



DIocese OF OXFORD PARTNERS IN MISSION

MISSION means being sent out by God into the everyday world to share with Him in working out His plan for the whole creation. We are not sent alone, but as partners working together.

Every parish in the Diocese of Oxford has been called by the Bishop to join in the Partners in Mission Consultation. What does it mean? What will happen? How should we respond?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The first purpose of the Consultation is "to grasp hold of a new vision of our missionary task so that we become less preoccupied with survival and more with mission." All institutions, including the church, can in the process of time lose sight of the objectives upon which they were originally founded.

Has this happened to us? Is mission an optional extra, or a central part of our life? Where in its order of priorities does the parish put the following three strands of mission — Service to others; Working to create a just society; Evangelism? Are we discovering ways of meeting the real needs of the people around us? Are we salt ... light ... leaven? How do we proclaim the gospel?

The next question is equally difficult. Are we willing to share our answers with Christians from

different backgrounds and learn from them? Because another purpose of the Consultation is "to give practical expression to the fact that we are partners with Christians throughout the world in the task of mission," and a team of Christians from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and the U.K. has been invited to visit us in the autumn to share in what we have discovered.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Training days are being held to prepare for Courses which every parish will be invited to use during the spring. Questions about parish policy and mission will be asked in them. And others too. What barriers hamper us in mission? What bridges do we need to build? What targets are we willing to set?

Our visiting partners will be in the diocese from

September 7 to October 10, by which time the results and decisions of the spring will have been gathered together into "deanery profiles." The partners will visit deaneries and parishes, listening and learning and sharing their own experience with us. Finally they will report on what they have heard and seen at a diocesan day of thanks giving and celebration on October 10, helping us in that process to sharpen our insights as we move ahead to implement those things to which we have committed ourselves.

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

First and foremost by praying — for the diocese, for our visiting partners and for our parish. Unless the consultation is carried forward in a spirit of openness to the will of God it will fail. Secondly, we can respond by preparing ourselves individually. Am I really prepared to be open to others and to learn from them? Am I prepared to find the time? Am I prepared to be renewed for mission?

*Almighty Father,
Look with love on your people,
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THE DOGGETTS



Members of Hobnobs Group photographed with David and Margaret who have recently had to give up running the group as Margaret's second baby is due shortly.

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The Editor's Column

ANGER AND SHAME

THE problems of India are so vast, that after a six week visit, it is impossible to do more than give a few impressions. Having decided that I should like to take the opportunity of some Sabbatical leave, to see the Church at work in a setting totally different to that in England, I flew to Delhi having planned to stay with religious communities, in theological colleges and the homes of clergy both Indian and English.

My tour took me to seven important centres, in north and south India and I saw something of rural, as well as urban life. I met many Hindus as well as Christians, visited some of them in their homes and wherever I went found great friendliness.

INDIAN ECUMENISM

I went to India, feeling that the Church in North and South had led the way over Christian unity. To some extent this is true but I found the ecumenical situation remarkably confusing. In the North the Methodists, who are mainly American, had for entirely non-theological reasons, decided at the eleventh hour not to join the Church of North India when it came into being in 1970, but the majority of Baptist congregations have done so.

In the South, the British and Australian Methodists are members of the Church of South India, but not the Baptists. Then there is the important Mar Thoma Church, with an Orthodox background, in intercommunion with but not part of the C.S.I. or C.N.I. There are Lutherans; there are two groups of Syrian Orthodox owing allegiance to different patriarchs (for one such congregation I preached in Bangalore) and in addition to the Roman Catholics, there are the Syrian Uniate Catholics and another Uniate Church. But there was considerable friendship and co-operation and several of the institutions I visited were ecumenical.

I found tremendous goodwill towards the British and a real concern at Britain's present economic plight. I found too, dismay at declining British influence, and genuine regret at cut backs in such things as the work of the British Council. Soviet book shops were much in evidence, selling subsidised literature in English at cheap rates and there was a feeling that the British Government, by its present cheeseparing policy, being remarkably successful in helping Soviet influence to spread.

ANGER AND SHAME

I think I can best describe my emotions on returning from India as a mixture of anger and shame. You would, I am sure, have the same feelings if you had come with me one afternoon into a slum in Madurai in South India and seen thousands of people living in conditions we would not tolerate for our pets, their huts built of twig and mud and bits of corrugated iron — nothing but a mud floor, and the only form of lavatory the mud channel in between one hut and the next.

None who lived there would have a tap in their hut, and the only lighting would be oil lamps or candles, but such things would be a luxury few could afford when the total income of many families is not much more than £1 a week.

I was told by the theological students, who took me round, and who themselves live in a hut in this slum for part of their training, that as slums went this was a "good one." I saw countless other slums in Delhi, Madras, Vellore, Bombay and other places, but I did not visit Calcutta where the poverty is said to be even worse.

But the people in the slums, at least have some sort of shelter, which of course has to be shared with such animals as they may own.

I walked one night, for about three miles, through the streets of Bombay and I had to pick my way with great care over the countless bodies of men and women sleeping on the pavements, with no human possessions other than the clothes they lay in.

The problems of India are vast. The Christian Church, which forms about 2.6% of the total population of 650 million people, is strained to the utmost and I was most impressed by its work among the sick and unemployed, the old and the homeless, the abandoned babies and the discharged prisoners.

It has a great social consciousness and I realise now why it is that so many Christians from the Third World lose their faith when they come to England. It is because they find here a Church with little social and political consciousness, a Church identified with the Haves rather than the Have-nots of society.

I found great appreciation for the work of Christian Aid and Oxfam, and for their appeals which have come to the rescue, after the many sudden emergencies of famine and flood that have swept India; but the problems of the Third World Countries are too vast to be solved by charities.

THE BRANDT REPORT

Talking to many Indians, I found a great longing for a total change of heart by the West about the whole matter of Aid, and the thinking behind the Brandt report, and that is why it was so good to be able to report in last month's Caversham Bridge, that 700 people had attended a meeting, chaired by Caversham's own MP, about this at Reading University.

The General Synod of the Church of England, while I was in India made a plea to the Government about increased aid and the Archbishop of Canterbury has also given a lead.

But every Christian must be prepared to write to his Member of Parliament and say that because, we believe all men to be born in the image of God, we cannot stand by and allow so many millions of people to continue to exist in the conditions I have seen for myself.

