

# REMAP

Rehabilitation Engineering Movement Advisory Panels

— by Frances



TRAVERS COSGROVE, WHO LIVES IN EMMER GREEN, kindly gave me some of his time recently to explain the work of REMAP, for whom he is Publicity Officer. Their official title is less informative than their own description — "Resourceful Engineers Make Anything Possible!" The aim of the volunteers belonging to this organisation is to fill in the gaps left by the standard commercial aids and equipment now available to fulfil the needs of disabled people. The problems are invariably 'one-off' as all disabled people's needs are different.

REMAP was started over twenty years ago in Billingham and has since flourished until the membership now totals over two thou-

sand people, and covers the whole country. The Berkshire panel has been in action for ten years now and Travers Cosgrove has been working as their Publicity Officer for many years.

Each area is run by a panel of about fifteen regular members. Approximately half of them are engineers with the other half being made up of members of the caring professions. Social workers, nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and occupational therapists can give medical advice and point out any unforeseen pitfalls. On each panel there is a case officer who matches the task to the engineer and maintains a record

of jobs undertaken and completed. Some panels also include a photographer who will record the finished article and provide help with displays etc for publicity purposes.

The majority of the panel members are engineers, electricians and general handymen with a bent for solving tricky problems! Many, but not all, are retired and so have more time to devote to REMAP.

Cases are frequently referred to REMAP through occupational therapists in hospitals. Many cases have come from the two excellent special schools we have in this area — The Avenue School and Brookfield's School in Tilehurst. Local

hospitals are also grateful for the help REMAP have provided.

The variety of jobs is fascinating. For example, a vast difference has been made to the life of a wheelchair-bound person by the invention of a special adapted stick enabling her to turn the control knobs of a cooker. Simplicity is often the keynote for the success of these aids. The child in the picture has been helped immeasurably by the padded bar which now supports his head. Before this he was unable to look the world around him in the eye as he cannot hold up his head unaided.

Rather more com-

plicated projects have included the construction of a double powered chair to take two disabled children. The simple aids are ones most frequently asked for. Imagine the pleasure given to a disabled person by the invention of a stand to hold knitting needles steady or a kettle stand to hold a kettle still so that the person can make himself and others a cup of tea.

REMAP do not charge for their time or for materials used. They beg or borrow the materials, often unwanted industrial materials. Social Services often make grants for specific projects and donations from local firms are occasionally made. The

work of the panel is never limited by lack of money. It is time that is most valuable — the time given by its volunteers.

Schools and colleges in the area have been generous with their time and enthusiasm in helping the organisation. The apprentice training school at A.R.E. at Aldermaston have undertaken projects. R.E.M.E. at Arborfield, Bulmershe School, Farley Hill School and Waingels Copse School have all been very helpful too. Leighton Park School worked on a controllable harness for guide dogs and the Technical College and University have provided expertise and workshop space. I think this is a

remarkable organisation doing an unsung job — but one which must enhance the lives of a great many people. If you would like to know more about it REMAP will be delighted to give you more information. Mr Cosgrove will also give talks and show the Berkshire video if required.

Volunteers are always welcome as well as any requests from people who feel REMAP could help them. The organisation is always looking for a 'shop window' to show its video and publicity material, so do get in touch with Travers Cosgrove on Reading 472524 if you can help. The Secretary for Berkshire is Hugh Haskell Reading 874228 if you would like to volunteer help or would like to help.



# TALKING POINT

By The Rev. Richard Kingsbury  
Rector of St. Peter's & St. Margaret's



## HYMN OF THE UNIVERSE

(for a choir of 1 — 30,000  
in Caversham)

'So many Christians are like deaf people at a concert. They study the programme carefully, believe every statement made in it, speak respectfully of the quality of the music, but only really hear a phrase now and again. So they have no notion at all of the mighty symphony which fills the universe, to which our lives are destined to make their tiny contribution, and which is the self-expression of the Eternal God.' (Evelyn Underhill)

We need to listen more and talk less. If we're not careful, the busy-ness of church life can blot out the wonderful, absurd, beautiful, hilarious, miraculous fact that LIFE is, that WE ARE! That's why I get a bit frisky round the festival of Trinity Sunday (last month) and from June onwards — having lived and talked of Christ's birth, death, resurrection, ascension, and empowering God's people, in the first half of the year — we now have the summer months to listen. To 'tune in' to infinity. To respond with wonder, love and praise.

If I could selfishly choose how to spend the rest of my life (don't spread this around; I've never told anyone this before and it sounds a bit, well, silly) I'd be a gardener at St Columba's Abbey on the Isle of Iona. No, seriously!



Study Evelyn Underhill's words (above) again. By getting closer to nature and, maybe, the simplicity of the saints, we'd lose 'Dynasty', 'Neighbours', traffic jams at 'Waitrose', and other such perishables of life — but think what we'd gain!

Here we are, busy Christians in busy Berks. Here is where we try to catch the 'Silence of Eternity'. It doesn't really depend on where you are but how you are.

The priest-scientist Peré Teilhard de Chardin, in the Ordos desert on the Feast of the Transfiguration 1923, with no 'equipment' to offer Mass, sublimely catches the human spirit's response to God, in 'Hymn of the Universe'. Something is

lost in the translation from Fench but what a Thought For Each Day when we're tempted to regard our routine busy-ness as a 'desert':

'Since once again, Lord — though this time not in the forests of the Aisnes but in the steppes of Asia — I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world.

Over there, on the horizon, the sun has just touched with light the outermost fringe of the eastern sky. Once again, beneath this moving sheet of fire, the living surface of the earth wakes and trembles, and once again begins its fearful travail. I will place on my paten, O God, the harvest to be won by this renewal of labour. Into my chalice I shall pour all the sap which is to be pressed out this day from the earth's fruits.



My paten and my chalice are the depths of a soul laid widely open to all the forces which in a moment will rise up from every corner of the earth and converge upon the Spirit. Grant me the remembrance and the mystic presence of all those whom the light is now awakening to the new day.'

