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The Caversham Residents Association recently invited local organisations to send representatives to a meeting that was held in Church House, Caversham in order to co-ordinate ideas on developments which may have a profound affect on the lives of all residents north of the river. We are glad to publish a report of this meeting which has been sent to us by an official of the Residents Association; we shall be equally glad to have the opinions of our readers for inclusion in our Post Bag column. — Send your letters to the Editor at Church House.

## WHERE SHALL IT GO?

The message from Caversham has gone out loud and clear. We want a third bridge. We want it soon. We don't want it between the two existing bridges.

There was no doubt about the unanimity of the meeting, called in November by the Caversham and District Residents' Association, on these points. Representatives of bodies and organisations in Caversham had come together to discuss a programme for development north of the river, and the meeting was not surprisingly dominated by the subject of traffic congestion resulting from the daily queues to cross the river. "Jobs are in jeopardy" declared one representative. "The queue stretched to Buckingham Drive", said another. "Three-quarters of an hour to reach the town centre", added yet another.

Neither was there any doubt about which site was favoured for the bridge. Practically everyone was agreed that a bridge to the west would seriously harm an area of outstanding natural beauty. The logical place was to the east of the present borough boundary, where it could link up with the A4, and M4, and the new Valley road at present under construction, do comparatively little environmental damage, and entail a minimum of property demolition.

Whilst everyone agreed that a major work like building a bridge should not be undertaken without first carefully considering all the implications, never-

theless the local authority's claim that another eighteen months was required before even a preliminary report could be produced, was considered to show a complete disregard for the urgency of the problem.

At this point, it might not be irrelevant to consider the Conservation Society's attitude. Their representative, whilst agreeing that if there had to be a bridge, a position to the east was the best, nevertheless questioned the need for a bridge at all. Her point was, like Parkinson's Law, the more roads provided, the more traffic engendered. The solution, she declared, lay in an improved public transport system. Anyone who has ever given serious thought to this subject, must agree that this is largely true.

### DANGER

But advocates of a third bridge regard it not so much as an incitement to race madly into Reading each morning, as a means of relieving a large residential area of its burden of traffic and of protecting attractive riverside villages and old bridges, such as Sonning, which are in danger of being irreparably damaged. The bridge is envisaged as dealing with present traffic flows, and the meeting later made the point that its building was not to be regarded as the

like adequately with it.

But the general point that road building programmes should not be based on an automatic assumption of an increased growth in the use of the private car is one that cannot be over-stressed.

### NEEDS

Other points dealt with at the meeting were high rise and high density building, the limitation of the built up area to the existing line, the future of the Carnegie library, the preservation of the tree-scape, the needs of the outlying areas in relation to a centralised health centre and the maintenance and extension of public access to the river, coupled with careful planning for leisure used which would be in keeping with the character of the area.

The next step will be the presentation of these views at a public meeting to representatives of the present borough boundary, it is going to be a long time before public transport can cope anything

## STRANGE LOGIC

For many years the Reading Chronicle has performed a valuable service by publishing details of Church services. What an editor publishes is for him to decide, but the Editor of the Chronicle did this and we should be grateful. With a cut in the amount of newsprint available he has discontinued this feature, though of course the churches may pay for an announcement.

The function of a local paper is to publicise local events. It seems strange therefore that room is still found in the columns of the Reading Chronicle for the week-end TV programmes, for anyone can find this information in national papers. How much, if anything, one wonders do the B.B.C. and TV companies pay for this service. It would be more logical if the Chronicle continued to print the Church services and omitted the TV programmes.

On all sides we hear people deploring the declining influence of the Church, and the omission of this feature is another way of pushing the churches into the background. Think again Mr. Editor.

## EIGHTY - NOT OUT

The Caversham Bridge sends greetings to Dr. Eric Beale who in December celebrated his 80th birthday. After many years as a Caversham doctor Eric Beale continues to lead a busy life. He has served as a district warden at St. Barnabas and then as Churchwarden for the whole parish of Caversham. He is Emmer Green's area manager for the Caversham Bridge and gives an immense amount of time to the work of the Bridge Scheme. He is also a Meals-on-wheels driver and undertakes innumerable pieces of service for many people in our community. Thank you, Doctor. —Walton Adams



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## The Editor's Column

# PEACE IN 1974?

Another Christmas is over, and another new year upon us. The last weeks of 1973 must have set a lot of people wondering whether the Christmas message of peace was just rather a bad joke. But perhaps if we examine the Biblical meaning of peace we may get a fresh insight into the angels' message "On earth peace for men on whom God's favour rests." Few words are so misunderstood as the word Peace.

## WHOLENESS

In the Old Testament the Hebrew word which is translated "Peace" really means completeness, or wholeness: this is a positive word and quite different in meaning from the more familiar Latin word "Pax" which implies an absence of fighting. So the Biblical understanding of peace is of something which is positive. And now that our interest in ecology has been aroused it is worth noting that writers such as Ezekiel and Isaiah see the final era of peace as also involving the transformation of nature. Isaiah envisages the time when the desert will rejoice and blossom and the wolf dwell with the lamb. The prophets also link peace with justice and continually stress that there can be no true peace based on oppression.

In St. John's Gospel we find our Lord contrasting the world's understanding of peace with the peace he promises the apostles. "My peace I give unto you" he says "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." Indeed the Acts of the Apostles shows us a group of men who were filled with the peace of God but lived lives that by worldly standards were stormy and troubled.

## PEACEMAKERS IN 1974

The question we need to ask is how Christians can be men and women of peace to-day. In his recent book *The Concept of Peace* Professor, John Macquarrie makes four suggestions for a peace programme by Christians.

First we have to be agents of reconciliation in day-to-day situations. And reconciliation is not achieved by glossing over our differences but by bringing them out into the open. When people can openly talk about their differences there is often remarkable progress in resolving them. In the ecclesiastical world there is the astonishing measure of agreement that has been achieved between Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians who have for the first time come face to face in serious dialogue. As a result they have discovered that they both have the same belief about the Eucharist and the ministry. And what is true of the world of Church politics is true of the world of industry and trade unions and of so many of the opposing camps into which we are apt to divide ourselves. So any organisation which cuts across barriers is important and any which segregates us into watertight compartments opposes the creation of peace.

Secondly we need to be socially and politically responsible. The man or woman who says "I don't want to get involved—I want a peaceful life" is a dangerous type of warmonger. If we want to seek peace we must be involved in those organisations which have some share in shaping society: political parties, local residents associations, trade unions, professional and educational organisations and the like. This of course costs time and demands commitment and responsibility. But it is the clear duty of the Christian to be actively involved in these sort of activities.

Then just as the Old Testament writers saw that the final era of peace involved the transformation of nature, we have to think out the right use of our resources and be prepared to accept restraint in the material standards of living. The crisis of the last few weeks will have been worth it if it has taught us just this. In what has been termed the "throw away" society the traditional virtues of thrift and restraint have come to be regarded as vices. But the time has come when a moderate degree of Christian asceticism has an important role to play as a witness to the belief that the fullness of human life does not consist in the abundance of material possessions. And the petition which Caversham Christians are being asked to sign on January 13th should bring home this point to us.

