



# 25 YEARS OLD!

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## TALKING POINT

By Canon John Grimwade

### TWIN ROLES FOR THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

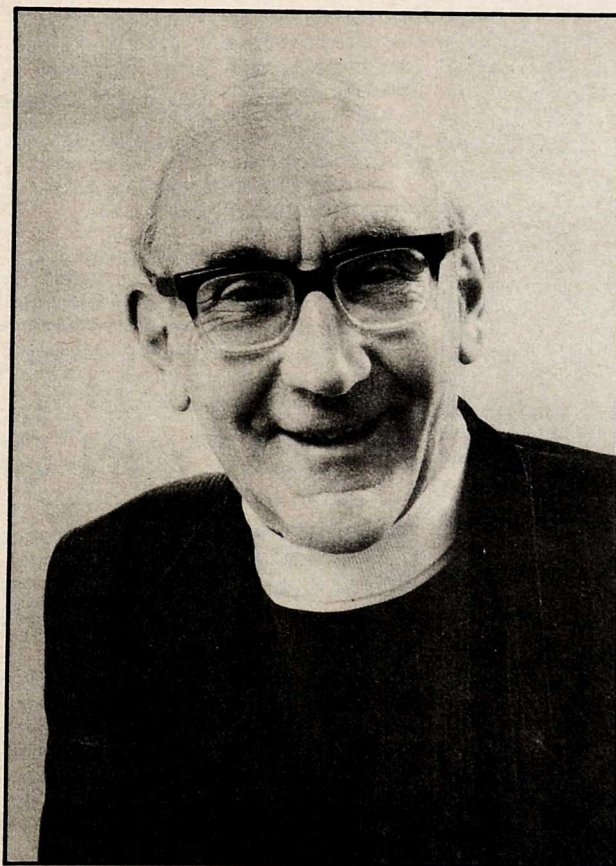
It is a pleasure to be invited to write for the 25th Birthday number of the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE and I am glad to have the opportunity to wish continuing success for the paper in future years.

There must be many present day readers who were not living in Caversham when the first number appeared so this would seem to be an occasion for recalling why the title CAVERSHAM BRIDGE was chosen and what were its aims when it was launched.

### THE BRIDGE'S TWO AIMS

THE paper in origin had a two-fold aim; on the one hand to serve as a link between the churches of Caversham and the local community, on the other hand to be a link between the different Christian traditions to be found in Caversham. A title was needed to express these aims and since there has been a bridge across the Thames at Caversham for many centuries the title "CAVERSHAM BRIDGE" seemed appropriate for a paper with the aims I have outlined.

But how far has the BRIDGE been successful in these aims? This is a question, which since I left Caversham in 1983 can best be answered by present day readers, but certain points need to be remembered. One of the duties assigned by Parliament to Parochial Church Councils is that of making known their views on matters of public concern. But how often do such matters appear on Church council agendas? Are we not too often merely concerned with matters of a more domestic nature. If no representative of local government has been elected to a Parochial Church Council, or an equivalent body of another denomination, could not one be co-opted so that through him or her the views of local Christians can be made known, and at every meeting an item could appear on the agenda, "Matters of community interest".



WALTON ADAMS

When we turn of views and the from local to national government meeting ended with Mr. Hurd ex- it was my privilege pressing the hope last year to arrange that such a gathering meeting between would be a Member of Parliament (in fact the Home Secretary) repeated annually. It is personal discussion with those who hold office at local or national level that is so important. Perhaps too the a wide range of topics which they CAVERSHAM large numbers of knew their BRIDGE could individuals have parishioners were resume the articles cracked the rigid concerned about. by Caversham's authoritarianism There was a MP and Town of Communist valuable exchange Councillors that at regimes.

### IS TRUTH OUR PRIORITY?

MARY Dyer was an American Quaker martyr who just before being burnt for her alleged heresies said "Truth is my authority, not authority my truth". I can find no place in the gospels where obedience is singled out as the most necessary virtue but I do find our Lord disobeying the ecclesiastical authorities when he saw them sinning against the light and the truth. So just as the people of Eastern Europe are finding freedom by rejecting authority is it not time that the same course was pursued by Christians in seeking for unity? We in the Church of England are rightly becoming critical of much that is done under the banner of the General Synod as it sends down a succession of reports for parishes to digest. It is more than time that the agenda of the Synod came from the parishes rather than the reverse. Many years ago Pope John XXIII said that it was the theologians who had got us into the mess we are in; we are now in the curious position that many Christians are in communion with each other as Christians while their Churches as such are not. I know full well that a steady number of Christians are paying little heed to what Church leaders are telling them what they may or may not do, and authoritarian statements by those leaders in attempts to preserve the status quo can in fact be merely counterproductive.....

I hope the Christians of Caversham will in the next few years give a lead in matters of unity, and I shall hope to read in the pages of the BRIDGE that they value truth and place it above authority, for it was Our Lord who described the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth and only as we seek to follow the Truth rather than allowing ourselves to be blinded by authority shall we achieve that unity for which He prayed.

So may the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE continue with its two-fold aims in the coming years.

*John Grimwade*  
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## THE CHAIRMAN, BERNARD MILLER WRITES . . .

"ROMAN HOLIDAY" starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn was showing at the Glendale. Baylis were offering 3 lb bags of S.R. Flour for 1/8 (Sp.) and Campbells Soups for 1/3 (6p.) with EXTRA GREEN SHIELD STAMPS, whilst a new Morris Mini cost under \$500. This was in the autumn of 1964 when representatives from the Churches in Caversham gathered under the chairmanship of the Rev. John Grimwade to plan for the launch of the "Caversham Bridge".

In the Reading Standard 25 years ago Mar-

tin & Pole had for sale a new 3 bedroom detached house on Caversham Heights for \$5,250, and an older 3 bedroom semi for \$4,100 but the starting salary offered by the Civil Service was \$324 with "prospects of promotion" to \$1,273p.a. Much has changed since those days — the Glendale is now the Testament Church of God, Baylis Supermarket has become Caversham's Club, Martin & Pole are now part of the Prudential chain and the Reading Standard is no more, but the "Bridge" has

survived and remains confident that it continues to fill its aim of being a link between the different Churches in Caversham, and between the Churches and the wider community.

Printing arrangements have changed several times — we are now happily served by the Reading Evening Post, but throughout its history the "Bridge" has been an example of what can be achieved by many volunteers working together. Distribution is in the hands of over 200 friends, many who have served since the first issue, contributions from

the Churches and from many societies and individuals ensure that sufficient copy is available month by month, and the team is headed by the Directors who accept differing responsibilities for Finance, Advertising, Distribution and provide a joint Editorial Team. For the content we depend on YOU — articles of interest about Caversham and its people are always welcomed.

To all who have given enthusiastically of their time in the past our very grateful thanks are given — our future depends on your continued support.



Bernard Miller

## ANNIVERSARY RECOLLECTIONS by George Robinson



George Robinson

Photo: Graham Aisbitt

ANNIVERSARIES are generally an occasion for rejoicing and there are 4000 homes in our Caversham area which will greet their old friend, the "Caversham Bridge" with a "happy birthday" when the 300th edition pops through the box on its 25th birthday.

For people, birthdays can be a mixed blessing. After middle age looms up, there's a temptation to say "Birthday — what birthday?" and try to kid the old man with the scythe that Peter Pan is alive and well and living in Caversham,

but newspapers are different. Unlike we mortals, they don't look any different after 25 years, at least the "Caversham Bridge" doesn't because the appearance and format has hardly changed since John Grimwade planned the first edition and that shows he and his staff got it right from the first number.