(Teilhard de Chardin)  
Richard Kingsbury

# POSTBAG

## QUARTERMASTER WANTED

Dear Sirs,  
I write on behalf of the 89th Reading (Milestone Wood) Scout Group. We have a substantial amount of equipment needing care and maintenance, and we are about to lose the services of our Quartermaster through pressure of business. It occurs to me that many of your readers are around retirement age. Perhaps we could interest one or more active retired persons, male or female, to function as our Quartermaster and perhaps generals handy around our Scout premises.

I should explain that the 89th has its own Scout Hut and camping ground just off Kiln Road, Emmer



Green. We have a Minibus, trailer and a fleet of canoes in addition to the tents and other camping equipment you would expect a Scout Group to possess. We run a Venture Unit, a Scout Troop, three Cub Packs and one Beaver Colony. Indeed until recently we had another Scout Troop and another Beaver Colony and it is our ambition to restore the sections we have had to close. The demand is there but not enough people are willing to spare time to help run all the Scouting activities we

would like to offer. I should of course mention that we should also be happy to hear from anyone willing to join in running or restarting suspended activities, either in a leader-ship or fund-raising capacity. The Group Scout Leader is Mr Richard Ellison, Telephone No. 476294, who would be delighted to discuss our needs with anyone interested in sparing us some time and effort.

Yours etc.

(signed) John Williams

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## SAVE THE CHILDREN

Dear Editors,  
As Chairman of the Reading Branch of Save the Children, I should like to congratulate the very active Caversham Branch on their excellent front page feature in the April issue of this paper, advertising Save the Children Week and our seventieth anniversary.

Perhaps I might be allowed to add one or two points. One personality who was not mentioned because she continued to work for the Reading Branch, was Mrs Eva and provided them for Sawyer. There must be many Caversham folk who will remember her marmalade! Every year she made literally hun-

dreds of pounds of it to sell, dividing the proceeds equally between Save the Children and the Caversham Baptist Church Building Fund. I remember her telling me that one gentleman regularly ordered fifty-two lbs — one for every week of the year! She also sold delicious home-made rolls there was. Mrs Sawyer worked tirelessly for Save the Children until her death, and was in fact the



first organizer of the House-to-house Collection in Caversham and part of Reading.

Other indefatigable workers still living in Caversham were Mrs Nora Kemp, a founder member, and Mrs Jane Jones, both of whom are now Vice-Presidents of the Reading Branch; Mrs Muriel Younger who was the first Trading Secretary; and Mrs Eileen Slade, an octogenarian who still works regularly in the Reading SCF shop, which numbers several other Caversham residents among its helpers.

Phyllis Shattock

## JOHN TOMLIN

Dear Editors,  
I was delighted to read the tributes to John Tomlin in the May edition of your newspaper, but sorry that no mention was made of his long association with the Good Neighbours.

Records show that he joined the Committee in 1966, and he held the position of Treasurer for many years, only retiring just two years ago. On behalf of the Good Neighbours may I add our

tribute to John for his years of faithful service to our organisation.

Esther Youens

Secretary, Caversham Good Neighbours

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## READING-DUSSELDORF ASSOCIATION

From Friday afternoon, 21st April to Monday morning, 24th April, members of the Reading Dusseldorf Association were hosts to thirteen members of Dusseldorf's Anglo German Club who were met at Heathrow by Martyn Allies, the Chairman of the RDA.

The hosts met their guests as they alighted from the RailAir Coach outside Reading's Railway station and almost immediately both hosts and guests were conveyed to Nugent House, the

headquarters of Thames Water, for a panoramic view of Reading from the 15th floor of that building.

At 4 o'clock the group were welcomed at the Civic Centre by the Mayor, Councillor Kay Everett, after which the hosts took their guests home for the evening meal and a chance to get better acquainted.

Saturday saw the party at Windsor for a tour of the Castle where some of the guests were lucky enough to have sight of

the Changing of the Guard. This was followed by a pub lunch in Eton and a tour of Eton college afterwards. Then back to Windsor for a visit to the Royalty and Empire Exhibition where the exhibits caused gasps of admiration from both hosts and guests.

In the evening dinner was provided by the hosts at the Rainbow Hotel in Caversham Road.

Woodstock was the first venue on Sunday for the visit to

Blenheim Palace and its marvellous gardens, one of Capability Brown's masterpieces, and the Churchill Exhibition. Another pub lunch, this time in Woodstock, set everyone up for the afternoon's visit to Oxford, and a walking tour of the Colleges led by a German speaking guide.

The guests provided the evening meal at the Butcher's Arms in Sonning Common, an old traditional English meal of steak pie followed by a sweet of

"spotted dick". The Reading Abbey ruins were the first port of call on Monday, followed by a visit to Blake's Lock Museum where the party enjoyed a welcome cup of coffee before the guests were back again at Reading Station in time to catch the 11.15 coach back to Heathrow for their flight to Dusseldorf.

The weather could have been warmer but all agreed the visit had been a great success.

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1873

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is your way.

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a Miss Porter, who is very kind.

Postman I cannot direct you better.

Knock at the door and give her this letter.

Berkshire.

The punctuation was non-existent so I have put some in and from the wording the writer appears to have been somewhat frantic to contact the young lady.

The person who knocked on the door at Chazey Court farm wanted to know if anyone had a record of Miss Porter living there in 1873. Unfortunately no one could help in the matter but

it appears that the writer of the envelope did in fact marry her. So if there had been a lover's tiff it all ended happily. What really happened and who was Miss Porter we shall never discover.

It may interest readers to know that in 1847, according to a street directory of that date, Mr Henry Hancock was the Post Office Receiver in Caversham. Letters, it states, are received from

Reading at half-past seven am and half-past two pm and despatched at half-past 8am. So presumably people in Caversham had to go to Mr Hancock to fetch and post their mail. However by 1869 there was a wall box in Lower Caversham Lane which was cleared at eleven fifty am and seven twenty pm on weekdays and twelve fifty pm on a Sunday.

M.K.

## LINK GROUP

The Link Group met on 24th April to hear the result of the Knit-In, held the previous week. It would appear that over £600 was made for Link-supported local charities, and the Link want to say

THANKYOU

to all those who sup-

ported by knitting and/or sponsoring. The evening was indeed a great success, and seemed to be enjoyed by all the members who took part, and the friends and supporters. The resulting knitted squares are on their way to becoming blankets for distribution by Inner wheel to

disaster areas.

