



# SCF IN CAVERSHAM

by Frances



**The Save the Children Fund was founded seventy years ago by a young woman from Shropshire called Eglantyne Jebb. The plight of Austrian children starving from the effects of the Allied Blockade inspired the campaign she launched with her sister Dorothy. The response was overwhelming. £400,000 had been raised by the end of the first year.**

The charity went from strength to strength, its resources being called upon by the needs of children all over the world. During the war the Fund's efforts were concentrated in Britain and thirty residential homes were set up to care for evacuees in every part of the country.

After the war the work of the Fund expanded overseas and disaster relief was the initial aim. Korea, Agadir and Vietnam were areas of intense suffering for children and SCF alleviated some of it.

Long term work then developed from this emergency work and mother and child health programmes have become the backbone of the work done by SCF in the Third World. The policy of helping families to help themselves has been energetically pursued, for example, by enabling villages to construct their own running water supply.

SCF has responded to the needs of children in many varied ways in Britain too. During the 1970s the Fund expanded its work in Northern Ireland providing care for children in both communities. The Society tends to work quietly behind the scenes in Britain though one is very aware of the work done by the Fund abroad because of extensive media coverage of disasters. One project breaking new ground in this country is the Intermediate Treatment scheme for young people in trouble with the law. This is being developed in cooperation with local authorities.

## The Caversham Branch

The Caversham Branch of SCF was launched in 1974 by the Founder Chairman, Norman Kent. The Honorary Secretary was Mrs Kate Besley and both she and Mr Kent had previously served for a number of years with the Reading Branch. Many Caversham people have been members of the Fund over the years and inevitably changes have taken place.

The current chairman is John Mullaney, who has been doing the job since 1983. He is aided by the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Janet Offord. Norman Kent is now the Press Relations Officer, while his son, Roger, has given up a great deal of his spare

time over the past ten years to be the Trading Officer.

Another veteran of the Caversham Branch is Mrs Elsie South who has looked after the collecting boxes throughout the Branch's existence and is looked upon as ambassador in Caversham.

Members have worked very hard over the years in many fundraising events. The most outstanding events held by the Branch were two gigantic Carnivals held in the grounds of the Oratory School in 1976 and 1979 which raised hundreds of pounds.

There has been an endless list of sponsored events over the years, including marathons, swims, silences, parachute jumps — even a nine-hour sponsored sermon by the Rector of Caversham. The members have also organised coffee mornings, Jumble Sales, Valentine Parties, Craft Fairs, and many, many more events.

During its history the Branch has managed to raise many thousands of pounds. This success is due mainly to a small core of dedicated members, two of whom have been recognised by Head Office. Miss Margaret Annison and Mr Norman Kent have both been awarded SCF's Certificate of Appreciation for their service to the charity.

To celebrate seventy years of the Fund there is a special SCF birthday week from 30th April to 6th May. For this the Branch badly needs more volunteer helpers. An organised street collection will be held during the week and on Saturday 6th May there will be a collection in St Martin's Precinct. If anyone feels they would like to help with the collections the organisers would be very grateful. If so, please could they get in touch with Ian Brown on Reading 474201. Many fund raising events are organised throughout the year so the more volunteers the better.

The needs of children in this country and abroad do not diminish unfortunately so the need for money continually increases. If you feel you can support in any way, please ring Janet Offord on Reading 470903 if you are in a position to help either by donation or practically.



# TALKING POINT

By Rev. KEITH SANDERS

Minister at Caversham Heights Methodist Church



## 'TO BE A PILGRIM'

I am about to go on a pilgrimage. In a few days time I leave Caversham and for the next three months I shall be taking a sabbatical in the United States. I shall be going on a journey of over three thousand miles along the Eastern States to retrace the steps of John and Charles Wesley who went to the British colony of Georgia in 1735 to 'convert the Red Indians' and soon realised that they too were in need of salvation. I shall be flying to Boston near to where the Pilgrim Fathers landed almost three hundred and seventy years ago, to be met by my daughter who is living there — so I too will be a pilgrim father!



For all of us life is a pilgrimage. We were born to make this journey called living, and every location where we find ourselves is a staging-post, a water-hole, a stopping-off point — in order that we may go on to the next part of our pilgrimage. Sooner or later all of us will reach life's destination, whether we call it death or heaven — and I believe that our destination is governed by how we make the journey here and now.

Whilst on the road all sorts of things will happen to us. Sometimes we will lose our way; other travellers will lead us up to a dead-end, and sometimes we will be tempted to take others up the wrong road. If only we could be sure of God's direction or indeed that he is there at all our journey could be much more easy. Life would be so much different, our uncertainties would go and we could be sure that we were on the right track.

What we have just celebrated at Easter is the glorious truth that Jesus actually came onto this planet to walk this same way, and that he is now alive

to walk with us. Every journey can be an Emmaus Road experience because Jesus joins us as we trudge along. He is now the Way, and because he rose from the dead he is our constant companion wherever our journey takes us.

The other good news is that we travel the road with fellow pilgrims. In the United States I know that someone I love will be meeting me on the other side; I am looking forward to being with old friends I have made on my previous exchange visits to churches in Ohio, Tennessee and South Carolina. Every journey we make is in companionship with others — we cannot travel alone throughout life — we need each other. Today you have needed the milkman or the electricity worker who have been vital in supplying your needs. So too in the life of the churches here in Caversham, the Lenten studies of the past few years have been based on the theme — 'Not Strangers, but Pilgrims'. We need each other in the variety of Christian experiences, we are all travelling the same road, and need to be united in the common aim of pointing the way to the same Jesus — to all the people who have lost their sense of direction.



May God guide you in your pilgrimages of these next few months, whether you are travelling to far off places or walking through Caversham Court. May you have a worth-while journey. May you know that Jesus is your constant companion and that you are surrounded by fellow travellers who would be happy to take your hand. Then when we all come to our journey's end — we may be assured that God is there to welcome us home, and we will live in His house for ever.

