



# CARNIVAL OF PRAISE

## BEAUTIFUL FEET AGAIN!

ABOUT 500 beautiful feet marched through the streets of Caversham on May 21st, the eve of Pentecost, to proclaim in song, words and action that 'Jesus is Alive!' The procession began in Caversham Court and processed through the heart of Caversham and finished up on the meadows by the Thames. The marchers were from the churches of Caversham. On the route, prayers were offered for the community and our country.



'Make Way' — May 1988

N. Wright



'The Carnival of Praise' — on the Promenade

E.S. Archer



'From the lips of children, You have ordained praise.'

N. Wright



'Tell out my soul...'

N. Wright



Sing Praises

E.S. Archer



'Carnival of Praise' May 1988

E.S. Archer



# TALKING POINT

By Rev. Alan Wilson

Priest-in-Charge St John's



## ERIC HUDDY'S CATECHISM BOOK

MANY Precious things have been brought to St John's in our centenary year, including one especially full of human interest. Generously loaned by Miss E. M. Huddy, it is the Catechism book of Eric Huddy, a choirboy at St John's in the class of 1908. With it comes a sepia picture of Eric, resplendent in cassock, surplice, Eton collar and bow tie.

The handwritten book records, in his own words, what Eric learnt in the catechism class eighty years ago. It is a snapshot of its writer, and of the teaching of the Revd Walter Bolders, my predecessor in 1908.

The faith it records is straightforward and practical. "God wants us to do his will and all things that happen are meant to teach us. When God thinks we have learnt enough He will take us into heaven."

The most obvious thing about the book is the care with which it was bound and kept. It suggests that in Lent "We ought to give the money we would have spent on luxuries to God". Precious few luxuries for a boy in Caversham in 1908 compared to his counterpart today. And yet Eric Huddy took enough pride in his book to prepare and bind it to last for the rest of his life.

Eric Huddy's knowledge of the Bible was way ahead of most contestants on modern panel games — not only texts to illustrate every point, but stories. Old as well as New Testament — Gehazi and Elisha in Dothan along with Noah, Moses, Aaron and Daniel.

Along with stories from Scripture, the book contains, in Eric Huddy's own words, accounts of the saints — Augustine of Canterbury, Aidan, Chad and Bede. The message is illustrated throughout from Scripture, and from hymns and psalms Eric must have known and used in the choir.

The book sees life as an adventure, to be approached in faith and hope. "Being content does not mean not trying to get higher. It is right to do this. We must learn and labour truly."

Truthfulness was greatly encouraged. That left no room for lies and boasting. The book reflects the wonder of travel away from their own streets to Lower Caversham children eighty years ago. Among the worst infringements of the ninth commandment we are told that "Children who have been to any place often make out that it was ever so much better than it really was."

Mr Bolders stressed honesty, thrift, and respect. Members of the class were also taught to obey their parents, and not to waste "time when we have been paid for working it."

Sunday is said to be "a holy and a happy day". "The fourth commandment forbids laziness on Sunday... It also forbids travelling or shopping on Sunday, for it makes others work. If nobody went by train on Sunday they would not be needed to drive them."

Above all, the class was taught practical religion — to trust in God's grace and providence. After recording how manna was for eating not storing, Eric concludes "we must not worry about tomorrow but trust in God. Yet we must not spend all we have and say 'it does not matter God will provide for tomorrow' because most likely He will not... We need God's grace to make us strong to do right."

Presumption could take the form of trying too hard as well as not trying hard enough. "Our Lord Jesus Christ fasted for forty days and nights. If we were to do this we should die, and God would be angry with us for taking our lives which he has given us. But if we want to be like our Lord we can give up something we like very much instead..."

Above all, the book teaches the importance of receiving God's grace in the Sacraments. It is not a question of improving yourself by your own efforts, but of letting God's Holy Spirit transform you as you are fed by Him in Holy Communion.

"it seems impossible that a tram-car can go by its self but with the help of the electricity it can do so. But the car must join itself to the wire before it can receive the power."

Of course there is much that dates the book — that is half its charm. Eric was very impressed by the way in which missionaries gave up their lives for God and others, but laments the fact that "some people who go to heathen parts of the world only teach the people bad habits such as drinking."

With all this, the book contains some shafts of clear light which have not aged in the same way. "Some people think forgiveness is just letting off punishment. It is not though. Forgiveness is letting them off punishment and making friends again."

The book contains good theology, too. When Jesus ascended into heaven, "He not only took back to heaven His Godly nature but our human nature too."

The strength of St John's down the years has been the work of God's grace in thousands of ordinary people's lives. This book bears witness in a way which is sometimes quaint but rings true, to a gospel written on human hearts.

Reading Eric Huddy's Catechism of 1908 poses the only question that really matters in a centenary year. How faithful are we to our vision of God, and to his grace in our hearts, as we have received it?

## ST. PETERTIDE FESTIVAL

A Celebration in Flowers and Music

29th June—2nd July 1988

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CAVERSHAM

SUNG EUCHARIST Wednesday 8pm  
(Preceded by Refreshments in the Rectory Garden from 6pm)

FLOWER DISPLAYS Thursday 10am-6pm  
Friday 9am-11am  
1pm-4pm

MUSIC FOR ORGAN & CHOIR Saturday 10am-4pm  
Friday 8pm

AN EVENING OF HOMEGROWN ENTERTAINMENT Saturday 7.30pm

## POSTBAG

Dear Sirs,

Who says the new Hotel and boathouse are ugly? As a regular visitor to Caversham court, I don't think so and I enclose this photo to redress the balance of the one printed in the June 'Bridge'.

Yours faithfully,

N. Wright



Walton Adams

Miss Susan Hardy and Mr Steven Williams after their marriage at St Peter's Church.

## CAVERSHAM CLERGY

### ANGLICAN

The Rev Richard Kingsbury, Caversham Rectory, Church Road. Tel: 479130.  
The Rev Alan Wilson, St John's House, 9 South View Avenue. Tel: 471814.  
The Rev Adrian Dorber, 33 Grove Road, Emmer Green. Tel: 473095.  
The Rev Paul Kenchington, 51 Galsworthy Drive. Tel: 475152.  
The Rev Peter Mullins, 25 Ilkley Road, Caversham. Tel: 472070

### BAPTIST

The Rev Dennis Weller, 80 Balmore Drive. Tel: 478668.  
The Rev Dr Philip Egglestone, 324B Hemdean Road. Tel: 470554.

### METHODIST

The Rev Keith Sanders, 72 Highmoor Road. Tel: 472223.  
The Rev Brian Skinner, 48 All Hallows Road, Caversham. Tel: 482530.

### UNITED REFORMED

The Rev David Clark, 41 Highmoor Road. Tel: 471909.

### CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

The Rev Chris Justice, 119 Peppard Road. Tel: 474529.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

The Rev Thomas Meagher, The Presbytery, 2 South View Avenue. Tel: 471787.

(For Caversham Park Village)

The Rev Cecil Keane, 18 Peppard Road, Sonning Common. Tel: 723418.

The newspaper produced by members of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches of Caversham and Mabledurham for the local community.

EDITORS: Mrs Margaret Bailey, Mr Eric Chappell, Mr John Mullaney, Mr Nigel Wright, c/o Church House, 59 Church Street, Caversham. Tel: 471703.

ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER: Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham, RG4 7PE. Tel: 471816.

CIRCULATION MANAGER: Mr R. Kitcher, 8 Blenheim Road, Caversham, RG4 7RS. Tel: 472660.

COMPANY SECRETARY: Mr H. Pilgrim, 64 Highmoor Road, Caversham, RG4 7BG. Tel: 474017.

POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER: Miss E. Stark, 36 Auburn Court, Caversham. Tel: 473045.

All contributions for August issue should be sent to Church House, by noon on Wednesday July 6.

All advertising copy should be sent to Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham, by Friday July 1.

The dates for September are August 3 and July 29.

The Editors wish to make it clear that the views expressed in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the board.

Published by Caversham Christian News Ltd, Church Street, Caversham, Reading. Telephone: Reading 471703.

Printed by Thames Valley Newspapers Ltd, Tessa Road, Reading.



# COLOURS FOR ALL SEASONS

A SHORT EXHIBITION WAS RECENTLY HELD AT MAPLEDURHAM HOUSE, when some of their ecclesiastical vestments were on show. The silk used was around 300 years old. Of particular interest was a chasuble, together with the other priestly pieces — a stole, maniple, veil and burse — in rose pink. This rose pink was used on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and the 4th in Lent (Mothering Sunday). We are grateful to the SPCK for their permission to reprint from A Companion to the Alternate Service Book by R.C.D. Jasper and Paul F. Bradshaw this short chapter on liturgical colours.



"For many centuries there seems to have been little or no significance in the colour of hangings and vestments, except perhaps a preference for white — a colour associated with purity and referred to in Scripture e.g. Revelation 3.4-5. Not until the twelfth century was there any evidence of an attempt to lay down an order found in the use of the Augustinian Canons of the Latin Church at Jerusalem. They prescribed a se-

quence of colours even for a single festival; at Christmas black vestments were to be used at the first mass, red at the second and white at the third, while the best frontal was to be hung over the altar irrespective of its colour. Such sequences were at first local and informal; but what evidence there is suggests that it was customary to use simply the best at great festivals. In the East there was no definite rules about colours, although white appears to have been general for festivals, and more sombre colours for penitential seasons.

Colour sequences gradually emerged in the medieval West. Innocent III (1198-1216) drew up one sequence, proposing white for festivals, red for martyrs, black for penitential seasons and green for ferial occasions. But these sequences still tended to be local. In England, for example, places like York, Westminster, Salisbury and Lincoln all made different arrangements. In Rome, Pius V laid down a general sequence in 1570:

Violet/Blue/Black: Advent, Septuagesima to Ash Wednesday, Funerals.