I am privileged to recall that back in the seventies and early eighties I was part of the "Bridge" team and did a piece that started as a commentary on Reading

Council matters and then widened out into a general dissertation of local affairs, pocket bios of local worthies, film reviews, tales of local history and so on. It was great until I eventually ran out of literary puff, but as an inveterate late starter, I was always walking a tightrope to deliver my copy in time and oh, so often, had to creep up to Daphne's letter box in the wee small hours and silently (I hope) slip in my offering to beat the dawn deadline.

My pen name was

"Zoilus" and whether it was well chosen I don't know, because although Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable says he was a shrewd and witty Greek rhetorician, it also calls him a spiteful and carping critic. If the cap fits, so be it, but I am sure that those who have kept our local Church newspaper running through the last quarter century are not likely to get any criticism, carping or otherwise, from their thousands of happy readers.

## KATY IN CAVERSHAM

from page 3

Barbara Pirquet and Oliver Caiger-Smith of Emmer Green surgery, both much loved doctors. Once — sorry I know I've told this story before — I brought the house down at a 'Bridge' editorial meeting when, appealing for more news, I said I knew a gentleman who was 'thrilled' with the wife's appreciation. Memories and more memories — I could go on ad infinitum. So many people who should be recorded, but others want a share of the 25th anniversary issue. On balance I was fortunate not to have entered Fleet Street.

## WATCHDOG WRITES . . .

### PLUS CA CHANGE

THREE hundred issues on, and the Caversham Bridge's concerns are much as they were in the early days. Watchdog's column and its predecessor were still chronicling the rapid growth in housing and traffic. Bugs Bottom and a third river bridge were as much in the news then as now. Yet in spite of all the changes, Caversham has still managed to be identifiably itself, and part of the credit for this most go to the Caversham Bridge newspaper, which has always opened its doors to the concerns of the whole community and not just a small section of it. Long may it continue to play its part in the life of Caversham.

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# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

## MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AROUND CAVERSHAM

AT an age when most of my friends were dreaming of becoming film stars, I weighed up the possibilities and decided I'd either be Britain's first woman Prime Minister or a Fleet Street reporter. As to the former, well we all know what happened there and as to second I suppose things turned out for the best when I settled, though I didn't know it then, for nearly a quarter of a century writing for the 'Bridge'. I'm glad I did.

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Certainly I'm not of the stuff of which most national reporters are made — I can't see myself shoving a microphone under somebody's nose and saying: "Tell me, how did you feel when your family got blown up". My journalistic career was less exciting but, I think, more rewarding, made up of the stuff of the lives of ordinary people.

Looking back there are so many happy memories. Bath night at St. Benet's Children's Home, strolling around the very new Caversham Park Village, talking to the very new residents, joining in the singing at Caversham Nursery School when Miss Cooper retired as head. With Fred Walker, our first photographer, I had a lot of fun talking to the happy ladies at Springfield St. Luke. Of many interviews with Caversham people, probably the most amusing was with Barbara Justham, our local opera singer; in bed at the time, under orders to have complete rest, with her husband popping in to plead us to break it up, she insisted on carrying on. What a very rewarding afternoon it turned out to be. Charles James, one-time gardener at the old Grove, gave me all the Grove's history, while dear Sister Joseph, a retired

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Dr. Kevin Murphy insisted that instead of interviewing him in the usual way I sat in on a session at the Audiology Unit at the Berks. Hospital, while he tested babies for deafness, a subject on which he was an expert having done research work on deafness in the unborn child. And the police provided

some very entertaining moments, particularly P.C. Titcombe, who many will remember with affection.

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On another occasion, in company with Margaret Stewart-Taylor, author of 'The Crawshays of Cyfartha', and a member of a branch of the Crawshay family, I toured Caversham in the steps of the Crawshays, who lived for a long time at Caversham Park.

The memories come crowding in, the hours spent with Mr. Sear in his shop in Prospect Street, being shown all his latest tapestry work — next day, I recall, I wangled a close-up view of his kneeler at the High Altar at Westminster Cathedral by saying I wanted to write about it in Mr. Sears' local paper.

Wanting to write a little about an Anglo-American

wedding at St. Peter's and confronted at the door by an apparition in all the appropriate gear who offered me his arm and asked "Bride or Groom", I was taken off guard I replied "Neither", recalling myself in time to add the magic words "Press" — the only time I ever remember using that appendage, but it did impress and I got a ring-side seat.

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The other day I ran into Bob Gwyther and his friendly greeting reminding me of the hours spent discussing his new fabric shop in Prospect Street and my devotion to the Reading Male Voice Choir of which he was a member. These friendships are the stuff of which a local reporter's life is made.

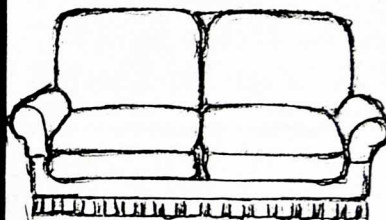
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- Who described what new landmark as the Big Ben of the 20th Century?
- A new Triumph Herald 1200 was advertised in the Caversham Bridge in the December issue. Did it cost £592-8s-9d  
£625-2s-6d  
£815-7s-10d?  
including purchase tax?
- The "First Scheme" later became known as what?
- What religious body celebrated its centenary in 1965?
- Who launched the Great Society and where?
- How much did the Caversham Bridge cost?
- Name the MP who represented Caversham.
- What is the connection between Billy Bunter and Caversham as reported by the Bridge in 1965?
- How did the following achieve headline status in 1965 Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Lane and Edward White?
- Where did the Salvation Army have its meeting place in Caversham?
- Who became Britain's youngest MP in March?
- Where was a totally new shopping parade built in Caversham?
- Who became head of BBC 2?
- How did life in the fast lane change?

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# RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

## By Watchdog

### Treescape Saved

A public enquiry Decision to reject the appeal to allow eight flats to be built in Upper Warren Avenue was greeted with jubilation by the residents of that very attractive road. Residents of less favoured streets in Caversham may have felt that even if the appeal had been allowed it would still have left Upper Warren Avenue as a very attractive place in which to live, and they would have found the Inspector, in his report, agreeing with them on that aspect of the matter. He had other reasons for rejecting the appeal.



Heath Point, the site in question, is a house built about 20 years ago, standing on a large garden. The idea was to demolish it and erect eight one and two-bedroom flats in its place. Anyone who thinks these would provide accommodation for those in need must be extraordinarily naive. These flats would have been high priced at the very start, simply because of their address. This, however, was not a matter to concern the public enquiry.

Neither did the Inspector feel that complaints of loss of privacy and being overlooked were tenable. After all, the majority of the population has to live at far closer quarters than that. The fears expressed of the extra traffic that would be generated also failed to move him.



What did concern him was that there were many similar sites in Upper Warren Avenue and once permission was granted for one it would be dif-

ficult to refuse it in other cases. This would then lead to an unacceptable change of character in an area where previously there had been no purpose built flats, and would also bring an increase in traffic which would necessitate the provision of footpaths leading to extensive tree loss.

There will be those who feel that, even so, Upper Warren Avenue would still be far more attractive than most of the town's residential areas. This may indeed be true, but because of its unique position at the top of the escarpment, what happens there affects far more than the residents of the road alone.

Reading wants and needs to make the most of its waterways and its most prized view is that of the wooded north bank of the Thames seen from the bridge and the Promenade. These trees have suffered severe depletion latterly, for a number of reasons, mainly age, neglect, building and winds and are only able to provide a cover in the summer months. If Heath Point had received planning permission there would without doubt have been a spate of further applications and the pleasure of all those who use the Promenade for leisure purposes would have been very much reduced as they looked across the river at a series of unscreened purpose-built flats instead of the wooded hillside they now see.

