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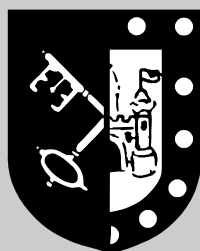
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Welcome to the March issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Whether you got your copy from a distributor, a news agent's shop or in one of the churches we hope you will enjoy reading it. Should you want to know more about the *Review* (the number of copies sold, how the enterprise is financed or whatever) then you should come along to the annual parish meeting (see page 3 for details).

One useful feature of that meeting is to give to anyone who attends (or who asks for it) a copy of the parish's annual report. This includes detailed sections on many aspects of parish activity, including the magazine. A main feature is the description of parish spending in 1998 and our budget in 1999. No-one who reads the report or who comes along to the meeting where you can ask questions need ever complain about lack of communication in the church. See you there!

David Woodward

Cover: Berkhamsted Common looking over the golf course. See John Cook's About the Town on page 7.

Photo: Chris Smalley

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Election fever

There are imminent elections in both parish and town. **Fr Mark Bonney** and **Norman Cutting** plus our letter writers join the fray.

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Did the Prince of Wales *really* see Berkhamsted recently, asks **John Cook**.

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Walter Sargaison passes on news from the family of one of our recent visitors.

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The Mothers' Union is there to support us with prayer, says **Jenny Wells**.

Many green bottles

Revd Peter Hart reminds us that abundance is not there to be wasted.

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

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**Fr Mark Bonney
urges us to come
along and vote
at the annual
meeting.**

review leader

Election fever hits the parish this month as we have the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7th March, and area committee elections on 21st March. In a busy world where many of us are committed to a wide range of things, 'fever' isn't perhaps the word to describe the elections that take place! But I live in hope - there are some important posts to fill. I hope many will consider standing.

Realising that we all have enormous pressures on our time Fr Robin and I have been trying to introduce one or two changes to our structures that spread the load a little and lessen the necessity for a few to have to attend ridiculous numbers of meetings. 'Subsidiarity' is the jargon word. It means decisions and action being taken at the most appropriate and lowest level within a structure. With this in mind let me outline some of the things that have happened and will hopefully be happening in the light of the forthcoming elections.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (which can be attended by anyone who lives in the parish or is on the church electoral roll) elects the two churchwardens. Legally they are elected for one year and elections have to happen every year. We have an accepted (although not legally binding) pattern that there is a warden at each church and each has a deputy (who very often succeeds). In an effort to lessen the expectations of length of service, and hopefully to encourage people to offer themselves, we changed the 'gentleman's agreement' that people would serve in each post for five

years, to three years. A new warden for All Saints' will be elected this year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which can only be attended by those on the church electoral roll) will this year elect five representatives to the deanery synod and 13 to the parochial church council. The former represent the parish at the next level of church government and are able to gain and pass on that wider vision of the church's activity. Deanery synod members are *ex-officio* members of the PCC.

The PCC has various statutory duties regarding finance and care of buildings and is to work with the incumbent to promote the mission of the church within the parish. Because of our set-up much of this is devolved to the two area committees. Because I think that this is where much of the ongoing work should happen, the last PCC agreed that we should reduce PCC meetings from six to five a year and only have a meeting of the standing committee when essential rather than five automatic meetings. The PCC will have finance, stewardship and outward-giving committees to which people who aren't on the PCC will also be invited to contribute.

By having a little more committee work at the area committee level we will reduce the meetings of the area committees to four a year instead of five. All Saints' members already find themselves on a number of other committees because of the LEP arrangements. St Peter's will, I hope have a buildings, Court House management, events and catering, publicity, pastoral and evangelistic committees. Each committee will have at least one area committee member on it, but will also invite others to join them with particular work in mind. In

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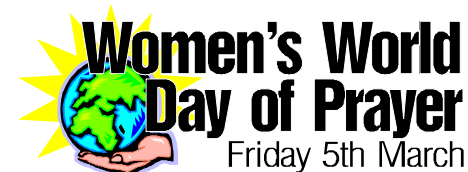
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review leader

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this kind of way I hope that important things that we need to do to promote the mission of the church can be shared by all, and also that many who might wish to be involved but don't get elected to or don't want to stand for full-blown committees don't have to be left out.

I hope that helps you understand the inner workings of the church structures, and I hope that many will be encouraged to play their part in different ways. And do come to exercise your right to vote and elect. The main APCM is at All Saints' church at 3:00pm on Sunday, 7th March - a new time and new venue to encourage more to attend, and there will also be a crèche facility for children to be looked after. An added attraction is that after the main meeting the Revd Canon John Payne Cook will give an illustrated talk about his recent sabbatical when he looked after a parish in the Caribbean - at the same time as the hurricane struck. As a parish we support work in the Caribbean and it will be good to hear first hand about the area.



The Women's World Day of Prayer service will take place in 180 countries throughout the world. Each year the service is prepared by the Christian women of a different country, this year by the women of Venezuela with the theme of *God's Tender Touch*.

We will be having two services in Berkhamsted on the day. In the morning we will be meeting at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church at 11:00am, where our speaker will be Heather Poxon of the

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells updates us on activity in the Mothers' Union.

Prayer is important to the Mothers' Union. We have a prayer group which meets on the third Tuesday of the month and during this time we pray for local families. Do use us if you would like prayers for someone. If you contact me (870981) we will pray for you at our next meeting. If the matter is urgent I can contact members who will pray for you in their homes before then.

1999 promises to be as busy for the M.U. as last year. The year started well for our group as we gathered together on that snowy January evening to listen as John Banks told us of the fascinating trip that he and Sylvia made to Chile before Christmas. By the time you read this we will have had our AGM followed by a discussion on Human Sexuality led by Father Mark. This year the deanery Ladyday will be held at St Peter's. We have plans for that and hope that you will join us on 25th March at 8:00pm.



Salvation Army. A crèche and refreshments will be available. Our evening service, which may be more convenient for those working during the day, will take place at the Friends Meeting House at 8:00pm. Pam Davis of Sunnyside church will be our speaker, and refreshments will be available afterwards.

