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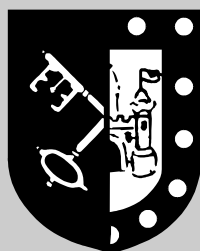
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**Welcome to the March issue of the
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Lent marks the time in the year when we reflect on the role we should be playing within the life of our church and beyond. In his leader this month Father Mark considers the opportunities for self-denial and spiritual enrichment during Lent (though one would hope that this doesn't go as far as denying oneself a good 'read' in the *Review*!). This is also the time when we consider our stewardship obligations - not just financial (though this is of course important) but also the use to which we put our time and talents.

I wrote last month about how we as a magazine - *your* magazine - depend on a large team of people for its operation. This if you like is a practical application of many people's talents and precious time.

So in this season of Lent have *you* considered how you can help in this or other ways? The *Review* always needs a constant source of interesting articles, as regular readers will know. Don't be left out - contribute. But this isn't the only way you can use our time. Both our churches have many activities and committees that depend on volunteers. Use *your* time effectively - the churchwardens would love to hear from you! *Chris Smalley*

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John Cook asks where in Berkhamsted did William become king of England.

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Fr Mark Bonney
on the season
of Lent - fast
or feast?

review leader

The season of Lent that is now upon us is both fast and feast and it's good if we can manage a little bit of both during the next few weeks.

There are some distinctly old-fashioned parts to my makeup, and one of them says that it's a good thing to have some kind of fast in Lent, to have some degree of self-denial in some area of our lives. I can't claim to be very virtuous about this myself, failure in this respect is something I excel at - but perhaps that's no bad thing; there's no quicker way to spiritual pride than the self-righteous glow of someone who announces that they successfully gave up something for Lent. But the act of self-denial is a way of discovering how much we are dependent on things that are not the living God, and how much we need his grace and forgiveness. Traditionally also the money saved from giving something up should be given away and the time used for prayer and good works. No bad pattern.

Lent is also a feast - a feast of opportunities for spiritual nourishment.

- A House Group following a Lenten theme will meet at 9 Hall Park on Monday evenings beginning 2nd March. An excellent opportunity to grow through study and prayer together.
- On Tuesday evenings beginning on 3rd March at 8:00pm in the parish rooms of St Mary's Northchurch there is a series of talks concerned with Jubilee 2000, an ecumenical and international cause concerned with the remittance of inert Third World debt. This course

has been arranged by the Revd Peter Hart and the Revd John Payne-Cook; Peter writes about the campaign in *Northchurch review* on page 17. The poverty of our brothers and sisters in Third World countries is a deeply spiritual issue - and I warmly commend this course to you. We so easily forget that in the gospels Jesus had a great deal to say about money, riches and poverty - things that a wealthy society finds it difficult to hear.

- On Wednesday evenings beginning on 4th March at 8:00pm in St Peter's I will be giving a series of talks followed by Compline - the talks will be looking at the different accounts of the Passion of Jesus in the Gospels.
- There will also be an additional celebration of the Eucharist on Tuesdays in St Peter's at 12:30pm which will include a very short address.
- If you make none of these why not try one of the Eucharists that already happen midweek - 9:30am Tuesday at All Saints, 6:45am Wednesday, 11:00am Thursday and 9:15am Friday at St Peter's.

Details of the services for Holy Week will be found on page 24 of this issue of the *Review*.

Have a very happy Lent - a great fast and a great feast!

Father Mark

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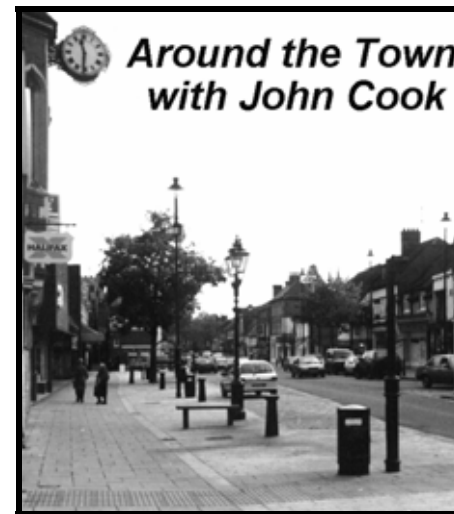
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Where did it Happen?