Residents of the whole of the Warren area, together with the privilege of living where they do, carry

the heavy responsibility of seeing that they maintain their local environment as well as they can. Warren Residents' Association helps to foster this sense of responsibility and to replace what could easily become NIMBYISM with a much broader view.

### Room for Wild Life

GARDENS these days provide the habitat for wild life which has been driven from other areas of intensive development. The Warren escarpment is particularly rich in wild life but smaller gardens can also have their share if they are not over-cultivated, sprayed and treated.



This year's glorious summer has produced a greater variety of butterflies in our gardens than has been seen for a long time, a very encouraging sign. By early autumn most gardens seemed to have recovered from the drought, apart from a few losses, and in October have been ablaze with the brilliant colours of geraniums, fuschias, busy lizzies and dahlias. Let us hope that early frosts hold off and spare them.

For those with the time and energy, the walk into Reading along the banks of the river is always rewarding and not just in the way of improved health. On one walk alone a heron and a pair of crested grebes with four chicks were to be seen, these in addition to all the mallards and coots

with their now grown-up families who are in constant residence. Caversham remains, in spite of everything, a nice place in which to live, but it cannot be taken for granted.

### Bugs Bottom

BUGS Bottom remains in the queue waiting to be heard in the High Court. The Heath Point decision could indicate a more flexible approach by the Department of the Environment, and if Buggs Bottom gets beyond that hurdle, and make no mistake, it is a major hurdle, it could stand a good chance at a new hearing.

### Station Troubles

Caversham Residents' Association continues to pursue the correspondence with British Rail about the shortcomings of the new railway station and some small headway has been made.



One complaint was that people leaving two of the lifts at level 9 at the car park end easily miss seeing the new booking office there, tucked away as it is round a corner. Steps are now being taken to draw customers' attention to it, as many people have still been trailing across the bridge to the far side of the concourse to buy their tickets - and then trailing back again of course. There are also to be self service ticket machines selling

tickets to commonly used destinations at some point in the future.

It looks as if complaints about the lack of luggage trolleys at the car park end of the footbridge are at last being heard, but anyone who finds they are still obliged to lug the baggage all the way across the bridge should make a complaint. I have seen far too many people, and particularly mothers with young children, having to do this.

For women who do not like waiting in underground or multi-storey car parks, particularly at night, there is little comfort. There will soon be (possibly already is) a set-down and pick-up point nearer the front entrance of the station but it will be under the concourse and will be closed at 9.30 each night. After that it will be round to the back again. The rail air coaches will continue to occupy the space near the concourse entrance and Post Office vehicles require exclusive use of the space in front of the old building.

Somebody really did not do their homework here and we are left with the consequences. Without pressing the point, one feels that person was a man rather than a woman. However, complaints about shortcomings should continue to be made so that where possible remedies can be applied instead of just accepting them as 'just one of those things'.

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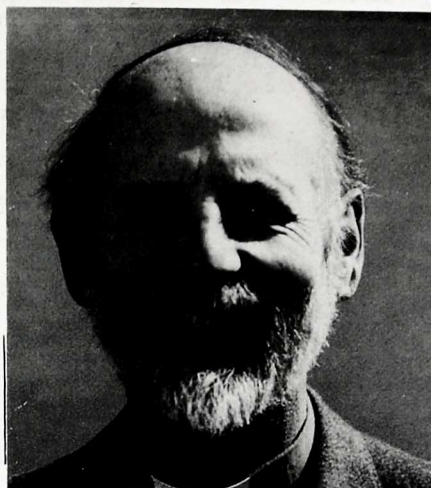
# NEW BISHOP FOR READING

WE welcome John Bone as the new Bishop of Reading. He was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford on 4th October.

The new Bishop knows the area

well. He was educated in Oxford, was a curate in Henley and then Vicar of Datchet, where he taught part-time in Churchmead School. He was also Archdeacon of Buckingham, all within the

Diocese. He is 58, and married to Ruth. They have 5 children. They will be living in Sonning. The editors of CAVERSHAM BRIDGE send greetings and wish him well in his ministry.



## GUY AND MARGARET WILLIAMS

GUY and Margaret's many friends in the area will be sorry to learn that they are soon to be leaving the district for their retirement in Midsomer Norton.

Guy and Margaret represent a perfect partnership as all those who know them will vouch. He, the son of a farmer, she the daughter of a Methodist minister, both have a love of all things rural, a keen interest in English heritage and a deep sense of commitment to their faith and to the service of the community. Kindness and hospitality are two key words that come to mind in describing them.



Guy, who has spent most of his working life in farming, came to this area on appointment as Estate Manager at Mapledurham. They both made major contributions to the running of the estate, Margaret demonstrating her considerable "house-keeping" powers, particularly in the areas of catering and furnishing, Guy applying his inventive mind to whatever challenges came along. One of his key achievements was to supervise the restoration of the Mill at Mapledurham, and not just as a showpiece but as a means of grinding corn on a commercial scale. The guidebook he wrote bears testimony to his literary skills.

Since leaving Mapledurham, Guy and Margaret have liv-

ed in semi-retirement at Fawley Green during which time he has continued to demonstrate his versatility in a number of part-time posts from sailing club secretary to book-keeper. As would be expected, they have both taken a keen interest in village affairs.



For the past 55 years Guy has faithfully served the Methodist Church as a local (lay) preacher and in many other ways. He is still active in preaching which is characterised by a commonsense approach and a wealth of rural illustrations and anecdotes which demonstrate his twinkling sense of humour.

Throughout his life Guy has taken an active interest in community affairs having held office both in local government and in the National Farmers' Union. He has also found time to write periodically for country journals. He and Margaret take great interest in the achievements of their three sons and their grandchildren. They have borne their share of disappointments and tragedies but with courage and faith and always together.

And so the time has come to say goodbye to Guy and Margaret. To describe the next phase of their lives as retirement is perhaps inappropriate — Guy and Margaret hardly know what the word means — and no doubt they will soon be fully immersed in the affairs in their new area, whose gain will be our loss.

B.B.

## "SHOPPING IN THE CAVERSHAM CENTRE"

THE pattern of shopping has changed greatly in 25 years, and of over 100 shops and businesses listed in the 1964 edition of Kelly's Directory only a quarter remain carrying on a similar trade, and many of these are now under different ownership. One that is not missed by passers by is the

"Golden Twin" Potato Crisp Plant, which gave a distinctive aroma to the centre.

Church Street has seen most of the changes, gaining the shops on the Howards Bakery site, St. Martins Precinct, and the Waitrose development and these new shops have added to

the choice available, but there are still needs to be covered. Shops supplying menswear, babywear, and shops supplying and servicing cycles, prams, radio, T.V. and electrical goods are missing. Have you, the reader any other suggestions for shops to fill the premises now standing empty?

## DO YOU KNOW?

Do You Know? — two quizzes about the shopping centre of Caversham — Bridge Street, Church Road and Street and Prospect Street.

Can you match the names to the trades?

### Shops in 1964

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Davies  
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Doreen  
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### Trade

Barber, Boatbuilder, Builder, Butcher, Cafe, Confectioner, Florist, Greengrocer, Grocer, Hairdresser, Shoe Repairer, Wool Shop

Once there were None — now there are Two

One —	Eight
Two —	None
Three —	One
Four —	Two
Five —	One

This quiz was compiled on 30.9.89 and excludes supermarkets.

