

## THE REVD PHILIP WEBB A Jack-of-all-Trades

AND master of none may be a fitting description of many but not for Philip Webb. A Jack-of-all-Trades certainly — actor, artist, author, comedian, editor, preacher, singer, teacher, theatrical producer — the list is endless. Philip arrived in Caversham some four years ago with his wife Jane, and young Gregory — little Rebecca was not then a twinkle in his eye. At that time the Baptist congregation was worshipping in Balmore Hall — of blessed memory — and it was there that Philip and Jane entered incognito, or so they thought. However, they appeared not to have reckoned on the efficiency of the Jungle Tele-

graph operated by Baptist Ministers — Philip really should have known better. Their departure after six years ministry at Victoria Park, Bristol had been foretold and they were spotted. With little prompting they soon settled in and started to make their marks on local church life. With the re-opening of the redeveloped premises their commitment steadily increased and they endeared themselves to young and old alike. It was, perhaps, with the young people that they formed a particular affinity. Philip, as far as his duties at Baptist Union Headquarters, where he was

deeply involved in the denomination's Christian Training Programme and with the work of Lay Preachers, permitted, allied himself to the young peoples' singing group, "New Light", out of which was born the successful musical drama, "Acts" in which he took a prominent part both as a leading actor and as its producer. Jane, for her part, became a leader of the Fourteen Plus Youth Group where she frequently led their Sunday Morning Bible Studies.

Together, Philip and Jane, produced a "potted" history of the denomination entitled, "Where do you come

from?" and in the context of their departure from Caversham the closing words of that story are appropriate. Jane, as drawn by Philip who illustrated the booklet, says, "Our story finishes here, but yours goes on — as people like you live out the chapters still to come". Philip and Jane have finished their chapter in Caversham and they move on to write another chapter in the life of the Baptist Community which worships at Dag-nall Street, St Albans. The "Caversham Bridge", of which Philip was a member of the Editorial Panel, wish them well as they venture forth to pastures new.



Philip and Jane Webb

— Peter Sear

## Alan and Lucy's wedding

WHEN Alan Wilson married Lucy Richards at St Leonard's, Eynsham on July 14 the church was full. Alan was curate at Eynsham before he came to St John's and of course it was Lucy's home. So, as well as one hundred and fifty invited guests, and a coach load from St John's, many local people had come to see the marriage.

responses as clearly as Alan's, when they made their vows. While the register was being signed the full choir sang "The Lord's my shepherd" to Brother James air.



The Revd. Vernon White, a chaplain from Exeter University, preached the sermon. Then all the congregation joined together in the Communion Service — this was an occasion when it really was celebrated.

In the square afterwards, as the wedding party posed for photographs, the flag flew from the tower, and the bells rang out joyously. Lucy did not need the sun to shine on her to look radiant, and neither did Alan. "Well" said some, for all, "that's what a marriage service should be."

The reception was held at St Cross College in Oxford, a very pleasant setting for a



buffet meal. The honeymoon started in the Lake District, and the latter part was spent touring.

Lucy is the first

clergy wife to come to Caversham as a bride for many years now, and there is a very warm welcome for her here.

## BOOK REVIEW

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is to be congratulated on producing a book of such remarkable scholarship.

It is possible to obtain a copy at Caversham Book Shop, Prospect Street.

## SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP CAVERSHAM

ONCE again a sincere thank you to all who helped and contributed to the Summer Show on July 29. The group had a particularly successful day taking £146 — a good increase on previous years. The day itself was as hot and sunny as the Shetland Fair day was wet. The latter show realised £3,000 despite the rain.

The home is working at full capacity but extra efforts from all supporters are vital if the Home is to pay the nurses' recent pay award and stay in the black.

The next local event is the "All Sorts Fair" on October 22 in Caversham Hall.



# TALKING POINT

By The Rev Philip Lee-Bapty

## TWO HATS OR ONE?

AS MINISTER of St Paul's United Reformed Church which is situated just over Caversham Bridge in York Road, and also as the Industrial Officer for the Industry, Trade and Employment Mission in Reading I wear two hats as it were. One when I am in the world of industry and business and the other when I function in the ecclesiastical structure.

In the latter I often wear a lot of other distinctive clothing too. Shouldn't I always wear the same hat! Well, yes and no. It's a matter of function really, and expectation. For example in the factory I often find myself engaged in contending for the faith, the validity of the Bible, the relevance of the Church and often having to start from square one. Also it is trying to explain and/or defend the odd ecclesiastical row that does get into the press, e.g. the appointment of the Bishop of Durham. More often or not I am trying to understand and wrestle with some of the many industrial issues which arise daily and trying to see it all in the light of Christian values and ethics. In Church it is very different. On the whole people do accept the validity of the Bible and the Church and the Ministry etc. Maybe the people do need reassurance and confirmation in the faith, certainly there is teaching and helping people to extend their grasp of the faith and maturity in commitment, and of course celebrating the Holy Mysteries in word and sacrament as well as fulfilling the pastoral function etc. In so many ways and in people's expectation I wear two hats. I have though always the nagging feeling it ought to be one and the same hat. I look for convergencies. For instance in both places I am engaged in "justifying the ways of God with man". There are just different ways of doing it and different responses that's all — but is that all? No, for often I find that it is not merely a question of wearing different hats, I am almost required to be a different person with different feelings, certainly with different perspectives.

Of course Britain is now a post-Christian, basically a secular society. It is also pluralist, in that there are many different religions among us and a majority of people with no religion at all, that is none that is immediately recognisable. So perhaps it is inevitable that different hats are required, but for Christians we can neither be happy or content with this.

I suspect though that part of the problem is that Christians as a whole wear different hats all too easily. It is not merely a question of wearing your Sunday best. It is a matter of attitudes and perspective. For example there are in our Church on Sunday many people who work hard during the week. They tell me that at the weekend they want to get right away from work and all its associations, and

that work is the last thing they want to hear about in Church on Sundays, but contemplate eternal things. Church is part of the weekend recreation and leisure activity and has nothing to do with what we do in the week. We wear completely different hats. All this is understandable enough, but as John Ellerton's hymn puts it:

*Yet these are not the only walls  
Wherein thou may'st be sought;  
On homeliest work thy blessing falls,  
In truth and patience wrought.*

The point is, how do we discover God and how do we worship him within those other walls of "business toil and care"?