Everyone in Berkhamsted with an interest in local history knows that it was here that William the Conqueror was accepted as King of England by the Saxon bishops and those thegns who had survived the Battle of Hastings. Straight afterwards he rode on to London and was crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1066. Soon after that he set about replacing the Saxon barons with his Norman chums and relatives, giving the Manor of Berkhamsted to his half-brother, Robert, Count of Mortain.

Where exactly in Berkhamsted was it that William had his historic meeting with the Saxon chiefs? Popularly the event is thought to have happened in the Castle, but there is no evidence that a castle existed then. The suggestion that there may have been a manor house on the site of the present Castle seems unlikely - it would probably have been too marshy in those days before the moats were dug and the ground level raised. But there are other possibilities.

In his book *The English*, the historian Malcolm Billings says that when William arrived in Berkhamsted he pitched camp and the nobles went to William's tent and offered him the crown there. If that were

the case perhaps the most probable site would have been the flatter part of Kitchener's Field, a reasonably level place to make camp, clear of the boggy bottom of the valley.

Then on top of Castle Hill there is a small house called Ash, formerly part of Berkhamsted Place. In the Government's official 'List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest' Ash is described as having an Anglo-Saxon core and 'thus probably the place where William I received submission of the Saxon thegns'.

Percy Birtchnell had another idea. He thought the meeting could have taken place in St Mary's Church, Northchurch. The present church is a mediaeval building but has Saxon parts in its walls. Even before it was rebuilt, St Mary's in 1066 was probably the largest substantial building in the area, and could well have been the choice of venue for such an important event.

So there you are - four possibilities. Are there any more - and does it really matter? Well, it might. Eurosceptics could claim that if we were to go in with the single European currency an appropriate place for signing up would be Berkhamsted. After all, this is where 932 years ago the sovereignty of our country was last handed over to foreigners.

Old Methodist Chapels

Substantial works have been going on inside the old Methodist church building at the west end of in the High Street. Curiosity compelled me to poke my nose through the door to see what was happening; but there was nothing much to see. It is now refurbished once again as offices and you would never guess from outside or inside that it was ever a church.

The event is still quite fresh in many people's minds, although it is well over 20 years ago now, when the building was sold and the money so raised used to help finance the remodelling of the All Saints' building, which since then has been shared

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by Methodists and Anglicans. The stones bearing the names of Methodist worthies which once were on the facade of the old church were kept and incorporated in All Saints'.

In fact two previous Methodist or Wesleyan buildings still survive in the town, and both are more easily recognised as once having been chapels than the later building in the High Street.

What is now a pair of semi-detached houses In Highfield Road was built as a Wesleyan chapel; but it only lasted as such for a few years. It closed in 1855 when it was put on the market and advertised for sale as being suitable for conversion to a public house. If this had happened it would surely have been a bitter pill to for the Methodists of those days to have had to swallow.

Then in 1887 the Wesleyans built a chapel in Cowper Road which is still there, although the front part was rebuilt in 1923. After the union of the Methodist churches It was sold to the Christian Science Society.

Catchment Area

Copies of official publications on subjects affecting the town are usually deposited in the library, and there is one there now which is worth looking at. It is a substantial document produced by the Environment Agency called 'Colne Consultative Report, November 1997.'

A dull enough document, you might well think; and where on earth is Colne? Lancashire, isn't it? And what on earth has it got to do with Berkhamsted?

In fact it is about the environment of the catchment area of the River Colne which we are in because our River Bulbourne, when it runs at all, flows into the River Gade which in turn flows into the River Colne (which flows into the Thames). The Bulbourne is described in the Report as being one of the 58 main rivers in the area. This made my eyebrows rise. If ours is a main river, what do minor rivers look like?



William the Conqueror - where in Berkhamsted?

The report is interesting because it contains all sorts of charts and data about our environment - rainfall, sunshine, geology - and so on. It is disappointing in that it does not really tell us much about what has been so concerning local people: where has the water from our river gone? Nor does it seem to say much about what can be done to make improvements, particularly to restoring its flow. Anyway, the report is a 'consultative document', and everyone is invited to comment.

Railway Words

The use of jargon has long been favoured by the railways; if anything it has got worse in recent years. Now they no longer run trains but *services*; they do not carry passengers any more but *customers*; restaurant cars are not included in trains, they are *conveyed*; they no longer have staff, they have *human resources*.

On the plus side the information given over the public-address systems on our local trains is much more helpful than it used to be. Sometimes, though, it can raise a smile, even a burst of laughter.

