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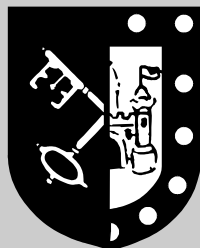
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

### **Welcome to the May issue of the Berkhamsted Review.**

As I write, on an Easter weekend with spring well and truly blooming, thoughts turn to the coming months and the various activities and events that accompany the warmer weather. We might be a few months away still from summer holidays - though with holidays now being a year-round activity I'm not so sure - but already your diary will be getting full.

The *Review* as always will carry full details of forthcoming events (that's of course if you tell us about them!). As you'll know from recent issues, we are welcoming a group of children from the Chernobyl area to Berkhamsted for the month of June, to let them escape albeit temporarily from their radiation-affected home following the nuclear disaster of 1986 and to benefit from clean air and good food (the organising committee is still looking for help - call myself or Alan or Barbara Conway on 865798).

This initiative is funded by last year's Petertide Fair and, speaking of which, planning for this year's fair is in full tilt. Page 9 has the first of two articles introducing this major event. It's going to be a busy summer!

*Chris Smalley*

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**Fr Robin Figg** asks us to join Jubilee 2000's campaign against third world debt.

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**Stephen Halliday** appeals for a new spirit of tolerance in Irish affairs.

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Have you been invited to join the high flyers? **Vera Pullen** has!

#### **Planning for 2000**

Local councillor **Norman Cutting** looks at the prospect of more houses as part of local planning activity.

#### **Funding the Way**

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*... plus our regular features, readers' letters, notes & notices and diary dates.*

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***Fr Robin Figg  
asks us to join  
Jubilee 2000's  
campaign against  
Third World debt.***

Throughout the month of May we continue in a spirit of joyful celebration of the Risen Christ. As God's people, his family on earth we are called again and again to celebrate the presence of the living Christ with us. Brother Roger, the leader of Taizé community in France, has spoken about the importance of Christ's continual presence through the Holy Spirit; "What astonishes us about Christ is his presence. He is not visible to our eyes and never does he impose himself on us. But, risen from the dead, Christ could say to each of us: 'Are you not aware that, by the Holy Spirit, I live in you? Never forget that you are inhabited'. Even if we often feel nothing of this mysterious presence, it remains there forever".

The Easter season continues until the great feast of Pentecost at the end of the month, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our joy throughout this time, and beyond, is concerned with the promise that goodness will ultimately overcome evil; love will overcome hatred. This good news cannot be over emphasised. The message offered to the world is of freedom and new life. But the message by itself will not change the world. For that to happen we have to respond to it and become part of the process of change.

On Saturday 16th May many thousands of people will be hoping to play their small, but significant, part in the process of changing the Third World debt crisis. I hope that by now there will be few people left who have not heard of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition campaign, which is

## ***review* leader**

seeking the remission of unpayable debt for the world's poorest nations. On this particular Saturday the eyes of the world will be focused on Birmingham where the next G8 summit will be taking place. Jubilee 2000 is hoping to form a human chain around the meeting to draw attention to the need for the forgiveness of debt. 'Make a chain to break the chains of debt'.

Even if you cannot be part of the chain you can still be part of the solution by making sure you sign the Jubilee 2000 petition and by writing to our MP and MEP. An African leader once said, 'As with the slave trade, it will not be the economists who solve this problem. It will be public opinion and the social outrage of ordinary people'.

If there is to be justice and righteousness in the world, abroad and at home, people must speak out. When we speak out others are given renewed hope. By the horror of the cross Jesus gave out a powerful message against all that was wrong in the world. But there was to be hope too when the suffering of the cross was transformed into the glory of the resurrection.

May the joy of the Easter message continue to give you hope, for yourself and for the world. ❖

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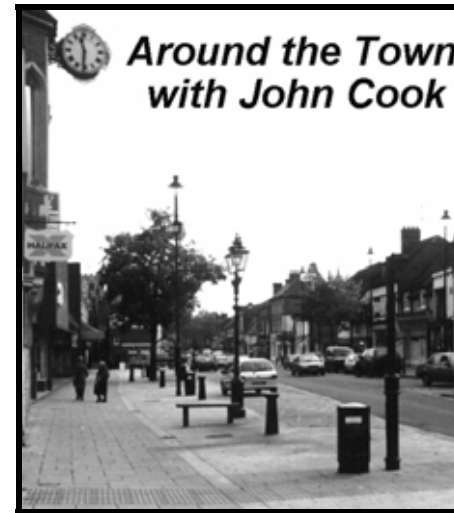
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### **The Crown Inn**

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Unfortunately to my mind they have rather spoiled the inside with stained deal everywhere and not much feeling left of a genuine historic inn. The fare is good value, though.

*The Crown* has gone through mixed fortunes during the three or four centuries of its existence. The first recorded reference to the name *The Crown* seems to have been in 1743, but it has not always been called that. At one time it was *The Chaffcutters Arms*, and over its life it has had several other short-lived names.

When it was last *The Crown*, some 20 years ago, the landlord was one of a type that has virtually disappeared now. Bill Agate - pipe-smoking, ex-RAF with big moustache and military bearing - ran the pub the way he thought pubs should be run. He refused to sell anything as vulgar as potato crisps and made it clear that he expected a style of dress and behaviour from his customers that would be hard to

impose today. The result was an agreeable place to visit, much favoured by masters from the Boys' School.

After Bill left it changed hands, its character and its name several times. It was called the *Alcock and Brown*, then *the Galleria*, then *Cheerleaders*. At one time it very nearly got to be named the *Gas Station*, but there was such an outcry that the owner thought better of it.