On the other hand there are men of affairs in business and administration etc who are skilled at assessing situations, making decisions and dealing with them in a responsible and effective way, who when in Church affairs appear to switch off all that expertise and think and act with some entirely different criteria and assumptions. The question is how do we bring all our gifts and capacities to further the work of the Kingdom? Our lives are often of necessity divided and fragmented in modern society — which is often a major cause of anxiety and breakdown. We do however need a wholeness within, and a vision of wholeness within the world to work and pray for. We need to make sense of what we do in the week in terms of what we do on Sunday in Church and vice versa, so to see that our response to the Gospel is whole.

Yes, Christian faith is about the Eternal Verities — that is, the perennial unchanging truth about life, which goes beyond death. It is the Churches job to proclaim and teach all this. The Church is also concerned with the practical affairs and problems that face human beings in the world today and so vitally affect their lives. Her task in fact is to bring the light of the Eternal Verities to bear upon these problems etc.

This is not just the task of theologians and specialists but very much the work and witness of people who as Christians are involved both in Church and in the world of business toil and care and who have to wrestle with its problems etc day by day.

After all God came to meet with us and dwell with us in Christ who came into the everyday world of life and work and taught people to make sense of their everyday experience, and work out their dedication and obedience in the midst of common life experience. In following Him we can do no less:

*Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought  
As thou wouldst have it done;  
And prayer, by thee inspired and taught,  
Itself with work be one.*

## ABBEYFIELD ST PETER'S

READERS of the "Caversham Bridge" will be aware that the Abbeyfield Society opened the doors of its newly acquired home in St Peter's Avenue to residents last autumn. At that time it was decided, with the onset of winter and the need for the residents and housekeeper who weld themselves into a community, to defer the official opening and this took place on Saturday July 21. Following Dedicatory Prayers led by the Baptist Minister, the Rev Dennis Weller, the house was formally opened by Sir Gerard Vaughan, FRCP, MP, who, as a member of the medical profession, said that advances in medical science had resulted in an increasing proportion of elderly people in the population and the trend was expected to continue for some years. He

### Official Opening

added that community care had failed to keep pace with these developments and congratulated Abbeyfield on its enterprise. He also commented on the homely and welcoming atmosphere which was apparent to him as he entered the house which has been named "Abbeyfield St

Peter's".

Following the opening ceremony, during which Sir Gerard unveiled a commemorative plaque, Mr B. Short presented, on behalf of Barclays Bank, a cheque to the Society for £500 and this was received appreciatively by the Chairman, Mr "Griff" Morris. Miss Elmore Harvey-Jones, one of the residents, presented a bouquet to Lady Vaughan and spoke warmly on behalf of the residents of the care lavished on them by the housekeeper, Mrs Yvonne Patenall and the Members of the House Committee.

The afternoon concluded with tea in the garden where a marquee had been erected to facilitate the catering arrangements. The glorious sunshine justified the decision to defer the opening from last autumn.

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# WHOM SHALL I SEND?

THIS is the first in a series of articles about Caversham Christians, who have heard the Lord's call to serve Him full-time overseas or at home.

Sue Sanders is a member of Caversham Baptist Free Church. She shares for us her receiving of the Lord's call to work for Him through Trans-world Radio, based in Monaco. TWR is a Christian radio station with transmitters worldwide broadcasting the Gospel.

Sue writes:

*Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and  
sing,  
And triumph evermore.*

*Jesus, the Saviour reigns  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our  
stains  
He took His seat above.*

*His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and  
heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given.*

*He sits at God's right hand*

*Till all His foes submit  
And bow to His command  
And fall beneath His feet.*

The words of this hymn, which once flowed from the pen of Charles Wesley, seem to take on new meaning when I read them meditatively.

We are able to rejoice, if for no other reason, because of the wonderful fact that the Lord whom we love and serve is King. We can rejoice because of the sacrifice He made on our behalf to enable us to have an eternal friendship with Him. We can rejoice because His kingdom will never fail and because one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Such tremendous statements of hope and victory, as expressed in the hymn, serve as a great encouragement to us who know the Lord, especially as we

seek to witness for Him in a world where so many people live in fear, despair and spiritual poverty. Because of this, I am convinced that there's no other way in which I would choose to invest my life than in co-labouring with other Christians to see many people reached with the Gospel.

During the past year, I have been giving a lot of thought to the future direction of my work and witness for the Lord. I have always had an openness to serving on a foreign mission field, especially if in so doing I could use my working knowledge of French. I believe that God expects us to use wisely the gifts and abilities He gives us, and I gradually became more aware that my administrative/secretarial/language skills could be used to a greater capacity if I was in

an overseas missionary assignment.

I wanted to be sure, though, that my thoughts in this direction were being prompted by the Lord and were not just my own inclinations. In my devotional times during this past year of seeking God's guidance, the fact was again reinforced in my mind that our primary purpose in life is knowing God, and our primary task is making Him known to others. I know it was during the times when I particularly drew near to God that He "gave me the desires of my heart" (Psalm 37:4) — ie it was He who gave me these desires to serve Him overseas.

Thus it was that I began some definite investigations into the possibility of overseas missionary service. I learnt of the need Trans World Radio have for secretaries

at their European office/transmitting station in Monte Carlo, Monaco, and following a process of application, I have recently been accepted on to the staff of TWR. Trans World Radio was founded in 1954 and today they broadcast radio programmes in seventy languages from seven transmitting stations to approximately eighty per cent of the world's population. Recent statistics would seem to indicate that two billion people in the world still have never heard the Gospel.

My particular responsibility will be as secretary to the European Director. I am greatly looking forward to this challenge and the opportunity it will provide for me to trust God in a new situation, knowing that "Faithful is He that calleth you, and He will do it" (1 Thess 5:24).



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Formerly a chartered accountant, he is now involved in directing the programmes at Hildenborough Hall, a Christian Conference Centre near Sevenoaks. He is in demand as a speaker and counsellor and travels widely in this country and North America.

A GROUP of friends at the Baptist Church have recently shared in seeking to respond to the Lord's prompting to organise a series of open, evening meetings about once a quarter when well known Christian speakers will be invited on a Saturday evening. We hope that many friends will be able to join us from other fellowships and that together we can invite our friends and colleagues along to hear the Gospel.