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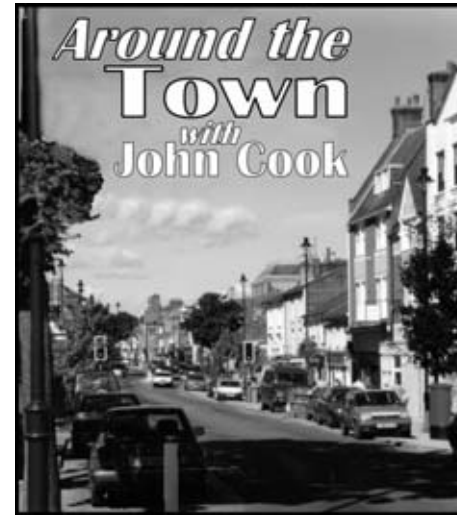
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The Duchy of Cornwall

Did you see that Bill Gates is now worth \$100,000,000,000 (eleven noughts, to save you counting)? Such are the fruits of achieving wealth while young that he could easily add another nought to his fortune in his lifetime. Nobody quite in his bracket came to the recent presentation at the British Film Institute Archive at Kingshill, but there were some people there with sizeable assets to their names, like Sir Paul Getty and Prince Charles.

This may have been the first visit to Berkhamsted of an heir to the throne since the brother of Charles's grandfather came in 1935. Several photographs were taken on that occasion of the future Edward VIII walking through the crowds in the castle. He looked as though his mind was on other things, as it probably was in the year leading up to his accession to the throne and the abdication crisis. Percy Birtchnell said he seemed terribly bored.

This time the Prince did not visit the castle. You might have thought that while he was this way he would have popped in, since he owns it. Although the castle is managed by English Heritage it is in fact one of the many assets of the Duchy of Cornwall, and has been from the time when another heir to the throne and the

first Duke of Cornwall, the Black Prince, lived there over 600 years ago. The gold balls of the arms of the Duchy of Cornwall are included in our town coat of arms. The income of the duchy last year was £14 million.

Another local possession of Prince Charles's is the gift of the living of St Mary's church, Northchurch, which means that when a new rector is needed the duchy is invited to put a name forward. But he didn't go there either.

Common Rights

As well as the castle, the estates of the Duchy of Cornwall once embraced all the Manor of Berkhamsted, including the common. The common used to be bigger than it is now until part of it was enclosed in the 17th century to form what is now Coldharbour Farm. Over 200 years later the duchy sold the rest to the Brownlows of Ashridge

Next to the visit of William the Conqueror, one of the first things most of us learned about the history of Berkhamsted is how in 1866 the local hero Augustus Smith hired a gang of navvies from London and in the middle of the night brought them out to Berkhamsted common. There by moonlight they tore down the great iron fence erected by Lord Brownlow and thus thwarted forever any attempt to enclose our common. This romanticised story has not quite had the outcome, 130 years later, that Augustus Smith might have hoped.

Although it is called Berkhamsted Common and we like to think of it as ours, only a small part of it is in fact in the civil parish of Berkhamsted: most of it is in the parish of Northchurch, some in Potten End. It is owned not by the people of Berkhamsted nor of Northchurch nor of Potten. All the eastern part belongs to Berkhamsted Golf Club, which was given it by William Edlyn who had bought it when the Brownlows sold off all their Ashridge estate in 1921. Only a handful of people, by virtue of where they live, still

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have ‘common rights’, and as far as I am aware nobody living in Berkhamsted does.

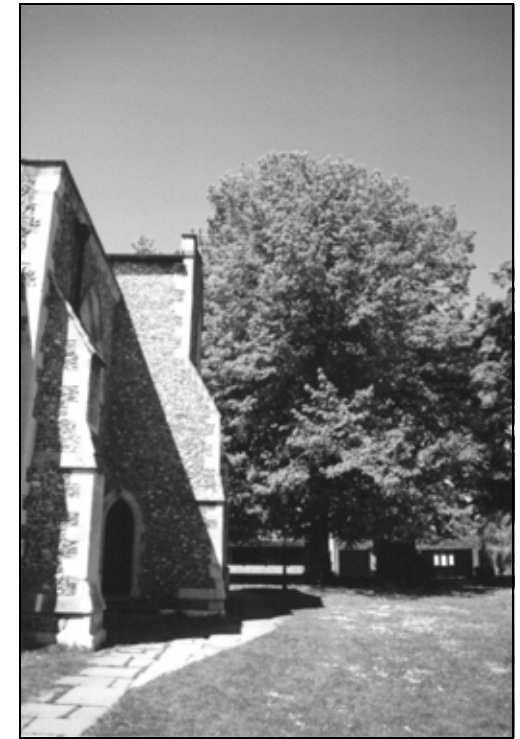
If you want to know more about all this it is well explained in a little book called *History of Berkhamsted Common* by G.H. Whybrow. It is out of print but there is a copy in the library. The golf club has the same rights that everyone else has over the property they own; that is to say it can do what it likes with it, within the law. However, I think it is fair to say that on the whole the club has taken a pretty responsible and public-spirited attitude to the management of the common over the years.

Early on the club lodged a deed of declaration giving people the right of air and exercise. It even provides a place to park, and I believe it genuinely tries to foster the habitat and wild life. Whether you like the present major bout of tree clearing or not it does seem to be a genuine attempt, with expert guidance and help from the Countryside Management Service, to return some of the common to its previous heath-like nature, which is one of the objectives in the borough’s nature conservation strategy.

Churchyard Trees

Still on the subject of trees, as well as the yew tree that Christopher Green wrote about last month, there are two old lime trees in St Peter’s churchyard. The one by the car park is a common lime; the other, I think, a silver lime (someone correct me if I am wrong). The *Field Guide to British Trees* says that the common lime is the tallest broad-leafed tree in most areas and in Britain as a whole. Ours is magnificent: well shaped with a wide spread, and taller than the church tower.

Unfortunately trees don’t last for ever and limes are comparatively short-lived. This particular tree has been inspected and is described as over-mature and affected with fungus; it is also partly hollow. As I write a planning application is being considered to trim the tree to make it safe



One of the lime trees in St Peter’s churchyard.

and give it a few more years life; but it will never be the same again. Be quick if you want to photograph it at its best.

