

# LOCAL HEAD MOVES ON

AT 3.15pm ON THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1989, the Spring Term at St Anne's R.C. Primary School in Caversham will draw to a close. Sadly for the School, this end of term will also mark the end of Auriel Thorpe's period as Headteacher. At the beginning of next term Mrs Thorpe will be taking up her new post of Headteacher at Holly Lodge School in Aldershot, which is much nearer her home. The new school is considerably larger than St Anne's and Mrs Thorpe is to be congratulated on her appointment.

educational back-ground, in both an academic and a religious sense, has been her first priority.

Auriel Thorpe has successfully developed the School curriculum, introducing and expanding modern methods of teaching Maths and reading skills, and has also introduced the young pupils to their first taste of information technology via two personal computers, purchased with the help of the Parents' Association. Whilst developing the more traditional educational role of the School, Auriel Thorpe has also provided the children of St Anne's with ample opportunities to display their artistic talents in Drama Productions, Concerts and Christmas Shows.

Mrs Thorpe, an accomplished dancer in her own right, has taken a personal interest in the children's performances and no amount of trouble has been spared in order to make each performance a success.

During the five and a half years that Auriel Thorpe has been headteacher at St Anne's she has shown that behind her quiet nature there is a strong determination that has seen the School through difficult moments. Her qualities of leadership have gone unquestioned by either children or Staff, and yet she has always been happy to listen to other points of view and has welcomed comments from those with an interest in the School. The welfare of the children coupled with a sound

During the Summer Term in 1987, when discussions took place concerning the Christmas production the following term, it

was discovered that there were very few appropriate plays for the Infants to perform, those available having been used in the recent past. What was done? Auriel Thorpe was not yet ready to be beaten! She made some enquiries and found that Peter Canwell, the writer of many successful children's musical plays, was teaching at a school in the north of England. She contacted him and explained the problem and Mr Canwell agreed to try to write a play especially for St



Auriel Thorpe

Anne's Infants. They later arranged to meet during the school holidays when Mr Canwell would bring along the finished manuscript. In a London Macdonald's some time in August, 1987, Mr

Canwell could have been seen singing the lyrics of some of his new songs to a delighted Mrs Thorpe! At the beginning of the Winter Term she arrived at St Anne's carrying the script of "The Star and the Animals" and that same Christmas play was performed by the Infant Department to an audience of enthusiasm of the young performers was, as always, a tribute to the efforts of Mrs Thorpe and her staff. The play has now been published, with a dedication to St

Anne's School; proof that nothing is too much trouble for Auriel Thorpe when it comes to her pupils.

The professionalism of a Headteacher is often displayed in the time that is devoted to the individual child. Auriel Thorpe has always taken an interest in every pupil and has always been available to talk to parents. The success of Mrs Thorpe's stewardship of the pupil's education is reflected in the steady proportion of pupils passing into Reading and Kendrick Schools and, indeed, into schools in the private sector for which the children have to pass a written examination. The Secretary of State for Education is on record as stating that there should be more parental choice of schools as demand would highlight 'good' schools. By this measure St Anne's, under Mrs Thorpe's guidance, is very successful, as applications for a place in the school come from parents of both Catholic families and non-Catholic families, who under present Parish ruling, cannot be offered a place for their children.

St Anne's is the Parish School of Our Lady and St Anne's Church, and Auriel Thorpe has been a constant supporter of both Church and Parish activities as well as those run by the Parents' Association to raise funds for the School. She has been present at almost every event, often in an active role working with both parents of her pupils and other parishioners, often returning to the School in the evening or at a weekend to take part, despite the fact that she lives some twenty miles from the School.

A successful School depends, not only on the Headteacher, but also on the team around her by ensuring that both teachers and support staff are considered as a part of St Anne's and that each member of staff is able to contribute to the development of the School.

Both Staff and Pupils will miss Auriel Thorpe, but are pleased that she has gained the promotion which she so richly deserves and wish her every success in the future.

The Editors  
would like to wish  
all readers of the paper  
a holy and peaceful Easter

## THE READING BACH CHOIR

The Reading Bach Choir are having a concert in St Anne's Church, Caversham, on Sunday, 12th March. Instead, the Bach choir will be singing two motets by Johann Sebastian Bach, who was a cousin of Johann Sebastian's father, and his style, though simpler than his illustrious successor, is still very sprightly.

The explanation of this paradoxical statement is that in fact there were forty or fifty members of the Bach family who wrote music. Johann Sebastian (the one who wrote the music for the Hamlet Cigar and Lloyd's Bank commercials) was just one in a long line of church organists and town musicians, and several of his sons were composers in their own right. Also in the programme are two settings of the Magnificat. One is by Pachelbel, but again, this isn't Johann Pachelbel who wrote the famous Canon, but his son Carl

Theodore. This is the only composition of his still in existence. The other Magnificat is by Thomas Morley, an Elizabethan composer, best known for his tunes for Shakespeare's songs.

To complete the programme, the choir are singing "O Magnum Mysterium", a setting of the Mass by the Spanish composer, Victoria. The concert takes place at St Anne's Church, South View Avenue, Caversham, on Saturday March 4th at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door.



# TALKING POINT

By the Rev David Clark  
St Paul's United Reform Church



## "OUCH!"

It wasn't the way in which I would have chosen to start the New Year, but I didn't really have any choice. The dentist had said it was time for me to see him again, and I went. As usual, once I arrived, he found some work to do.

I've got used to it now. Ever since my teens when my dentist assured me, "You have strong teeth which should last you all your life", I have made the twice-a-year journey to the dentist's chair, only to be told that those same "strong teeth which should last you all your life" need to be either filled or removed.

The enamel chipped off one, another broke whilst eating chocolate, an abscess forced out a third, and others either rotted away, became scratched, holed, or for similar reasons needed filling.

Of course, I could pretend that everything was alright, and not go. There are plenty of people like that, many of whom claim they are afraid to undergo treatment in 'the chair', but I am afraid not to go! The dentist's drill holds far less terrors for me than toothache, which invariably starts at the beginning of a holiday weekend, and has to be suffered for far too long.

It's quite easy to pretend that nothing is wrong to start with, as the pain of toothache rarely comes at the beginning. First of all your tongue notices a small cavity or roughness. Gradually we find that it is best to avoid one side of our mouth when eating ice-cream or drinking anything hot. Then there is the occasional dull ache well before the real pain. Deep down we know there is something wrong, but tomorrow — or preferably next year — will be soon enough for treatment.

But finally we all have to admit that the previous patchwork repair which worked for a time has finally given out, and the only way to prevent ongoing pain and disease is to remove the offending tooth.

The fact that I can relate what is wrong inside my mouth and what needs to be done about it to how I see God's purposes throughout history does not reduce the pain, but it does help me to understand in a small way the relationship between God and his people.

In the Old Testament we are given a picture of perfect harmony between God and his creation. Very soon this gives way to disharmony as the result of sin that is shown in disease (literally dis-ease), suffering and decay. We can read of how time and again the people of Israel turned against God, ignored him, and followed their own ways. On some occasions they tried to ignore the problems, pretend there was nothing wrong, or even enjoy indulging in practices that ruined their individual and corporate health. In response prophets and priests — God's dentists — came to repair the damage. But eventually the time for patching-up was over. A way had to be found to get rid of the decay and disease for ever, and give opportunity for continued good health.

And that is part of the reason for our celebration at the end of this month, when we remember the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was and is the great specialist who takes all the rot and decay and brokenness of life upon himself so that we are no longer weighed down with the suffering they cause. He takes them, and crucifies them on the cross, and by his resurrection God proves that these things do not have to be endured, but can be conquered, to give new dimensions to life.

But this is not automatic. Just as I have to go to the dentist for treatment, and no one else can go in my place, so I have to go to God for his specialist treatment, and allow him to root out all that is wrong, however much I may say "Ouch!" at the time, if I am to know his new life.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter — but remember the cost.

### APOLOGIES

The Editors regret the somewhat jumbled nature of some of the articles in last month's "Bridge", due to circumstances beyond their control.

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

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

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

CIRCULATION MANAGER: Mr R. Kitcher, 20 Cardinal Close, Caversham, RG4 8BZ. Tel: 472660.

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

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

All contributions for April issue should be sent to Church House, by noon on Wednesday March 1. All advertising copy should be sent to Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham by February 24. The dates for May will be Wednesday 5 April and Friday 31 March.

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

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

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

# READING ABBEY BOOK

## A New Popular Book on Reading Abbey

Reading Borough Council, with generous sponsorship from MEP plc, have jointly produced a book on Reading Abbey.

### Reading Abbey

Reading Abbey was founded by King Henry I in 1121 and was among the wealthiest and most influential Abbeys in the Kingdom. It played a crucial role in the development of Reading into a thriving mediaeval town.

The Abbey was closed under King Henry VIII in 1539 as were all other monasteries at this time. Valuables were sold off for the royal coffers and the ruins used as a source of building stone.

### MEPC plc

The last 20 years has seen a renewed interest in what remains of Reading Abbey. The major supporter of archaeological excavation to uncover what has survived below ground has been MEPC as part of their development of the cloister area and the Abbots' Wharf where the splendid new Abbots' House and Abbey Gardens office buildings now stand. MEPC has previously sponsored publications on the excavations, the conservation of the water-logged timbers from the Abbot's Wharf, and a splendid diorama reconstructing daily life at the wharfside.

