

NOT THE RIGHT ROUTE?

By Watchdog

IS THIS THE RIGHT ROUTE? This lorry, stuck across the Bridge Street — Church Road junction, makes the answer an unequivocal 'No.' Yet the Oxfordshire County Council still insists that the A4074 is a lorry route and refuses to co-operate with Reading Council's request to support them in imposing a weight restriction. Reading's crop of advisory notices have no legal backing and as far as can be seen and heard have had no effect.

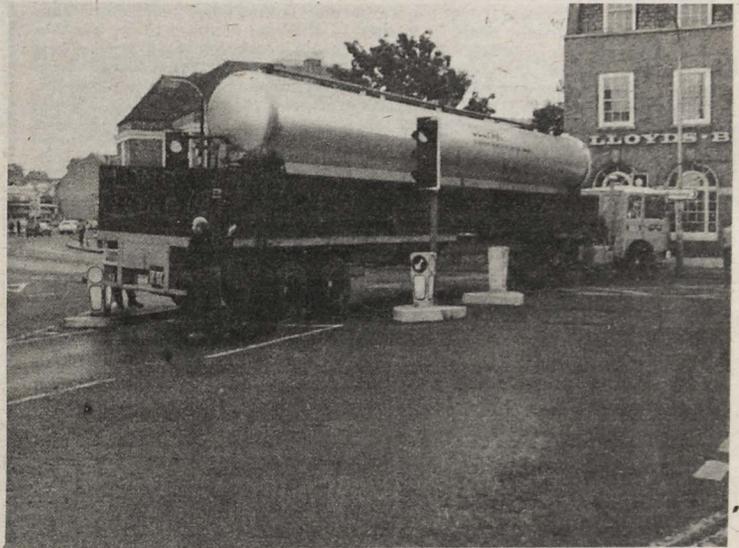
Agreement by negotiation has been tried for years and years. Reading must now take unilateral action and impose its own ban. If it does not, people all along the route can look forward to the same kind of misery through the rest of the 80's that they endured all through the 70's.

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Indeed the Dorchester by-pass which is now under construction and which will come as a boon and a blessing to Dorchester, will also strengthen Oxfordshire's case that this road is now suitable for lorries. Caversham unfortunately cannot be by-passed without inflicting major environmental damage.

Yet environmental damage is just what these heavy lorries are inflicting. Make no mistake, this lorry was no isolated incident. Any day of the week others only a little less long can be seen only just making it round the bends.

Is this the right route? This must be added: "Is any road right for lorries like this?" The cost is far too high and the people of Caversham are amongst those paying it.



J. G. Grimwade



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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS PLEASE NOTE

THIS 68 foot tanker was unable to turn the corner from Church Street in Bridge Street. Police had to be called and a major traffic jam was caused. How much longer have residents to tolerate this crazy state of affairs? Large numbers of totally unsuitable vehicles use this road by day and night. Notices saying the A4074 is unsuitable for vehicles over five tons have no effect.

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The Editor's Column

TO HELP US SEE OUR WAY

A ROMAN Catholic monk from France, a West German social scientist, who is a Methodist, the wife of an Anglican bishop in Uganda, a former Moderator of the United Reformed Church in England and the Bishop of Zanzibar, are among fifteen people who are now spending some weeks in the diocese of Oxford. The very diversity of their theological and geographical backgrounds is significant.

WHY HAVE THEY COME?

Some years ago the Anglican Consultative Council, which comprises one bishop, one priest and one layperson from each Anglican province, recommended that Anglicans all over the world could learn a great deal if Christians from varying traditions could be invited to different dioceses to say whether they thought the resources of that diocese were being used to the best advantage. A significant aspect of this plan is the willingness to hear what others have to tell us about ourselves. Anglican thinking is not only global, it is becoming increasingly ecumenical. As a church that is both catholic and reformed we have often in the past claimed that we are the bridge church between Rome and Protestantism, we would also want to say now that we can learn from other churches as well as from other members of our own.

PARTNERS IN MISSION

This project, called Partners in Mission, is taking place throughout the Anglican Communion over a period of some years: a year ago the diocese of Oxford decided to embark on this operation this autumn.

Compared to most of Christendom the Church of England is in all sorts of ways extremely rich. I came to realise how true this is when I visited India last year. We are rich not only in money but in resources and talents of many kinds, in the number of priests and in the buildings we have. Within the Church of England the diocese of Oxford has resources that few other dioceses have, and within the diocese of Oxford the parish of Caversham is in many ways in a privileged position. So I hope that we in Caversham can learn from this visit of other Christians.

BUT ALSO POOR

If we are rich in resources I believe that compared to so many Christians we are very poor. We are poor in our sense of commitment. We have a lot to learn about commitment in worship, commitment of time and commitment of money. One wonders how we would have emerged if we in England had gone through the experiences and persecutions that have been the lot of Christians in Uganda and Iran in recent years. I have just been reading a small book by the Bishop in Iran describing what the Church there is suffering and how his son was murdered. On this page is printed the prayer as the Bishop wrote after this event. A book like this reveals how much we have to learn from other Christians.

A CROWDED FIVE WEEKS

Obviously fifteen people spread over the three counties of the diocese for five weeks cannot get a complete picture of the Church's life. But three of them will be visiting Reading and one will come to Caversham for half a day. Then early in October another three of them will be at Caversham Rectory with the Bishop of Oxford and myself and three others from the diocese so that they can express their views about the workings of the various diocesan boards and councils. The fifteen will then spend a few days together at Ascot drawing up their report before meeting the members of the Bishop's Council on October 7th. Finally on Saturday, October 10th, they will present their report at a special meeting of the Bishop's Council which is to take place at Dorchester.

No one knows what the outcome of all this will be. But it is clear that other dioceses who have had similar teams of visitors have found the project immensely helpful. We must be prepared to listen to what the Holy Spirit is telling us through them and this may involve radical changes in the way we think and work. The fact that so many of the partners are not themselves Anglicans and come from parts of the world where more ecumenical progress has been made than is the case here is likely to mean that ecumenical issues will be to the fore. With Anglicans and Methodists and members of other churches having to reach a decision in 1982 about the proposals for covenanting and with the final report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission due to appear in a few months time the prayers of all Christians must surely be that we can move forward to that unity that Christ wills for his Church.

So this autumn after our Partners in Mission have presented their report we owe it to them that we give serious thought to what they have to say to us, if not their visit will have little purpose.