There are no plans at present to do anything about the silver lime. The notable thing about that tree is its powerful fragrance when in flower towards the end of July. Its smell is so strong that some find it too much even 100 yards away.

Footnote

A number of famous people from the world of entertainment were at the event at the film archive. The town mayor told me that he spoke to some of them, including Spike Milligan. Mr Milligan asked the mayor to remind him from time to time during the course of the day the name of the town where he was.



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Am I alone in thinking that the multi-Oscar winning film *Titanic* was the most awful collection of clichés? Perhaps I missed something in the content though I suspect that I may have stumbled upon the real reason that the ship sank.

In my childhood and adolescence I was a great devotee of the books about Billy Bunter, the best-known pupil of Greyfriars School. About ten years ago, on *Book at Bedtime* an enterprising author read some sequels to the stories of Frank Richards, the original Bunter author who died in 1961 and was, incidentally, the most prolific author in the history of English literature. The sequels were called *But for Bunter* and presented a series of highly fanciful scenarios in which Bunter was, supposedly, responsible for introducing the Prince of Wales to Wallis Simpson; for fatally delaying the battle of the Somme; and for the sinking of the *Titanic*. The last of these disasters was attributed to Bunter on the grounds that he boarded the boat at Southampton and disembarked at Cherbourg, having

A Night to Remember - a Film to Forget

The *Titanic* wasn't just a maritime disaster, thinks **Stephen Halliday**. And was Billy Bunter to blame?

maiden voyage itself. I was busying myself with another task while half listening to the video. The baddy was the ultimate villain: dark clothes, sleek hair, cigarette holder, beater of women and too rich for his own good. The goody was likewise too good to be true: clean-limbed, poor, unselfish, good-looking and politically correct in every



The Fat Owl of the Remove - responsible for the Titanic?

way. Was he Irish as well? I shouldn't be surprised, given the importance of the American market to the film's producers.

Caught between these two Hollywood clichés was a hysterical female who spent most of the voyage either threatening to jump over the side or dashing about the vessel in a demented state, screaming her head off. Could it be that her endless shrieking distracted the crew who should have been looking out for icebergs? Or is it that her practice of continually running around the decks de-stabilised the vessel, causing it to veer off course? I think we should be told. ❖

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By the time you read this, the council election will only be eight or nine weeks away. On the other hand as I write, it is 13 weeks away and only four weeks since one of the biggest shake-ups the borough council has seen. The two original

Independents are now part of a group of seven. As everything is done by each group having a percentage share of the committee seats available, every borough committee has had to be re-jigged. The simple task of agreeing the membership of committees together with the chairman, vice-chairman and shadow chairman (opposition) dragged on until nearly midnight at the extraordinary council meeting in early January. A lot of the time was spent deriding the Liberal-Democrats who had thrown their lot in with the majority Labour group. Even so, on almost every committee, everyone must attend and casting votes must be provided if anything controversial is attempted. At long last, the Lib-Dems have the chairmanship of a borough committee, but I can't believe this had anything to do with the formation of the new Lib-Lab pact.

Once again the deadline for getting this copy into print is unfortunate. I have just returned from a briefing with the chief executive about the February policy committee which is intended to make recommendations on things such as housing revenue, revenue and capital budgets, devolving powers to town and parish councils, the political management structure of the council and all sorts of other things. The two items that could affect us are devolving functions to the town council and the possibility of an elected mayor for the borough.

As you may know, one of the reasons the town council radically changed in 1995 was the feeling that we were being

CUTTING COMMENTS

Independent councillor
Norman Cutting is limbering
up for the forthcoming
local elections.

'walked all over'. This feeling has not gone away, but behind the scenes things are slowly moving so that the town council could take control of functions that affect the town. I know that several members of the council resigned over the past four

years for various reasons, including the speed of change. The one thing I have said time and again is that we should not expect to be given power without showing we can use it sensibly. I believe the current council, although now conservative (with small 'c') by nature is almost ready to start dipping its toe in the water and to take on responsibilities with which we should be involved. The previous Conservative council (large 'C') appeared to have the attitude that if anything needed doing their 'mates' at borough would 'fix it'. Our sole Labour member does not seem to have a similar relationship with the current borough administration. I can assure you the Independent members certainly do not. But we do realise that co-operation will be necessary to achieve anything. The town warden and Christmas lights are two cases where the partnership has produced benefits for the town and matters still remained within our general control.

The other possible major change at borough is in the way political management is carried out. A number of schemes are being considered ranging from an elected mayor and cabinet to a leader appointed by council with committee chairmen acting as a cabinet. As I am unlikely ever to be mayor or be part of any 'inner cabinet', my concerns are

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with the role the 'backbencher' might take together with the town and parish councils. As I have said before in these articles, although only just over 700 of you voted for me during the last election, I actually represent all 4,000+ even if you didn't vote (the majority) or voted for someone else (how dare you!!). You deserve to have input into the running of the 'senior' local council even if your councillor is not part of the management group.

The recommendation is for the proposals to be in place by May 1999, but this remains for you to know and me to speculate on. I believe the timescale is far too short for such a major change in the way the borough is run. One of the suggestions in any case would be for allowances to be increased for members of the council. You may think this is excessive and one view is that if you pay people to become councillors you will attract 'gold-diggers' rather than those who wish to serve. All I will say is that local (and for a fair number of years, national) government relied on those with private incomes to get involved, or perhaps retired or 'sponsored' by others. Most 'active' councillors spend at least three days a week on council business and in Dacorum receive less than £40 (before tax). Is this the right way to attract the best people, with more and more items being devolved down from national government? Currently there are more than 20 consultation documents from national government that affect either

borough or town councils. Some of these require a response within a few weeks, others within months, so you have an idea of the problem.

On the local front, I not sure whether it's something in the water (isn't the Bulbourne flowing well?) or what, but having had five councillors resign, now the town clerk and town warden are going as well. The Berkhamsted access committee has been very successful in achieving improvements for the disabled, although all three stair-lifts in the borough's railway stations have been put out of action by vandalism. The point is that the next meeting is on 26th March and any new suggestions or concerns would be appreciated for our attention.