Reading Museum and Art Gallery

This diorama and

the finds from the excavations are displayed and held for research in the Borough Council's Museum and Art Gallery, which also holds the major international collection of Romanesque carved stones from the Abbey buildings.

### The new book

The new book, of 36 pages, simply entitled 'Reading Abbey' tells the story of daily life in the Benedictine monastery which flourished beside the Mediaeval town of Reading. The 82 illustrations (of which 11 are in full colour) include original manuscripts and especially commissioned plans, reconstruction drawings and photographs. The original layout and function of all the buildings of the Abbey

are fully explained. The later history of the monastery is covered bringing Reading Abbey into the present day.

The book is the product of many people over many years brought together by the staff of Reading Borough Council, in particular, the text by the Keeper of Archaeology and Social History at the Museum (Leslie Cram) and the design by the Keeper of Design (Marting Andrews).

The production of the book is made possible through the interest of MEPC in Reading and their sponsorship of the printing costs. The book is on sale at the Museum and Art Gallery, the Caversham Bookshop, London Street, and Friar Street Bookshops and other outlets at a price of £1.50p.

## NICHOLAS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Est. 1882

for ALL ASPECTS OF PROFESSIONAL WORK including VALUATIONS, STRUCTURAL SURVEYS AND TOWN PLANNING, etc and for COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, RENT REVIEWS

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

## MAPLEDURHAM

House, Watermill and Country Park

4 miles north-west of Reading on the north bank of the River Thames

OPEN  
Easter Sunday  
to 1st October  
Weekends  
and Public Holidays  
HOUSE  
2.30-5pm  
WATERMILL  
1.00-5.00pm  
Winter Sundays  
2-4pm  
COUNTRY PARK  
& PICNIC AREA  
12.30-7pm



Midweek  
Guided party visits  
by arrangements  
Gift Shop  
Home-made  
cream teas  
and refreshments

River Cruise from Caversham to Mapledurham 2.00pm on Open Days  
The Estate Office, Mapledurham House, Reading RG4 7TR, Telephone 0734 723350



Peter Mullins was the Assistant Curate at St Margaret's and St Peter's until last September. He is now a post-graduate student at the Irish School of Ecumenics in Dublin, from where this diary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity last January comes.

### WEDNESDAY

Evening service at Christ Church, Leeson Park to launch the Week of Prayer. I was here once last term to take a service when the Vicar was away. A grand building from the 1830s for the well-to-do (thus mainly Anglican) suburb growing just south of the Georgian squares of the city. Anglicans are now a small minority and the building has been shared with the Methodist city centre congregation since their church burnt down. Tonight it is full. It is the Methodists who lead the service. The Roman Catholic Archbishop preaches. Here it is difficult to believe that there are many ecumenical problems in Ireland.

### THURSDAY

Day at work in the School's library (down

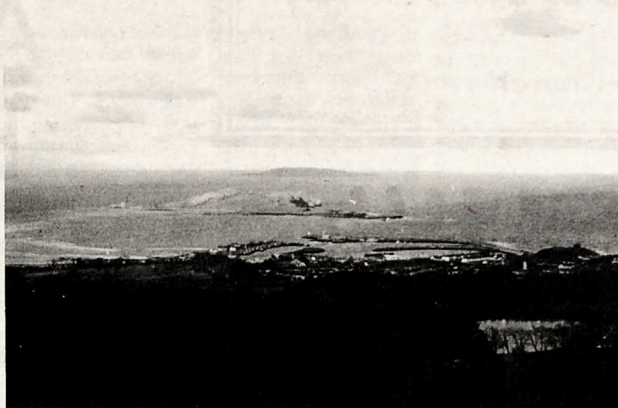
the road from Leeson Park). Over lunch I ordered photographs from our field trip to Belfast earlier this month. We spent a week being exposed to the views of all sides. I was one of those invited to stay in a monastery off the Falls Road. 'If you do not come away less certain about the situation,' we were warned, 'you won't have been listening properly'. Is it really possible for different groups of people to interpret what is going in such mutually contradictory ways? We all agree that we came away feeling the divisions not just thinking about them. We do not understand, and it all seems even more intractable than we had imagined.

Meanwhile we have all be warned to be about at tea time and look as if we are busy when the two Archbishops of Dublin (Anglican and Roman Catholic) 'drop in' for a Unity Week visit to the School.

### FRIDAY

Lectures all morning at the Jesuit institute at Milltown Park. Come away with a mind spinning again, this time with all the different ideas churches have about what the

# IRISH DIARY



A Dublin view from Howth Head.

P. Mullins



A Belfast view from the Divis Flats.

P. Mullins

'justification' of us poor sinners actually means. The latest report of the official Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue tried to deal with this one.

A nice collection of letters waiting for me when I get back, including (along with some news from Caversham) the newsletter of the Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme. I used to show slides of one of their holidays in Caversham. They are just buying a house in a neutral area of Belfast where it will be possible to have follow up meetings with children from different 'sides' who have been on holiday together.

youth leader who will be able to follow things up with them.

Two small disappointments in our visit were the drizzle which deprived us of the famous views and the discovery that 'Corrymeela' does not actually mean 'the hill of harmony' after all! But 'croi' does mean 'the heart', and it is quite as lovely place to pray in as Anne Varma told me it was. We all kept getting asked where we came from. When I said 'Reading' only one person failed to ask me if I knew Anne. And what he said was 'Do you know Derek Spears?'

students here this year include two from Africa and two from eastern Europe and that keeps us aware of the wider world.

Evening Mass at a local Roman Catholic church. We are encouraged to worship with other Christians as often as possible so that what we study is not just theory.

### SUNDAY

Abandoned my regular church and went instead to the Sung Eucharist at another Anglican church where I have been asked to give a series of Lenten addresses. I thought I

### SATURDAY

In Belfast we had also been able to visit several groups working for reconciliation. On the brief visit we made to Corrymeela we were told how important such follow up is. At Corrymeela they try to avoid 'one off' visits. Instead they may encourage groups from different sides to come for a series of events. With young people they may try to see that the groups who come are based around the local teacher or

We usually get Saturdays off! This weekend we have Pauline Webb (the prominent English Methodist and ecumenist) with us for a seminar. She gave the School's annual Unity Week lecture last night. This helps emphasise the fact that the school looks much further outward than Ireland. Ireland's divisions are something which we all share in different ways. Other overseas

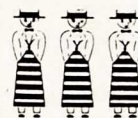
carefully as possible through the various events of 1968 and 1969 when the present 'troubles' began. At one state we have to stop and try to think of all possible ways each event can be misunderstood and interpreted. Perhaps the total polarisation of views we heard in Belfast is not as strange as all that. Those working for reconciliation are up against so much. The work for greater understanding being done here, as in so many other places, is only one small contribution. But thank God for it and for all the others. Watch and pray.

### MONDAY

The third lecture in our 'Conflict in Northern Ireland' course. History seems so important, and today we are picking our way as

\*Derek Spears (who is the Secretary of the Corrymeela Link, of which Anne Varma is the Co-Chairman) was Peter's predecessor in Caversham.

## JENNINGS BROS



## FAMILY BUTCHERS

PERSONAL SERVICE  
QUALITY MEATS

**FREEZER ORDERS CUT  
TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS**

**10% DISCOUNT**  
Given off current retail  
prices on purchases  
**OVER £40**

Branches at:

**ST MARTIN'S PRECINCT, CAVERSHAM**  
Tel: Reading 475939

**CAVENDISH ROAD, EMMER GREEN**  
Tel: Reading 474087

**CATERING DIVISION**  
26 PROSPECT ST, CAVERSHAM  
Tel: Reading 471528/475172

## Holloway's

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS

12 HIGH STREET, STREATLEY,  
BERKSHIRE, RG8 9HY

Tel: Goring-on-Thames (0491) 872318

and at 49 Parsons Street, Banbury, Oxfordshire.



A professional service from  
complete contents to a  
single item.

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

Entries for future sales  
invited.

Valuations for probate,  
CTT and insurance purposes.

We are agents for



The professional alternative to London

Clean your Carpets the Professional Way  
and hire

**ESCORT CARPET CLEANER**

from  
**Suprema**

DRY CLEANERS

32B CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM  
Telephone 477713

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

## TOTALLY PROFESSIONAL EYECARE

## ROBIN JAMES

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS

44 Church Street  
Caversham  
READING 472099

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





## Summerfield REST HOME

This distinguished Victorian dwelling set in half acre of beautiful gardens providing our residents with a dignified and homely environment.

Please contact:  
THE MATRON, MRS ANN HALL R.G.N.  
4 KIDMORE ROAD,  
CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS, READING  
Phone: Reading (0734) 472164  
Reading (0734) 472346

Registered with  
THE ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE



### Supplying Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Potatoes

FREE RANGE EGGS ●  
TRADITIONAL STRINGS OF HOME  
GROWN ONIONS ● HOME  
COOKING ● CAKES ● QUICHES  
& FREEZER MEALS ● JAMS ●  
MARMALADE PICKLES ●  
CELEBRATION CAKES TO ORDER

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

### GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICES

6 BANBURY GARDENS, CAVERSHAM  
TEL: READING 473308

Sales and Services  
Agents for  
FLYMO  
MOUNTFIELD  
HAYTER  
ATCO, etc

Always large stock  
of  
NEW AND  
RECONDITIONED  
MACHINES  
Free estimates

BRITISH CHIROPODY ASSOCIATION  
announce

MR JOHN REED MSSCH MBCHA  
QUALIFIED CHIROPODIST

Appointments  
READING 477013

10 Bramber Mews  
Caversham  
Reading

## The Entertaining Cooks

Business Lunches

Weddings Parties Dinners Buffets

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

# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I've decided to take a break from writing for the 'Bridge' — after all, I've been doing it for over 20 years. But that doesn't mean that you, the readers, have the same privilege. Any little bit of interesting news — a wedding, even a death, somebody getting an award, doing outstanding work for some charity, a youngster winning an important scholarship or taking up an interesting job, shopkeepers moving in an out — these are all important enough to find a place in this paper and a short note to the editors, c/o Church House, will be very welcome. And don't forget correspondence, news and views on recent events. So don't let me down.

