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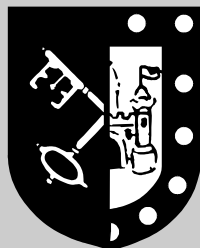
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Welcome to the July issue of the *Review*.

When we set about introducing the new format for the *Review* at the beginning of this year, we had a number of reasons. One was the desire to try to improve on what was already a good magazine by attracting a wider range of articles, and introducing photographs and graphics to complement the editorial. We also wanted to find ways of introducing the *Review* to a wider audience within our community. The magazine offers an important link between our parish and the wider community in Berkhamsted and surrounding areas. However, this means persuading people not otherwise involved with church life to pick up a copy of the *Review* in the first place! So, we've tried to increase the visual impact when the magazine is alongside other local publications in newsagents and other outlets. We've made a start with the use of colour on the cover on alternate months.

But there's something you can do as well - tell your friends! The higher our circulation, the easier we cover our costs (not an insignificant factor) and the more scope we have to introduce more new ideas. So, do spread the word - we think the *Review* is a 'good read' and worth every penny of 25p! *Chris Smalley*

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**Christopher Green
and John Banks,
our Church-
wardens, welcome
our new Rector,
Fr Mark Bonney.**

review leader

“What we need is a candidate of ability with the vision to recognise all that the parish has to offer”. Words written for these pages under the heading “Bring forth fruit with

patience”, when the vacancy was six months old. Now patience is rewarded. A parish priest of ability and vision has come forward and we have the firm prospect of a new Rector. The benefice has been offered by the Bishop of the Diocese to **Father Mark Bonney**, the Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough, and he has accepted it.

Father Mark was born in Hertfordshire at St Albans and educated in Suffolk. He read Music at Cambridge and distinguished himself there both as a musician and a sportsman. After teaching for three years in Durham he trained at St Stephen's House theological college and undertook his first curacy in Stockton-on-Tees. He returned however to Hertfordshire, to be Chaplain and then Precentor at St Albans Abbey before moving to Eaton Bray with Edlesborough. He has been a tutor for the diocesan Reader Training Scheme and last autumn was elected to the General Synod. He will be involved therefore in the work of the Synod on the revision of the ASB. Perhaps we shall find ourselves in the vanguard in trying out some of the liturgical material that Synod will be exploring!

We hoped that we would attract to the parish a young incumbent and we felt it would be good to have a young family in the Rectory. Now we can be glad - our hopes fulfilled. Father Mark is 39. He is

married to Katy, and they have two young children - Hannah who is 3 and Eleanor who was born on Good Friday this year. They plan to move into the Rectory during August. Meanwhile the parish is making the Rectory garden toddler-proof, and the Diocese is undertaking much-needed improvements in the kitchen.

When the parish explored the opportunities created by the vacancy, we recognised among the potential growth points the scope for encouraging the faith of young people and for supporting Christian teaching in our schools. Father Mark has experience as a teacher, as a school governor and as a parent of young children. He is well placed to give leadership in our work with young people.

In a recent letter to me, that he encourages me to quote, Father Mark describes his churchmanship as “very much in the Catholic sacramental tradition”, placing great value on liturgy and music in worship. He is also firmly committed to the work of the pastoral parish priest. In the same letter he writes of “prayer, care and a good sense of humour” as being important building blocks for his ministry with us.

We are all very conscious of the extended vacancy at All Saints. Father Mark is already taking action to ensure that a new Priest-in-Charge is appointed as soon as possible. **Father Mark's own Institution and Collation will take place at St Peter's on Thursday, 5th September at 8.00pm followed by refreshments in the Town Hall. It promises to be a joyful and holy occasion, rich in ceremony and tradition.** ❖

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Nicknames

The response to my asking about local nicknames has provoked a remarkable, if sometimes confusing, response. The problem is that some old names which still live in people's memories were not nicknames at all but the original names which have been superseded or just died out.

Happy Valley, for example, was what a group of cottages in Castle Street were properly called before they were demolished in the 1950s. They were squeezed into a remarkably small area just where the new road into Alsford Wharf has been made.

As far as actual nicknames are concerned I have lost count of how many people have told me that the dip about where Chapel Street and Holliday Street meet Ravens Lane, in a corner of the Town still officially Prospect Place, was always known as 'Foggy Bottom'.

Not far away the rather sharp bend in George Street 150 yards from Gravel Path was sometimes called *The Circus*, and the footpath from George Street to New Street which at one time consisted of two rows of fir trees was called *The Spinney*. Children living thereabouts

were apparently called the 'Spinney Spitefuls' a long time ago.

Zigzag and Poet's Corner

The road round behind the Castle was nicknamed *The Zigzag* when it was lined with railings which were angled left and right alternately. Middle Road (originally Kitsbury Middle Road) was unofficially called *Fish Street*. Next to the Crystal Palace in Station Road where there was once a little cottage, was *Poets Corner*.

Soon after Berkhamsted became one of the first towns in the county to have traffic lights - in 1930 it was - the junction of the High Street and Kings Road got to be called *Flashlight Corner*. I have also learned that at one time the north side of the High Street was sometimes referred to as *the ladies' side*, and the south side as the *men's* or *gentlemen's side*, presumably because most shops catering for ladies were on the north side and vice versa for men.