Lastly we need to be men and women who are praying for peace. As we do this we become immersed in the spirit of peace and committed to the cause of peace.

## FOUR-POINT PROGRAMME

So here is a four-point peace plan for 1974:

- Be agents of reconciliation.
- Be politically and socially responsible.
- Be willing to exercise restraint in material standards of living.
- Be men and women of prayer.

*John Grimdale*

## DUSSELDORF EXCHANGE

A chance to foster personal links with German families during 1974 will be possible under the aegis of the Reading Council of Churches. For the last few years the Council has arranged exchange visits of church people with Reading's twin town in Germany, Dusseldorf. Last year four church members from Reading went to Germany and this year it is the turn of Reading to provide hospitality.

The visit will be from 17th-24th July. Offers of accommodation should be made to the Administrator, St. Mary's Centre, Chain Street, Reading. Further details can be obtained from the same address.

## MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 8th November, 1973. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council presided at the meeting.

A letter was received from Oxfordshire C.C. regarding the siting of the proposed primary school off Shepherd's Lane. This stated that the Area Planning sub-committee had agreed to the use of the corner site of Shepherd's Lane and Tokers Green Lane, and the County Education Committee were therefore recommending to the County Council that a compulsory purchase order should be imposed. The Parish Council are fully aware that the County Council are likely to have considerable difficulty in enforcing such an order on this particular site, and it would seem that the County Council were now in an extremely difficult predicament so far as acquiring a suitable site is concerned, particularly as the school is scheduled to open in September, 1975.

The Council were advised of difficulties that had been encountered in the Parish during a recent sponsored walk. The Council were informed that there are a number of these walks that take place at frequent intervals by various organisations. Most of these "walks" use The Warren as their starting out point from Reading. A quantity of litter is invariably left behind and there is also a certain amount of misuse of the countryside. It is understood that Oxfordshire C.C. have prepared a country code to cover behaviour on public footpaths for such matters as sponsored walks and the Parish Council are anxious to implement this so that the footpaths can be protected.

Among planning applications received, the Council considered one from Henley R.D.C. seeking approval for housing development by the Rural District Council for housing development on land adjoining Chazey Close, Chazey Heath.

The Parish Council agreed that the application should be approved and have informed Oxfordshire C.C. accordingly. Whilst no mention had been made on the application of the type of development, e.g., the type of houses that would be built, it was felt that as the number of old people's dwellings owned by Henley R.D.C. in the Chazey Heath area was low, it would be desirable to balance the community in that area by providing accommodation suitable for that age group.

The Council were advised of letters received from the Traffic Commissioners concerning the reduction of the Chiltern Queen bus service by withdrawing the early morning bus. Although the letters did not indicate there was likely to be any immediate return to the original service, the Council agreed to keep the matter under review.

## POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

You ask in this month's issue of the "Caversham Bridge" for comments about the possibility of using churches for activities other than the services.

Yes of course, why not? Could not the fixed pews be replaced gradually by chairs, as money was collected for this purpose? If coffee is to be served at the back of the church a kitchen would surely be necessary. A small addition to the church in the way of a meeting room for a very few people, with a stove, a cupboard for crockery, etc., might not be impossible.

As regards the hushed voices, I think a great many are somewhat inhibited by the altar and while not wishing to "shut out God" do you think that at least in the beginning, it might be less inhibiting if a screen or curtain could be drawn across the step by the choir, this of course, to be pulled back when a service was to take place.

Anyway, here is one person who is fully in agreement with your ideas on this subject.

Yours faithfully,

Marion Thorpe

9 St. Peter's Avenue,  
Caversham.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Jubilee Club for Mapledurham's Senior Citizens may I thank everyone who contributed to making their Open Afternoon on November 12th such a wonderful success. The money raised at this meeting amounted to over £61 and will enable members once again to have a trip to the pantomime in January and an afternoon out next summer. Little treats like this make all the difference to the lives of the elderly and many of our members are well over eighty. It is very heartening to know we have so many kind friends. We are indeed grateful for their support.

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# LETTER FROM NIGERIA

"ONE BIG PROBLEM HERE IS THE ORIENTATION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES. These are focused in our hospital, which has an abundance of well-qualified doctors who often do work which could be done by less well-qualified people. A vast number of patients are seen in out-patients' departments and many of these have travelled a long way, spending money they can ill afford. Should our doctors be training large numbers of medical officers to staff the rural health centres? This would apply to the training of laboratory assistants, who are important members of a rural health team. It is very easy to moralise on this issue, but I would feel my time better spent in training laboratory workers as well as assisting with the worthwhile, practical research being done here.

"I have recently been helping on a project on cerebral malaria being conducted by Dr. Bructon, who has now returned to England to take up a post at Birmingham University. There is some outstanding immunological work for the project, which I will do shortly.

## MALNUTRITION

"Malnutrition is another big problem here, and we have a clinic every Wednesday

for medical examination and treatment, plus some education about foods and methods of preparation. I have been responsible for the collection and processing of blood samples during the past few months. Recently I set up a micro method for serum albumin measurement. This is a useful biochemical test for assessment of malnutrition. I encountered a number of problems setting up the method and still have some problems with unreliable refrigeration facilities due to power cuts. A project on tuberculosis and malnutrition run by the paediatric and medicine departments will be starting shortly and will involve me in immunological work.

Gondoliers', in which I had a small solo part.

"Entertaining is very popular here and is usually on a very informal basis. I have occasional dinner parties, but prefer to have a large number of people for a slide show or pancake evening.

"There is a close sense of community in our flats and most people make one very welcome if one wants to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea. On the negative side it is easy to become introspective in such a situation and I find an occasional visit to a nearby village helps to keep things in perspective. I also enjoy visiting markets for social contact as well as for attractive purchases. I

do more reading here and enjoy African novels and travel books now that I can appreciate them better. Magazines and newspapers from England are also welcome.

"I have been on several trips in recent months, including a week-end in Sokoto and Argungu for the fishing festival; a week-end at the Yankan game reserve and a week in Jos.

"We have recently said goodbye to a few V.S.O.s and new ones are arriving, so now it's my turn to help them settle in. Above all a sound philosophy and a good sense of humour are needed here to withstand the frustrations and subtle pressures."

## PROUD WALKERS

Some of the nursery nurses from the Reading College of Technology at the beginning of their recent sponsored walk from Kings Meadow to Mapledurham and back. The walk, to raise money for Ethiopian famine relief, raised about £120. Several students from Caversham took part.



Reading Chronicle.

## W. E. A.

The Workers' Educational Association will again be sponsoring two 10-week (once weekly) evening lecture courses on topical subjects at Chiltern Edge community centre, Sonning Common. Mr. L. C. Cameron will lecture on Industrial Archaeology (starting at 7.30, Thursday, 17th January). His lectures should be of interest to all those who think the industrial past is worth preserving. Mr. M. R. Weller's course will examine the relationship between geology and the scenery of Southern England. A number of areas will be contrasted with local scenery.