Answers will be found on page 12

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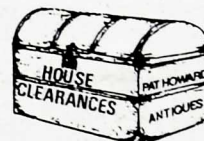
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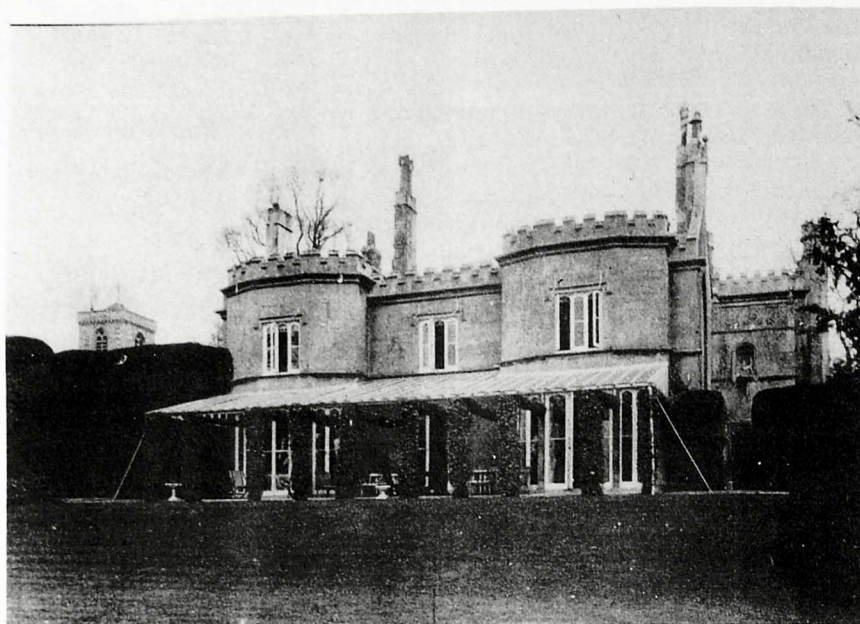
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# THE LOVEDAYS OF CAVERSHAM



Caversham Court in its Victorian heyday.

THE information for the following article was gleaned from Mrs Sarah Markham's scholarly book about her ancestors who lived at the Old Parsonage or Rectory from 1666 until 1799. The house was later known as Caversham Court, but by that time most of the original structure had been destroyed by rebuilding in the nineteenth century. In 1933 Caversham Court disappeared too. Only the stable block from the Loveday's time still survives along with the gazebo in the attractive public waterside park, once the gardens of the mansion.

### Escape to the Countryside

IN the year of the Great Plague Thomas Loveday, a prosperous London goldsmith, came to live in the Old Parsonage on the bank of the Thames just below St Peter's Church. It was an ancient dwelling place with many out-buildings and land including large orchards and two farms, Toots & Lower Street. Before the Reformation the property had belonged to Notley Abbey,

near Thame. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries it came into the ownership of Christchurch, Oxford, who over the years leased it to various tenants.

Whether John's first wife ever lived at Caversham is not known, but by 1669 he had become a widower and married again that year. A daughter, Letitia, resulted from that union but sadly his second wife died in 1674. Once again he wed and his third wife, Mary, presented him with a boy in 1680 whom they named Thomas. A year later the little boy's father had died. Mary continued to live some of the time at the Old Parsonage and some of the time in London.

When Thomas was twenty-three he married Sarah Lethienllier. They had several children but none lived for more than two years with the exception of

Martha and John, born in 1711, and who was to become the most noted member of the family.

By the time John was six his grandmother had vacated the family home and his parents came there to set up house.

That year John began to attend Reading School. At such a tender age he was too young to become a proper boarder so lived with the writing master and his family.

Life at school seemed to have been punctuated with half-holidays for there appears to have been a custom that if a boy (or anyone else) presented a book to the library then all pupils were given an afternoon off school. The library thrived one imagines!

School holidays passed happily and busily. There was always plenty of interest to occupy John locally. Sometimes he went to see his old friend Simon Walcroft. Simon was the Caversham barber. He was also the parish clerk and a keen musician playing the pipe and the tabor. It was Simon who bequeathed the large brass candelabrum to St Peter's Church, now

hanging in the side chapel. His wife seems to have run a small dame school in the village.

### An Adventurous Young Man

THE year 1727 was a milestone in John's early life. He was sixteen and that year began to keep a diary. This was a practice he was to continue throughout his life. He had begun to collect books, too, and a fine library resulted from this early beginning. That same year he rode to Bath and Bristol with his headmaster, Mr Hiley. His

horizon was becoming wider, extending far beyond quiet Caversham and the nearby market town of Reading. He also visited Oxford where a year later he was to become a gentleman Commoner of Magdalen College. Here at Oxford he became acquainted with Thomas Hearne, librarian and antiquary. He and John shared many interests. In 1729 he was journeying ever further afield, riding to Wales via Glastonbury where he

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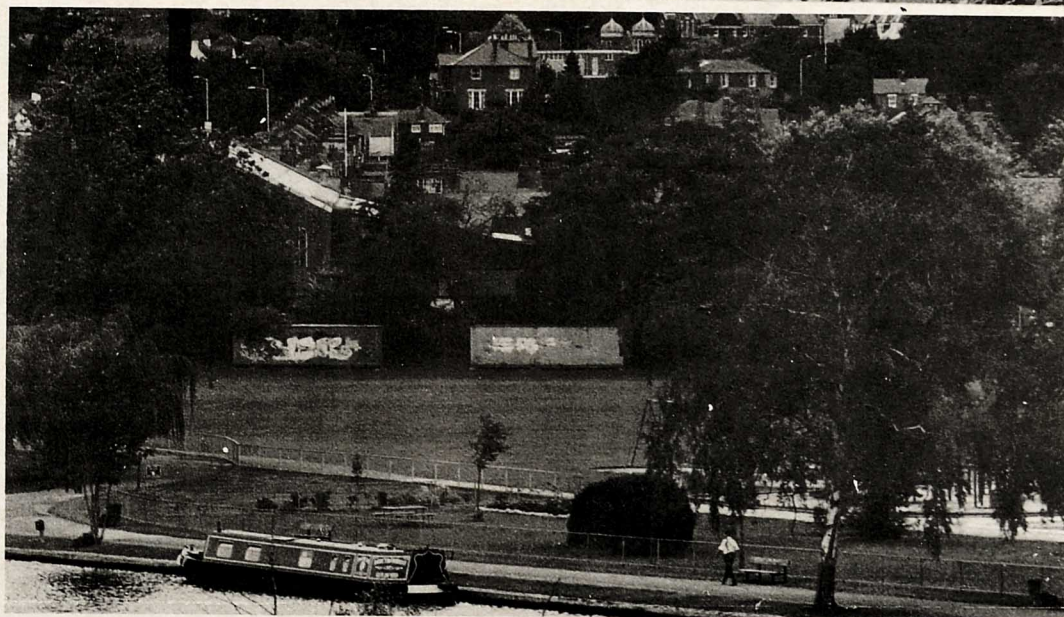
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From the station car park — a different angle.