### **Coaching Inns**

*The Crown* was one of five old inns along the stretch of the High Street between Chesham Road and Kings Road which for centuries handled the stage coach traffic on what used to be one of the main coaching routes out of London. They included its next door neighbours, the *Swan* and the *King's Arms*, the *Five Bells* (now *Nicholl's Brasserie*) and the *Red Lion* which used to stand where the Midland Bank is now.

In the last century the result of the opening of the railway on the stagecoach businesses was similar to the effect on small grocers shops of the opening of supermarkets: they just could not compete. Within a few years of the coming of the railway there was only one advertised stage coach service still running through Berkhamsted, and that used the *Red Lion*. By the time of the 1851 census few men describing themselves as ostlers were left in the town.

### **Another Woman Writer**

In reading and rummagings I keep coming across unexpected references to our local literati, past and present, among them as many women as men.

I learned the other day that Napoleon in exile on Elba read voraciously, with a particular liking for English novels. His favourite author was Maria Edgeworth who, as I mentioned a few *Reviews* ago, lived for a time in Berkhamsted.

Then I read that Tolstoy, who also enjoyed English books, said in 1888 that

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the greatest living novelist was Mrs  
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Dickens and Thackeray were both dead; even so it is a startling statement.

Mrs Ward lived in the village of Aldbury, in the big house called *Stocks* which is now a country club, and she became a very popular novelist in the last part of Victoria's reign. *Robert Elsmere* was said to be her best novel, but I have to confess to not having read it, nor any other of her books for that matter. I doubt if you would find any in print today.

But she was much more than a writer; she was a formidable Victorian lady with a strong personality, holding views and exerting great influence in all her particular fields of interest. She was the niece of Dr Arnold and the cousin of Matthew Arnold. At *Stocks* she entertained people like George Bernard Shaw, Henry James, Lewis Carol and her nephews Aldous and Julian Huxley.

She was a philanthropist both locally and in London. I don't know how she would have got on with today's feminist writers: the contrast between her and them could not be greater in many respects. For one thing she was violently anti-suffragette; and far from continuing to use her maiden name as many women writers do after marriage, she insisted on being called by her husband's Christian name as well as his surname: always Mrs Humphry Ward.

Like another Aldbury lady whom I wrote about last month, Ruth Lady Crauford, she was buried in Aldbury churchyard. At her funeral Dean Inge described her as 'perhaps the greatest Englishwoman of our time'.

#### **Mary Grieve**

Probably, though, the influence that the late Mary Grieve had in her day reached



*Pubs in the High Street, with the re-opened Crown on the left.*

into more homes than any of our local writers ever did. As editor for 23 years of the magazine *Woman* she built up the world's biggest women's weekly, raising its regular circulation to a staggering 3¼ million copies. It was printed by Odhams, so indirectly she must have been responsible for lots of local jobs.

There was a full obituary in the *Times* following her death in February, and at her funeral in St Peter's June Douglas spoke of Mary's Scottish roots, her strength and her stability. For the last 20 years Mary had settled in Berkhamsted, and while her health allowed was a regular member of St Peter's congregation.

#### **Bookshops**

With all these literary connections and the schools in and around Berkhamsted it is all the more surprising that a second-hand bookshop could not be made to pay here. In his letter in the *March Review* Jim Wilson, my next door neighbour who had a go at running one, tried to put his finger on the cause of this.

It is a real disappointment, particularly as there are smaller towns one knows which have one, or even two.



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**David Northcott** introduces the 1998 Petertide Fair which will again, in keeping with recent tradition be supporting two causes, one within the town and one overseas. Here are a few words of introduction from each.

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# The 1998 Petertide FAIR

*Saturday 27th June 1998*

Dr Ros Taylor, medical director of *The Hospice of St Francis* writes:

“ The news that we have been nominated as one of this year’s Petertide Fair charities is a particular bonus, as this year we have started to pursue a programme of refurbishment and possible expansion of the building. The number of people we are able to care for, both in the hospice and at home, has increased dramatically since the early days in the 1980’s. All of our patients have a serious illness but many now come in early in the illness, and, feeling better, go home to enjoy their lives again. Others come in for a week of care and pampering at the hospice to give their family and carers at home a break. Others come in at the end of their lives to die in the caring and family centred environment that the hospice offers. Alongside the clinical care, we now have a very well developed and highly thought-of bereavement service, day hospice and educational programme for community nurses, other doctors and nursing home staff. The annual running costs of our service now approach nearly £1m, and 70 percent of this has to be raised by us to maintain the high standards we set ourselves. Our service would simply not be possible without the hugely generous support we have received throughout the ” years from our local communities.

Mrs Ann Scarborough of *Nchima Trust* tells us that:

“ The Nchima Trust is a small charity working solely in Malawi. It is based in the United Kingdom and its funds are distributed by representatives in Malawi. Some of our main projects concern health (with assistance for buildings, clinics and hospitals, and also providing drugs and training personnel); education (from supplying books and providing bursaries for secondary schools and university, to training in practical skills such as carpentry and metalwork, including the giving of basic tools); clean water (where we help with the construction of protected springs and shallow boreholes, and provide hand operated pumps and rigs); rural credit for women (this allows us to give funds to women who may wish to start their own small business, perhaps as a seamstress requiring a sewing machine) and orphan support (here we are able to fund a small sewing school for teenage orphans, that they may earn and become self sufficient). We also support other aid agencies in the care of younger orphans. The Nchima Trust has very few administrative expenses. There are no employees, the work being undertaken by volunteers. Most of the funds you are able to provide will get right through to the ” mud hut. Thank you.