### ESCAPE

This month I was lucky enough to have two phone calls from people anxious to publicise their organisations. As a matter of fact I've just got back from a visit to Escape which meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (9.45-11.45) at the old stable block next to Caversham Court, still known to many of us oldies as the Toc H. And don't be misled if somebody tells you it is all to do with post-natal depression. I'd visualised a lot of mums all sitting around earnestly discussing their problems. I'm told there is room for this kind of thing if anyone needs it, especially on Tuesday afternoons (1-3pm) when only babies, with Mums of course, are welcome. Otherwise all toddlers up to the age of three are welcome here.

Anyway, here I was in for a jolly session with young mums, tod-

dlers running around doing their own thing and slightly older ones in the other room doing more creative things such as painting. The session was rounded off with 'activity' songs, which the youngsters seemed to enjoy immensely.

There's a lot more I could say about this very useful group but there isn't room here, so if you're interested do ring Nikki Robinson or Linda Gelsthorpe (461348) who will fill you in with all the details.

### POP-IN CENTRE

Last week I called in at the Pop-In Centre which, as most people will know, is open at Church House from 10-12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is the very capable hands of Judith Dooley (472526) and Viv Kennedy (474836) and their very friendly band of helpers. You'll probably find a lot of children here too, because it's a favourite calling-in place for young mums; but you don't have to be young to enjoy the very happy atmosphere, and if you've got time after tea and biscuits (only 12p.) you can settle down to a game of cards or just a chat session with friends. You never know who is going to turn up, including a chap who plays a tin whistle and others who enliven the party with songs and stories. In the middle of a tiring round of shopping, this is just the place for a few minutes relaxation.

### KASHOFF BEDS

Most readers will know by now that this shop has had to close due to the expiry of the lease. It's not a place one visits as a daily need shop, but if you want beds, as many of have discovered, this was the place to go, where you were left in peace to try out beds without the indignity of doing it in the shop window with an assistant hovering over you.

What I'm sorry about is to hear that Mr

Frankum, the manager will be moving on after a long association with Caversham. Those of you who remember Fraser and Robinson, the dress shop which used to occupy these premises, may know that Mr Frankum first came there in 1962 and when in 1977 Kashoff took over the lease he remained as manager. His two assistants, Mrs Eighteen and Mrs Laxton, have also been there for 10 and 9 years respectively. The least we can do is to wish them well and thank them for their courteous and helpful service.

### HEMDEAN HOUSE

Without knowing all the details of what has been going on at Hemdean House for the past few months, I for one would like to say how pleased many of us were to hear that it is not closing after all. It serves a very real need for those youngsters who are not quite suited to the rough and tumble of large schools and, from what I've seen, produces very credible results. The parents have worked hard to keep this school going and are to be congratulated.

### WORKMEN IN THE HOUSE

In a recent issue of the 'Bridge' I was bemoaning the fact that workmen, even when they agreed to come, often failed to do so. So I'm delighted to say that we finally did get somebody, a gentleman from Electrocare Service (475987), who came when he said he would, promised nothing but managed to patch up two rather elderly items of equipment and charged comparatively little. At least we were able to keep our heater going over Christmas and after being treated in a somewhat cavalier fashion by so many others, we were grateful. Incidentally we finally got the roof fixed and, with a five year guarantee, are prepared to recommend these people to if anyone wants to know.

### GRACE DEARLOVE

Some while ago I ran into this lady who I interviewed many years ago when she was fostering local children. At the time she was having problems with the authorities who, probably from the best of motives, wanted to remove a young lad from her care and put him with the rest of his family, with whom he'd had practically no previous contact. Fortunately a lot of people came to her assistance, as well as the media; Adrian, though I believe he is working away at the moment, will always regard Grace's house in Lower Caversham as home. He couldn't have had more care and affection anywhere.

Anyway, Grace said something about giving up fostering, apart from Adrian, of course, and over the last few weeks I've often thought I should contact her and find out how things were going — somehow I couldn't imagine her sitting back and taking life easy. Alas, I never got around to it, but wasn't surprised to hear today that she had been seen pushing an elderly

Caversham resident around in a wheel-chair.

### LET'S FILL THE 'BRIDGE'

People like Grace deserve more than a passing mention in these columns so, instead of saying as some people do "Why didn't somebody write something in the 'Bridge' about so and so?" please ask yourself if you can spare a few minutes to let the editors know about such people.

### HURRAH!

Since drafting this column I've just picked up my copy of the 'Bridge' for February and was delighted to find a letter from Elizabeth Golby about the local animal refuge. Yes, Elizabeth it was the Queen's Road one where we took 'our thrush'. But, more than anything, I was so glad to see you'd taken the trouble to give us all the details. With people like you in Caversham I shan't need to worry about taking a breather from being Katy. Many thanks.

## J. P. MOTORS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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

Call us today for first-class personal service

Tel: 477377 — 24-hour Ansafone

J. P. MOTORS

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

## Carpenter & Joiner

PETER  
MAY

Phone Reading 478175



## INTRODUCING 'CENTRE PLAN'

Are you tempted from time to time to grumble about Reading's traffic, about the danger of life and property in the Broad Street Mall car park, the litter on the town centre streets and the tatty appearance of the Hosier Street market?

Take heart! The Borough Council is well aware of these shortcomings too, and has many good ideas for improving the quality of the town's environment. This was shown by the new Chief Executive, Geoff Filkin, when he introduced the

Civic Society the newly published 'Centre Plan'.

Often, of course, improvements are made and we remain unaware of them. For example, lighting above nationally recommended standards has been installed in the Broad Street Mall car park, it is lit 24 hours, closed circuit television has been fitted and the work pattern of attendants has been altered to ensure more supervision.

So what may be on the way? Reading has a dependency on buses which is already twice the national average and

must increase substantially if there are to be less cars cluttering up the roads. It is proposed to give more priority to buses, particularly at junctions and by bus lanes, to introduce mini-bus services in the town and to provide, in conjunction with the County Council, park and ride.

Although buses will still use Broad Street and Queen Victoria Street, the completion of the Inner Distribution Road will make it possible to remove all traffic, including buses, from many of the town centre streets, which can then be pedestrianised and made attractive with seats, trees and flowers.

When the Oracle shopping centre, on the Courage's site behind Minster Street is completed, St Mary's Butts will become a thoroughfare between it and the market & the Broad Street Mall. Freed of traffic, St Mary's Butts could become a real centre for the town, and there are plans to improve the setting of St Mary's Church and to give a face-lift to the market.

As for litter, the Council would like to ensure that one is never out of sight of a litter bin and to improve the frequency and effectiveness of street sweeping. But this all costs money, and sadly, as Mr Filkin pointed out, there will be even

less of it in future years than there is now.

In the future, the rates from business properties will go not into Borough Council but into Central Government coffers, with Government doling out to the town what it thinks it needs. And this will be a fraction of what is available now. Attracting commercial sponsorship for improvements will be come essential, and the future of the town's environment will increasingly be in the hands of Reading's firms rather than Reading's Council. Let's hope that they have generous impulses!

E.M.A.

## CAVERSHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS



Ready to help — the volunteers in their new office.

E.S. Archer

At the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16th January, it was suggested that Church House on the above title would

be more appropriate than the rather cumbersome "Caversham Bridge Good Neighbours Scheme".

The highlight of the evening was a most interesting and informative talk by Mrs Jackie Buckler on the work of RELATE (formerly Reading Marriage Guidance Bureau).

A well attended meeting was hosted by the Rector, and Mr Ben Archer, Chairman, welcomed all friends and helpers who attended. The Secretary reported on the previous year's work, and the continuing need for transport to take the elderly and disabled in Caversham to keep hospital appointments, etc. The Treasurer reported a healthy financial position, although with the new office outgoings will be higher in the future.

Next year the Good Neighbours will celebrate twenty-five years of helping the people of Caversham, and in order to continue their work, newcomers to Caversham and/or the newly retired with time on their hands, who would like to help are invited to call in at the office in Church House (open Monday-Friday 9.30am-11.30am) or to ring the Secretary on Reading 479048.