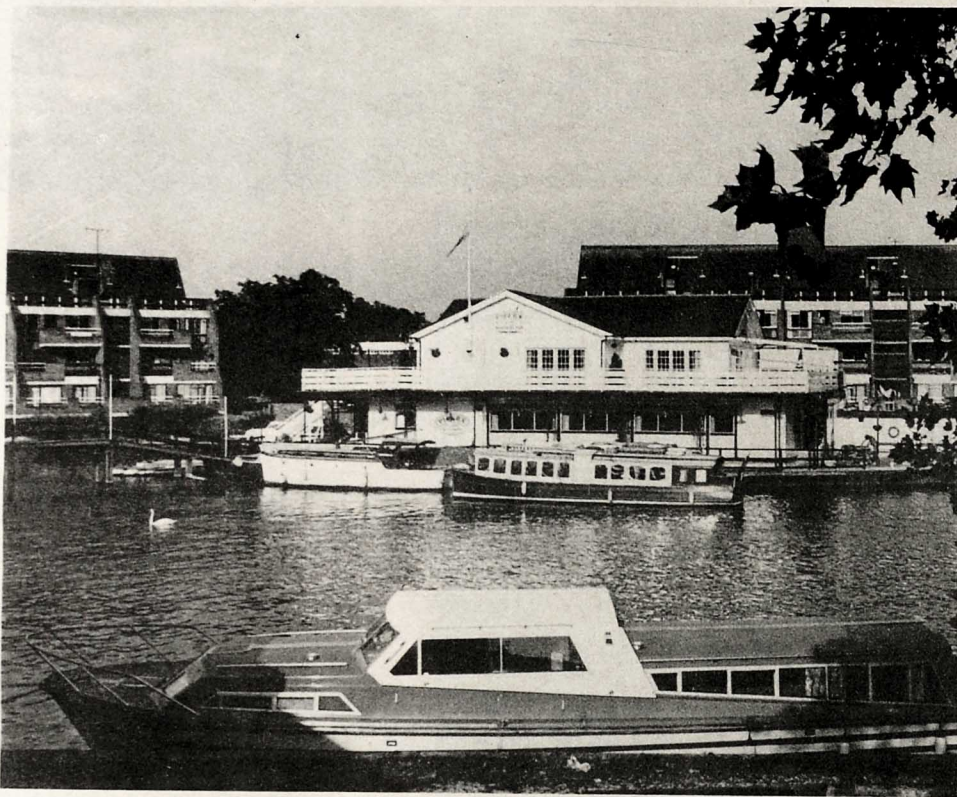
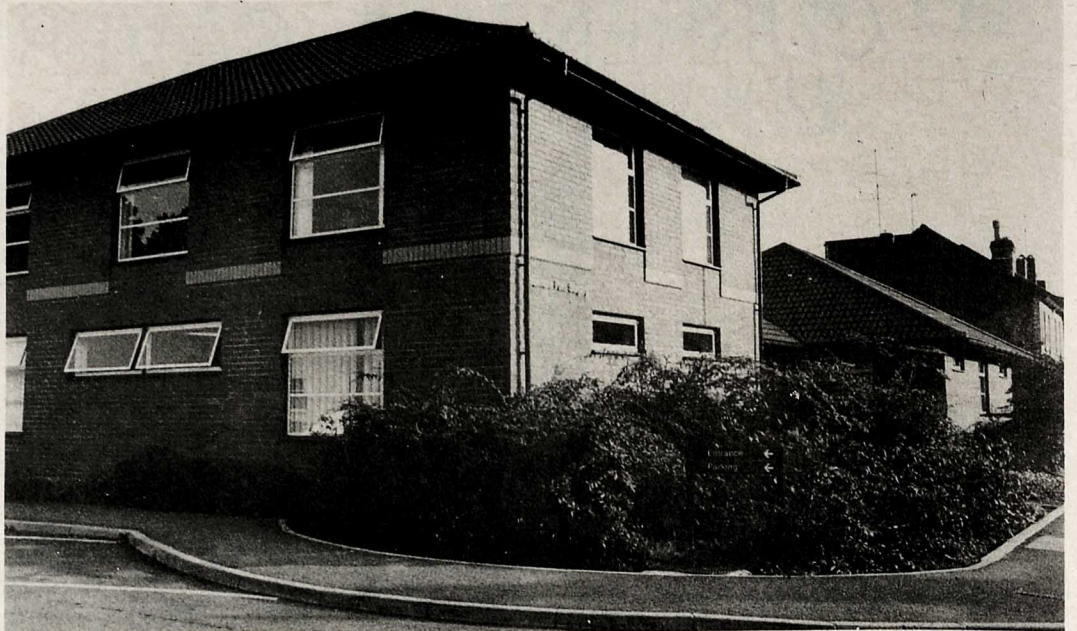
The new supermarket with the squash club above, as seen from the river side.





# CURRENTLY CAVERSHAM PAGE 2

Baltimore Park Surgery.



John Anderson from Walton Adams has very kindly taken these photographs of some of the newer and more interesting buildings erected recently. Perhaps those of our readers who will be around in 25 years' time may like to compare?

(Above) Pipers Island with new flats behind.

Further along by the river, this new complex, which looks across the river.





# CURRENTLY CAVERSHAM PAGE 3

A smart addition to the waterfront.



Down on the site of Caversham mill, Heron's Island has smartened up lower Caversham.

Scott's office — a good looking building





# CURRENTLY CAVERSHAM PAGE 4

New houses built in the grounds of The Rise, itself now divided into several apartments.



Retirement homes in the Woodcote Road.

In Prospect Street, on the site of the old "Yard" — see the cobbled way in cutting across the pavement.





# THE LOVEDAYS

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enquired about the renowned Glastonbury Thorn and entered among his notes — "A slip of the Thorn is now in the Butcher's Garden; it blows every Christmas Day. It is like other Thorns only the leaf is larger and has no prickles".

Wales was soon beckoning him again and the following year he returned to its hills with a friend — this time to Brecon. They set off on May 25 returning to Oxford on June 20, the whole tour costing them twenty guineas including the hire of horses.

This excursion was followed later in the year by a visit to the South Coast journeying through Kent,

Sussex and Hampshire and as on every occasion during his numerous travels copious notes were entered in his diary for he was vastly interested in all he saw and heard.

In his twenty-first year his thirst for adventure took him across the sea for the first time. He visited relations in Ireland who lived in County Kildare. Wisely he again went with a companion; travel was certainly full of hazards, especially on long journeys. Returning to Holyhead he and his friend journeyed north into Scotland. The whole tour lasted four months. He was to return to Ireland again the following year.

Soon land across the sea beckoned

him again and he was off to see Holland and Flanders, his only trip to the Continent.



**A time of Sorrows**  
BY the end of the seventeen thirties John decided to settle down. However this was not to be the end of all his travelling and sightseeing, he continued to ride about the land until 1765.

He married Anna Maria Goodwin. Sadly she died some four years later leaving a son Jack and daughter Mary.

Sorrow was still to cloud John's life, for although he married again soon, to a second wife Dolly, an inestimable tragedy was not far away. He decided to send his little girl, Mary, to a boarding school at Dorchester-on-Thames run by a Mrs Price. A few months afterwards a friend of his was riding from Oxford to Caversham and kindly stopped at Dorchester to see how the child was settling down at her school. Arriving there he discovered the poor little soul had died late the night before from "a bilious attack".

In spite of this tragedy Jack had to be educated and he was sent away to Reading School still under the headship of his father's old headmaster and firm friend, Mr Hiley.

After ten years of marriage he again lost his wife. Dolly Loveday died at the age of forty-five never, it seems, having enjoyed the best of health.



**Happiness at Last**  
JOHN must have been very lonely in his large house with Jack at boarding school in Reading, and the memory of so many tragic losses, so it is not surprising that he soon married a third time. His new wife was Penelope Forrest. She lived at the Grove, Emmer Green, the home of her brother Captain Arthur Forrest and his wife.

At last John was to begin a period of great happiness.

Jack left school and like his father became a gentleman Commoner of Magdalen. The house was improved — a new parlour built and grand new gates were added to the property. By now it had twenty-five rooms in total but they were needed for there was a young family growing up in the house once again.

Life beside the Thames continued happily for John and Penelope throughout their long marriage.