*Next month’s Review will give more precise details of the projects we are hoping to fund. If you would like to know more about the fair or can offer your support please contact David Northcott on 874037 or any other member of the committee: Neil Bissett (862115), Alan Conway (865798), Kevin and Hilary Elliott (863167), Stephen Lally (863526) and Rodney Cottrell (384963).*

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## Voluntary work - a personal view

*Paul Gilbert writes:*

Two years ago I took early retirement from work in the philatelic trade where I had been employed in the same firm for over thirty years. I had spent all my working life in the commercial world. Now I wanted to do some voluntary work 'to help people'.

In my first experience I worked with young people with learning disabilities in a newly built local centre privately run, but with reputable trustees. However within one year my services, together with those of several other volunteers, were dispensed with under somewhat mysterious circumstances. The clients' situation changed and key staff, with whom we had an excellent relationship, left.

Next I volunteered to help in a much larger, but similar, centre in Chesham run by Social Services. Here I thought there could be no problems, yet it will be closing in a few months due to cuts in Buckinghamshire's budget.

Now I am one of several volunteer administrators in a local drug and alcohol abuse centre, but again have heard its budget is threatened and not at present guaranteed for the future.

Of course, in each case, the clients, first and foremost, will be the ones to suffer most, and be at risk for lack of support of such centres. The employees will join the many others in the caring profession seeking employment. As for we

volunteers... well, it takes time to learn the work involved and gain the trust of clients, yet all may be wasted.

These are the times we live in... where will it all end? Fellow readers may have comments?

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## Oak Apple Day - 29th May

*Muriel H Lander writes:*

For two years, after my husband was forced to retire because of ill-health, we lived in the Close at Lichfield. We were able to rent a house there in exchange for him helping out at some of the services. For this, a small amount was deducted from the rent.

We were amazed to discover, during the first 29th May we were there, that a procession of clergy and choir walked around the Close, singing and stopping at intervals to say prayers. We then discovered that a bough of oak leaves was hung on our front door - and this was done to other houses.

It really was quite thrilling. Of course we knew that Charles II had hidden in an oak tree to escape the Parliamentary troops, but we didn't know how many towns still commemorated this- if any!

From the little I have read, I believe it was commemorated mainly in the Midlands and the North. I could be wrong. Perhaps someone reading this knows the answer.

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Saturday 27th June 1998

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ou may remember I wrote a month or two ago about being mistaken for another Nicola Horlick. Well, it's happened again! This week I have had 'an exclusive invitation to business professionals, of which they assume (mistakenly) that I'm one, to have a Platinum Plus credit card - none of your gold ones for me - developed especially for executives - with a credit line up to £50,000, if you please! This came from something called MBNA Platinum Plus of Chester. How on earth has my name got on to what is obviously a list for high flyers? I presume I shall never know.

As I was brought up never to buy anything until I could afford to pay for it, it all falls on deaf ears. Advertising on the basis of 'buy now / pay next year', or 'free' until you read the small print; leaves me cold.

## A QUESTION OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

High finance, the cut and thrust of the corporate boardroom: **Vera Pullen** turns down an invitation to join the club.

I am the sort who gets extremely annoyed when I receive, as I frequently do, large envelopes with one sheet of A4 paper unfolded inside from various firms, including Dacorum Borough Council. What a waste of paper. When I was working we were never encouraged to use even a foolscap envelope if a small one would do. Whatever happened to economy?

We live in a throw away society which worries me greatly. I see no reason to throw out even simple things like graters which I've had for 60 years for shinier, new ones. For one thing the quality is nowhere near as good. Don't worry that my 'meanness' will suddenly increase unemployment: it won't, but as you can see it does make me wonder how on earth I appear to be of interest to such firms as MBNA!



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As I write we are holding our breath over the possibility of an agreement between the factions in Northern Ireland. Is it too much to expect that, after more than eight hundred years, that beautiful but troubled island and its mostly charming inhabitants will be able to conduct its own affairs without feeling that it is living in the shadow of its bigger neighbour?

The closest that Ireland came to unity under an independent king was under an Irish king called Brian Boru who, in 1014, defeated a Viking force that had invaded Ireland. He did this when more than seventy years old and was unfortunately killed by a group of his fleeing enemies. Who knows what troubles might have been avoided if he had survived? About a century later England's fatal involvement with Irish affairs began when Henry II, taking time off from his conflict with Thomas a Becket, was approached by an Irish chieftain called MacMurrough. He promised fealty to Henry (in effect accepting Henry's overlordship) if the

## HOLD YOUR BREATH AND PRAY

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A historic peace settlement in Northern Ireland hopes to break 800 years of troubles. **Stephen Halliday** looks at Ulster's background.

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English king would help MacMurrough to regain the territories he had lost to an outraged husband whose wife, Dervorgilla, had run off with MacMurrough. The story has echoes of the Trojan war except that the latter conflict only lasted ten years.

Henry wasn't interested in Ireland, preoccupied as he was with protecting the lands that he ruled in France in Anjou and

Aquitaine, but he allowed MacMurrough to enlist the help of some English barons, notably Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, better known as 'Strongbow'. Strongbow liked Ireland so much that he decided to stay, setting himself up in Dublin in 1171, while prudently acknowledging the superior authority of Henry II who was known to have a short fuse when dealing with troublesome subjects. Thomas a Becket had been killed the previous year.

After that, English influence in Ireland became a sort of bad habit. Elizabeth decided that, given her difficult relationship with Catholic Europe, she couldn't afford to leave Ireland to be taken over by anyone else and encouraged Protestant migrants to settle on plantations throughout Ireland 'beyond the Pale' as the area of direct English rule around Dublin was called. Her successors, the disastrous Stuart dynasty, further encouraged this process, particularly encouraging their fellow Scottish Protestants to settle in that part of Ireland closest to Scotland which we call Ulster. This explains why there are so many people in Northern Ireland with Scottish names like Gibson, Campbell and, of course, Paisley.