The Pightle

Perhaps the most remarkable thing I have been told - by a lifelong resident of Berkhamsted - was that Highfield Road was called *The Pightle* until quite recently by some locals. I had read that way back - as long ago as the reign of Henry VIII, I believe - the road was known by that name ('Pightle' means small enclosure or close), but it has had several official changes of name since then. It was Albert Place in 1841 and Prospect Street in 1851 before eventually becoming Highfield Road. Is it possible that the old name survived as a nickname for centuries? Incidentally, there is a handsome old house just round the corner in the High Street called *The Pightle House*.

Anyway, my collection of old local nicknames is growing, and I would be very pleased to be told of any more.

Two Front Doors

By the time this edition of the *Review* is out we will have a pretty clear idea of what the Kingsgate development will look like; not just the Waitrose building but the whole area.



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Already one potential effect can be seen on the buildings on the north side of the High Street. The Arts and Crafts Shop has turned its back door into a second front entrance with a new window and sign facing Kingsgate. I would be surprised if others aren't planning to follow suit. It seems very likely that in say five years' time the whole appearance of the area will have taken on a very different look.

It is therefore very odd that the Woolwich Building Society with its prime position in the new scenario has chosen to desert the Town, no doubt leaving behind a few existing accounts and the prospect of any new ones here.

1851 and all that

A new book by Dr Nigel Goose: *Population, economy and family structure in Hertfordshire in 1851 - Volume 1 The Berkhamsted region* was launched at a meeting of the local History Society recently. It contains the full census returns for Berkhamsted, Tring and the surrounding villages taken in 1851. Every house is listed with every occupant, giving his or her name, relationship to the head of the house, age, sex, occupation and where they were born.

Although of course Berkhamsted was very much smaller than it is now the population was much more densely packed together. Over half the population lived either in the High Street or in Castle Street which had no less than 349 residents, not including those at the School.

At the Grammar School the Head described himself as 'Schoolmaster M.A. & clergyman not having the cure of souls'. In his house he had a wife, five of his own children, eleven boarders and six servants. The other house in the school was run by the Usher who had 13 boarders. Of the total of 24 boarders, no less than nine were British subjects born in India.



Sculptures on the Chesham Road roundabout

Servants

At Northchurch the Rector, the Revd Sir J.H.C. Seymour, Bart, had in his household his wife, four children, a nursery teacher, a nursery maid, two other maids and a footman. In contrast the Rector of Berkhamsted had only one live-in servant. Big houses like The Hall and Haresfoot had a dozen or more servants each, nearly all of whom were unmarried and came from outside the Town.

The Workhouse

The statistics in the census for the Workhouse (which stood in the High Street at the bottom of Kitsbury Road and was only pulled down between the Wars) are chilling.

In 1851 it contained the Master, his wife who was also the Matron, their four children and 61 paupers. Only 15 of the paupers came from Berkhamsted, and four of these were illegitimate babies, one only two weeks old. Two of the inmates were described as 'idiotic'. So within this one building were all the rejects of society, from the newly born to the very old and what we would now call the mentally ill.

The book has a full introduction but even before reading that, just browsing through the pages of statistics, you are given fascinating glimpses into the social life of early Victorian Berkhamsted. Little could the original compilers of the Census have imagined that nearly a century and a half later their work would be the subject of such a sophisticated computer based analysis and scholarly interpretation. ❖

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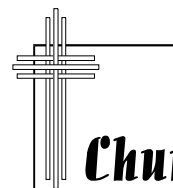
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Our Church Schools

The end of another year approaches for our two Church Schools.

Our events this summer have so far been beset by indifferent weather. Our School Association Spring Fair held on 18th May raised over £2,000. During the day it was suggested the fair ought to be renamed The Arctic Fair!! Some of the proceeds will be spent on updating our photocopying and printing facilities.



Victoria First School

Year One and Two visited Capel Manor Horticultural Centre in reasonable weather, but Year Three and Four endured rain and cold for their visits to Ashridge and Hudnall Park - not ideal for studying flora, fauna and wild life. The reception class visited Whipsnade Zoo during the first week of really fine weather. We hope the weather lasts for the nursery's trip to Oaklands Farm.

Perhaps the weather will be kind for the Open Day and various Sports Days!

Michael Hart (Headteacher)

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Another happy, busy and successful school year is heading towards the finishing post. Highlights include:

- a superb all singing, all dancing production of *The Wizard of Oz*, thoroughly enjoyed by an aggregate audience of more than 500.
- playing a significant part in hosting the four week visit of 10 poorly children from Belarus, working in partnership with the Chernobyl childline.
- committing ourselves to supporting the Gambia/Hertfordshire link: over £800 has so far been raised by pupils.
- the dedication by Canon Basil Jones of a new worship banner designed and realised by pupils.



Thomas Coram Middle School

In the final week of the year, we shall be welcoming new pupils and parents to the school during a variety of induction visits; preparing for the annual Sports Day and Summer Music concert; and, together with all other schools in the town, mounting an exhibition in the Civic Centre. The exhibition is on Saturday, 13th July, 10am-3pm, and will demonstrate the outstanding achievement of youngsters between the ages of 5 and 18. Do please make a visit: you will find it to be a refreshing antidote to the nonsense about schools spewed out by the press.

Colin Stevens (Headteacher)

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ur summer expedition to Venezuela is drawing nearer daily. We have now completed the sponsored marathon walk. The fund-raising tuckshop we have been running at school has drawn to a close and we have presented a very successful murder mystery evening to a wonderful audience at school. So the fund-raising is almost over.

The Spanish is still rather scratchy but we have progressed, *¿Habla Espanol? ¡un poco!* We all at least seem to possess a Spanish phrase book now, which no doubt will come in very handy throughout the month that we are away.