John Grimwade

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A father's prayer upon the murder of his son

Written by The Bishop in Iran

O God,
We remember not only Bahram but also his murderers;
Not because they killed him in the prime of his youth and made our hearts bleed and our tears flow,
Not because with this savage act they have brought further disgrace on the name of our country among the civilized nations of the world;
But because through their crime we now follow thy footsteps more closely in the way of sacrifice.
The terrible fire of this calamity burns up all selfishness and possessiveness in us;
Its flame reveals the depth of depravity and meanness and suspicion, the dimension of hatred and the measure of sinfulness in human nature;
It makes obvious as never before our need to trust in God's love as shown in the cross of Jesus and his resurrection;
Love which makes us free from hate towards our persecutors;
Love which brings patience, forbearance, courage, loyalty, humility, generosity, greatness of heart;
Love which more than ever deepens our trust in God's final victory and his eternal designs for the Church and for the world;
Love which teaches us how to prepare ourselves to face our own day of death.
O God,
Bahram's blood had multiplied the fruit of the Spirit in the soil of our souls;
So when his murderers stand before thee on the day of judgement
Remember the fruit of the Spirit by which they have enriched our lives,
And forgive.

Dear Sir,

In earlier issues this year you were good enough to publish some letters on these matters from me. One was very long and two points were not printed. I had not intended to pursue the correspondence until reading two articles, one by Doctor Hughes, the other by John Madeley, both these articles take these matters back to "square one."

The two points omitted in my second letter were, Dean Inge before his death, is on record as saying in reference to the Churches, attitude to disarmament, "It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favour of vegetarianism while the wolf remains of a different opinion." Nowadays for "wolf" read bear! I went on to suggest that when approached to sign the petition, one with which few would disagree PROVIDED it is multilateral, just ask if the petition will circulate freely in Russia and its satellites behind the "Iron curtain." If not Do not sign.

As the two articles may well represent Editorial Policy I must point out that many parishioners have written, telephoned and spoken to me of their agreement with the two previous letters of mine you published. I agree it is a pity they also failed to write about it.

Dr Hughes is headed by a selective quote from the statement of the late Lord Mountbatten. It seems intellectually dishonest to have used it in this way as Lord Zuckerman quite recently in a letter to the press on a similar misuse, states: "To put the record straight, Lord Mountbatten at no time condemned the concept of nuclear deterrence. His Strasbourg statement affirmed the need for the continuation of the present state of mutual nuclear deterrence. At



the same time he supported the Government in its plea for a balanced reduction in the nuclear armories of the two sides, and dismissed the idea that field warfare in which nuclear weapons might be used could ever be contained!

John Madeley in effect is saying we Christians should not defend ourselves; as I said in an earlier letter let us go back to Christian martyrdom! Daily in the press it will be seen how the Clergy of the Orthodox Church are persecuted in the coun-

Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to receive a copy of the 200th edition of the "Caversham Bridge," and would like to add my congratulations to those of many others who appreciate what has been achieved by the paper and those who have produced it since 1964.

I was however sorry to see in this milestone edition no mention of Mary Cliff and the considerable part she played from 1963 in planning the new paper, launching it, writing for it (she was the original "Katy"), and sitting on the board until she left in 1967.

She brought to all these tasks her professional experience as a former editor of the "Birmingham (later 'National') Christian News" and a tried (if at times fiery!) working relationship with John Grimwade which had been established when he was at Smethwick. She was dedicated to the paper and to its principles of lively popular Christian journalism, and she contributed her infectious enthusiasm and energy

tries of the Soviet block.

As I recall the Bible and in particular Christ's teachings, we were told to stand up for our faith, a matter specifically referred to in the Confirmation service.

As I read John Madeley: "If we had no Police there would be no crime." As a final point, Caversham Heights Methodist Church is arranging a "Teach-in" all day October 3rd, which will be discussing the Brandt Report and Disarmament. I hope some who agree there are very much two sides to these questions will be there. The morning will consider the dangers and difficulties on which I hope to speak.

Yours etc.
Bob Kynaston
4 Oakley Road,
Caversham.

to working with her colleagues in laying foundations which have made the "Caversham Bridge" the success it is today.

Yours etc,
David Clift
41 Buckland Hill,
Maidstone, Kent.

Dear Sir,

At the recent service in Caversham Court to celebrate the Royal Wedding, I welcomed the opportunity to renew my marriage vows. At the same time, however, I deeply regretted the exclusion of prayers of support for those who are divorced or separated. It seems to me, that these people, who do not share in the joy of a stable marriage, need our prayers particularly at an occasion when they may well feel especially vulnerable and open to criticism. If I had been in such a position, I would have come away from that service with a sense of rejection and isolation, instead of strengthened by Christian fellowship.

Yours etc
Peter Handford
4 Redberry Close,
Caversham Park.

St. Anne's News

NOW that Fr. Meagher is in sole charge of the parish the number of Sunday Masses at St Anne's has had to be reduced. There is, however, a Mass at 5.30pm on Saturdays in St Anne's which fulfils the Sunday obligation. There is also Mass at Mapledurham House at 6.00pm on the last Sunday in every month.

The Diocese has been sorry to learn that Archbishop Dwyer is retiring. All will wish him a long and happy retirement and pray for his successor.

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Bishop McCartie visited the parish on July 20th, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 70 children. This was a very happy and successful occasion. Fr Neylon returned on July 10th, for Mass, a social and to be presented with a cheque for £500.

The many people in Caversham who knew her will be sorry to hear that Margaret Haigh has moved to Teignmouth. She did a lot of work for the Chapel on the Heights and will be missed but we hope she and her husband will enjoy their retirement.

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The parish hopes to organise an excursion to Richmond Park in May 1982 when the Pope will be celebrating Mass there. Members of other churches who would like to come along will be most welcome. In the meantime all pray that His Holiness will make a full and speedy recovery from his present illness.

WHAT DID EARL MOUNTBATTEN SAY?

(Extracts from his speech at Strasbourg, May 11th, 1979, on the occasion of the presentation of the Louise Weisse Foundation Peace Prize to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute).

Throughout his adult life Lord Mountbatten was an officer in the service of the British Crown. He became an Admiral of the Fleet and Chief of Defence Staff, this country's highest military post. As such he was closely concerned with the defence strategies of NATO and of the United Kingdom.