The first meeting will be on Saturday, October 6 when the speaker will be Max Sinclair, author of "Halfway to Heaven". A second evening has been arranged for Saturday, December 1 when Peter Kingston of Wycliffe Bible Translators will be coming. In 1985 we hope to have the Rev Jim Graham of Gold Hill Baptist Church, a well known conference speaker, booked for a Saturday in the spring.

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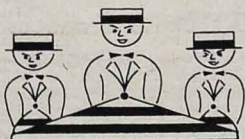
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**QUEEN ANNE'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY**

MISS Scott has every reason to be proud of her school and of the excellent exhibition put on for Speech Day in July, to mark the 90th anniversary of the school's foundation in Caversham.

Everyone in the school contributed some item; but this was no hotch-potch of miscellaneous items. Thanks to the efforts of the staff it was a carefully worked out chronological history of the school along with the progress of science, in the widest sense, during the same period.

**New buildings and vacuum cleaners**

Along the corridors of the science block one could read, for example, that 1908 saw the first school outing by motor-bus instead of horse-drawn brakes and the same year saw the first modern vacuum

cleaner on the market. In 1924, when two new classrooms and a laboratory were added to the school, crystal radio sets were introduced, and 1930, which saw the first electric off-peak storage heaters, was the year when the New Hall was opened by the Princess Royal.

Various labs and classrooms contained different projects showing progress in health matters, the advance in transport and communications, the introduction of aircraft and, later, spacecraft, the first plastics and improvements in detergents, household gadgets and office equipment; all these were carefully arranged and labelled.

And, to add a touch of colour, the window sills along the corridors contained a display of roses developed in the last

90 years, ending with "Mary Rose", introduced only last year.

**Audio-visual production**

The girls themselves had put together an interesting audio-visual production, beginning with pictures of the earliest staff and girls, the school under snow, skating on the ice at Caversham Park, victorious lacrosse teams and many more.

It is no wonder the parents found it difficult to tear themselves away on Speech Day, and a pity the exhibition could not have been open to the people of Caversham, for it was a truly magnificent effort.

**Other Exhibitions**

In other parts of the school were exhibitions of costumes used in recently-produced plays, such as "Murder in the Cathedral", displays of old photos and classroom exhibitions, such as art and needlework.

**Westminster Abbey**

The other major event marking the anniversary was a service in Westminster Abbey; many readers will know that Queen Anne's was set up by the Grey Coat Foundation, originally established at Westminster.

The girls themselves, under the direction of the head of the music depart-

ment, provided a splendid choir. Lessons were read by Dr Hall, Chairman of Queen Anne's School Council and by Mr Clutton, Chairman of the Foundation, while the head girl, Philippa Burge, read from "The Testament of Beauty" by Robert Bridges. Miss Scott led the prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication while the Rev Neville Smith, the school chaplain led the acts of intercession.

The service ended by the singing of Queen Anne's School Vesper, written by an ex-pupil of the school; and then the bells of the Abbey Church rang out and the spectacular service came to an end.

**Postbag****PEACE MOVEMENT**

Dear Sir,

A prominent politician recently stated in public that the CND, just one branch of the many world-wide peace organisations, was a threat to peace, a statement I felt compelled to challenge, giving my opinion on how world peace might be achieved based on my understanding of Christ's teaching. I wrote to the MP concerned and following are the outstanding features of his reply, and my answer to them:

"Thank you for your letter in reply to mine of 23rd June. You show a lack of faith in Our Lord's teaching, and courage to follow it. In answer to my saying that we (of the Peace Movement) are fighting for total disarmament in accord with the code of conduct Christ laid down for all mankind to observe, to love God and our neighbour, Everyman, and all that that entails, you reply that you "do not agree that unilateral disarmament is the best way of doing so in the hope that the Soviet Union would do the same". That hope is not the first priority. It is that we be loyal and obedient to Our Lord's teaching mentioned above, hoping that other nations will follow suit, a rightful Christian hope based on faith! I do not believe that the Unilateral course would increase the danger of war, or that we might come under the domination of the Soviet Union as you suggest. A Christian's duty is to obey God and leave the result to Him, whatever our fears may be. Stocking ourselves with arms is perpetuating the old doctrine of "an eye for an eye", which Jesus repudiated".

Yours etc

H. D. MARSHALL  
164 Kidmore End Road  
Emmer Green

**'PUBLIC PRAYERS'**

Dear Editors,

I simply had to write to you to congratulate the Rev Graham Lynch-Watson on the "Talking Point" article — "Public Prayers" in the July issue of the "Bridge". His words echoed a number of my own thoughts which I have had from time to time, and it was most refreshing to read that a clergyman questions the rightness of the wording of some of our public prayers. For far too long these verses and responses have been uttered parrot fashion, like our learning of our multiplication tables at school, without any regard being had to what is actually being said. Thanks again Graham, your piece will have made those who read it stop and THINK.

I have found the "Bridge" to be a very newsworthy paper but one thing that is lacking is a monthly diary of the various fetes, jumble sales, and other fund raising events being held by the various churches and organisations in the Caversham Area. I love rummaging at jumble sales and fetes but too often I miss them because of poor publicity. Eds, can you remedy this.

Yours sincerely

PETE LITTLEWOOD  
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### Action Group saves trees

IT WAS a warm summer evening. The workmen taking up Prospect Street and putting up the Waitrose development had packed up and gone home a couple of hours ago but banging and clanging could still be heard in the centre of Caversham. What was going on?

Curious passers-by were drawn to St Martin's precinct where they soon discovered the source of the commotion. A dozen or more people, with the media in attendance, were busily employed in liberating the trees in the precinct forecourt. With hammers, chisels, and mallets and any other equipment from the tool box or garden shed that seemed appropriate they were easing up the bricks that had been laid right up to the tree trunks since Easter and attempting to release the trees trapped in six inches of hard concrete. The first task was effected with comparative ease and the surrounding beds were raked over and watered as adequately as the water available would allow.

The concrete posed a harder task and all

that proved possible was to knock four holes in each bed down as far as the earth, pour water in and hope that when the rain finally fell it would run down the holes. It was not possible to remove the concrete crammed against the trees with the equipment available.

Sundry passers-by joined in the efforts and two small boys playing in the car park eagerly ran to and fro collecting water from the loos to replenish the supply brought to the site in cars and containers. Those who got home in time were rewarded by seeing their efforts portrayed on Southern TV.