Thanks go to Chairman Suzy Robinson for organising everything so well, and Angela Kingsbury for entertaining everyone at the Rectory. (Did anyone sponsor her for serving drinks and signing forms?) Perhaps a special medal would be in order!



Photo: Theresa Fleming

Minutes after beating Gloucestershire 4-1 in the twelve-counties Area Finals at Bristol of the Smiths Crisps National 6-a-side Competition, CAVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S unbeaten team celebrates success as South-West Champions.

At Wembley Stadium, 10th June, Caversham hopes to overcome three national finalists from South-East, North-East, North-West areas, to lift the UK Trophy!

Our Wembley-bound team is:

Graeme Hughes (capt) with shield; standing 1. to r. — Reagan Panell (goalkeeper), Toby Billam (sub), William Halpin, Chris Hawkins (sub); kneeling 1. to r. — Andrew Dugdale, John Kingsbury, Ben Fenning.

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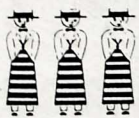
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## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

BUGS BOTTOM –  
A GLIMMER OF  
HOPE

The gloom which, since the fateful letter of 20th March, had been hanging over Bugs Bottom, was slightly lifted when the Borough Council, after taking legal advice and giving the matter very careful consideration, decided to challenge the Secretary of State's decision in the High Court. This is not the signal for getting out the champagne and lighting bonfires, but of all the possible options open for getting the decision reversed, this was the only one that offered any real glimmer of hope.

If the challenge is not successful, we are back where we were in the first place, but the Borough Council have acted courageously and with foresight by taking what is the only opportunity left of getting the whole matter looked at again. There will be an interval of some months whilst the whole issue goes through the pipeline, so at the very least there will be another summer in which to look at and walk through Bugs Bottom as we know it.

In fact we could have more than that, for Higgs and Hill have only got outline consent and cannot build anything until they have received detailed permission. The Borough Council is unlikely to ease their path by permitting any relaxation of the required conditions, so there is still some distance left to travel along the road even if the High Court action is not successful. If belief in the rightness of a cause is a factor, it must be successful.

CROSS TOWN  
ROUTE

Traffic will be one of the damaging results if the Bugs Bottom development takes place, and it is fuelling demands for bigger and better roads. The likely continuation of the Cross Town Route has also produced speculation about the next stage. The Secretary of State, he who made the decision about Bugs Bottom, had 'called in' the plans for

the Cross Town Route after the listing of the Brunel and Horseshoe Bridges. This could have led to a public inquiry, but he has now decided to return the matter to the normal planning processes, which may or may not mean a public inquiry, depending on whether Reading, as the planning authority, opposes it, and Berkshire County Council decides to go to appeal. It is difficult to believe that a listed bridge, and it is the Horseshoe one that is in the way, will be strong enough reason for refusing planning permission. The Cross Town Route has been in the pipe line for far too long for it not to go ahead at some time. Once heavy machinery like that goes into action it is very difficult to stop it completing its course. What will happen when it reaches Caversham Road is another matter that still has not been thought through.

## THIRD BRIDGE

The Cross Town Route has traditionally been linked with the idea of a third Thames bridge. Caversham Residents, years before the Cross Town Route had been thought of, or at any rate was no more than a line on the map called the Valley Road, had come to the conclusion that a third bridge of the right kind in the right place could do much to relieve Caversham's traffic problems. The stage has now been reached when top level discussions are being held on its siting and function. A few quotations might serve to highlight the issues involved.

The CBI spokesman for the South-East says, "The British Road Federation has included Reading on the proposed outer orbital route, which would seem to make a lot of sense. It would mean the A329(M) and the third Thames bridge would become part of a strategic route, helping the problem of the M25 and improving accessibility of Berkshire to the Channel".

Sir Gerard Vaughan says: "One thing we want is a third bridge and

I want to see the A329(M) upgraded and taken over by the government".

Councillor Joe Slater, Chairman of the County Transport sub-committee, says, "I would not mind if the

they are simply shifted out of the way (on the whole they are the lucky ones) and sometimes they just have to live with noise, dust, fumes, and break-up of whole communities, to which most of us would take the strongest exception if it happened to us, but might be quite happy to impose on others if it held out a promise of getting from A to B more quickly.

Oxfordshire County Council will certainly be one of the leading objectors to a bridge forming part of a link from the M4 to the M40. They have lately been reported as showing less objection to the idea of a local bridge for local needs. This need not attract more traffic to south Oxfordshire than their own road up-gradings, such as the Sonning-Playhatch roundabout and new road, and the Dorchester and Gifford

by-passes. Those who carry a banner for a north Caversham by-pass has better ask themselves whom they think it would benefit. Are people likely to turn northward from the built-up area of Caversham where, even though fed by contributions from the villages of south Oxfordshire, most of the peak hour traffic must come from, when they are actually needing to get into Reading to the south. Such an outer road would rapidly become a link-up for an M4 – M40 route and that is something that few people who live here can seriously want, whatever the BRF with its ever bigger juggernauts, might decide is good for us.

BACKLAND  
DEVELOPMENT

As building land becomes scarcer in Reading, helicopters

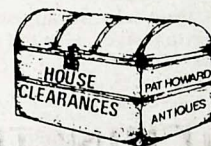
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government took control of the bridge but we only want it from a local point of view. We do not want it as a major north-south route to link the M40 with M4".

Taking the CBI and BRF view first, is this what we want? The M25, as the London orbital, became overloaded almost as soon as it was opened, with, as far as can be judged, little noticeable reduction on other roads, and with development pressures all along its route. Any advantages Caversham or Reading might gain from such a third river crossing would be more than cancelled out by the horrendous volumes of extra traffic it would attract. South Oxfordshire and the Chilterns AONB would be drawn into a megalithic outer London conurbation. That is too high a price to pay for reducing the time of peak hour journeys between Caversham and Reading, even when and if the Bugs Bottom contribution is added to it.