Cardinal Hume has said "The cost of one jet fighter would pay for 40,000 village pharmacies, vast amounts of money are being spent on military programmes in a world, in which 12 million under fives died of hunger in 1978." And those who say that expenditure on nuclear arms is in order to save lives, should remember what the Cardinal says because without a shot being fired our expenditure on weapons, is at the cost of thousands upon thousands of lives every week.

That is why I feel shame and anger — anger because men and women born in the image of God, live in the degrading conditions that so many millions do, shame because an allegedly Christian country as ours claims to be, is doing so little about this matter.

In India one is brought face to face with the crude realities of life. My fear is in our concern to maintain standards that are beyond the conception of most Indians we default from an elementary Christian duty to those whose needs are so vast.

J. G. Grimwade

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

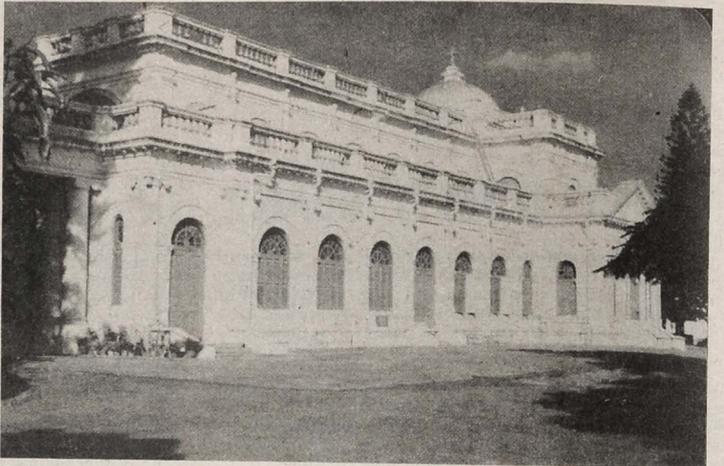
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Street scene in Pune (until recently called Poona).

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BACK TO THE TOMB STONES

IT WAS a long time since the last article on old tomb stones round St Peter's Church and many remained unexamined, so, accompanied by a keen helper, plus a bucket, scrubbing brush, and a bottle of water, I recently spent a couple of afternoons trying to read them. With the churchyard now kept so beautifully trim the whole exercise became much easier.

We began with the row of graves on the high bank bordering the Warren and commenced reading the stone nearest the churchyard path. It was not a good beginning, for all we could decipher was Fanny Cooper, 1858. Then came Sarah Elizabeth Dennier's grave. Sarah died in 1860 aged thirty. A military man was next in line, Major A. O. Inglefield, 8th son of the late Rear-Admiral Inglefield, O.B. He departed this life on August 15, 1859. Not one of these names had any meaning to me.

However, the large double grave that came next was more interesting. On it was written "Helen Bury, wife of Charles Main Worthington of Dysons Wood, Kidmore End who died 29 of December 1885 aged 59 years." Also remembered on this stone were Charles Main himself and two children, Charles aged 13 and Rose aged 5, and possibly a surviving son, George, who died in 1913 aged 65. The Worthingtons lived at the Priory in Caversham until they moved to their newly built home at Dyson's Wood in 1864.

This part of the churchyard obviously contained mostly Victorian burials, though no doubt the area had

already been used before.

Further along the line was the resting place of Alfred Turner who was born in 1821 and died in 1878. The Turners were an old Caversham family and at least two generations ran a bakery and grocery business in the village, for a Mr Turner supplied the refreshments for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Balmore Park in 1887 and another Mr Turner had a grocer's shop in Church Street after World War I.

VICTORIAN SHOP-KEEPER

Still in the same row, but a little out of line, came the memorial to another shopkeeper from the Victorian era. It was very large and was erected to six members of the Coldicutt family who were Caversham butchers with property along the Gosbrook Road with a shop and an abattoir.

Near the street light on the hill and beside a fir tree lay William Vinden who died at Cane End on April 9, 1870, aged 79. The Vinden's can be traced back to the eighteenth century in Mapledurham.

A few slightly older graves can be found near the church fuel tank, and not far from the path they record the

names Pearson, Wilkens, Harman, Mapleton and Maul.

There were several more memorials which I documented on the north east side of the churchyard and I found that although there were several infant deaths and a few in the prime of life, many of the deceased had lived to a ripe old age — well into their seventies, eighties and several into their nineties. But it must be remembered that only those with substance could afford a grave stone. They could also afford a much better life style too, which no doubt increased their chance of longevity.

There are few iron memorials in the churchyard. However, one on the hillside records the death of Thomas Shackleforth on January 26, 1889, aged 36.

Not far from this is an interesting altar tomb to a family called Flory who lived in Reading at the end of the seventeenth hundreds.

Also close by was the grave of Mary Berry, a member of the Caversham family who were saddlers and harness makers. She died in 1801, aged 24 and her parents chose an iron memorial for her resting place.

A SAD STORY

Finding nothing of real interest, I decided to try the rest of the East end of the churchyard, on a second visit, in



A fine pencil drawing of St Peter's Church made before 1878, as the wooden tower is still in evidence. The picture was discovered in a bookshop in Oswestry. The railings round the Reverend Henry Benwell's tomb are on the right.

hopes of finding some of the fascinating doggerels I had deciphered on earlier occasions, but they were not forthcoming. However, I did manage to decipher some of the wording on one side of a large table tomb surrounded by ornate iron railings and discovered it was put in memory of the Reverend William Benwell, son of Henry Benwell who died on September 6th, 1796, aged 36 years.

It was a sad story. The young man was very clever. He was educated at Reading School and Trinity College, Oxford,

and became a curate at Sonning. In 1796 he married Penelope Loveday of Caversham Rectory (Caversham Court as it was later named) but after eleven weeks of wedlock, he died of a fever caught at the bedside of a sick parishioner. Penelope later married Dr Hind.

Close by were recorded, on various eighteenth century grave heads, the names of another eleven members of the Benwell family. The stones were badly worn and it was not possible to read all the dates, the earliest seems to have been put

up in 1752 and the latest 1792. It was the Benwells who lived at Deans Farm. Some of the family had been church wardens at St Peter's and one had donated a bell to the church.

Nothing very exciting had come out of the two afternoons of scrubbing and peering at almost illegible carving. But I ended up with a bonus for I found what was probably the oldest known grave in the churchyard, put up to Elizabeth Willatts in 1710, a member of a family who were millers at Caversham.



POSTBAG

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

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THE Christmas post brought many letters to the Rectory from former Anglican clergy and Free Church ministers who have served in Caversham. Believing that our readers might like to have news of old friends we publish extracts from some letters received.