# EX PAT'S DIARY

In the March issue of this paper Peter Mullins wrote his 'Irish Diary', I have been asked to write an 'English Diary', a daunting task due to the length of time involved! The Hebrews reckoned that, on average man lives for three score years and ten — so using that as a basis for scale, each decade will be represented by one day. Two and a half days in Ireland, two and a half in England, and perhaps, two to go!

## MONDAY

Early on the Monday of my life I chose my parents well. Both had their roots in the border county of Monaghan which is now in the Irish Republic but was one of the nine counties of ancient Ulster. My father has been brought up in the Dublin area, my mother in Belfast. Although a terrible war raged in Europe and beyond, my Monday was tranquil against a backdrop of barrage balloons, bombing raids on my city and all the horror of modern warfare. For me this was normality, war had broken out shortly after my first birthday. Six years later a fierce patriotism was born in me when I received a personal letter from my King. 'To-day as we celebrate victory I send this personal message to you and all other boys and girls at school, for you too have shared the dangers and hardships of total war. My heart, my British heart, swelled with pride, as it did when

the Orangemen walked in colourful procession each 12th of July — so the blood in my young veins ran red white and blue with overtones of warm orange. No darkness or suspicion darkened my Monday — no lack of identity or assurance that Ulster was right and that God was on our side. My good parents taught me to value individuals whatever their religious or political affiliations or social class, I am deeply grateful for their gift to me.

## TUESDAY

Today I leave the British north and move to a boarding school near Dublin in the Republic of Ireland. During last night my happy, popular, much loved and loving Father had died. I understood little, with the dream time of my young childhood past, Tuesday began with a cold, grey drizzle. Girls from Northern Ireland

were a noisy minority in my small and caring school. We northerners were a tough lot and my fierce nationalism, that northern steel, grew apace! Tertiary education also took place in Dublin's fair city and had a somewhat mellowing effect upon my jagged edges. To rub shoulders, as it were, with the Behan family, the last remaining Yeats brother and Samuel Beckett must leave a mark.

A city which recently celebrated its millenium, Dublin is full of life and the walls of the elegant buildings speak with wisdom in historical wealth. My Tuesday evening was good.

## WEDNESDAY

Midweek sees me returned to Belfast where another education begins through my employment with the association of

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# EX PAT'S DIARY

Youth Clubs. From dreamy Monday through mellow Tuesday, Wednesday was a kick like O'Reilly's donkey! Northern Ireland's divisions and intolerance was a new and terrifying experience. Many of my valued college friends were Catholics, we had enjoyed Irish dancing, singing Irish ballads, wearing shamrock sprigs on St Patrick's Day. All this was now past. As an Ulster Protestant I had an exclusive role, a pattern, a way of thinking and a way of life. I didn't like it and grieved for past freedom. The Protestants in the Irish Republic number about 2% of the population, amiable eccentrics who pose no threat and have both uses and privileges. In Northern Ireland the Protestant/loyalists have a small majority over the Catholic/nationalists, the latter are perceived to be nibbling away at that majority and so pose a terrifying threat. (It should be noted that in Ireland as a whole the Catholics have a large majority, thus both groups feel under attack, a fact which I think explains much).

At about mid day I moved to England to teach at Princess

Alexandra's old school, Heathfield near Ascot. After about a week one of my pupils said to me, "You have the most extraordinary accent, where do you come from?" So I learnt to speak like the rest o' youse uns, and settled. I married and moved to Reading. In the afternoon and evening two daughters arrived and life was busy indeed. The culture shock of leaving Ireland to live in England's south east should not be underestimated, integration is a long slow process. Bringing up two children, part time teaching at Queen Anne's and elsewhere, church activities as well as making friends and pursuing hobbies did much to lubricate the transition!

## THURSDAY

A day full of changes and opportunities. The awareness of Corrymeela and all its works and vision, coincided with new visions and horizons in my present life, and with much I had learnt in earlier days. Voluntary work with the newly set up support

group in Reading, the Corrymeela Link, was challenging and exciting and dove tailed into a somewhat frantic lifestyle! My family was, on the whole, patient and longsuffering, and let Mum do her own thing. Even to the extent of accompanying me to Corrymeela and walking through barricaded and armoured Belfast, while I skipped down memory lane... such commendable tolerance!

## FRIDAY

Today I have spent much time visiting old haunts and getting in touch with my feel-

ings. In his diary Peter Mullins wrote, "we all agree that we came away feeling the divisions, not just thinking about them. We do not understand." In that there is great wisdom. The complexities and tragedies of broken relationships have little to do with 'reason' and much to do with feelings. I have spent time attempting to explain this fact to kindly, well meaning folk on this side of the Irish Sea who grapple, often unsuccessfully with trying to understand and make sense of the situation in Northern Ireland.

About mid morning

I encountered a young family, refugees from Belfast's Shankill Road. Dad, Mum and their four youngsters had spent some months at Corrymeela recovering from intimidation and physical violence. They felt that they had to leave Northern Ireland. Corrymeela Link's help was sought and a house was made available to them in Caversham. This Protestant family soon found schools and youth clubs for the children, but the only real friend Mum made was a lovely Catholic lady from Co. Limerick. Within months they, having

suffered both verbal and physical abuse because they came from Northern Ireland, went back to Belfast, to the violence which they understood... "In Belfast we know who are enemies are."

My association with the Corrymeela Community has given me much and taught me more — not least to be aware of the powder keg on which WE are sitting. Our divisions of race, class, religion and the rest are every bit as deep and potentially destructive as those in Ireland.

The 'Englishman' has never understood the Irish, and the Ulsterman in particular. On my 'Wednesday' morning a 'mainland' academic spent a weekend studying youthwork in Nor-

thern Ireland. I was his guide and, at his request, whisked him round the province 'quare' speed, from one club to another. A few weeks later his weighty report landed on my desk — the summing up sentence burned into my memory — 'If only the Irish were black we would know how to treat them'. I can only hope that such an attitude is truly dead and buried, British supremacy at its worst.

