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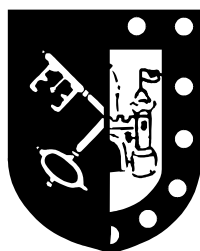
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

### **Welcome to the June issue of the *Review*.**

You'll no doubt have noticed a change we have made this month as part of our continuing wish to enhance the magazine - the introduction of colour on the front cover. This is not purely for cosmetic reasons. One of the things we have found with the new format for the *Review* which we introduced at the beginning of the year is that the new style of front cover reproduces most effectively on white paper. This however has a slight drawback which several readers have commented on: it makes it more difficult to identify different issues of the magazine (something which the previous coloured covers did quite effectively). So, starting this month we will be using different colours for the magazine 'masthead'.

This does however increase our production costs. As we're keen to keep the cost of the *Review* as low as possible, we will therefore be using colours each alternate month for the time being. Another reason for the change is to make the magazine more visually striking in newsagents and similar outlets and thus to increase our circulation, which in turn means that we can make further improvements to the *Review*!

*Chris Smalley*

### ***In this month's issue...***

#### **Portraits**

**John Cook** reviews the paintings of four eminent former citizens of the Town.

#### **Edwardian Berkhamsted**

Continuing the theme of several recent articles, **Harold Denham** profiles the evolution of our High Street.

#### **The Woes of a Waymarker**

**Ian McCalla** finds it difficult to stop people getting lost.

#### **What's in a Name?**

**Stephen Halliday** reflects on Anglo-French differences in choosing names.

#### **Befriending**

Our local Volunteer Bureau emphasises the need to support less able people within our community. Can *you* help?

#### **Twenty Five Sundays**

**John Malcolm** ponders on the church's calendar.

*... plus our regular features, notes & notices and your letters.*

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**John Malcolm  
reflects on Trinity  
Sunday - and the  
twenty-four Sundays  
that follow!**

Having been licensed as a reader shortly before Easter, all the events leading up to the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension and then the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost have, for me, had an extra dimension to them this year. It has also made me realise how compressed is the Church's year. With the exception of Trinity Sunday at the beginning of June, we now face the long haul of twenty one Sundays after Pentecost, or twenty four after Trinity if you still favour the old calendar, with only the occasional major saint's day or harvest to come before we start the process leading up to Christmas.

Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to look back over recent events in the Church's year. I have a special memory of Trinity Sunday last year as it was the first time that I preached at St Peter's. Mind you, I detected a certain twinkle in the rector's eyes as he asked me to preach and I found out later that this is the most popular Sunday in the church calendar for incumbents to go away on holiday. The reason is the potential difficulty involved in preaching on the Trinity, although the most helpful thing that I have read on the subject is that the Trinity is not something to be explained, but something to be experienced - that experience of the Father who loves us, of his Son who died for us, and of the Holy Spirit who is with us at all times to encourage and help us.

This experience of the reality of the three persons of the Trinity led me to reflect a little on my own spiritual journey in life, with its many past and no doubt future struggles along the way. Thinking

about this article whilst sitting in my garden made me think back to the time when it was a total wilderness, acquired with a brand new house. Today, some sixteen years later, it flourishes. Trees, planted as small saplings, have grown into gracious specimens. Shrubberies which appeared so bare when first planted, have had to be pruned quite drastically in order to preserve some semblance of order. It seemed to me that my garden epitomised many elements of a spiritual life. There was something of a 'desert' to start with. Then, from very small beginnings, there was steady, but almost imperceptible growth. Pruning had to be carried out in order to restrict or direct growth away from non-essential areas.

I talked earlier about the compression of events in the church calendar, and the long haul which lies ahead through the Sundays after Pentecost. On reflection, I think that those who designed this calendar knew a thing or two. None of us can live on the top of the mountain all the time, and we've had plenty of exciting Church festivals in the last two months. Now is the time to consolidate and build on what we have learned from our own personal experiences of Easter, the Ascension and of Pentecost. It is a time when perhaps we could benefit from looking at our own spiritual lives as we go on through the church year. Pruning away some of the things we dearly love, but maybe need to give up, can be a painful experience. Coming back to the example of my garden, and my own life, all I can say is that the growth which results is well worthwhile. ❖

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*Cover: Spring comes to Berkhamsted! See John Cook's Around the Town on page 7 (photo: Chris Smalley)*

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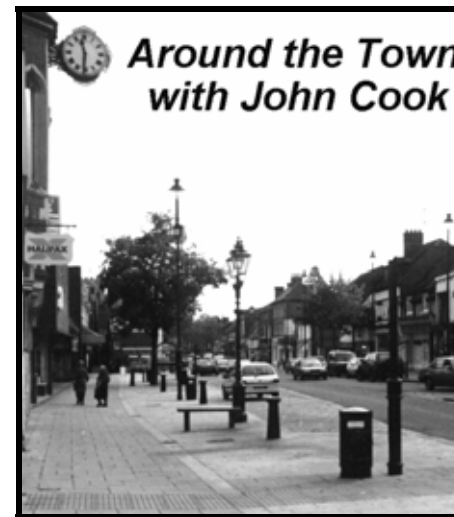
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One thing that opening this new facility has done is to draw a lot more people along Northbridge Road where they had had no reason or desire to venture before, and to get a glimpse of Berkhamsted's industrial estate. What is to be seen there is unfortunately a pretty sorry sight nowadays, with a generally scruffy look to it and many empty and deteriorating buildings. Some of the buildings are substantially constructed, suggesting an optimism when they were first built which has not been justified by events. What a contrast this is with Hemel Hempstead's industrial area.

We in Berkhamsted may be inclined to turn our noses up a bit at Hemel Hempstead, and certainly the centre of the 'new town' on and around the Marlowes is now having a struggle to stay attractive and busy, in spite of the partial pedestrianisation. But take visitors on a drive along Maylands Avenue through the heart of Hemel Hempstead's industrial area (which is of course much larger than ours) and they are likely to be very impressed: it is a model of its kind. Most of the buildings are modern, well designed and very attractive in their setting when seen from the road. Is there a more acceptable industrial estate in the country than our neighbour's down the road; and is there anything that can be done to improve ours in Berkhamsted?