Both courses will be illustrated with slides and a coffee break will be followed by a discussion. Further details available from the Branch Secretary, Mr. M. E. Wyatt, Dysons Wood (Kidmore End 3369).

## SPARE TIME

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## CORRECTION & APOLOGY

We regret that in last month's 'Caversham Bridge' Mrs. Harper was referred to as Pauline, which is her daughter's name; she is, of course, Hilda. It was also incorrectly stated that they had lived in Fernbrook Road whereas they had lived in Geoffreyson Road since their marriage in 1936. We apologise for these errors.

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## GALLERY VIEWPOINT by Zoilus

The last Borough Council meeting lasted little over an hour, and the District Council the following week a little under. It would be charitable to suppose that our municipal affairs are being conducted with business-like despatch and amicable unanimity, but a more likely reason is that as the Borough Council is entering a running-down period and the District is still more concerned with procedural organisation than policy, the nitty-gritty flavour of decision making is temporarily lacking.

But the basic work of running a town still goes on and the December meeting of the Development and Planning Committee lasted 2½ hours, dealing with 24 items ranging from the future of the Oakley Road allotments to the re-building of Minster Street.

### SPEEDWAY STADIUM

At the start of proceedings there were more spectators sitting in the gallery than at the full Council Meeting. The main reason for this show of interest was that item 10 referred to the proposed new speedway stadium off the Basingstoke Road, and the supporters of the sport present in force must have felt their vigil worth while as the committee gave approval to the basic plans with little discussion. Indeed their main interest was that detailed plans should be provided quickly so that speedway — including stock car and greyhound racing — should commence as soon as possible. Whereupon the on-lookers in the gallery rose as one man and happily clattered out.

Restored to a more normal privacy, the committee dealt with a number of minor items but were unable to make a decision as to the siting of the local market, which is to be moved from its present home in Great Knollys Street. Some members were inclined to be a bit tetchy about the delay in coming to a decision, but it was explained that there are so many

organisations to be approached such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Market Traders' Association, local shopkeepers, etc., that full consultations cannot be completed until next month. My own quite uninspired guess would be it will eventually settle down somewhere in the St. Mary's Butts area.

### MINSTER STREET

A major topic of discussion was the proposed additions to the Minster Street frontage of Heelas. It seems there are plans afoot to widen the street so that it can work in conjunction with the new inner distribution road, to allow very large lorries to use it as a supply channel for the Broad Street stores. Heelas want to erect a 90ft. high building as an addition to their present complex and build a covered car park adjacent to it. Drawings showing the effect of this were displayed and the committee was told that most of the scheme was approved by the Berkshire Society of Architects. On the whole, the members gave the plans a pretty rough ride. For a start they were unanimous that the additions should be reduced to a height of 45 feet, which is the same as the existing buildings and there were objections to any drastic alterations to Minster Street. The younger members in particular were against changes in one of Reading's ancient thoroughfares. Cllr. Jones did not want to see old buildings pulled down to make way for "modern" monstrosities and Cllr. Rush thought that much of old Reading was superior to the sort of development present day commerce would require. Cllr. Jones said that not enough consideration had been given to objections from the area and that the street should be kept in its present state.

### VEWS TO BE SOUGHT

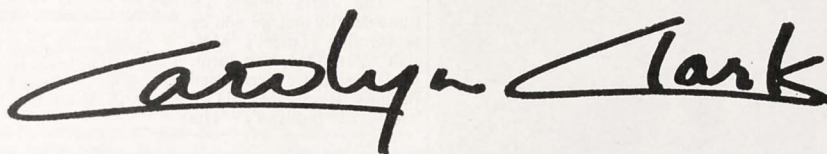
It was pointed out by the planning officer that if all change was resisted, the quality stores in the

district might well be forced out and something far worse could take their place. Cllr. Williams was bold enough to suggest that there weren't many worthwhile buildings left, anyway, and Ald. Badnall was much concerned that nothing should be done that would detract from the appearance of Gun Street or the vista towards St. Mary's Church. It was agreed that before any decision was made the views of local bodies such as the Civic Society should be sought.

This may sound all very splendid to those who have campaigned to keep our town in the traditional mould. The Development Committee is sincere in its desire to retain the charm of the area, but so often commendable resolution has been swept away by the remorseless juggernaut of compulsive change. Minster Street is in a conservation area it is true. But that doesn't mean as much as it sounds and has nothing like the force of a preservation order. It may be arguable that given the drastic alterations in the Butts and the radical changes to be brought about by the inner distribution road, it is rather ridiculous to jib at modernising a quite ordinary street that has not kept a great deal of its old world appeal.

### EGGS

It is a pity that the civic fathers in the past were not as careful of Reading's heritage as the present councillors now seem to be. But the ancient and the modern have this in common, the desire that the borough should prosper and grow, and growth has meant change and change has brought destruction. Would it be heresy to suggest that the quality of life might be better in a town that was a little smaller rather than one a lot larger? Nobody has yet found a way of making an expansionist town plan omelette without breaking some traditional eggs. And Minster Street may well be one of those eggs.



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**TALKING POINT**by *Leonard Burn***RENEWAL—  
NOT REVIVAL**

Despite the official decline in numbers of Church membership, Christians are continually hearing about movements for renewal within the churches; these take various forms, liturgical, ecumenical, charismatic, stewardship, retreat and so on.

No doubt they are all, to a greater or lesser extent, part of God's continuing work, but the question must be, renewal for what? It is all too easy for any aspect of the present life of the Church to become an end in itself, and for any movement to become similar to Jesus' raising of Lazarus. When Lazarus was brought back to life he was restored to his former state. No doubt at a later stage he fell ill again and subsequently died. Nothing had really changed, his time before his physical death had been merely prolonged. In the same way the various movements concerned with renewal can become the instruments of revival.

**NEW LIFE**

If that is the case they can do nothing but harm to the work of the Gospel because revival implies the Church being restored to a state in which it was previously. At the present time there appear to be pessimists who say that the Church has lost its former strength, and optimists who say that the Church is recovering its strength. This is a false way of looking at the Church because Christians should not be concerned with revival or restoration but with

resurrection. The Christian faith stands or falls upon Christ's Resurrection. The Easter faith is founded upon Christ being resurrected to new life.

The idea of death followed by new life is not an idea restricted to the person of Jesus, but is a fundamental fact of life. Our physical bodies are not static things, but are kept ALIVE by cells continually dying and being renewed. The process of dying and rising can be seen in major events during the course of life such as going to school, getting married, experiencing bereavement and so on. Similarly the Gospel is not static or fossilised. Its essential truth is eternal but its expression and application are continually being expressed in new ways; therefore a church or movement within a church bent on mere revival is doomed and deserves only to die.

**ON-GOING PROCESS**

On the other hand those who forecast the total death of the institutional Church as we know it have little grounds for their argument if one accepts the principle of death followed by resurrection or renewal. Renewal does not mean sudden or drastic change or transformation for the life of the Church any more than it does for us physically.