On 31st March the town centre forum is being held in the town hall at 7:30pm. You are welcome to attend and ask those questions you always wanted the answers to about the town centre or just to listen and learn. Talking about listening and learning, the town council's annual meeting will be on 14th April in the civic centre at 7:30pm. The intention is that an issue of the *Conqueror* with details of the year's council activities will be circulated prior to the meeting for you to read in wonderment and assist you in preparing to ask awkward questions. It is hoped to have a talk on the proposed development of the 'Coopers' site and information on the boundary changes that come into effect for the May election. So a jolly interesting evening is in store for everyone. ❖



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The visit last June of a party of ten children from the Gomel region of Belarus made its mark in a number of ways. Folk in St Peter's could hardly miss their cheerful presence among us, and there is little doubt that a great deal of good was done, not merely for the children themselves, but for all

the people who came directly in contact with them. Perhaps the host households have benefited more than most, in particular by the opening of unexpected contacts with families whose very way of life is wildly different from their own.

We are getting on famously with the Klimenko and Revenok families, who live close to each other in the little village of Peredelka (the Russian word means 'change'). Nadezdha Klimenko teaches six-year-olds, and writes vividly of their life:

“Already my pupils (I've got 17 of them) can almost read and write. And they all enjoy maths. Yesterday, I had to go on a little trip. One of the boys has been missing school. He lives a long way (7km) from the school. His mother works as a dairymaid. She goes to work very early. And he oversleeps - there's no-one to wake him up. So I went to his house for a word with his mother. I went after school. To save time, I took the path through the forest. I wish you could have seen how beautiful it all was! Snow everywhere. Silence. Peacefulness. I felt very tired, but got such pleasure from enjoying nature. I finally agreed with the boy's mother that he would go and live at his grandmother's. I walked the 7km home again along the road. I had my

LETTERS FROM BELARUS

Walter and Lorna Sargaison
have exchanged letters with
two Belarussian families
since last year.

dog Muchmoi with me. He's a fine looking dog and he is devoted to me.....

I got home, and Pavlik and Grisha (her husband) were waiting for me famished. Although the meal was ready, they couldn't manage to dish it up out of „ saucepans without their mum.

Her latest letter came in mid-January:

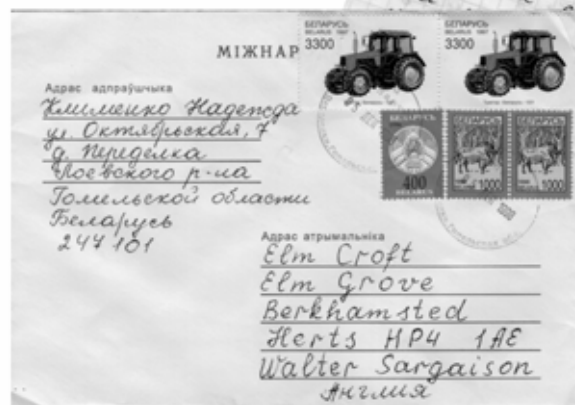
“It's night time. I am not asleep, because I'm afraid I shall oversleep and miss the time for taking a parcel for Sasha (her oldest son, who started at Minsk University in September). Grisha is fast asleep, and I'm watching the time. A bus runs from Loyev to Minsk on holidays, and we send food parcels to Sasha on it: milk, sour cream, cottage cheese, and meat. It's a tough life being a student in Minsk. Classes finish at 4:00pm, and by that time there's usually no food like this left in the shops, and even if there is, students don't have the time to stand around in queues. The bus from Loyev leaves at 5:40am. Grisha goes 2km on skis to the bus route carrying the parcel. So I have been translating your letter so as not to fall asleep, and now I'm writing my reply.”

(We had asked whether conditions in Belarus were as difficult as in Russia)

“Yes, there really is such a place as the republic of Belarus, Russia's little sister. It's a very beautiful place, and the people who live here are patient and hard-working lot. We have lots of forests, lakes and rivers. But life is very hard here, just like in Russia, And who's to blame for this, I have no idea. Dear Lorna, yes, I'm a teacher, and so

is my husband, but I still have to keep two cows and seven pigs, and cultivate two hectares of land, because our joint earnings are 40 dollars a month, and we're responsible for Sasha's studies. So life's a real whirl! But you mustn't run away with the idea that we let our children go hungry. Just so long as God grants us good health, patience and hope...

them a little reward. There is also a service in church. 19th January is the Feast of the Epiphany, and another church service. We usually leave our fir tree up until 14th January. It's such a shame that so many people celebrate by drinking too much vodka.....



Dear Lorna, we have our winter celebrations too. We mark the night of 31st December by welcoming in the New Year. We cut down a fir tree, and put the children's presents round it. We prepare something tasty to eat and settle down in front of the TV. Other families celebrate it in different ways. They go out to the club, or to neighbours or friends. But as we don't have anyone to look after the children, we don't go out anywhere. Christmas Day is celebrated in church. And on the Feast of St Basil (13/14th January) people go round the streets from house to house singing carols and other songs. The lady of the house gives

the above may help to shed a little light on a way of life quite different from our own. One is tempted to take up an offer to visit their country and see for oneself.

Walter and Lorna would like to acknowledge the excellent translations of the original letters made by Brian Shepherd. He is a former colleague of theirs, and a Berkhamsted resident. Ed.

There's more, much more, but I hope that extracts help to shed a little light on a way of life quite different from our own. One is tempted to take up an offer to visit their country and see for oneself.

The Town Precept

John Cook writes:

Who would have guessed from Norman Cutting's and Stanley Sharpe's contributions in the February *Review* that there are local elections coming up? Norman's assertion, in trying to justify the huge hike in the Berkhamsted precept, that the town council of which he is a member is making good 'after years of neglect' needs knocking on the head.

For the eight years preceding Councillor Cutting's election Berkhamsted got its sports centre, the Gossoms End elderly care unit, the youth club, the bypass, the Manor Street health centre, the High Street improvements, traffic calming, the Kingsgate development, etc. - hardly years of neglect. All of this investment was of course provided by other bodies. What the town council did was to campaign for the interests of Berkhamsted, putting as much pressure as it sensibly could on those holding the power and the purse strings to get the improvements it believed the town needed. Under its present constitution - essentially that of an elected pressure group - that is what the town council is best suited to do, rather than seek to pay for all sorts of things itself by excessively taxing the unfortunate Berkhamsted populace.