Certain trains from Euston are made up by joining two sets of coaches together in the platform. There is usually a bit of a jolt when this happens so it is better to be sitting down. The other day when this process was about to take place the guard announced: 'Will customers please take their seats for coupling.' ❖

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I have been following with dismay the recent 'debate' ('hysterical outcry' would be a better expression), on the subject of payments to disabled people. The patronising tone adopted by many of the self-appointed spokesmen for the disabled seems to me to be deeply insulting to many disabled people.

Apparently there are six and a half million registered disabled people in Britain - substantially more than ten per cent of the population. However degrees of disability vary enormously. Thus my father, who is eighty-eight years old, qualifies as disabled because he has had two hips replaced and cannot walk very far without discomfort. Since he never needs to walk very far and, as far as I know, has no desire to undertake a hiking holiday, this does not cause him any serious inconvenience. It entitles him to a disabled parking sticker but as far as I know he receives no payment from the state for his disability. Nor should he since he is comfortably off.

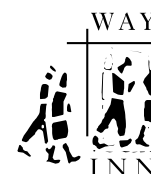
A former colleague, John Buckingham (not his real name) was struck by polio as a child and almost completely paralysed from the neck down, though he retained some movement in two fingers of his right hand, enough to manoeuvre a wheelchair. He was employed as a computer programmer, writing programmes with the aid of a pencil held in his teeth. I don't

DEGREES OF DISABILITY

Should we expect the disabled to support themselves?
Stephen Halliday takes up a current debate.

know what allowances he received for his wife (a nurse who married him after caring for him in hospital) but he earned a good salary as a programmer and would certainly not have chosen to remain at home watching television all day. One of my oldest friends,

who gained a university degree despite being struck by schizophrenia in early manhood, worked for thirty years before finally being signed off and placed on long-term sickness benefit. His work gave shape and purpose to his life and enabled him to retain his dignity in the face of that crushing illness. The same would be true, I am sure, of David Blunkett, our blind Education Secretary; Professor Stephen Hawking whose motor neurone disease has not prevented him from becoming a scientific celebrity (and millionaire); and indeed of the late Douglas Bader, the legless pilot who, when captured during the war, had to be sent to Colditz to stop him escaping. If disabled people are able to work they should be given every encouragement to do so and if, as a result, they are able to support themselves and pay taxes like fully able-bodied people they should be encouraged to do so. Not only is this good for their self-respect, it enables resources to be directed to those who need them most.



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Didn't a lot of you attend the town centre forum on 7th January? It just goes to show that a little publicity can do wonders, so don't forget the next one will be held on 1st April in the Sessions Hall of the town Hall.

At that meeting updates on some of the queries brought up at the January forum will be answered and you can actually join in, so it really is worth making the effort. Subjects up for discussion include the urban design study (just how do you actually turn the back of a shop into an attractive environment without spending money?) and the town centre health study being carried out by the borough council's consultants which will include all aspects of revitalising the town centre.

Meanwhile over at the borough council, the majority group, after a lot of thought and consideration, decided to follow the county council lead and form an environment committee. Owing to a lack of days in the week, space had to be found and it was obvious that the works and health committee should go and merge into the new committee. Borough standing orders include one that says that every member is entitled to two committee seats, but guess who got overlooked? Correct! It turns out that under the Local Government & Housing Act of 1989 as amended in 1990, Independents do not exist. If you aren't a member of a group, you aren't entitled to have a vote on a committee, which makes a mockery of democracy. This minor difficulty will be sorted out in April, as it will be 'all change' once again with the new municipal year. In the mean time, Richard Halling (the other Independent) and myself are taking steps to form ourselves into a group so we shouldn't get overlooked again. All this time you thought you were voting for a person to represent you on local councils

CUTTING COMMENTS

Local independent councillor
Norman Cutting keeps us up
to date on council matters.

and parliament, you were actually voting for someone to represent you at a political party, so just where does that leave the majority who think that party politics should not play a part in local government such as parish, town

and district?

The Environment committee met on 12th January and allotment items took up much of the meeting. Last month, I did go on a bit about borough planning decisions and just how they are arrived at. Someone queried whether the new parking spaces that had been created on the Sunnyside allotments needed planning permission. The town clerk queried the matter with the borough planning authority who dutifully sent an officer to look; the view was that as it was not engineering work, planning permission was not needed. So now we all know. Ted Dyer tried to bring up the subject of the allotment holders managing their own allotments by forming a management organisation. However this was ruled out of order by the chairman as the 'six month rule' applied (which means that a subject cannot be revisited within that time-scale unless a resolution is passed by council).

