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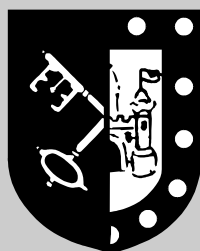
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

This issue features two events which aim to be slightly strenuous or challengingly energetic according to your state of mind (and wind!).

This year's Berkhamsted Walk is on Sunday, 9th May over a route which was thought to be demanding but enjoyable in previous years. We hope that this popular event in aid of the Children's Society will again challenge both the active and inactive to support it in their own ways.

On Saturday, 13th June a team of runners from Berkhamsted is attempting to cover the entire length of the Ridgeway path in around 13 hours. Mere mortals will be able to join in by walking or running part of the route during the day. This is to raise money to help a little girl, Ella Beaumont, who faces severe disability but already at the age of four show great determination to overcome it.

Please participate in, or support, these two energetic efforts if you can. *DW*

PS: The more observant may notice the absence of the names of John Cook and Miles Nicolas in the panel below. Just pressure of space - the two stalwarts of the *Review* committee are as active as ever!

### ***In this month's issue...***

#### **Alleluia!**

**Fr Mark Bonney** proclaims the Easter message but warns against misplacing our zeal for a Christian triumph.

#### **Join our walks**

There's walking and running to be done - **Ian McCalla** and **Peter McMunn** invite you to put your boots on!

#### **Wish you were here!**

**Liz Baxendale** has fond memories of holidays - but was it really that good?

#### **Gladstone and the railways**

**Stephen Halliday** explains why Richard Branson had to wait to run a railway.

#### **Larks around the town**

**John Cook** rejoices that larks can still be seen and heard on the common.

#### **Our response to Easter**

**Revd Peter Hart** reflects on the different responses to Easter and Christmas.

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

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**Fr Mark Bonney**  
reflects on what  
we celebrate  
at Easter.

## reviewleader

This leader will appear in print during the last Holy Week and Easter of the present millennium (although as a bear with a pedantic mind I cannot help but say once that our millennial celebrations are really a year early - but even us pedants have to join the crowd sometimes). This Holy Week and Easter season throws up stark contrasts - death and life, darkness and light, defeat and victory, despair and rejoicing.

Of the accounts of the resurrected Christ in the gospels I'm always struck by Thomas being invited to put his hands into the wounds of Jesus. Struck by this because the resurrected body of Jesus is shown bearing the scars, they haven't been removed, suddenly healed - transformed perhaps but still there.

That reminder of the pain, of the agony in the resurrected Christ is very important. As we celebrate Easter, and as Christians look towards (quite rightly) wanting to be upbeat, positive and involved in the millennium celebrations (and not least in the Dome), we need to be aware of the dangers of a false triumphalism. I recently read of a sermon preached in the 1920's entitled *Malchus, the man whom Christendom wounds*. Malchus was the servant of the High Priest, a bystander at the arrest of Jesus, whose ear was lopped off when Simon Peter leapt to Jesus' defence. The preacher of this sermon pointed out that Christian history is littered with examples of misapplied zeal wounding and hurting others. "Christianity", the preacher said, "must always injure when it arrives as the religion of the Conqueror, that is, as the

religion of the Sword and not of the Cross." How very true, and especially so when there is a Christian triumphalism that has forgotten the agony of the Passion.

We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour with great joy and resounding Alleluias!! But let us never lose sight of those sins that were the cause of his Passion and in which we remain implicated in many ways today. As we look to emphasising the fact that the millennium is 2,000 years since something rather significant in the world's history, let us not do that without at the same time being ready to set an example of corporate repentance to accompany any triumphal celebrations. Two thousand years of Christianity has much to confess as well as much to celebrate - the last 2,000 years of human history has much the same. The Risen Christ is not just Lord of the Church. He is Lord of all creation, he is Lord of all history. Let's celebrate that with rejoicing, and with sensitivity towards those ears the Church has sometimes lopped off in its over-exuberant celebrations.

*Father Mark*



**Christ is Risen! Alleuia!!**

Cover: Recollections of holidays by the sea - see *Wish you were here!* on page 18.

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The Mothers' Union has always valued the support of the clergy in its work. This happens not only in the parish, but at diocesan level, where most dioceses have a diocesan chaplain. In St Albans diocese the MU follows a different pattern, and has deanery chaplains, feeling that encouragement and help can be more effective at a local level. In recognition of this, a lunch was held recently at Redbourn for MU deanery chaplains, deanery chairmen and trustees, giving an opportunity to meet informally and get to know each other.

The chaplains were brought up to date with MU activities in the diocese, particularly our involvement with the play areas during visiting times at Bedford Prison and The Mount, and the project to make baby clothes and quilts for use in premature baby units. The Hitchin deanery chaplain, Revd Frank Mercurio, spoke about attending the MU chaplains'

# THE MOTHER' S UNION

Margaret Burbidge highlights the strong support the Mother's Union receives from the clergy.



worship and service with members throughout the world.

Here in Berkhamsted we value the support of the parish clergy; Father Mark chaired the AGM in February and led a discussion afterwards. For MU purposes the deanery remains 'Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead'; Revd Stephen Wells has recently resigned as deanery chaplain and is succeeded by Revd Janet Ridgeway of the Tring team ministry. We thank Stephen for his interest and encouragement, and look forward to welcoming Janet to our deanery activities.

## An Easter Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration of Departed Family and Friends

Sunday, 18th April at 6:00pm in St Peter's Church.

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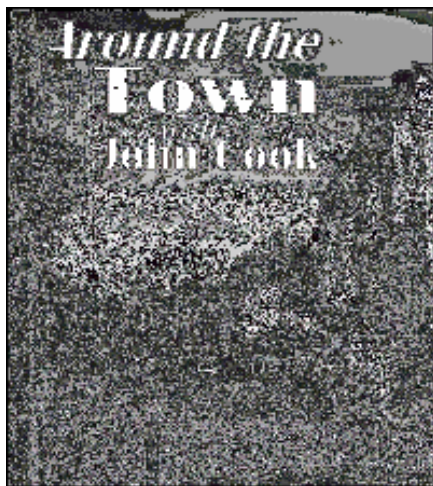
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### Larks

Skylarks are in rapid decline, nationally and locally, according to a new report on wild life in Dacorum commissioned by the borough council. This it puts down to modern farming methods rather than to the fast growth in the numbers of birds of prey like the sparrowhawk and the hobby, which the report also mentions.