### **Portraits**

The Town Hall is now adorned with four portraits in oils: those of William Cowper, John Finch, R. A. Norris and Geoffrey Lancashire. All these residents made notable contributions to Berkhamsted in one way or another at different times in its history. There is a tale to tell about each of these paintings.

General John Finch was a major benefactor of the Town when he lived in Berkhamsted Place in the middle of the last century. Finch Road is named after him and his coat of arms is to be seen alongside that of the Town of Berkhamsted both on the old Bourne School (the Britannia Building Society) and the fireplace in the Town Hall near where his portrait now hangs.

Henry Nash, the local historian, recalled that when a Vestry meeting decided to place a portrait of Finch in the Town Hall 'there was present one of those frugal-minded men who look well to every penny before they spend it and he was greatly shocked at the sum named as being necessary to secure a first-class artist. He therefore proposed an alternative plan. He had heard that some of the pupils at the Grammar School were displaying much artistic ability, and he suggested that they should be invited to execute the work.



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‘He thought if they were supplied with a few pounds of paint and other requisite materials they would produce a satisfactory result, and that they would not only immortalise General Finch but themselves at the same time.’

Fortunately this idea was laughed out of court, and as a result we have inherited a handsome work of art.

### **Ornamental Lighting**

It was over five years ago when David Sherratt and I were both on the Town Council that we decided to try to get the Victorian lamps restored on the railings between the canal and Lower Kings Road, on the other side of the street from the railway. Now at last they are there, and I hope you agree that they enhance that corner of the Town, particularly when seen at night across the canal from the Moor.

Before anything could be done the ownership of the railings had to be established, and this we were able to do by unearthing a reference to the transfer of ownership of the wall and railings early this century from the Grand Junction Railway Company to the Vestry of St Peter. Most of the responsibilities of the Vestry, which until then had been to all intents and purposes the local authority, were passed to the Urban District Council when it was set up, and then 20 years or so ago on to Dacorum District Council, now the Borough Council.

So having established that the Borough Council was the owner, the next question was what did the original lamps look like? The answer can be got from examining various photographs from Edwardian times of that part of the Town. In fact it has not proved practicable to match these exactly, but that doesn't seem to matter: what have now been put up fit in very well.

The final matter to be resolved - usually the most difficult one - was who was going to pay. The Borough Council



owns the railings on which the lamps are mounted, the County Council is responsible for street lighting, but it was the Town Council who was pressing for the job to be done. Anyway, to cut a long story short everyone chipped in, it was sorted, and the project at last carried out.

### **Swans**

While the work has been going on installing the new lamps, a pair of swans have stuck it out sitting on a clutch of eight eggs on a nest in a very public place on the canal bank close to one of the lamps. A lot of passers-by had their fingers crossed that the swans' perseverance would result in the sight of a brood of cygnets to gladden the eye of commuters hurrying to the station; and, hallelujah, it happened with six of them!

Within two or three days of hatching they must have been the most photographed half-dozen young swans in the history of the town (*the Review is no exception, as illustrated by this month's cover - Ed.*). Almost unnoticed, a pair of coots built a nest within three feet of the swans'. By the time this issue of the *Review* is out we will know if they too have had the same success. ❖

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As I promised last month footpath 59 along the top of Well Farm has now been cleared and opened. It was in fact done only on the Tuesday before the May *Review* came out! It is waymarked so you should have no difficulty in finding it. Five days after it was opened I saw people *cycling* along it. That can't have been easy!

We (mainly Reg Sturges and myself) have been putting up a lot of waymark signs recently on Berkhamsted and Northchurch commons and elsewhere in Northchurch. And in the past few days the National Trust have put up some more.

Until now we had assumed that people studied these signs, compared them with their map, and took careful heed of them. I have been sadly disillusioned. There is a series of walks published by the AA, which includes one in the Berkhamsted area. It starts from the railway station, and goes up past Well Farm to the common. It then goes west along bridleway NC51 and then south along footpath NC62 which comes out half way along Bridgewater Road. On several occasions recently I have seen walkers going along bridleway NC51 clutching the AA leaflet. They all seemed to miss the turning for footpath 62. *Turn left at the big oak tree*, the instructions say.

But although the oak tree is magnificent and one of the biggest on the common all these walkers missed it! So

## THE WOES OF A WAYMARKER

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Ian McCalla's path has not been so smooth recently.

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I resolved to put a waymark post alongside it as soon as possible. Ten days ago this was done. I put some nice yellow arrows on the post and gazed at it with satisfaction.

The next day I was strolling along the bridleway with my dog Jess. When we got about a quarter of a mile west of the oak tree I came across this young couple clutching the AA leaflet "We're looking for a big oak tree where we're supposed to turn left" they said. Oh dear!

\* \* \* \*

Andrew Barratt suggests that I might have felt resentful over the results of last year's

local elections. As a matter of fact, I was campaigning in Northchurch where I was elected as a parish councillor. So I was not involved at all in the Berkhamsted elections. I just stood on the sidelines, so to speak, and watched the fun and games with, well, interest.

Northchurch parish council has considerably more executive powers than Berkhamsted town council (which actually has only the legal status of a parish council). Northchurch looks after street lights, bus shelters, playing fields, and now footpaths and bridleways.