The Rev Laurence Stevens now chaplain and R.E. specialist at St Bartholomew's School, Newbury writes:

"After a year working in the St Bartholomew's resources office, Vivien decided that she preferred Reading University, so she is now travelling back to Reading four days a week in term, and the occasional days in vacation. She is secretary to Professor George Series, Professor of Physics.

"Simon and James are in the fourth and second years at St Bartholomew's, with Jonathan due to come next September. Simon and James are both now preparing for baptism and church membership, and our minister has kindly invited me to perform the baptism, which will be about next Easter. I have 13 pupils doing A-level Religious Studies and 20 at O-level. I teach at all age ranges in the school and contrary to many people's expectations find the subject quite well received. We need more time but I have been promised two periods a week for first years from next September."

The Rev John Crowe, first priest-in-charge at Caversham Park and now Rector of Leek, Staffs has this to say:

"We are now in our fifth year in Leek and feel very much at home. For a town with quite a small population (about 20,000) there is a tremendous variety of activity and considerable talent especially in local music and drama. Josephine is in the first year at Westwood High School. Monica and Christiana next September will be amongst the first children of our own (Aided) Church Middle School, St Edward's Hall. Richard is now two and a half, he is very energetic.

"Una has managed another full unit for the Open University. In the parish the Team Ministry continues to develop slowly.

"Inevitably people relate to their own particular church, but it is encouraging that more people are beginning to see themselves as just as much members of 'the team' as the clergy."

From Caversham's former Methodist minister the **Rev Terry Harris**

who has moved from Gloucester to Exeter we hear:

"What a welcome we have received from the open-hearted folk of Devon. We are most grateful for all that has been done. This has helped us to settle into the life and work of the churches — Whipton, Wonford and Topsham. Gradually we are getting to know folk. Names and faces are growing into personalities." The new address of the Rev T. Harris is 20 Whipton Lane, Exeter.

The Rev Bernard Metcalfe is now well settled at Thamesmead to which he moved in 1979. "After camping in temporary accommodation for over a year," he says, "We finally moved to our new house. It is good to be settled at last. Penny was specially pleased to see her music again.

"The house was certainly worth waiting for with a view of a communal green and a proper study for Bernard. Emily is now going to the little Primary School within sight of the house and Luci to the local Nursery School.

"The Thameside Christian Community is a great source of happiness. There have been a number of growth

points this year such as a teaching programme involving seventy people, a new weekly House Communion round our dining room table and a lady U.R.C. minister presiding at our United Congregation Eucharist.

"In recent months the church has become a base for the Vietnamese refugees who are being accommodated in Thamesmead. There are already 38 families here (about 200 people) and a further 10 are on the way.

"Another high spot of the year was the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Thamesmead, including our Ecumenical Centre. Royalty certainly packs churches but beware: deciding whom should be introduced to the royals would tax Solomon."

From the **Rev Bindi Shaylor** comes this news: "Charles has been appointed Deputy Head to a Hampshire School, Maggie produces superb vegetables for the deep freeze. David is milking 100 cows three times a day. We ourselves show normal signs of wear and tear but are the more conscious of daily blessings from God. Bindy now a little deaf is fit.

"The Consultant Surgeon said that the blocked artery in his leg need not be removed so long as he walks plenty and imbibes a lot of alcohol and he now does four miles to the gallon, takes relief services in the Alton District and does some Hospital visiting."

From Sunderland comes news that the **Rev Peter Atkinson** while staying in the same parish has a new address which readers may like to note — it is 5 Valebrooke, Tunstall Road, Sunderland. Also from Sunderland comes news of the **Stevinson family** where Richard, now 18, is working for his A-levels and David (16) for his O-levels. Jo Stevinson is busy as Reader, secretary of the Council of Churches and with the Marriage Guidance Council.

From Birmingham we learn that the **Rev Leonard Burn**, at present chaplain at Selly Oak Hospital will be moving soon to Bristol: "I have been appointed chaplain," he writes "to the Bristol City Hospital and vicar of St Michaels. (It is a full-time hospital job but funded by the diocese rather than the state). I welcome a return to worship with a regular congregation which is eclectic as the parish contains the university and hospital but no population. Simon has started the piano

and Alexander the violin."

From overseas comes news of the **Rev Raymond Hutchinson** who had angina last spring but is making progress. Patrick is now reading English at McGill University and Elizabeth may be visiting England in February.

Finally from Kibworth Rectory in Leicestershire the **Rev Fred Dawson** has this to say: "Mary is a bright little madam who has incredible will power. Jeremy (4½) has recently started going to Playgroup. Clare, now eleven, transferred from the Primary to the High School. Jonathan is half-way through his second year at the High School. He and Clare have started a group of

young musicians which gave its maiden performance at the Harvest Festival."

Parish life continues to be demanding. Fred from December 1 has had the extra responsibility of being Priest-in-Charge of two neighbouring parishes of Smeeton Westerby and Saddington.

It is good to hear from all these who during their time here contributed much to the life of the Church in Caversham. Perhaps too they look back with a certain nostalgia — one of them remarks: "Ecumenically it is not too bad here but I don't think I have achieved quite the rapport which I so much appreciated in the staff meetings at Caversham. There isn't quite the same vision as yet."

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Do search in all your cupboards, boxes etc. You never know what you may find. There must still be a lot to discover. My address is 2 Darell Road, Caversham, and if you telephone 471143 around 5pm I am usually in.

An early picture of St Benet's, Emmer Green.



Mr Hall, gardener at St Benet's with some of his famous melons.

Perhaps I could then arrange to see them. I do hope we can unearth lots more of interest.

M. Kift

RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT by WATCHDOG

ARMITAGE —NO

The Armitage Report on Lorries and the Urban Environment was published towards the end of last year to the dismay of environmentalist groups all over the country and the not entirely unqualified delight of the road haulage industry. The proposal which gained the most attention and caused the greatest furore was that which suggested the raising of the weight of lorries from their present 32.5 tonne maximum to 44 tonnes.

Everybody who has to live with them thinks the present large lorries are already too big. Any larger ones, and this is a sizeable increase, will make life intolerable. Why then propose such an increase in the face of all the evidence presented to the Committee of the damaging effect of the heavy goods vehicle?

The answer apparently is that larger lorries will mean fewer lorries which will benefit the communities affected by them and will also bring down the cost of the goods they carry. Moreover, the report says, improved axle distribution will mean that

this weight increase will not be synonymous with size increase. The lay person's response to this is: "We'll believe this when we see it, which heaven forbid."