So on a walk across Castle Hill Farm on a blustery March morning it was really heart-warming to see and hear three skylarks singing away with, as Shelley put it, 'profuse strains of unpremeditated art'. Mind you I do think Shelley's ode, wonderful as it is, is a bit over the top. The song of the skylark – 'blithe spirit' – coming out of the sky in an unbroken flow is a joy to hear, but nothing like as musical as that of some other birds - the common or garden blackbird, for example.

The walk from the centre of the town, over Castle Hill Farm, along the common and then back across Well Farm takes an hour and a half, or two if you take your time. It must be one of the best walks that any town has to offer. On a windy day with the shadows of the clouds racing across the rolling fields the prospects are breathtaking, and there is always plenty of birdlife. On this particular stroll there was

a huge flock of redwings, another of wood pigeons and another of rooks – vermin to the farmers but a fine sight nevertheless.

Then in the woods on the common there were titmice galore. The mild winter is perhaps the reason that in the wooded parts of the common and Ashridge Park such vast numbers of them – blue, great, coal and long-tailed tits - have survived into the spring.

The deer too must have benefited from the mild weather; but since both Well Farm and Coldharbour Farm have put up deer-proof fencing along the edge of the common there is no longer much chance of seeing herds of them in the fields.

### The Common – a correction

I said last month that it was William Edlyn who bought the East part of the common from the Brownlows. Guy Whitfield has pointed out my error: it was in fact Edwin Williams (to whom Guy is distantly related) who purchased it and gave it to the golf club.

I was confusing the names of two men, both of whom had major roles in the history of the common. William Edlyn, of Norcott Hill, was the ringleader in earlier resistance to the enclosure of the common; but that was in 1618, over 200 years before Lord Brownlow's attempt.

It now seems rather odd that after centuries of resistance to enclosure, the fences that are now being erected on the edge of the common are not to keep people out but to keep the deer in.

### A Nice Collation

I recently quite enjoyed a collation – not a light meal on this occasion but the making of an archdeacon. In C of E terms a collation is what you have to have in order to turn a run-of-the-mill parson into an archdeacon: an ordinary reverend into a venerable.

What actually does an archdeacon do, I hear some of you ask. It is too complex to go into here, but at the service the Bishop of St Albans trotted out one definition: 'He

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is the crook at the head of the bishop's staff?

The new Archdeacon of St Albans, Richard Cheetham, will have responsibilities over about a third of the parishes in the diocese, including those in Berkhamsted. Before deciding to train for the sacred ministry he was a high-flying physicist with a specialism in imaginary numbers. The Bishop commented that the only imaginary numbers he had come across himself were those which some parishes offered as their diocesan contribution.

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Town, talked about his boyhood recollections of the east end of Berkhamsted - of George Street and Ellesmere Road mostly, but also Gravel Path, Ravens Lane, Chapel Street, Castle Street and so on. It was a fascinating story, entertainingly told without excessive nostalgia.

Ray can remember all the shops - and there were a lot of them - in those streets, and what each of them sold. Now, with one or two exceptions, they have gone - mostly not demolished but converted into residences. Today it is difficult to tell where they used to be in most cases.

Ray recalled how when word got round that a royal train was due to pass through

Berkhamsted the ladies of Ellesmere Road would all turn out with the hope of catching a sight of royalty; how if the loads of sulphur destined for Cooper's sheep dip works arrived on washing day and the wind was in the wrong direction, everyone's washing on the line turned yellow; how the boys would sit on the gate and watch animals being slaughtered in the butcher's yard in Station Road; and how when the canal froze over despite the efforts of ice-breakers, there was skating and merry-making on it.

Ray related that of a summer's evening (before George Street became a continuous car park) people would stand on their doorsteps and chat with one another across

### Crime

Some interesting statistics have come out of the recent house-to-house survey about policing and crime in Dacorum - not just to do with crime but about people's feelings for their own safety. Among them were these:

- 87% of people feel very safe or fairly safe in Hemel Hempstead.
- 87% feel very safe or fairly safe in Tring.
- 95% feel very safe or fairly safe in Berkhamsted.

Are we in Berkhamsted justified in feeling safer than people in Hemel Hempstead and Tring? Well, yes and no. Berkhamsted on



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the street. Everyone knew everyone else then, he said; they were friendly and happy, although they had nothing. Now they have it all they stay behind closed doors, hardly know their neighbours and certainly don't seem to be any happier.

the whole is a safe place, but the spread of crime across the Town is far from uniform. In terms of crimes per 1,000 population, Berkhamsted East's record for 1997 was getting on for 50% worse than that of Berkhamsted Central or Berkhamsted West. What can possibly be the explanation for such a disparity? ❖

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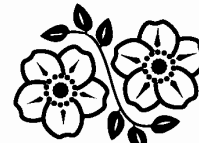
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ur local newspaper, the *Gazette*, has carried much correspondence about our train services since the franchising arrangements came into force. Most of the comment has been critical of Virgin trains for the main line service and of Silverlink for the local services. The operators complain that they are having to cope with a substantial backlog of investment inherited from the days of British Rail: investment in track, signalling and rolling stock in particular. I have considerable sympathy for them but it shouldn't have come as a surprise.

My first job was with British Rail and I well remember the frustrations that arose from political interference with decisions which, in the private sector, would have been based upon sound commercial criteria. A strong case for electrifying or otherwise upgrading a service could be turned down because there was an election coming up and the government wanted to save money to cut taxes. Labour and Conservatives were equally guilty. Or one line which ran through a marginal constituency could be favoured over another with a stronger case. I am a great fan of railways. I believe they are potentially the cheapest, cleanest, safest and most pleasant way to travel so I hope that the operators, and Railtrack, do what we expect of them.