Knowing my enthusiasm for these things, they gave me the footpaths and bridleways 'portfolio' and readers will know how much I enjoy looking after that! As I stroll across Northchurch common in the sunshine with Jess, I don't feel like resenting anybody! ❖

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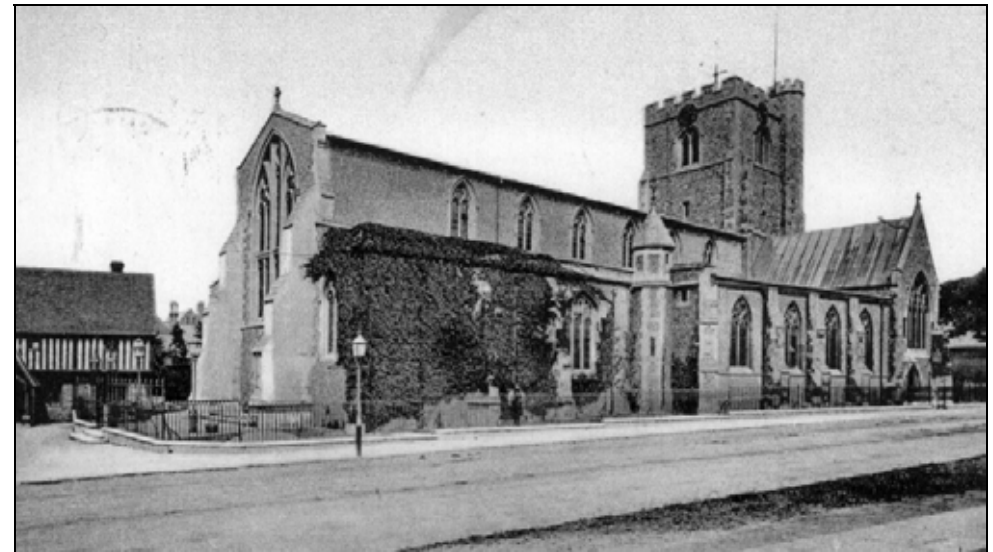
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fascinating about the picture is that so much is the same as it was 95 years ago, but that many small details have changed. How many changes can you spot? We would welcome reader's comments and will be interested to see how observant you are!



*Do you have a photograph, drawing or story about the town's history that you think our readers would be interested in? Then send it in and we'll publish it in a future issue of the Review.* ❖

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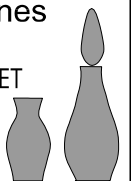
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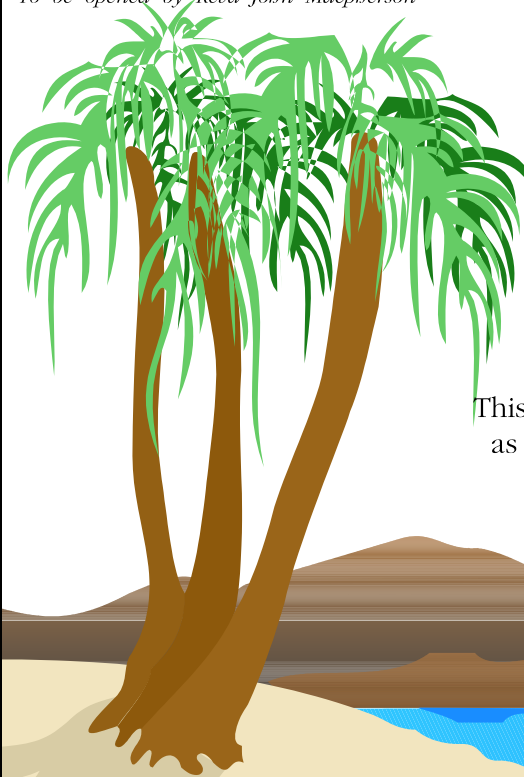
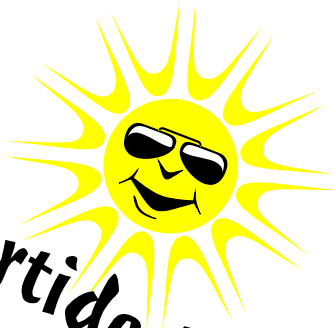
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This year the Fair is typically tropical as we help causes in Africa and the Caribbean - so relax, get in the tropical spirit and spend a hot summer's day with us!

*This year we're supporting children and communities in  
The Gambia and the Caribbean - come along, have fun  
and support two important causes!*

A few months ago several schools in Hertfordshire, of which St Thomas More primary school in Berkhamsted was one, committed themselves to establishing and sustaining a link between their schools and a school community in Tujereng, Gambia, with a view to a long-term exchange of culture, ideas and support. Gambia is a very small country in West Africa. It is 90 percent Moslem, with pockets of Christianity in different parts of the country. It is one of the poorest countries in the world. Infant mortality is high and life expectancy short. Tujereng is an old, agricultural village virtually untouched by tourism and other aspects of westernisation. It has no electricity or running water.

The village primary school in Tujereng has 630 children, split into 12 classes.



Few parents pay the termly textbook rental of 75p, and I saw 7 textbooks being shared between 43 children. Despite the huge classes and total lack of resources, the teachers were grappling with the same professional problems that we have in our well-equipped and well-supported schools. The children were eager to learn, proud of their work and well-behaved. We felt we wanted to give them everything. The school needs rubbers, pencils, pens, paper, textbooks, reading books, teaching aids, toilets, solar panels and a library.

**Part of the proceeds from the Fair will be used to help build and equip a library for the school in Tujereng, providing vital resources for the children's education.**

*Libby Grundy*

*(abstracted from an article in the January Review)*

## **Petertide Fair 1996**

*Supporting two overseas causes with links to our parish.*



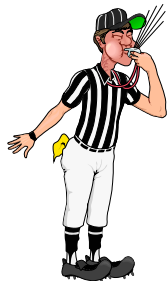
Late in 1994 a catastrophic hurricane hit the islands of the Caribbean, and in particular wreaked havoc on Antigua and Monserrat; only buildings with the strongest walls survived but even then lost their roofs and windows. To add to this,

the islands were visited by a second hurricane - Hurricane Luis - in 1995.

Of particular concern are the churches of Antigua and Monserrat. These, like St Philips (*left*), were largely destroyed, being among the oldest buildings on the islands and not therefore benefiting from more modern construction techniques. Whilst recovery of the islands is progressing well - the hotels so important for the tourist trade were of course insured and crops eventually recover over time - it is the urgent and desperate repairs to the church buildings which is the subject of a continuing appeal from our Diocese. At St Peter's we have particular reason to help, as our links over the years with the islands through Rev John Macpherson sharpen our appreciation of this terrible situation.