White/Gold: Christmas to Epiphany, Easter, Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints who are not Martyrs, Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, Marriage, Dedication.

Green: Sundays after Epiphany, Sundays after Trinity, ordinary weekdays.

Red/Rose: Passion Sunday to Easter Eve. Red: Pentecost, Apostles, Evangelists, Martyrs.

Colours Veiled: Lent.

But even with this formal sequence, regional variations still tended to continue.



The Reformed Churches generally rejected colour as an adjunct to worship, but where colours were introduced — among Lutherans and Anglicans, for example — more often than not the 1570 Roman sequences was followed. Anglican colour requirements were certainly minimal. In 1549 the priest was ordered to wear at Eucharist "a white alb plain, with a vestment or cope." And in the canons of 1603 Canon 24 ordered the celebrant at cathedrals and collegiate churches

to wear a coloured cope over a plain alb: but specific colours were not mentioned.

The Laudians in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries certainly wore coloured vestments; most clergy, however, were content to follow Canon 58, which prescribed the surplice, an academic hood and a black tippet as the vestments to be worn at divine service and at the administration of the sacraments.

From the middle of the nineteenth century liturgical colours were increasingly used in the Church of England, although Evangelicals regarded them as a sign of Popery. With the Liturgical Movement a new approach to colours began to be adopted, basing them on mood rather than on conformity to a rigid pattern. There was an inclination, for example, to use drab colours for penitential seasons, white and gold for festivals, red for martyrs and green and yellow for growth and renewal. The Roman *Ordo Missae* of 1969 generally reaffirmed these principles, but made them a little more detailed. Thus red was used for Passion and Palm Sunday, Good Friday,

Pentecost, the Passion of Christ, and Martyrs; and Rose was used for Advent 3 (*Gaudete Sunday*) and Lent 4 (*Laetare Sunday*); while the old principle was reaffirmed of special occasions being marked by the best, irrespective of colour.

The fact that ASB has provided guidance on liturgical colours, including it with the collects and readings and the tables, is a new departure in official Anglican documents. Nevertheless, they are not to be regarded as mandatory. They simply provide guidelines; and where other local or traditional uses are established, they may be followed. Here are the general principles on which these guidelines have been established:

White or gold are the Church's festival colours; Violet is an approximate colour and may vary from blue to purple. It is the colour for Advent and Lent. But unbleached linen may also be used for Lent.

Black and white are alternatives to violet for funerals and All Soul's Day.

For the rest, the 1969 Roman order is generally followed."

## JENNINGS BROS



## FAMILY BUTCHERS

PERSONAL SERVICE  
QUALITY MEATS

**10% DISCOUNT**

Given off current retail prices on purchases OVER £25

## FREEZER ORDERS CUT TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS

Branches at:

26 PROSPECT ST, CAVERSHAM  
Tel: Reading 471528

ST MARTIN'S PRECINCT, CAVERSHAM  
Tel: Reading 475939

CAVENDISH ROAD, EMMER GREEN  
Tel: Reading 474087

THE TRIANGLE, TILEHURST  
Tel: Reading 23738

## RETIRING TO DEVON

Only a few weeks ago Brian and Gladys Fowles left their home in Chazey Road which Brian built himself and where they lived for many years, to retire to Frogmore, a village in South Devon. Both will be greatly missed for they gave so much of their time to the local community.

Brian served on the

Henley Rural District Council for a number of years and was on the Mapledurham Parish Council, becoming its chairman for several years. He became a member of the Reading Borough Council, serving on the planning committee and becoming Mayor of Reading for the year 1985-6. He was a



Brian and Gladys with their family on Sunday, May 15, their last worship at St Margaret's before moving to Striding Edge, Frogmore, Kingsbridge, Devon. They were presented with an oil painting of Mapledurham Mill.

sidesman at St Andrew's Church before he and Gladys began worshipping at St Margaret's some twelve years ago.

Gladys was a Manager of Micklands County Primary School and leader of the Jubilee Club for more than seven years. She was a very active member of St

Margaret's Church and was always ready to help in any way she could.

We are sad to see them go, but we wish them every happiness in their retirement and new home. We hope we shall see them from time to time when they visit their two daughters who live in Caversham.

## INDIVIDUAL MATHS TUITION

Up to G.C.S.E.

By experienced lady Teacher

Phone Reading 470762 for details

## H. F. GODFREY

The Market Garden  
Goring Heath

Phone Checkendon 681541

FAMILY BUSINESS ESTABLISHED 1912

Supplying Fresh Fruit,  
Vegetables & Potatoes

OWN FROZEN SOFT FRUIT

FREE RANGE EGGS

HOME COOKING

CAKES, BISCUITS, BREAD, QUICHES  
AND PUDDINGS, WITH SPECIALITIES  
AND CELEBRATION CAKES TO ORDER,  
JAMS, MARMALADE & PICKLES.

Tuesday to Saturday, 9-1am, 2-5pm;  
Sunday, 9.30am-Noon

Commercial & Industrial  
Agents, Surveyors & Valuers

- ★ Lettings and Sales
- ★ Acquisitions ★ Valuation
- ★ Rent Reviews ★ Lease Renewals
- ★ Investments ★ Development
- ★ Property Management

**George Chilvers & Co.**

24, Cross Street, Reading RG1 1SN

Tel. (0734) 580656



## RAY GALLAGHER DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE

Prompt friendly attention NO job too small

Telephone Reading 475599

1 Kirkham Close,  
Caversham Park Village, Reading

## E. & R. STACEY

Proprietor: Capt David Clark (ret)

257 PEPPARD ROAD  
EMMER GREEN, READING

Telephone 472096 or 479253 evenings

Panel beating, spraying, chassis  
repairing

Accident and insurance work  
undertaken

91219

## Walton Adams & Son Limited

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Telephone Reading 477904

1 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM

PHOTOGRAPHS

WEDDING AT HOME PASSPORT

90286

## WELLS & HOWARTH MELJON

BUILDING ★ DECORATING  
PLUMBING ★ HOUSE REPAIRS

READING  
475253

GORING  
873040

12183

## The Entertaining Cooks

Business Lunches

Weddings Parties Dinners Buffets

Ring Marjorie McCombe or Christine Harvey  
on Reading 477430 or 478597 for a price guide



Incorporating Scotchbrooks and Martin & Pole

Tel 0734 478278

42 Church Street, Caversham, Reading Berkshire RG4 8AU.

# VISITORS FROM DUSSELDORF

ON JULY 9th A PARTY OF 27 MEMBERS of Dusseldorf churches will arrive in Reading, and 11 of them will be staying with Caversham families whom they hosted last year when a group from Reading churches visited our linked town. This, sadly, will be the last occasion on which the arrangements for the exchange will have been made by the Reverend Gerald Restall, Vicar of St Mary's, who initiated the exchange 14 years ago, as he retires shortly to Gloucestershire.



The link between Reading and Dusseldorf — one of the first, if not the first, 'town twinning' — began as long ago as 1947, when a senior officer of the British Army stationed in the Rhineland appealed to the then Mayor, Mrs Phoebe Cusden, to 'foster' one of the devastated Rhine towns. Mrs Cusden visited Dusseldorf to see the situation for herself, and on her return arranged for the despatch of parcels of

food, clothes and toys, with the suffering children particularly in her mind.

She founded the Reading Dusseldorf Association for the purposes of organising exchanges of children between the two towns, and what is now known as 'The Mayor's Young People's Exchange' has taken place every year since 1949. The Reading Churches' Interchange does, however, have the distinction of being the first of the many regular exchanges which have been developed over the last few years.

The Churches' Interchange works on a three year cycle: Dusseldorf hosts one year, Reading the next and the third is left 'fallow' for participants to follow up the friendships which they have made. As a result of this cycle it is Reading's turn to host friends from Dusseldorf this year, whereas for most groups Dusseldorf is the host in 1988, returning hospitality to members of clubs, choirs and orchestras who looked after their opposite numbers

when they took part last year in the 40th anniversary celebrations which were held here.

No less than 20 parties are travelling to Dusseldorf this year, including badminton, tennis, swimming, soccer, hockey, judo, athletics and gymnastics clubs, the Phoenix and Bach choirs and the Festival Chorus, the Reading Youth Orchestra, Kendrick School and the Reading College of Technology. All will be assured of warm hospitality, as members of the Churches' Interchange who went to Dusseldorf last year will endorse.



This year is a very special one for Dusseldorf, for on August 15th it celebrates the 700th anniversary of its foundation; Reading has never been 'twinning' with Dusseldorf, for 'twins' imply some similarity in size, and Dusseldorf is three times as large as Reading. However, on August 15th our Mayor will put her

July 13th there will be an International Eucharist at St Mary's Church to which all are invited.

It may seem a little soon to be thinking about the next Churches' Interchange in two years' time — but time passes quickly! The Reading Dusseldorf Association's chairman, Martyn Allies, will be delighted to give you further information if you ring him on 472007 and, if you wish, to pass your name to the Reverend Restall's successor as a potential member of the party visiting Dusseldorf in 1990.



Another house vanishes in Caversham. Westdene, which stood in the Woodcote Road opposite its junction with St Peter's Avenue. Among those who lived in it were the Arathoon family who also had Caversham Court and Caversham Grove for a few years, and the Players who were there in the twenties and very early thirties.

## READING URBAN WILDLIFE GROUP

### HOUSE MARTIN SURVEY 1988

READING Urban Wildlife Group was founded in 1985 with the purpose of finding out about wildlife in the town, protecting important sites where possible and involving local

people. The Group manages four areas for nature and is completing a major habitat survey. As part of our educational programme, we promote a fauna survey each year. 1986 saw the launch of Reading's very own 'Fox Watch' which provided useful information on the distribution and habitats of our urban foxes. The first ever urban woodlouse survey in 1987 involved school children, experts and novices alike in searching for various species of these often overlooked creatures.