It is rather the process by which the Church exists. The root of the Church's life is the renewal of Christians day by day as they die with Christ and are raised with him. Re-

newal does not belong to this or any other decade, it has been present since Easter Day. There are periods when this process gives rise to more corporate or universal expression, for example the ecumenical movement marks a definite attitude of death to old hostilities and a new sense of understanding and co-operation, the liturgical movement with its recent services for the Eucharist and Baptism show a death of old over clerical and superstitious attitudes for a more realistic approach.

New movements must not be rejected out of hand, nor regarded as the ultimate answer. The real test of any force within the Church whether it be Vatican Two or the growth of Pentecostalism is whether it merely produces a revival, either personal or general, or can be seen to be a true expression of resurrection or renewal which always has been and always will be an integral part of the Church's experience.

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**AMETHYST TOURS, 1974**

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# ROUND THE CLUBS

## Blagrove W.I.

The November meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Upper Woodcote Road. The president welcomed one new member. An interesting report of the autumn Council meeting was given by our delegate, Miss Chapman. This was followed by a discussion on our various activities during the past month, viz.: Visits to other Institutes, theatre outing to Windsor, census delivery, flower arranging in hospital, etc. Members then assisted in suggestions for an interesting 1974 programme.

The competition for a col-

lage was won by (1) Mrs. Day; (2) Mrs. Sholl; (3) Mrs. Moore. The raffle prize was won by Mrs. Smith.

## Mapledurham W.I.

Mrs. Bramwell, the President, had a lot to report at the November meeting. A very successful party had been given for the Jubilee Club on 8th October, the entertainment being a conjuror followed by

tea and presents for all. On October 29th a party of the older members of this W.I. went to Nettlebed for lunch and were then taken for a ride in the country to admire the Autumn tints, and finishing up at Mrs. Bramwell's house for a cup of tea. At the November meeting Mrs. Westley showed and talked about slides illustrating the Beauty of Britain and this she did very successfully indeed—making most members want to start off there and then of a tour of Britain.

Green Guilds, and Woodley were the winners. Special Stuffs had as their theme Welfare, and had had speakers from such organisations as the James Butcher's Homes, Multiple Sclerosis, etc. The Drama Group entered three festivals and were now busy rehearsing for the Christmas party.

The secretary ended her report with many thanks for the help given to her during the year by the chairman and her assistant secretary, Mrs. Jan Brown.

In the treasurer's report Mrs. West stated that costs had again risen more than expected but that with our coffee mornings and successful jumble sale we had managed to keep our heads above the water. The outlook for next year was more rising costs, but it was hoped that the Christmas bazaar on December 1st next would give a good foundation for future unforeseen commitments.

In her remarks the chairman, Mrs. Griffiths, gave sincere thanks to all members of the committee, but especially to her secretary and treasurer and vice-chairman, and special mention was made of Mrs. Aplin, who invariably misses some of each meeting as she is i/c in the kitchen. Mrs. Griffiths then said that it was a pleasure but also a sadness to make a presentation to Mrs. V. W. Kitcher, who was retiring from the committee. Mrs. Kitcher was a founder member, a past chairman, president, and lately vice-chairman and has also (and it is hoped will continue) given unstintingly any help or service needed. A liquidiser was then presented on behalf of all Guild members.

## Caversham Park W.I.

The November meeting was well attended and the president was pleased to welcome two visitors. Mr. Doe gave an illustrated talk on East Africa, featuring Mombasa, Zanzibar and one of the famous national parks in Kenya. His close-range shots highlighted the animals in their natural surroundings.

With the approaching festive season, members look forward to their Christmas dinner on December 6th and the Christmas party on December 13th, which is also the 13th birthday of the Institute.

## Rosehill W.I.

Mrs. Sansum was in the Chair. Mrs. Collinson, delegate to the Autumn Council Meeting, gave an interesting account. Final arrangements for the Christmas Fayre on November 24th were made. During the month an entertainment and party for 42 old people was given, a Jumble Sale held, and a Skittles evening. Mrs. Stockwell, a member from Dorset, and an old member, Mrs. Vaughan, were welcomed. The speaker on Jewellery and Silver was unable to attend. Mrs. Booker won the competition (bootees). Entries were sold at the Fayre.

## Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The following officers were elected at the A.G.M. on 13th November — Mrs. J. Smith, Chairman; Mrs. K. Taplin, Vice-Chairman; Miss N. Pollard, Treasurer; Mrs. E. Wilkinson, Secretary.

The Guild look forward to another busy and successful year under their new chairman.

A Social evening and Bring and Buy were also held.

## Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

At the annual general meeting of the Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild the following officers were elected:

Chairman: Mrs. Connie Griffiths; Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Marion Kitchen; Secretary: Mrs. Joyce Gosling; Treasurer: Mrs. Pauline West.

In her report for the year from October 1st, 1972, until September 30th, 1973, the secretary stated that there had been 136 members and an average attendance of 80 at the monthly meetings. The programme had been varied, with talks on antiques in Russia and the history of art to a Gardeners' Question Time and an insight on local eccentrics; not forgetting a very welcome return visit by Miss Hibberd who this time showed underwear through the ages. This year's birthday party had been a great success with a knife and fork buffet and a splendid exhibition of Scottish dancing. A challenge quiz had been organised with Woodley Evening, Caversham Afternoon and Emmer

## Caversham Afternoon T.G.

The Autumn Fayre was held in Balmore Hall on Saturday, November 3rd. It was very well supported and the many and varied articles made and collected by Guild members and friends were quickly snapped up. Thanks to all whose efforts made the venture so successful.

During the past month members enjoyed a trip to the Mermaid Theatre in London and to the Sainsbury Singers' presentation of "Patience" at the Reading Town Hall. At the A.G.M. on Thursday, November 15th, the hon. secretary, Mrs. E. C. Manning, outlined the social and educational activities over the past 12 months. These included talks on various topics of interest, outings and visits and recreational subjects. The popular president, Miss N. K. Brown, was elected for a further 12 months in that office. Mrs. C. Mitchell thanked the

retiring hon. treasurer, Miss E. R. Baker, for the able way in which she had performed her duties over the past years. A presentation was made to mark her retirement. Miss Baker is being succeeded by Mrs. E. M. Beedie.

On display during the meeting was a selection of garments made by the Chiltern Group. These garments are being sent to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday in each month at 2.15 p.m. in the Caversham Community Centre. New members are always welcome.

secretary due to temporary ill-health was regretfully accepted. A substitute committee, comprising Mrs. Bluring (President) and Mrs. Bovey (Secretary) took over for the afternoon, which was then given over to the enjoyment of the Christmas party, organised by a committee of volunteers.

## Maplewood W.I.

Mrs. Betty Osbourn presided at the November meeting when, in spite of heating restrictions, there was a good attendance. Mrs. Jennifer Short talked on "Stage Make-up", when members were let into some behind-the-scenes secrets on the art of make-believe. One of the members acted as a model.

The competition for a decorated Christmas parcel was very well supported, with some delightful results, which were handed over to the old people's luncheon club.