## SATURDAY

A new decade has recently dawned and now I have spent as much time here as I did there. At Corrymeela a few years ago a young man was bowled over by my 'authentic Belfast accent'... have I come full circle?

Cartoons: With thanks and apologies to Rowel Friers.

Ann Varma

## REPUBLIC OPINION

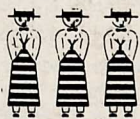


"Ah shure an' they say its not as bad as they say it is up there in the north."



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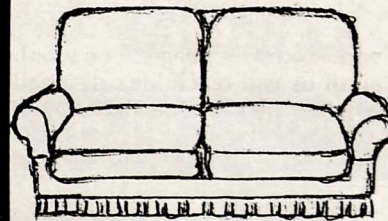
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## New Assistant Curate for St Peter's and St Margaret's

Richard Kingsbury writes:

After Ordination on 1st October 1989 Christine Allsopp will serve her first training appointment in Caversham. The Bishop of Reading enthusiastically supports the Rector's invitation to Christine to serve here. Unlike second curacies and priests' appointments, offering a post to a Deacon on Ordination rests with the Incumbent. I am so confident about the rightness of the appointment that I share the news at this early stage!

Christine comes at Michaelmas as Deacon (as did Peter Mullins) and will serve as Deacon during her curacy. The C of E has for decades enjoyed the Ministry of

Deacons and Deaconesses, the former order now open to male and female. Christine is forty-two, BSc and worked as a Research Chemist, then Information Officer with Albright and Wilson, and more recently as freelance scientific abstractor and editor. She studied, lived and worked in Birmingham, before moving to Whitton (Middlesex) and in 1986 began Ordination Training under the Southern Dioceses Ministerial Training Scheme at Salisbury.

Her husband, Dennis is BSc, PhD and a Fellow of the Institute of Biology. He works as industrial mycologist

and is Head of Division, CAB International Mycological Institute, Kew, (formerly Commonwealth Mycological Institute), in charge of the UK National Collection of Fungus Cultures, and is internationally consulted (probably in India as you read this!)

Chris and Dennis have three children, David, sixteen, Katharine, thirteen, and Tom, nine — who are frighteningly talented musicians!

I ask your prayers, at this first early announcement, for the Allsopps, whom I believe will be some of the best things who have happened to Caversham and Maple-



Clockwise from top left — David (16), Dennis, Tom (9), Christine, Katharine (13).

durham for many a our parish family just year. I am sure that we as they will quickly will quickly take them warm to and feel at to heart as members of home with us all here!

## CHORAL RELIEF

After Comic Relief comes Choral Relief! A concert in an English church by a German choir will make life just that little bit better for deprived children in Egypt, Nepal and Haiti. On Saturday 8th April 1989, at 7.30pm, the choir of the Düsseldorf Johanneskirche will give a performance in Caversham Heights Methodist Church in aid of the charity 'World Family'.

Three choirs of our twin town, the Friedenskirche choir, the Kantorei Oberkassel and the Kreuz Kantorei, have all been heard in Reading as they have as partners of the Reading Bach and Phoenix Choirs and the Festival Chorus. The Johannes Kantorei has not visited Reading before, but to judge from the

other choirs an excellent concert is assured.

The conductor of the choir is a distinguished organist, Professor Almut Rössler who, in interludes to the choral items, will no doubt 'pull out all the stops' on the Methodist church's fine organ. Almut Rössler has given first performances of the works of contemporary composer, Olivier Messiaen, who has declared that she is his best interpreter. She has written a book on Messiaen, available in English, which explores the links between his music, his theology and his personality.

World Family is active in twenty-two countries besides Egypt, Nepal and Haiti. Sponsors in eight countries, including Australia,

Holland and Japan, support three hundred and thirty thousand children with whom they are in regular contact by letters from the child and progress reports. The money contributed by a sponsor does not, however, single out the child for special privileges: it is pooled with that of the sponsors of other children in the village to provide help for all of them in the form of a supply of clean water, inoculation against diphtheria or measles, or repairs to a crumbling school building.

You can enjoy the concert and support a charity which is 'Changing the world one child at a time' for just £2.50 — or just £1.50 if you are a little younger or older than average! Tickets at the door.

## NEW HEADMISTRESS AT CAVERSHAM PARK SCHOOL



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## LINK GROUP

Have you heard about the  
Knit-in?

This was the question being asked when the Link Group met at Veronica Shew's house on February 27th. Instead of the usual "Nearly-new" Sale, it was decided that the Link's major fund-raising event in 1989 will be a sponsored knit-in, which will take place on the evening of Monday 17th April at 8pm.

Information and sponsor sheets will be available through

the churches, and it is hoped that all members, together with friends and supporters will join this sociable, if finger-aching event! No one taking part has to be an expert knitter — one could be sponsored per stitch if an absolute beginner! However, it is hoped that, at the end, the squares will provide a really useful blanket, as well as providing funds for the many good causes supported by the Link.



# FAITH IN THE CITY — IN ACTION

The Church Urban Fund is a practical demonstration that the Church is concerned for and stands with the deprived.

When the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on inner city deprivation published its report, "Faith in the City," in 1985 the statistics on poverty, unemployment, overcrowding, racial prejudice, anger and depression, made uncomfortable — indeed gruelling — reading. Certainly many people in affluent, middle-class homes and offices failed to read it. But not because we were indifferent, or because we didn't care what was happening to our city neighbours. Far more likely because so many of us felt ourselves to be powerless and unable to help. The problems seemed too great, too diverse, too deeply entrenched in the structure of British society for any individual or organisation to make a dent in them. Rather than take action, it was easier to blame politicians of all parties for the vicious cycle of decline over the decades.

