

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



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many years
Frogmore, a
South Devon
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for they gave
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Brie

'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?

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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



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

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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.

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"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 their 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.

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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."

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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.

sideman 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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

name to a document which will raise the status of the relationship between the two towns from a 'link' to a 'partnership', a development which augurs well for the future.

The programme which Gerald Restall has prepared for the members of the Dusseldorf churches includes coach trips to Portsmouth and St Albans, whilst at 7.30pm on Wednesday

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 Urban Wildlife Group Survey unless we have plenty of Organiser, 102 Westwood Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG3 complete. So please help by 5PP. Forms are also available asking for a form and returning at Caversham Library.

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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.

'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-

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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



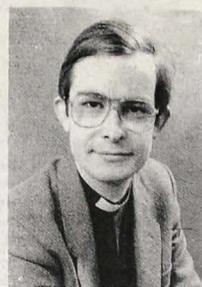
THE Revd Adrian Dorber has been appointed as Chaplain of Portsmouth Polytechnic and will hope to take up his duties there for September's start of the academic year. As at St Andrew's, this vacancy created by preferment will be filled by an incumbent-designate, to launch the Caversham Group Ministry 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.

PETER MULLINS



WITH the beginning of the new academic year the Anglican parish will be losing two of its priests. Not only is Adrian Dober 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.

BAPTIST NEWS

Missionary Visit

ON Sunday 8th May, during the morning service, Mrs. Margaret Hemp, a B.M.S. missionary came to speak to us. Margaret, who is a teacher, and her husband who is a probation officer, have spent 4½ years in Brazil working as houseparents for missionaries children. They were based at a hostel in San Paulo, where the children they cared for learned both Portuguese and English.

As a congregation, Margaret taught us something about the different customs of Brazil and something of the Portuguese language. Virtually all of South America is Spanish speaking, but Brazil is Por-

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.

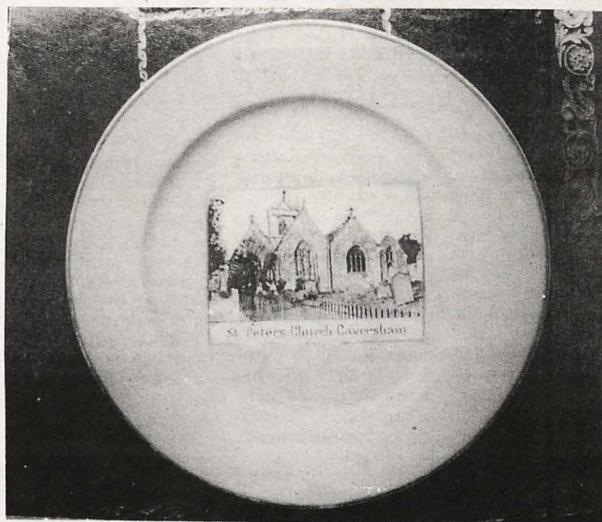


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Mysterious Plate

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/-!

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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



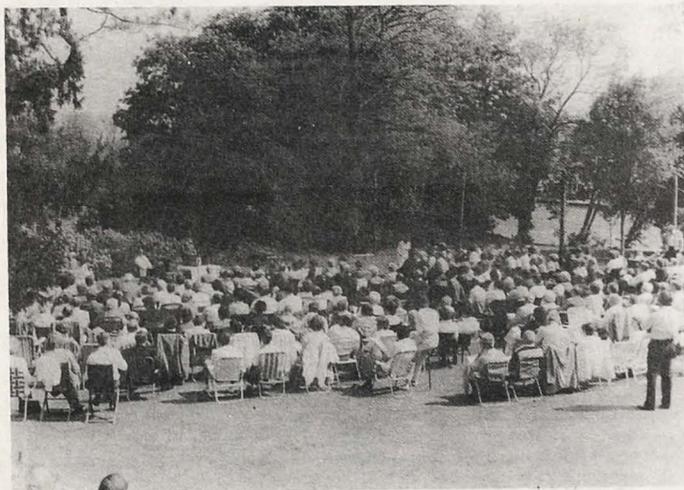
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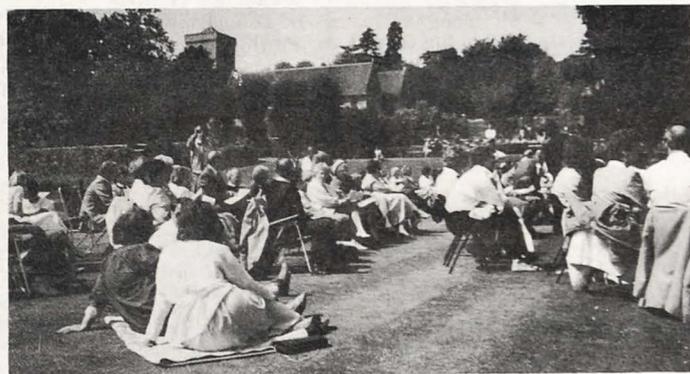
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of not very memorable modern pieces were sung by a group from the Tilehurst, to span the two-and-a-half centuries. It made one realise how much spiritual meaning is compressed into Wesley's lines and how they were a means of teaching the faith to people 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.



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(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.

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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?"

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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.

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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!).

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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?

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 here 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.

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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.

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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 raffie 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.

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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.

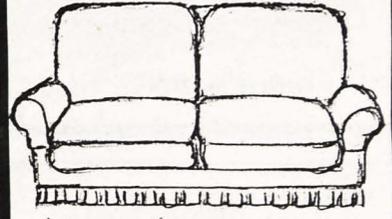
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Bugs Bottom

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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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

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

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 advise 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.

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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.

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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.

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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)

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