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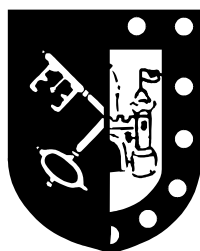
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

The question I would like you to consider this month is where are the photographers and artists of Berkhamsted? Or more particularly where are those who might like to see their work on the cover (or in the pages) of this magazine? We have had a very positive response to our recent appeals for more contributors. The best recipe for success in a parish magazine is to include plenty of people in the action. We will continue to work at it.

But, despite some welcome and notable exceptions, we have still had not much response to our earlier calls for pictures - whether photographs or line drawings. We are sure however that the *Review* is a perfect vehicle for displaying your work. We will even let you have your originals back! Our reproductions are in black and white, but that does not mean that your copies have to be. So, if you are a photographer, sketcher or landscape painter please bear us in mind if you want a means of displaying your talent. We have a preference for local subjects but otherwise we are very open-minded about what can be shown. We look forward to hearing from you!

*David Woodward*

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#### **Faith and Fireworks**

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**Fr Mark Bonney  
thinks about  
St Peter and  
Petertide.**

## *review* leader

May having been the Blessed Virgin Mary's month, as the Rector of Northchurch so rightly reminded us in the May edition of the *Review*, June is the Apostle Peter's month with his feast day on the 29th. Elsewhere you can read about the Petertide Fair which I hope you will support, and our patronal festival will be celebrated on Sunday 29th June at the 9:30am Parish Eucharist. The preacher will be the Revd Victor Stock, Rector of St Mary-Ie-Bow. Fr Victor is a splendid communicator and we're very fortunate to have him with us.

St Peter, Petertide and churches dedicated to St Peter are very special indeed to me. I was ordained a priest on St Peter's day. I was a curate at that time in the parish of St Peter, Stockton-on-Tees, and I presided at the Eucharist for the first time on 29th June celebrating the patronal festival. To be again in a parish with a church dedicated to St Peter is a great joy. Petertide is now, within the Church of England, the principal time when ordinations take place, and some of us will be in the Abbey at St Albans on 6th July for the ordinations in this diocese and especially to support Keith Straughan being ordained a deacon to serve in the parish of Abbots Langley. Please pray for him, Christine and their family.

Please pray too that there may be more people like Keith called by God to serve him as priests within his Church. One of the goals that Bishop Christopher has set before the diocese is an increase in vocations to ministry both lay and ordained. Patterns of ordained ministry have been changing for some years and

not everyone is aware of it. Prayer for more priests, and a searching out of those whom God may be calling has not been as high on our agendas as it could have been.

Raw statistics never tell the full story, but it's interesting to know that in 1851 there were 14,751 stipendiary clergy under the age of 65, in 1901 there were 19,521, in 1951 there were 12,666, in 1966 there were 13,724 and in 1991 there were 11,076. The projected figure for 2001 is 8,953. This diocese anticipates there being 50 fewer stipendiary priests by 2005 than there are now. More priests are retiring than are being ordained... and that *is not* a policy decision by the bishops! God may be asking us to reshape things - and a lot is happening as we realise that ministry is not the preserve of the ordained. For example, a visit from 'the church' doesn't have to be a visit from the clergy. However leadership and service is needed, ordained priests are still needed - so please pray that God will call and that people will hear.

St Peter is remembered for all sorts of things, his impetuosity, his sharp insight, his big gaffs, his disowning of Jesus, his fearless preaching of the resurrection, his martyrdom. He is generally recognised as the leader of the apostles and he is a strong candidate for being called the first Bishop of Rome. We thank God for all of that, and aided by his example and prayers may we all express our love for Christ by faithful discipleship.

*Fr Mark Bonney*

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*Cover: The village green at Potten End.  
The village holds its open day on 22nd  
June - see the article on page 20.*

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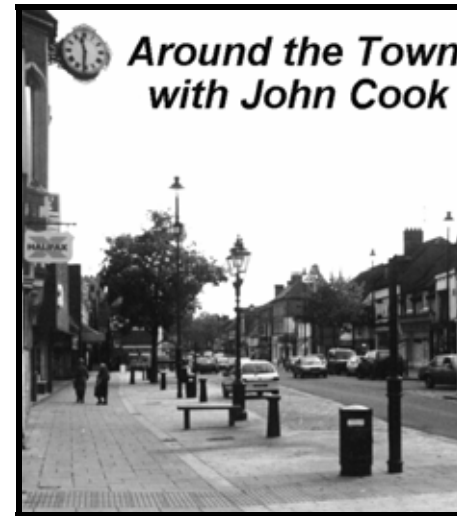
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### Wartime Residents

Driving from Berkhamsted to Ashridge you pass a large house called Rodinghead, set back from the road high up on the right-hand side near the entrance to the park. A recent planning application to make some changes to the house reminded me of previous alterations made there during the last war. Then the cellar was strengthened to provide an air raid shelter for the house's tenant, General de Gaulle.

De Gaulle was leader of the Free French at the time, and he stayed on at Rodinghead for a year or so. His presence there was not publicised in the security-minded war years, but on Sundays he would be seen at Mass at the Roman Catholic church in Berkhamsted, which was then in Park View Road. On one occasion he was persuaded to take the salute at the Remembrance Day march past at Potten End, and I have seen a photograph of this improbable event. Does anyone have a copy of it still?

Later during the war the area saw another visiting general who was to go on to be the president of his country. Eisenhower, when he was Supreme Allied Commander, stayed for a time at Ashridge House.