But "Faith in the City" was not a book about despair. And it isn't sitting idly on some dusty bookshelf at the back of Church House. Far from it! Thousands of Churchgoers across England have used it to take a new look at the Christian call to "Love thy neighbour". Today, "Faith in the City" is inspiring congregations in city and rural churches alike to take stock of their wealth, their poverty, and their faith — and to shout aloud an overwhelming "YES" to unity, "YES" to compassion, and "YES" to action in the inner cities.

## Targeting The Help

As recommended by the report, the Church Urban Fund has been set up to support the work of Christians who witness and serve in places of deprivation — places where neglect has given way to a sense of almost despair. Known as urban priority areas, these are the most disadvantaged regions in the country — those suffering from chronic economic decline, physical decay, and social disintegration. With the fewest community resources, they house the highest proportions of vulnerable people — single-parent families; battered women; pensioners living alone.

Not all Urban Priority Areas are in city centres. Some, like Kirkby to the east of Liverpool, or Killingworth outside Newcastle-upon-Tyne, are huge corporation estates on the outskirts of cities — planning disasters on a colossal scale, built around industries which for the most part no longer exist today. Many of the houses still do not have private baths or inside w.c.s. The overcrowding levels in some places are intolerable. As one Kirkby resident told members of the Commission, "People here have to live in a mistake."

Not many outsiders visit these places. They aren't pretty. High rise flats stand alongside vandalised shops and derelict warehouses. We tend to turn our backs on them, or pretend they do not exist. A vicar from Greater Manchester in describing his parish sadly concluded that he was living "in an area that is being treated with hostility by the rest of society."

But we should not be surprised to learn that here among the poor and the oppressed, the spirit of Christ is thriving. Those of us who care about the unity of the Body of Christ are taking steps to nurture it. Through the Church Urban Fund support can be channelled to these most deprived regions, and we in the provinces can walk alongside our city neighbours, and treat them as friends.

## A New Message

Slowly we are learning from the mistakes of the past. Previous attempts to deal with poverty by flooding the problem with money have generally not met with success. Control and manipulation generates only resentment, and too often this kind of "help" has erupted in frustration and scenes of ugly violence. Rather than follow this well worn path, those involved in the Church Urban Fund are putting out a new message.

Instead of directing operations, our task is to listen hard and find out what inner city parishes themselves feel they most need to regenerate their community spirit. By keeping our minds as well as our ears open, we can learn to love and understand our neighbours better. It amounts to a vote of confidence in the efforts of local congregations to help themselves.

All the projects being funded are developed from the ideas and inspiration of the local people — and all are at least ten per cent financed by fund-raising efforts within their own parishes. So local commitment to the project is demonstrated first,

long before the diocese, or the trustees of the Fund, are asked for support. This way the grants awarded represent a kind of spiritual as well as financial "leg-up" to city congregations. It is more than money — it is a message of trust, and a declaration of unity, which restores dignity, self respect and hope.

In a letter to the Church Urban Fund Projects Officer, Fr. Richard Giles from Huddersfield described the response from the Trustees as "the litmus paper test indicating whether or not St Thomas' had a future." His joy is evident as he concludes that his parish's grant "is a clear instance where the Church Urban Fund will prove to be the catalyst whereby a run-down UPA parish is given fresh hope and a new lease of life."

## Rich in Spirit

Though poor in resources, inner city congregations are showing clearly that they are rich in spirit. Projects are as varied as the people themselves.

Stephen Rawlings Rector of St Lawrence's Darlaston — an area of devastating unemployment. "I have had to take a number of funerals of suicides because men couldn't face it any more." Anglicans and Methodists are both involved in his Roapp Hall Resource Centre Project, which provides catering training for young people, a canteen for the elderly, and factory starter units for the unemployed.

## Eric Russell

Vicar of St Paul and St Silas, Handsworth. "LOOK and SEE what the real situation is in the inner cities. And then BELIEVE that something can be done about it. Don't just sit back and do nothing." The Rainbow Playgroup attached to his parish church is featured in the Church Urban Fund video.

Elaine Applebee Working to help women who are "voiceless, choiceless and powerless",

Elaine Applebee has been the inspiration behind the Hutson Street Neighbourhood Centre in Bradford. It started as a derelict launderette, and a vision. Today it houses a parent and under-5s group, welfare rights sessions, and a craft group. "That's what we are here for — to help people in trouble."

## James Grote

"We always have to be careful that we pick up the bits that society won't." With the help of a grant from the Church Urban Fund, James Grote, Baptist minister, runs the Padley Centre in Derby, which receives 30-40 homeless people per day.

## Mike Thorpe

"We believe that, through the Christian gospel, there is an opportunity to give these young people a new purpose for living and a new foundation for their life." Mike manages a drug rehabilitation centre in Dagenham, called Daybreak, which supports parents and partners, as well as treating addicts.

Already over 100 ideas, in 26 different dioceses, have developed into full scale projects and are receiving grants from the Church Urban Fund. Co-operation with the Government YTS scheme, the Prince of Wales' Trust, Urban Aid, and other agencies of relief, ensures that projects worthy of support do not slip through the net, and that many receive joint financing.

Expertise, buildings and equipment — all come under the same umbrella so long as local people themselves demonstrate their own enthusiasm and commitment to the project. A credit union, to teach money management, and to save those overwhelmed by debt from resorting to loan sharks; a craft workshop; a day centre for the mentally ill; a multi-faith community worker to foster racial harmony; a minibus; a crisis centre — the list is limitless.

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# FAITH IN THE CITY — IN ACTION

## WE'RE COMMITTED TO RAISING £1.5 MILLION

From page 5

The Oxford Diocese of the Church of England has set itself a target of \$1.5 million to be raised before April 1990. It is an exciting, inspiring task — especially in Caversham churches where we already appreciate the joys of being involved in ecumenical work.

Conscious that our will to work, our wealth, and our material resources, are all gifts from God, the appeal in Caversham was launched with all-day prayer on 8th September last year. A 24-hour vigil was organised, and many participated in house groups as well as churches. The prayers, accompanied in some cases by a day's fast, proved a powerful beginning to an appeal which has gone from strength to strength ever since. With God's blessing, we are confident of raising our set target, and more.