**The proceeds from the Fair will help rebuild the churches and the communities they serve.** ❖

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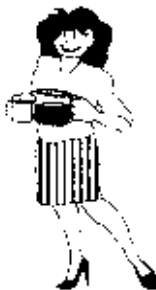
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Befriending schemes run by a variety of local voluntary groups are in need of volunteer visitors.

These schemes, also sometimes termed home visiting schemes, offer support and companionship to those in our community who, for various reasons, are lonely and in need of social contact. It is sometimes hard for busy people to appreciate the loneliness and isolation felt by those in the community who are less able. This problem is even more acute if there are no close family members or friends living nearby.

Many elderly folk are totally reliant on others for their daily needs. *Care in the Community* has enabled them to stay in their own homes, with the support of a variety of services including *Home Care* and *Meals on Wheels*. Also transport can be provided to take the elderly to day centres and clubs where some social needs are met. However what is often lacking is someone to take the time and effort to call as a friend. With everyone so busy, the art of being a good neighbour can be lost. Befriending schemes aim to redress the balance, offering a social visit, usually on a weekly basis, from a volunteer visitor. The visiting takes place on a 1:1 basis.

AGE CONCERN run an excellent visiting scheme for the elderly and anyone interested in joining the team of volunteer

## BEFRIENDING SCHEMES



visitors should first of all contact the Volunteer Bureau for a preliminary chat.

This also applies to anyone who would be interested in visiting a blind person. A scheme run by the HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND already has 200 or so volunteers countywide, who are involved in home visiting. The

organisation operates a most interesting training session before any visiting begins. Many long standing friendships have been established with volunteers calling for a chat, going for a walk or going out for a drink at a pub.

MIND in Dacorum have recently set up a befriending scheme. Could you offer friendship to someone experiencing mental health problems? Could you help to alleviate the loneliness and isolation that so often surrounds particularly young people enduring mental distress? Could you offer support whilst extending social networks by visiting the cinema or a football match?

If you can answer, YES to some of these questions you may well be the kind of person to join the MIND befriending scheme.

Befrienders joining these schemes are not expected to be experts in any particular field. An interest in people and listening skills can be advantageous and some schemes will need volunteers to be trained in various aspects of the work.

*(continued overleaf)*



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## ***Befriending Schemes*** (continued from page 15)

Through training and befriending, volunteer visitors can therefore increase their understanding of the problems faced by many in our community. Also new social skills may be developed.

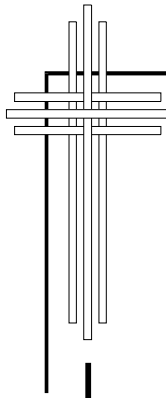
The great advantage of befriending, for the volunteer, is the flexibility of this type of volunteering. Once introduced to a contact, the visiting can take place by

mutual agreement. Many people involved in full time employment fit in an hour or so of visiting in a week. All the schemes mentioned operate with volunteers working alongside a befriending co-ordinator. This is the person who recruits volunteers, sets up their training, makes the introductions and deals with any problems that may arise. ❖

***Could you spare an hour or so a week?***

***Why not consider befriending?***

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*The Parish of St Peter with All Saints'*

## **Our Church Schools**

### **Victoria First School**

Prince Edward Street  
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Tel: 865781

*For children aged 5 - 9*

### **Thomas Coram Middle School**

Swing Gate Lane  
Berkhamsted  
Tel: 866757

*For children aged 9 - 13*

**For information please contact the Schools**



I spent the first half of April in Beaune, Burgundy. Jane and I, with Richard Lord, a young teacher from Ashlyns, accompanied a group of thirty-two pupils from local schools who were participating in the annual exchange which has been taking place every year since 1975. At this time of year the vines are just

beginning to stir after their long winter sleep and there was much activity to be observed in the vineyards which surround the town. The young people, having presented their French hosts with jars of Oxford Marmalade and packets of tea, returned laden with fine wines. I feel that the English did rather well out of that aspect of the exchange!

All the young people enjoyed themselves and made many new friends, including German visitors whose visit to Beaune coincided with our own. Even the young man who broke his wrist on a swing came to see his plaster cast as an unexpected souvenir once he had overcome the initial shock. Behaviour was exemplary, even in the face of the one unsatisfactory feature of the visit. This took the form of a rude, aggressive and authoritarian Frenchwoman who would not have been out of place as a concentration camp *Kapo* in a second rate film. She enjoyed nothing more than ordering people about. She was at least indiscriminate in her bossiness and succeeded in offending everyone: French, English and German; adults and children. After one particularly unpleasant incident a rumour began to circulate among the English party, actively encouraged by me, that her ill temper was caused by chronic constipation. Thereafter she ceased to be a figure of fear and loathing and became, instead, an object of ridicule. Further

# What's in a Name?

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The English and French take different approaches to scholastic links with politicians.  
**Stephen Halliday explains.**

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It is both more civilised and more effective than abuse. I think it was a Frenchman, Voltaire, who drew attention to this with the cry "O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous".

The schools with whom we exchange in Beaune are all named after people, as are many in Berkhamsted (Bridgewater, Thomas Coram and the former Thomas Bourne and Augustus Smith). However despite this apparent similarity there are some differences. For example one of the schools in Beaune is called *Jules Ferry* and is named after the nineteenth century Minister of Education who first made schooling free and compulsory in France. Many schools in France bear his name. In this country we are very reluctant to name anything after politicians. I'm not aware of any schools named after R.A. Butler, H.A.L. Fisher or Anthony Crosland, each of whom could claim to have had a significant impact on educational policy. We do occasionally name pubs after politicians (*The Lord Morison* in Lambeth) or even Oxbridge Colleges, though the latter honour is usually reserved for royalty, millionaire benefactors (*Robinson* college Cambridge) or very special cases like *Churchill* and *Darwin* (also recent Cambridge foundations).

outbursts of egocentric or rude behaviour were followed by questions and speculation about her diet, the availability of prunes or the price in Beaune of syrup of figs. This seemed to me to be a most wholesome development. Ridicule is a greatly under-rated quality when dealing with self-important and unpleasant people.