*The Gardener's Arms, 21 Castle Street,
Berkhamsted HP4 2DW*

Independent councillor

Ian Johnson writes:

Councillor Stanley Sharpe, writing in the February issue of the *Review*, suggests that the latest increase in local taxes is the fault of central government for underfunding essential local government services.

Unfortunately, the increase in the precept levied by Berkhamsted town

council is not budgeted to be spent on essential services. It is going on more comfortable accommodation for the councillors and staff, increased staffing costs and councillors pet projects, which will bring little or no benefit to most local people.

If Berkhamsted town councillors had exercised more self-discipline and adopted a more responsible attitude towards taxpayers' money, this tax rise could have been completely avoided.

It is just the latest in a series of tax increases imposed by all levels of government over many years. For example, both Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council increased their council tax charges last year, the latter by an unjustifiable 25 percent, and will almost certainly raise them again this year. Central government also keeps increasing taxes, whichever party is in power. The burden of taxation goes on increasing, while taxpayers get little or nothing extra for their money.

*'Leftback', Park Street,
Berkhamsted HP4 1HX*

Person of the Millennium

Dr Beverley Hart writes:

As a Welsh person may I point out that contrary to the impression created by your headline (*Englishman of the Millennium*, *Berkhamsted Review* February 1999) the Radio 4 *Today* programme poll was for the *British* person of the millennium, and despite the fact that only men made the top six, listeners were free to nominate female candidates.

*The Rectory, 80 High Street
Northchurch HP4 3QW*

The Rex Arts Centre

*Betty Patterson, a trustee of the
Rex Arts Centre Trust, writes:*

I would like to claim right of reply to some comments in Cllr Cutting's article in the February Review.

Cllr Cutting usually gives a very good account of council activity, as it affects Berkhamsted residents, and I must compliment him on his initiative in providing this much needed service. However, in discussing the future of the former Rex cinema, I must point out that Cllr Cutting is giving his own *opinion*; he is not releasing substantiated facts. It is important to distinguish between opinion and evidence, especially when the opinion comes from one of our elected representatives. This is not to say that councillors should not be free to give their personal opinions, so long as the public does not accept opinion as hard evidence.

Cllr Cutting wonders why we need the Rex when the town hall is under used, and whether a town of 20,000 could support an

arts centre. In fact the two buildings would offer distinctly different facilities; they would be complementary, not competitive. Some of the trustees of the town hall are also members and supporters of the Rex project. The most important evidence in favour of the Rex projects comes from Donaldsons, the consultants working for Dacorum Borough Council. In their report, *Berkhamsted Town Centre, Health Check, Strategy and Action Plan*, the need to provide wider range of leisure facilities is discussed, and the conclusion is that the film venue would be successful. Donaldsons gave the catchment area of Berkhamsted as 37,000, because for what they call 'niche cinema' the demand would include the surrounding villages and towns.

I recommend the Donaldsons report to your readers, and would also be pleased to discuss our own research.

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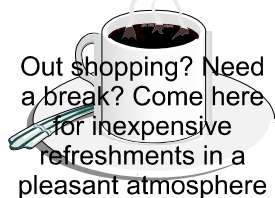
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**Revd Peter Hart
reminds us that
abundance is
not there to be
wasted.**

Since Christmas, Dacorum Borough Council has experienced, along with the rest of the country, a problem with recycling green glass. As we get better at taking our bottles to the bottle bank, so the recycling industry has discovered that few British products are bottled in 'wine bottle green glass', with the result that they have slowed down the emptying of bottle banks. The flip side of this is that piles of bottles are now building up alongside the overflowing containers, and were it not February, there would be a serious wasp problem. The Blue Peter special appeal for aluminium foil and cans, to be recycled and thereby raise money for schools in Mozambique is a more positive example of our enthusiasm for recycling, and the good that it can do.

On the one hand, this problem with one aspect of the recycling industry is a good one. It means that slowly but surely, the British people are taking to heart the need to recycle products which previously were considered only fit for the rubbish dump. On the other hand, the problem suggests that aspects of the recycling industry need further thought. The somewhat feeble suggestion by one of their representatives that we should pressurise the French wine growers into putting their wine in clear glass bottles was of somewhat limited value.

As Christians, we are called to make a response to trends in society, to judge them by God's standards and to act accordingly. We live in a wasteful society, overpackaged, unthinking in

its waste disposal, uncaring of the future. God, it must be added, overprovides for our needs: his creation is an abundant one, with more than enough for everyone's needs. However, that abundance is not there to be wasted, but shared and recycling is part of that sharing. Recycling says that my personal use of an item is not the end of that item, but part of its movement from creation to disposal. If it has further use, then it would offend God, who created it, to deny that further use. God also gave us the skill and imagination to use his creation in a multiplicity of ways, so recycling expresses that God-given creative and talent-laden side of our nature.

For all their difficulties with green glass, recycling initiatives should be encouraged, supported and developed by the Church just as much as society at large, both as an honouring of God in his prodigality and in a faithful stewardship of his creation. If the end result is that your favourite Bordeaux appears in a clear glass bottle, rejoice in God's goodness and work out a better way to store it! ❖



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Fr Mark: m.bonney@c-of-e.freeseve.co.uk

Fr Robin: r.figg@c-of-e.freeseve.co.uk

Parish office: j.green@c-of-e.freeseve.co.uk

review: review@c-of-e.freeseve.co.uk



The programme of local events sponsored by the trust for March is as follows:

On *Saturday 6th March* Berkhamsted Jazz present a mainstream and modern concert in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Artists from the USA include Scott Hamilton (tenor sax) and Kenny Daverne (clarinet), with Dave Cliff (guitar), Brian Lemon (piano), Dave Green (bass) and Allen Ganley (drums). Tickets for non-members are £7 (£3.50 for students) at the civic centre door.

On *Monday and Tuesday 8th & 9th March* Berkhamsted Film Society presents Jack Nicholson in *As Good As It Gets* (for which he won an Oscar) at the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets for non-members are £3 from Berkhamsted library.

From *Wednesday to Saturday 10-13th March* Ashlyns school give a musical *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, written by Bob Carlton in the school hall at 7:30pm. Tickets from the school or at the door; prices on application (no unaccompanied under-17s).