**A SPONSORED WALK**  
About a thousand sponsored walkers from across the Oxford Diocese are going to leave Goring for a 10½ mile hike back to Reading on Saturday, 15th July. Please sponsor them generously to make it worth their while. Details can be obtained from any of the **Church Urban Fund** promoters.

**KEEP INFORMED**  
Caversham churches have their own copy of the **Church Urban Fund** video, which is being shown to groups, large or small, to generate discussions on inner city problems, and raise money. Understanding the issues involved means feeling compassion. Over £7,000 has been raised in Caversham this way already. If you would like to see the video, or attend a discussion meeting, please call Georgina

Wild of St Peter's.

Look out, too, for the exhibition in Caversham library in April. Newsletters, lists of projects being funded, together with details of how to make your contribution will be available there.

**THE READING HALF MARATHON**

Well... one of us, at least, is fit enough. Clive Wilson of St Barnabas has promised to leg it in the Reading Half Marathon on April 2nd — for a fee! Watch this space next month to find out how much he raised!

**DANCING**

We've received contributions already from the folks at St John's, following their Barn Dance on 14th February. Many thanks indeed to Linda Blackburn and to the people of St John's. There may be another dance at St Barnabas later in the year, and Clive Wilson will be giving out details of this event in due course.

**ACTING IT OUT**

The Jabbok Theatre Company from Leeds have agreed to come to Reading and Caversham on Sunday, 7th May, to perform "Up The Wall". This 40 minute play takes a light-hearted, irreverent look at the problems of the inner city, and what we can do about them. Details of times and venues from Georgina Wild of St Peter's. Specially recommended for kids of all ages from 9 to 90.

**A CONCERT**

Don't miss a performance by the Barbarettes, singing barber shop style, on 25th May, in aid of the

fund. Details of time and venue from Linda Blackburn of St John's.

**KEEP THE SAVINGS ROLLING IN**

Children at St Margaret's in Mapledurham have for some time already been collecting coins in Smarties tubes — which of course had first to be emptied of their chocolate contents! And donations from adults at Harvest Festival and Christmas time have helped to bring St Margaret's to a third of the way towards their target.

Meanwhile, the treasures collected in Lent boxes at St Barnabas have yet to be counted at the time of going to press. If you would like to contribute from your savings, please complete the form below and send it to Lynn Baker of St Peter's, for forwarding.

**A CHARITY AUCTION**

We are already making plans for a national,

fund-raising auction to be held in late November. Please contact Alfred Martyn-Johns of St Margaret's, Mapledurham, if you are able to donate any antiques, silver or works of art. No tax is chargeable to you, the donor, on gifts of this kind. If the asset is given outright to the **Church Urban Fund**, it can be sold without liability for capital gains tax. Plans for delivery will be announced in September.

*Who is inspiring us?*

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And the Lord said, Go  
And I said, Who me?  
And He said, Yes you  
And I said

But I'm not ready yet  
And there is company coming  
And I can't leave the kids  
You know there's no one to take my place.  
And he said, You're stalling.

Again the Lord said, Go  
And I said, But I don't want to  
And He said, I didn't ask if you wanted to  
And I said

Listen I'm not the kind of person  
To get involved in controversy.  
Besides, my family won't like it  
And what will the neighbors think?  
And He said, Baloney.

And yet a third time the Lord said, Go  
And I said, Do I have to?  
And He said, Do you love Me?  
And I said

Look, I'm scared.  
People are going to hate me  
And cut me up in little pieces.  
I can't take it all by myself.  
And He said, Where do you think I'll be?

And the Lord said, Go  
And I sighed  
Here I am, send me.

Lois Rensberfer

**The Prayer of the Church Urban Fund**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that Holy City to the nations of the world — bring their Glory; behold and visit we pray the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, and prejudice and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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■ **THE HILLSIDE ESTATE IN THE SEASIDE TOWN OF MARYPORT, CUMBRIA**, built in 1972, won design awards for its red-bricked flat roofed maisonettes. Now many are boarded up. On this estate 20 per cent of families have a single parent; there are many where both parents are under 25 and out of work.

A local neighbourhood project suggests the employment of a community worker. This idea has been taken up by an ecumenical group — with the support of the Church Urban Fund.

The Rev Michael Diggle comments, "This is a job which is about the Kingdom. We see it in terms of the spirit of the people and the quality of life in the area. You can't have one without the other. The Church must be involved where people are. This is what the Church should be doing".



■ **FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, 25,000 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN DARLSTON:** now there are only 2,500. All the big employers — Rubery Owen, Guest Keen and Nettlefold — are gone from this part of the Midlands.

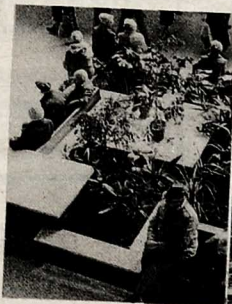
Roapp Hall, a former training hall for apprentices at Rubery Owen, has become a resource centre — with basic catering training, cheap meals for pensioners, lists of job opportunities and counselling. Now a Church Urban Fund grant will enable it to expand.

Stephen Rawling, rector of St Lawrence's, speaking of the problems of industrial collapse, says, "We have agonised for years to know what we, as a church, can do in this situation: Roapp Hall is an opportunity to do something".

## ■ NELSON IS A LANCASHIRE COTTON TOWN.

St Philip's parish has poor terraced housing and a large pre-war council estate. People living there are worn down by poverty resulting from industrial decline. And now the two big employers in the town, Victory V and Smith and Nephew, have gone.

But parishioners at St Philip's have been thinking hard about the needs of their community and what their Christian response should be. A survey showed that there was a core of people who care and are willing to give time. So they plan, with support from the Church Urban Fund, to develop a friendly drop-in centre for the community — particularly for those from ethnic minorities, parents with young children and old people living alone.