It is not clear whether Sir Gerard Vaughan favours the views of these two bodies, but any take-over of the A329(M) by the government would almost certainly only be as part of an outer orbital route. Cllr. Slater seems to appreciate that roads are more than lines on maps. People live along these lines. Sometimes

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overhead take photos of our back gardens, and if they are big enough, and particularly if there is a whole row of them, income the 'offers you can't refuse' to buy them up, so that lots of smaller houses or flats can be crammed on to the newly available space. Caversham and Tilehurst, where there are older houses with large or largish gardens, are particularly vulnerable. In some cases the whole road unites against the developer and tells him where he can put himself and his offers. In others, some are willing to sell and some stick out, and this can lead to bad feeling among neighbours.

Wood Road, in the Micklands area, has recently come under pressure. Twelve more houses can completely change a small area's character and result in localised traffic congestion, but until the number of new houses rises to twenty, nothing can be done on grounds of traffic, and by then the damage has already been done. If Bugs Bottom can be given per-

mission, what chances do smaller areas like Woods Road stand, where it must be said, opposition is not even unanimous?

### WHITHER READING?

Bugs Bottom, new roads and in-filling are all parts of the pressures being brought to bear on the whole of the south-east of England. It was reflected again in the talk given by Geoffrey Filkin, Reading Borough Council's new Chief Executive, to the Annual Meeting of Caversham & District Residents' Association.

Pressure, particularly of office space, will continue. It could be up to 50% more, particularly because of the 'use-class' order, which removes the difference between offices and light industrial use, which allows buildings formerly used for industry to be converted to office use. Warehousing and industrial use will also increase, both inside and outside the borough. There are already plans for a substantial increase in shopping floor space, notably the Oracle development in the town

centre, and although there is only limited space for new housing within the Borough (excepting Bugs Bottom) it will continue to eat up land in areas around the town. All this will exert pressures on the town centre itself. Traffic flows will increase, accelerated by a rise in car ownership. A 35% increase in the foreseeable future in peak hour traffic can be expected.

Housing prices are likely to remain high, bringing problems to those on lower incomes. The undoubted prosperity of the town conceals pockets of poverty. Although the Borough Council, in spite of government restrictions, and housing associations are building homes for rent at as low a cost as possible, this can only scratch the surface of the problem.

The powers of local government have been considerably reduced over the past ten years, but this, said Mr. Filkin, is not an entirely bad thing. Reduced resources and outside competition for the provision of services have led to increased efficiency, a process still being carried out by Reading's council. Every department is to reduce its budget by 10% in the current year, but this is to be done without a reduction in services. There has been some restructuring of the internal

organisation so that there are now six departments instead of ten to run the borough's affairs.

Mr. Filkin's priorities are to improve the quality of the environment within the borough, to make low cost housing available, to win contracts by competitive tendering, to improve transport within Reading, and to develop a superb town centre in keeping with its status and position. He does not promise any of this at once, but over a period of five years he expects the difference to show.

The large audience who came to hear him, in spite of a balmy winter having turned into a wintry spring, felt that our new man at the helm had familiarised himself with Reading's problems and was determined to do something about them. He will have the good wishes of all who want to see Reading become a town people want to go to, instead of trying to avoid.

### SYDNEY FREEMAN

Caversham Residents' Association was not the only body that was sorry to hear of the death of Sydney Freeman, a former chairman of the Association. After a successful career with the Post Office, Sydney was not prepared to settle for a life of leisurely retirement, but devoted himself to a number of voluntary organisations, notably Oxfam, which became a main beneficiary of his wide experience. On local matters it was Sydney who disentangled the strands of the early

history of Bugs Bottom, when it first came apparent that it was under threat.

In spite of his wide interests, Sydney was essentially a family man, and he was always there when any member of his family needed help. He also found time to pursue his gardening interests and his garden was a joy to behold.

Although latterly illness had restricted his activities, his interest remained. He will be much missed by all his friends and particularly by his family.

### Caversham Round Table

The annual general meeting of Caversham Round Table was held on 12th April at Pipers Island.

The retiring Chairman, Robert Whittle, reported on a most successful year. The water carnival resulted in a donation of £6,870 to the Great Ormond Street Hospital Wishing Well Appeal.

Caversham Tablers proved that fund raising can be fun even when it hurts, raising about £1,000 for the BBC Children In Need Appeal on the assault course at Arborfield.

In cooperation with the Berkshire Guides an anticipated £8,000 has been raised to be shared between the Guides funds and the Guide dogs for the Blind association.

The venerable Christmas float raised in the region of £1,970 for the old folk and needy folk in Caversham.

The officers elected to serve for the new Table year were: Chairman Phil Buckman, Secretary Jim Willis.

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## MISSION '89

Mission '89, which takes place from June 14th to July 1st, is the biggest, and possibly the last, Billy Graham Mission in this country. It was planned as a mission to London — the meetings take place at West Ham Football Ground, Wembley Stadium and Earls Court Exhibition Centre — but so much interest was shown in other parts of the country that 200 TV links have been set up from York Minster to

### Winners!

Both Caversham Hill Chapel and Caversham Heights Methodist Church are supporting Mission '89. Coaches from Caversham Hill Chapel will go to Earls Court on Tuesday and Thursday, June 27th and 29th. Whilst the Methodist Church has also booked coaches for Earls Court for Wednesday and Friday, June 28th and 30th. Additionally there will be a

coach going from Caversham Heights to the T.V. 'Livelihood' at Winners on Monday, June 30th.

All those seeking Christ or wanting to renew or rededicate their faith are welcome, and seats may be booked for the Tuesday and Thursday coaches by telephoning Mike Holmes (474138) and for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday coaches by contacting Martyn Allies (472007)



# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## NIGEL STEPS OUT!



E.S. ARCHER

Emmer Green's first vicar, Revd Nigel Hardcastle, lost no time in getting out on to parish pavements after his Institution. The dark-suited, bearded and smiling figure is becoming a familiar and welcome sight as he pounds his beat, meeting as many as possible. It has been nearly nine months without a resident Anglican priest at St Barnabas, whose new incumbent sets visiting as a high personal priority.

