

Aug. 26th Marianne Pynn

MARRIED

St. Peter's

Aug. 18th Hugh Turner and Sandra Boulton

Sept. 1st Raymond Williams and Lorna Downs

Sept. 15th John Jaques and Marilyn Waterson

Sept. 22nd Graham French and Sandra Gordon

Sept. 29th Christopher Attrill and Susan Thomas

Sept. 29th David Kirby and Helen Perkins

Oct. 6th David Ballard and Sharon Bailey

James Pilgrim and Diana Ford

Michael Noble and Elizabeth Germain

St. John's

Aug. 11th Terry Allan and Angela Chatfield

Aug. 18th Michael Ravening and Karen Lock

Sept. 8th Andrew Judd and Janice Downes

Sept. 22nd John Otty and Jane Ballard

Sept. 29th Harold Bartlett and Pauline Goddard

St. Andrew's

July 21st Paul Marshall and Ann Ballard

Aug. 18th Norman Law and Lynn Hays

St. Barnabas'

Aug. 11th Allan Collis and Sonia Hawkins

Sept. 8th Terence Birmingham and Barbara Oxlade

St. Margaret's

Aug. 25th Peter Redgrove and Elizabeth Clark

Sept. 8th Roger Harvey and Pauline Harper

Sept. 29th James McGowan and Wendy Westlake

Caversham Methodist Church

Aug. 18th Gerard Wilkinson and Marilyn Ashworth

Caversham Heights Methodist Church

July 21st Graham Webb and Janet Brook

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