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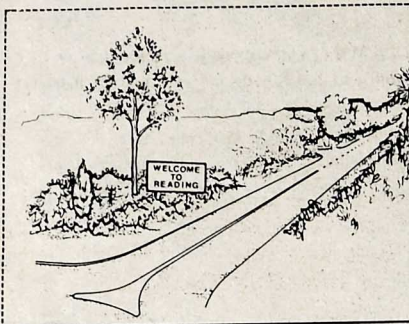
The uproar over the proposed bus lanes looks set to go on into the summer or until the whole idea is dropped. When the scheme was first advertised, it met with a mixed reception. There were those who reacted immediately with horror at the thought of losing a traffic lane into Reading on a route that is already overburdened. The majority of road users, they pointed out, were in cars, yet a whole lane was to be reserved for a mere sixteen buses an hour. Others saw it as a first step towards reducing the domination of our roads by the private car. The time is approaching, they argued, when towns can no longer afford to keep on catering for an ever increasing number of cars, both on the grounds of cost and of pulling themselves apart. It would, they felt, be worth giving the scheme a trial.

At this stage, the bus lane was in two sections, with a break in Bridge Street and over the bridge. Suddenly the County Council, not hitherto noted for its advocacy of public transport, flung a spanner into the works by proclaiming its support for a bus lane, but an unbroken one continuing along Bridge Street and over the bridge. This very much altered the situation. The right hand lane is one used by people who, however much they might wish to, are unable to use public transport as there is nothing from Caversham that goes along Richfield Avenue and Portman Road.

The county, and not the Borough, is the Highways Authority, so this is the scheme that is to be pushed through. It will be a case of all or nothing, for if the plan is a failure because of this additional length, the whole scheme will be jettisoned, and not just this controversial middle section. Under the guise of support for a progressive scheme, the whole issue has been put into jeopardy.

Meanwhile the final coup de grace was administered by the police announcing that they were either unable or unwilling to enforce parking restrictions in Caversham Road. Without this, no bus lane could possibly function. It is in fact a waste of time and paint to lay out any alternative

# RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT By Watchdog



schemes such as tidal flow and urban clearways if motorists are going to be allowed to get away with ignoring them.

The moral of all this is, if you want to drive in Reading and experience delays, don't grumble because you yourself are part of the cause for the delays. Those who depend on public transport have got used to being delayed by queues of cars, and it looks as if there is going to be no relief for them. Yet one bus equals a dozen cars. How many cars do these sixteen buses an hour over the bridge represent?

## THE GREENING OF READING

In the latter part of last year, the Borough Council issued its Green Plan of Action for improving the appearance of the town. This dealt particularly with the planting of trees (free trees were even offered to people for planting in their front gardens) but also with shrubs, flowers and the maintenance of green verges.

Priority, not surprisingly, is to be given to those areas particularly lacking in greenery, so Caversham must not expect to feature high on the list. Basingstoke Road, the least green main route into Reading, will be one of the first to benefit.

However, when it comes to giving a welcoming appearance to the main 'Gateways' into town, Caversham fea-

tures high. It is proposed to put signs and plant small landscaped areas at these points, and Henley Road, Woodcote Road and Peppard Road will all be treated this way. Boaters too will be welcomed by signs at the point where the Thames crosses the borough boundary.

In addition, of the thirteen woodlands within the borough that are to be protected and maintained, four are in Caversham. The Warren, only part of which is in public ownership, is in particular need of attention. Its trees form an important part of the Reading riverside scene.

However, talk of 'Greening' is all very well when, in recent months, too much has been heard of felling or heavy pollarding. In some cases, felling has been necessary, but too often it seems to have been done for convenience, the convenience of buses, traffic, developers, or just of maintenance and not because of any danger to the public. Caversham Road is a prime example of tree loss out-weighing tree gain. Private owners are no better. It seems all too easy to get a tree labelled 'dangerous' when all that is really wrong is that its leaves block the gutters or it is reducing the light.

Two listed copper beech trees in Priest Hill have suffered attacks from a series of developers, each of whom have contravened conditions of the T.P.O.'s, confident in the knowledge that no one will notice and if they do, they can't do much about it. If the trees survive British Telecom's recent assaults they will be lucky.

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## FAREWELL KATY

I am sorry that my fellow columnist Katy feels the time has come to say goodbye. Hers was the column to which you turned to find out who was doing what, and it had a devoted readership. I hope readers will answer her plea to send bits of news about people and their doings to the Editors. Perhaps someone will even volunteer to become a second Katy in her place; and it doesn't have to be a Katy. It could be a male.

## BUGS BOTTOM

The Secretary of State has once more declined to re-open the Public Inquiry. He wrote to say that he already had sufficient information on which to base his final decision, which he proposed to make at the end of February, to which date he had further extended the period to allow the Borough and the developers to reach the agreement about planning conditions.

If the issue had been clear and the need overwhelming, all that could possibly justify the destruction of Hemdean Valley, then a decision would have rapidly been reached. An adverse decision, made now must therefore be a bad one and its results will stand for all time.

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# The Accounts of a Local Landed Gentleman

A couple of winters ago I had the chance to look through one of the account books belonging to the Vanderstegen family of Cane End House. The old ledger was begun in November 1757 and ended exactly four years later. It seemed to me a pity not to copy down some of the more interesting entries whilst I had the chance — so I did.

There was no mention as to which member of the family had kept these entries but it must have been William Vanderstegen, who died in 1797 aged 63. He would have been twenty three when the accounts were begun and had married Elizabeth Brigham daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Brigham of Cane End House and through his wife became joint owner with her of her father's estate. The banns of marriage between William Vanderstegen of Putney, Surrey and Elizabeth Brigham of Cane End House in the parish of Caversham (as it was then) were entered in the parish register on May 3, 1757.