I have recently been reading a book

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about Gladstone from which I learned that he considered nationalising the railways. In 1844, while President of the Board of Trade, the thirty-four year old Gladstone was the author of a bill which gave the government the right to buy up any railways built after that date. Twenty-one years had to elapse before the government could exercise this right and by 1865, the critical year, Gladstone had become Chancellor of the Exchequer. In October 1864 Gladstone wrote to the Prime Minister, Palmerston: 'A man named Galt has recently written a book, in which he recommends the purchase of the railways by the state, with a view not to state management but to a large reduction of charges and an approach to uniformity in fares throughout the country, on principles partially approximating to those of Post Office reform'. (He was referring to Rowland Hill's cheap and efficient penny post).

William Galt had studied Belgium's railways (mostly built by British engineers) and observed that fares in Belgium were on average one third of those in Britain. The Belgian state owned and managed much of the network, ensuring that wasteful duplication of lines was eliminated and common standards applied. Gladstone was concerned that fares varied enormously across the country according to the level of local competition.

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# Gladstone and the Railways

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The idea of franchising  
railway services isn't new,  
says **Stephen Halliday**.

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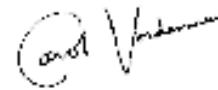
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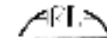
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## CUTTING COMMENTS

Once upon a time - long, long ago - children learned the Ten Commandments! I doubt if many, if any, children or adults could recite them now. In a world which seems to have gone mad the only commandment

seems to be 'Be happy', 'Do just as you want', 'Don't worry about anyone else' and so on. I remember when the Ten Commandments were painted on walls inside churches as a reminder to all and sundry that they are the basis of Christian life - but perhaps this doesn't apply now as they have been painted over.

Last month we heard that one child in five suffers mental stress! Do you really wonder at it as we have the highest divorce rate in Europe and children live in an adult centred society. TV is also adult centred. We may have a nine o'clock turn-off time for children but few parents bother about that and in any case the adverts are adult orientated and appear all day.

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Independent councillor  
**Norman Cutting** looks at the  
thorny question of local taxes  
among other local issues.

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Now someone has suggested that young girls of ten or twelve have an implant to stop them becoming pregnant. Whatever happened to common sense? 'Children must be allowed to try things and be free to

experiment so that they can develop their own abilities to solve problems', the paper states today. The sad thing is that whilst we were allowed to do that, we had already had basic training from our parents about being responsible for our actions. Many of today's children have no such guidelines, so how can they make sensible judgements?

There is something very wrong with the world today and it needs each of us to help turn the tide. This is no longer a Christian country unhappily and very rarely do we hear the archbishops, bishops or clerics speak on such things. They are too busy being 'politically correct', I think the term is. ❖

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Gladstone and the Railways (*con't from p11*)

Gladstone did not want the state to run the railways but he considered buying out the owners and contracting out their management to franchises. Does that sound familiar? However Gladstone's aversion to spending taxpayers' money exceeded his enthusiasm for having an efficient railway system. In 1865 Gladstone was still hoping to abolish income tax! When Palmerston told him that nationalisation would cost about three hundred million pounds (fifteen billion in to-day's money) he dropped the idea. So Richard Branson had to wait another 130 years to get his chance to run a railway. ❖

*Virgin Trains: Gladstone's vision?* ►



It's getting difficult to write about the activities of the town and borough councils without being overly political at the moment. It must be something to do with some event at the beginning of May as just about everyone and everything could be considered political. Everyone is blaming every one else for not getting things done, or doing things they shouldn't have done, or just plain dragging their feet.

# It's a mad, mad world!

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**Vera Pullen** despairs of the  
lack of guidance our  
children have today.

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At the Fielder Centre (part of the University of Hertfordshire) I was the borough council's representative at the drugs action team's (DAT) conference. I felt a bit out of place really as the list of attendees read like a who's who in social services, the probation service and youth workers. I think I was picked as no one else wanted to go and with my new found power on the borough council foolishly agreed to go. The chief executive and chief environment officer also attended, so you can gather the sort of people it was aimed at. The difficulty I had was if drugs are seen as a young persons problem, then where were the young people? We have a youth council and it is accepted that peer pressure is a major cause in the increased use of drugs, but once again, we seem to be talking *at* the young, rather than to them. Even the Swan project may not have got it right since in the local press, as I write this piece, is a report that someone was sent to jail for three years for possession. It was claimed that until they stayed at the project they had not been involved with drugs.

Those of you who are politically aware will have realised that national government is moving things back to the lower levels of government such as county and district. Don't worry, the town and parish time will come. This is not a new idea. MPs discovered some time ago that if you arrange for lower levels of government to do what you want them to, the cost is transferred down the line and income tax and so on can be kept down. Then county attempt to pass the buck to the district councils by the simple exercise of allowing districts to carry out work under devolved powers.

Districts frequently find that necessary works cost more than county allows so fund part of the work themselves. Districts have to add these additional costs to the council tax. A classic example was the decision last year for county not to fund roadside salt bins. Borough was asked to take it on, but decided to call their bluff.

The towns and parishes were then offered the 'opportunity' to take over this function. Your town council did (reluctantly), and so guess who picks up the tab. The cost has moved down from county to town. The 'road fund tax' is collected and pocketed by national government and not a lot turns up in the town council coffers (none, as a matter of fact).

This year's increase (band D) in your local taxes are:

- *Herts county council* up from £529.42 to £581.40 an increase of £51.98 (only +9.82%)
- *Police* up from £58.83 to £63.54 an increase of £4.71 (only +8.01%)
- *Borough council* up from £88.35 to £91.29 an increase of £2.94 (a snip at +3.3%)
- *Town council* up from £10.24 to £16.16 an increase of £5.92 (wow, only +57.8%)

At the borough council meeting when the budget was discussed, Cllr Brookes made the point that the highest increase in

percentage terms was in Berkhamsted. At the town council he had to cast the deciding vote due to Cllr Ian Reay (the chairman of finance and policy) abstaining from voting on his own budget. The fact that Cllr Brookes is a member of the Lib-Dem group and Cllr Reay was a member of the Conservative group had nothing to do with it. The Conservative newsletter *In Touch* hit back and blamed the Independent councillors and Lib-Dems for everything. I could say that whilst I was chairman of finance and policy, the Berkhamsted share of the council tax actually went down. But I won't, because it was a council decision against my better judgement as I knew the extra spending was necessary. That must also have been the result of Independent and Lib-Dem collusion as Cllr Brookes was my vice-chairman. Ho-hum, isn't politics wonderful?