Who were these people? They were certainly not part of any organisation. For the most part they were just ordinary citizens who spend most of their time quietly minding their own business but who were incensed and frustrated at the cavalier attitude of St Martin's Property Corporation who for

months have shrugged off all requests to remove the bricks and concrete. When the word went along the bush telegraph they just turned up and did what they could.

The long dry summer has already done the trees no good but there is a reasonable chance now that one Holm oak and some of the horse chestnuts have been saved. The Holm oak and chestnuts in the concrete are still in danger and

afternoon flows so that traffic is piled up half-way along the IDR and virtually nothing is on the only lane in operation because the green phase is more than enough for what is going in the opposite direction. The only compensation is that once past the bottleneck it is straight ahead along the rest of Caversham Road instead of the usual nose-to-bumper crawl.

There are no specific plans for a bridge yet, but now is the time for the public to make clear what it wants or does not want. It is no use waiting till expensive plans are drawn up as experience teaches that it is usually too late then to make major changes.

#### STOP PRESS

VICTORY. Workmen arrived and removed the remaining concrete round the trees in St Martin's Precinct, a victory for the Borough Council and local residents.



Roadworks in Prospect Street

— E. S. Archer

the former in particular does not look too happy. St Martin's face the likelihood of proceedings under the Tree Preservation Act from the Borough Council who to their credit have pursued this matter through all channels available to them, but prompt action to save the trees became necessary. The rest must still be up to St Martin's.

#### Long delays likely

This is certainly the summer of the road works. There is scarcely a main road into Reading which is not the subject of major road works, not just your odd trench or hole but complete upheaval. The Caversham Road excavations offer little but frustration, particularly when the light phasing is not altered between morning and

The Prospect Street road works have provided the opportunity to test the advantages and disadvantages of a one-way system for Prospect Street and Westfield Road, though the nature of the road works has necessitated part of Gosbrook Road being one-way too, which makes for a long journey to reach the car parks. From a driver's point of view Westfield Road seems less hazardous. What do residents and pedestrians feel?

#### Third bridge

Put this date in your diaries. Caversham Residents' Association are organising a public meeting to be held on Monday, October 8, at Church House at 8pm. There will be speakers from Berkshire and, it is hoped Oxfordshire, County Councils.

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## ST ANNE'S NEWS

THE parish held a barbecue in the grounds of St Anne's School on Saturday July 7. The weather was gorgeous — it is for once no exaggeration to insist that the heat was sweltering: holes began to open up in the tarmac of the playground and chairs and tables had to be moved!

The Mayor, Councillor R. Jewitt, and Mayoress attended; she was presented with a bouquet by some of the children. The parish turned out in large numbers to enjoy the evening and the delicious barbecue supper; the more energetic and competitive engaged in a children v parents rounders match.

As the parish bulletin later summarised: "Although the purpose was first of all social, the numbers ensured a good profit..."

A sale of clothes "And all sorts of things" was held the following Saturday in aid of the parish development fund. The weather was less glorious, but as the event was held in the school hall, serious bargain hunters were undeterred and brisk business was done in an atmosphere of goodwill and (slightly) of moth-

balls. Trading closed at £138.

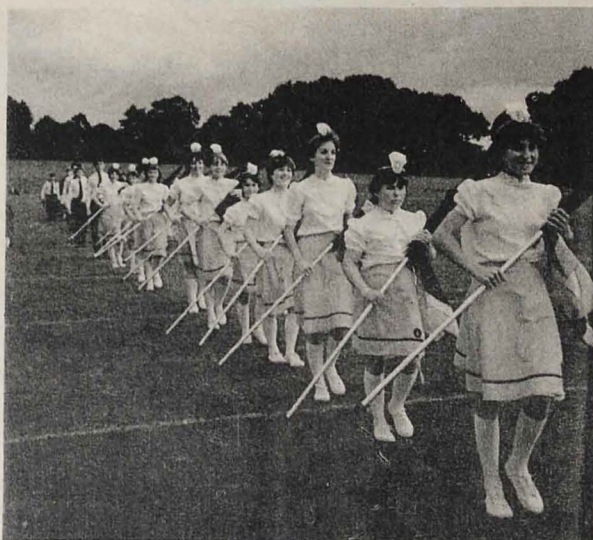
### Mrs Turney 1948-1984

A party was held at the school on Tuesday July 22 to mark Mrs Turney's retirement — from Junior IV and from long devoted service as a teacher at St Anne's. There were moving speeches from Father Meagher and Mrs Thorpe, and Mrs Turney was presented with a unique three-dimensional picture of St Anne's, especially commissioned for the occasion from Carmelite nuns. Pupils, ranging in vintage from the very earliest days of Mrs Turney at the school to the present day, attended, adding gifts and flowers to the many tributes.

In addition School Mass was said for Mrs Turney two days later, appropriately on the Feast of St Anne as well as the last day of the school year. Then back to festivities, as a very special lunch appeared to be in preparation when I visited St Anne's that day, to gather eye witness accounts for the above report.

### Heights Chapel

A large group of capable and enthusiastic parishioners assembled to tackle the redecoration of the chapel. Their efforts were crowned with great success and with praise from Fr Meagher, both for the skill displayed — and for the expense spared. The redecoration of St Anne's is next on the list...



"The Ambassadors" Girls' Colour Party.

— Eunice Cooper

## GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

AUGUST is here and the holiday season is upon us. The Texan's holiday and exchange is over and we welcome Rev Herbert and Mrs Olive-Mae Glenn to Caversham from Pontiac, Michigan, USA. Herbert and Olive-Mae will be spending a few days with friends in Caversham before moving on to Wales, Lincoln, Brighton and then to the Continent.

Rev Milton and Mrs Ann Chester were given a good send off from the Caversham churches, when a Buffet supper was served after the Texan style evening service. Milton and Ann were presented with a specially commissioned picture of the Gosbrook Road Church by senior steward, David Herbert. Mrs Jo Nicholls, representing Caversham

Heights church, gave them a Methodist Hymn Book, two books of old Caversham, and a map of old Oxfordshire which included Caversham.