### M. J. GODDARD

Builder and Decorator

FREE ESTIMATES

18 GOSBROOK ROAD  
CAVERSHAM  
READING  
BERKSHIRE

Telephone 475582

### PREMIUM PET FOODS

FREE HOME DELIVERY

VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES

PHONE ANN AT CHAZEY COURT FARM  
ON READING 470076

Telephone:  
Reading (0734) 478756

### GET CARTER ELECTRICAL

Office & Domestic  
New Installations  
& Maintenance

Free estimates

116 WOODCOTE ROAD  
CAVERSHAM, READING

RE-UPHOLSTERY  
FURNITURE REPAIRS &  
RESTORATION

**HARRY ELLIS**  
(Prospect Furnishings)

6 Prospect St,  
Caversham,  
Reading RG4 8JG

Telephone  
(0734) 476565

### ENJOY A LAKELAND HOLIDAY

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

For brochure write to:

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

### NETLEY LANDSCAPES

Garden design and construction  
Hugh Netley, NDLC

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

Tel. READING 477466

16043

## MILWARDS SHOES

— the name that fits

Branches throughout the Thames Valley



Incorporating Scotchbrooks and Martin & Pole

Tel 0734 478278

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



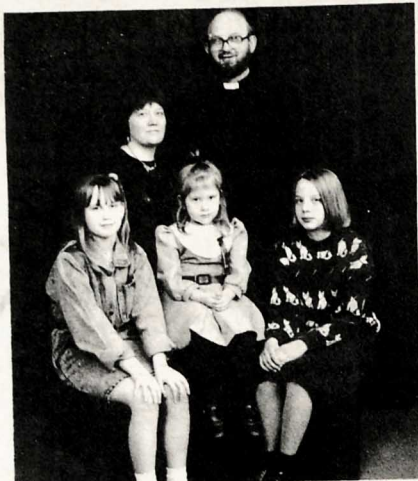
## ROUND THE CHURCHES

### EMMER GREEN'S FIRST VICAR

On Wednesday 12th April (7.30pm) the Bishop of Reading will Institute the Revd NIGEL HARDCASTLE as Incumbent of the new parish of St Barnabas, Emmer Green, in the Caversham Group Ministry.

Nigel will live at the new St Barnabas' Vicarage, 20 St Barnabas Road, with his wife June (a teacher, Lay Reader, and Wesley Deaconess) whom he met while training for the Ministry at Queens College Birmingham and Birmingham University, and daughters Rebecca twelve, Deborah, ten and Elizabeth, four.

No stranger to Reading, where he graduated in Physics,



Theology on the way) and served curacies at Weoley Castle (Urban Priority Area) and Handsworth before appointment in 1978 as

Vicar of St Thomas, Garretts Green (Urban Priority Area). For the last three years he has been Executive Secretary at the British Council of Churches, heading the BCC Church Computer Project. On the recent Lambeth Conference of Anglican Communion bishops, he was Deputy Director of the conference Telecommunications Centre.

Emmer Green's new vicar is forty-one and looks forward to settling with the Caversham Group of Churches and consolidating the tradition of St Barnabas' worship and ministry to its community. Caversham looks forward to welcoming the Hardcastles!

### GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

The new year has begun, and friends at Gosbrook Road have embarked on a new programme of events. The year came in joyfully as the children of the Church celebrated with a New Year party. This was attended by children from the new Sunday Club and the Boy's Brigade Junior and Anchor Boys. The entertainment was given by Miss Diane Herbert and Mrs Sue Rowe, who gave a fine performance as circus clowns.

On Friday January 20th the Church played host to Radio 210's Gardeners' Call. Radio personality David Addis chaired

the evening and the panel consisted of Bob Aggis of Caversham Allotment Holders Association, Bill Partridge from the Englefield Garden Centre and David Penny from The Berkshire College of Agriculture. Questions were given by Church members, friends from St. John's Church, Local Horticultural Societies and other Methodist friends. Three programmes were recorded in all, the first of these will be broadcast on Sunday March 12th at 8.30am, the second on April 9th and the third in July.

It was with great regret that the Church learned of the sudden death of Edith Wright, wife of the Rev. Ewart Wright who was minister at the Caversham churches in the 1960's. She will be remembered with affection.

Forthcoming events:

**Sunday March 12th:** Women's Fellowship Anniversary;

**Tuesday March 14th:** Women's Fellowship Anniversary, with Sister Marion Stanley.

**Saturday April 15th:** Musical concert, details from Gerry Alderman.

### St Andrew's Fellowship

There was a large attendance for the January meeting which was entertained by Eric Aspden who showed slides of 'Who's who at the Zoo'. Some of the pictures were taken

during the Fellowship's outing in the summer and the rest came from zoos round the south east. A loud and mysterious 'pop' occurred during the show, the cause of

which became clear when the water boiler wouldn't boil, so the party had to disperse without their usual refreshments, but nonetheless it was a very enjoyable evening.

### ST ANDREW'S EPIPHANY PARTY

#### Second Attempt!

St Andrew's Hall was filled to capacity for the traditional Epiphany Party on Saturday 7th January; indeed, some people were disappointed not to be able to get tickets.

The caterers had prepared an excellent sit-down, four course meal, which was served with red and white wine. This was followed by an entertainment which was mainly provided by young members of the congregation and ably compered by Norman Kent who was assisted (or hindered?) by Tony Cleare from the body of the Hall.

The legend of St Nicholas was very well mimed by the Wednesday Group, and they were followed by an amusing sketch, presented by three young members of the choir, who parodied a soap powder advertisement. This was followed by a splendid Group led by Philip Aspden, and then the two Jos sang their version of the twelve days of Christmas. Young magician Andrew Tur-

ton assisted by his sister Lucy demonstrated some telepathy in their own inimitable fashion, and James Aspden sang two carols beautifully. (James was last year's Justham Cup winner in the junior section). Back came the Group again, this time with the Jos, to give a rendering of Silent Night. Three little maids next appeared, though one of them seemed rather tall, and had a very deep voice. The Montague family had something to do with this. The teachers from the Church School were joined by the Revd Bill

Carpenter, and gave a commercial break for Christmas, and the Group followed playing Jingle Bells. The evening was wound up by Eric Aspden with two of his monologues. One person who was quietly playing almost hidden by the curtain at the side of the stage, but who was busy most of the time, was Philip Aspden who accompanied a great many of the turns.

It was a most happy evening, as the Revd Bill Carpenter remarked at the end, and everybody is now looking forward to the next party!

### BATH LODGE REGISTERED REST HOME

Long and short term stay  
Full 24-hour care  
A lovely house in beautiful grounds with a very homely atmosphere

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

### LINK GROUP

Link Group members were pleased to wish one another a "happy new year" over refreshments at their gathering on 23rd January, Angela Kingsbury kindly making her large room available for the meeting. However, they were soon involved in the main purpose of the evening, to greet representatives of Katesgrove House, whose educational pro-

ject the Link Group has long supported.



Mrs Barbara Pearson, the Centre Head, gave a very comprehensive talk on the work of Katesgrove. Once an ordinary Adult College, it has since the early '70s provided a 'home' for many harassed 'Mums' to learn basic home-making skills within the framework of a caring and supportive environment. Each mother attends one day a week. A creche is available for her children, while she takes part in practical cookery, learning about nutrition, meal-planning and budgeting, as well as all aspects of childcare. It is also a time for making friends and talking out problems. Significantly, there is now a "gentlemen's day", when one parent Dads and other one gentlemen can improve their domestic know-how.



There can be no doubt that over the years Katesgrove has improved the lot of many Reading Families. Whilst instigated by the Education Dept., it has the support of Social Services and the Health Department, and it is hoped it will be allowed to continue its good work for many years to come.

### THE PRINTER

9 CHURCH ROAD CAVERSHAM READING BERKS RG4 7AA  
TEL: [0734] 484008

#### WE PRINT ANYTHING

From Small Business Cards to A3 Posters on a large range of papers and board

Just 1 colour black to four colour process

Invitations, Leaflets, Brochures, Letterheads, Compliment Slips, Business Cards, Invoices, Forms, Labels, Price Lists, etc etc

#### WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER

Typesetting, Artwork, Plastic Comb Binding, Drilling

#### WE STOCK

A small range of stationery items: pens, sellotape, envelopes etc etc

We have Two Heidelberg GTOs which will cope with almost anything you would want printed



**SIMPLY SILK**

Specialists in Silk Flower Arrangements and Plant Displays for every occasion

**Sales · Hire · Maintenance**

WEDDING BOUQUETS ETC DESIGNED TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS

Tel. Checkendon (0491) 681233



## ROUND THE CHURCHES

# CAN YOU HELP?

Our picture shows four Glazed Statues found in a cupboard (not opened for about thirty years) at St John's Church, during their Centenary Year. They appear to be part of an Italian Nativity Group. Joseph and the Crib seem to be missing.

Please, does anyone know anything about these?

Picture by E.S. Archer



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer is held the first Friday in March each year. Christian women of all denominations join together to share the same Service in churches all over the world, their aim being to pray for the needs of the world in a concentrated effort. We know that throughout the whole 24 hours people will be meeting to share the same Service at different points around the world, and the whole of that time will be covered with prayer.

of Burma, whose theme is based on the Lord's Prayer.



The main Service for the Reading area is held on the afternoon of Friday 3rd March, and in the evening each district in Reading will hold its own Service. This year our Service is to be held in St Andrew's Church, Albert Road, Caversham, and all the churches in the Caversham area will be represented.



Although this day was originally organised by Christian women, hence the title Women's World Day of Prayer, everyone is very welcomed at the Services.



Each year a different country takes it in turn to prepare the Service and this year the Service has been written by the women

## ALL CHANGE — SAME PARTNERS!

At one minute past midnight on 1st March The Caversham Group Ministry comes into being! This is an Anglican legal process which creates new parishes for St John's, St Andrew's, St Barnabas', and Caversham Park, leaving St Peter's and St Margaret's linked (as they have been since 1981). Five parishes, one GROUP, working together as colleagues, with their Clergy bound by the legal measure to work closely together.

