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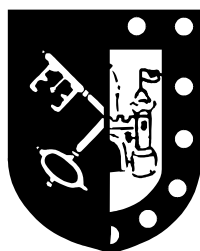
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Welcome to the first issue of the *Berkhamsted Review* for the third millennium.

On the cover this month you will see one way in which our parish, in common with many others in the Church of England, is marking the new millennium. The yew tree at the south east corner of St Peter's church adjacent to Castle Street is thought to be getting on for three hundred years old, and is a familiar local landmark. It's interesting to reflect on what changes in the town around it have taken place over those centuries (for a glimpse, look at the photographs on page 14 of this issue). Whilst still in its first millennium of life, it's a safe bet that the tree will still be there when it reaches the ripe age of 1,000.

At the other extreme, Hannah Bonney is pictured on the cover holding the St Peter's millennium yew – a little smaller than its older counterpart! Each parish in the country was offered one of these cuttings, specially propagated from a mother tree known to be at least 2,000 years old and which was therefore likely to be of a similar stature when Jesus Christ was born. St Peter's and All Saints' each have one cutting; these will be planted in the spring to commemorate the new millennium. And one day, in 1,000 years time....

Chris Smalley

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**Fr Robin Figg
welcomes the new
millennium and
urges us to make
a New Start.**

review leader

Jesus, so we also reflect on the significance of the great year change. For many this new year is different. In the same way people are fascinated by watching a car milometer turn over from 99,999 miles to zero, so many have felt a special importance to this particular year change. Now whilst we know, on an intellectual level, there's no difference between our car at mile 99,999 and mile 100,001 somehow, it feels different to ride in that car, post-100,000. That's the strange power, the pull, that numbers can exert over and on us.

The year change will, I hope, lead all of us to reflect hard about the world as it is now and the world as it might be in the future. Each year at Christmas we think again about the meaning of God's entry into the world as one of us: a new born child, whose life would show the world a new way of living. Each new year many people make resolutions, hoping to make a new start in some areas of their life.

But this new year must not be just like any other. As we move into the new millennium we must take the opportunity to help make a **NewStart** in our world. I would suggest that we must think hard about the resolutions we might make, not just for ourselves but for our fellow humans. A while ago I came across the following story which I found helpful in thinking about this.

A woman recently returned from India where a small group met with the Dalai Lama for several days. The meetings

Happy New Year and welcome to the new millennium. As we continue our celebration of Christmas and God's entry into the world as the child

focused on discussing what they believed were the five most important questions to be considered moving into the new millennium. The group was asked to come up with five questions before meeting with the Dalai Lama. They asked:

- How do we address the widening gap between rich and poor?
- How do we protect the earth?
- How do we educate our children?
- How do we help Tibet and other oppressed countries/peoples?
- How do we bring spirituality - deep caring for each other - through all disciplines?

The Dalai Lama said all the questions fall under the last one. If we have true compassion, our children will be educated, we will care for the earth and for those who 'have not'. He asked the group: Do you think loving on the planet is increasing or staying the same? His own response was, 'My experience leads me to believe that love *is* increasing'.

The message of love that God speaks to us demands a response and it should lead us to action. Each of us is able to do something to make the Kingdom of God more of a reality. May we resolve this new year to look on all the people of the world with a renewed compassion, love and gratitude, trusting that this is how our God looks at each of us.

As the Churches Together in England's millennium resolution says:

*Let there be
respect for the earth
peace for its people
love in our lives
delight in the good
forgiveness for past wrongs
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May the Christ-child continue to speak to you in power and simplicity and help you make a new start. A happy and blessed new year to you. ❖

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Pubs with pictures

When a local hostelry reopens after having had money spent on it, as has recently happened to the *King's Arms*, I look upon it as a duty to enter the premises and inspect the improvements. Of course one is obliged to take a drink while doing so. (You will agree that the cost of this is a legitimate expense of my researches and should be recoverable from the Editor, although I have not yet had the temerity to claim it). Among the things it is interesting to see is what pictures the landlord has chosen to put on the walls.