(con't p20)

Stephen Halliday's article in the February issue of the *Review* on the reprint of an old *Guide to Berkhamsted* reminds us that pre-war High Street addresses need to be adjusted to take account of later renumbering.

The original numbers were introduced in the mid 1890s. Prior to this

only a few newly created roads had been numbered, for example Manor Street (c 1870), Charles Street and Elm Grove (c 1878). Consequently, although we know the names and trades of earlier shopkeepers in the High Street, we have no house numbers to indicate the location of their premises. Once adopted, the numbers remained unchanged for approximately half a century. Renumbering may have been delayed by the outbreak of war but seems to have been completed by 1947. Most old and new commercial addresses can be matched by comparing pre- and post-war advertisements and directory entries and we are indebted to the late Percy Birtchnell for many references in the

## BERKHAMSTED'S EDWARDIAN HIGH STREET

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Recent articles have profiled the development of the High Street over the last century. **Harold Denham** provides more detail.

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*Review* to old shops and their relative positions in the street.

Some additional notes on the businesses advertised in the *Guide* may be of interest to readers (in the following, original numbers are given first; all addresses are in the High Street unless stated otherwise).

The seven advertisers mentioned by Mr Halliday are:

**Dwight Bros**, cycle and motor dealers, remained at 141/167 (now Doyle's) for 60 years or so and the garage at the back has continued in use as a motor repair centre. In 1899 the shop was owned by Saunders, a corn and seed merchant (see photograph in Birtchnell's *Bygone Berkhamsted*, p38).

**West**, bootmaker, at 241/305. Later shoemakers here were *Glasgow and Codgbrook*.

**Sprigge** at 125/151 was probably the first of a line of tailors and outfitters who traded at this address up to c 1986 (*S Stevens, J F Stevens, Sandall, Holden & Sons* and *Foster Bros*). This was not a corner shop until 1888 when Price Edward Street was created.

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Diamond and Gem Ring Specialists  
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much more!!*

**Lockhart**, coal merchant (137/163) occupied the eastern half of what is now *Mange Tout* (once the *Five Bells*) and so would have been next door to the Civic Centre site. Successors during the First World War were *Little Covent Garden* (florists and greengrocers) and *The Old Tea Rooms*. Later both halves of the building were taken over by Norman Clarke and other dealers in electrical equipment.

**Wards** (188-94/212-18). This was originally four separate shops. Ward had been a High Street draper since 1878 or earlier but in 1899 owned only one shop (no. 194); 188 was a linen draper's, 190 a greengrocers and 192 an ironmongers. Within a few years *Ward & Son* had acquired all the other shops. John Cook wonders how many times this business has changed its name (*March Review*). In fact, the Ward's reign seems to have lasted until 1956 when *W J Sharland* moved across the road from the shop on the corner of Elm Grove (now *Birtchnell's*) to take over the store and rebuild it. So MacKays will only be the fourth name this century.

**James Wood & Sons** occupied the garden centre site (264/294) from 1827 onwards making and selling all kinds of ironwork and hardware, including the fences used by Lord Brownlow to enclose part of the Common in 1866. When the business was sold the name was retained by Barratts, the new owners (*see the April Review - Ed.*).

**J W Wood & Sons'** music warehouse was at no. 90 (still 90), now PEKO Laundry Equipment, on the corner of Manor Street. Wood is listed in 1860 as a pianoforte tuner but had acquired his music business by 1886. This was at first at 76-8 High Street, then at 90 (built by Wood) and finally from 1912 at 6 Lower King's Road. Incidentally, Wood senior owned one of the earliest cars and his son probably the first motor cycle to be seen in the town.

Advertisements also appear in this *Guide to Berkhamsted* for:

**Harper**, ironmonger, at 101/125 (now *Berkhamsted Delicatessen*). Until recently this building had always been a hardware shop. Ezra Miller (c 1860-1902) and S J Bligh preceded Harper and older residents will remember F W Fox and Kennett & Fox who followed.

**Loosley & Sons**, stationers, at 176-8/200-4 (now Clintons and Oxfam). They were also at 12 Castle Street (from c 1878) and continued there up to the Second World War or later. Another stationer, M Blake, took over in the 1950s.

**Stupples**, dairyman, at 25 Castle Street (now a private house) and 139/165 High Street (the western half of *Mange Tout*, then next door to Lockhart). The Stupples' cows were kept at Millfield and were driven down to Castle Street to be milked. The advertisement promises immediate delivery after milking *twice daily*.

**Southey & Co.**, cycle and motor dealers, at 165/195 (now Birtchnell's), with garage behind in King's Road. Southey's were also manufacturers and according to P. Birtchnell 'the first to build motor cycles with a Blackburne engine designed by Mr de Havilland. The firm was still using the garage in 1937 but by then Sharland owned the shop which he retained until 1956 when Percy Birtchnell moved there from premises next to the Rex Cinema.

**Meek**, livery stables, Lower King's Road, at the end of Greenfield Road. Meek ran a cab service to connect with trains at the station. These stables were burnt down a few years later and I believe that some of the horses perished in the fire.

**Tutt & Son**, estate agents, 'adjoining the Post Office'. The Post Office moved in 1909 to 9 Lower King's Road. The new location is confirmed by the advertisement for Meek which describes his stables as 'near ... the Post Office'. Tutt & Son's premises must therefore have been at no. 7 or no. 11 Lower King's Road. All this suggests a slightly later date for this publication than had been supposed but cannot detract from the fascination of this glimpse into Berkhamsted's past.

**Neville**, fishmonger (and ham and beef restaurant) was at *The Rock House*, 133/161. He took over from *Gentry*, a draper, in 1902. According to a letter sent to the *Review* Neville went down with his two children on the Titanic; his invalid wife survived and the firm continued for a while as Neville & Co. Other fishmongers, J and W A Bennett, traded here until the building was demolished to make way for the Civic Centre in 1938.