In effect, the Measure merely gives legally autonomous muscle to the way the Anglicans of Caversham and Mapledurham have been working for years. The only obvious change for the person on the Caversham omnibus is that after 1st March anyone applying to be married in the C of E

will have to be married in their LOCAL parishes church, whereas previously they could choose any of the churches in the parish for their wedding!

St John's first vicar on 1st March is Alan Wilson, St Andrew's is Bill Carpenter, the new vicar (12th April) of St Barnabas will be Nigel Hardcastle, Paul Kenchington continues as minister of the Local Ecumenical Project Caversham Park Church, and Richard Kingsbury remains as Rector of St Peter's and St Margaret's.

One the 'new' parishes have got going, a Group Council will co-ordinate their work and look for ways to strengthen the united ministry in the Group, with a keen and eager eye to work-

ing as soon as possible with all Christian denominations locally, perhaps leading to a real Caversham Council of Churches.

Commenting on the demise of 'his Pan-Caversham' influence, the Rector welcomed the Scheme for its celebration of 'coming-of-age' for the 'daughter churches' and noted the interest and support of colleagues in other denominations during the three years' planning process for this new chapter in parish life.

TOP QUALITY BUTCHER

**P. MUNDY**

75 WHITLEY STREET,  
READING, BERKS.  
Tel Reading (0734) 751600

RETAIL DELIVERIES DAILY

10% OFF  
HOME FREEZER MEAT  
SUPPLIED AND DELIVERED

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

24195

## CAVERSHAM HEATING & PLUMBING SERVICES

For Central Heating, Boiler Servicing, General Plumbing Work

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

Free Estimates Given  
Trade & Retail Enquiries Welcome

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March 1988  
SERVICES TO BE HELD AT  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, THE BUTTS, READING  
at 2.00pm

SPEAKER: The Rev P Herriott Ing  
AND

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
ALBERT ROAD, CAVERSHAM  
at 8.00pm

SPEAKER: Mrs M Dimmick  
EVERYONE WELCOME



**GAIL SPENCE  
ANTIQUES**

**CAVERSHAM**

Tel. 473011

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

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

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



# The Grange

Registered Residential Care Home

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

FEES FROM £180 WEEKLY

Further details and brochure  
from Resident Proprietress  
Mrs Josephine Buckley

Phone Goring on Thames 872853

## CAVERSHAM BOOKSHOP

18 PROSPECT STREET  
CAVERSHAM, READING  
Telephone Reading 482800

Wide range of all types of books,  
globes and maps

Book tokens sold and exchanged

We are happy to order any book  
not in stock



## MIKE THOMAS

OND Forestry  
Tree Surgery  
& Landscaping

8 Randolph Road, Reading, Berks  
Telephone: 0734 574896

## Margaret Cutts

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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

READING 472987

## Suprema

OFFERS

DRY CLEANING AT ITS BEST  
AND AT KEENEST PRICES

WE'RE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK AT

32b CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM

TELEPHONE: READING 477713

PERSONAL ATTENTION FREE ESTIMATES

## YOUR LOCAL DECORATOR

M. LEWINGTON

Interior and Exterior decorating

148 Upper Woodcote Road  
Caversham  
Reading

Telephone  
Reading  
479642

## ANGER AT CROSS TOWN ROUTE

PERHAPS IT WAS SOMETHING OF AN EXAGGERATION to claim that the proposed Cross Town Route would bring M4 traffic to Caversham Bridge. Most of that would surely remain on the M4 if it wanted other parts of Reading or Tilehurst. Nevertheless, it could bring an unacceptable increase in traffic from the developments around the A329M and the industrial developments at its junction with the A4. In fact if it didn't, there wouldn't be much point in having it. Just how useful it would be as a sort of by-pass for central Reading has always been in some doubt, yet over the years from when it was first known as the Valley Route, it has become received wisdom that it was necessary to reduce Reading's and even Caversham's congestion. The resultant upheaval and environmental damage was never seriously looked at, let alone any real assessment as to whether the doubtful advantages would outweigh the disadvantage.

Then along came the Reading Riverside Group, rather late in the day, when the plans made over the years were about to be put into effect, and started vigorously pointing out what it would all mean. Certainly Kings Meadow, in spite of all re-assurances, could never be the same again, with a dual carriageway rushing through it. Kenneth's mouth, with its unique Horseshoe Bridge and remarkably its still rather sleepy ambience, would be altered beyond recognition. The value of 'The Coal', the Gasworks' former coal yard, ugly over the long period when it was used as such, a not unattractive wild-life area

And there for the time being it must remain, whilst we all wait to see what will happen. Residents and traders in Caversham Road will be pleased. Most Caversham residents who were not happy at Caversham Road and the Richfield Avenue junction once more being blocked with more traffic than they can take will also be relieved. A lot of people at Shire Hall will be disappointed.

## LONG DELAYS FOR ROAD USERS

Another group of people who will welcome the news that the Cross Town Route may not after all become a reality is pedestrians. They already have enough hassle getting into Reading without coping with another major road pouring traffic on to huge roundabouts.

The Vastern Road — Reading Bridge roundabout is particularly bad from the pedestrians' and cyclists' point of view. If anyone is walking from the Gosbrook Road area into Reading, it is essential to remember to get on the right side (i.e. the left) of the road at the start of George Street

since its abandonment, might be a matter of some dispute, but it is sandwiched between other indisputably attractive sites.

Should they, in the interests of modern traffic needs, be sacrificed, if the the benefits could be positively proved? The answer would undoubtedly be 'yes', even if it were not a resounding and unanimous 'yes'. But if the benefits to traffic are in doubt what then?

Just as it seemed the traffic lobby was winning, the position suddenly changed. First of all came the spot listing, as structures of historical and architectural interest, of the Brunel Railway Bridge and the Horseshoe Bridge, which would have had a delaying effect anyhow, as the Horseshoe Bridge was for the chopper. Then came the news that the Department of the Environment had 'called in' the plans, a practice that is used on occasions when the more common method of going to appeal is not applicable. Latest comes the news that the Department of Transport money for new roads in the south east will not be coming to Berkshire. Suddenly the road, which had seemed almost a fait accompli, recedes into the distance.

What is true of pedestrians is equally true of cyclists who cannot even take refuge on the pavement. To cycle across one of these roundabouts is a sheer nightmare. Many cyclists have given up: some have been knocked off their bikes. It is only a matter of time before one is killed. These roundabouts have virtually taken away the freedom of pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely into Reading. They exist solely for the convenience of motorists, who, sitting comfortably in their little boxes and cocooned from the elements, must be prepared to sacrifice something for the pedestrians and cyclists who, over the years, have sacrificed enough for them. Towns are for human activity. They are in danger of becoming almighty great roundabouts, concerned only with moving traffic.

## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

because if not, he or she will be faced with a long detour along Vastern Road to a pedestrian

crossing and then back again to traverse the outer circumference of this huge roundabout. Not that the pedestrian on the opposite pavement fares much better if he is thinking in terms of getting to the Forbury area. If he fails to realise he must cross the road under the railway arch he will find himself faced with a long trek nearly to St James' Church, and if he has remembered, he can walk along Blagrove Street to a crossing before returning towards Forbury Road.

Maybe this new pattern of roads takes five minutes off a motorist's journey. They certainly add a good five minutes to a pedestrian's. The footpath worn across the middle of the roundabout suggests that some pedestrians are prepared to risk years off their lives in order to avoid these trans-migrations. Surely pedestrians who make no costly demands on the road programme deserve better treatment than this.

The Caversham Road-Vastern Road roundabout is little better. If you have failed to plan your journey in advance, you can be stuck on the wrong side of the road with the choice of either cutting across the traffic or walking along Vastern Road to where there is a pedestrian crossing sited to minimise inconvenience to the motorist, not to make it as convenient as possible for pedestrians.

What is true of pedestrians is equally true of cyclists who cannot even take refuge on the pavement. To cycle across one of these roundabouts is a sheer nightmare. Many cyclists have given up: some have been knocked off their bikes. It is only a matter of time before one is killed. These roundabouts have virtually taken away the freedom of pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely into Reading. They exist solely for the convenience of motorists, who, sitting comfortably in their little boxes and cocooned from the elements, must be prepared to sacrifice something for the pedestrians and cyclists who, over the years, have sacrificed enough for them. Towns are for human activity. They are in danger of becoming almighty great roundabouts, concerned only with moving traffic.

## BALMORE AND WARREN HOUSE

Every new development brings an increase in traffic, but some of it is so small that in itself it does not provide strong enough grounds for objections. Taken together the effect of several small developments becomes considerable. Two recent applications, one granted, one under consideration, fall in scale somewhere between Bugs Bottom, of which the effect will be major, and the many lesser ones which frequently get permission.

The first of these is Balmore House, to be converted into flats, a welcome change to which few would object, and its grounds, in which more controversially a high density of houses will be built. The Peppard Road area will notice the difference as soon as the development is completed. The slightly rural air which still lingers around Balmore is unlikely to survive this advance of suburbia.

The second is in St Peter's Avenue, where Warren House is the subject of an application which involves demolition of the house itself and the building of flats and a house in its garden. Warren House, unlike Balmore, is not listed, and is indeed of little architectural merit beyond being soundly built of local bricks and a typical example of a well-off family's home of the period. It will be one more lost link with Caversham's comparatively recent but rapidly vanishing past. However, its south sloping garden is part of the escarpment seen from the river, and if its trees

are removed to allow for this development, strollers on the river bank will look across at houses instead of trees. For residents on this side of the Thames it will mean up to thirty more cars queuing to join the Woodcote Road crawl each morning.