This was also the first meeting following the town warden working party held on 8th January. For some reason, the committee requested that the proposal to provide the warden with an electronic organiser should be reconsidered. At the time of writing the view is being taken that as borough are paying, then why not? I can think of a number of reasons, but that's democracy for you. At the budget and assets committee meeting at the borough on 3rd February reports were presented from the town warden scheme detailing the first nine months of operation. You may remember that ours will be appointed shortly.

On 14th January the canal and riverside partnership group met, only now it seems to be the canal and riverside management group. Most of the meeting was concerned with just how do we pay for the group. You will remember that in December, the council approved a total of £5,000 in next year's budget, subject to conditions relating to knowing what it will be spent on. It turns out that both borough and British Waterways have lots of money (well, totalling more than the £11,000+ we have put in so far) to spend *if we provide matching funds before the year-end*. Yet no mention of this was made just six weeks earlier, so the chairman announced he had decided to call an extraordinary council meeting twelve days later to resolve the matter.

The ongoing process of investigating our committee structure is still in progress having considered possibilities from full council every week to leaving as it is. I understand current thinking is a reduced number of committees and a larger number of committee cycles. Add to this, the idea of having a 'guillotine' at 10:00pm should mean subjects would be discussed within a shorter time span and often by fewer members. Less time to

discuss matters should mean some interesting decisions are in the offing.

We are just coming up to a period when a lot is happening. We should know the outcome of the boundary review, the town warden will be appointed and the county structure plan is being finalised. The borough local plan will be going out for final comments and, believe it or not, Dacorum borough council has a new logo that will go on the new design of street nameplates. The chairman of the new borough environment committee commented that she thought this had been done to death a couple of years ago, although she had no problem with imposing new signs on Berkhamsted because since 'there was such a variety of designs' some degree of standardisation should be imposed. Mind you, that was two years ago and we have shown our signs do last a long time. That's what comes of living in an old town that evolves over the years. Hemel Hempstead was smaller than Berkhamsted until after the First World War and then one body was appointed to develop the town (not elected, you note). This makes conformity much easier but, as everyone knows, I have no taste. ❖

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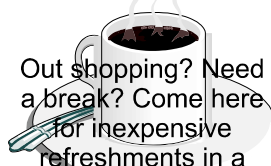
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Walking round the town recently I peered into one or two offices, and there they were again, people sitting at desks peering into yet another little box - this time a computer screen. In offices,

LITTLE BOXES, LITTLE BOXES

Are we becoming too segregated from each other?
Vera Pullen looks at how we live today.

boxes, who spend their days in front of a computer screen without the need to actually see or talk to anyone outside. Is this the way we really want to live? ❖

You may remember I wrote and asked anyone who needed a walking stick to ring me as I had far too many. I'm pleased to report I have been able to give five away so far.

schools, homes all over the world are people peering into computer screens - what a way to spend your life! I know this is the modern way, but we are being more and more segregated. I hear that it is becoming increasingly possible to work from home, and is, in fact, being encouraged. So then there will be more and more people living alone in little

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For some people 'History is bunk' as Henry Ford would have had us believe. But I'm not one of them.

My father was a man of great enthusiasm - I do so love enthusiastic people. And he was particularly enthusiastic when it came to history or natural history.

The other day my memory took me to when I was quite a young woman attending a get-together for clergy wives and widows in the Leicester diocese where we were then living.

I was introduced to a rather severe looking woman well in her 90s, and discovered she was the widow of the chaplain who attended Edith Cavell in prison the night before she was executed.

The older generation will, of course, remember the name well. But for the younger generation - Edith Louisa Cavell was an English nurse in charge of a hospital in Brussels. In 1915 the Germans occupied the city. During that period Edith assisted about 200 allied soldiers to escape to the Dutch borders. Eventually she was arrested by the Germans and sentenced to death.

'Patriotism is not enough' were her last

Is History Bunk?

Muriel Lander looks at how we brush with history in the people we meet.

words before firing squad. Her body was taken to Norwich, which was her birth-place, and a statue was erected in London.

To me, to meet the widow of the chaplain who was present was living history- and I was thrilled.

However, Mrs Gaihan (I think that was her name) brought me down to earth after my eager questioning with the words 'She really was a rather foolish young woman. She would talk about what she was doing!'