### Street Names

An ordnance survey map of Berkhamsted dated 1897 shows the road between the station and the bottom of Castle Street as being part of Station Road. Today the Council considers it to be part of Lower Kings Road. Common sense would suggest that the Victorians were right, but since nobody lives there perhaps it doesn't much matter.

Over the other side of the railway the road which runs from the station to the bottom of Whitehill isn't visited by the postman either, except on his way to the cottage in the Castle. It too has no houses in it, and as it doesn't even have a nameplate, hardly anyone knows that it is officially called *High Wall*.

### Berkhamsted Sport

Large tracts of land in and around the Town are given over to sport (or as we were taught at school to say 'games', to distinguish such activities, I suppose, from real sport: huntin', shootin' and fishin'). On the south edge of the Town we have Velvet Lawn, the grounds of the Thomas Coram and Ashlyns schools, and the extensive playing fields of the Collegiate School, including Haslam Field. To the north are Bridgewater School grounds, the cricket club and AgrEvo Sports Club grounds; and on the Northchurch side of Berkhamsted is the Leisure Centre and adjoining playing field; and there are others, not to mention the two fine golf courses nearby. The future of the AgrEvo facilities, by the way, is in doubt once the company leaves the Town later in the year. Sport receives scant attention in this column. In fact local sports news doesn't get much coverage anywhere except on the two or three back pages of the *Gazette*. Did you know, for instance, that Berkhamsted Town Ladies Football Club have clinched the title of F.A. Southern Division Champions? I went along to see some of their final match of the season (entrance free, programme 50p), and was



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greatly impressed by their commitment and skill in dealing both with the ladies of Three Bridges and the unpredictable bounce of the Town's bumpy pitch. Next season they go on to play in the top level of women's football in the country. Good luck to them, and I hope that they get strong support from the Town.

Our men hockey players have also done well. Berkhamsted Hockey Club reached the semi-final of the Herts Cup. Their ground, which incidentally is this year's venue for the Citizens Association's 'Summer Wine' event, is rather out of Town, up a lane beside the Cow Roast pub, half way to Tring,

### **The Lillywhites**

For our men footballers, though, all is on a knife edge as we go to press. There is a risk that for the first time in their 102-year history Berkhamsted Town Football Club - 'The Lillywhites' - will drop off the bottom of the ICIS Division 1. We can only keep our fingers crossed and hope that they will win their next match and thereby just avoid being one of the three teams to be relegated. Whatever happens, though, the Lillywhites will not be playing either of our near neighbours next season. Hemel Hempstead have been relegated from Division 2 to Division 3, and Chesham, league champions of Division 1 this season, are promoted to the Premier Division

Finally, Berkhamsted Cricket Club, as I write, is just starting its 122nd season.

### **Victorian Festivities**

Exactly 100 years ago this month there was great celebration in Berkhamsted to mark the 60th anniversary of the coming to the throne of Queen Victoria. Several huge ornamental arches with crowns on top were erected across the High Street and there were joyful and lavish festivities. I wonder what the public reaction would be today to such extravagant public expenditure.

In George Street high up on the wall of No. 152 there is an interesting plaque



*Bowls in Berkhamsted: amongst many sports on offer.*

which commemorates the 60 years of Victoria's glorious reign. It shows her head in relief with the date, 1897, and lists her dominions, including, rather surprisingly, Egypt and Africa. Perhaps in those optimistic and imperialist times the designer thought that it was only a matter of time before the whole of Africa would be hers.

If you would like to know more about what the Town was like 100 years ago you can buy from the library a reproduction of the 1897 map of Berkhamsted I mentioned earlier, which includes the Town Directory for that time.

### **Footnote on Swans**

On the edge of the canal, on a conspicuous site by the side of the part of Lower Kings Road just referred to, the swans which successfully nested there last year have done it again. They have produced another eight eggs and as I write these have just turned into seven bundles of fluff. Last year three or four of their offspring survived to adulthood. Unfortunately the geese don't seem to do so well. In previous years their attempts to hatch eggs have come to nothing, and now a nest containing no less than 18 eggs was abandoned only 100 yards along the canal from where the swans have succeeded. ❖

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## A Reminder from the Stewardship Committee

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**Christian Stewardship is an essential part of our life in the Church,** but it's easy to forget that a year has passed since we were last invited to renew our pledges and that it's time for each of us to think once again about our Stewardship. To remind ourselves about keeping up with inflation, about revising our covenant, and about looking for ways to help with the work of the Church in our parish and beyond.

**There is much to rejoice about over the past year and as we look ahead.** We now have rector, Father Mark and a new priest-in-charge at All Saints', Father Robin. We have appointed a youth worker to start in September, Christina Billington. Adult education and mission are increasingly important items on our agenda. We have a strong record of Christian stewardship and a very high percentage of members who pledge and covenant. We have good foundations on which to build and grow. Of the total income of the parish last year, 17 percent was used in outward giving - mission at home and abroad, work amongst the poor, the homeless and the disadvantaged.

**But it's not all good news.** Last year our Stewardship income target was £86,500 and our *actual* income was £84,000. We avoided a 'loss' only because we were so many months without a rector and priest-in-charge, so we didn't have to pay their

salaries. We have to remember also that all parishes are taking up new financial responsibilities for clergy pensions.

**Now each one of us must ask - 'How much should I be giving?'**

And that's for each of us prayerfully to decide. But here is some guidance that may be helpful.