## BUGS BOTTOM

Of Bugs Bottom there is, as I write, no further news though behind the scenes letters have been written and approaches made to Ministers. Nicholas Ridley has plenty of other demands on his time and attention, so the longer he takes to make up his mind over this one, the better.

**MEET THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE.** Caversham and District Residents' Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 10th April at Church House, Church Street at 8.00pm. The speaker will be Mr D.G.H. Filkin, the new Chief Executive of the Borough of Reading. The Association is pleased that in a very full time-table Mr Filkin has found time to fit in a meeting with local residents. He will be speaking about his impressions of Reading and how he would like to see it shaping the future. The business part of the meeting, which is usually regarded as a boring necessity, will be over by about 8.30. Anyone, member or not, is welcome to come to the meeting, though only members can vote at the A.G.M.

Anyone not touched by the almost completed Membership Drive which the Association has been carrying out over the past months, who would like to join the Association can do so by sending 50p. to the Membership Secretary, Mrs M. Fallowfield, 40 Matlock Road, Caversham.

ANTIQUES WE BUY AND SELL MILITARIA CURIOS

## HARRY ELLIS (Prospect Furnishings)

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

6 Prospect St,  
Caversham  
Reading RG4 8JC

Telephone  
(0734) 476565  
24 Hour Service

## STITCHIN' TIME

1 CHURCH ROAD  
CAVERSHAM  
Telephone 478106

EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF  
LIBERTY FABRICS AND "EASY SEW"  
SKIRTS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER  
NOW IN STOCK

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



# SHAW'S "ST JOAN"

We present a selection of photos from the recent performance by Caversham Theatre of St Joan.

Pictures by J. Evans



Dunois (Richard Stainthorp) awaits a west wind.



The Dauphin (Tony Hales) chats to Joan (Kathy Munns).



The Gentleman (Geoff Ward) announces Joan's canonisation.



The Archbishop (Emyr Roberts) rejects Joan.



The Dauphin's court awaits Joan.



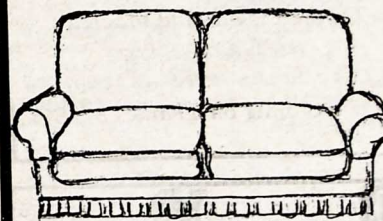
'Bluebird' (David Munns) impersonates the Dauphin.

## John Kitcher & Son

5a CHURCH ROAD, CAVERSHAM  
Telephone 472306

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

CURTAINS/DRAPES/PELMETS  
CARPETS  
LOOSE COVERS:  
UPHOLSTERY



Large range of patterns to choose from

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

**Gallienne Schmidt**

INTERIORS & DESIGN

52 Prospect Street, Caversham, Berks

READING (0734) 481283

WE SUPPLY A WIDE RANGE OF  
EXCLUSIVE WALLPAPERS, FABRICS,  
CARPETS, TILES ETC.

## CRAWFORD & LEACH LTD

GENERAL BUILDERS

ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

Personal attention at all times

Telephone (0734) 475773

## BARBARA

LADIES' HAIRDRESSER

30 Church Street, Caversham.

Tel. 473564

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

## Bed and Breakfast

GOOD ACCOMMODATION IN CAVERSHAM,  
SINGLE AND DOUBLE ROOMS.

T.V. LOUNGE.

SUIT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL.

Phone Reading 475784

## J. LUCKETT (Insurance Services) LTD

PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY UNBIASED ADVICE

NATIONWIDE, 14 Church Street,  
Caversham

Telephone Reading 481130 or 472950

## N.G. KENT & SONS

LADIES AND GENTS

## TAILORING SERVICES

CHURCH HOUSE  
59 CHURCH STREET  
CAVERSHAM  
Telephone: 479378

READY TO WEAR SUITS  
JACKETS AND TROUSERS  
FANCY W/COATS  
TIES & SHIRTS  
MENS HIRE SERVICE

## E. & R. STACEY

Proprietor: David Clarke

257 PEPPARD ROAD  
EMMER GREEN, READING  
Telephone 472096 or 479253 evenings

Panel beating, spraying, chassis  
repairing

Accident and insurance work  
undertaken

91219

## CHILTERN NURSERY TRAINING COLLEGE

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

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



# CAVERSHAM CARE CENTRE

AT  
CHURCH HOUSE, Church Street,  
Caversham (1st Floor)

## You will find the CAVERSHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS

who will:

1. Endeavour to give help in a domestic emergency.
2. Visit and offer help to the sick, lonely and/or housebound.
3. Provide transport on essential journeys for the elderly & handicapped
4. Give information regarding the many local charitable & caring organisations they have on file.

OFFICE OPEN: Monday to Friday  
9.30-11.30am. Tel: 483466.

Emergencies out of office hours — Tel.  
479048 or 476181)

ALSO IN CHURCH HOUSE

## THE "POP-IN" CENTRE

A place to relax quietly, find someone to talk to or obtain help. Coffee available.

Open: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12 noon.

Please note — Offers of help always welcome by both organisations.

## Commercial & Industrial Agents, Surveyors & Valuers

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

**George Chilvers  
& Co.**

24, Cross Street, Reading RG1 1SN  
Tel. (0734) 580656

YOUR LOCAL PLUMBING  
AND HEATING ENGINEER,  
BOILER SERVICES  
AND BREAKDOWNS

**J MIDDLETON**

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

ALSO BUILDING  
MAINTENANCE

**MASTER CARPENTER**

# the CLUBS

## Rosehill WI

The President, Mrs Weller, welcomed members to the first meeting of 1989. The Speaker, Mrs D. Hayes, ALCM, then gave her talk entitled "From Hard Times to Great Expectations" — the life and works of Charles Dickens. She held members' interest from his birth to his death by reading extracts from his many books.

The monthly business was then commenced of dates for various activities, craft enthusiasts hope to do some paper sculpture, rambling will start again twice a month, with scrabble and play reading monthly. There was an exhibition table of bookmarks, very unusual, interesting and colourful, for which there were eleven entries.

At the February meeting members were asked to give dates for the various activities. A date has been fixed for a visit to the theatre at Farnham to see 'Candide'. Volunteers are needed to join the Committee for next month's AGM.

The entertainment was by Mr Frank Terry, who, with his lady partner, sang "Songs from the Shows" which were pleasantly familiar to the audience who were grateful to them and their pianist for giving the meeting such a delightful afternoon.

There was an exhibition of a large number of programmes and photographs of shows enjoyed by members.

The Willows" about Kenneth Graham's life at Pangbourne were also of great interest. Members thoroughly enjoyed the songs selected by the Rendevous Singers. Their seasonal theme created great anticipation for the Christmas luncheon the following week at the Three Swans, Hungerford attended by 48 members and friends. The Victorian/Gypsy party on December 21st gave a lively 'end' of the term. Many members dressed up and our old friend Mrs Burden played music for singing and dancing whilst an excellent tea provided by members and the committee was served. The Autumn Outing was to Banbury town and market with high tea at Newbury.

Sadly we lost four members last year, Mrs Annie Coote who had helped with the teas for many years, died last August. Mrs Amy Haylock & Mrs Mott, both long-standing members died in November and December respectively and Mrs Leach moved away. We have been pleased to see some new members so numbers are around the same i.e. between 35-40 at the weekly Wednesday meetings. We are very grateful to all the people who have entertained us in 1988 and look forward to welcoming Ralph on the piano, Mr Tom Houghton on County Planning, The Firtree Singers, Physiotherapy exercises with Mrs Priest and Miss Tyler on Rome, over the next few weeks. Outings will be in May and July.

## Caversham Darby & Joan Club

The mild Autumn/Winter weather encouraged a good attendance at the Club during the last session. Talks and slides, on a visit to France, by Mrs Meryl Beek, and his trip to Israel, by Mr Cyril Kirby were greatly enjoyed, as was Miss Tyler's amusing account of her holiday in Holland. Mr Moss's slides on Cornwall and Mrs Noble's talk and slides entitled "Wind in

## Caversham Community Association

The first meeting in 1989 was on the 9th January for a cheese and wine party. It was also the time for the members to pay their yearly subscriptions. There was a good selection of cheeses and biscuits to please everyone, with a choice of wine or fruit squash. Frank Terry and Freda Clarke were invited to the party and provided the entertainment for the evening. The

members welcomed the return visit of these talented singers and enjoyed their solos and duets. Some of their songs were from musical operettas including the Merry Widow and Porgy and Bess. The occasions also marked the 10th anniversary of Frank and Freda's partnership in singing and the club gave them a bottle of wine and a basket of flowers respectively to celebrate the event. Kathleen Robson, the singers' able accompanist at the piano during their recitals over the last two years, was also given a basket of flowers.

On the 16th January the members were asked to bring articles for a Bring and Buy evening. Maida Feast, the Chairman, then auctioned the gifts to raise money for the club funds. A varied selection of goods resulted in some lively bidding between the members.

A whistdrive was held on the 23rd January. It was well attended and Doreen Crawley was in charge of the proceedings. Maida Feast had the highest number of points so received first prize. Gladys Lambourne was given the consolation prize.