**Millen**, footwear, at 124-6/130-2 (now *The Barber Shop* and part of *Brown & Merry*). Millen's predecessor, the 'late' G Loader, had been a bootmaker in the High Street since 1860 or earlier. Millen & Co. were still there in 1929 and shoes continued to be sold at this shop by White & Co. and then by K Chapman until the 1960s.

**Gibbs**, pharmacist (158/176?). these premises would have been next to where W H Smith's now stands. Other chemists followed Gibbs - Bradshaw (1920s) and Taylors Ltd. (1930s) until the shop was swallowed up by Waitrose.

**Lane & Son**. This long-established firm was still at this time one of the town's largest employers with nurseries at St John's Well Lane, on the west side of Park Street and Cross Oak Road, at the top of Kitsbury Road and on land which was to become Park View Road. Another nursery was at Potten End.

Finally, to answer Stephen Halliday's query about the Bookstack's premises at no. 248. This was originally no. 222, next door to the old house called *Homestead*. Tenants of this shop from 1899 onwards have included *Shuttleworth* (cycle repairer), *Stupples* (dairyman), Mrs Watling (confectioner), *Hart* (electrical and wireless supplier), *Fincher & Co.* (confectioner), *Brooks* (fishmonger) and *Steel* (baker). ❖

*Readers who wish to know more on the subject of the evolution of the High Street may wish to contact Mr Denham at 32, Valley Road, Northchurch, HP4 3PZ (864213).*

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## What's in a Name? *(continued from page 17)*

The two other schools in Beaune with which we exchange are named after Etienne-Jules Marey and Gaspard Monge, both citizens of Beaune. Marey was one of the pioneers of cinematography, inventing techniques for the creation of moving pictures. Gaspard Monge is a particularly interesting case, with an English connection that he must have regretted. Monge was a mathematician who helped to found the Ecoles Polytechniques which stand at the pinnacle of the French education system. One of his early pupils was Marc Brunel, from Normandy, father of the great engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel who went on to design steamships and, most notably, the Great Western Railway. Marc fled from France at the time of the revolution and eventually made his way to England where he invented a device for making pulley blocks

mechanically. These blocks were needed, in their thousands, to manipulate the rigging of sailing ships which were being hastily built in naval dockyards as the Royal Navy was strengthened to meet the growing menace of Napoleon. Without Brunel's invention, which he sold to the Admiralty, the process would have taken much longer.

By this time Gaspard Monge had become secretary to the French navy and had the unenviable task of building and equipping ships which were promptly sunk by Nelson and his 'band of brothers'. Monge's job cannot have been an easy one. I wonder whether he ever reflected on the use to which his pupil, Marc Brunel, had put the knowledge that Monge had taught him. Let's hope he didn't know. ❖

## Why God never received tenure at any University

1. He had only one major publication.
  2. It was in Hebrew.
  3. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
  4. It had no references.
  5. Some doubt that He wrote it Himself.
  6. He may have created the world, but what has He done since?
  7. The scientific community cannot replicate His results.
  8. He never got permission from the ethics board to use human subjects.
  9. When one experiment went awry, He tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.
  10. He rarely came to class and just told the students to "read the book".
  11. Some said He had his son teach class.
  12. He expelled His first two students.
  13. His office hours were irregular and sometimes held on a mountain top.
  14. Although there were only 10 requirements, most students failed.
- Anon.*



## *The Dove of Peace*

The white bird roamed for many a year,  
In search of a resting place.  
Until at last it found a spot on high,  
Way above the city roofs.  
Where it could watch with caring eye,  
The peaceful throng below.

But alas; came men with evil at heart,  
To whom peace was an anathema.  
On the eve as day turned into night,  
The white bird came to roost.  
Then as peace was shattered by the bomb,  
The dove swiftly flew away.

Sirens shrilled, and the innocent died,  
Peace makers felt dismay.  
Our Saviour's mother must have wept again,  
And His wounds dripped blood anew.

*S G Dollimore*

# review letters

## A Medical Quiz

*Biddy Shacklock writes:*

Visiting friends in the hamlet of Upper Wroxhall, Wiltshire, recently I found in their parish magazine the medical quiz below. I thought *Review* readers would be amused!

<i>What is?</i>	<i>Answer</i>
<i>Artery</i>	The study of painting
<i>Bacteria</i>	Back door to cafeteria
<i>Barium</i>	What they do with doctors' mistakes
<i>Benign</i>	After you be eight
<i>Bowel</i>	A letter like A,E,I,O,U
<i>Caesarean section</i>	A district in Rome
<i>Cat scan</i>	Searching for kitty
<i>Cauterise</i>	Made eye contact with her
<i>Coma</i>	punctuation mark
<i>Congenital</i>	Friendly
<i>Dilate</i>	To live long
<i>Enema</i>	Not a friend
<i>Genital</i>	Not Jewish
<i>High colonic</i>	Jewish holiday

<i>Impotent</i>	VIP and well known
<i>Labour pain</i>	Getting hurt at work
<i>Medical staff</i>	Doctor's walking stick
<i>Morbid</i>	Make another bid
<i>Nitrate</i>	Cheaper than day rate
<i>Outpatient</i>	Person who's fainted
<i>Papsmear</i>	Fatherhood test
<i>Pelvis</i>	Cousin of Elvis
<i>Post operative</i>	Letter delivery man
<i>Recovery room</i>	Place to do upholstery
<i>Rectum</i>	Damn near killed them
<i>Secretion</i>	Hiding something
<i>Seizure</i>	Mark Antony's friend
<i>Tablet</i>	Small table
<i>Terminal illness</i>	Sick at the airport
<i>Tumor</i>	More than one
<i>Urine</i>	Opposite of "you're out"
<i>Varicose</i>	Very, very close
<i>Vein</i>	Conceited

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Something to get off your chest? Or something you think our readers would like to know?