**The Bible reminds us that everything we have comes from God.** What we give back to Him for His work through the Church is our response to His love and His goodness to us. The biblical standard of giving is the tithe - 10 percent of income. The Church of England teaches that members give 5 percent of their disposable income to the work of Christ and his Church. This is a principal that the Stewardship Committee will be airing more fully later this year. We need to reflect on whether what we give to the work of God is a priority in

our giving, or something we do with money 'left over'.

**And the bottom line...**

If everyone on the electoral roll gives an extra **40p** each week, we can balance the books this year. But we should be looking beyond the bottom line, and giving our time, our talents and our resources whenever the opportunity offers, to strengthen our fellowship in Christ and to make the light of his love shine more brightly in the world. ❖

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‘Mira!’ said the restaurant owner, nudging us out of our seats as we were awaiting our *gambas con ajillo* (prawns sizzling in olive oil with garlic and a sprinkling of chilli), ‘*Los fuegos artificiales!*’

Together with most of the other people in the small restaurant we crowded out into the narrow rainy street to look down towards the sea where over the harbour erupted a brilliant display of fireworks.

‘Ahh!’ cried the crowd with each shower of glittering light. ‘Ohh!’

It was the evening of 20th January and the festival of San Sebastian, the patron saint of the main town of La Gomera (one of the less frequented Canary Islands), was in full swing: an event in which everyone - but everyone - was a participant. Earlier on, whilst looking around for somewhere to eat, we had been aware of a sub-current of expectation. People were wandering around with instruments, gathering in knots on street corners, chatting together with an air of excitement quite undampened by the sporadic gusts of heavy rain.

And then there was the church, a modest colonial style building set back slightly from the street whose heavy old doors up to this time had always been firmly shut. But now they were open wide, light and music flowed forth and a throng of people pressed about the entrance, all anxious to be part of the

## Faith and Fireworks

**Jane Irons** gets caught up with a heady cocktail of *gambas*, fireworks and incense in the Canaries.

celebrations taking place within. Working our way to the front of the crowd we found ourselves as though spectators of some particularly sumptuous theatrical event: candles cast a flickering glow on painted saints in their

ornately carved wooden frames, music filled the air, every pew was packed and, raised above the celebrants on his panoply, wreathed in clouds of incense, was St Sebastian, his plaster body pierced by arrows, his eyes uplifted to heaven.

Later St Sebastian was borne in triumphal procession through the streets of the town, escorted with pride by priests and servers, by a brass band, by a very small boy swinging a thurible, by a posse of local dignitaries, by several passing dogs - and, it would seem, by the better part of the population. Old women in black, middle aged women carefully decked out in their best outfits, young women with babies, children in party clothes, teenagers in jeans, older men, younger men, the genial local policeman who had helped us find a room on the first night, even the man from the car rental firm. In short, everyone was there, caught up in a mood of joyful but solemn festivity, brought together in a wholehearted, unselfconscious act of celebration

‘Ahh!’ we cried with wonder as another bouquet of bright stars spread a circle of radiance on the night air. ❖

### THANK YOU

*Ivy Gossling wishes to thank all her many friends for the sympathy, cards and letters they have sent her at the sad time of Clifford's death. They have been a great comfort. She is also very grateful for the offers of help she has received.*

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The title is a quote in response to the peace at the ASB Holy Communion service. A small book was published in 1988 by Jim Cotter, a priest who used to serve in the St Albans diocese at one time. It is quite hilarious, containing the many versions of the response people have made when greeted at the peace. It also contains cartoons.

Now that we use the Book of Common Prayer on the first Sunday of the month at the 8am Holy Communion service, I find that I actually *miss* the peace - although like many Anglicans when it was first introduced, I felt I could either take it or leave it!

Jim Cotter appealed in the *Church Times* many years ago for people to send in their contributions. I sent in mine. My elder son-in-law with his family attended St Peter's when they were visiting me, and when the peace arrived said, in a very firm voice (not holding with such goings on!), "Good morning". And there is a cartoon in this little book to indicate this particular reply. "Ooh! You're hands are cold" is another one. (I've been guilty of this). "\*\*\*\*\* off!" is another one. Yes, it really is. The last in the book is of an elderly lady saying "Thank you. This is the only time in the week when someone touches me". Now, isn't that sad?

I know there are still many people who prefer the Book of Common Prayer Holy

*'No thank  
you, I'm  
1662'*

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**Muriel Lander** looks at some of the humorous reactions to the peace in the ASB Holy Communion service.

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Communion service, but I'm not one of them, although I quite enjoy it once a month for a change. In our old parish in Leicestershire, we were lead slowly and carefully through Series 1, 2 and 3, then finally on to the ASB which I really enjoy.

When I was in Dublin for Easter some three or four

years ago, I attended mass at the local Roman Catholic church. Their service was almost identical to our Anglican one, and I felt completely at home. And

when the peace was given, my hand was shaken in the most friendly manner. I, personally, am all for a closer relationship with the Roman Catholic church. Our similar service is a great step forward.

I remember one of our churchwardens in Leicestershire saying to me, shortly after we had started to use the ASB, that he found it quite strange. I quoted to him the last bit of the final prayer we use 'Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen'. I'm not given to quoting to people, but in this case it summed up, for me, the strength of the new service.

It would be interesting to hear what other people think. (Incidentally, I still use the old version of the Lord's Prayer in my private devotions though! I suspect the vast majority of other people do the same.)