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much, much more!!

In 1798 an ineffective uprising led by a man called Wolfe Tone and supported by the French (this being during the Napoleonic wars) failed to establish an independent Ireland and William Pitt saw through Parliament an Act of Union which made Ireland as much a part of Britain as Wales, Scotland and Hertfordshire, sending MPs to the House of Commons and Irish peers (including the redoubtable Lord Longford's ancestors) to the House of Lords. In the 1880s Gladstone tried to reverse this policy and to give Ireland independence but incurred the wrath of Queen Victoria, split the Liberal Party and was ultimately frustrated by a veto from the House of Lords. A further attempt by Asquith was frustrated by the outbreak of war in 1914.

We are still living with the consequences of this failure. The attempts to give Ireland full independence in the twentieth century have been frustrated by the opposition of the large body of Protestants in the North. The first such attempt was opposed by Sir Edward Carson whose only other claim to fame is that he successfully defended the Marquess of Queensberry against Oscar Wilde's libel action. The six counties (part of the historic province of Ulster) were the compromise but the Catholics

who live there have long felt, with reason, that they were second class citizens, with higher unemployment and poorer living conditions than the ascendant Protestants.

Is it too much to expect that we can put behind us slogans about 'popery' and 'Rome rule' and settle into a regime of mutual trust and tolerance? Perhaps by the time these words appear an answer to that ancient question will have started to emerge. Even if a settlement is reached I think it doubtful that we have heard the last of Ireland. As long as the Reverend Doctor (never were titles less appropriate) Paisley continues to make utterances about Catholics which would have been familiar at the time of Cromwell; and as long as 'apprentice boys' continue to celebrate seventeenth century battles, resentments will remain. And it is hard to believe that IRA godfathers, long sunk in a cycle of violence and hatred, will lay down their arms and become school teachers and bus conductors. It is perhaps worth reflecting that another sinister movement, the Sicilian Mafia, started life as a 'liberation' movement, with the aim of ridding Sicily of its foreign rulers. Once this had been achieved its adherents quickly adapted their skills to profitable criminal activities.

We must all hope and pray that this does not become Northern Ireland's lot. ❖

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The clergyman had not lived in Berkhamsted for very long (which narrows the field to about ten!) but he had been here long enough to learn that I had some involvement with the Way Inn. He asked me what the trustees would be doing with all the money which we would be

generating next year. I gasped, swallowed, and thought how nice it would be to be able to exercise such a choice. It also occurred to me that if this minister did not know the financial circumstances of the Way Inn, other members of local churches probably would not know either. But they would have been contributors, if not as individual donors or givers of interest-free loans then as members of donating churches.

The Way Inn was conceived at an ecumenical Lent housegroup in 1988, but did not open until 2½ years later, on 1st September 1990. The original idea was for a coffee shop in rented premises. What transpired was not only the coffee shop but also the Post Office and a retail shop, and the premises were freehold. The premises, the Post Office franchise and some internal rebuilding all had to be paid for; kitchen utensils and coffee shop furniture, crockery and cutlery had to be bought, and the retail area had to be stocked. In short our 'start-up costs' were very large - of the order of £430,000, which was raised from several sources:

- The premises were mortgaged.
- We obtained two low-interest loans from charitable trusts.
- We were given a number of interest-free loans by people living in the area.
- We were given a very large number of donations, including some very substantial ones from churches in Berkhamsted.

## FUNDING THE WAY INN

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**Keith Treves Brown** tells the story of the *Way Inn* from its inception to its current position in the town's High Street.

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The Way Inn thus started with a large number of loans. These all have to be repaid. Our first commitment was to repay the low-interest loans from charitable trusts, and this has been done. We have only now started to repay the interest-free loans, and our mortgage

repayments will continue for a further nine years. That is where our trading profits are going.

Meanwhile we have needed to make new capital investments. In the autumn of 1996 we built an extension giving ourselves extra storage space for food and an improved frontage with public access from the Kingsgate site. We have also had to make some improvements in the kitchen to comply with new rules which came into force in September 1997. Because our profits were being used elsewhere, and we were not issuing shares, we were dependent for these improvements on new donations. An appeal was made for the building extension, and there has been a continuing flow of donations, particularly from churches, since that time. We are now saving up for a hood to go over the cooker with a duct to the outside. This should enable our air conditioning plant to work effectively on hot summer days instead of struggling against the cooker.

So what do the trustees propose to do with the profits we will be generating next year? They will go, as in previous years, to paying off loans. And this situation will continue for the next five or six years. Only then will we become less dependent on donations for our capital investments. By then I will be due to retire as a trustee, so the choice as to what to do with the profits will be for someone else. I begin to understand how Moses felt about not being allowed into Canaan. ❖



The borough council decided that no one knew what 'Dacorum' meant in its logo, so decided to revamp it and add the words 'borough council'. This minor change had a knock on effect right down to the redesign of the new street nameplates that we all know and love (or hate). I just hope that they don't start changing them without good reason.