We have all received the vast majority of our jabs and have arranged the necessary malaria pills and blister kits.

Equipment has been bought, walking boots broken in, and rucksacks carried. Now the nerves and apprehension are building up as our departure date grows ever nearer.

We have now met Terry Hayward, who is to be our World Challenge leader on the expedition. He will leave the leading of the expedition to us. We have to follow the itinerary, book our own night buses and accommodation, and find our own food. Terry is responsible for making sure we are doing things safely and roughly keeping within the budget and the itinerary we have already set. Terry is a police officer in the Met, and has assured us that having been on expeditions before he hasn't lost anyone yet... so that is a little reassuring. He is a really nice guy and very experienced, so we are all looking forward to having him with us.

VENEZUELA UPDATE

Helen Appleyard updates us on the Ashlyns School expedition to Venezuela in which she and six other members of the Sixth Form are taking part.

We have been warned of some of the rather unpleasant aspects we will have to face. The culture shock, diseases, some of the food, and the many insects and wild animals. We have been advised not to wash in anything other than water as after a few days we

won't really notice. Soaps would pollute the rivers which will be the water supplies to the Venezuelan villages, and apart from anything else the smell of clean soap or shampoo is likely to attract many insects. We have also been warned of the security dangers, especially in towns like Caracas. We have been told that in the tropical climate a lot of our clothing will start to rot, especially around the stitching, because it will never actually get a chance to dry out. And that any white piece of kit is a bad idea because after several days without being able to give it anymore than a rinse through in a stream, it could turn a rather embarrassing shade of grey!

So if you are walking in the grounds of Ashlyns school on 7th July you may well see a cluster of tents and a pile of rucksacks because this is when and where our build-up training will begin. We will be going through all our kit, being briefed



about useful contacts we could meet in Venezuela, basic first aid, mountain training, ways to implement our itinerary and how the whole ethos of World Challenge will develop throughout our expedition, including how we are going to have to lead the expedition ourselves. It will be at four o'clock the next morning that things really start to get moving. This is when we have to get up to get prepared and arrive at the airport for a 7.30am flight. Then it's our turn. The expedition is ours. Everything is down to us. We have to begin to lead. The teachers and World Challenge leader will take a back seat, leaving everything else to us. We are in charge, they do what we require of them as part of the team. We check in at the airport and set off on our life changing trip.

So wish us luck. By the time you are reading this we may already be half-way there. At this moment in time I think we are still rather unsure just what this expedition is going to hold in store for us. But I know that we are all very excited, even if it is somewhat apprehensively. ❖

Helen Appleyard's first article describing the Venezuela venture appeared in the May issue of the Review.

Our one last fund-raising event will be a re-staging of our Murder Mystery dinner, to take place at Ashlyns school at 8pm on 2nd July. It was a great success last time, and a really fun night out, with all members of the Ashlyns expedition team taking parts in a murder mystery play performed between courses of the dinner. It is up to the audience to deduce just what has happened in The Havering Inheritance. If you are interested in coming along tickets are £7.50 and can be purchased from Helen Appleyard on Berkhamsted 875615.

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With the Euro 96 Football Competition currently in progress, to be followed by the Olympic Games in Atlanta and two Test Match series this summer against India and Pakistan, not to mention golf and tennis, expectations, enthusiasm and hopes are high - certainly for the sports enthusiast. I

suspect that for many, the major hope is that these events will produce high levels of performance but above all, that they are competed for in a proper spirit and without violence, giving pleasure to millions around the world.

Expectations, enthusiasm and hope are all infectious. Advancing years sometimes bring wisdom but there is the danger that they bring cynicism and that is a nasty complaint. Enthusiasts are normally happy, hopeful people who brighten our world. Whether it be politics, golf, gardening or religion, isn't it lovely to meet someone who is into their particular thing 'hook, line and sinker'?

A few months ago I was in W.H. Smith's bookshop late one Saturday afternoon, and the customer in front of me bought a copy of the Bible and spent £40 on National Lottery tickets. I desperately wanted to make some witty, inoffensive

THE VITAL INGREDIENTS

Euro 96 and the National Lottery are generating huge enthusiasm.

Gordon Hufford wonders if our church life could similarly benefit.

wise-crack but, alas, by the time I had the brain in gear he had paid his bill and disappeared (incidentally, I have not seen him around lately!!). Presumably he was aware that the odds are fourteen million to one against but clearly the enthusiasm for watching those numbered balls drop out of the

machine and the hope of a new lifestyle persuaded him?

We live in a country where the population is ageing and I suspect that our church congregations, councils and committees fall into the same bracket. We must be aware of the dangers and ensure that we remain attractive to young people. Evidence of expectation, enthusiasm and hope are vital.

Oh, how easy to write and how difficult to practice. Many of us have sat on committees where the qualities mentioned have produced the complete 'crank'. Please God "grant us to have a right judgement in all things" (Collect for Pentecost).

Incidentally our new Rector is a very able young man with a young family and a good sense of humour; he also happens to be a high class golfer and knows all about expectations, enthusiasm and hope!! ❖

Calling all journalists!

Do you have a contribution for the *Review*? Our subject areas are diverse - from church matters to the secular, serious and light-hearted. Don't wait for someone else to write about your pet subject! Illustrations - photographs and drawings are always welcome, both for inside the magazine and for the cover. And let us know if you're planning an event - and tell us about it afterwards!