For his Institution, it was standing room only at St Barnabas, where an exuberant Eastertide atmosphere prevailed. The Archdeacon of Berkshire, standing in for the Bishop of

Reading, formally Instituted Nigel, who was then Inducted into the 'real temporal rights' of his parish by the Rural Dean. The climax of the ceremonies was Sung Eucharist, with the new parish priest fittingly administering the Sacrament to friends old and new, from his previous parishes and community, to his new parishioners and friends from all parishes in Caversham's Group Ministry. Particularly welcome was the presence of fellow clergy from other denominations. Setting off the splendour of ecclesiastical robes were the civic robes and chain of Reading's Mayor.

During a lavish reception afterwards, Mrs Valerie Gardiner (one of Emmer Green's Churchwardens) welcomed all guests and Revd Richard Kingsbury read a congratulatory note of good wishes from Ernest and Jane Pakenham-Walsh, from Dorset, Ernest having been one of Valerie's distinguished predecessors in office.

'Reckon it's been a grand night for you all!' commented the smiling police officer, climbing back into his van after seeing off the last guest's car. Early next morning Nigel was at his altar to start his ministry here with Eucharist before getting his pastoral walking-shoes on.

## GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

When I wrote last month, as I said the snow was falling on the spring flowers, now today (May 2nd) we have just experienced one of the most beautiful spring days you could ever imagine. You may feel our weather if fickle, or on the other hand you may feel we have a wonderful God. I know which I think.

Now on to the news April, Gerry Alderman organised a very good musical concert. Members of the Church took part and showed their expertise

on various musical instruments, and we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of other talent from outside. Alan & Lucy Wilson from St. John's Church entertained right royally on the violin and piano. The Reverends Neil and Judy Davies from Trinity Lower Earley held the audience with their folk singing, and Dr. John Ogden from Woodley with his organ solos. We were also joined by friends from Caversham Heights, with Monica

Sanders entertaining with monologues and Dennis and Joy Tutty with piano duets. It was a memorable evening and Gerry Alderman is to be congratulated for his organisation.

At the very end of April the Church celebrated the Home Missions Anniversary. Four young people from Cliff College visited the Church and on the Saturday evening preached and gave their testimony. On the Sunday morning the Ambassadors Band led

a parade of young people from the Boys Brigade and colour guard. An interesting service followed, again led by the Cliff College team and included items from the Sunday Club.

On June 17th there is to be a Handicraft and Home-made Fayre, this will commence at 10.30 am and there will be garden produce, sewing and knitting, home-made cakes and pies, original greetings cards and, of course, refreshments. Do come and join us.

## St Andrew's Fellowship

A very large audience almost filled St Andrew's Hall on 13th April for a visit by The Elizabethan Singers to the Fellowship. It was a return visit so the members came in eager anticipation of a splendid evening and they were not disappointed.

The Singers are quite a small band and are conducted by Mr Frank Terry. Apart from items by the

whole company, various groups of four and five singers performed special songs and Mr Terry and one of the singers sang a duet. They were accompanied throughout by the unfortunate lady who had to cope with an indifferent hall piano. (Any offers of a better one gratefully received!). The whole evening was most enjoyable as was witnessed by the long applause at the finish.

## DEDICATION FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT ST ANDREW'S

Wednesday 26th April was the anniversary of the Dedication of St Andrew's Church, and a cause for a special celebration this year was that it was the beginning of the church's life as a parish. The new Vicar, Bill Carpenter, was installed, as were the two new Parish Wardens, Mrs Molly Sidwell and David Cooper. The church was filled by a large congregation which included the Archdeacon who conducted the formal business and preached, and the Rural Dean and Assistant Rural Dean who also took part in the formal ceremonies. Clergy and Readers from other parts of Reading and friends from other parts of Caversham and from Hemel Hempstead were also present.

After the service a large party was entertained to refreshments, organised by Mrs Molly Sidwell, in the Hall.

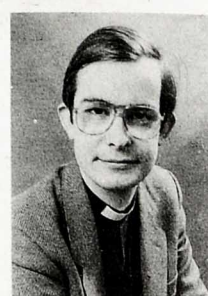
On Saturday 29th April another celebration took place with a congregational party in the hall. Over one hundred people sat down to a splendid meal organised by Mrs Sylvia Cooper, and her band of helpers. This was followed by an Old Time Musical Hall, which the Master of Ceremonies, Peter Watsham, introduced in true style. Songs, stories and recitations, much appreciated by the audience, were given by Colin Keetch, Barry Collett, Eric Aspden, Tony Cleare, Jean Montague and Catherine Radcliffe, and choruses were sung by the whole party.

The Revd Peter Mullins, who left Caversham in early September 1988 to study 'Ecumenics' at Dublin University, has landed a new challenging post when he returns to the mainland this summer.

Peter has been appointed as a Team Vicar in the Brumby Team Ministry, at Scunthorpe. He will have pastoral charge of a young and growing church with strong ecumenical links, in an area of high industrial redeployment. 'Sunny Sunny' has seen great days - not least as an area of high production of power with its many electricity generating stations.



Just north of Lincolnshire's wolds, and south of Yorkshire's rolling dales, Scunthorpe offers much for the imaginative soul to feed on. By one of those quirks which make the C of E so 'special', his Team



Rector will be Revd Alan Hayday, nephew of Brian Hayday (ex-Governor of HM Prison Reading and worshipper at St Margaret's Mapledurham, to which Peter contributed so much in his four years in the parish!)

The Revd Richard Kingsbury, in his training at Lincoln Theological College, regularly played hockey against Scunthorpe teams on Saturdays. 'Brumby? Yes, I remember them. A nice team. Generous to us since we only lost to them by single figures!' We wish Peter a generous and warm reception as he moves to his new post!

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# ROUND THE CHURCHES

## TOP AWARDS FOR ST PETER'S CHORISTERS



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Bishop's Choristers — left to right Kathryn Cutts, Pam Wing, Helen Morrison.

Regular 'choir-watchers' in the C of E will know that the Royal School of Church Music, with which our choirs are affiliated as members, awards different coloured ribbons (with medals) for the various RSCM choir standards.

Thus, on an average Sunday at St Peter's, resplendent in their new red cassocks and surplices (thanks to all who worked so hard for funds for these), the choir sports light blue, dark blue, red, and — of special note — gold (long service awards) ribbons, over which eager probationer choristers cast envious eyes.