Having got that off my chest, let's get down to more important matters. Remember we are still considering the borough district plan and the county structure plan (green belt and all that). Well, those plans only go up to 2011. Not to be caught out again, the London & South East Regional Planning Conference (SERplan) is now looking at what the South East needs up to the year 2016. The program at present is that the conference will look at the subject in early April 1998, public consultation will occur during April to July 1998 and the draft document will be issued in September 1998. It is expected that an examination in 'public' will be held in November 1998 and the rubber stamping will be all done in time for the new Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) to take on board in April 1999. Needless to say, more dwellings (not housing, you note) will be needed and it appears that no national planning is done, so the south-east (that's us by the way, unless you believe that we should come under the Eastern RDA based in Cambridge) has no idea what goes on just over the borders in, say Oxfordshire. Strange world, isn't it? This is currently all done at county level, with a small input from all the district councils. So for more information, contact your county councillor (Cllr Ken Coleman on 866344) and I will endeavour to bring the more

## CUTTING COMMENTS

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Local independent councillor  
**Norman Cutting** with a  
roundup of recent activity at  
our town council.

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interesting bits to your attention one way or the other over the coming months. But time is against us.

What a good turn out there was at the Berkhamsted town centre advisory forum on 1st April. Around 30 of you sat through the initial findings of

the consultants carrying out the town centre 'health check'. A number of you have expressed wonderment over just what is involved. Putting it simply, you pay an outside organisation a sum of money to confirm what you already know, but don't like to say in public. They then ask you what you think is wrong and how to correct it. A report is issued, together with suggestions and estimates of how much it might cost, and we all feel as though we got value for money. I am almost convinced that local government works on the principle that you make a decision and then do everything you can to justify that decision. Having said that, we will have around £60,000 to play with to improve the facilities of the town centre, so it can't all be bad.

We are coming up to the end of the third of the four years of the life of this council and next month I will attempt to summarise the activities of the past year, and look forward to what might happen in the final year in the run up to the election on 6th May 1999 (make a note in your diary - remember to vote!). Just remember that in 1995, you elected 11 (out of 13) councillors who had no experience of local government. The learning curve was steep and five have fallen by the wayside.

As I write, the local press is full of letters complaining about the increase in council tax, and asking just what do we get for our money. The borough has millions

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## reviewnorthchurch

**Revd Peter Hart  
gives us a  
powerful message  
for Pentecost.**

The month of May is associated in many peoples minds with bank holidays, the FA Cup Final and the beginning of warm weather. However, in the Church's calendar, May always brings Pentecost, the release of the Holy Spirit into frightened disciples, which transforms them from tongue-tied individuals into an effective body of evangelists, boldly speaking to all the people in Jerusalem and further afield about the death and resurrection of Jesus. This should be one of the greatest festivals of the Church, but, because it coincides with a bank holiday, and the weather is nice, we do have a tendency to make the best of a long weekend, and disappear for a well-earned break.

Whitsun has therefore become a lesser festival. Gone are the days of the Whitsun tea, the big outing in a charabanc or in a specially chartered train, and white shoes and gloves to mark the day. Gone too are

the parades through the street and half-day holidays from school for Ascension Day. Our world has become so secular, that one of the Church's major causes for celebration is blamed for the lack of productivity in May because of the two public holidays, and the joy of the early Church in receiving power and confidence is confined to a few.

All Christian festivals are characterised by a special message: the message of the angels at Christmas, the news that Christ is risen at Easter. But the message of Pentecost is the most powerful and the most compelling of them all. It is the message that the Holy Spirit of God can so fill our lives with his presence that we can be transformed daily to be like Jesus Christ in his lifestyle and confrontation with injustice and hypocrisy; that the Spirit is alive in the Church, to enable it to worship and to serve Christ in others. It is a message of freedom, as the power of the Holy Spirit is unleashed upon a waiting world, to comfort, to heal and to renew, to breathe new life into tired structures, to give a new direction where previously all seemed hopeless, to usher in justice in the



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## CUTTING COMMENTS

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place of oppression.

This Whitsun, let us rejoice that the banks are closed, that we have the time and the space to meet God's people and enjoy God's world. Let us also ask the Holy Spirit to show us what there is in our own life, in the life of our church and in the life of the world, which needs changing more into the likeness of Christ. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to show us how to be involved in the continuing search for justice and freedom for the oppressed. Let's get those Jubilee 2000 petitions filled. Let's write some letters to people who take decisions. Who knows what surprises we might have, what causes for celebration, and what radical change we can be part of? ❖

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in 'reserve', just in case, but many forget that national government directs how and what the districts can spend. The new Labour controlled borough council hoped things would change under New Labour, but I suspect that as long as national government can avoid being blamed for local taxes going up, the situation will continue.

On the other hand, we at town/parish level have no such constraints. Providing the monies are raised for local projects, then we have pretty much a free hand. This year, the new intake of councillors amended my proposal to leave the precept the same as the previous year's in order to provide for price increases in the pipeline and completion of projects in hand. As you now know, the precept was reduced and in many cases, monies will now need to be taken from the carefully built up reserves to provide the help to the community policy that we had started to implement. The view taken by the council was that as the 'i's and 't's had not been dotted and crossed, we should not raise the money. ❖

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## BERKHAMSTED WALK

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Just to remind you: Sunday 17th May is the day of the Berkhamsted Walk. Check in at the Court House at any time between 10:30 and 11:30am. If you want to do

the 18-mile route is best to be on the way by 11:00am, so you can go to church first but don't stop for coffee. Tea and cake are on the house when you get back! All proceeds are in aid of the Children's Society.

May I correct a misprint in last month's *Review*, which may have puzzled some regular walkers. It should have read 'Studham route' and not 'Southern route' (*sorry -Ed.!*). This route goes through Frithesden, Nettledean, Great Gaddesden, Jockey End (if you have never heard of Jockey End you should do the walk and visit it!), Studham, Little Gaddesden and Golden Valley.

The 12-mile walk leaves the main route at the Buddhist temple and goes in a straight line across Hudnall common to rejoin the main routes at Hudnall. So everyone goes along Golden Valley which is one of the best bits. For those in need of sustenance there are pubs at Jockey End (checkpoint 2) and Studham (checkpoint 3) on the main route and the Bridgewater Arms on the 12-mile route.