The 1st Caversham Boy's Brigade Company are off to camp for a week to Sidmouth in Devon, a good programme has been arranged for the boys and girls. It is hoped to have some time of fellowship with Rev Terry Harris and his wife Julia, who now live near Exeter, during their weeks camp in Devon.

The Boy's Brigade band "The Ambassadors" have been to two competitions recently. At Sandy in Bedfordshire the Bell section won the Mallet trophy and at Hemel Hempstead the girls won the Colour Guard Award.

Well done everyone. During the winter the girls are hoping to compete in the Winter Guard Competitions, which are set indoors to taped music. This is a new venture for The Ambassadors and we wish them well.

The Methodist Churches in Caversham are delighted to welcome Rev Brian Skinner, his wife Barbara and their daughter Judith to Caversham, when Brian takes up his appointment on September 1. Brian will be working with Rev Ralph Rogerson to form a team ministry north of the river.

We wish Brian and Barbara and Judith every blessing as they join the Methodist Churches in Caversham, and the wider fellowship of Christians epitomised by the "Bridge".

## ST JOHN'S NOTES

ALAN Wilson, St John's priest-in-charge, married Lucy Richards on July 14 at Eynsham. Lucy has visited St John's many times in her vacations, helped with youth work and sung in the choir. All are very happy to welcome her, now that St John's House is her home.

St John's Guides/Scouts/Brownies/Cubs held their annual fete on July 7. It was such a blazingly hot day that bars of chocolates, set out for prizes, had to be taken off the stall and put in the shade before they melted. Generosity from many people and ingenuity by the children and their leaders had stocked a variety of stalls, cakes, groceries, plants, books, handicrafts, white elephant and tombola. Possibly the most popular sideshow was throwing wet sponges at the clown, although children — of all ages — found it very satisfying to smash crockery in a good cause. It did not matter that a double quantity of ice cream had been ordered by mistake — there was no difficulty selling it.

Nicest of all was the happy atmosphere, with everybody willing to do whatever was necessary. At the end everything was taken down, litter picked up and the grounds made tidy in record time. £327 was raised altogether — a really splendid result.

Two former leaders, Mrs Turner from the Guides, and Mr Emmons from the Scouts, came to the fete, and were warmly and affectionately welcomed by the present leaders and the children. Mrs Turner was presented with a commemorative badge.

St John's are grateful for all the hard work, and free use of their time and talents the youth leaders give to their jobs — it is a never ending work. Immediately after the fete they began to plan the summer camps.

St John's want to thank Mrs Joan Jones who has helped to clean the brass for sixteen years. Joan has moved to the Isle of Wight now she has married again, and it is to Mrs Joan Redwood that good wishes and thanks are sent.

## GOSPEL SINGERS

ON SATURDAY, October 13 at 7pm in the Baptist Church in Caversham the Gospel Singers will be presenting an evening of evangelistic music, with guest artistes Dorothy and David North, together with a group of talented musicians. We hope you will help fill the church, as

this is the first such service the Gospel Singers have given. They are working hard to give a varied and interesting programme to make the evening a success. Admission is free, so try to be with us, bringing your friends and neighbours along — all will be made very welcome.



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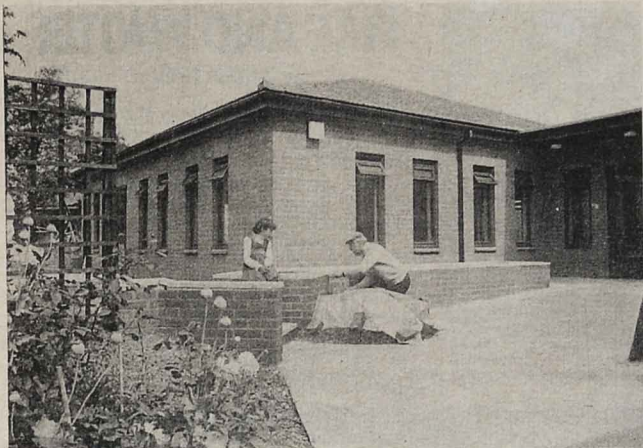
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# ROUND THE CHURCHES



Finishing touches to the new extension at the Chapel-on-the-Hill

— P. Sear



Some of the mums and children who enjoyed the Cherubim picnic in the Rectory garden in July.

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL

YES, a new contributor to "Round the Churches"! Caversham Hill Chapel, for those of you who do not know, stands in Peppard Road, near the branch with Buckingham Drive. Many people puzzle over exactly what "denomination" we are. Well, we are affiliated to the F.I.E.C. (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches). So — we are a free church.

Month by month we hope to share something of what God is doing amongst us, as a group of His people. Looking around the churches, it is clear that Jesus is building His Church, and by sharing news of what He is doing,

we can all be encouraged.

As you know, back in November we began work on our new worship hall. Well, we've come a long way since the last photo in Caversham Bridge of the foundation digging in progress! Since then the builder has come, erected a fine building, and gone. The Lord has provided all the money to pay the bills, for which we praise Him. All that remains is to complete the decoration and garden, and we will be able to worship in comfort. If all goes according to plan, we will be using the building by September. It will be nice not to feel like sardines!

The whole project has been hard work, but we have known from the start that this was God's project, clearly commissioned by Him. Because of this, we look forward with excitement to see how He will use this building in the extension and building up of His Kingdom.

Why not come up and see for yourselves!

### The Castle of Adventure

Over the October half-term (October 29-November 2) we will be having a holiday Bible club at the chapel. So, if you have children at primary school, we would love them to come along.

More details next month!

## 'SIXTEEN PLUS'

IF YOU have been driving up Peppard Road past Budgen's Supermarket recently on a Friday evening or Saturday afternoon you may have seen twenty or so young people handing out leaflets, talking to passers-by, and singing and even dancing to the Lord. They are not as you may think, members of some strange sect, but part of Caversham Hill Chapel: the young people's fellowship there known as "Sixteen Plus".

In less than five years 16+ has grown from an original membership of eight

to a current membership in excess of forty. Most of the members know the Lord and are committed to the Chapel so the work of the 16+ is complementary. Its purpose is to help members in their lives with God, to encourage them to help and pray for one another, and to spread the good news about Jesus. To this end they meet together once a week after the Sunday evening worship at the Chapel, and also for social activities (sometimes with other church youth groups) including sports nights, mid-

night hikes, and ice skating evenings, and they have been on holiday together for two weekends in the past year. Three newcomers to the group have each turned to Jesus for themselves this year, and there are regular visitors of interested young people from the "Day-break" drop-in centre in Reading.