The following week Mairwen and Howard West visited the club to give a slide show and talk on a memorable holiday they had spent in August last year touring China. They had travelled 3,000 miles commencing at Peking and ending the tour in Hongkong. They found the people friendly and the towns kept tidy and clean. The photographic slides showed some of the fascinating places and exotic buildings they visited including the huge stone statues of animals and figures lining the road to the Ming Emperors' tombs, views of the Great Wall of China and the famous terra cotta soldiers still being excavated. They walked on the mile-long bridge over the Yangtze river and saw the ornate palace in the Forbidden City. Mr and Mrs West brought many souvenirs to show the members, including beautiful fans, colourful silk material, figurines and paintings. Everyone agreed it had been a most interesting evening and warmly applauded Mr and Mrs West at the end of their talk.

## Emmer Green TG

Mrs H. Sutherland brightened up a dull January evening with an enthusiastic talk on English Embroidery

through the Ages. Embroidery has been an acceptable occupation for women of all classes for centuries; there were three groups with the professionals doing church embroidery and work for the aristocracy, amateur needle women working for the home, often the only means of support, and the young girls doing their samplers. By

the thirteenth century English embroidery was known as 'Opus Anglicanum' and was the finest in the world. Much of the work force was killed by the 'Black Death' and not until the new affluent Tudor era did embroidery again regain popularity, this time in the secular field.

Turn to page 11

Telephone: Reading 473003

LET US CALL AND GIVE YOU  
A FREE ESTIMATE

**J. D. Sansum & Son**

PLUMBING, HEATING  
AND GENERAL REPAIRS  
KITCHEN AND BATHROOM  
SPECIALIST

15 Blenheim Rd, Caversham  
Reading RG4 7RT

## A SIMMONITE

Painter and decorator  
interior and exterior  
also

General household repairs, brickwork  
and plastering undertaken

Fully insured

For free quotation  
Phone Reading 722322 or 574546

AN UNRIVALLED SELECTION

## CAVERSHAM TILE CENTRE

FIXING BY OUR OWN  
FIXING EXPERTS

55 Donkin Hill  
Caversham

Reading RG4 0DG

0734 478853/479163

FREE ESTIMATES  
AMPLE FREE  
PARKING



## FROX

For that special  
occasion  
Evening Gowns  
and  
Cocktail Wear

## HIRE SERVICE

For appointment  
PHONE READING (0734) 470623

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

WEDDINGS, COLOUR PORTRAITS,  
PASSPORT SERVICE

AT

**HYMOR Photographers**

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



# the CLUBS

From Page 10

The first patterns were printed in the 1760's in the women's magazines and embroidery has remained a very popular pastime ever since.

Mrs Sutherland illustrated her talk with slides and informed the meeting that examples could be seen at the V and A and in many churches throughout the country, especially of very early work. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Dalzell.

The delegate to the National Council Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall is Miss R.

Brann with Mrs N. Hooper attending as observer. The meeting voted to support the Battle Hospital and The Reading Branch of the Society for the Blind as their two charities for this year.

Meetings are held every second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at St Barnabas Church Hall, Emmer Green. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

## St Peter's Wives Group

The first meeting of the year on January 17th

was very well attended, when members heard a most interesting talk about the history of St John Ambulance.

The talk was given by Mrs Elaine Cooke, and with the help of slides, she traced the history from its early religious and monastic beginnings during the Crusades to the present day. A brisk question and answer session concluded the meeting.

The Wives raised £92 carol singing to the local Sue Ryder Home.

St Peter's Wives would again like to extend a warm welcome to any ladies who would like to join them for very entertaining talks and visits. They meet at Church House on the third Tuesday of every month.

## Caversham Ladies Club

There was a good attendance at this first meeting of '89 which opened with Mrs Harwood welcoming the members and wishing them a very happy and peaceful new year.

As in previous years, the first meeting of the year is an informal one, mostly given over to members, so once Club business had been dispensed with members stated they were very satisfied and happy as things were at present. Outings in the future were then discussed and decided upon. It was a most enjoyable and lively meeting which passed far too quickly, but then that most welcome cup-

pa arrived which completed this meeting and members left knowing they had once again 'helped' in the running of THEIR club by giving their views, which is as it should be.

## Caversham Heights TG

Members of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild were certainly introduced to something new at their January meeting in St Andrew's Hall, when Miss Bea Snell described how she acted the part of head cook, dressed as Mistress Beth in 1588,

the year of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Mistress Beth's family at Kentwell Hall near Sudbury in Suffolk died out in 1610, yet volunteers conjure up those early Tudor days for the present family and visitors. In a previous year Henry VII's time in 1487 was brought alive and this coming year it will fall to the volunteers to play the days of James I. There are guided tours round the house and from the money from these tours and the performances the hall is being refurbished.

Around us as we witness these early days there are cooks and bottlers, archers and retainers, basket makers and warreners and all the panoply of a busy Tudor household. For the players there are no rehearsals and they must speak the English their forbears spoke. The younger visitors can through a time "tunnel" and as they

make their way back in time can participate by dressing up and playing music. If they merely giggle they may be called addle-pated. A good term that. One may chance on a bishop and following him his acolytes, perhaps carrying a relic, trying to seek out any heretic who may be lurking in the house.

Although modern equipment is kept hidden from the visitors, cooking is carried out on some fascinating old recipes used to feed the gentry and lower orders, for example carp pie and elderflower fritters. Thus a glimpse of life 400 years or more ago. A little different from today, but full of life and vigour and earthy humour. A most enjoyable evening.

Hardworking Mrs Mildred Cookson, who like her father was always interested in woodwork, sketched the fortunes of Mapledurham watermill, originally a Domesday mill, to members at Social Studies. All went relatively smoothly there until the 1900's, when the big bakers decided to use the harder wheat from the Canadian plains for white flour. It became derelict, but in 1977 was saved by money made from the film "The Eagle Has Landed". In the last 11 years the mill has built up good business. Different sieving processes produce 81% extraction flour and semolina. Elm paddles on a wheel can become worn and teeth can be sheared off and Mrs Cookson's expertise is needed when it comes to replacement. The English wheat used makes good biscuits.

Visits can be made on Sundays, members were told.

closed with coffee and the raffle which was won by Irene Lindsay.

## Chazey WI

Chazey's New Year meeting started with a film on wildlife in the grounds of Denman College through the four seasons. This was compiled and presented by Mr Laurence, the gardener at Denman for the past fifteen years. Ann Hunt thanked him for a delightful film.

The business followed. Marion Elliott asked members to start taking plant cuttings for the summer fair on June 26th as Chazey is in charge of the plant stall.

Marjorie McCombe asked for helpers for the Group Meeting that will be held on April 6th. She reminded members that everyone will be required to help even if they cannot attend as Chazey is the Host Institute.

The meeting was

## Maplewood WI

The December meeting of Maplewood W.I. was preceded by a very enjoyable lunch for members and guests, prepared by the committee. This was followed by a fascinating talk with slides by Lt. Col. J.F. Willcocks, IBE, entitled "Flowers around the World".

The meeting in January was the thirty-fourth Birthday of the Institute, and a birthday cake made by Mrs Margaret Pilgrim. Members were then entertained by Mrs Wendy Huntley who read a selection of amusing poems she had written herself.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs Peggy Turner.

## CAVERSHAM CLERGY

### ANGLICAN

The Rev Richard Kingsbury, Caversham Rectory, Church Road. Tel: 479130.

(Parish Office: Monday-Thursday 9.30-12.30 Tel: 471703)

The Rev Alan Wilson, St John's House, 9 South View Avenue. Tel: 471814.

The Rev Paul Kenchington, 51 Galsworthy Drive. Tel: 475152.

Rev Bill Carpenter, St Andrews House, Harrogate Rd. Tel: 472788.

### BAPTIST

The Rev Dennis Weller, 80 Balmore Drive. Tel: 478668.

The Rev Dr Philip Egglestone, 324B Hemdean Road. Tel: 470554.

### METHODIST

The Rev Keith Saunders, 72 Highmoor Road. Tel: 472223.

The Rev Brian Skinner, 48 All Hallows Road, Caversham. Tel: 482530.

### UNITED REFORMED

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

### CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

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

The Rev Michael Holmes, 8 Southview Avenue. Tel: 474138.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

(For Caversham Park Village)

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

## CAVERSHAM DIARY

**Friday 3rd March** 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer, St Marys Butts  
8.00pm Women's Day of Prayer, St Andrew's

**Saturday March 4th** 7.30pm St Anne's Church Concert of Church Music by Reading Bach Choir.

**Sunday 19th March** 6.30pm St Andrew's Church: Stainer's Crucifixion by combined choirs of St Peter's and St Andrew's churches.

**Saturday 18th March** National Children's Home Concert, Reading University. Reading Youth Orchestra and Reading Male Voice Choir.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you thinking of changing your employment — why not consider working with us in very pleasant surroundings and have your meals provided whilst on duty.

We may have a vacancy to suit you.