His service during and following the Second World War, in which he was Commander of a naval battle flotilla, the Chief of Combined Operations and Commander in Chief Allied Forces, South East Asia, which under his operational direction achieved a great victory, confirmed him as a man of unparalleled knowledge and experience of the arts and the prosecution of war and of the weapons with which war is waged. Later as the last Viceroy of India he played a major and significant role in bringing that country to its independence.

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It was with this background of profound and exceptional experience that Lord Mountbatten made his last speech in which he warned of the threatening dangers to world peace and against the use of all nuclear weapons — whatever their tactical or strategic purpose.

Lord Mountbatten spent many weeks on the preparation of his speech, and told his friends that it was by

this speech that he wished to be remembered.

The following extracts from his speech

tion of all nuclear weapons, and if they did not make "the philosophical and moral choice" he called

those responsible for this disastrous course pull themselves together and reach for the brakes? The answer is "no."

"... Since the end of the Second World War we have had war after war."

"... We live in an age of extreme peril because every war today carries the danger that it could spread and involve the super powers."

"... as a military man I can see no use for any nuclear weapons which would not end in escalation, with consequences that no one can conceive."

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"... nuclear devastation is not science fiction — it is a matter of fact."

"... I cannot imagine a situation in which nuclear weapons would be used as battlefield weapons without the conflagration spreading."

"... A new war can hardly fail to involve the all out use of nuclear weapons."

Speaking of the aftermath of a nuclear attack: "... There will

be no means of transport. There will be no hospitals. No help can be expected for the few mutilated survivors in any town to be sent from a neighbouring town — there will be no neighbouring towns left, no neighbours, there will be no help, there will be no hope."

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"... As a military man who has given half a century of active service I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has no military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions which they have generated."

"... There are powerful voices around the world who still give credence to the old Roman precept — if you desire peace, prepare for war. This is absolute nuclear nonsense."

"... The world now stands on the brink of the final abyss. Let us all resolve to take all possible practical steps to ensure that we do not, through our own folly, go over the edge."

WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

IN connection with the World Disarmament Campaign, the Reading United Nations Association is holding a "Disarmament Teach-In" on United Nations Day, Saturday, October 24th, at Church House, Caversham, from 11am till 4pm. This will be one of the chief events marking One World Week in 1981.

The general theme is "Why Not Disarm?" and speakers, assisted by relevant filmstrips, will consider the various objections to a programme of disarmament, including such theses as the East-West power confrontation, the diversion of resources from Third World aid to the arms race, and the problems which disarmament would cause in the field of employment.

The teach-in is open to all; full particulars from Dr Donald Hughes, 12 Woodford Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 7HN (473122).

show that his compatriots would be rash, indeed, if they did not work with all their power to secure the universal, worldwide aboli-

tion of general world disarmament and the end of war.

"... Do the frightening facts about the arms race, which show that we are rushing headlong towards a precipice, make any of

OBITUARY

Gladys Butler

GLADYS BUTLER, who died at the age of eighty-three on August 4th, had lived in Caversham since 1931, when she and her late husband, Bernard, moved from Woodley. Although born in London, she spent a lot of her childhood in Hampshire. Visits from her cousin Bernard started a friendship which was later to develop into marriage. (Legend has it that they pledged themselves to each other at the age of thirteen). Gladys gained a scholarship to the Salisbury Teaching College where she studied from 1916 for two years. She taught in St John's School, Reading, and then became Headmistress of Kingsley School in Hampshire.

Whilst living at Woodley, Gladys ran classes for country dancing and she was also interested in singing until her hearing deteriorated. Sharing her husband's belief and interest in the Church, she was a staunch supporter of the Mothers' Union, and in addition ran the Working Party (working for Missions) from 1948 for many years.

The lives of both Bernard and Gladys Butler were wonderful examples of Christian Witness and we who have known them are fortunate in this.

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By WATCHDOG

MORE HOUSES

On the whole, in Caversham we are quite good at welcoming newcomers and making them feel at home, a far cry from the days when you had to put in a stint of at least ten years before you stopped being thought of as an outsider or even an upstart. However, that does not stop us from contemplating, with some dismay, the prospect of yet more houses being packed in until every available space is covered with as many houses as it is possible to cram on to it.

It is a relief therefore to learn that the forty or so houses originally proposed for the end of Hemdean Road are now down to twenty-one, and the eighty-two which were once going to be squeezed cheek by jowl into the Caversham Mill site are now down to forty-one. The population of the country is not

increasing at such a rate that considerations of space and appearance must be thrown overboard. It is not an altruistic desire to house the homeless that dictates these high densities, but simply the need to extract the highest possible return from the high price of land in these parts.

OH THE PRETTY FLOWERS

The Borough gardeners really excelled themselves this year with their hanging baskets and tubs of flowers at key points throughout the town. Caversham Bridge had some magnificent baskets on its lamp posts but even these palled into insignificance beside the extravaganza of Reading Bridge where every lamp post was a riot of colour not even eclipsed by the dazzling display in the Forbury

Gardens to which it was linked by rows of tubs along the central reservation of the road.

New flower beds in Christchurch Meadows and Caversham Court, which, when they were being dug, drew doubtful comments as to whether they were really what was required, have been amply justified by their bright carpets of colour amidst the surrounding green. Well done to all concerned and thank you for giving so much pleasure.

VANISHING SWANS

The river as usual attracted large numbers of visitors during the summer, once it got started. Families of cheerful little coots abounded, though moorhens seem to be decreasing in numbers. A few ducklings survived the strong currents and near flood waters of the early part

of the summer, which must have claimed many victims. But as far as I know there was not a single cygnet along the Caversham reaches, and the number of swans themselves is declining severely. The lead shot dropped by the anglers has been blamed, but could it be connected with lead from the exhausts of the vast number of power boats now on the Thames? On the gravel pits which encircle Reading there are still cygnets. These have fishermen but no power boats. The Thames without its swans would be unthinkable.

PARKING

Parking, whether outside your house so that you can't, on double yellow lines so that traffic queues form in no time, on the pavement in the arrogant expectation that you will step out into the road, on both sides of the road so that only single file traffic is possible or by commuters in Chester Street car park so that shoppers find all the spaces gone, is the cause of the most often heard grumbles in Caversham.

Now that the Chairman of the Borough Transport Committee is a Caversham councillor, both living here and representing the ward of that name, Caversham Residents' Association thought it a suitable opportunity to have him along, hear what he has to say, and tell him what we think. So here is a date for your diary. Monday, October 19th, 8.00pm, Councillor F. Pugh, Caversham Free Church Centre, Prospect Street.