1988 is to be devoted to the house martin. This bird is an ideal choice for urban naturalists as it has spread from its traditional cliff nest sites to colonise buildings in towns and suburbs. It is familiar to everyone, with its dark upper plumage and white underparts and rump. Even more characteristic are the mud nests which the martins construct on the outside of our houses, often in tightly packed groups. The birds arrive in early April and collect mud during May when the first eggs are laid. The young leave the nest about thirty days later and in most years the adults will lay a

second clutch. The birds feed entirely on insects and are frequently seen hawking over streets and gardens. They are easily distinguished from the screaming swifts which are larger and all dark. During September and October house martins gather together for the ten thousand kilometer migration flight to southern Africa where they spend the winter.



There are lots of things we would like to know about these birds. What sort of houses do they prefer to nest on? Does the aspect of the house affect their choice — for instance do they build more often on south facing walls? How many nests are occupied at one site? Are they used from year to year? Are there districts of Reading which attract more house martins than others?

This is where readers of this newspaper can help. With just over one hundred members the Group can't hope to cover the whole of Reading. So we need everyone who has a nest on their house, who passes one regularly or who knows of the site of one to fill up a

form. It will take only a moment of your time, but unless we have plenty of returns our survey will be incomplete. So please help by 5PP. Forms are also available asking for a form and returning at Caversham Library.

## CAVERSHAM HEATING & PLUMBING SERVICES

For Central Heating, Boiler  
Servicing, General Plumbing Work

116A Henley Road, Caversham,  
Reading, Berks RG4 0DH  
READING 481414

Free Estimates Given  
Trade & Retail Enquiries Welcome

## ENJOY A LAKELAND HOLIDAY

We are a small friendly Guest House situated in an ideal position for touring the Lakes. Bed and Breakfast, Evening meal optional. Central Heating. Children Welcome. A non-smoking residence.

For brochure write to:

Asleigh Guest House, 11, College Road,  
Windermere LA23 1BU or Telephone 09662 2292.  
'YOUR COMFORT IS OUR CONCERN'



# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

There seems to be an increasing interest in 'old Caversham', many of our readers no doubt inspired by Mary Kift's articles on the subject. I've just finished a short course at the local education centre on 'Victorian Caversham'; led by a very able lecturer, Joan Dils, who many people will already know, we finished up exploring aspects of Caversham which we'd never dreamed of. So keen was everyone to pursue the subject that we are hoping there will be a continuation of the course in the second half of next summer's term, the only time the room will be free. But, a word of warning! The recent course was heavily oversubscribed and a lot of people were disappointed, so if you want to join the next one, do book early.

## Friendly Caversham

I'm sometimes accused of going over the top on this subject, so I was delighted to hear from two of our readers that they recently met two people who had

just moved into Hemdean Road, to be near their family. They were, Ben tells me, so enthusiastic about how nice everyone was and how glad they were to have moved here. All I know about them is that they are Methodists, but it doesn't matter; no doubt they will themselves be 'Bridge' readers by now, so they'll have ample opportunity of getting to know even more about the friendliness of Caversham.

## Fairs and Fetes

The fetes and fairs season is well under way by now. I couldn't miss the Highdown Fete which, as always and in spite of the rain, provided an excellent opportunity to have fun, to see a spectacular display by, among others, the Royal Signals motorcyclists, and to contribute whatever one could spare to the many causes which local people are working so hard for.

I'm told the St John's Fair at the end of May was a great suc-

cess, and that the workers were so enthusiastic that they managed to sell off a pair of sunglasses belonging to a local councillor who only put them on the table while he made his own purchases. Fortunately they were recovered but it shows where enthusiasm can get you.

## On the Move

It's a bit late to bid farewell to Vicky from Jennings on the precinct, but a lot of us will miss her friendly smile. Nobody seems to know where she has gone as apparently she and her husband are moving around looking for suitable premises to start a business. She is typical of our shop assistants who give us such friendly service while they are here.

## Consideration

There have been two recent additions, both of which have improved aspects of life in parts of Caversham. Over the last few months, workmen have been busy transforming the recreation

ground in Albert Road. What used to be a run-down unimaginative area has been changed out of all recognition. A paradise for small children now exists complete with seats for their exhausted parents! Thank You.

The residents of Blenheim Road have long been concerned about the dangers from speeding vehicles, especially as

there are often many parked cars on both sides of the road. A few weeks ago, the road was given a set of 9 'sleeping policemen' or 'Humps for 525 yards' as the warning sign says. The improvement has been dramatic. Cars now process sedately in second gear and the squeals of rubber are much, much less frequent. Thank You.



N. Wright

New Children's playground in Albert Road.



N. Wright

Sleeping but effective: the 'policemen' in Blenheim Road.

mances in those scenes where they got down to fathoming Charles' secret and setting him on the road to better things. Rachel was splendidly natural in her earnestness, though her Shakespeare declamations lacked something of the dramatic fire that one would have expected of a girl with not a thought in her head except RADA. The girls' quarrel over who deserved the honour for removing temptation from Charles's path achieved excellent pace and conviction.

Jim McClure ensured that Edward Llewellyn, the self-centred, self-opinionated don who is

Laura's suitor contrasted well with the self-effacing Charles. The degree of pomposity in his characterisation did, however, make it difficult to credit that Laura could have every seriously contemplated him as a husband.

As Mrs Pemberton Senior, Anne Bliss succeeded in the unenviable task of creating a character out of a figure whose principal role in the play was to point up

the waywardness of her grandchildren.

Playwrights do make it difficult for stage managers when the cast are always going off for snacks at the Ritz and receive phone calls only from those who have been dubbed by the monarch! Ken Etherington had prepared a sturdy set which was comfortable rather than affluent, although the choice of wall colour did seem rather strange, and there was hardly enough confusion in the room when the curtains parted for us to endorse Laura's remark "talk about a shambles."

Director Ivan Williams succeeded in producing a play which flowed smoothly, and resisted the temptation to make the characters move unnecessarily. The lengthy tet-a-tete of Charles and Laura was all the more effective for being static and relaxed.

This talented cast and their audience should derive much pleasure from the rather more meaty 'Dear Brutus' of J.M. Barrie to be performed in November.

E.M.A.

## BATH LODGE REGISTERED REST HOME

Long and short term stay  
Full 24-hour care

A lovely house in beautiful grounds with a very homely atmosphere

For further information ring  
**Mrs M. Cousins (Proprietor)**  
Reading 589726  
8 BATH ROAD, READING,  
BERKS,  
RG1 6ND

WE INVITE YOU TO

**ESCAPE**

ON THURSDAY, 14TH JULY,  
TEN TILL TWO

ADMISSION 10p



**PORTRAIT PHOTOS**  
OF YOUR CHILDREN

- MAGIC SHOW -

TOYS • BOOKS • BOTTLES • CAKES • PLANTS •  
PRODUCE • NEARLY-NEW STALLS • RAFFLE •  
MEET MR. WIMPEY • PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH &  
COFFEE  
AT CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST  
CHURCH HALL, HIGHMOOR RD.,  
CAVERSHAM

**DON'T MISS IT!**

## 'YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT'

'Your Obedient Servant', Caversham Players' most recent production, has an ingenious plot. Laura Pemberton, a warm hearted but scatterbrained widow, is desperate for a 'daily' to keep shipshape a home which suffers from the untidiness of her daughters Caroline and Julia as well as herself. Help arrives, as a result of a phone call to the 'Service for Ladies' agency, in the unexpected shape of suave Charles Selby, a 'cross between Jeeves and the Archangel

Gabriel'. Caroline and Julia are shocked that a man with so much competence and polish should be in so menial a job, and want to know why. Charles declares that it is due to weaknesses in his character, and these the girls set about to rectify. Laura, curious about her daughters' relationship with Charles, also decided to probe, and the truth is revealed — he is an out-of-work actor.

Playwright Diana Morgan develops her plot cleverly, and the

scenes where Charles confesses to Julia that he is a kleptomaniac and to Caroline that he is a dipsomaniac are amongst the choicest in the play. The situations which develop provide adequate comedy, and it is unfortunate that she felt it necessary to reinforce it by raiding her funbook for such tarnished gems as 'the kettle was positively minked'.

As Charles, Ray Hammond looked the part and played it with assurance. He scored particularly as the real Charles, conveying to us, especially during his settee tet-a-tete with Laura, a sincere and sympathetic character. Whilst the essential obsequiousness needed to be retained, a crisper portrayal of the Jeeves act might have heightened the effect of the denouement.

Sheila Hodson was well cast as Laura, and was most effective in the scenes where she was becoming increasingly conscious that Charles' presence made her weak at the knees. The play being a light comedy rather than a farce, she could perhaps have expressed rather more subtly her reactions to her exasperating children and overbearing suitor.

Anne Semple and Rachel Etherington both gave delightful perfor-

## CAVERSHAM BOOKSHOP

18 PROSPECT STREET  
CAVERSHAM, READING  
Telephone Reading 482800

Wide range of all types of books,  
globes and maps

Book tokens sold and exchanged

We are happy to order any book  
not in stock

Telephone: Reading 473469 or 473003

LET US CALL AND GIVE YOU  
A FREE ESTIMATE

**J. D. Sansum & Son**

PLUMBING, HEATING  
AND GENERAL REPAIRS  
KITCHEN AND BATHROOM  
SPECIALIST

24 Stuart Close, Emmer Green  
Reading RG4 8RE

## STITCHIN' TIME

1 CHURCH ROAD  
CAVERSHAM  
Telephone 478106

LINEN LOOK FABRICS AND  
COTTON JERSEYS FROM £5.99  
PRINCE OF WALES CHECKS IN  
GREY, NAVY AND SAND.