However, even if this is so, the report agrees that extra weight will mean further damage to roads, bridges and buildings, so goes on to suggest that the road fund tax for heavy lorries be substantially increased to help pay for this. This is all very well, but historic towns and bridges can never be replaced simply by offering to pay for the damage done even if the extra amount raised is sufficient

to pay for the actual structural damage.

It is this proposal of course which has caused road haulage interests to greet the report with only two cheers instead of three. Naturally they would be much happier to be allowed to continue knocking the place about at no extra cost.

In case you should run away with the idea that the Committee could not care less about the impact of all this on the lives of people living along lorry routes, it recommended that by 1990 there should be a reduction in the amount of noise lorries should be allowed to make. So by rights we should be cheering, for these gigantic monsters with which we are threatened will be smaller, fewer, quieter and cheaper than existing ones.



However, no shouts of enthusiasm can be heard from the residents of Woodcote Road nor does the congregation of St Peter's raise a hymn of thanksgiving as yet another lorry groans and splutters its way past the churchyard, narrowly missing (well, more often than not) taking a lump out of the wall as it does so. On behalf of all these people, Caversham Residents' Association submitted a selection from its files on matters relating to the A4074 to the Armitage Committee, with a covering letter to say that this kind of thing must be representative of what is going on all over the country.

They are not the only group to feel that their evidence was virtually ignored. At national level

a campaign is being launched to halt the increase of heavy lorries. Locally Caversham Residents' Association and the other residents' associations involved will continue to fight to get lorries of the present weight, let alone the proposed weights, off the A4074.

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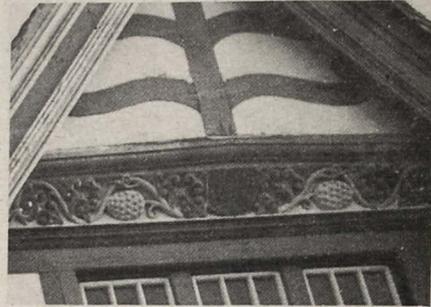
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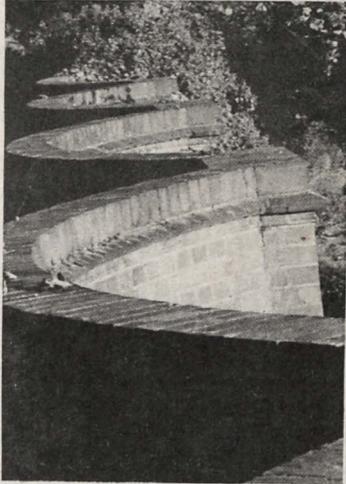
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A Where will you find this wall?



B Where will you find this gable-end?



C What is this, where will you find it?



D A bell . . . but where?



E Part of what doorway?



F Where will you find this picture?

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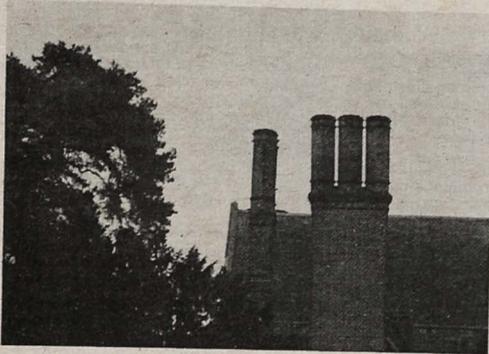
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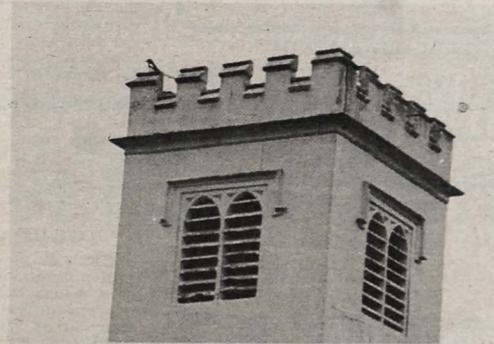
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THAT WAS THE YEAR — THAT WAS

By Zoilus

LIKE all newspapers, whether it be the humblest parish magazine or the most clamorous of the mass circulation Fleet Street giants, the "Caversham Bridge" has a dead line for its correspondents, and if that correspondent is of a feckless and procrastinating nature like Zoilus, for instance, then at the end of the month his telephone will ring and the honeyed but urgent tones of Daphne will demand: "Have you got your piece ready yet — I'm waiting to type it." Daphne Vincent, as many of you know, is one of the most charming ladies in our manor, but when dealing with recalcitrant contributors her voice can take on a firm and steely timbre, rather like Rumpole's "She who must be obeyed" and one hastens to heed the command to sit down and write.

But sometimes the muse is elusive. She has flown off to take up residence in some other scribbler's soul, or is still suffering from a Christmas hangover. What on earth can we say to our readers (both of them?) that isn't banal, boring or unprintable? One feels reduced to cheating and copying out that powerful article that first saw the light of printer's ink in Readers Digest of 1969, and hope nobody else has read it, but we can't be so unethical on the first day of 1981, can we?

Wait! On the first day of a new year, there is all of the old year to look back on. This column tends to have a Reading Council background, so why not recall some of the good, bad and indifferent measures taken by our representatives during 1980. There must be some actions suitable for reporting in this sedate family periodical.

THE IDR

Well, to start on a negative theme, one thing that didn't happen was any further progress on the Inner Distribution Road. Two schemes were being discussed for completion of the last phase, but Berkshire County Council, who would be responsible for the finance, have decided that under present conditions no money is likely to be available for a long time and the project has been demoted in the list of priorities. This will probably mean that the stretch finishing up at Vastern Road will never be finished. If consolation is needed, it could be found for Caversham people in the thought that without another bridge over the Thames the completed IDR might well have brought a worse traffic problem to Caversham.

Courage's new brewery at Worton Grange has been finished, opened and viewed by many sectors of the public ranging from members of parliament to school children and is regarded by all as a wondrous achievement, the largest and most modern brewery in Europe. The old site at Bridge Street is now the subject of a planning tug of war between the council and Courage, the landowner. The former want a mixed development of housing, shops, offices and amenity use, whilst the owners want a much more intensive office use, which will bring in a greater financial return. The result will be decided by a public inquiry conducted by the Ministry of the Environment.

There has been a considerable amount of office building and decisions have been taken that are likely to mean even more next year. Firms of national and international status seem anxious to make their headquarters in Reading, and it does seem that in the eighties the town will enhance its position as an administrative centre and one of the most prosperous places in the country.