My second touch with living history was meeting the cousin of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Ursula was married to Harold Lockley, one of the arch-deacons in the Leicester diocese. I never discussed Bonhoeffer with her, but he was truly one of the German martyrs in the last war.

A theologian, he was strongly opposed to Hitler and Nazism and this opposition eventually cost him his life, as we well know. I did a little research and discovered he was one of our most influential philosophers - whose works were read and discussed by many, even those with little interest in religious matters.

Hitler became dictator of Germany in 1933. Bonhoeffer fled to America in 1939 to avoid serving in the Nazi army. However, he returned to Germany a month later as he felt that to be true Christian he had to take a strong hand against Hitler.

In 1943 the Nazis arrested him and found proof that he joined a plot to kill Hitler. He was hanged in 1945 - shortly before Germany surrendered.

Strictly speaking, history is yesterday. Most people though at some time or other must have felt the experience of taking part in history, perhaps because of their own experience or because of someone they have met. ❖

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Why there is no second-hand bookshop

Mr J Wilson writes:

Stephen Poxon, who in the January *Review* asks why Berkhamsted doesn't have a second-hand bookshop answered himself when he wrote: 'It's great to wander around such places, savouring the atmosphere, and teasing the proprietor by pulling books from the shelves whilst giving every impression of wanting to purchase and then not doing so!'

A strange pleasure for an officer of the Salvation Army - but not an unusual one.

My bookshop, which I ran in Castle Street for ten years, suffered from such callers. I recall one affluent-looking regular who might spend an hour browsing, and who would then come to me with a book marked at £2.50 and ask "What can you do on this?" Why is it always booksellers who are expected to 'knock a bit off'?

I finally decided to close shop when a man who came in every Saturday to await his son leaving the school, and who never

made a purchase, upon leaving the shop one Saturday turned and said to me, "You should get a fire for this place, it's deuced cold in here!". I well knew it as I had stood half-frozen behind the counter awaiting and hoping for a sale - but that moment decided me to retire. During my ten years, and despite issuing invitations, not one of the town's librarians, no-one from the schools, no clergy and very few book buyers came my way; yet my stock was first class and sold very readily in another shop which I ran in a poor quarter of London.

Hundreds of bookshops have closed in Britain these past twenty years, unable to pay the crippling rents and rates now being demanded. I regret that I certainly could not encourage anyone to open up in Berkhamsted: the demand isn't there.

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A pleasure, a puzzle and a problem

Having just renewed my subscription to the *Review* I felt I must write to say how much I enjoy reading the various items of interest and I would like to put on record my thanks to the hard working editorial team who keep this important local magazine alive and well.

From my personal point of view, I find it a wonderful vehicle in which to grumble about local (and sometimes wider) issues. In particular, I wonder how many people have noticed that we have now a total of four Pepsi Cola drink machines at Berkhamsted Station? One is placed in the entrance, two on the platforms and one outside the rear entrance to the station. The fourth is in the conservation area and I wrote to the Customer Services Officer of Silverlink about this. He replied promptly assuring me that the one placed outside at the rear would be removed but, sadly, before this was done it was vandalised and, at the time of writing, it lies on its side.

I noticed today on the canal field that one of the new young trees (planted only a short time ago) had already been pulled down. This again, is not surprising as they

Sheila Newland writes:

need to be firmly protected in some sort of metal 'cage' tree protector. The rubbish situation seems to be worse than ever - not helped by overflowing bins near the picnic tables and rubbish left on the towpath.

In addition to the gangs of vandals roaming around Berkhamsted at night, the other culprits are 'nice' people like you and me who leave their black plastic refuse bags outside their houses for collection *without tying them up!* The result is that much of the refuse spills out on to the road or is blown away by the wind to stay there for evermore unless or until someone thinks to remove it.

I don't know why these matters bother me so much when there are so many other important issues more worthy of attention but I think it is this total lack of common sense which is so annoying. Perhaps the Government should introduce this as an obligatory subject at both GCSE and A level. Now, there's a challenge, Mr Blair!

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**Revd Peter Hart
introduces Lent
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on the Jubilee
2000 coalition.**

During Lent, the churches in Berkhamsted and Tring will be focussing on the issues raised by unpayable debt owed by developing countries to the West, and the options for dealing with that debt, which the Jubilee 2000 Coalition is putting to the leaders of the so-called developed nations (those who attend the G8 economic summits). There will be five workshops spread through Lent, both in Berkhamsted and in Tring, which are designed to help us get to grips with some of the issues of the international debt crisis and to become effective campaigners on behalf of the poor, who are currently enslaved by circumstances far beyond their control.