Expert advice always available  
Open 9-5, Monday-Saturday

## J. P. MOTORS

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

- ★ MoT while you wait (by appointment)
- ★ Servicing by top mechanics
- ★ Bodywork, any job undertaken
- ★ New and used car sales
- ★ Collection and delivery service can be arranged

Call us today for first-class  
personal service

Tel: 477377 — 24-hour Ansafone

**J. P. MOTORS**

TILBURY CLOSE, CHILTERN ROAD  
CAVERSHAM, READING, RG4 0JF



# ROUND THE CHURCHES

COME AND DISCOVER THAT

## JESUS IS ALIVE

10th July to 13th July

Adult sessions at 8 p.m.

Sunday: How can I find God?

Monday: Is there Life after Death?

Tuesday: How can I find Healing?

Wednesday: Power to live!

Children's Sessions: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
(Parents welcome).

Fun and games daily, including  
children's own meeting at 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Youth evening 12th July at 7 p.m. in the Milestone  
Centre, Youth Wing

Mission

88

CAVERSHAM PARK SHOWGROUND

JESUS IS ALIVE is what will be proclaimed and demonstrated in Caversham Park Church's Big Marquee, which they are pitching on the SHOWGROUND (next to the tennis courts) for the Mission meetings from July 10-13. It is anticipated that up to 400 people will be present each evening from Sunday to Wednesday at 8.00pm to hear Rev. Barry Kissell speak and to take advantage of the opportunity to receive personal prayer and ministry.

Barry is on the staff of St. Andrew's Church, Chorleywood — a church in which the regular pattern is for lively, free worship to be followed by a proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus and then an invitation for people to respond. The atmosphere of faith and the air of expectancy for God to show Himself are such that many people become Christians, others are helped and strengthened inwardly, and often there are physical healings. This ministry is shared by many members of the con-

gregation who are trained by the church and equipped by God's Spirit. A Faith Sharing Team, made up from those ordinary church members, will be coming with Barry Kissell to help lead Caversham Park Church's Mission.

So there is much to look forward to. God will undoubtedly be demonstrating that He is alive, and that "the kingdom of God does not consist of words, but of power" (1 Cor. 4:20).

There is also a full programme of children's events every afternoon, including lots of fun centred on the Bouncing Giraffe; and a teenager's Youth Event on the Tuesday at which the Rock Band "HEART & SOUL" will be playing.

Caversham Park Church are hoping that the Mission will change the face of the Village! — and that people from other parts of Caversham will also come and see what the living God can do!

P. Kenchington

## New Post for Caversham Curate

THE Revd Adrian Dorber has been appointed as Chaplain of Portsmouth Polytechnic and will hope to take up his duties there for September's start of the academic year. As at St Andrew's, this vacancy created by preferment will be filled by an incumbent-designate, to launch the Caversham Group Ministry in which St Barnabas, Emmer Green, will become a parish as it approaches its diamond jubilee as



daughter church of St Peter, Caversham.

Adrian was licensed as Assistant Curate on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25th March 1985. He came, bringing God-given gifts after serving as Assistant Curate in the parish of Easthampstead. To St Barnabas and the parish he brought a lively mind, a ready wit, and a devotion to lively and careful presentation of the Church's liturgy.

To Adrian, Caroline and Clare, we extend our gratitude for their friendship and good wishes not only for their move to and life in Portsmouth, but also upon the happy expectation of their second child in November.

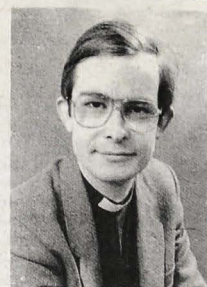
tuguese speaking. During the children's address Margaret taught us how to sing some choruses in Portuguese, the children holding up the words for us all to see.

Margaret also told us of some of the social problems in Brazil, where many of the people are very poor. There is no N.H.S., no support for the unemployed in Brazil, and many people steal in order to survive. There are very few resources for the poor. Agriculturally, Brazil has potential; banana and coffee plantations abound, but Brazil desperately needs agriculturalists. Many small farmers just don't know the best way to utilise their land to maximise potential, so things don't get done.

The spiritual needs of Brazil are great. Brazilians are very open people, but there is a strong idol based religion in that country, and so there is a need to train Brazilians as missionaries to work among their own people.

The Hems feel that the Lord is calling them to the ministry at home now, and they will be shortly moving to Taunton to take up a pastorate there.

## PETER MULLINS



WITH the beginning of the new academic year the Anglican parish will be losing two of its priests. Not only is Adrian Dorber moving to Portsmouth Polytechnic (as reported elsewhere in this issue) but Peter Mullins will be sailing across the Irish Sea to study for a year in Dublin.

Peter came to the parish when he was ordained deacon in St Peter's in September 1984. He was the first newly ordained man to come here to complete his training since Martin Loveless arrived in 1975. He has been based at St Peter's working under the Rector as he learnt something of his craft. He has done a lot of visiting and work with young people. He has prepared over fifty individuals from three churches for confirmation and re-established a flourishing Youth Group at St Peter's.

After his ordination as priest in the Cathedral in September 1985 he also rapidly took on almost solo responsibility for St Margaret's, Mapledurham. St Margaret's had been served by its own full-time Priest until 1981 and Peter has put in a lot

of time in the care of the people there. St Peter's would see him disappear on his bright yellow moped in the direction of a third service of the morning in the Oxfordshire countryside only a few minutes after the end of their 9.15am service. Having also learnt to drive whilst here the moped has given way to an equally distinctive Citroen 2CV.

Having completed his allotted span in Reading he is going to spend a year at the Irish School of Ecumenics. There will be a farewell evening Eucharist for him in St Peter's on 8th September. He hopes to complete an M.Phil. degree before returning to work (possibly in an ecumenical situation) in a new parish in England in the next summer.



Photo — E. S. Archer

## Mysterious Plate

A VISITOR to St. Peter's mentioned that she had a plate with a picture of the church on it. She has kindly lent it for the St. Peter's flower and music festival and a photograph to illustrate it is shown here. It would be interesting to learn its history and we are asking for information from our readers. The back of the plate has, in English "Made in Germany" and the picture is set on a deep pink background. The owner of the plate saw it in a shop window in Reading while she was waiting for a bus and bought it for 2/-!

## TOP QUALITY BUTCHER

### P. MUNDY

75 WHITLEY STREET,  
READING, BERKS.

Tel Reading (0734) 751600

RETAIL DELIVERIES DAILY

10% OFF  
HOME FREEZER MEAT  
SUPPLIED AND DELIVERED

HEAD OFFICE:  
1 BRIAR CLOSE, CAVERSHAM  
READING RG4 7QH  
Phone 474024



## HEMDEAN HOUSE CAVERSHAM

(FOUNDED 1859)

Girls 4½-16 years Boys 4½-8 years

Senior girls study for the GCSE in the Humanities, Modern Languages and Latin, Mathematics, Science and Computer Studies, Creative Arts, Home Economics and the Pitman Examinations in Office Studies

The Junior department provides a sound general grounding in all basic subjects. Specialist teaching is given in French, Computer Studies and Science, PE, Art and Music

Provision is made for boys' entry to Preparatory Schools

Headmistress  
Mrs M.K. RALPH

Prospectus Available  
Phone Reading 472590



## ROUND THE CHURCHES

### METHODISTS CELEBRATE

READING METHODISTS gathered in Caversham Court on a pleasant sunny afternoon on May 22 to celebrate the conversion of the Wesleys 250 years earlier.

What would it have been like if Wesley had come to Caversham? His meeting would probably have been in the centre of things, somewhere like St Martin's Precinct, and he would have addressed all and sundry. Our latter day Methodists chose a place away from the bustle in the beautiful grounds of what was formerly the Old Rectory. 250 years ago Wesley would not have enjoyed the hospitality of the Rector's garden! Looking around at the gathering, one's first impressions were how respectable everyone was. Here were Methodists from all over Reading, joined by friends from the Anglican, Baptist and other traditions. They brought their own deck chairs for their creature comforts.

Being in the open air it would have been difficult to hear the speakers without that modern aid, amplification (power by courtesy of the Rector). The singing, led by the Silver Band from Hannington, was sedate, not lusty. There were, of course, favourite Wesley hymns, some from the Victorian era, including Sankey and Moody, while a couple



At Caversham Court

E. Chappell



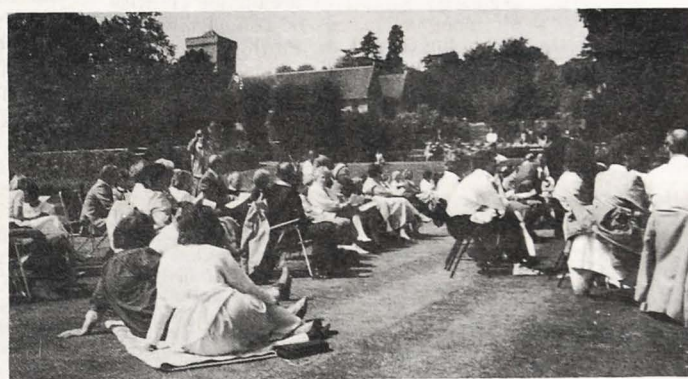
Taking their chairs

E. Chappell



United together

E.S. Archer



Awaiting start of the service

E. Chappell

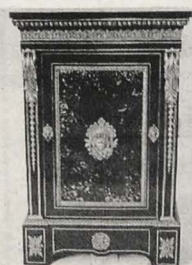


**Holloway's**

Incorporating  
BUCKELL & BALLARD FINE ARTS and  
NICHOLAS AUCTION DEPARTMENT

**AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS**

12 High Street, Streatley, RG8 9HY  
Tel. Goring-on-Thames (0491) 872318



A professional service from  
complete contents to a  
single item.