Please don't leave it too late to get your sponsor forms. For safety reasons all walkers must fill one in. Walkers have been known to get lost but all have been found because we have known they were missing and whom we were looking for. Forms are available in all Anglican churches in Berkhamsted and Northchurch, at Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts and at the Village bakery. *Ian McCalla*

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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Our next meeting on Tuesday 5th May at 8:15pm will be our annual Court House cleaning. Bring along your dusters and cleaning equipment. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

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## THE MOTHERS UNION

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At our meeting in March, we concentrated on the problem of drawing a tree which fully represented the Mother's Union as we see it. What a lot of discussion this provoked! What sort of roots would this tree have? What sort of soil would it flourish in? What branches had grown from its central trunk? What leaves and flowers would there be and what buds to open in the future?

We worked in pairs and the trees produced differed greatly - some beautifully drawn and optimistic - but just one with an element of blight and cracked branch!

What ensued was a very lively and worthwhile discussion about the future of the M.U. and especially about our own part in it.

Have the BBC been listening in? They produced a documentary the following week on the BBC2 highlighting some of the work of the Mother's Union at home and overseas.

Our banner once more left church on 25th March to join others in our deanery for the Lady Day service at Leverstock Green. As always it is good to meet with other groups.

Our prayer group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. If you have any family concerns that you wish us to pray for, please let one of our members know.

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## WEA COURSE

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The WEA will run a summer course in Berkhamsted entitled *Flora and fauna: Investigations in Natural History*. The course leader is Alan Outen and sessions are on Wednesdays at 8:00pm in Berkhamsted library from 13th May. There will be five indoor meetings and seven field trips. The cost for the 12 weeks is £25 (concessionaires £20, and free to the registered unemployed). For further information ring 865445.

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### MAY AT ASHRIDGE

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A *spring plant fair* will be held at the Bridgewater Monument on Sunday 17th May, 11:00am to 4:00pm. Come and buy plants of all sorts for your garden.

A *bluebell walk*, organised by the Friends of Ashridge will leave from the visitor centre near the Bridgewater Monument at 7:00pm on Tuesday 5th May. The cost is £3 (£2 for Friends of Ashridge).

An *expedition to see and hear the early morning birds* will leave from Steps Hill car park at 5:00am on Sunday 10th May. The cost is £4 (Friends £3).

Please book for these two walks by ringing Janet Stupples on 842252.

A workshop entitled *An Introduction to Woodland Birds* will be held at the visitor centre on Saturday 9th May, 9:00am to 12:30pm. Don Otter will explain identification, song, behaviour and ecology of birds, and their conservation. The cost is £10, refreshments provided. Please book by phoning the National Trust box office on 01494 522234.

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### MOBILITY VEHICLES AT ASHRIDGE

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In 1989, the Ashridge Estate became the first National Trust property to set up a pilot scheme to see how popular self-drive powered vehicles would be for visitors who found access to the Estate's six square miles of woodland, downland and commons difficult. The scheme proved a great success and now visitors to many Trust properties can enjoy easy access by using such self-drive vehicles.

The idea was first mooted at Ashridge in 1988. Local National Trust supporters' groups, the NT associations and centres, were contacted to raise funds, and in 1989 the North Hertfordshire and Windsor groups each generously donated a vehicle.

A team of volunteers was set up by the late Anthony Wilson to instruct visitors in the use of the 'buggies' and to ensure safety and security. Grants were obtained to build a garage and construct suitable paths for the vehicles.

Today there are five single seater self-drive vehicles and a two seater buggy which enables a severely disabled visitor to be driven by a companion. Routes are signed where accessible, and a special bridge has been built by estate staff and volunteers in order to provide better access. The boundary trail, opened in 1995 to celebrate the Trust's centenary, is accessible for over two miles by the buggies, and last year Old Copse Trail was completed in time for the visitors to enjoy the marvellous display of bluebells in that area.

Visitors can have a vehicle for one to two hours and are often surprised that there is no charge, but there is a donation box which 'hopefully' covers maintenance costs.

Fund raising this year is to extend the garage and purchase a second two seater buggy, as the use of that type of vehicle proved very popular last year. Ashridge had 551 visitors using the buggies last year and of these 247 used the two seater.

The National Trust is increasingly committed to a policy of 'access for all' to help visitors get the best from a day out with the Trust - not just visitors with disabilities, but older people, parents with young children and so on. The management at Ashridge are very proactive in developing the property for greater and better access for all. Visitor comment is very positive; one lady remarked last spring "I have just been down among the bluebells - the first time for many years and it was wonderful".

John Purcell

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### LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS 1998

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*Looking Through the Lens* was first begun in 1992 at Abbots Hill School near Kings Langley by the local photographer, David Spain. Further events were held at Beechwood Park School in 1993 and in 1994 at Yorke House School. This event is now being revived by the Dacorum Heritage Trust, the Borough's museum organisation with support from David Spain and Kodak. It will take place at Westbrook Hay School over the Bank Holiday weekend of 23rd-25th May. The event is just one of many taking place throughout the

country to celebrate the 'Year of Photography'. These dates also coincide with national 'Museums Week' which this year focuses on museums and their place in the community.

The basic idea of this event is to illustrate the rich diversity of heritage in the West Herts area. We aim to bring together local organisations including museums, camera clubs and local history societies and for them to promote their local history and environment to the general public using photographs. For example, the photographs could be modern in order to highlight the work of an organisation today or they might be images from the past in order to reflect the changing landscape of town and country. We are maintaining the tradition set by previous events in holding the event at a country house, in this case Westbrook Hay School, not normally open to the public.