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This is therefore a Lent course with a difference. It will be practical, both in its theological content and in its approach to current economic conditions. Plans will be laid, during the sessions, for attending the next G8 summit in Birmingham on Saturday, 16th May, to be part of the human chain which will surround the conference centre. We will also examine the process of the Jubilee 2000 petition, both in its current form (to be presented to Tony Blair as G8 host) and after the summit, as it continues on towards the millennium.

In our practical study, prayer and action in solidarity with the poor, we aim to make the celebration of the millennium a real Jubilee for those who are enslaved.



For more details of the five Lent sessions, telephone Revd. Peter Hart, Berkhamsted 865312.

LENT '98

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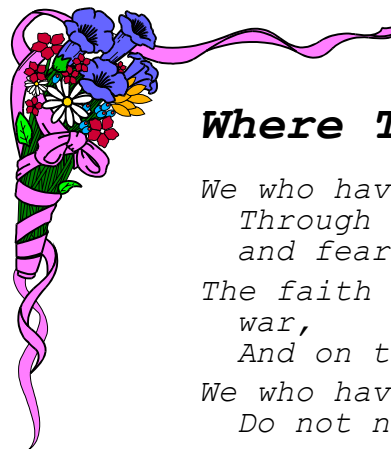
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*We who have striven to hold our faith,
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and fear.*

*The faith that steeled our hearts in
war,
And on the loss of those held dear.*

*We who have been blest with many years,
Do not need words that make us doubt
our ways.*

*But to foster, and strengthen our
belief,
In the evening of our days.*

*To be steeped in theology may be fine,
But does this help the dying on their
way,*

*Dispel the lonely widows fear,
Or wipe away the orphan's tear?*

*Instead O Lord please grant us grace,
To keep steadfast in our faith.*

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Revd John Schild

*Chair, Diocesan Partnership in
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SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH
4:30PM

Parish Room, St Mary's Northchurch

Followed by tea and Evensong

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St Peter's and All Saints' churches are organising a visit for 10 or 12 children from Belarus - the area most severely affected by nuclear fallout - in May/June. To do this we need some vital help:

- **Host families willing to provide a home for a child for a month.**
Ideally you'll have children of school age but this isn't essential
- **Volunteers to help organise activities** during the day for the children
- **Help from organisations** like leisure operators, societies and associations who can provide fun activities
- **Backup from local healthcare** bodies and individuals, particularly medical and dental assistance

If you can help please contact Chris Smalley on 826821 for more details.

We can make a difference!

THE MOTHERS UNION



If you changed your name, what name would you choose? Tell about one of the proudest moments of your life. How did your parents affect your spiritual beliefs? Have you been to an unusual wedding? Tell of a dream. What made your mother happy? What were the M.U. up to in January? Why all these questions?

Well - we were playing a game of 'Lifestyle' - a game which made us dip into the past causing us some thought and not a little hilarity. We produced fascinating stories. My favourite was about the grandfather who became an air raid warden during the war because, being blind, the lack of street lighting would not bother him! Eventually two members reached 'home' and as winners had the embarrassment of sitting and listening whilst the rest of us said nice things about them!

We look forward to many events in the summer to celebrate the Worldwide Council when diocesan presidents from distant places will assemble in York.

Don't forget that we have a monthly prayer meeting to pray for the family. If you would like us to include anything or wish to know more about the Mothers' Union please contact

Jenny Wells on 870981.

FRIENDS OF THE TOWN HALL

Heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donors who came to the rescue of the Town Hall and left jam jars on my doorstep.

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Angela Morris

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TUESDAY CLUB

We meet on Tuesday, 3rd March at 8:15p.m. in the Court House for our Annual General Meeting. Sherry will help the proceedings! Will members please give some thought to any subject they would particularly like to hear so that speakers can be approached for the new programme.

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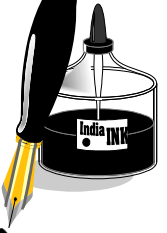
The new year started with a business session which included a report from Mrs Gladys Leary on the county consultative meeting attended by eight members. There were ten resolutions for discussion and voting took place. These results, together with those from the rest of the county, will result in further discussion at Institute level on those resolutions which received the most votes. Eventually, those of most concern to W.I.'s throughout the country will be discussed at the Intermediate General Meeting in May at Brighton. Resolutions were varied and concerned food safety and additives; land development; planning permission; women refugees; therapeutic earnings; carers; premium bonds and car phones.