And outside Budgen's? Simple: God told them that the local shoppers need to hear about Jesus too, and to see the joy in Christians living and knowing Him every day.

## CHERUBIM

By Suzy Robinson

THE "Cherubim" service for babies and pre-school children with their mums, grannies or dads, is held at St Peter's on Thursdays at 2.30pm during school term time. Services last term were held from

May to July, ending with a picnic party in the Rectory garden, at which we were blessed with a glorious, sunny afternoon.

We try to provide a form of worship which the children understand and in which they can

actually participate (even the babies join in with help from Mum). The service lasts for twenty to thirty minutes and for those who wish to stay, is followed by tea, juice and biscuits, with a playtime

for children and a chat for mums.

The services will start again on September 20, when we hope you will join us. If you would like to know more please phone Mrs Suzy Robinson on Reading 478371.

## ST MARGARET'S NEWS

THE Anglican summer patronal festivals ended on July 20 with the celebration of St Margaret's Day at Mapledurham. Ever blessed, there were no problems over where the refreshments should be held — out of doors as usual. No problems either with the refreshments themselves, they were as tempting as ever and enough to feed the one hundred plus members of St Margaret's and their friends from other churches.

The little family of wagtails, who nest annually in the porch added their voices to the service in spite of their traumatic experience the Saturday before. In the fevered haste of spring cleaning their nest was taken down from a beam as it was thought to be an old one. Not until it was on its way to the dustbin was it discovered there were young inside so hurriedly it was put into an upturned flower pot

and returned to its rightful place. In spite of much worry on the part of the springcleaners all was well and all the babies were cheerfully chirping away the following Thursday when the flower decorators came down to decorate the church for the festival with their usual floral skill.

The congregation have been delighted

to welcome back to Mapledurham Mr and Mrs Matthews who were spending a few days holiday locally. It was lovely to see them again; also Liz Neilon and her family back from the Middle East for a few weeks. It is also good to welcome visitors to the holiday park at Mapledurham. Several families on holiday have shared in the Sunday worship.

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## FIRE AND WATER

By James Archer

ON SATURDAY July 14th plenty of goodies. 7 St Barnabas' teenagers held a barbecue after the barbecue there was a treasure hunt around the garden and later people evening weather was cooled off with a fine and warm, and water fight (rather there was plenty of one sided!) between food for everyone — the youngsters and beefburgers and sausages sizzling over the fire (and sometimes wet. It was all great catching fire!) and fun.



Smoke gets in your eyes... cooking sausages at St Barnabas' barbecue



— E. S. Archer



— P. J. Bean

## VISIT TO MAYOR'S PARLOUR

AMERICAN Methodist Minister the Rev Milton Chester and his wife Ann, who are from Texas on an exchange visit with Caversham Minister, the Rev Ralph Rogerson, were entertained at the Mayor's Parlour on July 17. The Chesters were shown the silver plate and the Coat of Arms. They were very interested in the Civic Chains of Office and the numerous gifts from visitors.

The photograph shows (from left to right) The Rev Milton Chester, Mr Hehir, the Mace Bearer, Mr E. W. Curling (Gosbrook Methodist Church) Mrs Ann Chester and Mrs J. M. Nicholls (Caversham Heights Methodist Church).

## A BEVY OF BABES

MR RALPH Rogerson and Mrs Pamela Postles (Cradle Roll Secretary) with the parents of the five babies christened at Caversham Heights Methodist Church during the morning service on Sunday June 10

## CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH NEWS

A FIFTH Sunday in the month presents Caversham Park Church with a problem and an opportunity — what to do? First and third Sundays are Family Communion according to Rite "A"

of the Anglican Alternative Service Book. On second and fourth Sundays there is Morning Worship along broadly non-

conformist lines. Fifth Sundays provide an opportunity to experiment and on July 29 with Graham Lynch-Watson "playing away" at St Andrew's and St John's the congregation relied on its own resources.

The theme chosen as a focus for worship was water, particularly appropriate for two reasons. It had been studied for several weeks by the children in their Sunday Circle meetings and it coincided with the African Drought Appeal being held that day in all Caversham churches. Michael Benford and his team led the congregation in considering the central part water plays in sustaining life and the Christian symbolism of water. Three guitars supplemented the piano and the Sunday Circle children were given tambourines and maracas to make their musical contribution.

Fifth Sundays a problem? No definitely an opportunity!

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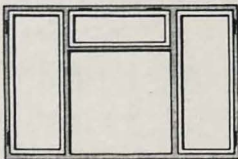
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# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I WAS interested to see in last month's "Bridge" mention of people who feed the birds on the river because it's only now that I've been able to track down Phyllis Weston, though people have been telling me about her for ages. I was told she fed the ducks every day at 1pm at the Wolsey Road river entrance, so I took myself down one day and to my surprise saw ducks gathering at the bank; a few minutes later Mrs Weston appeared, together with her dog, six-year-old Cindy.

She tells me she's been doing this every day since before they had Cindy and as her husband, unfortunately, is an invalid, even holidays don't interfere with the ducks' feast. Even the winter snows don't deter her and she's invested in a pair of Wellingtons for these occasions. As she says, it's even more important then, when often the ducks are so

desperate they come up the road to meet her.

Phyllis, who lives at 25 North Street, also shops for elderly and invalid neighbours. Incidentally, although she usually has a plentiful supply of bread and cakes and seldom has to buy any, she'd be glad of any left on her doorstep at any time.

## Shop Signs

Last month I mentioned an unexpected giggle over a shop sign. I may say that my reaction on hearing there was a sale in the bargain clothes shop in Church Street — where prices are always low anyway — must have been forestalled. Across the shop window, in big letters across the SALE notice, were a

couple of comments — "OH NO, YOU CAN'T", followed by "OH YES WE CAN". And it seems they can.

## Closing Down

I'm really sorry I'm not a DIY fanatic because I've been missing out on one of the friendliest shopkeepers in the district. Hearing that the shop by the flats in Gosbrook Road was closing, I went to see who, why, when and where and met Yorkshire-born Chris Suddaby, who has been running the shop for the last five years. He couldn't have been more welcoming, particularly as he's a regular reader of the "Bridge". Alas he tells me the day of the small DIY shops are numbered and, after a

fairly successful start, he's reluctantly come to the conclusion that the business doesn't pay. What he'll do now — and he's done many things in his life — is anyone's guess, but since he and his wife, Kathleen, a lecturer at Henley Technical College, live in Emmer Green, we hope to have news of his future activities.