## Rosehill W.I.

After the general business had been concluded, the results of the Christmas Fayre announced and tree-planting arrangements made, two new members—Mrs. Shuffle and Mrs. Lewis—were welcomed. Mrs. Bradley's resignation as

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Always well observed, the week of prayer for Christian Unity this year is being observed in a special way in Caversham. On four nights of the week short services will be held at 9.30 p.m. in different churches. On Saturday, January 19th there is to be a mid-day service followed by a lunch at Caversham Park: the annual Bridge scheme meeting will be held as usual, and this year Caversham will have a visit from the Bishop of Oxford when he will be the celebrant and preacher at a special service of Holy Communion in St. Peter's. Immediately after the service there will be refreshments and an open forum in the church with a general discussion with the Bishop.

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND  
SERVICES**

Saturday, January 19th  
11 a.m. at Caversham Park School. Ecumenical service and coffee.

Monday, January 21st  
7.30 p.m. at St. Anne's School. Annual Meeting of the Bridge Scheme of Social Service.

Wednesday, January 23rd  
8 p.m. Holy Communion in St. Peter's. Preacher: The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Woolcombe, with discussion following the service.

Friday, January 25th  
7.30 p.m. United Service in St. Laurence's. Preacher: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth.

**Nightly Services at 9.30 p.m.**

Friday, January 18th  
St. Paul's United Reformed Church.

Monday, January 21st  
St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church.

Tuesday, January 22nd  
Caversham Free Baptist Church.

Thursday, January 24th  
Caversham Methodist Church Gosbrook Road.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th**

Preachers at the Family Eucharist at 9.15 a.m.

St. Peter's—

The Rev. Stephen Haine

St. John's—

Mrs. Myra Parsons

St. Andrew's—

The Rev. Laurence Stevens

St. Barnabas—

The Rev. Terence Harris

Preachers at 11 a.m.

Caversham Methodist Church

Gosbrook Road—

The Rev. Brian Gardiner

Caversham Free Baptist Church—

The Rev. Stephen Bartlett

St. Paul's United Reformed Church—

The Rev. John Steverson.

Preacher at 11.15 a.m.

Caversham Park School—

The Rev. Laurence Stevens

# CHRISTMAS 1972

by **ENID CADDY**

It was 11 a.m. on Christmas Eve when I left Heathrow. It was dull and overcast, but I was bound for the exotic Caribbean, so the weather was immaterial! My flight took me over the Atlantic and snow covered Nova Scotia to a very damp New York, where I changed planes and joined many West Indian families on their way home for Christmas.

It was dark when I arrived at Antigua, where I was to stay overnight before flying on to Anguilla the next day. My first sight of the Caribbean was from the balcony of my hotel at 7 a.m. on Christmas morning. I looked out and saw a deep blue cloudless sky, a turquoise sea, and strange trees and shrubs waving in the breeze. In the distance were low white houses, and beneath the balcony were red poinsettias and orange-leaved bushes. Even at that time of the morning it was unbelievably warm and sunny. This, of course, was what I had visualised, but it was almost impossible to believe that it was Christmas Day. There was just time to have a quick look round the island before setting off on the final lap of my journey to Anguilla, where we landed at 2 p.m., in time for a swim before our Christmas dinner in the cool of the evening.

Anguilla is quite different from Antigua—in fact from any of the other islands. It is a coral island of about 50 square miles and 5,000 inhabitants—like one large sprawling village. No luscious growth here; no fruit trees; no gardens; and only a few rather scraggy poinsettias. The only things I saw growing in profusion were enormous cacti. But what the island lacks in vegetation is certainly recompensed by the beauty of its beaches, with their countless varieties of shells and fish. The warm sea was so attractive that we could have stayed in all day, but the natives consider it too cold at this time of year and let us have the exclusive use of all these benefits.

Communication is not easy on the island, but the Anguillians are grateful for the newly installed radio service now operating between the islands, which is used for local news and personal messages. There are only two telephones, and you have to have your own generator if you want electricity. (There was no point in reading in bed if you had to climb out of your mosquito net to turn off the generator and then come back over the grass in the dark.) The water is stored in tanks under the house and has to be pumped up for use, and if it dries up you have to go and buy some more. All this may give the impression of life being very primitive, but it is surprising how adaptable one can be, and my stay in Anguilla was really very civilised. However, it is not a tourist island, neither was I there as a tourist, so I was fortunate in being able to mix with and get to know these friendly and generous hearted people. It was good to see them packing the churches every Sunday, and to hear their full-blooded singing and ardent responses.

One of the most vivid recollections of the whole holiday was the Covenant Service held at one of the Methodist churches which I attended on January 7th. The church was full to capacity and over a hundred of us took communion. I

remember the sun pouring in through the ever-open doors and windows; the colours of the dresses of the women and children; the realisation that this service, word for word, was taking place all over the world. It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

I am truly grateful that I was able to spend Christmas with these new friends, and I can look back with pleasure on an experience that will come only once in a lifetime. When I left one of the children living next door "planted" a little home-made flag in the window-box of our balcony as a token of goodwill and wishing me a safe return. It was an emotional moment and I was almost envious of the happy carefree existence on this island of perpetual sunshine, where the temperature never falls below 78°F.

Mrs. Caddy, a member of Caversham Heights Methodist Church, is a teacher at Battle Primary School. Her son Jeremy was in Anguilla on secondment from the Reading Education Department, as a specialist in primary education. He is now head of Park Avenue Primary School, Tilehurst, and his wife Jenny, who was in Anguilla with him, teaches at Southcote Primary School. Mrs. Caddy's father, Mr. S. E. Marsh, was a teacher in Reading for many years, serving at E. P. Collier and Greyfriars Schools.

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It stands for the Family and what the Family means, as does the festival. The festival is about the Family for all concerned in Family life. That includes everybody, Mum, Dad, the children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, everybody. It is based on the hope that the Family in our complex fast changing world, has an important future. That within the uncertain times of God's judgment there are new life and new possibilities for the taking.

It is hoped that the Family Festival will have something for everyone—at different levels.

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- 1 Our own understanding of what Family and belonging to a Family might mean.
- 2 Enjoying ourselves as one big united Family.
- 3 Going out beyond our Family to those in need, especially those deprived of a family life.

Each church will be involved in organising some facet of the Festival, and all the churches will be involved together during the fortnight as a Family.



## HELP FOR CHARITIES

As a Family we will work, play and worship together and we hope raise money for the following charities:—  
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Reading MENCAP—the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

All these charities deal with the Family, God's Family.

So get involved as a Family—have a word with your church's representative and find out what you can do in the Festival.

Regular items will appear in "Caversham Bridge" to keep you in touch with what is happening regarding the Festival.

Car stickers will be available shortly, carrying the symbol. You know what it means and what it stands for—make sure all your Family do too!

## STREET NAMES OF CAVERSHAM

by F. MALPAS

Donkin Hill is a short street with a strange name. In 1832 it was called Shiplake Lane, in 1894 Little Hill, and it did not receive its present name till about 1910. This commemorates a distinguished owner of the land round about there.