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**David Woodward**  
**3 Murray Road**  
**Berkhamsted**  
(Tel: 862723)



**Evelyn Talbot-  
Ponsonby  
considers recent  
change and  
opportunity.**

## review northchurch

*Yesterday  
returneth not  
Mayhap tomorrow  
cometh not  
There is today,  
misuse it not.*

Who made this old and so true remark may be unknown, but it is appropriate for us who belong to the parish of St Mary's Northchurch. This column and much speculation have been centred round the inevitable departure after 20 years of our rector John Tabor. He and his family have left with our goodwill and gratitude. There had been, of course, speculation about their departure date: there will be more speculation about a successor, when and who. What a changed parish has each successor had to face here this century.

*Yesterday returneth not* indeed. Bernard Hughes saw the spreading wave of housing - Douglas Gardens, Durrants, 'Valley', Home Farm and the beginnings of development on Tunnel Field.

John Tabor has witnessed the population explosion in Springwood and Chiltern Park which is going 'over the top' to New Road. This is in the parish of St Peter Berkhamsted but ours is the nearest church. No longer can a rector of Northchurch be expected to claim that he has visited every household.

*Yesterday returneth not.* Certainly not the permanent green belt claimed by a council official to exist between Northchurch and Berkhamsted in 1951. No longer are the main traffic lights in Berkhamsted the only ones visible from the junction of High Street, Northchurch and Durrants Lane as they used to be at nine o'clock on a Sunday morning. No longer can we say to a Londoner "From

Marble Arch, drive up to the north end of Edgware Road, turn left and go as far as the first traffic lights. The church is one and a half miles further on". Simple and surprising instructions even then; how far from the truth now.

To the last generation their *tomorrow* has become our *today* and we have hope in our *tomorrow*. Our village has become physically virtually a suburb. Yet we remain a parish, in the lovely surroundings we have. We still have our own clear heart beat. Those of us who are Christians and others too in differing ways have clear instructions going back to both the Old and the New Testaments to love God with all our souls, all our minds and all our strengths and our neighbours as ourselves. In them we can perhaps see Christ suffering in their need for help.

How lucky we are in so many respects in what we still like to call our village. We can meet, pray, sing and work together, even without rector for the time being. What a challenge and a chance.

*"There is today, misuse it not."* ❖



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## THE SWAN

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The Association of Berkhamsted Churches' monthly meeting for prayer will be on Saturday, 15th June in St Peter's from 8:00am - 9:00am. Concerns of individual churches and cares felt by us all in Berkhamsted are shared in prayer and all are welcome. This month the prayer will centre upon the Swan Youth Project as it faces most important decisions to be taken which will make and shape its future.

Anyone who wishes to support the Swan will be very welcome to join this hour of prayer which will begin, as usual, with a light breakfast.

The Association of Berkhamsted Churches, currently emerging as a co-operative group of member organisations from *Churches Together in Berkhamsted*, holds a regular monthly meeting on the third Saturday in the month. All are invited.

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## MOTHERS' UNION

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The Mothers' Union is organising a visit to St Albans Abbey on Wednesday, 10th July, to which *all* are invited - this is a visit open to the whole parish. We meet at 6:30pm and will arrive back in Berkhamsted at around 10:15-10:30pm.

The visit will begin with a guided tour around the Abbey. This will be followed by evening prayers and then refreshments.

Numbers are strictly limited, so if you are interested in coming along then please do get in touch with Linda Bisset on 862115 as soon as possible. The cost is £2 which includes refreshments. Meeting and travel arrangements will be announced nearer the time.

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## OXFAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Moved here recently? Don't know many people? Left your established circle to be near your family? Why not make new friends and meet others in your situation by volunteering to help at the Berkhamsted Oxfam shop? Help is urgently needed both on the counter and behind the scenes. "Women only?" Certainly not - we

have a number of male members of the team and more would be welcome. Just drop in at the Oxfam shop at 202 High Street and pick up an application form or ring volunteer shop manager Audrey Hope on 864225 (shop) or 864537 (home).

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## FRIENDS OF ASHRIDGE NATIONAL TRUST

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### Friends of Ashridge

The Bridgewater Monument at Ashridge, built in 1831 in memory of the third Duke of Bridgewater (the 'Canal Duke', father of inland navigation), has stood on the western escarpment of the plateau on which Ashridge is situated for 170 years, exposed to all that nature can deliver.

It has now become essential to repair the column because of leaching out of lime mortar and corrosion of the iron cramps which link the granite blocks together. This work is now in hand and visitors will note the 100 feet or so of scaffolding now surrounding the Monument. Completion will hopefully be by the end of July, and though it will have to be closed occasionally every effort will be made to keep it open at weekends.

The education centre is going from strength to strength with over 60 visits from primary schools booked through the summer term.

Childrens Day this year is on Tuesday, 6th August at 2:30pm. To book please contact Andy Pratt (Education Warden) on 842488.

Other dates to note are the Craft Fair on 6th & 7th July at the Monument Centre, and several walks. These are the Friends of Ashridge Estate Walk on 27th July; the Fungus Walk on 5th & 6th October and the Deer Walk on 13th & 20th October. For further information please contact Mrs Janet Stupples on 866153.

The first cuckoo was heard at Ashridge on 19th April, and the first swallow was seen on 17th April.

After last year's very heavy crop of beech nuts the forest floor is one mass of germinating beech; no doubt the fallow deer will graze them off very quickly.



Talking of fallow, the does will be having their young late in May and in June. If you should find a lonely fawn lying in the bracken, please leave them alone. DO NOT TOUCH. The doe will return when she has finished feeding. Particularly at this time of year keep dogs under control. *Terry Headey*

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#### TUESDAY CLUB

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At our meeting on 4th June we welcome Mrs Ruth Lake from the St John's Ambulance Brigade who will teach us what to do in the case of an emergency. Our meeting is entitled *Don't Panic!*, and, hopefully, we won't following this meeting!

More information about our group may be obtained from Thelma Harris (865785).