At last there seems some real likelihood of a solution to the Prospect Park Mansion House problem. For 20 years councillors have talked whilst the place was stead-

ily falling down on their garrulous heads but now there is every hope of a package deal being sewn together whereby a catering firm will take over the building for their headquarters and in exchange will refurbish the house and build changing rooms for the sports teams who use the park. However the talking still goes on as some people think the house should remain as a public building and the council should repair it themselves. As the cost of all this would be well on the million pound mark suggestions are awaited as to the source of this finance!

THE CENTRAL CLUB

The Central Club have had to leave their premises in Chain Street and after some ructions including the trendy protest of a "sit-in" are now settled in the old police garage in London Street. It is good news that their problems have been settled thanks to action by the Berkshire County Council because the Youth Club is an important factor in keeping up the good relations that exist in Reading, with its quite large coloured community.

The Hexagon has continued to provide varied and popular entertainment under its new director. It broke new ground at Christmas with its own four weeks production of "Rock Nativity," a polished production that looked good and sounded good. The running track at Palmer Park is now laid and awaiting its opening in the spring, whilst plans are ready to build the new grandstand, hopefully to be financed by the Reading Lottery. But that will have to become a sight more popular than it is if it's going to pay for more than a few deckchairs.

Having got off to a slow start another problem now arises. So much has been happening in the Civic Centre that there isn't the space to recall much more, but there is one revolutionary decision that must be reported. It has been agreed that most speeches in council shall be limited to five minutes. Now that's real progress for you!

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KATY IN CAVERSHAM

IT seems I spoke rather too soon last month. During the Christmas shopping rush my sister and I admitted we'd never found the shop assistants so friendly and helpful, though the manners of some customers left something to be desired. That, alas, includes yours truly. It's amazing how tempers flare under pressure — I offer my personal apologies to any I may have offended.

TWO WORLDS

Christmas provided me with considerable thought on a matter which seems increasingly to occupy many of us, judging by recent contributions to this paper. On my recent trip to America I was frequently surprised, and a little disturbed, at the amount of consumer goods that citizens seemed to think vital to their existence. The Editor, at the other end of the globe, seems to have been concerned with the same subject from a different angle — the appalling poverty he saw in India. Looking at shopping trolleys in Caversham this Christmas (including, I should add, my own) I couldn't help thinking there is something wrong with the distribution of wealth in this world. Perhaps 1981 will be a year in which we can take a long hard look at ourselves and wonder what we can do about it. Suggestions from readers will be welcome.

THE CHANGING FACE OF CAVERSHAM

At the same time it wouldn't hurt to keep an eye on what is happening to Caversham. Was it, I wonder, really necessary to chop down so many trees last year. Walking across fields to the river just before Christmas, I was appalled how bare Reading Bridge looked. Could some of those trees not have been saved?

OLD FRIENDS.

Christmas brought the usual crop of news from people who once lived in Caversham. For the benefit of those who have lost touch, wouldn't it be nice if I could include in this column mention of what is happening to the friends we once knew. Really, I'd love to hear and I'm sure other people would too. So please, if you do have news, pop a note into Church House or let me know, and I'll be very happy to pass it on through this column. It doesn't have to be anything world-shaking — after all, it was once generally recognised that the hatched, matched and despatched columns were what sold local papers.

CLEAN WINDOWS IN CAVERSHAM

Since our very friendly window-cleaner gave up some time ago, those of us in Lower Caversham, and probably elsewhere, have been bereft of all but spasmodic forays into this field by strange young men who arrived from nowhere, cleaned windows and were never seen again. Oddly enough some of us were bemoaning this fact in the local launderette a few days before Christmas, so I was overjoyed when, that very same evening, two very business-like gentlemen turned up and offered to clean windows on a regular basis for a specific sum. Knowing this is a problem for many, I make absolutely no apologies for telling anyone interested that Glaze Clean Window Cleaners (Phone 860344, preferably in the evening) are keen to establish regular rounds in this area. Give them a ring if you have problems — you should find them very helpful.

CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE

And that about wraps up what little news I have. I

don't possess a crystal ball and haven't time to wander around looking for news, so please let us have anything you think would be of interest. Regular adverts have to be paid for, of course, but we are anxious to have general news of what local organisations are up to. And I do feel a vote of thanks is due to the dental technicians on the corner

of Church Street who kindly loaned their shop to the RNLI for the Christmas season — in case you don't know the RNLI has probably the highest direct contribution of any charity, having pared its administrative costs down to a minimum.

A little late, may I wish everybody a very Happy New Year.

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STREET CRIES

"THESE are the cries of London Town, some goe uppe street and some goe downe." This was one of the old ballads melodized by the London Boy Singers at their numerous performances in London, the provinces and in distant parts of the world. Some local people will remember the splendid concert given by the Choir at St Andrew's Hall, on November 8, 1969.

As well as the "Cries of London," their repertoire included works from Bach, Mozart, and the almost-forgotten Elizabethan composer Tom Ford who wrote "Since first I saw your face." The first director of the Boy Singers was Jonathan Steele. He was so impressed with Caversham, its people and the surrounding countryside, and he vowed he would search for a place to accommodate his young choristers during their annual holiday Course each Easter.

After several years he found the ideal location, the Oratory School at Woodcote, high up in the rolling Chiltern Hills. So his close association with Caversham was able to continue. Unfortunately Mr Steele suffered ill-health and reluctantly relinquished his role.

He was succeeded by Mr Alan Doggett. One of Mr Doggett's first successes as the new Director was the performance at St Mary's Church, Henley, on Janu-

ary 29, 1977, when several car-loads of Caversham devotees joined the packed audience. Several months later Mr Doggett died trag-

By
Peter Shock

ically, and the search was on again for another director.

An able musician, young and vigorous, Roger Durston, took on the responsibility. With the support of the Friends of the London Boy Singers he carried on with the traditional high standards that the choir had maintained since its formation in 1961.

In those early days the choir had no money and no assets. It represented just a small group of boys, meeting to practice singing with their conductor, Jonathan Steele. Everything was against their success; months of hard work and obscurity lay before them with little prospect of reward. Not being attached to any school or church organisation they had no headquarters and had to work wherever they could borrow premises. But work they did; and the results of

their determination earned respect throughout this country and the world.

The boys themselves? They came from many parts of London, from every variety of school and home background; some highly-trained singers and instrumentalists, but most were ordinary schoolboys with a touch of musical talent and a sense of dedication. Since 1964 the London Boy Singers have made a place, not only in London's musical life, but throughout the world. They have appeared in famous Opera Houses, on Radio and Television, and have made a number of records.