Some of the many organisations taking part include the Boxmoor Trust, British Waterways, Berkhamsted & District Local History Society, St Albans Museums and West Herts College. Legion XIV, a group who re-enact Roman military activities, will be in attendance on all three days, demonstrating manoeuvres and the uses of weapons and armour. They promise to bring some children-sized items for youngsters to try for themselves.

The doors will be open from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The 500 bus service (Hemel Hempstead to Aylesbury) stops nearby.

## **SPEEDING IN THE CHILTERN**

The Chiltern Society is concerned about speeding on rural roads throughout the Chilterns.

In a recent poll of society members 87 per cent were in favour of speed limits. The society now seeks the views of a wider public on the following proposals.

Throughout the Chilterns there should be:

- 30mph speed limits in all villages, or
- 40mph speed limits on all minor roads, or
- a combination of both.

If you are in favour of these proposals please write to The Chiltern Society, 113 Vale Road, Chesham, HP5 3HP.

The Chiltern Society was founded in 1965 with the sole aim of conserving the character of the Chiltern hills in four counties comprising 600 square miles. It is run by volunteers for the benefit of those who live, work or visit the Chilterns for recreation.

These volunteers organise groups involved in essential environmental work. This includes keeping the society abreast of planning issues; protecting historic buildings, sites and conservation areas; preserving and enhancing rivers, woodland, heathland and rights of way. In general defending the green belts and natural amenity and integrity of the countryside against unsuitable development.

The society has some 5,000 members including many corporate members such as parish and town councils and local amenity societies. The total population supporting the society is, therefore, quite considerable.

For further information or membership details please contact the administrator also at 113 Vale Road, Chesham HP5 3HP or on 01494 771250.

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#### BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

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Recently we celebrated our ninth birthday. But since the commencement of our institute this was the first time there was complete silence during one of our lively meetings! The reason was we all joined in a fun game of bingo! The callers were longing for a cuppa after their hard work and joined members in an excellent tea-party which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A raffle was drawn and the competition for a decorated box was judged by members. After business matters, the matter of our town topic was raised, it being the general rubbish discarded on the towpaths of the canal which is rapidly accumulating. We will address this eyesore as soon as possible.

Our next meeting is on 1st May and will be our resolutions meeting. As always it is at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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#### BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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The March meeting opened with our president, Mrs Jill Blumson, paying a warm tribute to Mrs Lois Orchard following her recent sudden and very unexpected death on 23rd February.

*"Mrs Orchard joined the W.I. ten years ago and immediately plunged herself unstintingly into its life. She was a loyal and committed member from the first day she joined, full of original ideas and taking part in all activities. In her time with us she was a most entertaining and amusing member of the play reading group, a prolific and generous member of the craft group and for five years a most efficient and highly valued institute secretary. Lois loved people and she will be greatly missed by all those who came in contact with her - 'One always felt better after a few minutes chatting with or being listened to by Lois - it was indeed a privilege to know her'."*

Members then stood in silence whilst recalling their own special memories of Lois and remembering her with affection.

Mrs Blumson announced that Mrs Val Atkinson had kindly agreed to become secretary.

Members were told that a reply had been received to the institute's letter regarding possible options and outcomes concerning the futures of the local hospitals.

The forthcoming institute birthday party on 6th May in the Court House was discussed and various hospitality and catering arrangements were effected.

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# review notes&notices

Our speaker for the evening was Miss Julia Marriage from the Hertfordshire library service who entitled her talk *Once upon a time*. Miss Marriage, describing herself as a story teller from as far back as she remembers, told of her love of books, tales and anecdotes, from an early age. She was 'caught' telling stories in her boarding school dormitory late one night by 'The Dragon' - (a situation familiar to many in her audience!) - and has been 'telling stories' ever since!

Miss Marriage recounted many different entertaining stories: folklore with a message,

complete with highly appropriate and very accurate regional accents which were a joy to hear. Her topics ranged from amusing anecdotes highlighting the many foolishnesses of life through ghost stories to her own favourite and delightfully related tale, *Tom Tit Tot*, a familiar 'nursery' tale which transported us all back many years and ended a most enjoyable and unusual talk.

Our April meeting was held on 15th April, when Mr Tony Rook spoke on *Up the Nile without a paddle*.



Early April saw the first meeting of the newly-elected PCC (*details of the new PCC and the associated committees are on page 27 of this issue*).

The necessary formalities included election of the various officers and committee convenors. The following members were elected:

*Lay vice-chairman:* Barbara Conway  
*Hon. secretary:* Richard Foster  
*Hon treasurer:* Michael Robinson  
*Hon electoral roll officers:*

June Haile  
Pat Hearne

*Stewardship:* Kevin Elliott  
*Youth ctte rep.:* Carole Dell

*Deanery synod:* Jenny Wells  
*Review liaison:* Chris Smalley  
*Outward giving:* Eric Brown

The disappointing attendance at the recent annual parochial church meeting was noted, and the meeting discussed alternative timing for the meeting to make it more convenient for the majority of people. Comments would be welcome from members of the congregations.

The meeting discussed a report from the Outward Giving committee proposing a significant restructuring of our outward giving. The report suggested a target of some 20 per

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cent of 'unrestricted' funds for our support through outward giving (it was noted that some other parishes have a target as high as 30 per cent for this important part of the

church's work). A further suggestion was that four causes should be selected each year for major support, together with others to receive smaller amounts; this was in contrast to the very large number of causes supported with comparatively small amounts each year

at present. An article discussing these proposals will appear soon in the *Review*.