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A few months ago, in an article in the *Review*, I referred to a number of famous people who had been born in Berkhamsted. I quoted the autobiography of the late Sir Kingsley Amis in which he stated that he was born in

Shrublands Avenue, Berkhamsted. It appears that Kingsley Amis and I were both wrong. He was in fact born in Shrublands Road: an understandable error since the two are often confused by people who still live here and Kingsley Amis was writing about sixty years after leaving the town.

My authority for this correction is Jim Harrowell who has lived in Berkhamsted for eighty-two years and whose grandfather, William Harrowell, built the Amis's house as well as many others in the town. According to Jim's calculations Kingsley Amis's childhood home was one of the semi-detached houses beyond Queen's Road - twenty-six or twenty-eight according to my calculations. Presumably an examination of the house deeds would settle the exact address and then we could ask the Town Council to award it a blue plaque!

William Harrowell was born in 1850 and one of his tasks as a young man was that of carting hay to London and returning with loads of soot which were added to the local land to improve its texture and fertility. William started a building business, William Harrowell and Sons, in Clarence Road. His wife was Welsh and William met her in *The Lamb* where she had stopped off with a number of her countrymen whose habit it was, in the mid-nineteenth century, to drive their sheep from Wales to the London markets, stopping at places like Berkhamsted on the way. The couple had eight boys and three girls, the eldest, Harvey, becoming a

A Citizen Remembers

The history of our Town lives on in the memory of its residents.

Stephen Halliday has been talking with Jim Harrowell, who has lived in Berkhamsted for 82 years.

Shrublands Road and Shrublands Avenue area of the town in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. They made their own bricks in their two kilns: one in Cholesbury and one in Shooters Way, close to where the golf range is now situated. There is a road in Cholesbury called Kiln Road so this is presumably where William's kiln was located. The bricks were made from the characteristic red clay which is to be found in pockets around Berkhamsted. Jim never knew his father who was tragically killed in 1916 when Jim was two years old. His name is to be found on the Menin Gate as well as on Berkhamsted's War Memorial.

Jim attended Berkhamsted School as a scholarship boy, fellow pupils being the author Peter Quennell and the son of the famous historian G.M. Trevelyan who, Jim thinks, lived in Shooters Way. He remembers the headmaster, Charles Greene (father of Graham) as a stern disciplinarian, much more ready with the cane than was his successor, the more liberal Cuthbert Cox. When he left Berkhamsted School Jim was articled to his uncle Harvey in London, qualifying as a solicitor in 1937. In the years before the war Jim played cricket for Berkhamsted, Kingsley Amis's father being another member of the side. Jim also played football for Berkhamsted Town, occasionally turning out as an amateur for Watford, then a third division side. In 1936 he played in an epic amateur cup tie for Berkhamsted against Enfield, who frequently won the trophy, the local side

solicitor's clerk at Penny and Thorne before qualifying and starting his own practice in London. Jim's father, Albert, was a bricklayer in the family business which was responsible for building many of the houses in the Queens Road,

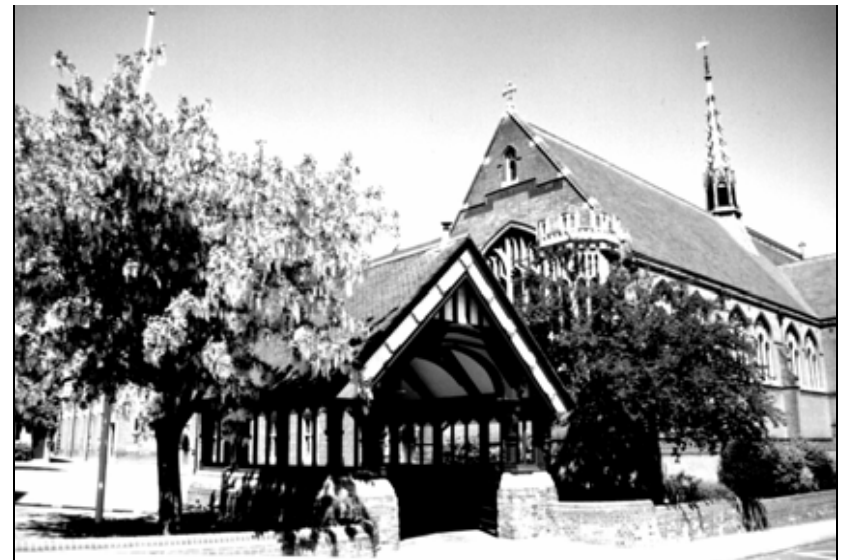
drawing twice with the mighty visitors before going down one-nil at the third attempt.

His career as an active sportsman was sadly and abruptly ended at 6.30am on 7th May 1943 during the Eighth Army's final battle for Tunis when a mortar shell severely wounded both his legs while he was serving in the Second Battalion, the Beds. and Herts. Regiment. After two years convalescence he emerged from the temporary hospital at Ashridge House and started his own legal practice in a cottage on the site of what is now Boots the Chemist. The practice continues to prosper at Harrowell and Atkins, on the corner of Boxwell Road. Unable to play football because of his wartime injuries, from which he still suffers, Jim resumed his sporting interests as chairman of Berkhamsted football club and, from 1952-1991, as a director of Watford. In his later years he worked with Elton John as chairman and Graham Taylor as manager and saw Watford to the cup final.

Jim was a member of Berkhamsted Town Council for thirty-nine years and was chairman at the time of the coronation in 1953. During this period he witnessed

the growth of the town to something like its present size, the most dramatic expansion occurring in the Hall Park area and the vicinity of Bridgewater Road. The latter became possible when Lord Brownlow sold Ashridge House before the war, having previously refused all applications to build on what was then his land. Berkhamsted Hall was owned by Graham Greene's uncle and stood at the bottom of what is now Swingate Lane, though most of the present Hall Park estate was formerly occupied by Lane's nurseries.