When he died in 1789 the Reading Mercury wrote of him — "All who knew him have lost friend, the poor a most liberal benefactor and the learned world a distinguished ornament and support".



**The Striped House**  
ONLY one picture of the Lovedays' old home survives. It is a drawing made in 1792 and shows the ancient house with an inner and outer courtyard and a 'Dutch' brick wing on the south side of the latter. The main building on the north, south and west side of the inner courtyard is partly timbered and this led local people to refer to it as the Striped House. The drawing can be found in a small booklet, *A History of Caversham Court*, by Sarah Markham and H. Godwin Arnold. It was published some twelve years ago by the Reading Civic Society and the Gazebo Trust.

Toots farm was a holding of some ninety acres at the top of St Peter's Hill. Darell Road was once the farm track to it and a Victorian farm house, still called Toots and on the site of a former home-stand, can still be seen. The barns which were at the corner of Highmoor Road and Buxton Avenue were pulled down in the early nineteen thirties. The granary at the corner of Darell Road and Highmoor Road

was destroyed in 1981 and the Victorian cowsheds (later a row of garages and by the nearby bus stop) vanished several years later. Pictures of them can be seen in the Reference Library in Reading and the Records Office at Shire Hall.

Lower Street farm lay somewhere along Gosbrook Road towards Caversham Mill, now pulled down.



Mrs Markham's book can be found in Caversham Library. Finally readers interested in Stonesfield may like to read that Simon Walcroft introduced John Loveday to Jack Stunsfield, as he spelt it. Jack was a shepherd and whilst minding his flock made himself a pipe on which he taught himself to play. He excelled so much in playing both pipe and tabor that he became famous and wealthy. Hearne the antiquarian wrote of him — "John O'Sunsfield is the most famous man for musick on the Tabor Pipe that has been forages. He was born at Stunsfield near Woodstock and being a Foundling they gave him the surname of Stunsfield. He used to be sent for far and near and he got a great deal of money..."

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

SEPTEMBER saw the beginning of the Methodist new year and as usual all activities got underway again. The Harvest Festival was a very special occasion with a capacity congregation at the morning service. The Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps played outside the church before the service entertaining passers by as well as people coming to church. The Ambassadors had good cause to play so well as the previous Saturday they had won the National 'A' Class Finals of the Drum Corps United Kingdom Competition. Having already come top of the British Youth Band Association Contest Class league they now have to work for the British Youth Band Championships held in Wembley Exhibition Centre at the end of October. If they should win the Contest Class they will have won three national championships in one year, a feat which, it is believed, has never previously been achieved by any other British youth marching band.

Getting back to Harvest, the Sunday Club and Sunshine girls took part in the service and members of the band talked about the various trophies which had been won. The service was led by the Rev.

John Boakes. The Harvest evening service was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Green from Silchester. Continuing with the Harvest celebrations, the Harvest Supper took place on the Monday. Entertainment was given by 'Metelyk' a Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, (their name in English means 'Butterfly'). Their dancing and singing were fantastic and everyone enjoyed the evening. Profit from the sale of produce and the supper was donated to the Ukrainian Church in Great Britain.

A fellowship group had arranged to visit the Reading Synagogue, and were made very welcome by Rabbi Ian Goodhardt, who showed the group around and gave many insights into the Judaism. The visit was very successful and was appreciated by all who attended.

Work is now underway for the Christmas Fair which takes place on Saturday November 25th, jam and chutney are bubbling away in the saucepans, knitting needles are clicking, and presents are being wrapped, and I think an appointment has been fixed for a visit from an old fellow with a long white beard last seen wearing wellington boots and a bright red suit!

## NEW METHODIST MINISTER

AT the end of August Methodist ministers change appointments and this year it was the turn of Gosbrook Road Methodist Church to welcome their new minister, the Rev. John Boakes and his wife Doreen. They have moved into the new manse at 9 Woodlands Grove and are hopefully settling well into life in the Caversham area.

John and Doreen have two children. Karen, who is living and working in their previous circuit in Truro, is a member of the 'Praisemakers' a well known group of singers who have taken part in many national events. Their son David, is working at Swansea University in the geography department doing research into acid rain. John and Doreen have left some very good friends in Cornwall including two good friends of Caversham

Methodists, the Rev. Brian and Dorothy Coleman who also worked and have retired in the Truro circuit.

John came into the ministry 26 years ago after becoming a Christian during a Billy Graham campaign. John and Doreen began their ministry in the Horncastle and Bardney circuit and then moved right across the country to Lands End. The next

move was back to Lincolnshire and to Gainsborough and then for the last eleven years John was minister to six churches in the Truro circuit.

In addition to being the minister at Gosbrook Road, John also has pastoral charge of Henley, Bradfield and Burnt Hill which are also part of the Reading and Silchester circuit.



Rev. John and Mrs. Boakes.

## LAST SERVICE



Paul Kenchington's last service in Caversham Park Church on 1st October. Every good wish for your new life in Hucclecote.

## LINK GROUP

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## RUTTER REQUIEM AT ST. JOHN'S

IT was a great pleasure to be part of the congregation in St. John's Church, Caversham on Sunday evening, 17th September when St. John's Choir augmented by friends and members of the Sainsbury Singers performed John Rutter's Requiem in a liturgical Requiem Mass. John Rutter is Director of Music at Clare College, Cambridge and this

choral work has become very popular since the first performance in the south of England in 1986. The dramatic service, including the liberal use of incense which caused the smoke detectors to be activated, was a moving experience. Despite the clouds of incense, the choir gave a very creditable performance under the baton of Len David. Especially effective were the singing of the Pie Jesu by Lucy Wilson and Lux Aeterna by Wendy Carne and the sensitive accompaniment to the 23rd psalm by Frances Jones (oboe). This setting of the 23rd Psalm was composed by John Rutter as a separate anthem and later incorporated into his Requiem.

The service was accompanied by David Sidwell (organ) Frances Jones (oboe and flute) Martin Jones (cello) and Christopher King (timpani). The Rev. Dr. Alan Wilson was the celebrant assisted by Rev. Nigel Hardcastle and Andrew Bosley. There was a retiring collection in aid of the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed.

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## Obituary

### Lilian Lewis

LILIAN Lewis slipped peacefully into the next stage of life on September 11th at the age of 93. She lived in Caversham for a long time until a few years ago it became necessary for her to go and live with daughter Gene at St. Alban's and her funeral service took place in the Abbey where she had worshipped regularly.

When she and her husband Douglas first came to Caversham they lived at 20 Priest Hill, but some years after his death in 1962 she and her daughter Audrey moved to 31 Church Road; it gave her great pleasure when some years later her Priest Hill home became, as a result of money raised during the Family Festival of 1974, a home for single parent families.

A keen gardener, she was tidying up one autumn when she discovered a mallard's nest with a clutch of eggs; the bird had apparently crossed the busy road to nest there. But a few who saw her in her familiar green trousers as she worked in her garden will have realised what an in-

teresting and varied life she had led.

For many years she had been a court dressmaker and had fascinating stories to tell about some for whom she had made dresses; then during the first World War she had been recommended for preserving the orchids of England, while in the second War she and her husband ran a hotel in Newbury and befriended many overseas troops.

Mother of five children, grandmother and great-grandmother, her great delight was in her family, and keeping in touch with the different generations who were scattered abroad in many places; nothing gave her greater pleasure than their visits; but she knew the

sadness as well as the joys of family life, particularly when her younger son John died in a road accident, but this is something she bore with Christian courage.