One of the highest national awards is Caversham Bridge sends its congratula-

**BISHOP'S CHORISTER**, earning its recipient a special green ribbon and medal. Few choirs will be seen with a single green ribbon amongst them. But St Peter's Caversham now has three!

In March, after a year of extra hard work and tuition by Andrew Bosley, Organist and Choirmaster, not to mention the 100% commitment of the candidates, St Peter's entered three candidates for this coveted award. Late in April came the results. All three had passed — and had passed the full day's exam with flying colours!

tion to *Kathryn Cutts, Helen Morrison, and Pam Wing*, on achieving this high national honour. See them in glorious technicolour at St Peter's services and thank God for them, the choir and their choirmaster, who give so much time and talent to the praise of God in music!

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY WEEK

Our thanks to all the families who responded so generously to the house-to-house collection. Not quite 'every house in the parish' was visited, but very grateful thanks to the young mothers and children of St. Margaret's Sunday School and those of St. Peter's Cherubim group who teamed up and collected £426 for the Society's work. If we have even more collectors next year, then who knows how much can be raised? Lyn Baker

### REV. RALPH ROGERSON

We are sorry to record the death of the Rev. Ralph Rogerson on Monday 8th May. The funeral and cremation at Reading took place on Friday 12th May. Ralph Rogerson was a Methodist Minister in Caversham for 9 years to 1986.

An appreciation will be published in our next edition.

Paying his last visit before retirement, the Bishop of Reading came to St Peter's on 11th May to confirm fifty-four candidates.

The candidates, several of whom also received the Sacrament of Baptism, had been preparing for many months for their great day. An innovation this year was the junior meeting weekly for their training group at Caversham Baptist Church, whose pleasant lounge saw many evenings of high jinks, over which the Revds Bill Carpenter, Paul Kenchington, Richard Kingsbury, and Alan Wilson strove with

varying degrees of success to exercise some control and direction! It was a deliberate choice to make the Baptist Church 'home' for the Group's Anglican Confirmation training course (which still goes on! — ending eventually in a summer barbecue in the Rector's garden) since a subliminal message about the family of all Christian denominations will not have been lost on the growing new Anglican communicants. 'We are so grateful to our Baptist colleagues for making this possible', com-

mented Richard Kingsbury. '1989 has been a vintage year for quantity and quality of our candidates!'

Meanwhile the adult candidates have also been exposed to ideas and input from neighbouring clergy, with many being trained in friendly co-operation with colleagues from other parishes in the Group Ministry.

On learning of the number of candidates awaiting his ministrations, Bishop Graham Foley expressed himself with unusual eloquence. 'Fifty-four? Crikey!'

Several Church

members who had shared and prayed with the candidates during their training came to the Bishop during the service at St Peter's to receive a special Blessing.

Already several have expressed interest in being Confirmed and 11th May's ceremony, in the context of the Eucharist, will have sharpened their enthusiasm. The clergy are having a little 'lie-down' after the past frenetic six months but will be only too pleased to hear of those who aim, next time round, to beat 1989's number!

## ST PETER'S ANNUAL MEETING

The upper room at Church House was crowded for the annual review of life at St Peter's. Inevitably the impending financial crisis of a possible shortfall in church members' giving, of nearly £9,000 in 1989, came to centre-stage as a challenge. Yet St Peter's had, ahead of time, amply cleared and was on the way to doubling its target for the Church Urban Fund. Members were asked to reflect on strengthening their church base from which such generosity springs.

In a closely fought election for PCC Places, Richard Armstrong, Lynn Baker, Christine Bradbury, Charles Croft, Brian Ebbs and Eric Smith joined churchwardens Ken Bennet and John Stratford, deanery synod reps Bill Butler

and David Owen, and ex-officio members Frank Baker (Parish Reader) and John Madeley (Parish Reader and general synod), to form St Peter's Council 1989-90 and, with Mapledurham members, the full Parochial Church Council.

An increase in giving in 1988 was noted with gratitude, but far from enough to cope with anticipated and unavoidable expenses for this year. John Stratford was applauded for his tireless work in stewardship visiting.

The Rector's report took a novel form in cameo glimpses of 1988 events — a year in which St Peter's lost several faithful servants and gained hope from the arrival of new labourers in the parish vineyard.

## GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Good Friday dawned wet, grey and cold. Not the sort of day one would choose for a country walk with children — but that was what had been planned by several Caversham Sunday Schools in conjunction with the Sunday School from St Matthew's, Southcote.

However, at noon enough hardy souls had gathered in the hall of Caversham Heights' Methodist Church to make it look completely full as they sat there, eating an indoor picnic (First rule of an outing — food is easier to carry inside that out, so eat all packed lunches as soon as possible!). We were very glad of a warm, dry place to sit in.

By 1.00pm we had 'eaten', had shared a brief act of worship and set off — to discover a blue sky and sunshine, awaiting us. Once again, faith had been rewarded. If any readers were between Woodcote Road, the Warren and Mapledurham at any time in the next one and a half hours, they might have wondered about the motley crowd, sporting a wonderful collection of woolly hats and muddy trousers, with some carrying guitars and others, babies. We had a wonderful spring walk in good company, but at intervals stopped, and reminded ourselves once more of the meaning of Good Friday with a reading,

song and a prayer.

Our destination was St Margaret's Church in Mapledurham, and after refreshments there, we ended our pilgrimage with a short service, reminding us of the events of Good Friday. It may only have been a short pilgrimage, but once again, it reminded all of us from different churches that it is good to travel alongside one another as we try to follow the way of Christ.

And it never once rained!

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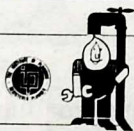
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## ROUND THE CHURCHES WEDDING



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Wedding of Ian Piper and Ann Semple. Ann is the daughter of Pauline Semple, St. Peter's Cubs Akela.

## MAPLEDURHAM ANNUAL MEETING

Gale-force winds and squally showers buffeted Trench Green Hall as reports on church life at St Margaret's were received in the AGM. The presence of several St Peter's members was warmly welcomed as a sign of the two churches working increasingly together in one parish.