Memories like these are themselves part of the fabric of a town, part of our oral history, and I am very grateful to Jim for sharing them with me. Perhaps other long-standing residents of the town would like to write to the *Review* with their own recollections of people and places. They would interest me and, I am sure, would be welcomed by many other readers. ❖



Berkhamsted School, attended by Jim Harrowell

*“Oh fat white woman
who nobody loves
Why do you walk
through the fields
in gloves?”*

I’m not sure where this comes from but it is one of those odd little verses (or part of a verse) which I remember hearing a long time ago and it has stuck in my memory ever since! It seemed rather apt as I walked along the towpath on a cold and windy Sunday morning in May carrying my umbrella, handbag and gloves on my way home from church.

Having noted with great pleasure that there were still six surviving cygnets and having noted with great displeasure the rubbish in the river Bulbourne, I then came upon a group of sensibly clad people in whose midst was Councillor Lindy Foster of Bridgewater Boats fame. I realised that this was the Berkhamsted, Citizens’ Association Canal Walk - I had made a mental note of the date but unfortunately this had not ‘stuck’. I latched on to the walk and was pleased to learn that it is not the intention to create a ‘twee’ or ‘pristine’ canal area but to preserve our heritage, as far as possible, and to make sure that builders abide by planning regulations and, where stated, screen intrusive new buildings with trees and hedgerows. It would seem that *vigilance* is the name of the game and knowledge is required of the various

A Walk along the Canal

Sheila Newland considers the benefits of canal-side ‘improvements’.

what should be an area of natural beauty. The natural wood picnic tables and strategically placed litter bins are acceptable, also the natural wood equipment in the play area for older children. However, the more recent brightly painted equipment for the younger children could well be the thin end of the wedge from the aesthetic point of view. Watch out for the overnight appearance of brightly coloured concrete rainbows and concrete balls! (I was about to add ‘One man’s meat is another man’s poison’ - rather tactless in these troubled times!).

However, a sight to gladden the heart and restore one’s faith in human nature is that of the small, beautifully made ramps which some caring member of the community has put on the side of the canal to help the ducklings to get out of the water where it is too steep for them. It is such thoughtfulness as this that puts all the unpleasantness we encounter every day into some sort of perspective - but, of course, kindness rarely makes the headlines, does it? ❖

authorities and their responsibilities in the canal and river area.

I fear that with the intrusion of the new Waitrose building and the (possibly well-intentioned) plans being made to create a ‘leisure area’ we may see garish additions to



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The Berkhamsted Walk 1996

The walk went off very successfully this year. The number of walkers was well up on last year - about 300 people. This is round about the normal number (last year we only had 200 walkers because the walk was in the middle of the 50th anniversary of VE Day). The amount sponsored was also well up - we hope to get for the Childrens' Society a sum which should be in the region of £4,000 - £4,500, which is excellent. Enough of the statistics!

The weather was dry, and although cool and cloudy enough to make gardeners and sun worshippers moan, it was very good for walking. A lot more people got all the way round than we expected. All the walkers I spoke to thought it was a very good route, particularly the new sections, with views they had never seen before. As always, not all was perfect. More people than usual 'disappeared' from the system. At the Bridgewater Monument, 13 miles round the route, about thirty people failed to appear. They had decided to drop out, but had not told anyone. Fortunately nobody really got completely lost. There were a lot of new people taking part and some of them were

This year's Berkhamsted Walk
was a resounding success.

Ian McCalla tells us more.

not aware of the 'proper procedures'! Each year we assume that, as most people have done the walk before, they all know the drill. This year, some didn't. So next year, we shall have to put some explanatory notes on the sponsor forms.

We were delighted to see so many Pathfinders this year. In recent years, the number of teenagers doing the walk had diminished considerably, but this year, there they all were; and most of them got all the way round, too. One of their leaders made an interesting comment. "This year's walk was quite a tough nineteen mile walk, and they got all the way round. Just a little bit more, and it would have been a twenty mile walk. Now that would be a real achievement, to do a twenty mile walk, and get a certificate for it. So, could we have a twenty mile walk, please?"

This might fit in with our thinking for next year. We plan to have a main walk of the normal length together with a shorter 'fun walk' of about twelve miles, so that people can walk four sections and still end up back at the Court House. ❖

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At the beginning of the Bank Holiday week, members of the Chiltern Chamber Choir were to be found making their way to Poitiers, France by a variety of routes and modes of transport.

Eventually we all met up at our hotel and basked on the patio in bright continental sunshine.

Our music director Adrian Davis had conceived this trip so that we could sing in some of the ancient Romanesque churches of the area. This proved to be a breath-taking experience and has added another dimension to our singing capacity.

We sang at two venues both outside Poitiers. The first at the Priory of Villesalem and then at the Abbey Church of St Savin. Both churches offered us very different experiences. At the first, the sounds of our voices were woven and blended together creating a six second resonance within the building. We felt that the anthems we were singing had found their true context.

Both concerts had small but appreciative audiences. At St Savin we processed up the nave holding candles which added

RAISING THE RAFTERS IN POITIERS

Penny Abbott recounts the visit in May by the Chiltern Chamber Choir to Poitiers.

to the atmosphere of the occasion and also enabled us to read our music copies in the rather poorly lit church!