We have full and part-time positions for bar, banqueting, restaurant, housekeeping and room service staff. Experience is not always essential as training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Ann McLaughlin in Personnel,

Tel: 391818, Ext. 309

Between 10.00am-2.00pm weekdays

**Caversham Hotel**  
READING

SETTING NEW STANDARDS... PRESERVING GREAT TRADITIONS

NORFOLK CAPITAL HOTELS



## PET SHOP — NOW OPEN — PETSHOP DEN & JULIE'S PET SERVICES

Run by a seasoned Pigeon fancier and a qualified Veterinary Nurse

Very wide range of pet supplies  
Horse feed, 20+ Pigeon corns, fishing tackle, garden supplies, seeds. (Animals & Birds available on request)

61A Grove Road, (off Evesham Road)  
Emmer Green, Reading Tel 481619

OPEN TILL 7pm FRIDAYS 9-12 noon Sundays

## ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES AND INSTALLATIONS

**C.J. WHITTINGHAM**  
118a HENLEY ROAD

(Near top of Donkin Hill)  
CAVERSHAM, READING

TEL: READING 484561

OPEN MON-FRIDAY 8-5.30  
SATURDAY 8.30-5.30  
SUNDAY 9.30-1pm

## RAY GALLAGHER DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE

Prompt friendly attention NO job too small

Telephone Reading 475599

1 Kirkham Close,  
Caversham Park Village, Reading

## Walton Adams & Son Limited

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Telephone Reading 477904

1 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM

PHOTOGRAPHS  
WEDDING AT HOME PASSPORT

## PLUMBING

Central Heating  
General Repairs

**K. C. BARNES**

209 Kidmore Road  
Caversham

Telephone:  
481929 or 417512

## Your PET SHOP

in  
CAVERSHAM

*Gee Gee Pets  
and Aquaria*

29 PROSPECT STREET  
Reading 472422

also at  
READING MARKET  
on Wednesday, Thursday  
Friday and Saturday  
Local Delivery Service



COTTAGE HOLIDAYS  
in ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

GITES, FARMHOUSES &  
VILLAS in EUROPE

LET YOUR HOME to  
VISITING EUROPEANS

Travers & Betty Cosgrove  
READING 472524

# SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**St Peter's**  
**PALM SUNDAY:**  
Distribution of Palm Crosses at Sunday Services.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week: 7pm Holy Communion Daily.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:**  
9.30am Holy Communion  
8.00pm SUNG EUCHARIST, followed by stripping of the altar and all night Vigil at the Altar of Repose of the Blessed Sacrament.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
8.00am Holy Communion (from the Reserved Sacrament) followed by Morning Prayer (said)  
12-3.00pm Three Hours Devotional Service, conducted by Revd. J.W. Woodward (Chaplain to Bishop of Oxford)

**EASTER EVE**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
**EASTER DAY**  
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.15am SUNG EUCHARIST (Rite B)  
11.15am Holy Communion (Rite B)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

Caversham Heights Methodist Church

**PALM SUNDAY**  
11.00am Morning Service and Distribution of Palm Crosses  
6.30pm "The Passion" a meditation led by the Rev. David Clark from St Paul's URC

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00pm United Communion Service at St John's

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.30am United Service at Baptist Church

**EASTER DAY**  
8.30am Holy Communion  
9.30am Church Breakfast  
11.00am Family Worship including Holy Communion  
6.30pm Service of Celebration

Gosbrook Road Methodist Church

**PALM SUNDAY**  
11.00am and 6.30pm Usual Services

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00pm United Communion Service at St John's

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.30am United Service at Baptist Church

**EASTER DAY**  
11.00am and 6.30pm Usual Services

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
Church of St Anne, South View Avenue

**PALM SUNDAY**  
5.30pm Saturday, Evening Mass, Blessing and procession of Palms  
9.45am Sung Mass. Blessed Palms will be available  
6.30pm Mass

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass (of Chrism) at St Aloysius, Oxford  
8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with Procession to the Altar of Repose. Watching until midnight.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.30am Stations of the Cross & Sermon  
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, followed by the Veneration of the relic of the Cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
8.00pm Vigil of Easter Service and Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
9.45am Mass  
Evening Mass to be announced

Church of Our Lady of Caversham, Richmond Road.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
8.30am Masses, Blessing and  
10.30am and Procession of Palms  
5.00pm before 10.30am Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
8.30am and 10.30am Masses  
Evening Masses to be announced.

Society of Friends — Services as usual

Caversham Baptist Free Church

**PALM SUNDAY**  
10.30am Family Service and Holy Communion  
6.30pm Easter Music and Message — "Gospel Singers"

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.30am Baptist Methodist Churches United Service. Preacher: Revd Keith Sanders

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
10.30am Family Worship  
6.30pm Easter Praise

St Andrew's Church Caversham

**PALM SUNDAY**  
8.00am Blessing and distribution of Palms. The Eucharist  
9.15am Blessing and distribution of Palms with procession. Sung Eucharist  
11.15am Blessing and distribution of Palms. Matins (with hymns)  
6.30pm Performance of Stainer's Crucifixion (Combined Chorus of St Peter's and St Andrew's)

**MONDAY**  
9.30am The Eucharist  
8.00pm Compline (with address)

**TUESDAY**  
7.00am The Eucharist  
8.00pm Compline (with address)

**WEDNESDAY**  
9.30am The Eucharist  
8.00pm Compline (with address)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00pm Sung Eucharist, Preacher: Angela Tibby (Broadcaster and Author)

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
9.30am The Good Friday Liturgy (Proclamation of the Cross, Reproaches, followed by Communion)

**EASTER EVE**  
8.00pm The Easter Vigil and service of Light. (We prepare to meet our Risen Lord)

**EASTER DAY (as usual)**  
8.00am The Eucharist  
9.15am Family Eucharist  
11.15 The Eucharist with hymns  
6.30 Evensong

St Barnabas' Emmer Green

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Distribution of Palm Crosses at 8am and 9.30am Eucharists. Holy Week Eucharists: Monday 7.15pm, Tuesday 7am, Wednesday 10am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00pm SUNG EUCHARIST

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.00am Devotional Hour

**EASTER DAY**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

Caversham Park Church

**PALM SUNDAY**  
11.00am OPEN AIR SERVICE outside Bugden

**MONDAY**  
8.00pm Meditation & Prayer (1 Aldenham Close)

**TUESDAY**  
8.00pm Final Lent Group (51 Galsworthy Drive)

**WEDNESDAY**  
8.00pm Meditation & Prayer (1 Aldenham Close)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00pm Communion (1 Aldenham Close)

**FRIDAY**  
10.00-12.00 GOOD FRIDAY. An all-age, creative event at Caversham Park Primary School to ponder Jesus' death for us.

**SATURDAY**  
9.30-10.00am Pause for Prayer (1 Aldenham Close)  
**SUNDAY**  
11.00am EASTER COMMUNION

St John's Church Caversham

**PALM SUNDAY**  
8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  
9.15am Eucharist & Procession of Palms  
11.00am Family Service

**TUESDAY**  
2.30pm Mothers' Union service in Church

**WEDNESDAY**  
7.30pm Prayers and meditation in Church

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper (jointly with Caversham Methodist Church) preacher: The Revd Brian Skinner

Stripping of the Altars in St John's followed by a Vigil in Church until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.00am Passion and Litany

**EASTER DAY**  
8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  
9.15am Eucharist, including the lighting of the paschal candle and renewal of Baptism vows.

11.00am Family Communion

St Margarets Mapledurham

**PALM SUNDAY:** Distribution of Palm Crosses at 11 am Eucharist

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
9.30am Meditations and Devotions on The Cross

**EASTER DAY**  
11.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

**St Paul's U.R.C.**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
11.00am Palm Sunday Parade & Family Service

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
11.00am Good Friday Service

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
11.00am Easter Praise  
6.30pm Evening Worship & Holy Communion

Caversham Hill Chapel

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.30am Family Worship

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
10.30am Family Worship  
6.30pm Family Worship

Caversham Heights Christian Fellowship (Meeting at Mapledurham Pavilion)

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.45am Family Worship

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
10.45am Family Worship

## A. B. WALKER & SON LTD FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Independent Family Business  
serving Caversham since 1826

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

Tel: Reading 573650

Day and night service  
Monumental Masons Private Chapels

## TOMALIN & SON

(N.A.F.D.)

## Funeral Directors

48 New Street  
Henley-on-Thames

Telephone 3370

DAY AND NIGHT

90337

## A. F. JONES

MASTER  
MASONS

Craftsmen in Stone

BEDFORD RD  
READING

Telephone  
573537

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

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Telephone  
Reading 722828

Director:  
Mr Elkington  
15 Chiltern Bank,  
Peppard Common

## J. R. McCARDLE

STONEMASON

Fine Memorials in  
Marble, Stone and  
Granite

Restoration and all  
other masonry  
undertaken

READING 62362

## SHARE A CARE

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

Ring 473189

Monday to  
Friday 7-8pm

All calls are strictly  
confidential

## Dressmaker

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

KAY  
CLIFFE  
Reading 483354

## INDIVIDUAL MATHS TUITION

Upto G.C.S.E.

By qualified experienced  
lady Teacher

Phone Reading  
470762 for details

## QUALITY CATERING

Buffets  
Dinner Parties  
Wedding Receptions

Reading 473889

## REPAIRS TO TVs, VIDEOS and AUDIO

Most makes — Prompt  
attention — All work  
guaranteed

Aerial installation undertaken  
REASONABLE CHARGES  
READING 479276  
ANY TIME

15004

## CAVERSHAM CARS

Private Hire Car Chauffeur driven approx half  
normal fares. Tested and registered by Read-  
ing Council. Weddings, Airports, Long jour-  
neys a speciality

Advance booking taken evenings

READING 470690

## HEMDEAN HAIR STUDIO

Jolanta and Stephen  
invite you to their  
GENTLEMEN'S  
& LADIES  
HAIR SALON  
AT  
16 Hemdean Road,  
Caversham  
RAZOR CUTTING AND  
FLAT TOP  
SPECIALISTS  
Tel. 477340