Churchwardens Eric Foster and Keith Knee-Robinson, Council members Helen Dunn, John Meston, Betty Smith, Lorraine Vallance, Jenny Wright and Judy Wright, with deanery synod reps Alfred Martyn-Johns and Peter Stratton, formed the new committee and the Mapledurham input to the Parochial Church Council.

Financially 1988 was an encouraging year, with signifi-

cant increases in giving of all kinds, but major increases in church expenditure (mainly in the Parish Share) pose the greatest challenge for 1989.

In reviewing past

and future events, two highlights were noted: the joint CHURCH FETE with St Peter's in Caversham Court on 1st July, and the intriguing MIDSUMMER MASQUE at St Margaret's on 21st June.

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Doris Hall with her award — and from left Stephanie Thomas, Doris, Rene Atkins and Margery Wright Photo: Courtesy Reading Chronicle

A very pleasant Reception was held by kind permission of the Mayor of Reading in her Parlour on Thursday April 27th. The occasion was to mark the dedicated hard work of Mrs Doris Hall of the Committee of the Caversham Ladies Lifeboat Guild. Mrs Hall has been connected with the RNLI for over fifty years. Thirty people attended, made up of Mrs Hall's family, the Caversham Ladies Lifeboat Committee, and her loyal band of

Lifeboat Flag Week collectors, most of whom have collected for many years, one lady since 1959.

A presentation of a Lifeboatman statuette was made to Mrs Hall by Mr John Owen, Area Organizer, Southern Region, RNLI. In her charming speech of thanks Mrs Hall mentioned that Lifeboat Flag Week in Caversham would take place in the last week of May, and said she hoped the last year's total of over £3,000, would be exceeded.

## WAIT UNTIL DARK

Scenes from the thriller by Frederick Knott, produced by Caversham Players in St Andrew's Hall.



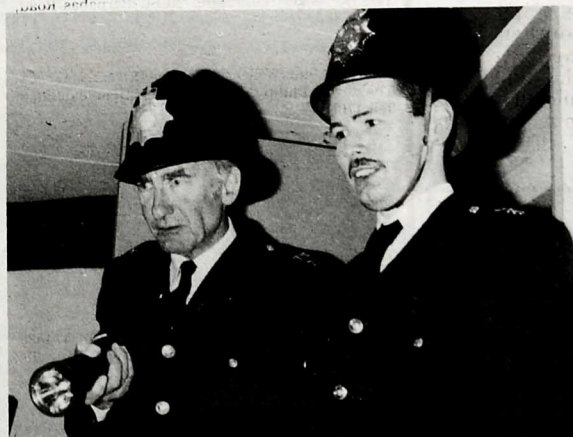
Susy asks Gloria (played here by Fleur Cadoux) about the doll containing heroin which the villains want to find.



The blind Susy Henderson (Majorie Tillman) in animated conversation with her photographer husband Sam (Charles Croft).



The master criminal (Ken Etherington) is questioned by the con men — Croker (Kevin Dunn on stairs) and Mike (Ray Hammond).



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## Maplewood WI

The Maplewood W.I. April meeting was well attended and some new members were welcomed. An interesting account was given by Mrs Betty Carden of her attendance as delegate at the Annual Council Meeting of the W.I. Berkshire Federation held at the Hexagon.

This month was Members' Meeting and the afternoon was spent playing Scrabble, Beetle and Whilst which was enjoyed by all. The flower of the month was won by Mrs Rose Painter.

tended to all customers. Keen cooks and gardeners who would like to sell their produce would be welcome also! Details from the Market.

## Caversham Community Association

At the first meeting in April Mrs Pat Snow was again welcomed to the club. Her talk was on pot plants and hanging baskets. Mrs Snow brought plants and the empty baskets for sale so that members could prepare for the summer season ahead. The members were shown how to place their plants in the baskets and advised on the right compost to use. A good tip to make the planting easier was to put the flower pots containing a geranium, begonia or fuchsia in position, remove the plant then leave the pot in place. The compost was then added and trailing lobelia and allysum placed around the basket edge. Finally the pots were removed and the geranium etc put into place. Mrs Snow also answered the members questions on their gardening problems. Mrs Feast, the Chairman, thanked the speaker for an informative and interesting evening. As it was the

first meeting in the month the Nearly New Stall was available for members to sell their unwanted goods and also to help club funds by giving a small percentage of the value. Evelyn Cook was in charge of the stall to help members with their purchases.

The clubroom was closed the following week as a visit was made to a local skittle alley. The members of the Caversham Women's Institute were invited to compete and at the end of the evening carried off both the first prize and the consolation prize. Meals were available to help make the evening an enjoyable event.

The club's birthday party on the 17th April was well attended. A very good meal, prepared by the committee and members, was arranged on long tables ready for the members arrival. Salad, ham and meat pie followed by trifles, cheesecakes, cakes etc. was enjoyed by all. Later in the evening a delicious birthday cake, made by Dorothy Meadowcroft, was distributed with the choice of wine or fruit juice. The entertainment was provided by Enterprise Two, a concert party from Bracknell, their leader was Mrs Lynn and accompanying pianist was Mrs Peggy Farry. The entertainers gave an excellent show, the dresses were colourful and the singers talented. At the end of the concert the members were invited to join in the community singing. Members of the concert party were invited to judge the

competition, which was for the best hat depicting a song title. Margaret Payne won first prize for her hat, Margaret Cameron was the runner up, Dolly Usher was highly commended and all the competitors were congratulated for their efforts. Everyone agreed that it had been a very good party and thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to its success.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 24th April. Mrs Beryl Latcham, the Vice-Chairman, read the Chairman's report, as Mrs Feast was unable to attend. The Chairman reported on a varied programme during the year and thanked the retiring officers and committee for their work. The following officers were amongst those re-elected: Mrs Maida Feast as Chairman, Miss Margaret Cameron as Secretary

and Mrs Ivy Masterman as Treasurer. A new committee was elected and various matters discussed. Mrs Evelyn Wallis was thanked for her work as the collector for last year's charity and Mrs Florence Abell volunteered to be the collector for the coming year. The charity chosen was the Appeal for the Battle Hospital.