OMBUDSMAN

The case of the Granary is now with the Ombudsman. It will not bring the Granary back but it might save other buildings which could fall victim to the law that permitted its loss. Justice in this case may possibly have been done, but it certainly was not seen to be done.

Does it matter to you?

... that 30 million people die of hunger every year? ... that 600 million pounds is spent on armaments every day?

To the members of the Brandt Commission and the organisers of the World Disarmament Campaign it mattered greatly that these grotesque excesses of want and waste should be brought to an end. If we are to believe in, support and advocate these initiatives we need to know more about them than most of us do at present.

The opportunity for learning about and discussing this most vital of all issues will be offered at a "teach-in" at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, on Saturday, October 3rd, 1981. Speakers include Evan Luard, former MP for Oxford and now organiser of Oxfam educational programmes on the Brandt Report, and Robert Jackson, Member of the European Parliament for the Thames Valley Constituency.

The teach-in will commence at 10am and end at 4pm, morning coffee, buffet lunch and tea being included in the enrolment charge of £1. If it matters to you, complete the enrolment form below without delay.

Please enrol me for the teach-in on the Brandt Commission Report, and the World Disarmament Campaign at Caversham Heights Methodist Church on Saturday, October 3rd, 1981. I enclose £1.00 to cover the cost of coffee, lunch and tea and look forward to receiving the programme of the event and joining instructions.

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Games were played in Christchurch Meadow before the children's tea party which was held in Washington Road. This was followed by a fancy dress competition and an entertainment which included a Punch and Judy Show and a fire eater. The family disco was a lively event with games and dances. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The party and disco were both happy and friendly occasions and the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Watts and their willing helpers was much appreciated by everyone who attended.



— F. Haines

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DENYS BIRTWHISTLE

Denys Birtwhistle who died on Monday, August 24th, will be remembered not least by the great courage which he showed in his long battle with cancer.

Born in 1918, he came from a Lincolnshire family and was educated at Monkton Combe School, one of his contemporaries being the Bishop of London. He trained as a dental surgeon at Guy's Hospital, where his youngest son Christopher is now a dental student. Qualifying during the war he then served in the R.N.V.R. as a surgeon lieutenant. In 1946 he entered general practice in Reading and his patients soon came to

value the way he looked after them. Many who moved away from Reading would travel considerable distances in order to keep him as their dentist. He took a great interest in the work of the British Dental Association and served on many committees connected with his profession. He was twice chairman of the Reading Branch of the B.D.A. and president of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon branch 1973-4. A member of Caversham Rotary Club he was club secretary for three years from 1977.

In 1950 Denys and Valerie were married in St Peter's, Caversham. Denys loved St Peter's and together with Val-

erie devoted a great deal of time to serving it. He became chairman of the parish stewardship committee in 1971 and District Warden of St Peter's in 1972, retiring earlier this year because of his illness; he remained treasurer however until the time of his death. Last year he completed the beautiful embroidered kneelers at the High Altar communion rail and this means that the church he loved has a permanent memorial of his handiwork. Many will remember with gratitude the hospitality so freely offered by Denys and Valerie at their home in Kidmore Road, and more recently at The Ridings, and the many acts of personal kindness for which they have been responsible. He had a great sense of humour and was a good friend to many people. A large congregation was present at his funeral service in St Peter's, in addition to members of his family and the congregation of St Peter's, dental colleagues, many former patients and members of Caversham Rotary Club were present. The service was conducted by the Rector and the lessons were read by Kenneth Bennett Churchwarden and Dr. George Birtwhistle, a brother of Denys. To Valerie and their children Peter, Roger, Helen and Christopher all readers of The Bridge will extend their sympathy.



— Walton Adams



■ Martin Hathaway and Jacqueline Hayward who were married at St Barnabas on August 15th.

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'HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM?'

ON August 16th, Peter Sear and Derek Spears set off on a 4,000 mile road trip on their motor-cycles through Europe to Israel. In this first part of the account of their trip we reprint Peter Sear's diary of the outward journey.

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Sunday 16th

6pm and off to Newhaven. The first (and hopefully the last!) upset en route. Derek's bike is straightened out with a handy brick! Sleep (not very restfully) on the ferry.

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Monday 17th

2am start from Dieppe. Surprisingly cold. 300 miles to Chalon-sur-Saone in central France. Stopped at Chartres and Orleans. Went to Chartres cathedral at 7am★ — very dim and beautiful inside reflecting the mystery of God. Wonderful mediaeval stained glass. Dozed off. Later, at Orleans the cathedral was closed.

(★ actually 8am — see tomorrow's entry).

Tuesday 18th
Off into the Alps — long hill-climbs and hairpin bends. I enjoy the challenge of mountain riding; Derek, I suspect, does not. Pungent smells of pine forest. Early afternoon, arrive at Chamonix in the shadow of Mont Blanc. Unfortunately cloud partially obscures the snowy peaks (where you could ski if you felt like it). Had time to go up mountain in a cable-car. Derek admits he suffers from vertigo. All very exhilarating. Miss supper at hotel by an hour — realise we had forgotten to re-set watches after leaving England.

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Wednesday 19th

From Chamonix through the Mont Blanc tunnel into Italy. 7½ miles through solid rock under the highest peak in Europe. The snow on the peaks is dazzling in the morning sunshine. A police car pulls up to ask why I have stopped at the side of the motorway (for emergency use only). I try to explain (not very easy if you don't speak Italian) that

a passing bird dropped a 'billet doux' which landed on my visor and I am trying to remove ditto. I don't think he understood me.

Then away from the mountains onto the plains of Northern Italy — straight out of 'the little world' of Don Camillo. Farms of ripe corn, a few vineyards, fields of tomatoes. On to Parma — home of ham and Parmesan cheese. And a long crawl through unending urban sprawl between Parma and Bologna (of Bolognese fame). The squalor of it contrasts with the grandeur of the morning. The 50 kph speed limit is noted in

what was to come later) to have passports checked. Then on to the S.S. Castalia to Patras in Greece.

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Saturday 22nd

Arrive at Patras early afternoon, then on to the local ferry across the Gulf of Corinth from Rion to Antirion, thence to Delphi. Spectacular coast road round the mountains. Occasional olive groves. A hot and gusty wind blows down from the arid mountains.