Then another bombshell exploded last June, when Roger Durston had to resign. Months have passed without finding a suitable and willing successor. A person of exceptional musical talent, able to give extensively of his time, is in these days, almost impossible to find. After 20 years of high reputation, ranking with the famous boys' choirs of Vienna, Copenhagen, Paris, Moscow — yes, and Walsall (the Midland Boys Singers), the untimely demise of the London Boy Singers looks inevitable, and surely with it will go — The Street Cries of London!

FOLLOW THAT GIRL

THE American comedian W. C. Fields was once asked if he liked children and he replied "Boiled or fried?" I suspect even his cynicism might have melted if he had been present at the performances of "Follow That Girl" by Julian Slade and Dorothy Reynolds in St Andrew's Hall on December 4 and 6, given by Caversham Young People's Theatre Club.

This musical (a sort of latter-day Gilbert and Sullivan) was played for all its worth by a cast of enthusiastic and talented youngsters. One rarely had to make any concessions to their youthful years; diction was commendably clear and the movements of the chorus were well disciplined.

Talented Principals

Although it would perhaps be invidious to single out individuals from such a talented cast, special mention must be made of the principals. Belinda Byers gave a confident performance as Tom the author (afterwards Constable Blenkinsop), successfully coping with the part's romantic side. As Victoria,

his sweetheart, Louise Simpson was delightfully charming (her duet with the aquarium keeper, Richard Bond, was one of the highlights of the evening). Julia Waters and Carol Golding as Victoria's unsuccessful suitors made a very successful double act, always reacting well to each other.

GUEST ARTISTES

The youthful cast were joined by four artistes from the Caversham Players. As Victoria's parents, Mr and Mrs Gilchrist, Dorothy Byers and Ken Etherington were magnificent, their comedy duet parodying Italian opera was an excellently contrived piece of spoofing and another

memorable moment to be carried away from the production. As the other set of parents, Walter and Cora Miskin, Colin Keetch and Susan Brooks acted and sang well together.

The whole show was expertly accompanied by Chris Bowring at the piano (with Peter Hall on drums). Sets and staging were ingeniously contrived that there was little delay between the numerous scenes. It was sad that there were so few at the first performance; such enthusiasm and skill deserved our support and I for one am looking forward to the Caversham Young People's Theatre Club's next production with keen anticipation.

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NEWS FROM SRI LANKA

IN September last year David and Joyce Newby set off from Caversham Park to spend two years doing Voluntary Service overseas in Sri Lanka. In the following letter they tell of their experiences so far in Navajeevanam, the village community where they live and where David teaches woodwork and metalwork.

"I think our impressions are coloured by the fact that Navajeevanam is not typical of Sri Lanka as a whole. In

Navajeevanam, the church's rather old-fashioned Methodist missionary approach in a Tamil district reminds one of

old stories of beleaguered (and diminishing in numbers) Christians in an alien land, which we don't really feel.

"How does a Third World country develop? Several enigmas are already apparent. The lack of maintenance of what must once have been a reasonable transport system — road and rail — is all too apparent. And without decent communications no country can grow. The tea industry (because of the removal of the Tamils from the estates) is in a serious decline, and now a proposal has been made to try to induce the Tamil people back from the north where some of them settled.

"The reintroduction of imports has led to a very welcome return of essential spare parts for industry, but because all imports are now unrestricted it has led to the introduction of expensive frivolities that only the rich can afford. Wages and salaries are very, very low, and even a professional such as a teacher only gets about Rs 700 (£17.50) a month. Small wonder, then, when he gets accused of inefficiency because he has to farm an acre of paddy field as well to feed his family or make ends meet. Even the doctor I saw recently also runs a farm.

"Skilled people readily get jobs overseas at enormous salaries in Singapore and the Middle East. This causes two problems — a grave shortage of skilled craftsmen and professionals, and on their return they use their accumulated capital to buy land to retire to, and that inflates prices. (What is the answer to that? — prohibit emigration? Pay better salaries here and create an elite class like England in the late Victorian era?)

"And so one could go on — but at least there is no starvation here (not that we have seen) but there is malnutrition and a great drive is necessary if the initiative is to be created to change some of the old ways, in this and in general Hygiene standards.

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ANGLICAN NEWS

ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

THE Rector returned to the parish after nearly three months Sabbatical leave, on December 16. He spent six weeks of this period in India visiting Christian centres in both the north and the south.

Christmas arrangements in the parish followed the customary pattern. There were 1,265 communicants on Christmas day, the lowest figure since 1970; there was a slight increase in the communicants on Christmas morning but a considerable drop in the attendances at Midnight.

ST PETER'S NEWS

IT is particularly good to be able to report that Mr John Dussek has been re-appointed as parish organist. He first took on this post in 1974 but had to resign because of illness. Last summer he retired from the post of Director of Music at Kendrick School and he therefore now feels able to resume his work as

church organist, a decision which has given great pleasure to choir and congregation alike.

MISSIONARY GIVING. St Peter's District Committee set aside £1,500 for direct missionary giving in the budget for 1980. This has now been allocated as follows:

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In addition to this the collections for Christian Aid and U.S.P.G. on Christmas Day totalled £456 and £171 was received in the Advent Fast envelopes for Christian Aid.

The Madurai Prison Authorities Fund is for work done among the families of prisoners by students at Tamilnadu Theological College. The Arulagam Association of the Church of South India gives training to young women prisoners on their discharge and by training them in simple skills enables them to obtain employment and make a fresh start in life.

ST PETER'S AND ST BARNABAS'S MOTHERS' UNION

THE speaker at the December meeting was Miss Turner, who spoke on Diocesan Welfare. She had been concerned for many years with welfare, especially among young people, and gave several anecdotes about the many clubs and organisations she had been connected with. She also

said how rewarding it had been at times to get to know the true person behind the apparent aggressiveness, and to feel the work she was doing was very worthwhile. After she had been warmly thanked the afternoon concluded with the usual cup of tea.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARGARET'S

Blow the trumpet and bang the drum,
Set all the bells in the steeple ringing.
Blow the trumpet and bang the drum,
Tell the world that the Boy as come.

So runs the chorus of a not so familiar carol and the children from Saturday Workshop sang it with great enthusiasm at their little Nativity Service on December 27 in St Margaret's church. They banged their drums and rang their bells, and mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters and a crowd of relations and friends joined in with the words.