## Rosehill WI

Mrs Barbara Weller welcomed members to the April meeting; in spite of the snowy weather, quite a number attended. Members looked forward to the Group Meeting to be held on 6th April at the Bluecoat School at Sonning.

The new Committee was presented and their jobs explained, so

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## Caversham WI

The Caversham Branch of the National Federation of Women's Institutes Market Department was opened ten years ago, May 1979 in Balmore Hall.

It soon established a reputation for home baked cakes and savouries, fresh eggs, plants and crafts.

When Balmore Hall closed it moved to Church House where it is open every Friday 9.30 — 10.30am.

The friendly atmosphere makes the market a popular meeting place and a warm welcome is ex-



The ladies of Caversham W.I. market held at Church House every Friday morning 9.30 — 10.30. They celebrate their tenth anniversary year on May 25th.

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the Institute is starting their twenty-sixth year with all activities arranged.

The Speaker was Mrs John from the Milk Marketing Board who gave a most interesting talk about English Cheese, which is made in hundreds of different varieties, either farmhouse or creamery, and samples were displayed for members to try; they are sure to look at the cheese counter more carefully and try new ones. The competition was for a written recipe containing cheese. This was won by Mrs Burt, Mrs Ellingham second, Mrs Barge third.

## Chazey WI

At the April meeting, new President Mrs Tricia Stringer expressed the Institute's appreciation of Mrs Marion Elliott's two years as president and presented her with a gift. Chazey's new banner was unveiled and those who made it were thanked.

There followed a talk and cookery demonstration by the Potato Marketing Board, interesting dishes being prepared and cooked, these being raffled at the end of

the meeting.

The Social Group reported on a demonstration of 'Colour Therapy.'

Final plans for the Group Meeting were discussed in detail, Chazey being the host institute this year.

The meeting on May 2nd was Chazey's eighth birthday party.

## Caversham Ladies Club

It was the Club's Easter Party, slightly belated, Easter being early this year. Mrs Harwood opened the meeting with her usual warm welcome and thanked all the members for their generosity in bringing so many goodies. The tables were soon looking well filled and an Easter cake made by Mrs Harwood and decorated by Mrs Queenie Strong was the centrepiece on the top table. A few news items were first dealt with and a reminder given of an outing to the Isle of Wight in May. A competition was held to design a spring card. Mrs Warman very kindly judged the entries and found 1st Mrs Moore, 2nd Mrs Haskell and 3rd Mrs Baker.

Then grace was said and the Committee started their job of waiting on members, this being the usual procedure at Club parties. It was a happy atmosphere and tables were soon looking bare and members contented! A doll kindly donated by Mrs Hayes, a member, raised the grand sum of £10.25 which could be sent to the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Mrs Harwood thanked the members for their generosity in raising that amount.

Time was now catching up so with all hands helping to clear away, the meeting closed with members saying it had again been an enjoyable afternoon.

## Caversham Heights TG

Mr Robin Edgar who even as a boy had a taste for cowcake and mangel-wurzels, has since lived a full life as a veterinary surgeon. At the meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild in April he described the work that was done, and how vets. formerly came mostly from a farming background, which is not necessarily the case now, nor are there so many farmworkers. Sometimes when treating some of the problems among animals that can occur, the animals can die unfortunately. How do you explain that to the farmer?

Nowadays there is different surgery, more specialisation and different drugs are used, while a greater number of women have become interested in the life.

Handpressed flowers, lacework and examples of knitting, patchwork, sewing and other craftwork were on display at the meeting before being shown at the arts and crafts exhibition at Newbury, and for this members deserved a pat on the back.

Mr Martyn Allies showed some slides at social studies group

assisted by his wife. They mentioned the story of the boy who performed cartwheels, thus keeping Prince Jan Willem's wedding coach running along smoothly in 1678 in Düsseldorf! Boys still perform these in the Königsallee there. Through a suggestion from the Royal Berkshire Regiment Phoebe Cusden, a Quaker of strong beliefs and Reading's Mayor in 1947, sent help to Düsseldorf and arranged for the care in England of some undernourished children. Many more were cared for the next year and the year after the German town invited Reading People. The partnership was reaffirmed after 25 years and formalised. Meanwhile the number of exchanges between groups continues to expand.

## Emmer Green TG

Mr E. Weaver entertained the ladies of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild in April with a fascinating look at life in the Soviet Union. His slides were excellent, not only of Moscow and Leningrad but of parts of Georgia, Tashkent and many other exotic places. The talk he gave to accompany the slides was most interesting with useful tips for any would-be travellers in those parts. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Hutson.

Mrs E. Barnes has had some of her paintings accepted for a London exhibition and also held an exhibition of her work in Henley at the end of April.

Also in April the 'ramblers' went for a week's walking holiday to Carbis Bay in Cornwall and the Arts and Crafts group together with other guild members presented a beautiful stand of their work at the Federation Diamond Jubilee Exhibition in Newbury, an event well attended by Emmer Green.

Mrs E. Fuller held a very successful coffee

morning in aid of Battle Hospital and on April 15th over £274 was raised by the Guild Jumble Sale, part of which will also go to the Battle Hospital.

On June 13th Mrs Flint will speak about Floral Artistry. New members and visitors are always welcome. The Guild meets on the second Tuesday of the month at St Barnabas Church Hall, Grove Road Emmer Green at 7.30pm.

## St Peter's Wives Group

Mrs Ann Morton-Stewart of Heelas Home Furnishing Department came to talk in April. She told members how interesting her job is, as home furnishing adviser, travelling to all parts of Berkshire, Great Britain, and sending goods to places as far as Singapore etc.

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Mrs Morton-Stewart brought along photographs of houses in the area that Heelas has dressed, and gave many useful hints on colour and design, which members could use in their own homes.

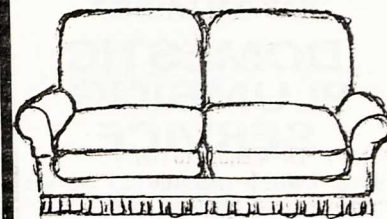
Everyone agreed it was a most enjoyable and informative meeting.

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- Sat June 24th** St. Anne's Summer Fete. 2.00p.m. St. Anne's School.
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