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# Roundabout

## Confirmation

It is expected that there will be a service of confirmation at St. Thomas' in May 1981. The Rector will be starting a study group for adults in September; and anyone who would like to consider confirmation is invited to consult him. Youngsters must normally be over the age of 12 at the time of confirmation, and their parents will be asked to give assurance of their support in fulfilling their church membership. Classes will begin in September.

## Churches Seek to Co-operate

Although the churches in our area enjoy good relations and hold joint services at certain times, there is no formal link between them and no on-going plan to draw them together. For some time now the ministers of the Anglican and Methodist Churches in West Chesterfield have made it their practice to meet regularly for an early communion service followed by breakfast together. Recently ministers and lay representatives have been meeting to try to discover a way to make unity an on-going reality.

## Bereavement

Bereavement is a painful experience for everyone. It is as if a portion of one's own self has been torn away. It is essential that a process of mourning be satisfactorily worked through in order that the bereaved person may achieve new wholeness - a process which may be very distressing. Nothing can help the bereaved person more than an understanding friend. Yet it is common experience that many people are embarrassed in the presence of bereaved people, and tend to try to avoid them. Here is a valuable ministry for Christians. A training seminar for people who would like to help bereaved people is to be held at St. Thomas' on Monday, 29th September - the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, when the church remembers all who serve human need. Anyone who would like to attend should contact Gill Watts-Jones (32717).

## Healing

A group has been established at St. Thomas' to engage in the Ministry of Healing. The chief purpose of the group is to pray for people in need - and that really means everybody. The members are well aware that their first need is for their own healing, without which they cannot be channels of healing towards others. In a group such as this a high degree of mutual trust is needed, and therefore a firm commitment by members is needed.

People who feel that this may be their ministry in the church are invited to join the group. There will not be meetings in August, but the group will start again on Wednesday 10th September and thereafter fortnightly.

## ROUNABOUT continued

### Days Away in Tents

Several people from St. Thomas' are planning to spend a few days camping together in the Manifold Valley area from Sunday 24th August to Wednesday 27th August. There is some camping equipment available for anyone who would like to join in but who haven't any equipment. Contact John Lenthall or Pat Mellor (68511) for details.

St. Mark's Harvest Supper Celebrations Monday 22nd September at St. Mark's Church with the Chesterfield male voice choir.



### THE GRAND CRICKET MATCH, Sunday June 22nd

"It isn't cricket but it's fun." That was the general verdict of players and spectators alike on the occasion of the St. Thomas's annual cricket match between Choir and Others, and Ladies and Gentlemen. The second team, to make up numbers, included two gallant gentlemen prepared to don wigs and dresses to support the ladies, and their efforts were duly appreciated.

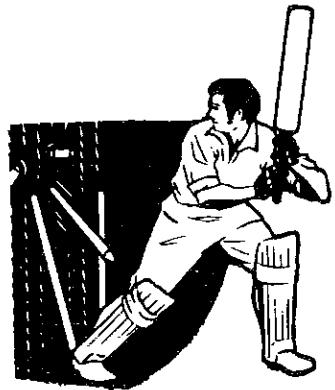
Cricket at its worst seems to be the best way to describe the play, with teams ranging in age from 6 years to 60 plus. Even the weather enjoyed the joke and after days of rain and high wind, the sun came out for the three hours of gang warfare. "Others" were first to bat and even though their best bat was forcibly removed to allow other members of the team to have a go, they beat the Choir by 50 runs. Casualty was one broken finger and our sympathy goes out to the noble player who sustained the injury, with the hope of no permanent damage.

The second game was short and sharp. Ladies went in to bat with one fair member anxiously enquiring for the whereabouts of the goal. Total score for ladies (including the two gentlemen and one small boy) was 30 and the other side was in need of just ten runs to win when rain stopped play. But not for long, and with the small boy happily bowling to the Rector from half way down the pitch, the necessary runs were soon added to the score.

Do come next year, you might score a six.



Part of the reason we are unable to receive the good news of the Gospel is that we are unable to face the bad news about ourselves.