This year the Christmas

story was presented from a different angle and the congregation saw how saddened God was when Adam and Eve spoiled His world, how He had to sort things out again with Noah and the Ark and finally, when all failed, how He sent His only Son to save the world once and for all. It was an interesting production and in spite of a few minor hitches (the serpent ate the apple before the actual scene), all went well. Afterwards children and grown-ups shared in a little party at the back of the church before returning home.

The following day, Sunday, December 28, the annual Christmas Carol Service took place in the evening.

JUMBLE SALE FOR GILLIAN ROSE

ON Saturday, March 14, it is hoped to have a jumble sale to raise £75 for Gillian Rose's clinic in Bangla Desh. It is normal to send the above amount, but it would be wonderful to give her one hundred pounds, so please save up your jumble now. Further information will be put up on the notice board in St Margaret's later.

ST JOHN'S NOTES

ST John's was full of music in December. First Nigel Perrin came to make music with the choir, all during Saturday, December 13. Anyone interested would go and join in. Those who did thoroughly enjoyed

themselves, singing both traditional, and modern songs together. On Sunday 14, after a practice the whole congregation sang songs of praise, in place of a sermon, during the Family Communion Service. They were rather surprised at how well they could do it.

On December 18 a concert of Christmas music was held in St John's to raise funds for the Sue Ryder home, at Nettlebed. There was a band, a solo vocalist, two guitars, organ solos, and a singing group in the varied programme. A large number of people came, and the concert raised about £60.

The Christmas services began with a quiet service of preparation on December 17, when there was the opportunity to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. There was a large congregation at the Midnight Communion service, and on Christmas morning a churchful of children heard the Christmas story at the Family Communion.

On December 28 there was a candlelight carol service. Each member of the congregation held a lighted candle, all the candles on the window sills were lighted, and the flames were the only light as the Christmas hymns were sung.

As always the decorations in the church gave a great deal of pleasure, and everyone would like to say "Thank you to the people who arranged them."

BAPTIST NEWS

THE LATE ALBERT E. STANFORD

IT is with regret that we report the passing of Mr Albert Stanford formerly of Cromwell Road, Mr Stanford, who was 91, died at Southampton where he moved, following the death of his wife, some years ago. His funeral service, conducted by the Revd D. E. Weller, was held at Henley Road Cemetery followed by interment.

In business life Albert Stanford was employed in the milling industry and was an unassuming authority on flour and milling operations generally. Undoubtedly, however, his great love was for his Master whom he sought to

serve faithfully and diligently as a Deacon of the Church and as Sunday School Superintendent. We extend Christian sympathy to his daughters and their families.

STICKABILITY

IT is a source of amazement and a cause for thankfulness and rejoicing that the Church Fellowship has held together and, indeed, increased both in numbers and strength since it rendered itself temporarily homeless in September. Such tenacity has been manifest in many ways. At the Christmas services "house full" notices would not have been inappropriate and at the Christmas morning service it really was standing room only.

The children of the Church, although scattered at various venues and thereby somewhat loosely bonded, have played their part and it was a source of wonderment and pleasure that they were able to stage a Nativity scene at the Toy Service — rehearsals must have turned the teachers ash blond. The creche moves from strength to strength and this was much in evidence at the infants' Christmas Party when a certain Baptist Minister — who appeared incognito as Father Christmas — was quite overwhelmed and exhausted by his young admirers.

It is appropriate to report that the togetherness extends beyond those who are part of the Baptist Church in Caversham. Other Christian communities have shown their allegiance in practical ways. The Church at Caversham Park made a generous financial gift earlier in the year, friends at St Barnabas have donated a chair for the refurbished building, and temporary accommodation has been provided for us to continue our activities by the Parish of St Peter's whilst the Methodists at Gosbrook Road shelter the Brownies. Neither has the Church been forgotten by its own denomination for it was adopted as "Church of the Year" by the Berkshire Baptist Association at its annual Assembly, and this augers well both spiritually and practically for the future.

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**CAVERSHAM
AFTERNOON
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

THE brightly gleaming objects on the table at the December meeting were not Christmas decorations but articles of silver which members had brought for the comments of their speaker, Miss E. Turner. She explained how to interpret the hall-marks, which give the age and origin of silverware and without which no piece has any intrinsic value. Antique silver was mentioned first, in particular the simple Georgian coffee pots and the more ornate Victorian styles. Some deception went on then, as, to avoid silver tax, additions were made to small hall-marked pieces, thus reducing their antique value. Miss Turner was enthusiastic about

modern silver and recommended an inspection of Reading's Civic plate as a very good example of a contemporary collection. She then explained the different types of silver plate, before going on to the categories of gold and then jewellery in general. Useful hints on the care, cleaning and insurance of precious possessions followed. The chairman thanked her for her much appreciated talk.

**CAVERSHAM
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

AT the first meeting in December the members were invited to bring antiques of any description for the appraisal of Mr W. Ripper, an expert on antiques.

Many and varied were

ROUND THE CLUBS

the articles ready for his inspection. Mr Ripper explained that fashion in collecting increased the value of certain items. He then gave information on the origin and age of the antiques on display and their approximate value. Mr Ripper said that prices asked for by dealers at a London showroom were usually a great deal higher than anyone selling their family treasures to a dealer could obtain.

On December 8 the visit to the club of members of the Reading East Salvation Army Songsters and Band for a Carol Concert was a welcomed event. Alistair Todd, the Bandmaster, conducted the proceedings with his usual good humour and Songster Leader Karen Cox assisted. Readings and prayers interspersed the carols and made the evening a happy beginning to the Christmas season.

This week the members were informed that their annual charity collection had raised £18 and was to be sent to the Sue Ryder Foundation.

The following week the members completed their Christmas decorations which they had commenced the previous month. Cheryl Pilgrim assisted any members who needed advice with their arrangements.

The Christmas party was held on December 22. Members of the committee and club had been busy preparing an appetising supper attractively arranged. The entertainment was given by the Shinfield Handbell Ringers led by John Lawes. Anne Bassett sang some delightful songs, accompanied on the piano by Bryan Giles. The programme was varied and lighthearted and ended with the audience being asked to sing carols to the joyful sound of handbells.

The members then danced to music provided by Mr and Mrs George Palmer. Old Lang Syne was sung and the members went home after a very pleasant evening.

**CAVERSHAM DARBY
AND JOAN CLUB**

DURING December the Club had a small sale of hand-made goods and bric-a-brac.