National government is having another go at improving representation, only this time at county level. The aim is to have county wards of 10,000 electors. Berkhamsted currently has over 12,000, but borough has recommended this slight excess is preferable to hiving 2,000 of you into Bridgewater or Hemel Hempstead. By the time the decision is made, the whole thing will be out of date because if all the planned houses are built at Berkhamsted Hill, Stag Lane and the two 'Coopers' sites, we will be able to nick Northchurch back and demand two county councillors.

And finally, don't forget the town centre forum in the Sessions Hall within the town hall on Wednesday, 31st March at 7:30pm which provides an opportunity to make your views known on the town centre. This will be closely followed on Wednesday, 14th April in the main hall of the civic centre (also at 7:30pm) when your council has its annual meeting for Berkhamsted electors. Why not attend and make life really difficult just three weeks before the election?



**Dancing on the Edge**  
**Faith in a post-Christian world**  
*Bishop Richard Holloway*  
**(Fount £8.99)**

One of my sisters loaned me the above book - and I am eternally grateful to her. It is the sort of book which, ideally, one needs to refer to from time to time.

I constantly hope that, as I grow older, I will keep an unfettered mind that will approach daily life with its problems and dilemmas without preconceived opinions.

Richard Holloway makes the point ... 'We support systems that confirm our virtues and ignore our vices, and we tend to identify the vices of our enemies and ignore their virtues'. How we need to remind ourselves of this!

This is such a gem of a book and covers such a wide range of subjects: homosexuality, women priests, belief and unbelief and honest doubt - to name just a few. No matter what our views on these and other subjects, we owe it to our humanity to listen to both sides.

Richard Holloway contends that fear is the real enemy of faith. 'We should rejoice when people commit themselves to truth as they understand it, even when it is in contradiction to our own commitment. This is what Tillich meant when he said there was no atheism, because the atheist's passionate pursuit of the truth, no matter where it leads, has something absolute about it and should evoke our admiration'. A view with which I heartily concur, although I know I may well be in the minority here.

I hope many of you will be persuaded to read this book, even if, at the conclusion, you don't agree with the author's views. But I promise you - it will make you think!

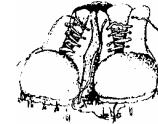
*Muriel Lander*



## *DO THE BERKHAMSTED WALK!*

**Ian McCalla** writes with a timely reminder of an occasion to get some exercise and raise money for the Children's Society.

Spring has sprung by now (we hope, when writing this at a time of blizzards and floods), and it's time to think about walking.

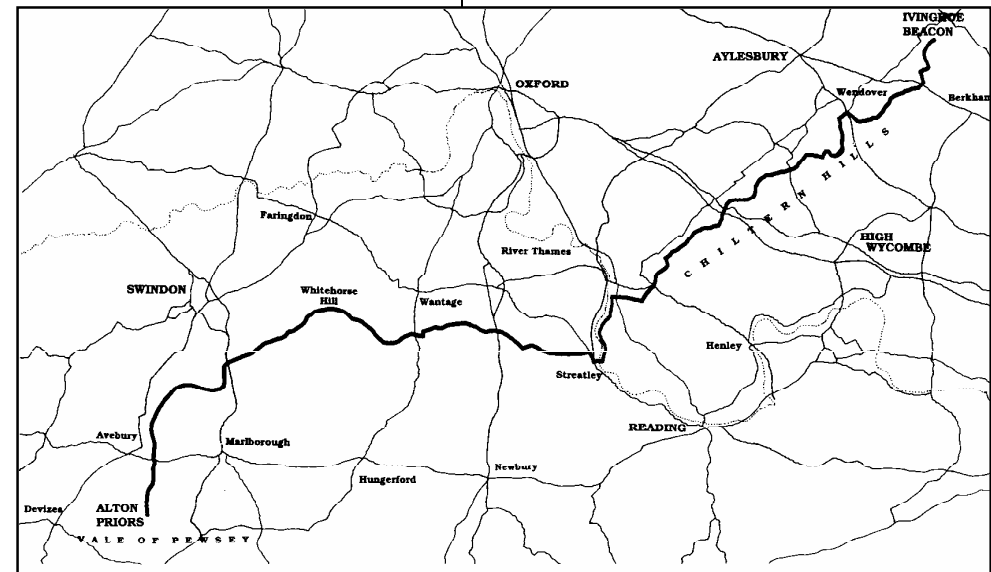


1. Write *Berkhamsted Walk* in your diary for *Sunday, 9th May*.
2. Check that your boots are OK (or that you still have got some boots!)

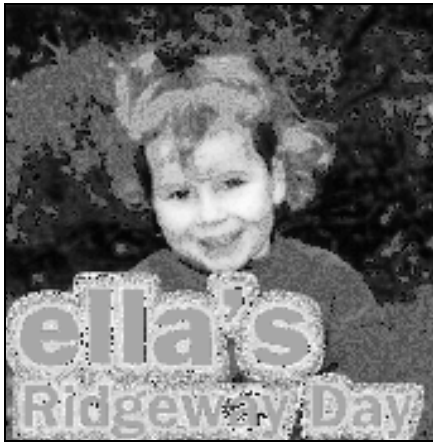
4. Most important: get yourself a sponsor form or, if you don't like getting sponsors, save up a donation to the Children's Society.

As I wrote in an article in the February *Review*, this year's route is the Ashridge estate boundary path, and very beautiful it is too!

This is the one day of the year when you can get refreshments at frequent intervals on the way round (but only if you've checked in at the Court House before you start). I shall give more details about the route in the May issue of the *Review*.



3. Get back into training. You could, for instance, see how many of the 49 footpaths and bridleways in Northchurch you can walk between now and 9th May.



Looking to the summer, an unusual fund-raising event is being planned for Sunday, 13th June in aid of the Ella Beaumont support fund, which has been set up to provide life-long support to Berkhamsted's 4-year old Ella Beaumont. Little Ella was born paralysed from the chest down after suffering a stroke in the womb: she is a life-long patient of the national spinal injuries unit at Stoke Mandeville hospital, and an enthusiastic

member of the Sunday school at All Saints' church.