Old local scenes are popular subjects. When Wetherspoons took over the *Crown* a year or two ago they went to some pains not only to collect and display a lot of pictures of local historic buildings and people but they also put up quite extensive descriptive material explaining them. If you want a quick lesson in Berkhamsted's history you can do no better than browse round the walls of the extensive bars of the *Crown*.

The collection in the *Lamb* is interesting. It includes a set of pictures of the Benskins' houses which used to abound in the Town and which are mostly no longer pubs. There are old photographs of the *Carpenter's Arms* in Park Street, now a private residence, the *White Hart*

(demolished to make way for Boots) and the *Black Horse* (today an Indian restaurant) in the High Street, as well as the *Castle* and the *Gardener's Arms* in Castle Street, both now private houses. A photograph of the *Lamb* itself is there although it is hardly recognisable as what now exists, and there is one of the little *Rose and Crown* which remarkably still survives at Gossoms End.

Many of the other hostelries in the Town and the surrounding villages have a selection of pictures of local scenes – and not just the pubs. While you are queuing for the excellent fish and chips on offer at McCoys there is another opportunity to inspect photographs of bygone Berkhamsted.

What of the pictures in the reopened *King's Arms*? Rather disappointing to my eye – mostly bland sepia prints of birds.

Gossoms End

The mention of Gossoms End may prompt some readers to ask where it actually is. A good question, now that there is no clear boundary between Berkhamsted and Northchurch, let alone between Berkhamsted and the hamlet-cum-suburb of Gossoms End on the western edge of the Town.

Some readers will remember the attractive little Gossoms End Infant School and the teacher's cottage next to it, the gift of the Countess of Bridgewater with her coat of arms carved over the door. After the school closed those buildings were used by the Gossoms End Scouts until they sold them to the garage next door. They were then demolished about 1970 to make space for displaying cars for sale, with all the associated tawdriness. Now there is a proposal to build flats on the site. This could make a real improvement to the townscape of this prominent site if the architecture were of a higher standard than is shown on the present planning application.

Further to the west, set back on the other side of the main road there are two pretty listed houses - Gossoms Lodge and

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Gossoms Cottage - well worth stopping to admire if you ever get to walk that far. The rather isolated *Rose and Crown* still soldiers on, and there is a small terrace of shops before the other pub, the *Crooked Billet*.

On the south side some of the best architecture to appear in the Town in the last decade is to be found in the stylish development that includes the Gossoms End Elderly Care Unit, and a bit further along the Youth Club building.

S. Dell and Sons Ltd, the principal business enterprise there, has its address at Silverdale, Gossoms End, Berkhamsted, Herts, England, and flies the flag for its home base as its removal vans go all over the country and the continent.

The Crystal Palace

Stephen Halliday's reference in last month's *Review* to the Crystal Palace and its designer Joseph Paxton touched off memories. As a boy living on a hill in South London, I was woken up by my parents one night in 1936 to witness from my bedroom window the great building ablaze. I thought it was a splendid sight, although to this day I am not sure how a building made of iron and glass could be so thoroughly destroyed by fire. It burnt to the ground, leaving only the two tall towers standing. Later in the war these were blown up as it was considered they might be useful landmarks for German bombers, and that too was a memorable spectacle.

There is a local link here with the Paxtons. The family came from Chatsworth but had strong connections with Ashridge where they had a hand in the design of the gardens. Joseph's nephew, William, became Lord Brownlow's agent and something of a celebrity in his clashes with Augustus Smith over the attempted enclosure of Berkhamsted Common in 1866.

The *Crystal Palace* pub by the canal of course takes its name from Joseph's masterpiece, and the design of the original front of it was clearly influenced by its



The Crystal Palace in Station Road. Contrast this photograph with the one from the early 1900s on page 14.

namesake. It has been much modified over the years but there is an excellent photograph of the facade as it used to be in Scott Hastie's recent book *Berkhamsted – An Illustrated History*.