On *Saturday 13th March* Berkhamsted Music Society present *Onyx Brass* (two trumpets, horn, trombone, tuba) in a programme of music by Debussy, Gabrieli and Handel in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Admission to non-members is £7 at the door.

On *Wednesday 17th March* Berkhamsted Gardeners Society present a talk, *The Chelsea Flower Show* by A J Sawyer, former Chelsea show manager in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted town hall at 8:00pm. Admission to non-members is £2 at the door.

On *Thursday to Saturday 18-20th March* the BAODS theatre company present *Bliethe Spirit* by Noel Coward at the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets from BAODS box office (394363) or at the door are £6 (£4.50 for OAPs and children).

On *Monday and Tuesday 22nd & 23rd March* Berkhamsted Film Society presents *Good Will Hunting* in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets for non-members are £3 from Berkhamsted library.

On *Wednesday 24th March* Berkhamsted Local History Society presents *Chesham and its hamlet*, a talk by Julian Hunt of the Chesham Society in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Admission to non-members is £1 at the door.

On *Thursday 25th March* Berkhamsted Archaeological Society presents an illustrated talk *Matta; Megaliths and Madonnas* by Bambi Stainton of the Chess Valley Archaeological Society in the Newcroft wing of Berkhamsted Collegiate School at 8:00pm. Admission for non-members is £1 at the door.

On *Saturday 27th March* Berkhamsted Jazz feature *Digby Fairweather's Half-Dozen* in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets from the civic centre or at the door are £7 (£3.50 for students). Performers include Digby (trumpet, cornet), Julian Stringle (reeds), Malcolm Earle Smith (trombone) and Craig Mulverton (piano).

On *Sunday 28th March* the Cowper Society present the Chiltern Chamber Choir and the Bridgewater Band in the *St Matthew Passion* by J S Bach in St Peter's church at 6:00pm. Tickets from the Bookstack, 248 High Street or at the door cost £7 (£5 for OAPs and children) (see page 14 of this issue).

URGENTLY NEEDED! CAR DRIVERS AT ST PETER'S

We have a number of people who would like to attend St Peter's regularly but are unable to reach church under their own steam.

We are in desperate need of a few willing car drivers to provide occasional lifts to and from church (usually the 9:30 Eucharist) - the more people who come forward, the less frequent this can be.

If you are able to help with this important activity then do please contact Keith Middleditch on 862423.

RELAUNCH OF THE FRIENDS OF DACORUM MUSEUM

The Dacorum Heritage Trust relaunched its friends organisation, *The Friends of Dacorum Museum* at a meeting on 13th October 1998 at the civic centre, Hemel Hempstead. The principal objective of the organisation will be to support the idea of setting up a museum or museums in Dacorum. Some of the benefits you will receive include outings, social events, talks and discount on trust publications. It is also hoped that the friends will help to raise funds to purchase new acquisitions.

Friends will continue to receive a posted copy of a quarterly newsletter. Events already planned for 1999 include:

March: visit to the new-look Verulamium Museum, St Albans

May: tour of the trust's museum store, Berkhamsted.

September: private view of the trust's *Dacorum Canal* exhibition.

The annual subscription is £3 for an individual and £5 for a family. Simply send you name and address with a cheque made payable to 'The Friends of Dacorum Museum' to Mrs Anne Davies, Honorary Treasurer, FODM, 20 High Street Garden, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 7AQ.

TRUSTEES NEEDED FOR THE SWAN YOUTH PROJECT

In 1993 an ecumenical charity was formed to acquire the derelict *Swan Inn* to refurbish it as a centre for homeless young people and an alcohol free meeting place for young people.

With grants from Dacorum, the lottery, other trusts, churches, organisations and individuals the project got underway. Aldwyck Housing Association runs the residential part of the scheme and the Swan Youth Project charity is responsible for the day to day running of the young peoples' meeting centre.

We have been open for eighteen months and we need to set the direction of the inn for the next two years. A number of the original trustees wish to retire and we need to replace

them. If you are interested in providing services for young people in a Christian context and have some time to spare we would like to hear from you. We need trustees who can help with the management, fund raising, publicity, ideas, prayer support and so on.

If you are interested and would like to hear more please contact either Richard Tregoning on 871701 or Anthony Culley on 865713. We look forward to hearing from you.

OXFAM CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

The next Oxfam children's wear event will take place on Thursday 4th March from 9:00am till 11:30am at the civic centre. A very extensive range of children's clothes will be available to suit all sizes, all seasons and all pockets! Do come and see for yourself the wide variety of stock on sale thanks to the generosity of our donors. Emergencies throughout the world continue to call on Oxfam's expertise and resources and your patronage at the children's wear event could help you to find a bargain and help our charity give substantial need to others in distress.

A selection of children's books and toys will also be available plus a free cup of coffee to sustain you through the morning. Pushchairs and their occupants can be easily accommodated in the civic centre thanks to the newly installed ramps. So we look forward to welcoming our existing customers and hopefully some newcomers to this highly popular event.

OXFAM IN BRAZIL

Oxfam's work in Brazil will be the subject of a slide show and talk by Angel Azcona at a meeting to be held in the Friends' Meeting House on Tuesday 2nd March at 8:00pm. There will also be a chance to learn more about Oxfam's advocacy and campaigning work. Entrance is free and fair trade coffee will be served. All are welcome.

Audrey Hope (864537)

THE LEPROSY MISSION

What is Leprosy?

Leprosy is caused by a bacillus, *Mycobacterium leprae*. Although the main method of spreading it is thought to be by coughing or sneezing, over 95 percent of people in the world are naturally immune to the disease. Those who do catch it can be treated with course of tablets called multidrug therapy. Within a few days patients are no longer infectious and will be fully cured within six months or two years, depending on the severity of the disease.

If leprosy is not caught in time it can destroy the nerves in the hands, feet and face. Feeling is lost and muscles are paralysed, leaving the person vulnerable to blindness, severe disability and damage through unfelt injury.

What is the Leprosy Mission?

'The mission to Lepers in India' was founded in 1874 by Wellesley Bailey, an Irish schoolteacher who was shocked when he saw the plight of leprosy sufferers in the Punjab. The scope of the work was limited, as was the annual budget of £30, but the Lord blessed Wellesley's efforts and vision.