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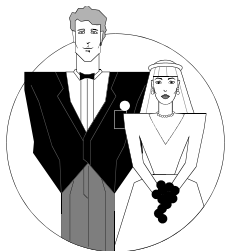
I was rather horrified the other day to read in the national press that it now costs around £10,000 to get married! No wonder marriage is going out of fashion. Thank goodness it wasn't so when I was married, as my sister was married only eight months later and with another two daughters my poor father would have been bankrupt!

In the article all the items were listed from an engagement ring at £680 to photography at £367 and video at £213, bride's dress £731 and so on. I was also amazed at the passion for a 'second party' on the evening of the great day, costing nearly £600. You can also get married in all sorts of odd places now, even the Zoo or Coronation Street's friendly local *The Rovers Return*.

I have to admit that I was married in 1938 not so far away from the era of the great depression and already the rumblings of war were to be heard. In fact Mr Chamberlain, the prime minister, had flown off to meet Hitler in an attempt to stove this off and my great worry was that our brand new house would be bombed

## Getting Married? At What Cost?

**Vera Pullen** ponders the cost of modern marriage and wonders what's changed.



going.

My generation and my parents' generation had a war to contend with which brought danger, separation and untold horrors but because we lived through that ghastly period, we became tough and realised that marriage has to be worked at, that happiness isn't a right. Young people today have stresses and strains we didn't have and life has changed completely and, to quote Maurice Chevalier, 'I'm glad I'm not young any more...'. ❖

before we had had time to live in it.

In my day so called 'trial marriages' were sometimes undertaken by the rather daring, but that always seemed to me a bit silly as either of you was free to walk out as soon as you felt like it, so in no way could it be called a 'trial marriage'. It is only the commitment to the marriage vows you undertake which, I think, makes you work hard at making it a success. All marriages, indeed all relationships, hit bad times, difficult times, but, thank God, even now over 50 per cent keep

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## Cutting Comments

*Cllr Ian Johnston writes:*

Councillor Norman Cutting's Cutting Comments article is entertaining to read, but his grasp of the facts is not always entirely accurate.

In the April *Review* Norman claimed that Berkhamsted town council 'dragged its feet' on the appointment of a town warden, and would probably miss out on funding from Dacorum borough council for this year. Not so: funding for the post has been included in the borough council's budget for the current financial year.

In the May edition Norman indicated that Berkhamsted town council had not responded to the county structure plan. Wrong again: the town council submitted its comments last year. Norman did not help matters by dissenting from the majority response, even though he had nothing very different to say from the other independent councillors, who are strongly opposed to building in the green belt.

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## The King Herod Society

*Vera Pullen writes:*

I really must hasten to assure Bryony Baynes (*Review* letters, April) that I am not about to advocate the demise of the young. I have a daughter and a son, grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, all of whom I love dearly. I just cannot understand why so many - though certainly not all - modern parents seem quite unable to cope with their children and make no attempt to do so. Small children are like puppies, they have to be trained when young, and it is hard work - as I remember well. It must be so much

Have you got a point you'd like to make? Something to get off your chest? Or something you think our readers would like to know?



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easier to let them do as they want, even if other people get fed up with them.

Children need to be taught two things, in my opinion. One is respect and the other responsibility. We each have to earn respect, and we have to teach children to respect one another and other people's belongings - whether at home or outside. The other is responsibility. We are each responsible for ourselves and our actions and how this affects other people. Some MPs seem never to have learned this!

Since I wrote the article I have been amazed at the number of people who have come up to me and said how much they agreed with it! We are not about to abuse the young in any way, so relax Bryony, but we do want to be able to shop without being infuriated by the bad behaviour of some children whose parents either can't or won't control them.

The article was meant to be funny but with a serious theme to it. We hear more and more about small children being beyond control, about disruptive children, about bullying at school, about youngsters who attack - and kill - others. Where did it all start? I'm sure they were all sweet little children once.

*44 Bridgewater Road  
Berkhamsted HP4 1JB*

# review letters

## Working Together

*Lieut. Stephen Poxon of the Salvation Army writes:*

I write to say how pleased I am that most of the churches in Berkhamsted seem to be keen on working together as much as possible.

Thankfully, we Christians appear to be conquering those denominational differences which have kept us apart--for far too long. I recall the prayer which Jesus prayed (recorded in John's Gospel, Chapter 17), and heave a sigh of relief that the unity for which He longed is becoming a reality. In like manner, the Psalmist responsible for Psalm 133 reminds us of God's intention to bless situations in which His people dwell together in harmony.

My thoughts are inspired by the Palm Sunday march of witness, in which the Salvation Army band participated, leading a crowd of Anglicans along the High Street! It was nothing less than marvellous! More than once, it was

pointed out to me that the marriage of Salvationists and Anglicans (dare I say High Anglicans!) must be the most unlikely combination ever! I think I agree, although I see nothing too unlikely in Christians joining forces to commemorate Palm Sunday. Perhaps the level of surprise expressed is more a reflection of times past than anything else. That is to say, have we perhaps grown so far apart that any such unity is met with amazement?

Whatever, it's great that churches across the town are pooling resources to bring forth a range of exciting projects. Long may it continue! I daresay we can all learn from each other, as we lay aside secondary differences for the sake of preaching Christ, and Him-crucified.