He was General Sir Rufane Donkin who, as acting governor of the Cape of Good Hope in 1820, was responsible for the foundation of Port Elizabeth there. He laid out the town for over 3,000 British settlers and erected a stone pyramid (which is still there) in memory of his wife, Lady Elizabeth, who had died in 1818, "one of the most perfect of human beings, who has given her name to the town below."

On Sir Rufane's death in 1841 his son came to live for a short while at Caversham House, where St. Martin's Centre is now, before buying Wyfold Grange in Checkendon parish.

Obviously few Caversham land owners have been known far from the village, but both John Champion the miller and Charles Coldicutt the butcher were respected local tradespeople a century ago, and both have streets laid out on their land and named after them.

William Briant's farm was sold in 1890 for housing, and Briant's Avenue runs across his land. His farmhouse was demolished only two years ago to make way for 23-9 Star Road.

Ernest May's farm has also gone for housing; after the Royal Agricultural Society's Show had been held on his land in 1926 he sold up, and Mayfield Road was built some years later.

Hewett Avenue (Mapledurham) commemorates the donor of the Mapledurham Playing Fields, Mr. C. E. Hewett of Chazey Hill, Upper Warren Avenue. His house is now split into East, Middle and West Chazey, but his generous 39 acres gift should stay for ever.

There is one other kind of landowner that can be mentioned, and that is the builder, who buys land only to sell it again once there are houses on it. Here two roads in Mapledurham spring to mind: Geoffreyson Road, which is named after Geoffrey Gant, son of the then head of the building firm, and Carlton Road, named after the London firm which built it and Silverthorne Drive.

# FESTIVAL

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### Up to June 1974:

"The Family of Man" project for local schools. The schools' work will be exhibited during the festival fortnight.

### May 12th:

"Family Workshop"—a half-day conference at which Dr. Jack Donimian, a consultant psychiatrist well-known for his writings on "Family Life," will be present. There will be something there for each member of the family.

### Festival Fortnight (June 28th to July 14th)

#### Friday, June 28th to Sunday, June 30th:

Flower Festival in St. Peter's with special St. Peter's Day services on Saturday, June 29th, and a concert. Organiser: Mrs. L. Cropp.

#### Sunday, June 30th:

Special evening inaugural services.

#### Wednesday, July 3rd:

A "Full House" of Theatre and Folk Music. Organiser: Mr. D. G. Snell, St. Barnabas.

#### Saturday, July 6th:

Cricket Match. Organisers: Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Mrs. M. Sholl and Mr. H. Baker. Evening Concert at Caversham Free Baptist Church. Organiser: Mr. L. T. Farmer.

#### Tuesday, July 9th:

"Teach In" where representatives from the four charities concerned will explain their work and answer questions.

#### Friday, July 12th:

"Pop Evening" organised by Emmer Green Youth Club.

#### Saturday, July 13th:

"Festival Fair" in Caversham Court. A combined Churches fair organised by St. Andrew's Organisers: Mr. E. Boulding and Miss E. Hawthorne. An evening of fun and gaiety led by Caversham Park Church. Organiser: Mr. P. Handford.

#### Sunday, July 14th:

A United Service of Holy Communion in Caversham Court.

#### Autumn:

A follow-up period, when there will be house groups meeting for eight sessions on the theme of "Christian Family Life."

Also throughout the fortnight there will be a Festival Shop which will sell goods for the charities which the Festival will be supporting.

In addition to this there will be a competition and exhibition of Family Art. This will be organised by Caversham Methodist Church and St. John's. All enquiries to Mrs. Rosemarie Peck.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## ST. CECILIA

For several years the choir of St. Andrew's has paid tribute to St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music, whose festival falls on November 22nd. On the following Sunday (November 25th) a large congregation attended Evensong, when the canticles were sung to the setting by T. A. Walmisley. The service was followed by a short programme of music by members of the choir, including organ and flute solos, an item by a group of boys, a song by some girls with guitar accompaniment and an effective duet by two adult members. The choir sang E. H. Thiman's anthem "Let all the world," and deserves commendation for its quality of tone and diction: a pleasing feature of the occasion was the part taken by the younger members.

## ST. PETER'S NEWS

**Carols—and more Carols.** The 10th annual carol service with the combined choirs of St. Peter's and Queen Anne's School proved as popular as ever, and in spite of petrol difficulties the congregation in St. Peter's numbered over 500 on Advent Sunday. The order of service was revised this year, and was generally thought to be an improvement. There will be carols again on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday January 6th at 6.30 p.m. and the lesson readers will be the councillors designate for Thames and Caversham Wards for the new district council which comes into being on April 1st. There will be plenty of opportunity that evening for the congregation to "have a good sing."

**News from Singapore.** Ralph and Sylvia Reid who moved some years ago from Caversham to Perth in Western Australia where they got to know Ted and Olive Price who had also moved there from Caversham, are now with their daughters Karen and Wendy in Singapore. They are members of St. George's Church, Singapore and hope to visit Caversham during 1974.

**Mothers' Union.** The prayer group is being restarted and the first meeting will be at Church House on Tuesday, 15th January at 10.30 a.m., and on every third Tuesday. Members are urged to attend.

## BISHOP AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's will be welcoming as preacher at the Family Eucharist on Sunday, January 27th at 9.15 a.m. the Bishop of Matabeleland, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Wood. Of Welsh stock Bishop Wood has been described as "a Welshman with plenty of Celtic fire." The Bishop was born and bred in Cardiff. After his theological training at Mirfield he served for three years as a curate in Cardiff before going to Johannesburg in 1945. In 1956 he became Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia and was consecrated as Bishop of Matabeleland in Bulawayo Cathedral in 1971.

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## CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Seasonal Fare" is the latest venture of the Caversham Heights Womens' Fellowship. They have produced this recipe book as their contribution to the Hall Improvement Fund and aim to sell 200 copies at 40p each. The book is attractively produced, with a strong plastic cover and spine, and includes such delicacies as "Lamb chops with tomato sauce," and "Gooseberry meringue flan," besides instructions for making a harvest bread plait and hot cross buns, both with and without yeast. It is a truly combined effort of the whole fellowship, as the title was chosen by ballot, and 15 people contributed recipes or helped with the compilation and quotations.

Womens' Fellowship continues to meet in the Church Hall in Highmoor Road at 2 o'clock on alternate Thursday afternoons. It is open to ladies of all ages who would like to come, and welcomes new members.

The programme for January is as follows:

Jan. 10th Mrs. Sawyer. "Save the Children Fund."

Jan. 24th Mrs. Crutchley. "My visit to South Africa."

Further details and copies of "Seasonal Fare" can be obtained from Mrs. M. Beek, 29 Morcambe Avenue, Caversham, (Reading 477428.)

## THE MONTH'S NEWS FROM GOSBROOK ROAD

The month started well with the encouraging news that the Annual Gift Day had raised £421. A happy weekend was had by everyone.

The 1st Caversham Girls and Boys Brigades enrolment service took place, commencing with a parade led by the Boys Brigade band. About 70 young people took part. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Harris.

The Boys' Brigade held a Beetle Drive on November 24th and a pleasant evening was spent with officers, boys, parents and friends.