## HOLYMOORSIDE ST. PETER'S

It is always difficult in Holymoorside to find a free date for any function. I suspect this may apply to other villages, but certainly in ours finding a free date for a church function which does not clash with someone else's is a problem.

St. Peter's Day this year was on a Sunday, what better we thought than to have our fete on the previous day, until we remembered that the nearest Saturday before St. Peter's Day is the traditional open day at the Village School. I suspect that this has something to do with the history of that establishment - the building in which we worship was originally a school and worship centre. In the event they did very well and raised over a thousand pounds for school funds.

Our Fete was held on the following Saturday, a day on which the sun shone, and a day on which every right minded Englishman had his eyes glued to the television screen as Borg and McEnroe battled it out on the centre court at Wimbledon. In spite of this we did very well, we did not raise as much as the school did, but more than in previous years.

The next event of any momentum in the Village is the GALA... Festivities will start on Thursday 31st August at 7 o'clock in the evening in the Village Hall with the crowning of the Village Queen followed by a procession to the well site led by the Holymoorside Band, where Ken Serrett and Bill Stillwell of the Methodist Church will conduct a short service of hymns and prayers. This will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall (or in the "Bull" or "Lamb").

Gala Day proper will be on Saturday 23rd August, starting with a procession which will form up at Pinfold Close at 1.30 p.m. arriving at the Recreation Ground at about 2 o'clock. The official opening is by the High Sherriff (Col Robert Robinson) and gates of the ground will be open to the public at 1 o'clock. Cost of admission 30p or if you are very young or very old, 15p. Judged by previous years this will be an enjoyable afternoon and will give you some idea why it is so difficult to find a date for an event in the Village - all the organisation which contribute to village life will be there - the theme is "The Wild West" - you have been warned!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturday 21st June was an important day for the children of St. Thomas' Sunday School. For weeks they had all looked forward to a picnic party in Somersall Park. They prayed for a fine day knowing full well that God does not always answer our prayers in the way that we expect.

Indeed, on this special day no rain fell until almost five o'clock, but the wind was cold and the heavy rain of the preceding days had left the grass too wet for a picnic.

Were they down hearted? Of course not. The people of St. Thomas's, be they children or adults, are not easily beaten by a drop (!) of rain. Arrangements were soon made for an indoor party. Word was quickly passed around and by 3 pm the children were gathered in their Sunday School hall ready and eager to sample what ever had been prepared for them.

The older children were soon involved in a table tennis tournament while the younger ones enjoyed the traditional games such as Musical Chairs and Pass the Parcel. Singing games and races were also included and the fun was fast and furious until it was time to tackle the excellent tea prepared by the ladies of the social committee.

All the usual party fare was quickly consumed including second, and third, helpings of potato crisps.

Who cared about the rain? Choc ices were licked in the usual contended manner while everyone declared that it had been a lovely party.

Margaret Naylor

# LITURGY & CHANGE

It seems the Church of England was in trouble four hundred years ago with its proposals for changes in the Book of Common Prayer! Read the Preface in the Book. "... to keep the means between the two extremes, of too much stuffiness in refusing and of too much easiness in admitting any variation from it."

It is but reasonable that upon weighty and important considerations, according to the various exigency of times and occasions, such changes and alterations should be made therein, as to those that are in place of Authority should from time to time seem either necessary or expedient. Accordingly, we find, that in the Reigns of several Princes .... the Church, upon just and weighty considerations thereunto moving, hath yielded to make such alterations in some particulars, as in their respective time were thought convenient ..... and such alterations therein and additions thereunto made, as should be thought requisite for the ease of tender consciences ..... and therefore of the sundry alterations proposed to us, we have rejected all such as were either of dangerous consequence, or else of no consequence at all, but utterly frivolous and vain. But such alterations as were tendered to us as seemed to us in any degree requisite or expedient, we have willingly and of our own accord assented unto .....

Our general aim therefore in this undertaking was, not to gratify this or that party ..... but to do that, which to our best understanding we conceived might most tend to the preservations of peace and unity in the Church .... most of the alterations were made, either first for the better direction of them that are to officiate in any part of the Divine Service, or secondly for the more proper expressing of some words or phrases of ancient usage in terms more suitable to the language of present times, and the clearer explanation of some other words and phrases, that were of doubtful signification, or liable to misconstruction. Or thirdly, for a more perfect rendering of such portions of Holy Scripture as are inserted into the Liturgy.