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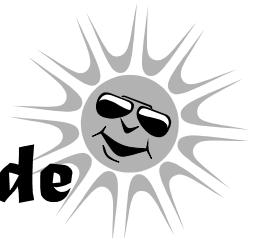
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Firstly, I have a couple of requests for help and information. The meals on wheels service is still short of volunteers to help provide a seven day a week hot meal service to the house bound. If you can spare two hours on a regular basis during the day, whether you are a car driver or not, your help would be appreciated. Contact Cllr Ray Dyer (862310) for first hand information and he will point you in the right direction. My second request comes from Cllr Simon West (866906), who is looking for a secretary for the new youth council. They meet roughly once a month during the late afternoon in the Berkhamsted Civic Centre. They need someone to take and produce the minutes, together with any correspondence. It would be nice if the person had some experience of local government procedures, although this is not essential. So, if you could spare two or three hours each month, then this worthy council initiative can make good use of your time and encourage young people to get involved.

# CUTTING COMMENTS

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Local independent councillor  
**Norman Cutting** brings us up  
to date on recent events in  
the town council.

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The *Berkhamsted Access Committee* holds meetings every quarter to address problems that concern the elderly and disabled. One of the matters that was brought up recently was the possibility of bringing the 'shop-mobility' scheme to Berkhamsted. The borough council needs to know who would use it, when

would they want it and what level of service would actually be required. If you either know someone who could benefit or could use it yourself, then contact John Henderson at the borough council who is looking for information as to how best introduce this service to Berkhamsted. John can be contacted on 259259 during office hours and is looking to the autumn to make final decisions.

Meanwhile, back at the town council, the proposed town warden scheme and information centre are getting our attention. The finance and policy committee considered the funding conditions that borough imposed during their meeting at the end of April. For a grant of £7,000 for a warden's vehicle



## POTTEN END OPEN DAY

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these conditions stipulated that it must be painted in borough yellow, presumably with the 'go-faster' stripes. The community action committee noted that the borough council had not made any provision for an information centre in Berkhamsted. The Tring centre was funded by a grant from county; the one in the Marlowes in Hemel Hempstead is actually the Dacorum Information Centre and costs over £100,000 per year to run. It would not be unreasonable to expect one in Berkhamsted to cost more than £10,000 per year. The first steps towards improving the image of and the information

facilities within the town should be seen during the coming year with the introduction of new stationery including the new Hemel Hempstead telephone number, a new improved town guide, the heritage walk and new format and layout for the council newsletter. They also are pushing for the notice board outside the Civic Centre to be refurbished so that you can at least read notices placed in it. At present it suffers from severe condensation.

Those of you who attended the town planning meeting held on Monday 28th April will now know the difficulties facing the council with a total lack of space for anything other than doing nothing. Borough have been asked if they can offer more suitable accommodation within the Civic Centre, but, so far, they have remained very quiet on the matter. A number of members of the council are in favour of moving the council offices out of the existing premises and finding somewhere else such as a refurbished Rex cinema complex. As a personal view, I believe the only places for the town council are the Civic Centre, home since it was built in the late 1930s' or the Town Hall, which for some reason never was.



*The Civic Centre: running out of space?*

One of the interesting things within local government is the strange ability for anything that is difficult to resolve to get lost. Many of you may remember the byway open to all traffic that ran between St Johns Well Lane and Lower Kings Road. Although only a single track it actually had houses and businesses along its side in recent years. This track, known as footpath 27 at county, seems to have been 'lost' during the Waitrose development. Cllr Simon West has taken a particular interest in this 'footpath' and has attempted to get it re-instated by county. Guess what: county have managed to lose just about every piece of correspondence and evidence that the council has sent it in support of the claim. The copies sent also seem to have been 'misaid'. As a council, we are writing to the secretary of state in order to get a decision on the 'non-determination of the application for the re-classification of the path'. Just in case you are wondering, we did everything borough told us to including the correct forms. The latest I heard was that they wanted yet another different form completed. Talk about trying to give us the run around. The council, and Simon in particular, will not give up on this one, so watch this space. ❖

The previous village open days, which were held in 1993 and 1995, were highly successful and each attracted some 2,000 visitors from all over Bucks, Beds and Herts. The open day this year will follow much the same pattern as on the other occasions.

The fourteen gardens in the village which will be open to the public range from small cottage gardens tended by keen and knowledgeable plants-persons to beautifully landscaped larger gardens. All provide plenty of interest for every type of gardener and in addition there will be a stall selling plants from local gardens.

In past years the farm has proved to be a particular attraction for children and on this occasion its varied selection of birds and animals will be featured in an Old Kiln nature walk. For those more interested in arts and crafts there will be plenty to fascinate them in the demonstrations, displays and craft stalls which will be in the village hall and the school. For a small fee they will even be able to have their portrait drawn by a local artist!

During the course of the day there will be music on the village green provided by the Berkhamsted Collegiate

School Big Band, a string quartet will play in one of the gardens and there will be an organ recital in Holy Trinity Church. There will also be a display of maypole dancing by the children of Potten End First School. A

working bakery will be open and will no doubt prove to be as popular as it has been on previous occasions. Light lunches and afternoon teas will be available in the church room.

A free minibus service will be operating throughout the day, dropping off and picking up at the various gardens and activity sites. There will be free parking for cars and coaches. The village playgroup will, for a small charge, be happy to entertain the younger visitors, aged 3-5 years, who get bored with trailing around with their parents.

Programmes, which will be available on the day or from the organiser at a cost of £3, will cover entry to all the gardens and other attractions. There will be no charge for children under 14 years. Proceeds will be donated to various village amenities.