Transport and storage facilities.  
Free pre-sale inspection and advice.

Entries for future sales  
invited.

Valuations for probate,  
CTT and insurance purposes.

We are agents for



and at 49 Parsons Street,  
Banbury, Oxfordshire

The professional alternative to London

of not very memorable modern pieces were sung by a group from Tilehurst, to span the two-and-a-half centuries. It made one realise how much spiritual meaning is compressed into Wesley's lines and how they were a means of teaching the faith to people who knew little of nothing of Christianity.

Wesley was an itinerant preacher who travelled from place to place on horseback, but he was outshone by the afternoon's speaker, Rev. John Stephens, the Superintendent of the Reading Circuit and acting "bishop" (chairman) of the Methodist Southampton District. Earlier

that day he had preached at Totland in the Isle of Wight. He was back in Reading in time for the start of the meeting having relied on more than one horsepower to complete the journey.

In his sermon John Stephens forcibly reminded those present of Methodism's need to find its way again. He called for an intellectual as well as an emotional response to God quoting Charles Wesley's words, "My God, I know, I feel Thee mine", and as a consequence of that response there was the challenge to express in practical ways our compassion for our fellow beings.



**GAIL SPENCE  
ANTIQUES**

**CAVERSHAM**

Tel. 473011

Do you have something to sell that is antique, or just old or unusual? Do you want to be sure you get a fair price?

Gail Spence lives in Caversham and buys and sells antiques in the area. She depends on her reputation for fair and honest prices.

Give her a ring. There is no charge and no obligation.



## Abbeycrest Nursing Home

A superb modern house  
superior rooms overlooking  
lovely parkland 24 hour  
nursing care

Please 'phone Matron  
READING 724414

Kennylands Road  
Sonning Common  
near READING

ANTIQUES WE BUY AND SELL CURIOS  
MILITARIA

## HARRY ELLIS (Prospect Furnishings)

MEDALS, BADGES, OLD UNIFORMS,  
HELMETS, BINOCULARS, COMPASSES etc

6 Prospect St,  
Caversham  
Reading RG4 8JG

Telephone  
(0734) 476565  
24 Hour Service

## CHILTERN NURSERY TRAINING COLLEGE

The Day Care Centres are open throughout the year for the care of children from 0-5 years. The Nursery School is open during term time. The babies and children are cared for by trained staff assisted by our own student nursery nurses.

Particulars from: The Principal  
16 Peppard Road, Caversham, Reading  
Telephone Reading 471847 or 471131

## CAVERSHAM CARS

Private Hire Car Chauffeur driven approx half normal fares. Tested and registered by Reading Council. Weddings, Airports, Long journeys a speciality

Advance booking taken evenings

READING 470690

YOUR LOCAL PLUMBING  
AND HEATING ENGINEER,  
BOILER SERVICES  
AND BREAKDOWNS

## J MIDDLETON

164 Upper Woodcote Road,  
Caversham Heights  
Reading RG4 7LD  
Phone (0734) 481400

ALSO BUILDING  
MAINTENANCE

MASTER CARPENTER

# THE BISHOP OF OXFORD COMES TO READING

(Dr. Owen Jewiss has given us permission to reprint this from St. Barnabas' newsletter)

MONDAY, 25 APRIL, WAS A RED LETTER DAY FOR READING. It had the privilege of welcoming the Rt Revd Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, on the rare occasion of a visit to the Deanery. This was a busy 12 hours packed with the interest and variation of the largest deanery in the Diocese. It started with a Eucharist at St Mark's followed by a meeting with the Clergy Chapter, a look at the town centre ministry, a parish in Reading's urban priority area, then a look at the green fields south of the M4 (with thoughts of how they might soon be covered with houses), and then to Lower Earley to see the Methodist/URC/Anglican local Ecumenical Project at Trinity Church. Finally it was supper with the Synod and an address to them in the University. Despite having been on the go all day (a day which started with a Bishop's Staff meeting before he turned his attention to Reading) the Bishop spoke with vigour, enthusiasm and humour.

□ □  
□ □

### The Church and the World — Who sets the Agenda?

This was the first of seven issues which the Bishop raised with us: he stimulated our thoughts and left us to work out the solutions in our Christian lives. For much of history the Church had set the agenda but, since the 1960's, the world has set the agenda and the Church has tried to respond, a policy which the Bishop thought was flawed and which led us into either

privatised subjective religion or politicised religion. He asked us, "Can the Church set the agenda again?"

□ □  
□ □

### Communicate God to the World

How do we communicate the reality of God in the very secular world in which we live? Here the Bishop used an example from the TV soap 'Eastenders' to show how secular society (not unlike that to be found in Reading) had no sense of the divine interacting with the human story and contrasted this with the situation in some great novels.

□ □  
□ □

### Faith impinges on all of life

How can we make the concept of the Kingdom of God central to Christian thinking so that faith impinges on the whole of existence and not just on the personal and private life? Here we are reminded that the Kingdom is concerned with the whole of existence. This was a seven day thing and concerned the world of work and its structures. The Bishop stressed the importance of old style Non-Stipendiary Ministers who knew the secular world and could reflect upon it theologically. Keith Lamdin's project on Christian Faith and Work was commended (not unfamiliar to the St Barnabas folk!).

Our future Society  
The Bishop was not making a political point when he asked, "What kind of society

would succeed the one moulded by the present Government?" Our society was largely governed by selfish materialism, signs of which the Bishop had seen as he drove around the estates of Reading. Are we as Christians in Reading able to present any alternative? He suggested that the Church Urban Fund, which is fundamentally spiritual, is extremely significant. The Church lives by sharing, by giving and receiving. Achieving targets (and we have a large one with the Church Urban Fund) brings real spiritual benefits. We should want to present something different — the whole truth.

□ □  
□ □

### Issues Affecting the Church — Ordination of Women

This was one of three Church-centred issues which the Bishop suggested should also concern us. It would receive prominence at the forthcoming Lambeth Conference. The Anglican Church would be facing a crisis of confidence, since not only the ordination of women to the priesthood but also the episcopacy would be an issue. He questioned what holds us together in the Anglican Communion. Recommendations are not binding. What will happen when opposite views come together?

□ □  
□ □

### Communication

The question of communication both within the life of the Church in the Diocese and with the outside

world was receiving attention. A diocesan working Party had recommended that the Diocese had a Communications Officer and a Diocesan Newspaper so that we would be able to improve a weak communication network.

□ □  
□ □

### Are we able to pay the Clergy?

An upward revision of the quota of clergy in the Diocese by 26 raised this question. (The increase is due to the population in the Diocese). Consultations on the consequences of this decision are about to take place. One effect will be a bigger parish share.

□ □  
□ □

### Our response

A steady flow of questions, curtailed by the clock, demonstrated the Bishop's ability to set us thinking. What about the 200,000 in Greater Reading on whom the Church has no impact? This was a matter requiring urgent discussion.

Perhaps the Diocese needs to do something big in 4-5 years like a mission. Should the Church speak out more? We each have a personal vocation. Lay people might be involved in politics but, as they have different roles, their pronouncements might differ from those of the clergy. One member of the clergy said he would like to go back into the real world for a year! The fact that more and more clergy have had a period working in the secular world before ordination is now recognised as an advantage. Ecumenical activity might concentrate on members of different denominations not doing things separately that they can do together. Much discussion is going on between the Churches.

Such was the content and flavour of the meeting and the Bishop's day with us. It is clear that we are fortunate in having a Diocesan Bishop who is relatively young, vigorous, stimulating and a good communicator. It is up to us to listen to what he has to say to us, think and pray about it and act accordingly.

## TILES

## CAVERSHAM TILE CENTRE

OVER 2,000 TILES ON DISPLAY  
ITALIAN WALL TILES FROM £5.94 SQ YD

**FIXING SERVICE BY OUR OWN EXPERTS**

FREE DELIVERIES  
JANNERFLOW KITCHEN ON DISPLAY

14 NORTH READING CENTRE  
EMMER GREEN (OPPOSITE POND) TEL. 478853

9-5.30 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat  
LATE NIGHT OPEN WED 8pm

## SCOTTISH FAYRE

Caversham Court

SATURDAY JULY 16, 1988 2-5pm

Lucky programme prizes, Mr Wimpey, Reading Pipe Band, Scottish Dancers, Scottish Fare, Refreshments, Cakes, Bottles, Pony Rides, Bouncy Lion, Objects D'Art, Wine Tombola and other attractions.

IN AID OF ST ANDREWS UNITED  
REFORMED CHURCH, READING

## NETLEY LANDSCAPES

Garden design and construction  
Hugh Netley, NDLC

PATIOS, FENCING, NATURAL STONEMAN, WALLING, PLANTING, SHRUB AND TREE CLEARANCE, WATER FEATURES, ETC, ETC  
COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS

Tel. READING 477466



Photo — E. S. Archer



# RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

CAVERSHAM AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION celebrated its birthday with a party held on a bright, if slightly chilly, May evening. The Arthur Legge centre, with flowers culled from reluctant gardens which had foreclosed on their riotous abundance of previous weeks, welcomed a representative company of Caversham people who were soon occupied in exercising their minds on a competition, looking at an exhibition of the Association's history, or simply drinking and chatting.



The exhibition started with pre-history, so to speak, before the Residents' Association was formed, when a group of people got together to co-ordinate the opposition that arose to a plan to build a shopping precinct on land to the south of Church Street which would incorporate a new road involving the demolition of properties between Westfield Road and Prospect Street and leading to the site of a new bridge between the two existing ones. Innocence, you could say, was the order of the day; the innocence of a planning committee who really thought their road plan would be welcomed, or at least accepted, and the innocence of the opposition who felt that there was a glorious opportunity to open up the river frontage to Church Street. It was of course, but already harsh economic facts had ruled it out.