Delphi — sacred to the gods Apollo and Dionysius. Apollo — god of poetry, music, proph-

esy and reasoned order. Dionysius — god of 'wine, women and song.' At Delphi is the temple of Apollo where the priestess delivered her oracles, and a magnificent third century BC theatre seating 2000. A small coin dropped on the stage can be heard high up in the back row. Delphi is dominated by Mount Parnassus which towers above it, and the whole site has an air of timelessness about it. With the exception of the new road in the valley, the scene might have seemed familiar to the pilgrims of ancient Greece coming to the shrine.

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Sunday 23rd

Last look at the magnificent site of Delphi, then through the Parnassus mountains and on to Athens.

We climb the Acropolis to see Parthenon, temple of the goddess Athene — along with a thousand others! — and visit also the Areopagus, traditionally the site of Paul's sermon (Acts 12) to the people of Athens.

Then by trolleybus to Symthagma Square for

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Monday 24th

Last night's hostel in Athens was the worst experienced! After 'breakfast,' off to the ancient Agora, the Athenian forum which was the birthplace of modern democracy. Here is also the Temple of Hephaistos, the most perfectly preserved temple of antiquity.

10.30am we rush off to Piraeus, the Athenian port, to catch the ferry for Haifa.

11.5 o'clock — 6 hours of sheer frustration and annoyance coping with the myriad petty bureaucrats who inspect and stamp this document and that before we can embark. At just after 5 we set sail.

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Tuesday 25th

Deep blue sea and hot sun; more queueing to have documents checked and re-checked; then more sea and more sun; and more documents. Does this form-filling never end?

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Wednesday 26th

Arrive Haifa 8am. Surprisingly quick passage through customs. Then off and away. Next stop — Jerusalem.



■ The temple of Apollo at Delphi.

the breach rather than the observance.

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Thursday 20th

Leave Bologna — regretfully no time to explore. Stop off at Pesaro to meet friends of Derek. Flat plains have now given way to hilly country. Azaleas grow along the central reservation of the autostrada. We pass by the back doors of the Adriatic resorts and arrive at Ascoli Piceno. Very great difficulty finding hostel among twisting, narrow mediaeval cobbled streets.

My Honda 400 overheats. Hostel eventually turns out to be a 13th-century palace (with a resident ghost in the tower!).

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Friday 21st

South on the autostrada to Brindisi. The hills and valleys through which the road goes in a series of tunnels and viaducts, later give way to a flat, parched land — acacia trees, olive groves and cacti. A hot, dusty crosswind makes the going difficult at times. Over lunch we make the acquaintance of a Scottish teacher going to Athens to teach English to Americans and Arabs.

At last Brindisi, long, hot, fretful wait (but nothing compared with

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DO THEY FRIGHTEN HORSES?

By Zoilus

AN annual conversational gambit that is dead certain to raise the room temperature another 10 degrees is the Reading Rock Festival, and it is certainly a Caversham topic, because although the milarky itself takes place in Reading, it's on our south river bank, and as such has much the same effect on the village as a next door neighbour throwing dust bins about at midnight.

This year the reaction has been a little different from other times, ranging from the choleric indignation of the hard nosed regular gripers, who have been at it with increasing fervour for the past ten years, to the starry-eyed libertarians who actually like to see a horde of scruffy denim clad clones invading our shops, streets and pubs. There are even those who are in to 'heavy metal' and actually approve of the sounds issuing from the bat-

teries of amplifiers on the field.

But investigations in Caversham have turned up an awful lot of middle ground. The number of people classed as 'don't knows' is only surpassed by the 'don't cares.' It may be because this year's shindig has been fairly quiet and orderly; it could also be because folk who like Rock and wear jeans and crumby T shirts (and may even indulge in a spot of topless sunbathing) may not always be unspeakable bounders who worry and frighten the horses. Or is it that after about ten years the Pop Festival has at last worked its passage and is on the way to being accepted as a local tradition, part of Reading's ever changing social fabric?

Whichever hypothesis is correct, one thing is for sure. Just as soon as the Council's grandiose scheme for converting Thameside into a formal leisure complex

gets off the ground, the Rock Festival will have to go. And if that happens some ingrates may say that they would rather have a week of Rock than a permanent landscape of structures on the riverside. You pay your money and you take your choice — or that's the theory — but the choice may be somewhat delayed because for some years we shan't have the money to put into the leisure complex anyway.

As to the weirdos of Harold Pendleton's denim army frightening the horses (and some of the good people of Caversham as well), that will be a matter for heart searching debate in the Council during the coming months, but may well result in the continuation of the present arrangements on a year to year basis, with some additional financial contributions from the organisers to the council.

Shall we now address ourselves to another aspect of our riverside scene? On Reading Borough Council there are a whole mish-mash of committees and sub-committees and advisory groups, which seemingly take a fatherly interest in all our activities from birth to death, at work and play. They range from the prestigious Policy Committee whose endorsement is necessary to perpetuate the desires of all the other bodies (except the Development Control, which is autonomous apart from very major planning decisions), to such esoteric beings as the Holiday Activities Committee and the Waste Reclamation and Recycling Group.

One of the medium powered committees is the Reading Waterways Group, whose job it is to act as a pressure group to advance the interests of our three rivers and try to ensure their place as one of the scenic attractions of the town. This means vetting all planning proposals within sight of the waterways, cajoling dwellings and factories on the water's edge to present a smiling face to the river, and screwing as much money as possible from the Council or any other source, public or private. This is used to renovate the towpaths, provide seats, beautify the banks, build pedestrian bridges, and erect sign posts to direct the

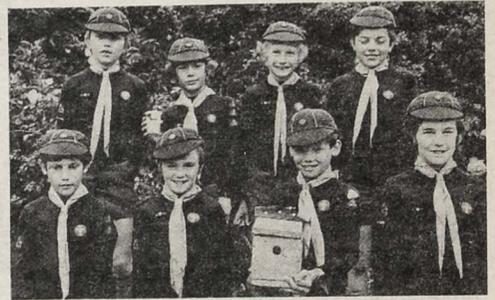
populace to gaze on these wonders.

Once a year — perhaps as a reward for their not inconsiderable labours — the members of the Waterways Group are taken on an afternoon's cruise of inspection, usually by courtesy of Thames Water Board, the Council rarely being able to afford to hire a launch of their own.