## Concrete Bashing

As a confirmed "demonstrator," often against considerable opposition, it was nice, for once, to have almost everybody on our side on the occasion of the concrete bashing in St Martin's Precinct. Several people passing joined in, including a reporter from a local paper and a gentleman from

London, visiting the district, who, having missed two trains, said "My wife's never going to believe this!" Let's hope our action has gone some way to save the lives of these trees.

## Thanks Mrs Besley

It's a good thing I sometimes read the "Bridge" as well as write for it because otherwise I wouldn't have known that Mrs Besley was giving up her job as Central Organiser of the Good Neighbour Scheme. She's been doing it ever since the Scheme started 19 years ago, and with several changes in local managers and all that entailed, I've been wondering just how much longer she herself could go on. She's done a grand job and many a Caversham resident, probably without even knowing Pat Besley, has reason to be grateful for her services. She certainly deserves our thanks.

# COMMEMORATION

ON JULY 14, 1909 Hemdean House School held a grand fete in the grounds. Chinese lanterns hung in the trees, a band played on the lawn, the girls gave a dancing display and everyone who was anyone was there to congratulate Miss Matilda Knighton on her fifty years as principal of the school she had opened in 1859.

## 75 years later

On July 14, 1984 a rather less formal tea party, in keeping with these less formal times, was held at the school to commemorate the hundred and twenty-fifth

anniversary of its opening. Earlier in the afternoon a service of thanksgiving was held at St Peter's Church which has always been part of the school's life from the very beginning. The Rector conducted the service and Canon Grimwade returned to dedicate a memorial stone to Miss Olivey, headmistress from 1926 to 1972, without whose tireless work the school would not be existing today. Her sister and members of her family were present to share in this happy occasion.

Back too was the Rev "Bindy" Shaylor, in fine form, to give

the address in which he recalled his days in the prep. department when Dolly Olivey, as she was then known, was the energetic head girl and hockey captain. Later she was to put all this energy and enthusiasm into being first a pupil teacher, then a teacher and soon at the age of twenty eight, the headmistress. She was in the words of the first reading, one of those whose "name liveth for ever more", and even the youngest of his listeners remembered that they too had it in them to become the salt of the earth.

## Tea — Victorian style

Then it was back to school where tea had been set out in Victorian style, with of course cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponge and Dundee cake. The sheep's ears en croustade and quail pie, complete with quail's head sticking out through the pastry, unfortunately succumbed to the close weather and had to be banished.

An exhibition with photographs going back to the early 1860's was a great attraction, and although there was no one around to remember the earliest pictures, the age range of those present ranged from people in their eighties to those who had only recently left school, all eager to see once more what they looked like in their school days. Four of the seven Cooke brothers who had been at the school in Miss Knighton and Miss Kennet's time were thoroughly enjoying themselves as were the ladies who had once been their seven year old girl friends.

ery, where Miss Kennet is also commemorated. Several past pupils recalled this remarkable woman who was largely responsible for running the school in Miss Knighton's latter years. Her dangling ear rings, as she bent over to explain a point, seem to have made a lasting impression on more than one child. Who knows what present day pupils may recall in another fifty years' time?

The story of Hemdean House is still available at £1.80 from Caversham Bookshop or from the school (£2 by post).

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## Chazey WI

AT THE meeting in July Mrs Baverstock gave an entertaining talk about silhouettes and their history. Thousands of years ago shapes were traced on to cave walls to preserve the image of loved ones, and were the equivalent of photographs today. Later candles were used to throw a shape on to white paper and black chalk was used to make the shape which was then cut out and could be decorated with Chinese white and gold leaf. These would have been full-size but when the pantograph was invented which is still used today by draughtsmen to enlarge or reduce drawings, it was possible to make miniature silhouettes. These were very popular at the court of George III and an artist lived at Windsor Castle and made silhouettes of all the court.

Mrs Baverstock then showed examples of life-size and miniature heads of famous people which could easily be recognised by their silhouette.

Mrs Baverstock went on to tell the meeting how she became interested in silhouettes, hoping to make a collection of her own, but found them too expensive. So she started making her own. A visit to the flagship Victory gave her the idea of putting miniature silhouettes into paperweights. The firm who made the weights were very interested and now they are sold in stately homes, museums and through

mail-order catalogues. She had also met many interesting peoples through making silhouettes. Her collection includes silhouettes of many heads of state which are obtained by sending them with a letter asking for them to be autographed and returned.

In August a conducted tour of the historic inns of London was made by coach by members who were not on holiday at the time.

## Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

THE speaker at the July meeting was Mrs D. Gardiner the founder of the Gardiner Nursing Agency. The agency started with a very small number of nurses and now with its high reputation for excellence of service has branches country-wide. The competition for the Danish open sandwich was won by Mrs Russell with a much admired

creation of a spinning top. The charity coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs D. Stockwell and raised £15. There is no meeting in August but the annual Garden Party was held on August 9 in the garden of our chairman Mrs Dora Smith. It is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend what promises to be a most enjoyable afternoon.

# ROUND THE CLUBS

## Blagrove WI

MEMBERS and several visitors were welcomed to the July Meeting by the President, Mrs M. Popplewell. A detailed report on the WI Annual General Meeting, held at the Royal Albert Hall in June was given by Mrs Fisher, delegate, from Whitchurch Hill.

Guest Speaker of the afternoon was Mrs Wilkie, whose interesting talk on "Canvas Embroidery" was well illustrated by the many examples of her own work, showing the effective use of colour, different stitches and design which can be obtained. Instruction was also given members on the types of canvas, frames and wool to be used. Mrs Wilkie was warmly thanked by Mrs Thomas on behalf of the members.

An afternoon Tea Party, held in the home of a Committee member had been well attended on a lovely June day and was enjoyed by all.

## Emmer Green

### Townswomen's Guild

THE Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild met in July at St Barnabas Church Hall, Emmer Green. Members of the Guild were fortunate in having lovely weather, in which to enjoy a successful visit to Merrydown Winery and Eastbourne. A garden party was planned to raise funds to support the Dhaka Children's Unit, for the Save the Children Fund. Members were asked to save twenty pence pieces.