Our speaker, Mrs Wendy Austin, talked on *Royalty on our Doorstep*. Showing slides of Berkhamsted Castle, Ashridge, Tring Manor and old Hemel Hempstead she traced royal visitors to the area from William the Conqueror through to our present Queen. Snippets on Nell Gwyn and Polly Page added spice to her talk, which also included Edward I and Queen Eleanor spending their honeymoon at Ashridge, the Black Prince taking archers from Berkhamsted to the Battle of Crecy, Louis XVIII living at Hartwell House, and visits from Queen Victoria, the Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth II to among many others. Altogether an absorbing history of our locality.

For the coming months, our meetings include talks on the way of life of the Amish people, lectures on music and art, and a day on the Unpredictable. Do come and join us every third Wednesday at 7:30pm in Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted. You will be most welcome. ❖

Something to say?

Well, write in and say it! The *Review* is your magazine - we welcome interesting articles, news, letters, photos and poetry. Our subjects are diverse, and we particularly want to include news of current events in the town. So if you're organising an event tell us about it - you'll find contact details inside the front cover with copy dates for the next three issues.



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Holy Week 1998

Monday 6th April - Sunday 12th April

Tuesday - Thursday

7.30am Morning Prayer (*St Peter's*)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (*St Peter's*)

Monday - Wednesday

6 8:30pm Short meditation & Compline (*St Peter's*)

8:00pm United Devotion (*All Saints*)

7 9:30am Eucharist (*All Saints*)

12:30pm Eucharist (*St Peter's*)

8.30pm Short meditation & Compline (*St Peter's*)

8:00pm United Devotion

8 6:45am Eucharist (*St Peter's*)

8:30pm Short meditation & Compline (*St Peter's*)

8:00pm United Devotion (*All Saints*)

Maundy Thursday

9 11:00am Eucharist (*St Peter's*)

8:00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper (Preacher: The Revd David Lindsay, Chaplain of Haberdashers' Aske's school)

The Watch until Midnight (*St Peter's*)

8:00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by
The Watch until Midnight (*All Saints*)

Good Friday

10 9:00am Morning Prayer (*St Peter's*)

10:00am Good Friday Procession. 10:00am in the Market Place with
procession to All Saints', followed by meditation

12noon Three Hour Devotion including the Liturgy of the Day
(*St Peter's*) Preacher: The Revd David Lindsay

5:30pm Evening Prayer (*St Peter's*)

Easter Eve

11 7:30am Morning Prayer (*St Peter's*)

5:00pm Evening Prayer (*St Peter's*)

9:00pm The Easter Vigil (*St Peter's*)

Easter Day

12 8:00am Eucharist (*St Peter's*)

8:00am Eucharist (*All Saints*)

9:15am Family Eucharist (*All Saints*)

9:30am Sung Eucharist (*St Peter's*)

11:30am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist (*St Peter's*)

6:00pm Choral Evensong - Preacher: Jenny Wells (*St Peter's*)