125 years later, the Leprosy Mission is now an international Christian medical charity, working in over 30 countries on a budget of £9.8 million per year. 2,300 field staff are caring for the needs of some 200,000 people affected by leprosy in the mission's own hospitals and programmes, or in partnership with churches, voluntary agencies, governments and international organisations.

LEPROSY MISSION COFFEE MORNING

Please support a Leprosy Mission coffee morning in All Saints hall on Saturday 13th March from 9:30am to 12noon. There will be stalls for Leprosy Mission cards and gifts, cakes and bric-a-brac. Gifts for the stalls would be appreciated. Please contact May Kempster on 863037.

LENT TALKS AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, BERKHAMSTED

Our Lenten preparation for this last Easter of the second millennium will include three talks on the ever-recurring Christian theme *The God Who Forgives*. The talks will take place at the church hall in Park Street on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm. As always a warm welcome is extended to all people.

Our speaker on Wednesday 3rd March on *Forgiveness in the Bible* is Sister Maureen Cusick of the order of Our Lady of Sion who lectures in spirituality and psychology. On 10th March Fr Leonard Davies of the Mill Hill fathers, lecturer in liturgy, speaks on *Forgiveness in the Church* and the final talk on 17th March will be given by our parish priest, Fr Peter Grant on *Forgiveness in our Lives*.

We hope to arrange that at the end of each main address the audience will form small groups to discuss points that have arisen, and that the speaker will respond to the comments and concerns raised by them.

On 24th March Fr Peter will lead a *Service of Reconciliation* in the church at 8:00pm, and once again all will be welcome.

Further information may be obtained from Sylvia Ross on 863872 or Margaret Steed on 875544.

KUMON MATHS

Did you know that Carol Vorderman's daughter is a Kumon maths student? Carol Vorderman, maths enthusiast and TV personality, believes that studying Kumon fosters confidence, concentration, attention to detail and good study habits - as well as building maths skills.

Your child can enjoy these benefits by joining Kumon Berkhamsted. Muriel Rennie, a maths graduate and qualified teacher, set up the centre in September 1996. This year she has been joined by fellow instructor Jillian Whitlam, accountant and former stockbroker.

Every Monday and Thursday in class, local children of all ages and abilities come to work on their own individual programme of maths

from counting to algebra and beyond, and many students have completed their first two years of study. Between classes, students practise for 15 minutes a day at home.

Kumon Berkhamsted is well established and was chosen from 300 centres nationally to feature in a video produced as part of Kumon's 40th anniversary last year. Students were filmed demonstrating their speed and accuracy in tackling maths calculations and taking pride in their success.

For more details on the benefits identified by Carol Vorderman call Muriel Rennie on 863108.

TUESDAY CLUB

Our meeting on Tuesday 2nd March will be our AGM which will take place in the Court House at 8:15pm. As usual, light refreshments will precede the formal business.

Our April meeting, on the 6th, will be an illustrated talk on Amsterdam and the tulip fields.

The final meeting of the PCC before the annual meeting and elections saw a chilly February evening and the welcoming warmth of All Saints' church.

The meeting welcomed two special visitors, the head teachers of our two church schools, Janet Robinson (Victoria) and Colin Stevens (Thomas Coram). They gave a fascinating insight into the running of the schools with particular reference to the links with the church and the influence of Christian teaching on the schools and the children. This stemmed from a General Synod initiative aimed at encouraging closer links between churches and their schools; the aim of the meeting was to explore ways in which our churches could support the schools further. Suggestions included encouraging individuals to share their interests and hobbies with the children, to help children with reading and to help with the organisation of the school libraries, including training children in their operation. Greater coverage of school activity in the *Review* was also put forward.

Moving to other matters, the meeting approved the appointment of a new organist for

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St Peter's, who would take over from Jean Cooper in April. Warm thanks were proposed to Jean for her invaluable support as organist over a number of years.

The meeting heard reports from the deanery synod and approved the accounts of the parish for presentation to the annual meeting in March. On an optimistic note a significant increase in outward giving was noted, with £4,000 being donated to the Bishop's Millennium Fund, an diocese initiative supporting the essential rebuilding of a church in Oxhey and, further afield, with the church's work in the Caribbean. Michael Robinson, our honorary treasurer, was warmly thanked for his work over the year and for preparing the accounts to such a high standard.

The meeting closed with Fr Mark thanking its members for their year's service on the council and encouraging members to stand for election for the next year. Anyone who feels they would like to be involved with the important work of the PCC would be very welcome: nomination forms are available in both churches or from the PCC secretary, Richard Foster (863359).
CJS

THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS VOLUNTEERS FOR SHOP

The Hospice of St Francis opens its first shop in the village of Abbots Langley on 27th February. This exciting opportunity will allow us a regular outlet for the high quality clothing, china, glassware and household items donated to the charity to raise funds for patient care.

As always, we are extremely pleased to receive donated items and these can be left either at the shop during opening hours (Monday - Saturday 9:15am-4:30pm) or at the hospice during office hours.

Staff have been recruited to manage the shop, but volunteers are required to be trained as sales assistants and help prepare the stock for sale. Any offers of help will be gratefully received. Please contact the hospice 862960

The shop will help contribute to the £600,000 to be raised each year which provides the high quality skilled care much needed by our patients and their families. *Pat Dodge*

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our president Liz Baxendale was pleased to welcome members including two new ones and two visitors to our February meeting.

Dr Bob Parsons representing the charity HOPE told us of their latest school development in Sri Lanka. This serves the street children living there and makes it possible for them to do voluntary education in their own time after working during the day. Dr Parsons was presented with filled pencil-cases made by our craft group, to hand to these children on his next visit to the school.

After the meeting's usual business matters were dealt with we were ready to meet our speaker Graham Cannon who gave us an illustrated talk of his work for the National Trust at the Ashridge estate. His excellent slides showed the four seasons at Ashridge with wonderful close-ups of the wild life, flowers and the majestic old trees. Many of us

have the pleasure to walk at Ashridge and it was nice to know that the National Trust is taking such care to preserve the forest for the future.