A group of nine runners is planning a relay run along the full length of the 90-mile Ridgeway path (from Alton Priors in the Vale of Pewsey, Wiltshire, to Ivinghoe Beacon) in a single day. The start is planned for 6am, and arrival at the Beacon for 7pm. The runners will be supported by drivers, water carriers, and a zealous timekeeper! In the course of the day walkers will set off for some good walking over the last dozen miles or so of the Ridgeway, to arrive on the Beacon just before the relay team arrives. And it is hoped a short fun run may also take place, also heading for the Beacon at the magic hour of 7pm. Suitable refreshments - liquid and otherwise - will follow the energetic events of the day.

Plans are under way and taking shape for the day's events. Offers of help, or participation, are invited: if you wish to do so, please phone Peter McMunn, (874894) And in due course, do look kindly on participants inviting your sponsorship for this very worthy local cause. Ella deserves our best efforts! ❖



'She's unique: there is not another Ella...'

**This is how Ella Beaumont was recently described by one of the medical experts closely involved with Ella; partly in reference to her condition and partly in reference to her amazing personality.**

Ella was born paralysed due to a stroke which occurred in utero, affecting her spinal cord and causing permanent paralysis from just below the shoulders. The result: Ella will never walk, her left arm is affected and she is unable to move the fingers on her left hand. Ella will be doubly incontinent for life and will have severe problems accomplishing simple, physical, everyday tasks such as getting herself dressed. She needs to wear a body brace at all times and callipers on her legs.

Ella's condition does not fall into any specific category. She is neither fully a stroke victim, a spina bifida sufferer, nor a spinal patient. The flicker of fortune amidst great trauma, however, meant that Ella was lucky enough to be born at Stoke Mandeville hospital. She is now accepted as a life long patient of the national spinal injuries unit where she receives expert care both in areas of health and social development.

Ella's intellectual needs are the same as any able bodied person. There are so many hurdles to overcome and we know that her journey through life will not be easy. The Ella Beaumont support fund has been established to raise money to provide her with the equipment she will need to develop her independence and mobility. She has so much to give and

This is the time of year when TV and magazines are full of holiday adverts, a time that stirs the imagination of things to come and evokes memories of times past.

Nowadays most people travel abroad and the first concern is how to get to the airport. But once upon a time the main concern was making sure that the taxi turned up in time to catch the train! Once at the station a *porter* would open the taxi door and extract the luggage; with one or two cases in each hand, and another under each arm, he would lead the way to the appropriate platform and wait with his clients until the train, a hissing, puffing, steaming monster, drew alongside the platform. "Look out!", my mother would cry, "You'll get *smuts* in your eyes. Stand back!" (how many children today know what a 'smut' is?). The porter would load the luggage, collect sixpence and leave. Our destination was often a little heard-of, respectable, quiet seaside town - Clevelys - nestling alongside its brasher, noisier neighbour, Blackpool.

The main attraction of the holiday for me was the donkeys! Once their pitch had been located, I would happily spend every waking moment leading Smokey, Flash or Joey up and down the trampled sand. My 'wages' were free rides, given as reward for giving the donkey-man time for another Woodbine.

Near the beach was an open air theatre where *The Follies* took place each

## "Wish you were here!"

Sun, sea and sand - we all have childhood holiday memories.

**Liz Baxendale** shares hers.

afternoon. This was a revue which featured a troupe of jolly girls and fellows in pierrot costumes (pink satin, black pom-poms!). There was always a good base or tenor (*Old Man River* - *The Road to Mandalay*), a

magician (rabbits from hats, flowers and fans) and a xylophonist who played the *William Tell Overture* or *Flight of the Bumble Bee* with amazing dexterity. There was also a musical sawist who plied his saw to 'whistle' out the strains of *In a Monastery Garden*. The soprano always sang *Pipes of Pan* and *Bless This House*. Seats (sixpence) were green striped deck chairs, but we sat on the boundary wall for nothing. If it was fine we went every afternoon! It was LOV-ER-LY!

We did not stay in an hotel or guest house but with adopted Auntie Lil and Uncle Bart. Their pebble-dashed semi fascinated me, and Aunt Lil would slap my hands if she caught me picking out the pebbles! Uncle Bart was a story-book uncle: he took shillings out of our ears, and made eggs disappear into thin air.

He cut crinoline lady string holders from ply-wood and made paper boats that would sail for ages without sinking.

Aunt Lil - Lily that is-had three sisters: Rose, Violet and Daisy. They were all constant visitors, none having wed. Uncle Bart would declare, "When I married Lil I got the whole blooming bunch"! They had a dog, a wire-haired fox terrier,



## Election Fever

*Councillor Stanley Sharpe writes:*

There was, I thought, a touch of 'Oh dear, here they are again' in John Cook's letter about forthcoming elections.

That, to my mind, is a pity. We only have borough and town elections every four years (except for the rather frequent by-elections of the last cycle). They should be exciting and thought-provoking occasions with every citizen determining how democracy will best work for her or him.

'Who should I choose to represent me?' should be the question citizens are asking themselves throughout the month of April. Therein lies the problem. How do you choose? Of course, you might know all the candidates personally and could make a rational choice from your association with them. But that is not very likely. You therefore have to read what they say about themselves on the literature delivered through your letterbox. Or, more topically, you can check their labelling.

My label, for instance, together with that of my fellow party hacks, says 'Liberal Democrat'. There is no question of my being genetically modified - the roots of my family tree are planted historically in pure Chilterns and East Anglian soils. Nor is there any question about the history of liberals and democracy. From Democratus (c.420BC) to John Locke (1632-1704), to

J S Mill (1806-73), to Gladstone (1809-98), to Lloyd George (1863-1945) to Keynes (1883-1946), to Beveridge (1879-1963), to Ashdown (1941-?) there are keys to the behaviour and the thinking of today's Liberal Democrats.

Take Gladstone, for instance. Following in his sainted footsteps, you will find Berkhamsted Lib Dems traipsing the dark and dismal streets of the town reforming prostitutes and then going home to an energetic self-flagellation (that could also be translated as knocking on doors without success and then cursing themselves for wasting so much time and energy).