There will be a service of thanksgiving in Holy Trinity Church at 6:30pm at which the sermon will be given by Canon Michael Saward of St Paul's cathedral, one of the foremost preachers in the country. If you have any queries or would like to organise a coach party, please call 864057. ❖

## Potten End Village Open Day

*Sunday 22nd June 1997*

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I hope that the weather is fine in the early hours of Sunday, 8th June. Why? Because a gradually lengthening queue of people, equipped with cam-ping stools, deck-chairs, thermos flasks and similar comforts will be gathering outside *The Book-stack* in Berkhamsted High Street, in their quest for 'Sergeant Pepper' tickets which go on sale that morning. For six days in July the normally sedate town of Berkhamsted will stage the *Sergeant Pepper* concerts which began nine years ago in memory of Karen Breakwell.

Karen had hoped to organise the first concert herself in 1988 to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the Beatles' album but she was prevented from doing so by her untimely death from cancer. Instead her husband, Robert, organised the first concert, in 1989, in her memory to raise money for medical charities. In the eight years that the concerts have been running over £150,000 has been raised and the Pepper Foundation has been formed which sponsors the first 'Pepper Nurse', Heather Philpotts, who cares for seriously ill children in their own homes. Working from an office in Tring Heather at any one time has eight to ten children whom she nurses in this way.

The concerts are held each year in the Centenary Hall, Berkhamsted School for Girls. Each concert has a theme and rumour has it that this year's theme will be a send-up of James Bond. In the early years most of the audience were of an age that could remember the original *Sergeant Pepper* album but the concerts have also become very popular with younger people.

## Sergeant Pepper Strikes Again!

Once again it's time for Sergeant Pepper to rock Berkhamsted. Stephen Halliday tells more.



A group of school-children from Beaune, in France, who visit Berkhamsted each year, now time their visit so that they can attend the concerts. People who attend one concert *always* return the following year so, to accommodate the increasing demand for tickets, six concerts will be given in 1997 instead of the

usual four.

*Sergeant Pepper* productions are professional in every sense of the word except for one: the performers and producers give their services for nothing, so every penny raised goes towards funding the

Pepper nursing service and it is planned to recruit more nurses in the future. This is the best possible way to support a charity: spend some money in return for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. If you would like tickets you can either obtain them by visiting *The Bookstack* or by sending payment, together with a stamped, addressed envelope to *The Bookstack*, 248, High Street, Berkhamsted.



*The dates for this year's Sergeant Pepper concerts are as follows:*

*Thursday 10th July  
Friday 11th July  
Saturday 12th July  
Thursday 17th July  
Friday 18th July  
Saturday 19th July.*

*Tickets cost:*

*Thursdays: £10 (£5 for senior citizens and under-18s)  
Fridays: £12 for everyone  
Saturdays: £15 for everyone.*



**Revd Peter Hart,**  
***considers the***  
***virtues of***  
***'ordinary time'.***

## **review**northchurch

The inexorable progression of the year has now led us out of holy seasons into 'ordinary time'. All the anticipation, preparation and celebration is replaced by a steady consideration of the life of Jesus and the early Church, with only harvest festival as something to work towards. The potential for dullness seems great.

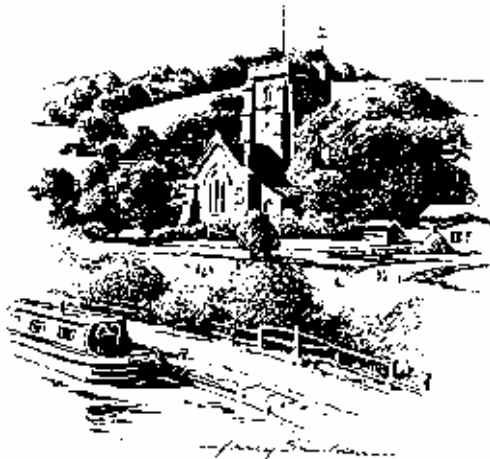
However, 'ordinary' does not necessarily mean dull, and steadiness can be a welcome change from the variety of Advent to Pentecost. We need time to reflect and to learn. We cannot always be 'on the mountain top': we must walk the pilgrim path with Jesus and his disciples in faithfulness and calm.

The ups and down of the Church's year have been paralleled locally within our churches through changes of personnel - not simply clerical, but in other roles too. Periods of adjustment must give way to times of stability and planned development, just as nationally we adjust, and then live with, the new government and distribution of power. Sudden change can be exhilarating, but gradual change as a result of consultation and pooling of ideas can be equally stimulating. So, in this so-called 'ordinary time' the Church gives us six months of solid learning and doing throughout the summer and autumn, practical teaching through parables and example, healing and debate. Issues are presented, problems faced, ideas developed, and we should be able to take them up as a result of our six month period of self-examination and welcoming of Christ in all his forms, and

the joyful release of his Spirit within us.

Consolidation is necessary after any change or advance, and in the Church it is primarily by prayer that this will occur. The watching and meditation of Advent, Lent and Holy Week are training grounds for the active life of prayer which underpins the life of the Church throughout the entire year. We must pray for our church and our parish in general terms, as well as for the specific problems and projects of which we are aware. Holy seasons are also all-embracing. Everyone is involved in the birth of Christ as one of us. Everyone shares in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. 'Ordinary time' can take us in different directions, give us new themes to pursue, new leads to follow. The coming of the Spirit provides the Church with many gifts, which are to be used to the full as the Church expands its sphere of care and concern.

Patience and steadfastness also characterise the presence of God's Spirit, as well as excitement and change. May God give us grace to develop steadily and surely, as well as to enjoy newness and difference. ❖



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## PACT ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

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Did you know that adventure holidays are run each summer by a locally based organisation?