The Young Wives held a three course lunch on December 1st and about 70 people were served. Customers received splendid service from the waiters and waitresses and members are looking forward to the next occasion.

## SAINT BARNABAS' NEWS

The Christmas Bazaar raised £130 for St. Lucy's Hospital, sufficient to complete their new nutrition block. All jokes about St. Barnabas being a refrigerator are now out of date as a new central heating boiler is now installed, heating both the Church and the Hall. The Youth Fellowship joined a discussion group at Emmer Green Club on a number of occasions. Some members took part in the march for justice organised by Reading World Development Group on December 1st. A new Confirmation group of fifteen has begun meeting. November was a sad month in Emmer Green with several sudden deaths. In Stuart Close Mrs. Anslow, Mr. Ford and Mr. Willis died within a couple of weeks. Mr. Evans, a member of St. Barnabas', died suddenly on November 18th and he was followed by Mr. Albert Povey who was born and lived all his life in Emmer Green, and was choirboy and choirman at St. Barnabas. Our sympathy goes to all their families.

## WE RECORD...

**BAPTISED**  
St. Peter's  
December 9th Samantha Tyler  
St. Andrew's  
September 30th Astrid Hazell  
November 18th Simon Pinchen  
St. Barnabas'  
November 4th Angela Stonell  
December 2nd Tracy Lewis  
Caversham Park  
October 7th Sarah Esau  
Melanie Whitehead  
Clare Darke

**MARRIED**  
St. Peter's  
December 8th Christopher Hood and Catherine Whiteman  
St. John's  
December 1st Roger Withington and Gillian Loder

**FUNERALS**  
St. Peter's  
November 26th John Askew  
December 5th Linda Munford  
St. John's  
November 23rd Alice Honey  
St. Andrew's  
November 16th Denis Hall  
St. Barnabas'  
November 23rd Walter Evans  
November 30th Albert Povey

## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

### MISSIONS TO SEAMEN WEEKEND

The Missions to Seamen has never before received the publicity in Caversham that was given to it over the weekend that began with St. Andrew's Day. That night the Rev. Bob Precious, who has spent nearly all his ministry as a chaplain for the society, preached to a large congregation at St. Andrew's: after the service, at which the combined choirs of the parish sang, refreshments were served in the Church Hall and an excellent display stand on behalf of the Mission had been erected. The next morning members of the Church Council met the Rev. Bob Precious and his wife and Capt. Cook at a reception in Church House. On Sunday Mr. Precious kept five engagements beginning with a sermon in St. Peter's at the Parish Communion. He then visited St. Andrew's Sunday school and the bread and cheese lunch at Caversham Park where he met five former seamen. After a brief rest he was at St. John's for Evensong and ended the day with a crowd of interested young people at Emmer Green youth club. Mr. Pearman moved the exhibition several times during the week-end and piloted Mr. Precious to the right place at the right time. The Parochial Church Council will be considering at its next meeting how the parish can give better support to the work of the society.

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# WHO, WHEN & WHERE

## JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

### ANGLICAN

#### St. Peter's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
10.30 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sunday).  
11.00 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).  
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd Sunday).

#### St. John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
4.00 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday).

#### St. Andrew's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd Sunday).

#### St. Barnabas'

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11.00 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd and 4th Sundays).

#### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION (4th Sunday Matins).

### NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

10.45 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

### CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

### CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (The School)

11.15 a.m. Ecumenical Half Hour Family Service.

### METHODIST CHURCHES

#### Caversham Heights

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

#### Caversham

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### St. Anne's

8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 7.00 p.m. Mass.

#### Our Lady of Caversham

8.30 and 10.30 a.m. Mass.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN CAVERSHAM

### Church of England

St. Peter's Hemdean House School, 11 a.m., aged 4 to 7 years.  
Superintendent: Miss R. Eves, 6 Wrenfield Drive.  
Balmore Hall, 11 a.m., age 7 upwards (not 3rd Sunday of the month).

St. Andrew's. St. Andrew's Hall, 11 a.m., age 4 years and upwards.

St. Barnabas' — Church Hall, 11 a.m. (1st, 4th and 5th Sundays).

### Methodist

Caversham Heights — In Church, 11 a.m., age 3 years and upwards.

Superintendent: Mrs. P. Court, 3 Woburn Close.  
Tel. 474478.

### Baptist

11 a.m., aged 3 years and upwards.

Secretary: Miss I. Marshall, 16 Albert Road. Tel. 4.

East Caversham — Age 3 to 7, St. John's Hall, 11 a.m. to noon.

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## CAVERSHAM PARK

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Jan. 6 Family Service, followed by bread-and-cheese lunch.

Jan. 13 & 20 Family Service with teaching groups for children.

Jan. 27 Family Communion with teaching groups for children.

### WEDNESDAY COMMUNIONS at 10.30 a.m.

Beginning in January, these will be every Wednesday for a trial period of six months.

Jan. 2 Paula Andrews, 5 Gifford Close.

Jan. 9 Sue Bould, 11 Holyrood Close.

Jan. 16 Elke Handford, 4 Redberry Close.

Jan. 23 Hilary Outhwaite, 4 Goodrich Close.

Jan. 30 Barbara Robinson, 4 Holyrood Close.

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# HELP TURN INSIDE OUT ON SIGN-IN SUNDAY 13th JANUARY

CAVERSHAM'S ANGLICAN AND FREE CHURCHES WILL BE HOLDING A SIGN-IN ON SUNDAY, 13th JANUARY AS PART OF THE WORLD DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT'S "EUROPE 73" PROGRAMME.

The petition, along with other signatures from all parts of Reading, will be presented to Reading's M.P. Dr. G. Vaughan at a rich world—poor world dinner to be arranged by the local branch of the United Nations Association. There will also be an opportunity on Saturday, 19th January in the centre of Caversham for members of the public to add their names to the petition. The recent march for justice through Reading's town centre (see picture) was part of a national campaign, backed by the churches, major aid societies and the United Nations Organisation, to focus attention on the need to get a better deal for the poorer nations by lowering trade barriers between the Common Market and the developing countries.

## EUROPE FOR THE THIRD WORLD

The campaign points out that the E.E.C. is one of the largest trading organisations in the world and affects the lives of millions outside it who live in poor countries. What they are allowed to sell to the Common Market, the prices they will get and the amounts and terms of aid are currently under discussion, and Britain, along with the other member nations of the community, will soon be making vital decisions. The countries of Asia, Africa and South America need to earn more from what they export in order to finance their own development plans. At present some goods are only permitted in small quantities or after a high rate of duty has been paid. The World Development Movement believes that they should be allowed to sell more freely to Europe. It also believes that the E.E.C.'s Common Agricultural Policy at present stands in the way of a more rational world food policy, by protecting European farmers and keeping out commodities like cane sugar which the developing countries want to sell.

## WHAT THE PETITION IS FOR

The petition therefore has the following aims:

- 1 We call for easier access to the rich markets of the European Community for goods from poor countries, and for regional

policies to ensure that deprived areas within the Community do not suffer.