Early in the November of that year William treated himself to a gold watch which he had engraved with his coat of arms and crest. He appears to have been generous to others as well as to himself for at the end

SACRED To the Memory of WILLIAM VANDERSTEGEN Esq<sup>r</sup> (of Cane End, in this Parish) who died July, the 12<sup>th</sup> 1797. Aged 63. Respected.

Also ELIZABETH his Wife, Daughter, and Coheirs of THOMAS BRIGHAM Esq<sup>r</sup> and ELIZABETH his Wife, who died February, the 13<sup>th</sup> 1800. Aged 68. Lamented.

Also ELIZABETH BRIGHAM, Eldest Daughter of WILLIAM VANDERSTEGEN Esq<sup>r</sup> and FRANCES his Wife, who died March, the 9<sup>th</sup> 1812. Aged 16. Beloved.

Also WILLIAM VANDERSTEGEN Esq<sup>r</sup>, who died June 10<sup>th</sup> 1831. Aged 71.

Also ELIZABETH, his Wife, who died January the 21<sup>st</sup> 1844. Aged 63.

Also WILLIAM HENRY VANDERSTEGEN Esq<sup>r</sup>, Son of the above, who died September 9<sup>th</sup> 1892. In his 85<sup>th</sup> Year and is buried at Kidmore End.

A memorial in the Brigham Aisle to the Vanderstegen and Brigham families.

of that month he paid for his aunt to go to London from Cane End at a cost of five pounds nineteen shillings. The good lady must have been taken into town by family transport and caught the stage coach from Bath to London at either the Crown or the Bear, both coaching inns at Reading. The fare would have been quite costly and the journey both cold and not lacking in danger in those days.

In January the following year William gave his "Cousin Boon" a greatcoat for use in the winter weather and in April ordered two pounds of tea paying the considerable sum of twenty-one shillings or a guinea.

Towards the end of 1758 William himself went on a visit to London. Whilst there he did a little personal

shopping, investing in black stockings and buckles, surely for some special social occasion. He may well have gone to Bath with his wife for a few days too, as he paid a milliner's bill there on December 17. With all this travelling there was a need for luggage and in January 1759 he bought a new portmanteau.

Lottery tickets seem to be entered almost every year and subscriptions to the races probably refer to the horse races which took place regularly on Bulmershe Heath just outside Reading.

Seventeen fifty nine seems to have been the year of the big spend for that Spring china and glass was purchased, the sum of three hundred pounds spent on a pair of earrings and a ring and garnets were also bought.

Somebody in the family needed a doctor's attention that summer for a bill was paid to "Halifax for bleeding."



## Winter Comfort

Soon winter was approaching and with Christmas only a few weeks away over eighty pounds' worth of wine was ordered and paid for in November. Coals, too, were purchased and the chimney swept all ready for a warming fire by which to sit and drink a glass of wine in the festive season. The coal was delivered by barge to Mapledurham wharf and transported from there by waggon to Cane End.

As the owner of a country estate William Vanderstegen took a

keen interest in his land and farms. He limed his land, grew turnips, clover and vetches and kept cows and sheep as well as the necessary horses for work on the land and for his private use.

Mention is made of one, Dormer, who was paid seven pounds for lime and bricks to build a ha-ha. The Dormers had the brick kiln at Emmer Green.



A member of the Green family is also in the ledger. On July 27 1759 "Green, wheelwright at Caversham" was paid fifteen shillings. Interesting — for the Green family were mentioned in a recent article living in the smallest of a row of old cottages near the lights at the busy road junction near Caversham Bridge and working for Mr Lewis, the wheelwright, carpenter and coffin maker around 1900. Long before Mr Lewis had the business it was owned by a Mr James Swain (c. 1840). From the 1759 entry it seems that a member of the Green family was Caversham's wheelwright before Mr Swain. So the fortunes of the Green family appear to have changed over the years although they stayed in the same row of cottages — the wheelwrights' had the largest of these with a barn and sheds bordering the corner of Priory Avenue.

Two rather quaint entries for 1760 end this look at the Vanderstegen accounts.

June 23 Betty cow went to Mr Bull.  
June 27 Nanny cow went to Mr Bull.

Cane End House lies almost opposite the Fox on the A4074 some two miles after you leave Caversham and head towards Oxford. Once in the parish of Caversham it became part of the new parish of Kidmore End, created in 1852.



The Brigham family obtained the property some time after the Dissolution of the Monasteries. Before this it was a grange belonging to Notley Abbey near Thame. The first Brigham to own it was Anthony, said to have been a co-freder to Henry VIII. Their memorials and those of the Vanderstegen family can be seen in the chapel on the north side of St Peter's Church and known as the Brigham Aisle.

The Vanderstegen family came over with William of Orange. In 1750 William was sent to Oxford to study and whilst there made the acquaintance of Philip and Thomas Powys of Hardwick House, Whitchurch. He met Elizabeth Brigham whilst staying at Hardwick, the neighbouring estate to Cane End. Mrs Powys was one of the signatories of his banns of marriage so it is probable that she played a part in what turned out to be a happy union.

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# the CLUBS

## Chazey WI

Mapledurham Mill was mentioned in The Domesday Book. So Chazey W.I. was informed by Mrs Mildred Cookson, the present miller, at their February Meeting. The Mill was rebuilt in 1423, and had been in use continuously until the 1940s when it was closed down. The mill wheel fell apart. Fortunately, in 1976 a Film Company wanted to use the location to film The Eagle has Landed. The money from the film was to be used to restore the mill. But it was found to be totally unsafe and had to be completely under-pinned. The owner then restored the mill, and it has been working as a paying concern since then. A granary and barn are to be rebuilt in the near future. The millstones come from France. When grinding they are only about the thickness of a postage stamp apart. This is critical; if they are too wide apart, they allow whole grains into the flour, and if they are too close together it causes an explosion. The miller can tell the correct distance by feel and

sound. Marion Elliott thanked Mrs Cookson for her very interesting talk and then continued with the business meeting. Nominations for next year's Committee were collected. Members were invited to join a second visit to watch the recording of a Russ Abbott TV Show on April 8th. Nora Taylor ran a stall with goods remaining after her Coffee Morning, and she gave the proceeds of both to the talent money being raised for the County. Ann Hunt also gave in money to the talent fund from a Health talk she held at her home on January 11th. Coffee was served and the raffle was won by Marion Croft.