But what about other labels. Conservative: dangerous infiltration of European disorders. Labour: are the ingredients Old or New? Independent: that is all the label reveals. What makes up an Independent? Organic growth? Could be - free from party shackles. But you don't really have a clue about what you are buying. To choose from an independent group (and there is the ultimate oxymoron) is like putting your hand into a lucky dip barrel. And my experience of lucky dips is that you rarely get your money's worth.

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## " Wish you were here!" *(continued)*

called Chummie, but we were not allowed to play with it much in case it got 'over-excited and had fits'. But Violet had an Airedale and we played ball with him in the garden and on the beach.

We wrote 'wish you were here' messages in pencil on sepia tint postcards with views of the pier and promenade.

Mother would not allow the 'saucy' ones: fat ladies and weedy chaps in bright colours.

I don't think it ever rained on Clevelys - the days were long, warm and filled with fun and sand. Ah! Those were the days! ❖

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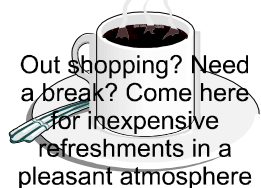
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## The Thread of Life

Last year my daughter Jill had a heart attack and was in intensive care for five days. She remembers nothing of this period. She drifted in and out of consciousness. These words drifted in and out of her mind and she felt compelled to write them down as a poem called *The Thread of Life*. Several friends have been deeply touched by this poem and suggested that it might be printed in the *Review*.

*Rene Bayliss*

The thread of life - a single strand  
Blows gently in the wind,  
It's held together by the love  
Of family and friend.

If you should feel it breaking  
As you journey on life's way,  
Then summon all the help you need  
So you can win the day.

We only fight when given strength  
By those we've come to trust,  
So do make sure they understand,  
It really is a must.

The tears of life flow freely  
As we show we truly care,  
But that's what life is all about,  
To live and love and share.

*Jill D Morris*

## DEEP THOUGHTS

*Source unknown  
Contributed by  
Rosemary Armstrong*

IMAGINE there is a bank that credits your account each morning with £86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course!

Each of us has such a bank-its name is *time*! Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back, there is no drawing against 'tomorrow'. You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realise the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realise the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realise the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realise the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realise the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realise the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.



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

On *Monday and Tuesday 12th and 13th April* Berkhamsted Film Society screens *Kundun*, a life of the Dalai Lama filmed in serene style, in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets for non-members are £3 from Berkhamsted library.

On *Saturday 17th April* Berkhamsted Jazz stage *Jazz Classics Revisited* by Keith Nicols' Cotton Club Band. This is a programme ranging from ragtime to the early days of swing and is in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets for non-members are £7 (£3.50 for students) at the door.

On *Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20th April* Berkhamsted Film Society shows *The Sweet Hereafter* featuring Ian Holm as an ambulance-chasing lawyer, at 8:00pm at the civic centre. Tickets for non-members are £3 from Berkhamsted library.

On *Thursday 22nd April* the Berkhamsted Archaeological Society holds its annual general meeting, followed by a video of archaeological interest, in the Newcroft wing of Berkhamsted Collegiate school at 8:00pm. Admission to non-members is £1.50 at the door.

On *Thursday 29th April* Berkhamsted Citizens Association present an illustrated talk by Francesca Greenoak, gardening correspondent of *The Times*, entitled *Gardens in a Natural Style*. This is in the great hall of Berkhamsted town hall at 8:00pm. Admission to non-members is £1 at the door.

On *Saturday 1st May* (May Day) the Cowper Society organise May Day madrigals sung by the Chiltern Chamber Choir on the green in St Peter's churchyard at 6:15am. There is no charge and breakfast will be available.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Many will remember that last year we arranged a collection of till receipts from supermarkets to show them that we care about the living conditions of the workers who produce our food. The total value of receipts collected across the country came to £15,000,000 and as a result of our approaches to the stores, Tesco, Somerfield, Sainsbury, the Co-op and Asda had, by March, signed up to join the ethical trading initiative. There is no news yet concerning Waitrose, Safeway, Marks & Spencer or Iceland.

Christian Aid Week (9th-15th May) looms once more on the horizon. Please give generous support if your road is covered by the house to house collection. If it is not, how about volunteering to cover it! As usual we will have a stall in the market on Saturday 15th May and offers of bric-a-brac, plants and home-made cakes will be particularly welcome. Please see the Christian Aid representative at your church (Ted Lewis at St Peter's, Muriel Johnston at All Saints' and David Simmons at Northchurch St Mary).

## 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.

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### RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY - RAZING THE GROUND!

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Two charities raised cash by razing the four chimneys at Pitstone cement works on Saturday 30th January.

Wilcon Homes Southern Limited recently acquired 35 acres of land at the site, famous for its four landmark chimneys. To enable the further development of the site the chimneys had to go. Wilcon realised that public interest in the demolition of such a prominent feature would be high, and offered the two charities the opportunity to use this event to raise much-needed funds.

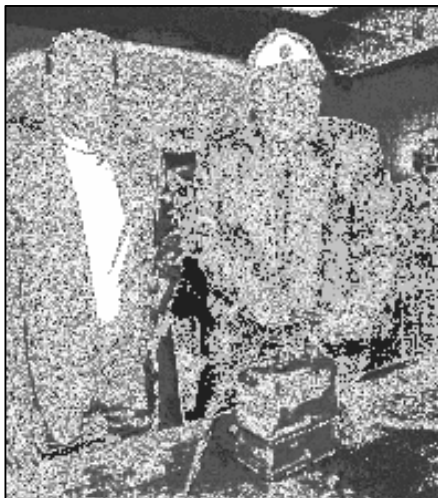
Over ten thousand pounds was raised for Macmillan Cancer Relief and local charity Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. The charities held fund raising events offering the opportunity to topple a chimney as a prize.

Ailsa Burton of St Albans was very excited to have been chosen to blow up one chimney for Macmillan Cancer Relief. She has supported Macmillan's for 20 years and said it was wonderful to see the chimneys tumble gracefully. Wendy Fitzgerald, who won the right to act for the Iain Rennie charity, has lived in the Pitstone area for 20 years and bought her raffle ticket after having a premonition she would detonate one of the chimneys. "It was a wonderful experience. I had a last look at the chimneys the day before - I was quite sad to see them go".