Fr Robin Figg brought the meeting up to date on the discussions taking place at All Saints' on the future of the Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between the Anglican and Methodist congregations (see last month's *Review* for more details of this). A wide ranging review of the future of the LEP and the opportunities it offers was to take place in May.

The forthcoming visit to the parish by a group of children from the Chernobyl area, funded by last year's Petertide Fair, was brought up with the meeting underlining its commitment to this parish initiative.

Chris Smalley



	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<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]				
			6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]				
		<i>All Saints'</i>	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]				
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	5:30pm	EP		
		<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist				
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm	EP
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm	EP
	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:30pm	EP
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP			5:00pm	EP
	<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH:</b> 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>						
	<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE:</b> 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>						
	<b>2nd/4th Monday</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP:</b> 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park						
	<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY CLUB</b> 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker.</i>						
	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>CHUCKLES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993						
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981</i>						
	<b>Tuesday / Wednesday</b>	<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> 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>						
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB</b> 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 866038.						
	<b>2nd Wed</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION:</b> meets in members' houses. <i>Non-members always welcome. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981</i>						
	<b>4th Wed</b>	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:</b> 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>						
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Contact: Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804						
	<b>Thursday / Friday</b>	<b>THURSDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS:</b> 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>						
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>LITTLE FISHES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 9:30-1:30pm in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194						
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>CHOIR: Boys</b> 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), <b>Adults</b> 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859						
	<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION OF BERKHAMSTED CHURCHES PRAYER BREAKFAST:</b> 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. <i>Share the concerns of individual churches and of our town. All will be very welcome. Meetings rotate between local churches.</i>						

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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.

## May / June 1998

### MAY

1	6:15am	May Day Madrigals from the tower	<i>St Peter's</i>
3	10:00am	Joint Family Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
9	7:00pm	The Parish Party at the Town Hall	<i>Town Hall</i>
10	9:30am	Bishop Christopher to preach and to celebrate (no service at All Saints')	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
	7:00pm	The Dolce Recorders Consort of the Junior Department of the Royal Academy of Music	<i>St Peter's</i>
16	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast at the Swan Inn	
	7:30pm	Chiltern Philomusica orchestral concert - Elgar, Brahms, Mozart. Director: Adrian Davis	<i>St Peter's</i>
17	10:30am	The Children's Society Berkhamsted Walk	<i>Court House</i>
21	8:00pm	Ascension Day Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
31	9:30am	Pentecost. Preacher: Canon Eric James	<i>St Peter's</i>

### JUNE

11	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist on the feast of Corpus Christi	<i>St Peter's</i>
13	7:00pm	Mendelssohn <i>Elijah</i> - Berkhamsted Baptist Church	
20	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast at Berkhamsted Baptist Church	
27	10:00am	PETER TIDE FAIR in and around St Peter's church and the Court House ( <i>ends 3:00pm</i> )	
28	7:30pm	Bach <i>Mass in B minor</i> - a Petertide Celebration (Chiltern Chamber Choir)	<i>St Peter's</i>
29	8:00pm	St Peter's Day - Patronal Festival Eucharist. Preacher Fr Peter Grant (followed by drinks at the Rectory)	<i>St Peter's</i>

## Registers

### Baptisms

22 March	Freya Brooks, Daryl James Barker	<i>(St Peter's)</i>
29 March	Katrina Emily Haldane, Gareth Lyall Honour, Elena Katherine Mills	<i>(StP)</i>
19 April	Matthew Anthony Simpson	<i>(All Saints')</i>

### Funerals

14 February	Alice Carter	Chilterns Crematorium
11 March	Sheila Ann Murphy	Chilterns Crematorium
27 March	Audrey Lois Earl	St Peter's (ashes interred at St Peter's)
3 April	Richard Harry Langdon Wiggins	Chilterns Crematorium (ashes interred at Kingshill Cemetery)

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## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 1998-99

The churchwardens and PCC members for 1998-9 are: (phone numbers in brackets)

**Churchwardens:** Barbara Conway (865798) and John Banks (871195)

**Deputy wardens:** Chris Smalley (826821) and Peter McMunn (874894)

**Deanery Synod members** (ex officio PCC members):

Eric Brown (864077), Alan Conway (865798), Joan Cook (866278),  
Ian McCalla (871765), Jenny Wells (870981)

**PCC members:** Rosemary Byrne (863783), David Crawley (871495), Richard Foster (863359), Stephen Lally (863526), Angela Morris (866992), Christopher Morris (866992), Michael Robinson (863559), Andrew Beaumont (877404), Chris Dipper (873006), Kevin Elliott (863167), John Malcolm (874993)  
(All parish clergy are, ex-officio, members of the PCC).

**Area Committees:** (in addition to those PCC members normally worshipping at the respective church)

**St Peter's:** Tracy Robinson (863559), Keith Middleditch (862423), Libby Grundy (875814), Christopher Green (863241), Marjorie Bowden (871283), Penny Abbott (873205)

**All Saints':** Philip Wilton (875147), Oliver Garland (864066), Isobel Saffrey (873192), Tim Hennessey (865729)

Further information on parish activities and personnel may be obtained from the parish office (secretary: Jean Green 878227) which is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tues/Wed and 9:30-1pm Friday (ansaphone at other times). Any parishioner may attend PCC meetings as an observer subject to notifying the PCC secretary in advance of their wishing to do so.



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## St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859  
 Organist: Mrs Jean Cooper. Tel: 874088  
**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 6.45am  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am  
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am  
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am  
 11.15am Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only) Evening Prayer: Mon-Fri 5:30pm  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') Matins & Evensong said daily  
**Confessions:** By appointment 864194  
**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 crèche, Sunday schools & Pathfinders; 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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