A life long member of the Church of England and a woman of deep prayerfulness she worshipped at St. Peter's not only on Sundays but at the Eucharist on Thursdays and saints days; she always took pleasure in visiting the other churches of the parish on their patronal festivals as well as joining in many ecumenical occasions. While valuing the part she appreciated the need for modern thinking and forms of worship in the church she loved.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## ANGLO-AMERICAN PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER



**PARTNERSHIP** Mission has come and gone for Caversham Baptist Free Church and the mission team from Flat Rock Baptist Church, Liberty, South Carolina, U.S. When I wrote in the October issue of the Bridge, the team of six were but names. Now to the fellowship of the church, they are true friends in Christ — ordinary people like us but committed to spreading the Gospel in this small corner of the world.

The minister of Flat Rock, Norman Ponder, led the team which consisted of Willie and Alleen Evatt, Climelia "Clim" Gray, Bertie Gibson and Joe Sanders. They arrived in England on Friday 29th September together with twenty other teams visiting churches in the Berkshire Baptist Association. Having spent the night in a hotel on Friday night, and some having had time to fit in some sightseeing in London, they arrived in Caversham in time for lunch at the Church, provided by Peggy Ide and her team of helpers who throughout the week coped magnificently with the task of hospitality for our visitors.

The members of the team were allowed a short time to meet their hosts for the week and settle into their homes before attending the Harvest Supper on Saturday evening, together with 160 members and friends of the church family. The church had been abundantly decorated for the occasion, and at last came the time for introductions to the team, when the months of planning came to fruition. We worshipped God through songs led



Five of the American Partnership team, left to right, Willie Evatt, Bertie Gibson, Cli Gray and Norman Ponder with Alleen Evatt in front.

by the Music Group and the Gospel Singers and Norman Ponder gave an epilogue.

The church was filled to capacity at both Harvest Services, for a family service in the morning when the team introduced their puppets (very similar to muppets) to the children. The evening service was a sharing of Communion. A number of visitors were welcomed to both services.

The week continued at a frantic pace with pairs of American and British visitors distributing harvest gifts, visiting homes of the elderly, sick or those not associated with the church who had previously indicated they would enjoy a visit. Our friends from Flat Rock joined in all the various groups during the week: Women's Own, Ladies Friendship Group, Coffee Mornings (and afternoons and evening!), Housegroups, Brownies, Meeting Point, and lots, lots more. They were also welcomed into a number of School Assemblies.

Special mention should be made of the

Berks Baptist Association District Rally at Wycliffe Baptist Church — an evangelistic meeting for the Reading churches involved with Partnership Mission. It was time of worship and great blessing to all those who came.

The Praise Parties for the Cornerstone Youth Groups and their friends were a great success, with plenty of food and music provided by a real live band. The first was for the 5-11 age range, the second for eleven to eleveny!

The Mission was in evidence in St Martins Precinct on Saturday 7th October when people joined in a time of praise, including drama and the puppets, showing to the people of Caversham that Jesus is alive and working in and through peoples' lives.

The final day of the Mission was again marked by guest services and when the time came for our farewells, it was with both a feeling of joy at what we had achieved together for the Lord, and a tinge of sadness that our new friends from America were returning home.

ON 1st October in Dorchester Abbey, 11 people, 7 men and 4 women, were presented to the Bishop of Dorchester for Ordination as deacons. One of the candidates was Christine Allsopp, who has now joined Richard Kingsbury at St. Peter's Caversham and St. Margaret's, Mapledurham, as assistant curate.

Dorchester Abbey was filled to overflowing for the occasion

and clearly each candidate had many supporters. A stirring sermon from ex-Archbishop Lord Cogan (how can he have retired — his voice so young and strong and he himself still obviously so able, having chaired the committee which has produced the new Revised English Bible) and then the laying on of hands.

Very warm applause greeted this action and the whole service

left one feeling full of joy and hope.

Christine "read herself in" at St. Peter's at a full Evening song that same day and by now is well into her work in the parish.

We welcome her and her family — Dennis her husband and their three children, David, Katherine and Tom. We shall look forward to hearing from her at a later date.



Christine Allsopp.

## NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET'S

ON September 10th, Paul and Marion White were welcomed to the Sunday service. They farmed Bottom Farm in the sixties.

Another great pleasure was the celebration of Alf and Edna Martyn-John's ruby wedding anniversary. The great day was on Sunday, 17th September, but as the date for a shared lunch in aid of the Church Urban Fund had already been fixed — which, incidentally was a great success thanks to Peter and Loraine, Alf and Edna celebrated the event on the following Sunday. Then St. Margaret's was filled with many of their family and it was especially good to see Bill and Peggy Symons once again. After the service there was a wonderful party at Trench Green hall.

Alf and Edna have spent most of their married life in Mapledurham where they have done a tremendous amount for the local community who realise how fortunate they are to have two such stalwarts in their midst. Every blessing and many more years of great happiness to them. Congratulations too to Alfred on his election as chairman of the bench of Henley Magistrates.

## NEWS FROM ST. BARNABAS'

ON 10th September, St. Barnabas' Church welcomed Dr. Guy Daines and his wife Jan to their Family Service. Guy and Jan were enjoying a well earned rest before returning to the Transkei, where Guy is medical director of a large 1600 bed hospital at Madaderi, in the homeland of Kwa Zulu, near the mining town of Newcastle. It was wonderful for the congregation of St. Barnabas to meet them, since for many the proceeds of many a fund raising event has gone to an anonymous figure somewhere in South Africa!

In spite of his 73 years, Guy looked as well and as enthusiastic as ever, and in an inspiring address told the congregation something about his work for the black people living in the South African homelands of Transkei and Kwa Zulu, and how, through fund raising events at St. Barnabas' it has been possible to support the education costs of



R.N. Anderson

After the service — Dr. Guy Daines with Dr. Owen Jewiss.

Monica Marapong, daughter of the local archdeacon. She plans to give a year of her life, between school and university, to the "Youth for Christ" movement.

Over coffee after the service Guy and Jan answered many questions about their work and the South African

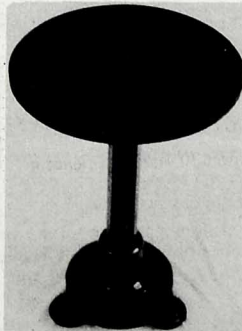
situation. It was generally agreed that their work could be summed up as "Faith in Action". Guy stressed that God had always provided the necessary means to meet the many challenges encountered over the years, a lesson for us all perhaps, as we put our Faith into action.



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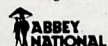
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A rather smaller than usual number met for the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship on Thursday 14th September. This was partly due to the weather which was very wet and to late holidays being taken. The Revd Bill Carpenter, the President, was in the Chair, and he was to it that business was despatched with the minimum of fuss. The existing committee were all willing to continue in office, as was the Chairman, so they

were re-elected. The Treasurer reported the accounts were in a healthy state, shewing an increased balance.

After the usual tea and biscuits the Vicar showed a video of his visit to the Holy Land five years ago. He hoped to stimulate interest in a further pilgrimage which he hopes members of St Andrew's congregation will make with him in 1991, and judging by the interest shown in his video this should not be difficult.



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## the CLUBS

### Caversham Ladies Club

THIS was the Harvest meeting and Mrs Harwood, Chairman, opened it with a warm welcome to members present after the long summer break. Before proceeding with the Club's meeting Mrs Harwood announced the sad news of the death of Mrs Johncock who had been a member of the club and would be missed. Members are reminded of the outing on September 21st which was to be a Mystery Tour, ending with a fish and chip meal at Chiltern Chase.

The tables were covered with so many goodies which members had generously brought along that it seemed a shame to remove them, but Mrs Brenda Strong, the usual auctioneer soon had the sale started with her usual wit, and amidst much merriment members' bags were soon bulging with their buys and tables were looking forlorn and empty. The collecting box for RBH was also remembered by members, and was to be taken to RBH the following week for emptying. Members would know how generous they had been at the October meeting.