Jim Dymond, who also blew up a chimney (*see picture right*) had worked for the cement works throughout its 16 years and only found out he would press the detonator one hour before the chimney toppled. Jim, personnel manager at the cement works, made a wish on detonation and reflected on the happy days spent at the works.

Wilcon will construct a mixed residential development on the site, comprising 275 dwellings, 33 of which will be affordable units for local inhabitants. Fifty acres will also be used for industrial development.

The re-development of Pitstone cement works makes a considerable investment. A new distributor road will be constructed and a substantial financial contribution will be made



towards a bus route serving the site. Accompanying road, footpaths and leisure facilities will also be established.

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### MILLENNIUM PARTY AT ALL SAINTS'

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It is hoped to hold a millennium eve party at All Saints' on the evening of 31st December 1999. It will be open to all members of All Saints' and St Peter's, their families and friends. A small group is needed to plan this event and to make it happen. If you have any ideas about the content of such an event, please share them with us. If you can help, please ring Fr Robin on 866161.

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### SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

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The most recent sponsored bike ride organised by the Beds and Herts historic churches trust was held, in appalling weather, on 12th September last. We now know that riders from St Peter's church raised £1034.51 while those based at All Saints' netted £322.45. These totals were divided equally between the trust and the church where each rider was based.

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## **TUESDAY CLUB**

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Our April meeting will be on Tuesday 6th April when Mrs Jeanny Martin will give us an illustrated talk on Amsterdam, the Keukenhof Gardens and the Dutch bulb fields. The meeting will be at 8:15pm in the Court House as usual.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Court House at 8:15pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Angela Morris on 866992 or Margaret Barnard on 862794 for further information or just come along on the night. You will be made very welcome. Copies of our programme are available in St Peter's, All Saints' and on the noticeboard in the Court House.

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## **KUMON MATHS**

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What is the connection between a stegosaurus and subtraction, a diplodocus and division? Children at Kumon Berkhamsted, the after-school maths class, will be learning about dinosaurs as well as mathematics over Easter this year. Instructors Muriel Rennie and Jillian Whitlam have challenged their students to complete a piece of work every day during the holidays and record this by putting a special sticker on a dinosaur chart, which includes facts about the Jurassic beasts. All students completing the challenge will receive a certificate and be entered into a prize draw to win a frisbee. Twice-weekly classes continue throughout this break and holidays generally, keeping maths skills sharp ready for the return to school.

Muriel Rennie from Kumon Berkhamsted, together with Pat Griffiths who runs the Tring centre, represented Kumon UK at The Education Show 1999 in Birmingham last month, explaining the benefits of the Kumon maths programme to teaching professionals. With extensive teaching experience at both

primary and secondary level, Muriel and Pat were able to highlight how Kumon complements the maths curriculum, and the relevance of Kumon study to schoolwork.

For more information about Kumon (or dinosaurs) please call Muriel Rennie on 863108.

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## **THE IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME ON LINE - CAN YOU HELP?**

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The Iain Rennie Hospice At Home wishes to improve its Internet website and is looking for help from someone with experience of designing web pages. "We want to make our website even more colourful and interesting", said appeals director, Robert Breakwell. "We already get a large number of visitors checking up on the latest details of fundraising events, seeking more information about our service or just checking to see if they have won the hospice lottery. With a little expert help, we aim to make the pages more interactive and provide facilities for secure donations online".

The current Iain Rennie Hospice website has been designed and set up by hospice volunteers and is updated every week. However, organisers recognise the need for a more up-to-date image and better promotion of the site. "We have had enquiries and good wishes from people all over the world" said Robert Breakwell, "but we believe there is still huge potential for raising awareness about hospices and raising funds on the Internet.

Anyone who can spare some time to help with the new website should contact Robert Breakwell on 890222 or e-mail him at [rbreakwell@ds.dial.pipex.com](mailto:rbreakwell@ds.dial.pipex.com). The Iain Rennie website can be found at <http://ds.dial.pipex.com/irrh>. The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home is a registered charity which provides specialist nursing care for patients with a terminal illness across the Chilterns area of Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

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### BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

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At our March meeting our vice-president Sylvia Kleinman welcomed our speaker Mrs Nan Ireland, who came to speak on her collection of glass paperweights of the 19th and 20th centuries. It was a pleasure

to see so many paperweights on display and have their origin and manufacture described in detail. Mrs Ireland was also very pleased to answer questions from the members about her collection. An appreciation was given by Mary Harris.

Next month on 9th April at the Court House, Berkhamsted, at 2:00pm we celebrate our tenth birthday. Why not come and bring a friend. You will be made most welcome.

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### ASHRIDGE GROUP 7 WOMENS' INSTITUTES

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On Monday 19th April at 7:30pm the institutes that make up the Ashridge Group are holding their spring *Homes and Gardens* meeting at the Social Centre, Northchurch. We have an excellent speaker in Mr Graham Atkins MBE who will talk and show slides on *Wildlife in God's Little Garden*. We would welcome anyone who would like to share in this two-screen presentation. Just turn up, pay £2 and enjoy! Coffee will be served at the interval and there will be a raffle.

Further details from Liz Baxendale on 866464.

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### NORTHCHURCH W.I.

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On an evening when it would have surprised no-one to see King Wenceslas looking out, like his page, Mrs Peggy Cunningham, our expected speaker, braved the elements to bring her slides and to talk to us about *English gardens over the centuries*. Introduced by president, Mrs Joan Hollingdale, Mrs Cunningham is well known for her encyclopaedic knowledge of flowers and plants of every kind and her wonderful skill with

photography. As with fashion the design of gardens has changed from century to century. Mrs. Cunningham's observation of these changes, accompanied by slides clearly backing up her talk, held the close attention of her audience from the start. She answered a number of questions at the conclusion and in expressing thanks Mrs Una Howes left her in no doubt how greatly her talk had been appreciated.

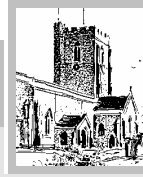
Joan Hollingdale and Wyn Prout-Jones enjoyed visiting Aldbury Institute on the occasion of their 75th anniversary party. The evening had been planned with the 1920's in mind with great success.