..... although we know it is impossible to please all, yet we have good hope that what is here presented, and hath been examined and approved, will be also well accepted by all sober, peaceable and truly conscientious sons of the Church of England."

A wish, surely, echoed by those currently engaged in a similar exercise.



# Singing to the LORD



'Hymns Ancient and Modern' has served the Church for one hundred and twenty years. It was in the middle of the last century that the practice of singing hymns, which played such an important part in the worship of the Weslyans and Independents, began to find favour in the Church of England. Although in no sense official, 'A and M' was the first hymn book to gain general acceptance by the C of E.

During the decades which followed, two supplements were added to A and M to provide those hymns which were coming into general use. By the end of the 1930's, however, the book was hopelessly out of date. Probably no more than half its hymns were ever sung. It was decided that a completely new book was needed. The war delayed the project for a decade: the Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised was finally published in 1950 - a new hymn book for a new era.

The red-covered A & M Revised replaced the old blue A & M in most churches, including St. Mark's and St. Peter's, Holymoorside. St. Thomas' for some reason has never made the change; and its worship has been impoverished by the limitations of a hymn book which became obsolete half-a-century ago.

Although the copies of our present basic book, the old A & M, were becoming increasingly tatty, the P.C.C. hesitated to go to the great expense of re-stocking with A & M Revised. The last twenty years have seen a revival in hymnody - many excellent hymns have been written and some older ones have been re-discovered. A & M Revised is itself therefore now obsolescent, and its purchase would not be justified. This year, however, a new hymn book has been published. "With One Voice" was originally compiled by the Church in Australia. And lest anyone should have wild fantasies about singing Waltzing Matilda after the second lesson, let us assure readers that it is a well-balanced book containing nearly 600 of the best hymns old and new. It is definitely the best basic book for use at the present time. The Church Council has therefore decided to take the step of re-equipping with this hymn book.

It is hoped that none of the expense of buying the new book will fall on church funds. Worshippers are to be invited to purchase one or more copies of the book. Some readers may like to give a copy in memory of a member of the family. If desired, a special label may be inserted in the book presented recording the names of the donor and the person in whose memory it has been given. It should be understood, however, that books given are for church stock and cannot be reserved for the donor's use. Special forms are now available at St. Thomas' Church. Anyone who would like to present a copy or copies is invited to complete the form and return it to church or to the Rectory together with the money - £1.85 per copy.

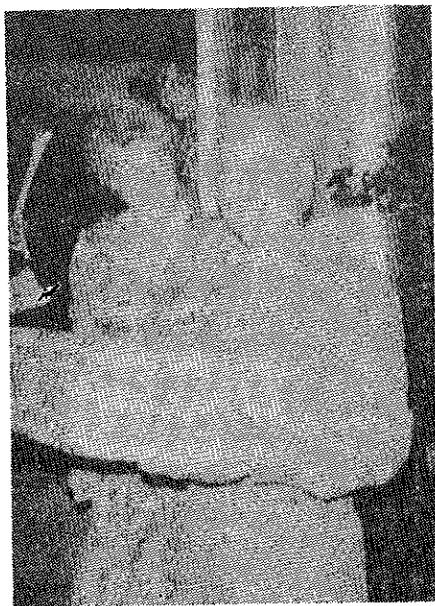


## BOOKS

**BLESSINGS** by Mary Craig  
Published by Coronet Books  
Hodder & Stoughton  
Price 85p

This is a book written by the mother of two mentally and physically handicapped children, and her struggle to overcome the effect this could have made upon her life. It deals with the desperate attempts to find a cure for one child, the acceptance of failure and the strange chance that brought her into contact with the founder of the Sue Ryder Homes. There, at Cavendish in Suffolk, seeing the effect of concentration camps, of Ravensbruck, Auschwitz, Majdanek etc. and the work being done to restore these sufferers, the author was able to find her own way through suffering to acceptance.

This is a most moving book and should be widely read.



Viv's 30 years .....

with the Parish's present, and  
his wife!