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#### BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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*I've come about the drains* was the interesting title of Mr. Tony Rook's talk at our meeting in April. He gave us a fascinating account of his lifetime interest in buildings and archaeology, with particular mention of his curiosity about the history of Roman baths. He showed slides of the original under-floor heating in many of the 'remains' we have today, then explained how, with the invention of square pipes, heating was taken up the walls, thus giving much greater heat and enabling the baths to be much bigger and allowing windows to be built to give more light. He ended his lecture with slides of the story of the roman baths at Welwyn which are now housed underneath the middle of the Welwyn by-pass, but open to the public for viewing.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Willett presented a wooden gavel to the institute in appreciation of all the friendship she had found in the W.I. She had been a member of the W.I. for 65 years and was a president in

Gentleshaw in Staffordshire for many years before coming to live in Berkhamsted.

Two members gave brief reports on courses they had attended at Denman College: Mrs Orchard (who won the Institute Bursary) on her studies of *Tudor England* and Mrs Wigglesworth on the course on *Jane Austen*. ❖

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#### SALVATION ARMY

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*With ecumenical good wishes the Review is glad to pass on this invitation to discover more about The Salvation Army in Berkhamsted.*

You are welcome to attend any of the events listed below - we hope we can be of some service to you.

##### **Tuesday Mornings**

Town Hall Foyer (next door to Boots in the High Street) - COFFEE MORNING, 9:30-12noon run by Audrey Brady and Heather Poxon.

##### **Friday Mornings**

Gable Hall, Price Edward Street (opposite Tesco's) - COFFEE MORNING 9:30-12:30 run by Sue Lambert and Heather Poxon.

##### **Friday Lunchtimes**

Gable Hall 12:30-1:30pm - 'SHOPPERS SERVICE', an informal Christian meeting open to all, led by Stephen Poxon.

##### **Sunday Afternoons**

Sessions Hall (back of Town Hall foyer) - informal GOSPEL HOUR, open to all, led by Stephen & Heather Poxon (please ring to check time as this sometimes changes).

##### **Used Clothing / Furniture Enquiries**

Please ring Kath Parslow on 253607 between 10am and 12noon weekdays.

##### **War Cry and Young Soldier sales**

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-12noon outside Boots on the High Street.

Lieutenants: Stephen & Heather Poxon  
Telephone: Berkhamsted 876024.

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#### EDITORIAL COPY FOR THE REVIEW

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Do you have a contribution for the *Review*? We need a constant stream of articles, news, photographs, drawings - anything you think readers would be interested in. Our subject areas are diverse - from church matters to the secular, serious and light-hearted. And don't forget to let us know if you're planning an event - or to tell us about it afterwards!

All services at normal times unless stated.

June / July 1996

## JUNE

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|----|---------|--|-------------------|
| 15 | 8am     | Churches Together in Berkhamsted - prayers in King's Road Evangelical Church.  |                   |
| 21 |         | PCC Meeting  |                   |
| 29 | 11:00am | PETERTIDE FAIR on St Peter's Lawns, to be opened by Revd John Macpherson (closes 4pm)  |                   |
| 30 | 9:30am  | Patronal Festival Eucharist (transferred from 29th)<br>Preacher: Revd John Macpherson<br>followed by refreshments in The Court House | <i>St Peter's</i> |

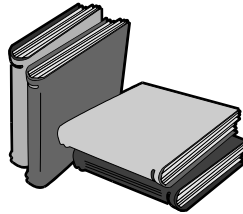
## JULY

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|----|---------|---|--------------------|
| 7  | 11:15am | Choral Matins   | <i>St Peter's</i>  |
| 14 | 10:30am | Anglican/Methodist United Service<br>followed by Barbeque | <i>All Saints'</i> |

## From the Registers...

### Weddings (*St Peter's*)

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| 26 April | Louise Hunter and David James Barker |
| 27 April | Alison Cochrane and Glen Mark Ranger |



### Blessing (*St Peter's*)

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| 14 April | Louise Dupond and Victor Pisani |
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### Funerals

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| 18 April | Dennis William Packer                   | The Chilterns Crematorium          |
| 24 April | Helen Bayes                             | St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium) |
| 26 April | Ivy <i>otherwise</i> Lillian Ivy Warren | The Chilterns Crematorium          |
| 1 May    | Violet Patricia Critten                 | The Chilterns Crematorium          |

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BERKHAMSTED

Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc.

1.	Northchurch Baptist	Rev Peter Swaffield	Berk. 866685
		Mrs H Blundell	Berk. 875021
2.	St Mary's Northchurch	Mr W Frew	Berk. 864368
3.	All Saints' Anglican		
		Mr John Malcolm	Berk. 874993
4.	Methodist All Saints'	Rev. Nicholas Paterson	Berk.866324
		Mrs Ida Rance	Berk. 865829
5.	Sacred Heart (RC)	Father V Commerford	Berk. 863845
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## St Peter's

Director of Music: Vaughan Meakins. :01494 837412; Assistant: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859  
 Organist: Mrs Jean Cooper. Tel: 874088

<b>Sundays</b>		<b>Weekdays</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
9.30am	Family Sung Eucharist with Creche & Sunday Schools (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday 6.45am Thursday 11.00am Friday 9.15am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
11.15am	Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only)	1st Monday in the month at 7.30pm, Holy
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')	Communion & Service for Healing Matins & Evensong said daily

### Confessions

After Saturday Evensong (5.00pm) or at other times by appointment.

### Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals

Please contact Revd Canon Basil Jones

**Bellringers (St Peter's):** Miss Priscilla Watt, 9 Kings Road. Tel: 863804

## All Saints'

Organist and choir: Mrs Valerie McCalla. Tel: 871765

### Sundays

8.00am	Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)
9.15am	Family Sung Eucharist & Sunday Schools, then coffee in the Hall
11.00am	(Methodist Morning Service)
6.30pm	Evening Service (1st Sunday - Anglican rite, other Sundays Methodist rite)

### Weekdays

Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am

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