

Mr Geoff Cumming...
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 very difficult reconciliation
 I don't really know yet
 on what basis reintegration
 will be acceptable."

ATTACK GROUP

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 ...ad, which has five members
 ...hours a day, was set up
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 ...ing a rape victim during a
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 ...means that a woman claiming
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 ...last week's meeting, police
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 ...ll added that his officers are
 ...structions to treat the victims
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or kids group



David.
 David has retained his own
 personality. He will be able to
 continue at a special school
 until he is 19 where he will get
 training in using facilities like
 houses and, in fact, the basic
 skills which most of us take for
 granted."

Parents for Children, has no
 set ideas about who would
 make good parents. In fact
 they say that single parent
 families can adopt children
 too.
 Even after a child has been
 legally adopted by the family,
 parents for Children continue
 to give advice and help where
 it is wanted.
 Anyone interested in be-
 coming a parent for either Ali-
 son or David should contact
 the agency on 01 485
 526/7548.

who packed the Madela Bar in the Students Union building at the Whitenights Road campus.

Many of the spectators paid a fee to take a shot or even play a game against the weary fund raisers. A collection round the bar raised £120 alone and that will be sent off to the Sports Aid trust along with a substantial amount of money the university runners raised two weeks ago at the fun run in Prospect Park.

One of the organisers of the marathon pool match, Kate Hann, said afterwards that everything went smoothly although the players needed large cups of coffee throughout the night to keep them going.

A TINY hamlet is showing the way when it comes to raising cash for charity — and they recently received an award for their efforts.

In the past three years customers at The Thatchers Arms pub in North Street near Theale have managed to raise over £800 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

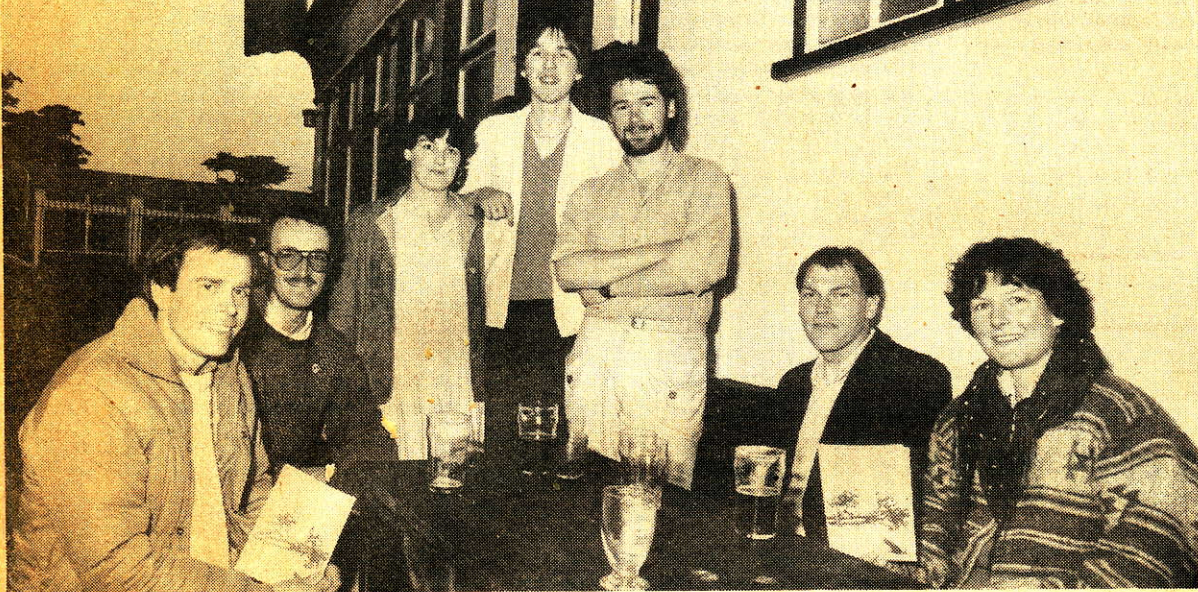
The latest boost for the lifeboat organisation came this week when landlord Dave

Chamberlain and his wife, Judy, handed over a cheque for £500.