After the concerts we had a meal at local family-run restaurants with plenty of *bon*

vivant. We also had time to enjoy the sights of Poitiers, particularly the magnificent mediaeval sculpture on the west facade of Notre Dame la Grande in the city centre, recently cleaned and restored, beautiful in the evening sunlight. Poitiers was the favourite city of Eleanor, Duchess of Aquitaine of which Poitou was a part, and this facade was created at about the same time as her marriage to Henry, Count of Anjou, later King Henry II of England.

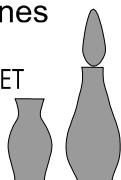
Memories of the trip are to do with the senses: the bright and vibrant primary colours of the flower market, the smell of freshly milled coffee, the variety of different shaped cheeses, the shiny jewelled glacé fruits, the vegetables and fish of the covered food market, and most of all the sounds of our voices ringing among the high spaces within the vaulted roofs of those ancient churches. ❖

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CUTTING COMMENTS

Local Councillor Norman Cutting
argued with a bus and came off
worst with a 'bang on the head'.

A week before the deadline, the telephone rang with David Woodward at the other end. "Would you like to do some articles for us?", said he. Taken aback but thinking on one's feet as all good politicians do (except this one), "Why not", said I. Without delay, I rushed to my

computer and thought of all the things I would like to say about Berkhamsted. I could say what I thought about the street signs, or the colour of the bricks on the new Waitrose building, or the next bout of road-works. These will have to wait until after the coming by-election, I'm afraid. So, working on the principle that people love to talk about themselves and even more love to be nosy and read about other peoples lives, how about a little about me?

Most people have something happen or an event which changes their lives completely. It may be marriage, it may be the birth of their first child, a lost love or the death of a close loved one. In my case, it was being hit by a bus. It has turned into the excuse I use whenever needed. I've had a bang on the head, I'll say. People look at me and are never sure whether or not to believe me, but it's true.

There I was, in my little van, minding my own business when -bang- I was lying on a bed with faces all around asking silly questions like, what's your name?, what's the date?, do you know where you are? and I hurt! I have been told that my vehicle was stationary and that a big bus pushed me and my van 50 yards backwards. When I didn't arrive home at the expected time, my wife called my van using our radio system. When I didn't answer, she did the thing every wife would do - she called the police to ask if I had been involved in an accident. On being

told that I hadn't, she proceeded to keep calling my van until it suddenly stopped answering (the van, not me!). The telephone rang shortly afterwards with the police asking if she was the lady who had been asking about her husband being involved in an accident? She was

then given the news that it was me.

Meanwhile, back with my squashed van. A fire engine was chained to the rear, the bus chained to the front and they both reversed to let me out. I was lucky that the duty consultant orthopaedic surgeon actually came to the crash site and the correct treatment was provided instantly (this was before the paramedic scheme we have today). My right leg had to have a enormous pin and plate fitted (I still have it) and large amounts of glass removed from my arms and head (I still have some of that too!). The less obvious injury was to my head. Did you know that the brain is surrounded by a liquid and can get damaged if violently shaken as it bangs into the skull? In my case, one of my ear drums suffered as well and I now have reduced hearing and tinnitus in one ear. It also means that great chunks of my memory are missing, but little things are quite clear and events can trigger partial recall.

Less than a week later, to the surprise of everyone including my consultant, I hobbled out of West Herts Hospital to begin my recovery at home. It makes me realise how lucky I was and for about the next five years, my wife always wanted to be told if I was delayed anywhere - just in case. Like I always say, "It's not my fault, I've had a bang on the head!"

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As my memory is nowhere as good as it could be, it is surprising the changes that have occurred even during my short time in the Berkhamsted area. I was particularly interested in reading Mr Brinklows' piece in the May issue of the *Review* about Sunnyside. My family came to Berkhamsted in the mid 1930s', presumably to find work, and settled in Ravens Lane. In fact one of my uncles still lives in the same house. I was born at West Herts Hospital and, as my mother reminds me, cost the princely sum of £7 10s (this was a discount on the normal price of £10 as my father was in the forces) and shortly afterwards ended up in one of the new pre-fabs built at the top of Three Close Lane. My mother tells me that our particular pre-fab was not quite as wonderful as most stories would have you believe. It was damp and cold although it had a fitted cooker, refrigerator and heating. The connection does elude me at the moment but, as even I was too young to remember, I have to rely on the memories of others. We then moved to one of the nice new council houses built at the end of Shrublands Road and known as the Durrants Estate. Again, my family still occupy the same house.

I remember my first day at Chapel Street school. I cried my heart out over having to leave my family and be left in a strange place with lots of other strange children. The funny thing is, the only other memory of the school is that we used slates. I used to tell my wife, Tina, about how we used slates only to be told that she had pencil and paper at her school, so I must be mistaken. Tina was brought up in somewhere called Adeyfield in a place called Hemel Hempstead and obviously went to a school where money was no object. Pencil and paper indeed! I visited the Ironbridge museum in Shropshire a couple of years ago. They have a 'village'

set around the turn of the century with a school. The memories came back, slates as well. Tina now agrees that I was right after all.

My next school was Victoria School in Prince Edward Street and I remember silly things about this period, like the frozen milk bottles being laid out on the heating pipe in the main hall, like my first girlfriend (and second, and third), like telling stories to the class at the end of the day, like being put into Mr Jacksons' class whilst my girlfriend was put into Mrs Wests' and like being in Mr Phillips' class which was across the footpath and in a temporary building. Park View School were our rivals for some reason and even to this day I believe that we were better than they were. The other thing to strike me at this time was why did the Boys School have different holidays to us?