The last meeting before Christmas the Leader and helpers gave the members a tea, and with Harold Smart at the piano everybody joined in the songs and some dances such as the waltz, veleta, and even "The Slosh."

The afternoon ended with Carols and each member was given a card and bag of sweets.

**CAVERSHAM LADIES
CLUB**

THE Club held its Christmas Party in December in place of the ordinary meeting. Fifty-three members were present and sat down at tables decorated for the occasion. The entertainers for the afternoon were our old friends Mr and Mrs Palmer who gave us some old and well-known songs, and afterwards carols in which everybody joined.

A good tea was provided and the Christmas cake as usual made by Mrs Wellstead and iced by Miss Atkinson.

Each member was given a Christmas card and a handkerchief, and the afternoon ended with the

singing of Auld Lang Syne.

As a result of the "Name the Doll" competition £7 was sent to the Ken Thomas Scanner Appeal in memory of Mrs Andrews and Mrs Wannell, who had recently died.

BLAGRAVE WI

AT the 18th birthday of the Institute, celebrated at the December meeting, the President, Mrs Haigh, welcomed guests from Maplewood, Rosehill and Mapledurham Institutes and Blagrove Rest Home. Mrs Joyce Price entertained with music, a competition and afterwards carols. Tea was provided by committee and members, and Mrs Haigh iced the cake most beautifully. The competition, "Christmas table decorations" was won by 1, Mrs Haigh; 2, Mrs Housden; 3, Miss Rowe.

MAPLEWOOD WI

THE Institute had its guest-night in December with husbands and friends. Dr Russell Thompson kept everyone miles from chilly Caversham with his really gorgeous slides and talk all around New Zealand and Fiji, the colours so bright that the warmth of the sun could almost be felt. Supper of jolly bits and pieces, coffee, mince pies and carols finished a really happy evening.

**EMMER GREEN TOWNS-
WOMEN'S GUILD**

AT the December meeting the ladies enjoyed an entertainment by one of their own members, Mrs Bridger, who played a selection of well-known classical tunes and songs from the shows on the

piano. Her husband accompanied her in three duets and there was a musical competition. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Gillian King. The competition for the most attractively wrapped Christmas gift was won by Mrs Wingrove who also knitted and raffled a bed-jacket in aid of the Jimmy Savile Stoke Mandeville Appeal.

and 19th Birthday Party, and were entertained by the Summerdown Singers. The iced cake made by the President was cut by a Founder member Mrs Doris Gillett, and the excellent buffet supper was supplied by the Committee.

The result of members hard work for the Annual Bazaar enabled the aged, needy and housebound in the area to receive grocery vouchers to the value of £3.

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Cubs: Mrs K. Bews, 127 Walborough Road, Tilehurst

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Scout leader in charge: J. Davis, 52 Kings Road. 470050

69th READING SCOUTS

Scout leader in charge: R. Barry, 33 Kidmore Road. 478148

Cubs: Mrs T. Barry, 33 Kidmore Road. 478148

83rd READING (ST ANNE'S) SCOUTS

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89th READING (MILESTONE WOOD) SCOUTS

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11.15 Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays).
6.30pm Evensong

St John's
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.00am Family Service (1st Sunday)
4.00pm Evensong (1st Sunday)

St Andrew's
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

St Barnabas'
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.00am Service for Parents and Children (Last Sunday in the month)
4.00pm Evensong (2nd Sunday)

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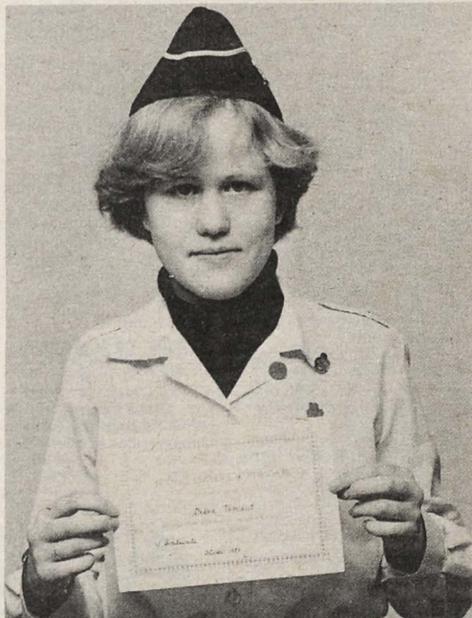
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- Prospect House in Prospect Street (above Walton Adams the photographers)
- Part of the "crinkle-krinkle" wall between St Peter's church and Caversham Court.
- Hill House, Surley Row. The bell was probably used for summoning the servants.
- The door leading from the path through St Peter's churchyard into the Lady Chapel.
- The sign outside the White Horse public house in Emmer Green. The design of the sign is based on a Roman coin found nearby.
- On the top of St Anne's well at the junction of St Anne's Road and Priest Hill.
- Queen Anne's School in Peppard Road.
- Mapledurham House.
- The recently restored clockface on Mapledurham Church tower.
- Above the entrance to Caversham Public Library.
- The top of the tower of Caversham Hill Chapel in Old Peppard Road, Emmer Green.

WE RECORD

MARRIED
St Peter's December 20th Charles Dickenson and Susan Tiller

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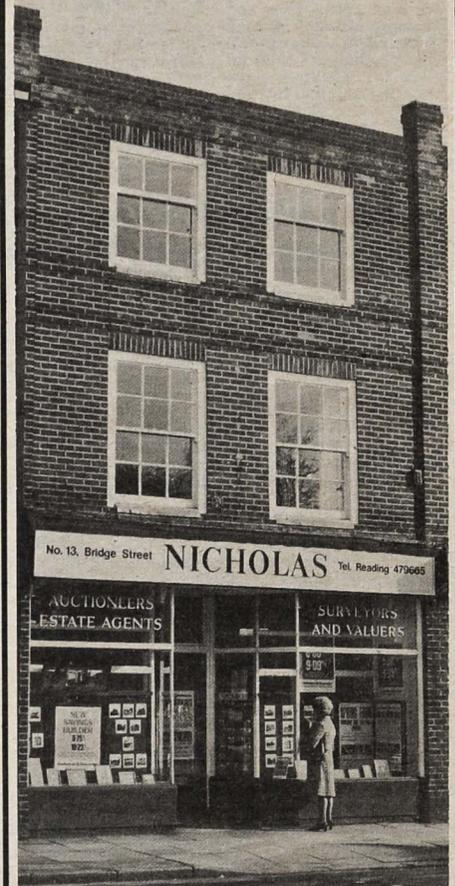
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