## WHY RECORD THE WEATHER?

Climatologists require a continuous thirty year period to establish the 'normal' weather for any place such are the vagaries of our British climate.

The writer commenced his weather observation during 1947 urged on by the severe winter, the Trent floods and hot summer of that year. Equipment was both primitive and limited but was built up over the years. Thirty or so years on the recording is now pretty complex as all the essential climatic parameters are observed, and, hopefully, correctly logged. Punctuality, accuracy and day in day out commitment are the key to a record if it is to be reliable.

Primarily we record weather because it is in obvious and constant change and has so dramatic an effect on our everyday life.

Since recording for the Met. Office very many queries have been received - of interest are reservoir storage, river flows, groundwater recharge, soil moisture content and even irrigational needs, with rain, temperature and frost forecasting checks and information for the Gas and Electricity supply industries forming a high proportion of Met. Office derived enquiries.

Direct applications other than correct barometer settings and data requirements are numerous. The most usual are for insurance claims, from slipping on non-existent ice to total house collapse, lightning damage, and road accidents by the dozen. More interesting are queries on flooding, leaching of waste tips and toxic materials, storm analysis in relation to field and urban drainage, animal and crop disease and even animal husbandry and crop development. Data has been submitted for use during a murder enquiry when the rate of body cooling was ultra significant. Notorious are the cases in court when footprints have been associated with muddy ground or snow lying.

In conjunction with a local medical practitioner several interesting and published relationships were found between weather and the common cold. Without doubt research has the most fascination, especially work involving local weather conditions and problematic climate change. Public data and record information often means going back through years of old records, and will nearly always turn up some interesting and useless piece of information! For example let us take the last three months: -

April with 12 mm of rain was the driest since 1957. -

Spring was the driest since before 1923 and possibly since 1879.

May the 9th saw a minimum of  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  the coldest May night for years.

Sunshine during the month totalled 214 hours in Chesterfield - the brightest May for 14 years. The period 10th - 19th May yielded an average of 13.5 hours of sunshine per day, the longest sunny spell since 1906.



June: 8 days with thunder, with thunder heard on five consecutive days a record in itself. Elsewhere June was either the coldest or wettest on record but here in Chesterfield we've had two wetter and colder Junes since 1944.

It is hoped to give brief details of our past weather, seasonable and unseasonable in subsequent issues of 'Spearhead'.

David Fellows

# THE MOONIES

## a challenge to the Churches



"Good morning! We are the local voluntary community workers. Can we be of any assistance to you? Your garden looks as though it is getting a bit out of hand. Perhaps you'd like us to tidy it up? Oh dear, no! There's no charge - we're doing this because we believe that people should help each other!"

John and Mary Smith were not finding life easy. John had just come out of hospital, and Mary was not well; so how could they resist such an approach from these pleasant and enthusiastic young men who knocked at the door one day? If only there were more of this spirit abroad, the world would be a happier place. And how they worked! When Mary took them a cup of coffee they had such pleasant conversation. They showed keen interest in the family - especially in the young people. And they talked about their beliefs. They spoke of their interest in missionary work. "All people must learn to live together", they proclaimed.

They finished the garden, and before they left they insisted on doing the pile of washing up left from Mary's cooking. "We'll drop round Saturday morning to finish off the edges", they promised.

When they had gone John and Mary talked to their neighbours about their visitors. Who were they? They were interested in religion, but were obviously not from any local church.

True to their promise the 'community workers' turned up on Saturday. The 16-year-old twins, Kate and Robert were at home; and the visitors seemed to be more interested in them than in the garden. On three successive Saturdays the 'community workers' appeared: and now it was clear that they were cultivating the young people, who were attracted by their idealism. 'Here at last', they thought, 'are people who really want to solve the world's problems.' During the third visit the 'community workers' invited the twins to a weekend away at a conference place - "to get to know each other and learn how we can help each other better".

John was already puzzled by these new self-appointed community workers; now he was getting uneasy about the way things were going. He decided that it was time for some blunt talking. Their answers to his questions about their credentials had been vague; and now it seemed to be with reluctance that they came to the point of admitting that they were members of the 'Unification Church'.