During this time, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was on television. We had a television, so all the neighbours came round to watch. I'm sure the screen was so small that we had one of the popular water-filled magnifiers in front of it. Later, we were one of the few to have the new independent television service by having a converter perched on top of the set. It was one of the most temperamental pieces of equipment you could imagine and how the valves lasted as long as they did, I'll never know. With luck, this should trigger some memories and I'll have another go in a future issue with such things as the fun-fair that used to set up in the field behind the Crooked Billet (although sometimes it was in the field where the sports centre now stands); the Guy Faulkes bonfire that was built in the field between the two halves of Bridgewater Road; the time when we had the main office and shop of the West Herts Co-op and our very own Sainsburys!



Saint John's Bourne End

Open Day - 20th July 1996

At Saint John the Evangelist, London Road, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead (situated on the old



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young Alfred Bell, a student of Gilbert Scott.

The church is unusual inside for its frescos painted on the walls and domed sanctuary. The roof depicts Dante's version of Heaven and the pictures on the walls are a memorial to Elca Rose, wife of Edward Constable Curtis, the local squire who commissioned the paintings in 1889 after her death in their first year of marriage. She is buried in the churchyard.

Refreshments available.



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**Denis Roberts writes
in appreciation of
The Reverend John
Tabor M.A.**

The retirement of John Tabor gives us pause to think over the many considerable changes that have taken place in the short space of twenty years that he has been with us. It was a great challenge for John, Gillian and their young family to come to a small village and parish after years in the academic world and from the community life at Scargill in the Yorkshire Dales.

St Mary's at that time had changed little and was a quiet village church where, although the interior was dull, the people were friendly, warm and welcoming. A start had been made to lighten things up by a hard working team who had stripped off the age old dark varnish from the pews. Much more was to follow under John's inspiration - the re-ordering scheme with the central altar, new furniture and move of choir and organ to the west end; sound reinforcement scheme and new lighting. All these were designed to bring light and praise into our worship and to welcome everyone into the fellowship of St Mary's - a fellowship now enhanced by the opportunities afforded by the refurbished parish room.

Prior to John's arrival, the parish had not changed noticeably since pre war times and much of the congregation was elderly and set in its ways - not an easy flock upon which to introduce all the changes to come with the ASB. John's success in retaining some Prayer Book services has meant that the cherished needs of each age group have been met.

John is very aware of Christ's commission to the church to preach and heal. This has underpinned his commitment to the ministry of healing. It

has led to dedicated services, prayer groups and an outflowing of compassion to those distressed in sickness of body, mind or spirit, the bereaved and those suffering any of the stresses of our modern daily life. That all of this is true, is upheld by many remarkable testimonies.

Many years as padre to the Hertfordshire Police brought extreme situations to John where his wise counsel was needed and sought by serving officers and victims alike. The police was just one of John's concerns outside the parish - others included student welfare centres in London and Bristol, involvement in educational matters at Oxford and Cambridge, and attendance on numerous committees. His erudition has been in demand on more than one Deanery Synod or ecumenical meeting.

Back in the parish John will be remembered for his teaching and keen interest in music. The teaching in his sermons was extended widely in his much appreciated monthly letter in the Northchurch Parish Newsletter, and also enjoyed publication in the *Berkhamsted Review*. Other aspects of his teaching showed in his leadership of Bible Study and house groups, confirmation classes and wedding preparation, and also in his influence on St Mary's Church of England School, the Sunday School, young people's groups and in his involvement with the Diocesan Ministerial Training Scheme. As befits a one-time organ scholar, John's knowledge of music in support of worship is extensive and used to great effect when choosing the tune to fit the occasion or a parishioner's favourite hymn. Here the young have not been forgotten and we must all now be familiar with the latest chorus or round and respond to popular tunes such as *The Dambusters*.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Meg Harper and May Kempster wish to thank all who supported their Coffee Morning in All Saints Hall on 11th May. Over £147 was raised.

We hope to have a repeat one on 9th November with a stall of Christmas gifts. If any one has any unwanted articles suitable for this stall, we would be very happy to receive them. Thanking you in anticipation.

ST ALBANS ABBEY OPEN EVENING

On Thursday, 11th July you can explore parts of the Abbey not usually available to the public, and witness some of its treasures demonstrated by the Abbey staff. Come when you wish between Choral Evensong at 5:00pm and Compline at 9:00pm. There is no charge but visitors need a ticket. Please contact Alan Conway on 865798 for more details.

Please note: the visit to be organised by the Mothers' Union on 10th July and announced in the June issue of the Review has been postponed; if you were interested in taking part then please take advantage of the Open Evening.

TUESDAY CLUB

Our last meeting for this session will be on 2nd July at 8:15pm when we welcome Mrs. Betty Hill who will give us a talk packed with humour.

There will not be a meeting during August but we will meet again on 3rd September. New members will be very welcome. Please contact Thelma Harris on 865785.

CARIBBEAN LINKS FESTIVAL

This event takes place on Saturday, 20th July and consists of the following.

10:30am	Opening Worship
11:00am	Festival Eucharist
12:30pm	Caribbean Lunch
2:00pm	News from the Links & Introducing the Windward Islands
2:30pm	'Options'
3:30pm	Tea
4:15pm	Epilogue

If you plan to attend, or to take lunch or wish for any further information please contact Mrs Jane Garner, 43 Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 1HE or phone 01727 854832.