So, one not too sunny afternoon in August, ten men in boat (and two women) could be seen making a stately progress the length of Reading's Thames and down part of the Kennet. It was a fair prospect that unfolded before their eyes and

the only justification of the last few paragraphs of fact and fantasy is to once again remind you, valued reader, of our good fortune in living in a place set on three rivers, our opportunity to develop these as a unique natural asset and the fact that a comparatively small sum spent annually on enhancing the beauty and availability to walkers of our town's waterways would be a much more worthwhile option than many of the million pound options that are being mooted at present. Perhaps some of the money gained from the Rock Festival could be usefully used for this purpose?

ST JOHN'S CUBS



— Graham Aisbitt

THESE Cub-Scouts have all worked hard on a recent weekend camp for their Conservation Badge.



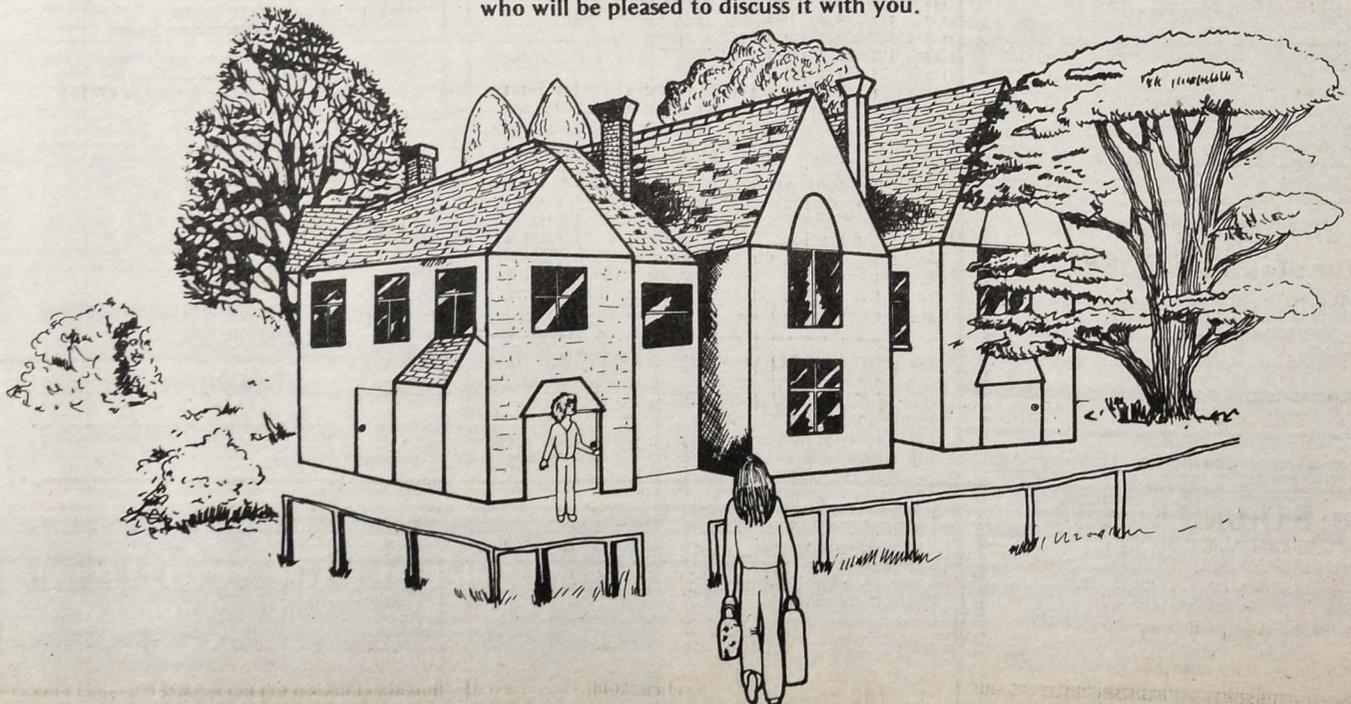
Eleven cubs from the pack, which meets every Tuesday at St John's Church Hall in Caversham, took the badge during their stay at Cray's Pond

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ANGLICAN NEWS

ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

CONTRARY to usual practice, a meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held in August, and the attendance was not surprisingly smaller than usual. The Council heard the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, Mr M. Chevallier, report on the recent campaign. About 190 people had increased their pledges and in a full year this would bring in about £10,000, but the extra income in 1981 would only amount to £4,000. In view of the continuing inflation, it was agreed that members of the Stewardship Scheme should be asked next Whitsun to re-examine the standard of their giving.

The Parochial Treasurer, Mr Eric Smith, told the Council that the Finance Committee had considered the results of the Stewardship Campaign and had decided that the diocesan share of £32,700 should be paid in full this year, even though it meant using a proportion of the parish reserves to do so, but he had informed the Secretary of the Board of Finance

that far from being able to pay an increased share in 1982 it might not even be possible to pay as much as in the current year.

The Council agreed to improvements being made to St Andrew's House and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Charles Hubbard who has for many years surveyed the clergy houses annually but is now moving away. Mr David Miles has agreed to undertake this work in future.

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Mr Alfred Martyn-Johns gave a report of the working party concerned with the laity and pastoral work, and it was agreed to hold a conference on Saturday, October 17th for members of the PCC together with those from Mapledurham and the Readers of the parish. The Council also considered a report on youth work and noted how many who had done so much of this had recently moved away.

The Council meets again on November 12th.

ST PETER'S NEWS

ON Sunday, October 18th, a shortened Evensong at St Peter's will be followed by a short programme of music. Dr Donald Hughes will play organ music by among others Bach,

Wesley and Whitlock, and Vivienne Mitchell (Soprano) will Sing. Vivienne Mitchell is an ex-Bulmershe College of H.E. student who is teaching locally.



— B. Jackson

OVER fifty children from the choir and Sunday school of St Peter's gathered in the Rectory garden for an informal games afternoon on a warm August day.

ST JOHN'S NOTES

AUGUST has been a quiet month with so many people away on holiday. Possibly the people who travelled farther were Joan and Albert Stroud who went to Chicago to visit their family.

During the summer the Mothers' Union have had a series of garden meetings. Twenty-nine members went to Mrs Winnie Whiteway's home at Sonning Common. On the way they stopped at the Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed. This home is run by the Sue Ryder Foundation for local people who have cancer and who need continual medical attention. The Mothers' Union were able to make a conducted tour of the house, once the conva-

lescent home for St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. They saw the Sue Ryder shop, and the splendid carvings and mouldings in the Fleming room. After seeing views of the grounds from the very pleasant bedrooms, they were able to stroll on the terraces, and down to the ornamental lake.