Older and wiser in the ways of the world, the Association, which was formed the following

year, continued to fight battles, wage campaigns, skirmish and reconnoitre, and also to mount supporting operations right up to the present day. As early as 1972 they were putting the case for designating the area around St Peter's a conservation area. Avoiding charges of NIMBY, they did not campaign for the removal of heavy lorries from the A4064 until the mid-70's, when the villages along the A34 had all been by-passed.

Then everywhere along the route as far as Crowmarsh Giffard displayed posters advertising a mass meeting which was addressed by officers from Berkshire County Council, Reading Borough Council and a selfless hero from Oxfordshire County Council. The lorries are still there but slowly across the whole country the question is being asked as to how indispensable they are.



Various unsuitable road plans have been fought off and a policy statement, entitled Development North of the River, was produced and endorsed by organisations in Caversham. It still provides a guide line for what is and what is not acceptable in Caversham.

St Martin's Property Corporation did not show up very well in a selection of correspondence about the hated bollards in their car park. Photographs of them, marked with paint of all the cars they had savaged brought back painful memories. More photographs showed residents armed with pick-axes and mallets mounting a rescue operation to save

the trees which St Martin's had imprisoned in bricks and concrete. It was partially successful but too late to save a Holm oak, which died. St Martin's are still being pursued to replace it with a tree that will survive.

In another photograph, residents, sheltering beneath umbrellas, were seen making a last ditch stand to save the ill fated Granary. A solitary flint, standing beneath the picture, told its own tale of how this ended.

The latest picture was of a long trail of people winding their way through Bugs Bottom and what was the eventual result of that is still to be discovered. One thing is reasonably certain, it won't be the last action the Association undertakes.



The competition also taxed memories as people tried to recall what used to stand on a site now occupied by a different building, where the roofs have pineapples and which road was being widened, to select a few of the questions accompanying the photographs ranged round the walls. Remarkably, five people tied for the first place, so they had to draw lots from the left-over raffle tickets.

After everyone had done justice to their meal, a cake with twenty-one candles was cut, and Sir Gerard Vaughan proposed the health of the association. A beautiful book on gardening was then presented to a surprised secretary, who pointed out that she was in fact the fourth to occupy that office and that any success the association had were due to the team work of the whole committee and others who all had pulled their weight to keep it running smoothly and ready to act whenever the need should arise.

If anyone reading this would like to join the Association, this can easily be done by sending 40p to the Membership Secretary, Mrs M. Fallowfield, 40 Matlock Road, Caversham, which gives a year's membership to the whole household.

## Abbot's House

A group of Caversham Residents' Association, who were joined by some members of the Civic Society, were recently shown over Abbot's House, which is the new office block next to the Abbey Gateway. It is in a very

sensitive spot, right in the historic heart of Reading, and it was because of pressure from Reading Borough Council and Reading Civic Society that this was not another massive monstrosity of the kind only too familiar in Reading. On the debit side, it still dwarfs the Abbey Gateway, its immediate neighbour, and is yet another office block, even though it looks like the public building it should be. The windows in the middle three floors are meanly set into the walls, but on the credit side, the ground floor windows are vastly superior to anything that has gone up in Reading for years, as is the terrace with its elegant lamp-standards that overlooks the Holybrook on its south side. The ornamental garden to the east is a delight in itself, as well as opening up a new vista of the Abbey Ruins which gives them back some of the dignity that had been lost for too long.



Inside the space had been used with unaccustomed extravagance, as there is a garden, visible from the road, with real trees and flowers in the granite lined reception area, which is furnished with comfortable leather arm chairs. The rest of the interior is uncompromisingly modern and those visitors with an eye to practicability were told that the glass roof could be cleaned from the outside, whilst a demonstration of the fire precautions left them goggle-eyed at the wonders of modern science. Although we could actually do without more office blocks in Reading, Abbot's House shows that they need not all be blots on the townscape.

This cannot be said of the dreadful Apex Plaza that is going up on the other side of the Forbury Gardens. It reduces to the status of ants the human beings who scuttle beneath its shadow as they try to negotiate the huge road system that forces them to take a lengthy detour if they wish to survive the feat of crossing it. Its finishing materials are of inferior quality, and a colour which could possibly be described as puce. It completely blots out any distant views of Caversham's trees or the nearer one of Brunel's railway station, thus removing from that sector of the

town most of what gave it any individual character.

## Community Notice Board

The community notice board at St Martin's Precinct is certainly well used, but local organisations have for some time been rather put out to find that there is no room for their notices because commercial bodies have taken up the space with theirs. They feel even crosser when these bodies paste their notices over those of voluntary organisations. Whilst the distinction between what is voluntary and what is commercial is not always clear, some notices should certainly not be there. In all cases, once the date of the event is past, the notices should be removed by those who put them up. Caversham Residents' Association removes out of date notices, but is frequently defeated by those that have been glued on. A little courtesy and consideration would solve the problem, but the Borough Council is looking at it to see what can be done.



## Bugs Bottom

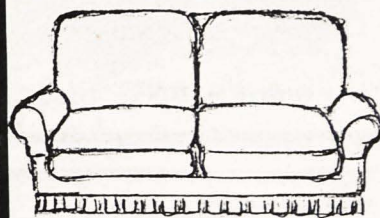
Still no further news about Bugs Bottom. The Battle for Berkshire now makes national news as Nicholas Ridley faces attacks from all sides for his policy on green fields building in the South East. The battle lines seem to be moving and there could even be some face saving going on. The issue seems to be from which point the extra houses or even the total are to be counted. Does it start from when the Structure Plan Replacement was first drawn up, from when Nicholas Ridley said "Build more", or from some indeterminate date in the future? With building going on apace all the time, the whole number could by now be almost accounted for. As far as Bugs Bottom goes, does the Government count it in the total, even though it was not mentioned in the plan or its modifications, so that Caversham's loss becomes south Berkshire's gain, or should it be discounted, which is what those opposing the public inquiry's findings have all along claimed? Once more, wait and see, is all that can be said.

## John Kitcher & Son

5a CHURCH ROAD, CAVERSHAM  
Telephone 472306

Free Estimates in your own home  
if required  
(evenings also)

CURTAINS/DRAPES/PELMETS  
CARPETS  
LOOSE COVERS:  
UPHOLSTERY



Large range of patterns to choose from

FOR HELPFUL ADVICE ON  
CO-ORDINATION AND INTERIOR  
DESIGNS WHY NOT CALL IN AT

Gallienne Schmidt  
INTERIORS & DESIGN

52 Prospect Street, Caversham, Berks  
READING (0734) 481283  
WE SUPPLY A WIDE RANGE OF  
EXCLUSIVE WALLPAPERS, FABRICS,  
CARPETS, TILES ETC.

## CRAWFORD & LEACH LTD

GENERAL BUILDERS

ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

Personal attention at all times

Telephone (0734) 475773



SIMPLY SILK

Specialists in Silk Flower Arrangements and  
Plant Displays for every occasion

Sales · Hire · Maintenance

WEDDING BOUQUETS ETC DESIGNED TO  
YOUR INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS

Tel. Checkendon (0491) 681233

## NICHOLAS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Est. 1882

for

ALL ASPECTS OF PROFESSIONAL  
WORK  
including

VALUATIONS, STRUCTURAL  
SURVEYS AND TOWN PLANNING,  
etc

and for

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTIES, RENT REVIEWS

24 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DP  
Tel. (0734) 591231

96143

## A SIMMONITE

Painter and decorator  
interior and exterior  
also

General household repairs, brickwork  
and plastering undertaken

Fully insured

For free quotation  
Phone Reading 722322 or 574546



## The Grange

Registered Residential Care Home

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOUSE  
SET IN 10 ACRES BORDERING  
THE THAMES YET ONLY A FEW  
MINUTES FROM ALL AMENITIES

FEES FROM £180 WEEKLY

Further details and brochure  
from Resident Proprietress  
Mrs Josephine Buckley

Phone Goring on Thames 872853

RE-UPHOLSTERY  
FURNITURE REPAIRS &  
RESTORATION

**HARRY ELLIS**  
(Prospect Furnishings)

6 Prospect St,  
Caversham,  
Reading RG4 8JG

Telephone  
(0734) 476565

**J. LUCKETT (Insurance  
Services) LTD**

PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY UNBIASED ADVICE

NATIONWIDE, 14 Church Street,  
Caversham  
Telephone Reading 481130 or 472950



**MIKE  
THOMAS**  
OND Forestry  
Tree Surgery  
& Landscaping

8 Randolph Road, Reading, Berks  
Telephone: 0734 574896

PERSONAL ATTENTION FREE ESTIMATES

**YOUR LOCAL  
DECORATOR**  
**M. LEWINGTON**

Interior and Exterior decorating

148 Upper Woodcote Road  
Caversham  
Reading

Telephone  
Reading  
479642

**MILWARDS**  
**SHOES**

— the name that fits

Branches throughout the Thames Valley

## LET'S REMEMBER THE WESLEY EXAMPLE!

By John Madeley

The news that British government aid to the world's poor has slumped to its lowest level for 30 years came as the Oxford Diocese "1% for World Development" appeal went into full swing.

One of the ideas behind the 1% appeal — which is part of a nationwide campaign — is that if we as individuals show our own personal commitment by giving 1% of our income to the poor, then we are in a better moral position to urge the government to give 1% of national income to the poor.

How far the government has slipped from that target and how urgent now is our 1% appeal! In the early 1960's Britain was giving over 0.6% of national income in foreign aid. In 1987 we gave only 0.28%. In these 25 years the material standard of living in Britain has doubled. Our government tells us that Britain is thriving. Clearly the world's poor are not sharing in that prosperity.



It is now more urgent than ever that there is a massive response to the 1% appeal.