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| | SUNDAY | <i>St Peter's:</i> | 8:00am | Eucharist | | | | |
| | | | 9:30am | Sung Eucharist, crêche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House | | | | |
| | | | 11:15am | Matins & Sermon [1st Sunday only] | | | | |
| | | <i>All Saints'</i> | 6:00pm | Evensong [except 1st Sunday] | | | | |
| | | | 8:00am | Eucharist [except 1st Sunday] | | | | |
| | | | 9:15am | Sung Eucharist, crêche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (<i>All Saints' is shared with the Methodists and this service will sometimes be replaced by a 10:00am United Service</i>) | | | | |
| | | | 6:30pm | Evensong [1st Sunday only] | | | | |
| | MONDAY | NONE | | | | | | |
| | TUESDAY | <i>St Peter's</i> | 7:30am | Morning Prayer (MP) | 5:30pm | Evening Prayer (EP) | | |
| | | <i>All Saints'</i> | 9:30am | Eucharist | | | | |
| | WEDNESDAY | <i>St Peter's</i> | 6:45am | Eucharist | 7:30am | MP | 5:30pm | EP |
| | THURSDAY | <i>St Peter's</i> | 7:30am | MP | 11:00am | Eucharist | 5:30pm | EP |
| | FRIDAY | <i>St Peter's</i> | 7:30am | MP | 9:15am | Eucharist | 5:30pm | EP |
| | SATURDAY | <i>St Peter's</i> | 7:30am | MP | | | 5:00pm | EP |
| | 1st Sunday | SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i> | | | | | | |
| | 3rd Sunday | OPEN HOUSE: 11:30am - 5:00pm with the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park <i>Stay for five minutes or five hours; unlimited coffee; lunch; tell a friend, bring a friend.</i> | | | | | | |
| | 2nd/4th Monday | BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP: 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park | | | | | | |
| | 1st Tuesday | TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker.</i> | | | | | | |
| | Tuesdays | CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am: at All Saints'. Music Activity 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short Pram Service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Activity & Coffee. <i>Children aged 0-4 years welcome. Gillian Malcolm 874993</i> | | | | | | |
| | Tuesday | MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981</i> | | | | | | |
| | Tuesday / Wednesday | MEDITATION GROUP: meets first and third Wednesdays at 8:00pm at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road, and second and fourth Wednesdays at 2:15pm at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268</i> | | | | | | |
| | Wednesday | PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. <i>Contact Chris Billington 866038.</i> | | | | | | |
| | 2nd Wed | MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses. <i>Non-members always welcome. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981</i> | | | | | | |
| | 4th Wed | WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome. Contact: Vera Pullen 862196</i> | | | | | | |
| | Thursday | BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. <i>Contact: Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863084</i> | | | | | | |
| | Thursday / Friday | THURSDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Thursday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday</i> | | | | | | |
| | Friday | LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-1:30pm in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. <i>Katy Bonney: 874194</i> | | | | | | |
| | Friday | CHOIR: Boys 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. <i>Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859</i> | | | | | | |
| | 3rd Saturday | ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Share the concerns of individual churches and of our town. All will be very welcome. Meetings rotate between local churches. | | | | | | |

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (6:45am), Thursday (11:00am) and Friday (9:15am) at St Peter's. At St Peter's there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:30pm Evening Prayer every weekday and 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays.

March / April 1998

MARCH

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| 8 | 6:00pm | Choral Evensong | <i>St Peter's</i> |
| 8 | 7:00pm | A Cantello Recital (with Adrian Davies) follows Choral Evensong | <i>St Peter's</i> |
| 9 | 8:00pm | Luis Palau speaks in the Centenary Hall | |
| 13 | 8:00pm | Annual Parochial Church Meeting | <i>Court House</i> |
| 15 | 8:00pm | <i>A Passion for Growth</i> : The Revd Stephen Cottrell | <i>St Peter's</i> |
| 21 | 8:00am | Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast at Kings Road Evangelical Church | |
| 28 | 7:30pm | D Scarlatti <i>Stabat Mater</i> , Zelenka <i>De Profundis</i> . Chiltern Chamber Choir | <i>St Peter's</i> |

APRIL

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| 5 | 9:00am | Blessing of Palms at <i>All Saints'</i> and Procession to <i>St Peter's</i> | |
| 6-12 | | HOLY WEEK - see insert on page 24 | |
| 12 | 7:00am | Association of Berkhamsted Churches Easter Sunday morning worship in the Castle | |
| 13 | | Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans | |
| 23 | 8:00pm | Confirmation by the Bishop of Hertford | <i>St Peter's</i> |
| 26 | 3:00pm | St George's Day Scout Service | |

Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

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| 18 January | Oliver Peter William Oldman, Harry Racine Davies |
| 23 January | Hugo Armstrong Ellison, Gregory Harry Joseph Lyus |

Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

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| 11 January | Isabelle May Holland |
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Funerals

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| 5 January | William James Welling | The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham |
| 15 January | Gerald Scudamore French | St Peter's Church (Kingshill Cemetery) |
| 29 January | Irene Ellis | St Peter's Church (Kingshill Cemetery) |

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St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
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Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun Rite B) Holy Communion
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with Wednesday 6.45am
 Sunday Schools (in the Court Thursday 11.00am
 House) followed by coffee in Friday 9.15am
 the Court House. Morning Prayer: Tues-Sat 7:30am
 11.15am Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only) Evening Prayer: Tues-Fri 5:30pm
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') Matins & Evensong said daily
Confessions: After Saturday Evening Prayer (5.00pm) or at other times by appointment.
Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Contact Father Mark Bonney.
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road. Tel: 863804

All Saints'

Organist: Mrs Valerie McCalla Tel: 384574 Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, 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 Holy Days - see weekly Notices
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