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The Sue Ryder Home is supported by voluntary contributions, and much of the money is raised by local support groups. The East Caversham group's next effort is a book sale in November. If you can let them have any books contact Audrey Yates, 477895 or Kate Harris, 472084.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

DURING the summer break two social events were held. The meeting for new members in July had to be moved indoors because of heavy rain but still provided a good opportunity for committee and members to get to know one another. The weather was kinder in August and a successful summer tea party took place at Mapledurham hall.

Congratulations go to the team who won the W.I. cup at Reading Show for the Guild, with their interpretation of "A Royal Occasion."

Meetings are now held at Balmore Hall, Hemdean Road, on the third Thursday in the month at 2.15pm. Anyone considering joining will be welcome there; if any further information is needed, please contact the Secretary, Mrs E. Mills, Reading 470461.

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STAN ELDON'S COLUMN

PLAYERS WANTED

The winter sports season is now upon us and Badminton is among the sports getting under way. Possibly the least glamorous and least publicised of the three main racket sports, it nevertheless has a very considerable following and some would claim there are more people playing this game than squash or tennis. It's main advantage lies in the fact that it does not require a specialist facility but can be played in any hall or gymnasium as long as the building has reasonable height. It is also a game that can cover a wide span of years for both sexes and many youngsters now take it up before they are ten, which means they may still be able to enjoy the game fifty years later.

There are many clubs in the Reading area and two in particular are at the moment looking for players. The North Reading Badminton Club, who play at Highdown School, require experienced players to support their league team for the coming season. The Secretary is Mrs S.

Hussey, Tel Reading 477937. Another club which draws several of its players from the Caversham area is the Prospect Badminton Club who play at the Hugh Faringdon Roman Catholic School, opposite Prospect Park, Reading, and at the Meadow Sports Centre, Tilehurst. They have vacancies for experienced male and female players, the Secretary being John Mathews, Tel. Reading 473160.

Having given some space to these two requests, perhaps I could make an appeal to all Badminton Clubs. It seems to me that they are all anxious to find experienced players but few clubs are over-willing to encourage new, inexperienced players. We all have to learn somewhere and I think every club, in whatever sport, should have a section for beginners because today's "rabbit" could be tomorrow's county champion.

BRIDGE A GAP

Also on this month's wanted list are Bridge players. The Mapledurham Bridge Club has lost a lot of



its membership through people moving away from the area and are anxious to have a new injection of members.

The Club meets at the Mapledurham Pavilion in the Playing Fields at Upper Woodcote Road, there is no age limit at either end of the scale, but you will need to have a knowledge of the game. It is a very friendly club and provides a pleasant way of passing the winter evenings. The Secretary, who will be delighted to pass on information, is Mrs Connie Bartlett, 6 Westdene Crescent, Caversham, Tel. Reading 471863. They have just started their winter session so if you are interested please get in touch straight away.

SPORTING MP

Our own MP, Tony Durant, has just been appointed to the Southern Region Sports Council. He will be sitting on this important body as the representative of the Sports Minister. His appointment should be good for the Sports Council and sport in general, as he has always shown great interest in all sporting activities and in particular has been very involved with Jogging since it rose in popularity several years ago.

CAVERSHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AN Extraordinary General Meeting was held on August 3rd, to discuss the proposed move to new premises for the club.

Ladies from the Fir Tree Club were welcome visitors the following week. They were all members of the Music and Movement section of their club and demonstrated their exercises in a graceful fashion.

The leader of the group explained that the movements are mainly remedial and the aim is to "Trim, not to slim."

Mr B. Atkins of Courage Central was the visiting speaker on August 17th. His subject was inn signs and he explained that these have been used for over 2,000 years. Many of the early signs had connections with the church e.g., the Mitre, The Cross Keys. Links with monarchs of the past and local great families were also used, signs sometimes being changed over the years when historic events caused new heroes to emerge. Signs are now painted on aluminium as these are longer lasting than the traditional wooden boards.

The Summer Fair held on the evening of August 24th, was an enjoyable occasion. Mrs G. Weal, the President of the club, welcomed the visitors and members who soon circulated around the various stalls. The refreshment ladies were kept busy as people took the opportunity of a chat and sit down before departing for home.

OFF TO NARNIA

— With St Peter's Brownies

THIS year St Peter's Brownies decided it was time to educate Brown Owl; they chose C.S. Lewis's "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" as the theme for Pack Holiday — and promptly made a convert.

Pack Holiday was once again in Gloucestershire — deep in a wood full of Beech trees and owls — real ones. The Guiders were given the names of the characters in

the book, the sixes became Witches, Mice, Unicorns and Wolves, each room in the house became a place in Narnia, the new world in which we were living.

Sunday morning we attended Church in East-leach — paraded the flag and gave and received greetings from the village to the members of St Peter's. In the afternoon we made snowflake mobiles and pine cone dwarfs and turned the playroom into the interior of the Wardrobe. In the evening we celebrated the birthdays of Debra Tarrant — 18 — and Michelle Bacon who was 10, with a grand birthday party. Monday saw the children off into the woods following the robins to find Mr and Mrs Beaver and in the afternoon they made dams — one a real work of art, being made from woven twigs under a huge fallen tree. The eve-

ning was spent round the camp fire with the Beavers and ended indoors with a pyjama-fashion parade.

On Tuesday we visited the Burford Wild Life Park and in the evening greeted that grand old gentleman — Father Christmas — making finger puppets or cardboard models of dear old Santa.

Wednesday the White Witch reared her ugly head — but even she could not stop the flowers which appeared everywhere, made from felt or tissue paper and polystyrene. She did however manage to petrify the squirrels' picnic which the Brownies made in the woods.

Thursday off to the farm for rare animals, with a film show and a bag of food for each Brownie to feed to the cows, sheep, pigs and various other rare breeds. After a picnic lunch we went to

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ATHLETICS TAKES OFF

Caversham girl, Katie Fairbrass — Reading Athletic Club's latest athletic star, finished eighth in the European Junior 1500 metres Championship which took place recently.

While on the subject of athletics, it is good to report the vast increase in Athletic Club membership since the opening of the new track at Palmer Park. The track is certainly being well used both for matches and training and it has been particularly encouraging to see the hundreds of youngsters training on the track throughout the season. If this continues it will not be long before Reading will be producing more Olympic and International stars in the mould of Ann Packer, Beverley Goddard and Kathy Smallwood.