### EXAMPLE

Let's show the government we care! The Methodist church has been running a 1% appeal for years. Now Anglicans are asked to respond. There are response forms at the

back of the churches — you can send your form to the Oxford Diocese address as shown on the form, or hand to the clergy, or to me (19, Woodford Close).

It is up to you to decide who should receive your 1%. You might decide to give it to Christian Aid, for the development work of the missionary societies, the World Development Movement and perhaps some to the Oxford Diocese Development Education Fund — which would enable more development education work to be done.



The 1% we are asked to give to the poor is of course a minimum. In this 250th of John Wesley's conversion we might remember his example. Early in his career he earned £30 a year. He lived on £28 and gave away the rest — £2. Later in life his writings brought in considerable sums of money and he earned £1,500 a year. He continued to live on £28 — and give away the rest.

## LINK GROUP

The Link Group met on Monday, 23rd May, at Audrey Preston's house. The Chairman, Suzi Robinson, reported on the annual 'Good-as-New' Sale, which went well, raising a gross amount of £466.00, to be used for local charities. A general 'thank-you' was extended to all who helped — Link Group members and all others who rallied round on the day.

Local needs which were discussed, with a view to donations, were training equipment for Priory Ave ante-natal clinic, Katesgrove Family Aid, Victim Support and others. Suzi gave the good news that R.E.A.P. are to be allowed to continue to function at the Keep for a further period. Eventually it is hoped that there will be a more official provision for the homeless of the town. In the meantime they have need of a bed, a wardrobe and have to cope with the on-going necessity of

At the Annual General Meeting and Open Meeting held at Church House on Tuesday, 24th May, the retiring Chairman of the Caversham Care Centre, Paula Andrews, explained to a gathering of helpers and other interested parties the proposed re-vamping of the services offered by the Care Centre.

It was felt that the Caversham Bridge Good Neighbour Scheme had over the past year made more regular use of the office facilities in Church House and it had been decided therefore to hand over the organisation and running of the office to them, as from 1st July 1988. Caversham Care Centre would concentrate instead on the facilities offered by its Pop-In Centre. Secretary of the Good Neighbour Scheme, Esther Youens, said that she was happy with the arrangement and welcomed any help that present Care Centre office helpers wanted to give in the future.

The wealth of information on local 'help' groups and organisations accumulated over the past three

food for breakfasts, to which Link decided to make a donation. It was also decided to contribute to 'Share-a-Care' which provides helpful listeners to whom people in the area can unburden themselves by telephone.

Doreen Bennet reported on the present state of the Caversham Care Centre, which had an urgent need for new officers to run it since the current officers were coming to the end of their term. The Care Centre & Pop-in Centre have been providing a useful facility, and it is hoped that willing hands will be found to help it to continue.

At the end of the meeting it was decided to revise the contacts which Link have with local hostels, etc. With the moving of staff and officers, it is occasionally necessary to send reminders that help can be sought from this ecumenical Group.

## CARE CENTRE POP-IN TO BE REVITALISED

years by the Care Centre (initiated by the Link Group) would still be available in the Care Centre Pop-In, and anyone calling in will be able to find what they need — a coffee and a chat, or advice and information.

Mrs Judy Dooley, who has been associated with the Care Centre since its beginnings, will be taking over as Co-ordinator of the Care Centre Pop-In. Mrs Dooley assured regulars of the Pop-In that it would not essentially change, but would over a period bring in regular 'special' mornings, with cake or plant sales, and visits from local representatives from charities and help organisations who could give specialised help and advice on a range of subjects.

With the retirement

of the Chairman (Mrs Andrews), the Deputy Chairman (Marie-Paule Norgrove) and the Secretary (Elizabeth Arnold) from the present Care Centre Management Committee, and the appointment of Mrs Dooley as Co-ordinator, it was felt that the Committee in its present form was no longer appropriate and it was intended instead that its members, who included representatives of the local Church, from charities and from the Social Services, would continue their association with the Care Centre as an Advisory Body, whose advice and opinions could still be sought and who would be kept informed of the Care Centre's progress. After its first three years, the Care Centre was set to go from strength to strength.

**Save the Children**

READING BRANCH

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
CROSFIELDS SCHOOL, SHINFIELD

23rd July 11 to 5

Entry £1.50 or £5 per family

Swimming, Tennis, Cricket Match,  
Pets Corner

Fun for Under 5s

Action Van, Fun Bus and many other activities

Gymnastic, Dancing and Synchronised  
Swimming Displays

School Bands

Photographic Competition

**ALL FREE**

Details of mixed doubles tennis tournament  
from Phyllis Shattock 472686

**Grand Raffle**

Ploughman's Lunch or barbecue

Clean your Carpets the Professional Way  
and hire

**ESCORT CARPET CLEANER**

from  
**Suprema**

DRY CLEANERS

32B CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM  
Telephone 477713

Use it just like a vacuum cleaner and see the dirt  
being removed

**MICHAEL BLACKBURN A.B.I.P.P.**

WEDDINGS, COLOUR PORTRAITS,  
PASSPORT SERVICE

AT

**HYMOR Photographers**

41 PROSPECT ST., CAVERSHAM  
TEL: READING 479450 & 475451



# the CLUBS

## Emmer Green TG

The Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild met in May for a programme planning and social evening. Members were invited to suggest the names of speakers or subjects that they would find interesting and many ideas were forthcoming. A plant stall did a roaring trade in seedlings and cuttings reared by members.

The evening ended with a sing-along to recorded music which included many of the old favourites.

## Rosehill W.I.

Mrs Weller, the President, opened the May meeting by welcoming members and introducing Mrs A. Protheroe, VCO, who had come to talk and explain the resolutions for the AGM in the

Albert Hall in June. Mrs Weekes will be the delegate.

Crafts will recommence in September, rambling will continue and it is hoped to attract more members this summer. Rosehill were in charge of the raffle at the group meeting at the Bluecoat School and made £70.

The competition for "Four cookies for coffee of one variety" was won by Mrs Gillings.

## St. Peter's Wives Group

Mapledurham Mill was the subject of the May meeting. Mrs Mildred Cookson, the Miller, told the Group some of the history of the mill, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Water wheels have been added since the mill was built in the 1600's, but essentially it is still a

working mill, milling flour for the community. Mrs Cookson is the only person working at the mill and carries out all the maintenance and other jobs required to keep the mill running. Mrs Cookson's talk, illustrated with slides, was much appreciated by her audience.

## Maplewood WI

At the May meeting the President introduced Mrs Joan Parker, VCO, who led the discussion on the four resolutions to be presented at the AGM in the Albert Hall in June. The Link delegate was instructed how to vote.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs Heather Baker, President.

The Spring Group Meeting held at Woodley was well attended by members, who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided by Earley Drama Group, a one act comedy entitled "Blush Pink". The Group competition "An Impression of China" was won by Maplewood Institute.

## Caversham Ladies Club

The Chairman, Mrs Harwood, opened the meeting with her usual warm welcome to members, and a specially warm one to members who had been in Hospital or at home ill. It was so good to see them back at the Club's meeting.

Members agreed the

outing to Symonds Cider Factory had been very much enjoyed. The drive took the Club through lovely countryside to Cirencester, where there was a stop for coffee and even time for a quick look into its beautiful church, then on to more wonderful scenery, along Bird Lip, on the outskirts of Gloucester, gradually turning towards Herefordshire where the cider factory was situated.

After a short tour of the works, a lunch of fish and chips was served. After this refreshment it was now time to leave and enjoy more beautiful scenery, to Monmouth, along the River Wye through the valley with a stop at Tintern and its great abbey ruins. Then it was time to leave and continue round the edge of Chepstow and on to the Severn Bridge towards home. It was a really wonderful sunny day out.

Mrs Harwood and Mrs Strong had taken the RBH collection, which again had been over £30 to the hospital and were shown over the new unit which they said was a huge step in the right direction towards all the equipment so badly needed to ease suffering. So here's hoping the collection box will soon be full once again.

Miss Snell was the speaker introduced by Mrs Harwood and her talk was "Some of the funny things and events that had happened to her during her many travels and years of teaching". And what a store of them she had to relate. Everyone was laughing within minutes, and when Miss Snell announced

her talk must finish, members were surprised how quickly time had flown, proof of how much everyone had enjoyed listening to her. After the usual light refreshments the meeting was closed with members leaving pleased with their afternoon.

## Chazey WI

Chazey's May Meeting was the Birthday and Resolution Meeting. Mrs Finch was the County Representative who introduced the Resolutions. These were on the usual wide ranging issues.

The first discussed was to reduce the use of chlorofluorocarbons in products like aerosols, in the manufacturing of refrigerators, and foam insulation, because of its effect on the Ozone layer, and to insist on its being properly labelled. The second Resolution was to ask the Lord Chief Justice to ensure sentencing for rape was adequate. The third was to legalise random breath tests to try to reduce the number of road deaths and injuries related to alcohol intake. The fourth was to reduce water pollution caused by agricultural waste and chemicals, industrial discharge and sewage.

All resolutions were passed and Irene Lindsay will vote for them at the Albert Hall in June.

The meeting ended with members enjoying the birthday cake made by Patricia Stringer and iced by Anne Bristow and Alison Cook.