## St Peter's Wives Group

The February meeting of St Peter's Wives was well attended, for the visit from Saunapines, the beauty clinic in the Peppard Road.

Two charming young ladies instructed the gathering in the use of their cosmetics, body lotions and facial massages, and one of the members was given a professional 'make-up'. The Wives were invited to visit the clinic to discuss their personal cosmetic and weight problems.

The evening was most enjoyable, with convivial conversation, useful information, and it planted the seeds of determination that they take themselves in hand, and give St Peter's thirty-five strikingly beautiful wives, compliments of Saunapines.

## Emmer Green TG

Mr Klein came to talk to the ladies of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild in February about Mental Health. He gave them many facts and figures with regard to the number of people in

the community suffering mentally, either through handicap or illness, and spoke of the great need of support for the carers, financially and emotionally, and of greater understanding from the media and the general public. A competition for a Valentine's card was won by Mrs Perrin, and details were given of forthcoming attractions; the Ramblers' holiday, the Guild Outing to Bowood House, and a crafts exhibition to be held in Newbury at the end of April. Details of the new Constitution were read out and one or two points clarified. Social Studies and Arts and Crafts groups are flourishing and in view of rising costs it was agreed to raise the amount paid for each meeting by 25p.

## Caversham Heights TG

For most people who know that the 29 bus is nearby, walking is considered not too favourably. However, it was a joy to attend a meeting at social studies at Highmoor Hall, when Mrs Meriel Beek showed with slides how she and her husband followed the Cleveland Way two years ago. This skirted the north York moors, starting at the market cross at Helmsley, and followed the old drove road for a while, used by by cattle drovers between Scotland and East Anglia in days gone by. Reaching the sea at Saltburn-by-the-sea, the Beeks then mostly followed the "heritage" coast-walk. Cormorants may be seen on the lonely cliffs here. There was high unemployment in Skinningrove. The route led past Whitby, the town of St Hilda, south of Scarborough. In spite of quite frequently recurring rain the abundant May blossom was a joy to see and they walked 101 miles. Meriel Beek's next talk in April will be about the Wessex Way. The Chelsea Flower Show and other projections

were shown by Mr Peter Harms to the main group of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild in St Andrew's hall recently. Delightful music from Mozart's Flute Concerto acted as an eloquent commentary to the Chelsea show. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

## Caversham Ladies Club

Mrs Harwood, the Chairman, opened the meeting with her usual warm welcome to members. Club business included particulars of a trip to the Isle of Wight in May which also included a tour of the island.

The Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Johnson, who had come to show members how to make flowers from paper serviettes. What a lovely show of pink, white, peach and red carnations soon materialised in her hands. It was

hard to imagine they were artificial. But-tonhole sprays with fresh greenery would certainly look good at weddings and functions, be so inexpensive, and would not soon droop in heat. Mrs Johnson had also brought along floral arrangements for all occasions which were a delight to see. Many members were soon asking the best place to purchase serviettes, wires, etc, Mrs Johnson providing them with the answers.

The RBH collecting box had been taken up to the Hospital by Mrs Harwood and Mrs Q Strong. The sum of £46.86 had been counted and Mr K Ray, chairman of the 150th Anniversary Appeal had written a personal letter back to the Club thanking members for their generosity and explaining that the money, together with previous amounts, is to help

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Children's Society Week Organiser Mrs R. Collins, 475925.

## the CLUBS

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rebuild the Radiotherapy Department. The box is once again back in place ready for contributions. A beautiful glass dish had been given by a Club member to raise money for the Sue Ryder Home. The

grand sum of £10.60p was raised. It is good to know that so many are concerned over helping in various ways. Always welcome tea followed and the meeting closed with the thought of a really enjoyable afternoon in the minds of members.

## Caversham Community Association

The February meetings opened with an Old Tyme dancing evening on 6th February. May Plant led the dancers through the various routines. There were table games available for non-dancers.

A Valentine party was arranged as it occurred on the eve of St Valentine's day. The members brought cakes, sandwiches, biscuits and savouries for the refreshment table making a good selection to suit everyone. Henry Buckland sang and led the community singing accompanied by Nancy Nelhams at the piano; they were applauded by their fellow members. There were two competitions in keeping

with the party theme. Nancy Nelhams received first prize in the Valentine card competition and Freda Haines was the first prize winner in the competition for a Valentine poem. Doreen Meadowcroft was highly commended and also received a prize. Dorothy and Alan Osborne were welcomed on their first visit to the club and were asked to judge the competitions.

Mr Charles Moss was again welcomed to the club on the 20th February, this time to show his excellent photographs on slide film of Cornwall. The photographs were taken on three holidays he spent there in recent years. Starting at Plymouth and making many detours, Mr Moss travelled 1500 miles and recorded on film the lovely scenery, striking

rock formations of the coastline, towns and villages, rivers and harbours. Mr Moss gave an informative talk throughout the slide show and the members had an enjoyable evening. Maida Feast, the Chairman, thanked Mr Moss and asked him to make another visit to the club.

The members met the following week for a social evening, there was a good attendance, in spite of the inclement weather.

## Maplewood WI

Twenty-four members of Maplewood W.I. enjoyed a Ploughman's Lunch before the February meeting. This commenced with the President, Mrs Heather Baker, introducing the speaker, WPC Michelmore, an officer from the Women's Specialist Unit of the Thames Valley Police.

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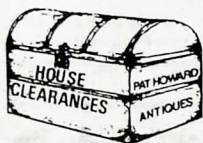


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