Mrs Harwood thanked everyone for their generosity and Mrs B. Strong for her 'Selling' work and then reminded members that the October meeting was the Autumn Fair.

After the usual refreshments the meeting closed on a happy enjoyable afternoon.

### Maplewood WI

THE September meeting of the Maplewood WI was preceded by an enjoyable lunch prepared by the Committee. This was

followed by an interesting talk by a member of the Samaritans, who told about the work being done by the 20,000 volunteers all over the country who take 3 million calls a year. There was an exhibition, "Summer 1989" for which members were invited to bring their favourite photographs. There were 34 members and two guests present. The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs. V. Houseden with an autumn crocus.

### Caversham Community Association

THE September meetings opened with a social evening on the 4th of the month. There was a good attendance.

The members had been very busy preparing their entries for the annual Arts and Crafts exhibition on the 11th September. The judges were Cheryl Pilgrim for the flower arrangements, Stephen Waite for photography, Valerie Catton for cookery and Dorothy Maskell for knitwear, crochet and art. The first prizewinners were as follows:-

#### Cookery:

JAM TARTS - Muriel Waite.  
ROCK CAKES - Doreen Meadowcroft.  
CHOCOLATE CAKE - Maida Peast.  
CHEESE BISCUITS - Margaret Cameron.

#### Flower Arrangements:

GENERAL - Wendy Colton.  
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PORTRAIT - Betty Petherbridge.  
HUMOROUS - Freda Haines.  
ANIMAL - Alan Osborne.  
**General Art:**  
PAINTING OR DRAWING - Henry Buckland.  
**Men's Class:**  
ANY ARTICLE - Henry Buckland.

In the flower arrangement class Beryl Latcham retained the Joe Rampton Rosebowl and Joan Tarrant was awarded the Muriel Rampton Cup. The judges gave their reasons for choosing the winning exhibits and made helpful comments on the various entries. Maida Feast, the chairman, thanked the judges for their work.

On the 18th September a Competition and Quiz evening was arranged for the members. Papers and pens were distributed and everyone was kept busy working out the answers to the various games. Prizes were awarded to the winners and the lighthearted fun was enjoyed by all.

Harvest Festival and supper, always a popular event, was no exception when this was celebrated on the 25th September. The members came bringing their gifts of flowers, vegetables, fruit and groceries which resulted in a colourful display. The tables had been laid with food prepared by the committee and members. The sandwiches, scones and jam, apple pie and cream all looked most appetising. The Revd. Dr. Alan Wilson, the vicar of St. John's Church, with his wife Lucy were welcomed to the club. The harvest hymns were sung, Nancy Nelhams accompanied at the piano and the Revd. A. Wilson addressed the members. He spoke of the importance of the community spirit of help and support amongst things to be thankful for at harvest time and said the prayer before the supper. The meal was delicious and much appreciated by the members. After the tables were cleared away, Maida Feast,

the Chairman, with willing helpers, auctioned the gifts for club funds. The Chairman thanked the committee and members for all their work which helped make a happy evening.

thelecote House and a much enjoyed trip on a horse-drawn barge on the Kennet and Avon canal ensured that members got out and about in the wonderful summer.

Now back in Trench Green hall again, new friends and anyone else who would like to come to tea will be welcomed on Monday, 13th November when there will be an open afternoon with a few stalls selling produce, gifts and home baking. The meeting starts at 2.15pm - do come along.

### Jubilee Club Mapledurham

ANOTHER happy year is drawing to its close for the Jubilee Club, which caters for older members of the community. It began with the annual visit to the pantomime at Windsor. Indoor meetings included a talk on making corn dollies, another on fine embroidery and a third on the history and working of Mapledurham Mill.

Two garden parties, a visit to Lit-

### Chazey WI

AT the September meeting, President Mrs Tricia Stringer reported on the summer activities of Chazey WI.

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# the CLUBS

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## Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

On a very hot afternoon in July, a group of London pensioners were entertained to tea, with lots of home-made cakes, and croquet on the green acre of Mapledurham Playing Fields, all of which was greatly enjoyed by hostesses and guests.

For the annual August outing, members, husbands and friends travelled to Bristol to see Harvey's Wine Museum, to hear a talk on the history, and taste some samples of sherry.

The speaker for the September meeting was Mr. B. Barnes, who, in his talk entitled 'Improve your Memory', gave members useful hints and much good advice on how to commit information firmly to the mind.

Plans were finalised for the Harvest supper and Barn Dance in October. A theatre trip to Windsor in November is being arranged, also a trip to Scholls for a talk on foot care. Many members ordered tickets for the Berkshire Federation's 70th Birthday Party in November at the Hexagon.

IN September, Mrs. Le Grande gave a slide show to the ladies of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild, her subject being the City of Bath and its history, a town well known and loved by many of her audience. It has been a spa town since Roman times but didn't gain popularity until the time of Queen Anne, and subsequently, regency times. Many of the houses were not built as single private residences, but as lodging houses to accommodate the large number of visitors coming either for their health or for the social life which was busiest in the autumn and early winter months.

Future visits to this beautiful city will be enjoyed all the more, thanks to Mrs. Le Grande's slides and her enthusiasm. Mrs. Fuller gave the vote of thanks. The flowers for the committee table were arranged by Mrs. Hooper, and a Harvest sales table

was presided over by Mrs. Harvey.

The Arts and Crafts group were delighted to announce that they had completed knitting twenty three blankets. Six went to the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed, four to Age Concern, six to The Blind Association and seven to local people.

The Ramblers have taken advantage of the continuing fine weather and gone further afield to Pangbourne, Sonning Common and Arborfield, using public transport or members' cars to reach their starting points. Some lovely scenery has been enjoyed together with good company; an excellent way to stay fit.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of a founder member Mrs. Wyn Allen who, until her move to Bourton on the Water a few years ago was an enthusiastic and active member of the Guild although approaching her eighties. Her presence was sorely missed at the meetings when she moved to the Cotswolds, and condolences were sent to her family.

A very successful Jumble Sale was held in September and

thanks go to all those who work so hard to make this worthwhile. Part of the proceeds will go to the Reading Branch of The Talking Books for The Blind. Guild meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30p.m. at St. Barnabas' Church Hall, Grove Road, Emmer Green, and new members and visitors are always welcome.

Congratulations to Liz Holland and Marilyn Ball, who won the Berkshire Tennis Tournament again, and went on to become runners-up in the regional contest.

## Reading Gardeners' Association

REGULARLY, each year, The Reading and District Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Association has a summer programme of excursions to visit gardens, large and small, which are within a day's travelling distance of Reading: this summer was no exception. Two full-day trips were organised by coach, to see well-known and interesting gardens, the first, in May, to

Beth Chatto's unusually good one at Elmstead Market, near Colchester in Essex, the other to Dorset, in July, to see the historic garden at Cranborne Manor. These were well attended and very much enjoyed.

Two half-day trips took us, in June, to Lord and Lady Carrington's home near Princes Risborough where there are lovely old roses and some interesting enclosed areas, then, in July, to Pusey House near Faringdon with its splendid water garden, herbaceous borders and roses. Smaller private gardens included a cottage garden in Blandford, Dorset, a newly-planted, architect-designed one in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire and a cottage garden at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Oxfordshire. Two nurseries with excellent plants for sale were visited, one at Enborne, near Newbury, in May, which specialises in foliage plants and bulbs and the other the Churchill Nursery, near Wheatley which has splendid conifers.

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