## N.G. KENT & SONS TAILORS



CHURCH HOUSE  
59 CHURCH STREET  
CAVERSHAM



Telephone: 479378

### ALTERATIONS (Ladies & Gents)

- \* GENTS READY TO WEAR GARMENTS
- \* GENTS SUITS MADE TO ORDER
- \* TIES. HUNDREDS TO SELECT FROM
- \* TROUSERS SHORTENED WHILE YOU WAIT
- \* INVISIBLE REPAIR SERVICE
- \* MENS DRESS HIRE
- \* QUOTATIONS & ADVICE FREE

## BARBARA

LADIES' HAIRDRESSER

30 Church Street, Caversham.

Tel. 473564

Reduced prices for senior citizens Tuesday and Wednesday. Late nights Thursday and Friday

## Margaret Cutts

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Accountancy, book-keeping and taxation services for the small business and personal client

READING 472987

BRITISH CHIROPODY ASSOCIATION  
announce

MR JOHN REED MSSCH MBCHA  
QUALIFIED CHIROPODIST

10 Bramber Mews  
Caversham  
Reading

Appointments  
READING 477013

88072

## GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICES

6 BANBURY GARDENS, CAVERSHAM  
TEL: READING 473308

Sales and Services  
Agents for  
FLYMO  
MOUNTFIELD  
HAYTER  
ATCO, etc

Always large stock  
of  
NEW AND  
RECONDITIONED  
MACHINES  
Free estimates

Telephone (0734) 476026

## R. CHANDLER PAINTER AND DECORATOR

4 Pembroke Place  
Caversham, Reading

Estimates free

## M. J. GODDARD

Builder and Decorator

FREE ESTIMATES

18 GOSBROOK ROAD  
CAVERSHAM  
READING  
BERKSHIRE

Telephone 475582

18011

## CAVERSHAM DIARY

July 2nd-6th St John's Arts & Crafts Exhibition  
July 20th St Margaret's Day, 7.30pm  
Sung Eucharist (preacher the Rev. Jo Stevenson). Refreshments.

## STOP PRESS

AS we go to press, news has come in which gives cause for celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Meston, a member of St. Margaret's District Committee, who, as controller, occupational safety and hygiene at Rank Hovis McDougall, who has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Jane Handy, celebrating their Ruby Wedding. They are members of St. Peter's congregation and Peter is an area distribution manager of this paper.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Robert Mullaney on winning an art exhibition to the Oratory School.

## TOTALLY PROFESSIONAL EYECARE

## ROBIN JAMES

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS

44 Church Street  
Caversham  
READING 472099

Complete Spectacles from £14.95 to over £200  
Latest Fashion Frames and Newest Technology Lenses



## Suprema

OFFERS

DRY CLEANING AT ITS BEST  
AND AT KEENEST PRICES

WE'RE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK AT

32b CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM

TELEPHONE: READING 477713

81217



## CAVERSHAM CARE CENTRE

Church House, 59 Church Street

Office open Monday to Friday 9.30am-11.30am. T.N. 483466. Please ring, or call personally, if you need help or information from the many local charitable and caring organisations on the LINK GROUP files, or, if you need assistance from the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME, who will:

1. Give help in a domestic emergency;

2. Visit and offer help to the sick, lonely and/or housebound;

3. Provide transport on essential journeys for the elderly and handicapped.

(Emergencies out of office hours — T.N. 479048 or 476181).

The "POP-IN" CENTRE in which to relax quietly, find someone to talk to, or obtain help is open:

Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 12 noon and coffee is available.

Please note — offers to help are also always welcome.

### QUALITY CATERING

Buffets  
Dinner Parties  
Wedding Receptions

Reading 473889

### REPAIRS TO TVs, VIDEOS and AUDIO

Most makes — Prompt attention — All work guaranteed  
Aerial installation undertaken  
REASONABLE CHARGES  
READING 479276  
ANY TIME

## SHARE A CARE

Have you a problem or a need you want to talk to someone about?

Ring 473189

Monday to  
Friday 7-8pm

All calls are strictly confidential

### Bed and Breakfast

GOOD ACCOMMODATION IN CAVERSHAM,  
SINGLE AND DOUBLE ROOMS.

T.V. LOUNGE.

SUIT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL.

Phone Reading 475784

## Carpenter & Joiner

PETER  
MAY

Phone Reading 478175

### Dressmaker

Available for:  
Ladies Fashions,  
Bridal Wear,  
Furnishings, Toys,  
Alterations etc.

KAY  
CLIFFE

Reading 483354

### MUSIC TUITION

Lessons in Piano,  
Singing and Music Theory.  
Also Beginners Clarinet and  
Violin  
For further details phone  
SHEILAGH WINTER  
AND ALISON WOOD  
ON 483522

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### ANGLICAN

#### St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am Parish Communion  
11.15am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)  
11.15am Matins (2nd 4th and 5th Sundays)  
6.30pm Evensong

#### 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

#### St Barnabas

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Communion (apart from 2nd Sunday)  
9.30am Family Service (2nd Sunday only)  
6.30pm Evensong (1st Sunday only)

#### St Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)  
11.00am Parish Communion

### CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

10.30am and 6.30pm

### CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (Caversham Park Primary School)

11.00am Family Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)  
Morning Worship (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
Family Service (5th Sunday)

### CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

10.30am (meeting in the Hill Primary School)  
6.30pm (in Chapel)

### METHODIST

Caversham, Gosbrook Road  
11.00am and 6.30pm

### Caversham Heights

9.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)  
11.00am and 6.30pm

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

St Anne's 9.00am, 11.00am (also Saturdays 5.30pm)

Our Lady of Caversham 8.30 and 10.30am, 5pm Mass

St Martin's School 9.15am Mass

Mapledurham House 6.00pm Mass (last Sunday)

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, York Road 11am every Sunday,  
6.30pm (2nd Sunday)

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), Church Street, Reading 10.45am.  
Caversham Church House — 3rd Sunday Meeting for Worship 7.30pm.  
House study groups Sept — June Tel: 475783

### HOUSE COMMUNIONS

Wednesday 10am

July 6 3 Littlestead Close (Ella Goodban)

July 13 IN THE MISSION TENT

July 20 92 Lowfield Road  
(Margaret Stafford)

July 27 5 Gifford Close (Paula Andrews)

## WE RECORD

### BAPTISED

Dec 6th Gemma Baker  
13th Nicola Hine  
20th Rebecca Harmer  
27th Nicholas Earnshaw  
January 3rd Thomas Haines  
Cheryl Blackburn  
24th Samuel Boughton  
Kate Longstaffe  
February 7th Roger Bradfield  
Meggy Bradfield  
Francine Haines  
March 13th Philip Clark  
20th Lewis Jones  
Lee Beckford  
April 17th Alexander Birch-  
Hawkins  
May 1st Elaine Roberts  
Kate Sheppard  
8th Ashley Lawson  
James Bell  
Sarah O'Riordan  
Joshua Rees  
22nd Harry Treble  
Eloise Treble  
Joseph Treble

April 2nd John Kingsbury and  
Jennifer Jones

9th Edward Coles and  
Catherine McBeath  
Philip de Sausmarez  
and Sandra Dunsmuir

16th Richard Lester and  
Sheila Clark

23rd Robert Eley and  
Lynn Nosworthy  
30th Stewart Thomson and  
Suzanna Rackett

May 7th Stuart McLean and  
Julie Clements  
Richard Shires and  
Wendy Phillips

Vincent Griffin and  
Andrea Goffin

14th Mark Spash and  
Susan Hamilton  
John Lamb and  
Susan Mantell

21st Steven Williams  
and Susan Hardy

### MARRIED

#### St Peter's

Dec 26th Michael Samuels and  
Wendy Smith  
Feb 27th Peter Stubbs and  
Angela Bowcock  
March 5th David Taylor and  
Christine Harper  
12th Richard Porter and  
Caroline Clark  
19th Clifford Mann and  
Joy Holbrook  
26th Allan Bryson and  
Tina Yapp

### FUNERALS

#### St Peter's

Dec 7th Violet Abel  
18th Aaron Smith  
Feb 11th James Scriven  
29th Ray Davies  
March 25th Raymond Evans  
April 25th Moira Smith  
May 3rd Frederick William  
Freeman  
20th Edith Foulkes  
27th Evelyn Kidd

## A. B. WALKER & SON LTD

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Independent Family Business  
serving Caversham since 1826

ELDON HOUSE, 36 ELDON ROAD,  
READING  
(Opposite Royal Berkshire Hospital)

Tel: Reading 573650

Day and night service  
Monumental Masons Private Chapels

### TOMALIN & SON (N.A.F.D.)

### Funeral Directors

48 New Street  
Henley-on-Thames

Telephone 3370

DAY AND NIGHT

### A. F. JONES

### MASTER MASONS

Craftsmen in Stone

BEDFORD RD  
READING

Telephone  
573537

### ARTHUR BUTLER N.A.F.D.

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Telephone  
Reading 722828

Director:  
Mr Elkington  
15 Chiltern Bank,  
Peppard Common

### J. R. McCARDLE

### STONEMASON

Fine Memorials in  
Marble, Stone and  
Granite

Restoration and all  
other masonry  
undertaken

READING 62362

### Your PET SHOP

in  
CAVERSHAM  
Gee Gee Pets  
and Aquaria

29 PROSPECT STREET  
Reading 472422

also at  
READING MARKET  
on Wednesday, Friday  
and Saturday

## PLUMBING

Central Heating  
General Repairs

### K. C. BARNES

209 Kidmore Road  
Caversham

Telephone:

481929 or 417512

### L. W. YEATES LIMITED

Central Heating and  
Plumbing  
Complete systems  
designed and installed  
by qualified engineers

21 Star Road  
Caversham  
Reading  
Tel: Reading 471016

### HEMDEAN

### HAIR STUDIO

Jolanta and Stephen  
invite you to their  
GENTLEMEN'S  
& LADIES  
HAIR SALON

AT  
16 Hemdean Road,  
Caversham

RAZOR CUTTING AND  
FLAT TOP  
SPECIALISTS

Tel. 477340

## P.Y.O.

STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES,  
GOOSEBERRIES, CURRANTS, BEANS,  
PEAS ETC!

AT

CHAZEY FARM  
THE WARREN, CAVERSHAM  
READING 470076