An appreciation was given by Mary Harris. A presentation of a W.I. teaspoon was awarded to Pamela McNicoll as our competition winner for 1998.

At our next meeting on 5th March in the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm, our speaker is Mrs Nan Ireland on *Glass Paperweights for the 19th-20th Centuries*. Why not join us and bring a friend? Ring 866464 or 864578 for further information.

BERKHAMSTED W.I.

The January meeting opened with our vice president, Mrs Gladys Leary, welcoming members and visitors back for the new year. Mrs Leary gave a report of the county consultative meeting, held in the Sessions Hall, making members aware of the resolutions which were to be presented for possible inclusion at the IGM in the Albert Hall. Other business matters were discussed, including the team for the HFWI quiz on 29th January before Mrs Leary welcomed Mrs Wendy Austin. Mrs Austin, a familiar speaker our institute, gave a most interesting talk entitled - *The Big House - some grand local residences*.

The residences which Mrs Austin covered were Pendley Manor, Stocks House, Ashridge and Champneys. For each individual residence Mrs Austin was able to supply the audience with many hitherto unknown facts and brought to life for all us local residents the charm and fascination of bygone days in these mansions. Living with them all around us, how often do any of us actually give a thought to the wealth of history and intrigue which these homes can offer. It was indeed a great pleasure to be immersed in local history for an evening and prompted many to renew an interest in the history sitting on our doorstep.

Our next meeting was held on 17th February in The Gable Hall. Mrs Nicky Evans spoke on *Good Morning Your Worship*. New members and visitors are always most welcome at our meetings. ❖



Holy Week Services

at St Peter's and All Saints'

Monday - Wednesday	29	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist with Address	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion	<i>All Saints'</i>
	30	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:30am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		5:15-6:30pm	<i>boys' choir practice & no Evening Prayer</i>	
		8:00pm	Eucharist with Address	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion	<i>All Saints'</i>
	31	6:45am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist with Address	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion	<i>All Saints'</i>
Maundy Thursday	1	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		1 1:00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Eucharist & Vigil of Prayer	<i>All Saints'</i>
Good Friday	2	9:00am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10:00am	Good Friday Procession to Berkhamsted Baptist Church, followed by meditation:	<i>Market Place</i>
		12noon	Three Hours Devotion including the Liturgy of the Day	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
Easter Eve	3	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:00pm	The Easter Vigil	<i>St Peter's</i>
EASTER DAY	4	7:00am	Ecumenical Service in the grounds of Berkhamsted Castle	
		8:00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:15am	Family Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:30am	Book of Common Prayer Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		6:30pm	Joint Evening Service	<i>All Saints'</i>

SUNDAY	St Peter's:	8:00am	Eucharist				
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House				
		11:00am	Celebrate Together (2nd Sunday only) - A service for all ages				
	All Saints'	6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]				
		8:00am	Eucharist [except 1st Sunday]				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (<i>This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced</i>)				
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only] Other Sundays Methodist service				
	7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (<i>contact Christine Billington 385566</i>)					
MONDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)		5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)	
TUESDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP				
	All Saints'	9:30am	Eucharist				
WEDNESDAY	St Peter's	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm	EP
THURSDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm	EP
FRIDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist		
SATURDAY	St Peter's	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>					
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.					
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>					
Mondays (except 1st)	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> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Margaret Barnard 862794.					
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Jenny Wells 870981.					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
Wednesday	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.					
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.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804					
Tuesday / Friday	TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: Tues 1-3pm / Fri 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday					
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194					
Friday	CHOIR: Boys 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
3rd Saturday	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. 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 every weekday and 5:30pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays.

MARCH

7	3:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	<i>All Saints'</i>
14		MOTHERING SUNDAY	
20	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Andrew's URC</i>
21		Area Elections after morning service at All Saint's (9:15am) and St Peter's (9:30am)	
23		Parochial Church Council meeting	
25	8:00pm	Mothers' Union Lady Day service	<i>St Peter's</i>
28		PALM SUNDAY (<i>British Summer Time begins</i>)	
	8:00am	Eucharist - with palm crosses	<i>St Peter's, All Saints'</i>
	9:00am	Blessing of Palms (beginning at St Peter's)	
		Procession to All Saints' and Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
	6:00pm	JS Bach <i>St Matthew Passion</i> (Adrian Davis & Chiltern Chamber Choir)	<i>St Peter's</i>

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APRIL

17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Northchurch Baptist church</i>
18	6:00pm	A service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for those who have recently died	<i>St Peter's</i>

FROM THE REGISTERS...

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

24 January Harriet Julia Rose Clarke, Ebrahim Khazaheh

Funerals

13 January Stanley John Andrews St Peter's (interment at Kingshill)



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Names and local telephone numbers for jobs, rotas and information (for clergy, parish officers, music, bells and banns etc. see back page). Parish Office in the Court House (sec: Jean Green, 878227) is usually open 9:30-5:30 Tues/Wed, 9:30-1pm Friday (ansaphone other times). Changes from the last list are shown in *italics*.

	<i>St Peters</i>	<i>All Saints</i>
Altar service	Keith Middleditch (862423)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Chalice rota	Martin Macdonald (872002)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Sunday school	Angela Dunsford (875726)	Elizabeth Figg (866161)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Christina Billington (385566)
Church maintenance	Christopher Green (863241)	<i>Martin Judd (865691)</i>
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	<i>Cathline Blundell (862897)</i>
Flower arrangements	Gwen Beddall (862845)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	- - -	Ian McCalla (384574)
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	<i>Ron Fisher (865846)</i>	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	<i>Pat Hearne (871270)</i>	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	Barbara Conway (865798)	John Banks (871195)
Social events	<i>Currently vacant</i>	<i>Jayne Harris (873974)</i>
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Rodney Cottrell (384963)
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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		Weekdays	
8.00am	Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)	Holy Communion	
9.30am	Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday	6.45am
		Thursday	11.00am
		Friday	9.15am
11:00am	Celebrate Together (2nd Sun)	Morning Prayer:	Mon-Sat 7:30am
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon	Evening Prayer:	M,W,Th 5:30pm
(except 1st Sunday see All Saints')			Sat 5:00pm
		Holy Days - see weekly Notices	

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 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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