Mrs M. Fryer, Chairman of the Federation of the Berkshire and North Hampshire Guilds, spoke on the formation and aims of the Townswomen's Guild. The introduction of a Ladies Discussion Group, in Kensington, in 1865 led to the formation of the Guild, when women had become aware of their rights and wished to be educated. During the

First World War, women proved that they had a marvellous capacity for organisation and eventually gained the vote, in 1919. The movement took the Women's Institute as a model and built a similar organisation, which increased rapidly.

The strength of the movement is that the voice of the Townswomen is carefully listened to.

## Rosehill WI

MISS Vincent, the President, welcomed members at the July meeting. After the usual business she introduced the speaker, Mr Robert Gillmor, whose subject was "East African Wildlife", which he illustrated with slides. These were excellent. Members also saw some of his paintings, even more beautiful; what talent was enjoyed that

afternoon. The competition for the highest number of different articles to be put into a matchbox was won by Mrs Drewery.

## Maplewood WI

AT THE July meeting the President, Mrs Joy le Mare, introduced the speaker, Mrs J. Martin, who related some of her experiences as a physiotherapist. After her three years' training she spent a considerable time in hospitals in Colombia and Peru, returning after some seventeen years to work at Borocourt Hospital. Mrs Martin is now at the Sue Ryder home in Nettlebed, and members were most interested to hear of the loving care given to the patients. Mrs S. Vinal gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for a collection of wild grasses was won by Mrs June Jelliffe. Members greatly enjoyed a recent mystery coach tour, and a very successful coffee morning was held in the garden of Mrs Diana Appleton.

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## ROUND THE CLUBS

### Caversham WI

AT THE July meeting a very interesting talk was given by two representatives of the local branch of Marks and Spencer, Francine Pepper, Assistant Staff Manager, and Nick Bullock, Departmental Manager.

They told a little of the history of the firm and something of the present organisation, particularly regarding the local branch which ranks as No. 18 out of the 260 branches in England and Ireland. Members heard of the excellent staff welfare care, of contributions to charitable causes and of plans for future expansion. The speakers stressed that such talks were helpful to the firm as it was a way of gauging customers' opinions and wishes.

Mrs Harvey, the group's conference delegate, reported back on the AGM and spoke of the expansion of the WI movement; 150 new institutes were formed last year alone, she said.

Instead of the usual competition, members brought along their favourite head-carves to give a colourful display.

### Caversham Darby and Joan Club

OWING to the illness of the leader of the club a new leader, Mrs Margaret Ebbs, had been appointed in her place. July began with a talk by the chief probation

officer. The death was announced with regret of Mrs Jones who had been a member of the Club for many years.

Members visited Southsea for a day out, stopping at Fareham Hall at Fareham for a coffee break, then on to Southsea to spend the day finishing with a high tea at South Parade Pier.

The club has now moved to Church House and will restart on September 5; they thank Mr and Mrs Bacon for their hospitality in these last few months and wish them every success in the future.

### Caversham Community Association

THE first meeting in July was for a Bring and Buy evening. Members brought groceries and household articles for sale in aid of club funds. Margaret Cameron, assisted by Vicki Scheel, conducted the auction. The amount raised was £15.96. A nearly new stall was also held as customary on the first Monday in the month.

An outdoor games evening had been arranged on July 9 but the weather was unsettled and it was decided to have indoor games in the clubroom. Skittles, table tennis and shove ha'penny were some of the games played in friendly competition. Ted Howard, the Vice-President, kindly collected the fish and chip supper which had been ordered for

the members. Everyone enjoyed the meal and had a pleasant evening.

The Beetle Drive held the following week was won by Leslie Lunn. Joan Tarrant received the consolation prize.

Margaret Cameron, the club's Chairman, welcomed Mrs Doris Lawrence, the Deputy Mayor of Reading, to the club on July 23. Mrs Lawrence gave an interesting account of her year as Mayor of Reading, an office she recently relinquished. Her great interests were with children and old people and their visits to the Mayor's Parlour were happy occasions to remember. The visit to Dusseldorf and a meeting with Princess Anne were both enjoyable experiences.

Members of the club gave an entertainment at the Gypsy Supper on July 30. They sang appropriate songs and acted in amusing sketches with May Plant as producer. Nancy Nelhams was the accompanist at the piano and Ted Howard the MC. After the show supper was served of bread, cheese and pickled onions. Members were asked to come in traditional gypsy costumes. Evelyn Wallis was awarded first prize for her colourful costume.

### St Peter's Wives

THE story of Dr Scholl was told by Michael O'Grady, Manager of the Scholl Shoe Shop in Reading, at the Wives' meeting in July. As an

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After their summer break, St Peter's Wives meet on September 18 to hear about the work of the Sue Ryder Foundation.

### Caversham Ladies Club

THE July meeting was held in the Baptist Church Centre, with Mrs May Harwood in the chair.

After the usual business session the club was entertained by the Reading Afternoon Townswomen's Guild Music Group

with a selection of songs from the Shows. These were very much enjoyed by all the members who were invited to join in where possible.

The club will be closed for August, reopening September 13.



— Peter Sear

Mr Brian Howarth, Miss Sylvia Newton and Miss Alice Alder

Highdown says farewell to three founding members of staff

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6.30pm Evensong (not August 12 or 26)

### St John's

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.00am Children's Service (1st Sunday)

### St Andrew's

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.15am Holy Communion (not 3rd Sunday)  
11.15am Matins (3rd Sunday)  
6.30pm Evensong (not August 5 or 19)

### St Barnabas'

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
6.30pm Evensong (2nd Sunday)

### St Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)  
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## OBITUARY — JOE BUNCE

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Joe — Joe Bunce — had worked for 33 years for Cliffords Dairies and had spent the last 12 on rounds in north Emmer Green and Binfield Heath. Although not a resi-

dent there he had made himself very much a part of the Emmer Green scene. He impressed everyone by his helpfulness and integrity.

In his late 50's, he died from a heart attack just before he was due to return to work after his holidays. His funeral was held at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst on Tuesday, August 2. He leaves a widow and three sons to whom we extend love and sympathy in their sad loss.

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