They provide qualified supervision combined with practical Christian living and are a opportunity for children to have a well-supervised holiday away from their parents.

These holidays are for children aged between 9 and 17 years of age and take place in a variety of venues. There are holidays organised at Carroty Wood in Kent; two coastal holidays at Penmaenmawr in North Wales and at Georgeham in North Devon; and a further holiday at Cae Canol in Snowdonia.

There is a wide range of activities including rock climbing, abseiling, sailing, dry slope skiing, mountain biking and horse-riding.

A taster day for 9 to 14 year olds has been arranged on Saturday 7th June 1997. This is to be held at Chiltern Pools at Amersham where the group will have exclusive use of the flume and leisure pool for two hours, followed by supervised climbing experience at the 'Climb'. The end of the activities will be at Kings Road Church, Berkhamsted, where there will be pizzas and ice cream for all involved and an opportunity to talk about the various holidays. If these arrangements appeal to you please phone 870877 or 872263 for further information. The cost of the event is £6 which is refundable when a holiday is booked.

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## WAY INN BOOKSHOP

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Volunteers with an interest in Christian books are needed for Fridays and Saturdays. If you are able to spare an hour or two your help would be most welcome. Call in, or telephone David Richardson on 864751.

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## IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME: HELP NEEDED FOR ROADSHOW

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The Iain Rennie Hospice At Home charity is appealing for volunteers to help man its mobile information unit. The new exhibition trailer, which has been sponsored by local businesses and rotary clubs, will visit town centres, shows, exhibitions and other events. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about the hospice which provides specialist nursing care for patients with a terminal illness who wish to be cared for in their own homes. The mobile information unit became operational in mid May.

Volunteer project co-ordinator Roger Sheppard said "We need 30 friendly people who are prepared to spend half a day once a month manning the unit. We hope to have at least two people on board throughout the day to tell interested visitors about our work and encourage them to support us in some way. All volunteers will be invited to attend a short training session. Anyone who is interested in helping or would like more information should call us on 890222".

Roger is also keen to find drivers who have a car fitted with a tow-bar: "We desperately need help with towing the unit from its base in Tring to destinations throughout the area. Please help us if you can".

*(Notes & Notices continued overleaf)*

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## THE LEPROSY MISSION

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Meg Harper and May Kempster wish to thank all who supported the coffee morning in All Saints' Hall on 19th April when a total of £225 was raised.

Please keep the stamps coming in! Please trim them to a margin of about half an inch if possible. If you or your partner regularly travel overseas the Leprosy Mission could make good use of the eye shields issued on aeroplanes. Please put these in the boxes in both churches.

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## NATIONAL TRUST ASHRIDGE

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A new Ashridge nature trail (with guidance leaflet) becomes available in mid-summer.

The Ashridge custodian, Mrs Margaret Cleaver, has now retired but will continue to live at the cottage with husband Bob. The new custodian will be Mrs Amanda Beard assisted by Alison Woods. The monument is now open daily after last year's closure for refurbishment.

The new batricle trail round Meadley's Meadow is now under construction and should be completed soon at a cost of some £25,000 already donated from many sources.

The following walks are scheduled:

Thursday, 5th June	Parkland around Ashridge House
Tuesday, 24th June	Trees
Wednesday, 2nd July	Chalk Downland

All walks begin at 7:00pm. Tickets, at £2 for members and £3 for non-members, are available from Janet Stupples at Berkhamsted Lodge, Ashridge Park, Berkhamsted, HP4 1NP.

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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On 3rd June we meet at the earlier time of 6:30pm for a tour of Ashridge House. We will then move on to a local hostelry! Please assemble at Ashridge House promptly. As numbers are limited this meeting is for members only.

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## BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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At the April meeting members enjoyed an hour of history from *Hidden Messages in Fashion*. Mrs Langley took us from the end of Tudor times, through the frippery, bows and bright colours of the Stuarts, on to Cromwellian and Puritan plain, simple and dark colours. She then described the 'compromise' as the monarchy was restored after the Civil War, followed by dresses of great width and hair styles of great height (even the door of St Paul's cathedral had to be heightened to allow ladies to pass through). Next came bustles for ladies and hundreds of buttons for men and finally the demise of the long skirt during the Great War, when women worked in the munitions factories and picked up gunpowder on the hems, with drastic results when they sat by the fire on their return home. So short skirts became the fashion. Mrs Langley was an accomplished speaker mixing a great deal of knowledge with humour.

*(continued on next page)*

## TELL US WHAT'S HAPPENING!

The Review is your mouthpiece - use it to tell people what's happening in the town. If you're arranging an event then publicise it in the magazine - and tell us about it afterwards! If you want to express an opinion, write to us - or write an article: our subject range is diverse, from church matters to the secular, serious or light-hearted. And if you can provide us with illustrations - photographs, drawings, anything you like - so much the better! (we will of course return all such materials).



Mrs Pam Bomford and Mrs Barbara Logdon were presented with WI spoons and garden tokens as they had gained the necessary 12 points in monthly competitions. The competition at this meeting was *Your favourite fashion accessory* and 12 members wore a variety of brooches, necklaces, chains and scarves and gave a brief reason for their choice.

Mrs Gladys Fenner gave a short talk on the course on the parchment craft (Pergamono) she had attended at Denman College and showed items she had made.

The institute entry for the Herts Show was on display and Mrs Daphne Brooks read the story on which the several items in the entry were based.