Northchurch Review (continued from page 23)

No brief review of a rector's ministry can be attempted without mention of his family. Gillian will always be cherished for her annual sermon on Mothering Sunday and her sensitive and meaningful intercessions on many Sundays. She was a strong supporter of the Saturday Meeting Points and was at hand to ensure that Harvest Supper and other feasts were well provisioned. No caller at the rectory could fail to notice Charlotte's unfailing presence and readiness to help with an unending flow of tea and coffee, not to

mention a meal for a needy 'traveller'. We all owe so much to them both.

Anthony's departure for Hong Kong and Philip's imminent completion of his studies round off for them their years of development among us at St Mary's - we wish them well.

To John we say thank you for all that you have given us; enjoy the new opportunities that the Lord will open for you - enjoy your retirement and find time to go fishing!

May God be with you and bless you. ❖

BERKHAMSTED W.I.



Vice-President Mrs. Goode welcomed members to our May meeting as our President was on holiday. Competition Spoons/Vouchers were presented to Mesdames Bennett, Blumson and Gale.

The Institute birthday party on St George's Day was declared a most successful and happy evening greatly enjoyed by members and guests.

Mrs. Blumson reported fully on the Annual Council Meeting of the Hertfordshire Federation held in St Albans on 30th April and 16 members had an excellent afternoon visiting Chienes as part of a group outing. The gardens were full of tulips of every hue and the history of the house told by guides in each room we visited was stimulating.

Members were urged to buy a copy of the County Quiz entitled *Fin, Fur and Feathers*. The main part of the evening was spent on discussion of the three resolutions for the Intermediate General Meeting at Cardiff on 5th July. They dealt with student grants, skills for living and NHS dentistry. Voting took place and the results will be given to our delegate for the meeting.

After refreshments six members entertained with a shortened comic version of *Cinderella*, greatly amusing the other members.

Our next meeting is on 17th July in Gable Hall, Price Edward Street and Mrs. M. Sole will be talking on *The Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund*.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

In the absence of our President, Joan Griffiths, who was on holiday, Liz Baxendale welcomed members to our June meeting. On such a hot afternoon it was nice to have a relaxing time listening to an excellent speaker, Mrs. F. Lane, who gave us a talk on *Embroidery Through the Ages*. She brought with her some exquisite pieces of work for us to handle and view, dating back many years and still in wonderful condition.

Also on show were ten items made by members which were exhibited at the Herts. County Show where we gained one Gold, one Silver and two Red awards.

During last month, several members enjoyed the concert entitled *Music on the Light Side*, given by the Herts. County W.I. Choir and held at the Rudolph Steiner School in Kings Langley.

Our speaker next month will be Mrs. B.M. Hubert talking to us about *Islands Around Britain* at the Court House, Berkhamsted on Friday 5th July at 2:00pm.

Why not pay us a visit and bring a friend?

From the Registers...

Baptisms (St Peter's)

19 May	Christopher John Limbert
26 May	Guy Jonathan Barnes, Edward George Barnes, Ryan Alan Blyth, Ross Aaron Blyth, Alyssa Kayleigh Blyth

Baptisms (All Saints')

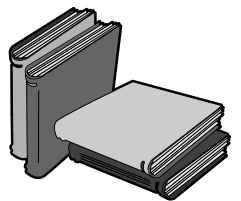
2 June	Hannah Louise Cochrane, Richard James Hargreaves
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Weddings (St Peter's)

11 May	Rebecca Jane Wellsted & Nicholas John Lloyd
11 May	Jane Melissa Sargaison & Alistair Langfield Story
11 May	Sarah Elizabeth Prossor & David Kevin Milligan
18 May	Katherine Jane Burton & Mark Jason Wheway
18 May	Francesca Eugenie Lepper & Mark Patrick Dunfoy

Funerals

See overleaf.



reviewdiary

All services at normal times unless stated.

July / August 1996

JULY

6	8:00am	Anglican/Methodist Joint Prayers followed by breakfast	<i>All Saints'</i>
7	11:15am	Choral Matins	<i>St Peter's</i>
14	10:30am	Anglican/Methodist United Service followed by Barbecue	<i>All Saints'</i>
20	8:00am	Churches Together in Berkhamsted - Breakfast followed by prayers	<i>Northchurch Baptists'</i>

AUGUST

There are some changes in St Peter's & All Saints' usual pattern of services.

The following **will** take place:

4	8.00am	Holy Communion Rite B	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	9.15am	Family Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
4	11.15am	Matins & Sermon	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	6.30pm	Evensong & Sermon	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	9.15am	A Service of the Word	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	9.30am	Family Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
11	6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon	<i>St Peter's</i>
18	8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
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18	6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon	<i>St Peter's</i>
25	8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>All Saints'</i>
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ADVANCE NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER

5	8:00pm	The Collation and Induction of Mark Bonney to the benefice of Great Berkhamsted	<i>St Peter's</i>
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From the Registers (continued from page 25)

Funerals

1 May	Ursula Norah Anstis Churchill-Dawes	The Chilterns Crematorium
3 May	Edna May Bell	The Chilterns Crematorium
18 May	Margaret Robertson	The Chilterns Crematorium
24 May	Inez Annie Drew	The Chilterns Crematorium
28 May	Marie 'Molly' Irene Hearne	All Saints' (Chilterns Crematorium)

SundaySchool

Churches

PCC 1996/7

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 1996-97

The churchwardens and PCC members for 1996-7 are: (phone nos in brackets)

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Deputy wardens: Barbara Conway (865798) and Robert Wakely (875504)

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St Peter's

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 Organist: Mrs Jean Cooper. Tel: 874088

Sundays		Weekdays
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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