The Unification Church: that seemed to ring a bell for Mary. And then it all came back to her: it was a programme on TV's 'Nationwide'. A mother from Leeds was distraught because her son had become involved with the Unification Church - the 'Moonies', they called them - and was now living in some sort of colony in America. She had travelled to America to see her son, but had the greatest difficulty in reaching him. When finally she did meet him, he didn't want to know her. She felt that his personality had changed, and that this was not the son she knew.

Members of the Unification Church are nick-named 'Moonies' after their leader, Sun Myung Moon, a wealthy Korean business man. The teachings of this organisation are strange and disturbing, and utterly incompatible with Christian belief. But that would not have been discovered by Robert and Kate until they were well and truly hooked in the movement, and so involved mentally and economically that they would lack the will to withdraw.

Luckily, Mary and John Smith were alert enough to check out their visitors' credentials; and Kate and Robert were sane enough to understand, when it was explained to them, that they would be wise to have nothing to do with these people.

Many parents and young people are not so fortunate. Mary and John, Kate and Robert are fictitious characters; but the description of Moony tactics is true enough. There are families in this area who have 'lost' children to the Moonies.

The Unification Church has now begun to work in Chesterfield. Its members are active in the town centre and in pubs selling their literature, which may be recognised by the title 'One World' or by the symbol at the head of this article.

Anyone who would like to know more about this organisation, its teaching and activities, and the front organisation behind which it operates, is advised to obtain a leaflet about the Unification Church which is available at our own churches. Those who have a responsibility for young people should be on their guard. If you are asked to buy Moony literature 'to support the missionaries' you are advised to refuse it and to point out that you support missionary work through your own church. If you hear of any other type of Moony activity in the area, please inform your minister.

One thing remains to be said: the best way of meeting the challenge of the Moonies is through the power of the Spirit. The greatest need is for live churches and praying Christians.



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## PRAYER

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Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## SAFETY FIRST . . . YOUR BODY BELONGS TO GOD

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A safety officer in the works where I was in charge of Education would give talks on safety to our young trainees, saying "If you damage a tool you can get another from the store but they do not stock spare fingers or hands. Your bodies do not belong to you, they belong to God, so look after them."

# EIGHT to OBERAMMERGAU



"Just look at the top of my legs!" Now that's hardly the sort of thing one expects the Superintendent of our Sunday School to say - particularly when the remark was addressed to my husband! But such was the closeness of the fellowship in Austria!

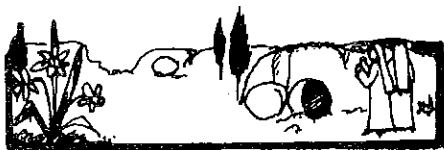
However, in fairness, it must be added that Margaret Naylor's - and practically everybody else's, thighs were decorated with multicoloured bruises a few days after arriving at our delightful Gasthof in Ebenau. For it took some time to adjust to the wooden projections surrounding our king-size beds.

Our party of 8 was booked for the first performance of the Passion Play and the day was so fine that we wondered if we really would need the many layers of clothing we had been advised to wear. In fact, we did. The theatre is impressive - vast and purpose - built, with the huge stage dominating the scene, and completely open to the skies. This did much to contribute to the reality of the events. We were not watching a play, but we were part of what was happening, and this was a most moving experience.

We thrilled to the shouts of Hosanna as we watched Jesus riding an actual donkey along the street. We witnessed the anger of the money-lenders as their tables were thrown over, their sheep and goats scattered and their birds released to fly up on to the roof of the temple. We saw the courage of Pontius Pilate as he faced that furious crowd, whipped up to such a pitch by its religious leaders, and I wondered whether I too would have been one of the fickle multitude, or one of the faithful few who nevertheless, were still too afraid to stand up to the others.

It was a living experience of a living event - very moving and very thought-provoking.

And then 6 days holiday in Austria. Our party was in what turned out to be the most attractively-situated Gasthof of them all, about 20 minutes drive from Salzburg. This is a lovely city, steeped in history, and we were glad to have two opportunities to visit it. Its famous fortress, pictured on its currency, was once saved by a bull! The peasants were so angered by the high taxes imposed by the Bishop-Princes, that they set seige round the fortress, and its inhabitants were only saved by parading their solitary bull in sight of the peasants, but painting it a different colour each day!