Six members were to attend the resolution briefing at Digswell. In order that all members should have some idea of the matters to be discussed the president of the institute gave a brief summary of the resolutions.

We meet every third Wednesday in the month at 7:30pm in Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted. Do come and join the W.I. You will be very welcome.

#### BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

At our May meeting our president Liz Baxendale welcomed members and after the usual business matters we were introduced to Mrs Margaret Pearson who guided us through the public affairs resolutions selected for the Triennial General Meeting. We discussed these thoroughly. Mrs Janet Mitchell will be our delegate.

Our 'town topic' this month was a visit from Police Inspector Richard Dixon-Gough who gave us a most interesting talk on how the local police look after Berkhamsted, Tring and surrounding villages. He warned that any social nuisance or disorderly behaviour was being 'registered', and we were not to hesitate in reporting anything we thought to be suspicious. The inspector invited questions from the floor and we were pleased to know we live in such a safe area.

The competition for a posy in a mug gave us a pretty display of spring flowers. The winners were Liz Baxendale, Beryl Smith and Suzi Davidson.

On 6th June Mrs Isobel Leek will tell us about *Staffordshire Chimney Ornaments* at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm. New members and visitors are most welcome. ❖

The April meeting of the PCC was the first



of the newly elected council and embraced the usual wide variety of topics. The various officers and committee convenors were elected - John Banks as vice-

chairman of the PCC with Alan Conway and Michael Robinson continuing in their positions as secretary and treasurer respectively. Pat Hearne and June Haile were re-elected as electoral roll officers. All the existing members of the Standing Committee were re-elected.

The meeting noted the long-awaited appointment of a parish youth worker, Christina Billington. It also discussed various building works needed in both churches, particular at St Peter's where major work was approved to the west end foyer of the church.

The treasurer's summary highlighted the need for an increase in stewardship giving, amounting to a modest 40p a week for everyone on the electoral roll (*see the article on page 9 of this issue*).

Father Mark reported on the recent Deanery Synod. In particular he summarised the Bishop's address to the Synod in which he identified five goals for the Church's development. These were clergy development; parish development; discipleship, membership and spirituality; vocations and both ordained and lay ministry; and the Church and community partnership.

*Chris Smalley*

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# reviewdiary

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June / July 1997

## JUNE

3	11:30am	Victoria School Anniversary Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:45pm	Concert - Mozart Serenade in B Flat K361 for 13 Wind Instruments	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	10:30am	Pram Service - with associated activities 10-11:30	<i>All Saints'</i>
21	8:00am	Ecumenical Breakfast & Prayers	<i>Northchurch Baptist Church</i>
22	10:00am	United Service followed by barbecue	<i>All Saints'</i>
24	10:30am	Pram Service - with associated activities 10-11:30	<i>All Saints'</i>
28	10:00am	PETER TIDE FAIR on St Peter's lawns (closes 3pm)	
29	9:30am	St Peter's Day - Patronal Festival Eucharist followed by refreshments in the Rectory garden	<i>St Peter's</i>

## JULY

3		All Saints' Area Committee	
4		St Peter's Area Committee	
6	6:30pm	Methodist Evening Service - Revd Nic Patterson's last service as Minister	<i>All Saints'</i>
8	10:30am	Pram Service - with associated activities 10-11:30	<i>All Saints'</i>
10		Standing Committee	
12	7:30pm	Purcell Singer's Concert - Vivaldi, Copland ( <i>Clarinet Concerto</i> ) & Mozart	<i>St Peter's</i>

# reviewregisters

## Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

13 April	Charles Frederick Paul Rodwell, George Robert Almond
20 April	Daniel Anthony Cowan, Benjamin Thomas William Pakenham

## Wedding (*St Peter's*)

12 April	Martin Randall & Claire Bicknell
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## Funerals

9 April	Eric Cyril Johnson	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)
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## Sunday Schools at St Peter's and All Saints'

### St Peter's

Sunday School starts at 9:30am and finishes at 10:30, in the Court House (next to St Peter's church in the High Street). We have two schools - Sunday School caters for the 4 to 10 year olds, with Pathfinders continuing upwards from 10 years. Each school is divided into several groups (three or four).

Everyone is extremely welcome. Mums and Dads - why not leave your children with us on a Sunday morning? You'll be warmly welcome at the 9:30 service in church, or you can just return for your offspring at 10:30.

Contact Christine Tucker on 873272 for more details.

### St Peter's Crèche

A crèche is available at the 9:30am Sung Eucharist for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Contact Katy Bonney (864194) for more details.

### All Saints'

All Saints' Sunday School is open for all children from the age of 3 to 9 years. Children from 10 years are welcome at our Pathfinders group. We begin at 9:15am each Sunday during term-time and finish at 10:15. Children join the main service in church part way through.

For more information contact Vivienne Bull on 870921.

### All Saints' Crèche

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**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun Rite B)  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with  
 Sunday Schools (in the Court  
 House) followed by coffee in  
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 11.15am Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only)  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon  
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')  
**Weekdays**  
 Holy Communion  
 Wednesday 6.45am  
 Thursday 11.00am  
 Friday 9.15am  
 Morning Prayer: Tues-Sat 7.30am  
 Evening Prayer: Tues-Fri 5.30pm  
 Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
 Matins & Evensong said daily  
**Confessions:** After Saturday Evening Prayer (5.00pm) or at other times by appointment.  
**Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals**  
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 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)  
 6.30pm Evening Service (1st Sunday - Anglican rite, other Sundays Methodist rite)  
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