And the presentation ceremony became a double event when the publican was given an award for the hard work by his customers. Chairman of the Pangbourne branch of the RNLI, LtCol Godfrey Pease, presented the pub with a special plaque commemorating the fund raising by local people.

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LENDING A HELPING HAND



Members of the "Conserve Reading on Wednesdays" group discuss future plans over a drink at The Dove public house. From the left are Andrew Moody, Malcolm Chandler, Alison Haines, Pete Winters, Pete Young, Steve Marshall and Sue Wilson.

EVERY other Wednesday, whatever the weather, members of a newly-formed conservation group in Reading are out and about doing what they can help to conserve the environment.

Called "Conserve Reading On Wednesdays", the group was formed just 12 weeks ago but has already carried out six tasks involving tree planting, footpath work, coppicing, pond work, wild flower planting and fencing.

CROW currently has nine members and nearly all of them turn up on alternative Wednesdays to be bussed out to a site in need of their care and attention. The first task was at Curtis Wood, Calcot — an area of very old woodland, owned by Calcot Park Golf Club, which has been saved from developers by local residents. CROW members removed scrub and thinned trees to let more light in to encourage the ground flora and

maintaining trees to thrive.

Other tasks have been carried out at Bucklebury Common where heathland was cleared, Moor Copse at Tidmarsh and California Country Park near Finchampstead.

Members who offer their services are picked up from the short-term car park at Reading railway station either

at 10 am or at 1.30 pm and transported to the site chosen for that particular Wednesday's work.

Anyone between the ages of 16 and 70 is welcome to join and no special skills or bulging muscles are needed! All tools and transport are provided, as well as refreshments, and all anyone need take along are

old clothes, strong boots or wellingtons, waterproofs and sandwiches.

The minibus returns either at 1.15 pm or 5.15 pm after which members usually pop into the local pub for a drink and a chat.

Further details are available from Malcolm on Reading 427107 or Steve on 424527.

Burglary led to prison for 'gullible' man

A 38-year-old Reading man who was said to be "gullible and easily influenced" has been gaoled because moves to help him had come to "absolutely nothing."

Kashmir Singh Sran of Mason Street, received 21 months at Aylesbury Crown

Court on Friday where seven weeks earlier sentence had been adjourned after he had been found guilty of burgling PG Finch and Co's insurance broker's office at Woodley.

He was found by police inside the premises hiding under a table and on another indictment Sran admitted handling 11 stolen cheques made out to a total of £1,430 which had been stolen from the Alliance and Leicester Building Society and to using the cheques to try and open a building society account at Maidenhead.

The burglary happened in November last year and the cheque offences a month earlier while he was on parole from prison after serving a four year term for malicious wounding.

The prosecutor Mr Adrian Redgrave said the burglary

happened when Sran was on bail for the cheque offences.

Sran, who was described by Mr G Syril, defending as "gullible and easily led" was told by Mr Recorder Christopher Tyrer: "This matter was put back to see whether there was any possibility of avoiding the inevitable, which saw further imprisonment but it is quite plain there is no alternative whatsoever. Everything which has been investigated has come to nought for a variety of reasons. "The fact is there is nothing in the social enquiry report which remotely justifies me in taking a risk and letting you free. I have to protect the public from your continuing activities." Sran was gaoled for nine months concurrent on the cheque offences and 12 months consecutive for the burglary.

Football festival: More teams needed

AS many as 60 teams have already signed up for the Reading Fives Football Festival being held at Prospect Park on July 12 — and there is still room for more.

The closing date for entries has been extended to June 23

with the reminder that there are four competitions — mens, womens, juniors under 16 and juniors under 12.

Mr Paul Wharton of Reading Recreation said: "Entries have been coming in well but after the success of the first festival last year, we have

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