For many years now, the Herts Federation has organised an annual lecture for all WIs in the county at the Tate Gallery. Mr Laurence Bradbury is a long-standing friend of the WI. His lecture this year was on *Gauguin and his Followers*. These lectures are now so well attended that Mr Bradbury offers a choice of time in order to accommodate all who wish to hear him. Having enjoyed his lecture Mrs Dorothy Redding reported that our party joined one of the gallery guides and viewed paintings by English artists including Constable and Hogarth.

Before her departure Mrs Cunningham had judged the competition which was for a photograph of a garden and was won by Mrs June Eykel. The competition for the bloom of the month was won by Mrs Jennifer Underwood, and so ended another enjoyable meeting.

We meet at the Northchurch Social Centre at 7:45pm on the second Monday of each month. Please come and join us. Contact our secretary on 862854 for further details. ❖

Organising an event? Let our readers know what's going on... send full details to **David Woodward, 3 Murray Road, Berkhamsted HP4 1JD (862723)** (copy dates inside front cover)



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**Revd Peter Hart  
asks why Easter  
provokes a  
different reaction  
than Christmas.**

Every year, preparations for Easter get earlier and earlier in the shops. The first sign is the appearance of a special promotion on cream eggs. This is followed by racks of cheap hot cross buns, while swiftly on their tails come the rabbit-covered cards, football team Easter eggs and 'Easter gardening bargains' for those who are now prepared to venture outdoors. However, it does not feel like the commercial run up to Christmas - the items are available to be purchased, but there is no buzz of expectation, no putting up of bunting and fairy lights, no special Easter concerts at school. Curiously, Easter does not work in the same way as Christmas, much to the entrepreneur's frustration.

Our society still marks Easter, but its reasons for celebration are more tenuous,

more linked to signs of Spring than resurrection, more to do with the need for a holiday after the hard graft of winter, rather than a man hanging on a cross and an empty tomb. At Christmas, the commercial side of the season still has space for the child in the manger; at Easter, the images are too hard to portray - public executions never sold chocolate, and neatly-wrapped graveclothes never promoted perfume.

The Easter story is a hard mixture of betrayal, injustice, hatred and violence, laced with mystery, power and whatever resurrection really is. We can cope with a miraculous baby, but a crucified God who rises from the dead by his own power - that is just a bit too much. Easter, however, demands a response: a dying and rising Jesus cannot be brushed aside. As Jesus stands before you in his resurrection glory and in the simplicity of his humanity, will we, like Thomas, freed from doubt, reach out to him and say, 'My Lord and my God'? ❖



### ORGAN RECITAL

On **Sunday 25th April** Gareth Bennett, Director of Music at Amesbury Abbey church, Salisbury, will give the second of a series of organ recitals at Northchurch St Mary's beginning at 3:30pm. It will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by tea in the Parish Room. Admission free.





# Holy Week Services

at St Peter's and All Saints'

<b>Monday - Wednesday</b>	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 &amp; 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>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	1	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:00am	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>
<b>Good Friday</b>	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>
<b>Easter Eve</b>	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>
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	4	7:00am	Ecumenical Service in the grounds of Berkhamsted Castle	
		8:00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00am	Holy Communion (Methodist rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:15am	Family Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:00am	All age Communion Service (Methodist rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
		11:30am	Book of Common Prayer Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		6:30pm	Joint Evening Service	<i>All Saints'</i>

	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's:</i>	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					
			6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]					
		<i>All Saints'</i>	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> )					
	<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					
		<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			
	<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>Mondays</b>	<b>GRIEF &amp; LOSS SUPPORT GROUP</b> 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.							
	<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>Mondays (except 1st)</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> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Margaret Barnard 862794.							
	<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 or Jenny Wells 870981.							
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981							
	<b>2nd Tues</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION:</b> meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981							
	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> 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							
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB</b> 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.							
	<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.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196							
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804							
	<b>Tuesday / Friday</b>	<b>TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS:</b> 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							
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>LITTLE FISHES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 9:30-11:30am 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>ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST:</b> 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.

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## HOLY WEEK - see page 28

### APRIL

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|----|--------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 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>                 |
| 21 |        | St Peter's Area Committee meeting  |                                   |
| 22 |        | All Saint's Area Committee meeting   |                                   |
| 29 |        | Standing Committee meeting   |                                   |

### MAY

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|----|--------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1  | 6:30am | May Day madrigals sung from St Peter's church tower          |                                      |
| 9  |        | Children's Society Sponsored Walk sets out from Court House. |                                      |
| 13 | 8:00pm | Ascension Day Eucharist                                      | <i>All Saints'</i>                   |
| 15 | 8:00am | ABC Prayer Breakfast   | <i>Kings Road Evangelical church</i> |
| 16 | 6:00pm | Choral Evensong  | <i>St Peter's</i>                    |

Registers

### Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

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| 24 January  | Katya Sophia Khazaheh ( <i>apologies for error in March Review</i> ) |
| 28 February | Christopher George Knowles   |

### Funerals

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|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| 11 February | Mabel Violet Coulton  | Chilterns Crematorium                         |
| 22 February | Marie Elizabeth Rooke | All Saints' Church<br>(Chilterns Crematorium) |



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The churchwardens and PCC members for 1999-2000 are: (phone nos in brackets)

**Churchwardens:** Barbara Conway (865798) and Peter McMunn (874894)

**Deputy wardens:** Chris Smalley (826821) and Kevin Elliott (863167)

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

Eric Brown (864077), Alan Conway (865798), Rod Cottrell (384963),  
Ron Fisher (865846), Jenny Wells (870981)

**PCC members:** Andrew Beaumont (877404), Christine Dipper (873006),  
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Christopher Green (863241), Tim Hennessey (865729),  
Stephen Lally (863526), Victoria Macdonald (384953),  
John Malcolm (874993), Christopher Morris (866992),  
Michael Robinson (863559)

(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:* To be elected on Sunday, 21st March

*All Saints:* To be elected on Sunday, 21st March

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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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)  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche,  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders  
 (in the Court House) followed  
 by coffee in the Court House.  
 11:00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun)  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon  
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')  
**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

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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