## Oberammergau – continued

And, naturally, our holiday would have been incomplete without a tour round the film locations of "The Sound of Music." At Mondsee church, where the film wedding took place, each house in the main square was painted a different colour, adding a brightness and freshness so typical of the Austrian villages. Indeed, one of the attractions of Oberammergau and Austria are the paintings on the houses, ranging from the religious to the humorous, and many paintings were several hundred years old. A famous one was a bridal scene where the reception was taking place with great jollity – with the exception of one solitary figure in the corner of an ante-room – the bridegroom all alone with his wine!

The tour of the Austrian lakes naturally included a visit to the village of Wolfgang, where we took photographs of the original White Horse Inn. Unfortunately, this was one of the few rainy days of our stay, and some of the most beautiful lake-side villages were rather obscured in mist. – So perhaps it was as well that we just missed the little "ship" which was to take us for a trip on the lake.

Incorrect used words/pronunciation of language caused much amusement on many occasions. Our guide dutifully informed us that St. Wolfgang village church had been built on the site where the saint had stood on the surrounding mountain and thrown down his "eggs". It later transpired that he had been throwing his "axe" around!

Near Badischl, we saw the engine of the local locomotive which had finally been closed because it was so slow. Apparently, the local postman used to catch it but the story goes that one day he had to go by foot, because he had a telegram to deliver!

Doug asked me to write about 400 words. Well, it's perfectly obvious that HE wasn't one of the eight. It's impossible to do justice to what we experienced in so short a space and I can only recommend anyone to start saving now for the next performance in 10 years time. It is well worth it – even at the cost of a few bruises!



Jesus lived in an age of oppression and unrest like our own, but still refused to collaborate with the zealous Jews who organised a violent underground movement to overthrow the hated Romans.

– *Dr Ronald Sider*



# IN YOUR GARDEN



Why not grow your own cyclamen this year (next year, strictly speaking). The kitchen window sill should be adequate and sowing time is from now until February: Sow the seeds individually about 1" apart and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep using a good compost. They take a long time to germinate and are sometimes erratic so don't give up too soon. Make sure that they are never dry and do not let them get too wet. This difficult sounding task simply means that having watered them leave them alone until they really need moisture.

When two leaves can be seen growing from a tiny cormlet pot each separately in a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 3" pot using John Innes No. 1. Make sure at every potting that the upper half of the corm is above soil level. When the roots have filled the pot (this can be discovered by up-ending the pot to expose the soil ball) pot on into a 5" pot using John Innes No.3 or the equivalent. Watering is best done by immersing the pot in a bowl of water making sure that the water level is below soil level. Direct sunlight is not required by these plants so all these operations can be carried out in a kitchen which faces anywhere but south where the temperature and humidity are usually suitable. In the Spring they can be transferred to a greenhouse or porch where temperatures of below 50 deg. F. can be avoided.

If you have any sweet pea seeds left over from an early sowing and have a fairly well drained clean piece of ground available try sowing them in September or early October. After they have germinated they will easily stand a mild winter but would welcome a little protection if the weather gets really tough. Mine have withstood several inches of snow but it is not advisable to test them too far. A sheet of plastic over a rough frame would probably be all that they would need if nothing better is available. As ever, wind and water-logging are their worst enemies. Don't let them get bone dry, frost in this condition will kill them. You may lose some but the survivors will develop into massive plants and if the first few buds are picked off the flowers that follow will be something to boast about.

Don't follow the peculiar habit of those who strip all the leaves off their tomato plants. Leaves play a vital role in the life of any plant and its products. When a leaf dies it may be removed if it has'nt already fallen off, the purpose of that particular leaf has run its course. In a block of plants I have noticed that the first fruits to ripen were in the middle and almost completely concealed from the sun. If green tomatoes are wrapped in newspaper when dry at the end of the season and stored in a box or drawer they will gradually ripen. I have had them last until Christmas.

Towards the end of this period the use of the hoe will kill most of the weed seedlings which, if left, will produce fine plants next Spring. I should know, it happens to me every year.