2 We call for radical changes in the Common Agricultural Policy to allow for continued imports from poor countries of agricultural products, such as cane sugar, at a fair price.

3 We call upon the British Government to increase its official aid to 0.7 per cent. of our gross national product (recommended by the United Nations General Assembly) as a step towards a just distribution of world resources.

## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

The convener of the Read-

ing World Development Group, Mr. Pat Gerrard, of Dacre Avenue, Caversham Park Village, believes that the effect of the campaign could be crucial. "The European Community is now the richest trading bloc in the world; it can be an immense power for good or ill. It is also in a state of flux as a result of the Six becoming the Nine. Attitudes have not yet fixed or hardened. We now have a unique opportunity to use democratic pressure to build up an outward-looking Europe, not isolated behind trade walls of her own making, but playing a responsible role in creating a Europe which would benefit the world as a whole. This promise was repeated at the time of negotiations for our entry to the Community. We must see that it is kept."



Photo: 'The Guardian'

Mr. Derek Barnes (right), of Reading's World Development Group and a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, is seen here with the Bishop Leicester and the Earl of March, handing in a Europe '73 petition to 10 Downing Street. The petition was signed by members of the Synod, including 26 bishops.

# EUROPE



The march for justice for the poor nations setting off from St. Mary's Butts —Evening Post

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# YOUNG CAVERSHAM

by PETER SHOCK

Quite recently, one of those popular British Rail "Away-Day" bargains tempted me to embark on a trip north, to Sheffield in fact. What better starting-off point for a brisk walk over the Yorkshire Moors on a grey November Saturday?

So armed with a 1in. Ordnance Survey I thrust out on to the breezy slopes of Lodge Moor. Alone, I thought. Was I likely to encounter any passer-by on this wind-swept ridge? I plodded on; the pathway became more muddy and narrow, and there, approaching me was a portly figure of courage. I stepped aside and was about to utter the old chestnut, "Age before . . ." when the goodly soul nodded insistently, "No, you have the right of way." I afterwards discovered that my fleeting encounter that day was with His Grace, the Right Revd. Gordon, Lord Bishop of Sheffield!

## SHEFFIELD

Like Rome, Sheffield is a city built on seven hills. Between two of them, on the western outskirts, winds the busy Manchester Road, on which stands a modern-styled church. This is St. Columba's, named after the renowned Irish saint, who with his twelve companions founded the monastery at Iona in 563 AD. Of course there is quite a difference in the architecture of Sheffield's St. Columba and that of the Hebridean Monastery. But the connection between the former and the folk of Caversham is that it is the Revd. Fred Dawson's territory. Fred left us last year to take up duties as Priest-in-charge of this 16-years-old church in the Parish of Ranmoor. You can guess, I just had to make a chance call on Fred, whose rambling vicarage lies about a couple of hundred yards from the church. Hardly had I crossed the threshold when I was greeted with the hearty exuberance of young Jonathan and Clare. Billie, Fred's wife was busy with the housework and keeping pace with all that is demanded of a curate's wife. Fred then took me on a Cooks' Tour of his church. I was greatly impressed with the interior design. Built in an L-shaped pattern, one arm comprises the main ecclesiastical area and the other consists of the hall. The building boasts its own kitchen, study, play room and usual offices, and part is constructed on a three-level plan with basement, ground-floor and upper storey. It possesses a unique little tower, topped by a cross. A full ring of bells was intended, but money ran short. The single toll is rung through the office

roof and the rope sometimes gets entangled in the duplicating machine. As we were leaving, children were arriving for a party, just one of many functions held in the hall throughout the week. Fred and his family send their greetings to all friends in Caversham, especially to the readers of the "Young Caversham" columns.

The idea by the Inner London Education Authority to scrap the annual Christmas Carol Concert at the Royal Festival Hall, astonished me. Here, at the South Bank, thousands of London school-children have been able to raise the roof with the singing of their carols for many years. This year, the "progressives" of the Metropolis have concluded that such events are out of date. Better, they say, to have a "sing-along" piped through to the London Schools, with the Spinners Folk Group as choir leaders. Forgive me for being an "oldie," but I can't imagine the thoughts of my old music master at E.P. Collier Central School, Mr. Sydney Marsh, had he been invited to conduct the school's ceremony in a canned fashion. Of course, we didn't have the "Telly" in those days. Caversham Schools have always enjoyed a high reputation for their Christmas Music. These are standards worth preserving. I hope they will continue to use their halls as places where boys and girls can join together to sing their Christmas Hallelujahs in the traditional way.

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## Reading Sailing Club

Reading Sailing Club was formed in 1954 and of the present committee two founder members are Ron Rackley and Robin Kitcher and many are still ordinary members. The original clubhouse was situated up the backwater beside Sonning Lock, where the Thames Motor Boat Club is now sited. Dinghies had to be paddled down to the stretch of river below the lock before sailing could begin. In 1967 the club moved to its present site just opposite the lock entrance (on the Reading side) and from then on enjoyed summer sailing on the river and winter sailing on the gravel pit, and as this pit gradually grew larger the official summer races were moved to the pit, but members can still use the river if they don't want to race. The Sailing Club share the lake facilities with the Ski Club during the summer, but in winter have the use of the whole lake. Membership is at present limited to new members who have Mirrors, Enterprises or Solos. This is because of space restrictions, but there is quite a healthy turnover of members and a waiting list is kept.

At the annual general meeting of the Reading Sailing Club the following officers were elected: Commodore: Robin Kitcher; Vice-Commodore: Brian Absalom; Secretary: Dennis Gower; Treasurer: Derek Hutton; Hon. Bo'sun: Ron Rackley; Sailing Secretary: George Finney.

In his review of the year the retiring Commodore, Peter Holland, gave thanks to all members of his committee for their hard work, with special mention of the social sub-committee, who had organised several very enjoyable evenings for members, including a Tramps' Ball, the annual dinner and

dance and the Bonfire Night party. In his forward statement the Commodore said that the committee were considering another slipway, extension of the jetty and some way of removing the lake weed which made sailing practically impossible during June.

The secretary in his annual report said that membership was slightly down and now stood at 177 with 158 boats, consisting mainly of our adopted classes—Mirrors, Enterprises and Solos. The sailing secretary, Barry Rolfe, who had not been taken over midway from Brian Gauntlett (who had been transferred by his firm to Liverpool), then told members of the new schemes which had been tried out this year—handicap races, special days for each class, no break in the sailing programme from winter to summer, and a junior series (during the weed period). Many lessons have been learnt and most encouraging of all was the growing number of junior helmsmen showing increasing depth of expertise throughout the classes.

The treasurer gave an encouraging report and because of this was able to recommend that entrance fees and subscription remain the same for 1974.

At the end of the business Barry Rolfe had the pleasant task of presenting a silver sugar bowl and chocolates to the retiring Commodore and his lady, Peter and Dot Holland, on behalf of club members. Mr. Holland has been Commodore for five years and during that time the club has progressed from its previous backwater to its present position on the lake with much toil and leadership from the Commodore and the unparalleled help of Madam Commodore.

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