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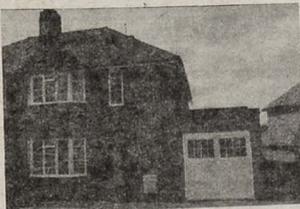
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PURE SPECULATION

The Creche continues to boom as the helpers are only too well aware. Currently there are ten infants under the age of three and judging by the twinkle in certain eyes there are others on the way. It is interesting to speculate on the future of these children in the light of current performances. One insists on bellowing from start to finish and nothing, not even a biscuit, will quieten him — a budding on-course bookmaker or possibly an auctioneer. Another young gentleman, when life is tending to be a little tame, has the propensity to bang a

contemporary on the head — with a dinky toy if necessary. Here we have real potential, with a few like-minded individuals he could well become the chairman of a consortium such as Rentamob. The young ladies are much more dignified. One is already showing a distinct maternal instinct — she has an eye for the boys — but her future role is in the balance for she bursts into joyful song when the organ strikes up — undoubtedly an opera singer in the making. Life is great in the creche — never a dull moment.

OH TO BE IN ENGLAND

The holiday period recedes as members and friends return from taking the waters — good Baptist practice that — roasting on the Costa Del Bude or sampling the rigours of illness abroad and deciding that the National Health Service is not so bad after all. Amid this to-ing and fro-ing we have enjoyed the privilege of welcoming many visitors, from Iceland to South Australia, from Canada and the United States to Italy and from other stations in between. The Church Centre opened its doors to the Rock Festival fans as part of its outreach to the community at large. The response was gratifying but the Prince of Wales — no, not His Royal Highness — seemed to be a counter attraction as did other well-known hostelries in the vicinity. However, who knows what minute seeds may have been sown and that is what it was, and is, all about.

OFF TO NARNIA
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Bourton on the Water, visited the model village and shopped for gifts to take home. Then whilst waiting for the coach, feet were cooled off by paddling in the river. In the evening Aslan arrived and the children gave him (Brown Owl) a grand concert, before — in order to release the naughty Edmund — Aslan gave his life to the Wicked Witch.

Friday the mice had released Aslan and he had returned to life. The Brownies set off through the woods to find all the animals (stones and twigs) petrified by the witch, they made Castle courtyards setting the 'animals' in them for Aslan to breathe on to restore them to life. And in the afternoon after a Narnia 'It's a knock out' — armed with squeeze bottles and buckets of water, a grand battle was held and the witch defeated for good. In the evening — prize giving with the members of the Unicorn six being crowned Kings and Queens of Narnia. All too soon it was time to step out of the Wardrobe back into this world, away from Narnia... What a wonderful story — BUT strangely I seem to have heard it once before!

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- ANGLICAN**
St Peter's
 8.00am Holy Communion
 9.15am PARISH COMMUNION
 11.15am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd Sundays)
 11.15 Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays).
 6.30pm Evensong
St John's
 8.00am Holy Communion (not on 4th Sunday).
 9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
 11.00am Family Service (1st Sunday)
St Andrew's
 8.00am Holy Communion
 9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
 11.15am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Evensong (Not 1st and 4th Sundays)
St Barnabas
 8.00am Holy Communion
 9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
 11.00am Children's Service (4th Sunday)
 6.30pm Evensong (2nd Sunday)
St Margaret's, Mapledurham
 8.00am Holy Communion (4th Sunday)
 11.00am PARISH COMMUNION
CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH
 11.00am Morning Service
 6.30pm Evening Service
CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (The School)
 11.00am FAMILY COMMUNION (1st and 3rd Sundays)
 MORNING WORSHIP (2nd and 4th Sundays)
 7.30pm Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sunday)
CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL
 11.00am Morning Service
 6.30pm Evening Service
METHODIST
Caversham
 11.00am Morning Service
 6.30pm Evening Service
Caversham Heights
 11.00am Morning Service
 6.30pm Evening Service
ROMAN CATHOLIC
St Anne's
 9.00am, 11.00am (also Saturdays 5.30pm)
Our Lady of Caversham
 8.30 and 10.30am Mass
St Martin's School
 9.15am Mass
Mapledurham House
 6.00pm Mass (4th Sunday)
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 August 8th — Steven Price and Melanie Hicks
 August 29th — Andrew Tasker and Carole Cockman
 September 5th — Antony Cox and Rebecca Dick
 St John's
 August 22nd — David Crowdy and Julia Neave
 St Andrew's
 August 15th — Robert Kinsey and Diane Keetch
 St Barnabas
 August 15th — Martin Hathaway and Jacqueline Hayward.
 August 30th — John Davies and Katie Jennings

FUNERALS
 St Peter's
 August 24th — Elizabeth Hilliard
 August 28th — Denys Birtwhistle
 St John's
 August 27th — Mary Rackley
 August 28th — Nora Sturt.
 St Barnabas
 August 26th — Elizabeth Parmiter.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHILDREN

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 Contact Mrs Sheila Ivens (477180) or Mr Peter Watsham (478744).

ST BARNABAS Sunday School in the Hall 9.15am Contact Mrs Jean Carroll 45 Brooklyn Drive (472598). Also Service for Parents and Children — last Sunday in the month at 11am.

ST JOHN'S Tiny Tots Service on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2.15pm.
Nursery Church (for children up to 8 yrs) in church during the month at 11am (mainly for children over 4 years). **Children's Workshop** (starting soon) fortnightly on Saturday mornings

ST PETER'S Sunday School meets at 43a Church Road (home of Mrs Jane Kane) at 9.15am (except 2nd Sunday which is Parade Service).

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CAVERSHAM PARK At Caversham Park School 11am Contact Mrs Paula Andrews, 5 Gifford Close (478430).

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 HARVEST SUPPER.

Sunday October 11th.
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 The Rev. Terry Harris (Battalion Parade) 2.30pm
 GIFT DAY followed by tea at 4.30pm. 6.30pm
 Evening Service The Rev. Terry Harris/The Rev
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Monday October 12th.
 CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY RALLY 7.30p.

Tuesday October 13th.
 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
 Speaker Pastor Hastings from The New Testament
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Thursday October 15th.
 GIRLS BRIGADE OPEN EVENING.

Saturday October 17th.
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Sunday October 18th.
 HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY 11am the Rev. Ralph
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