Walking Distance

'Within walking distance of Berkhamsted Station', says the estate agents' advertisement. This means something rather different today from what it might have meant in the past. There were instances in the last century of inhabitants of Great Missenden walking to Berkhamsted, their nearest station before the Met line was built, to get the train to London - not quite what is meant today by 'within walking distance of the station', even in estate agent speak.

People in earlier times accepted walking long distances as part of life. Children from Potten End walked to school in Berkhamsted every day in Victorian times in sunshine and rain, and there is a record of our local Baptist minister, the Revd. Joseph Hobbs, in the early 19th century taking Communion at the old Baptist chapel in Water Lane on a Sunday morning, in the afternoon a service at Tring and then an evening service in Chesham or Wendover, walking all the way in all weathers. It seems to have done him no harm. When he died in 1840 he was 75 years old – a good age for those hard days. ❖

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One Friday evening, early in November, several of us from Berkhamsted went to St Mary's church in Hitchin for the diocesan festival service. The church was very full - and it is a very large church.

The service began with a long procession of banners from all the branches in the diocese. It was interesting seeing all the different designs. Many of them were quite eye-catching, especially some of the modern ones.

We were fortunate in having the worldwide president of the Mothers' Union, Lady Eames, present at the service and giving the address. She had arrived in

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Tracey Robinson reports
on the recent Mothers'
Union festival service.



the diocese the day before and had been shown and told about the activities in which the Mothers' Union is involved in this diocese. She has visited members in many parts of the world and has recently been in Kenya. She gave us a small view of the very different lives of our fellow members there and a very inspiring talk.

We felt privileged to have been a part of the large congregation at such a memorable service and were enabled to feel more fully part of a worldwide organisation.



St Peter's Girls' Choir

Four members of the new girls' choir at St Peter's, who sang robed for the first time on Remembrance Sunday. Left to right, they are Emma Semmens, Beatrice Limbert, Camilla Renny-Smith and Hannah Taylor.

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Town centres across the country, if not the world, are slowly giving way as centres of social and commercial activity to out-of-town or big-town shopping malls which combine shopping, eating and the chance to play sport or other games - all with easy parking and a roof which protects against the rain and cold.

Such places may seem to lack character or roots, displaying just bland prosperity, but they are popular and are slowly draining life and trade away from traditional centres lacking their comfort and convenience.

One reason why such places can be popular is that they are managed as a single enterprise. The centre of an old fashioned market town such as Berkhamsted is a collection of businesses, usually small and independent but also with members of large national chains, whose only link to each other is proximity. The only management that is provided is that of town planning and conservation. It may not be feasible to expect there to be such a thing as Berkhamsted Town Centre but there is a lot more that could be done to manage and promote the town than has yet happened.

Some time ago Donaldson's, a firm of chartered surveyors, looked at the town centre on behalf of the borough council. They described the town as historic and prosperous with the potential to develop its own distinctive shopping theme, but blighted by the empty sites at the old Waitrose store and the *Rex*. They also thought that the market was of only average or low quality. After taking time to read and consider the Donaldson's report the borough council has now come up with its idea for managing the town centre of Berkhamsted (along with Tring). They suggest that a town centre manager should be appointed. They want to discuss

council & news views

Town councillor **Ian Reay** urges that a town centre manager be appointed.

how this should be paid for and what the manager's priorities should be.

It seems to me to be obvious what the priorities of any new town centre manager should be. They should be, firstly, to find a viable and acceptable use for the *Rex* and, secondly, now that a use has been found for the

upper floor of the ex-Waitrose site, to find a tenant or tenants for the remaining ground floor.

Paying for the new manager seems to be a question that is a little trickier to answer. The council does not want the appointment to be at a net cost to the borough. This would be difficult to achieve without either money coming from the town council or the town's businesses unless the manager is only looking at Berkhamsted part-time - sharing time, money and resources with Hemel Hempstead and Tring. I think a dedicated town centre manager for Berkhamsted is by far the best idea. We have now had a dedicated town warden for a little over a year (funded by the borough council, but managed by the town council) and everybody agrees that that scheme has been a big success in cleaning up the town. If we can't persuade the borough council to pay for the town centre manager in total we may have to contribute from the town council's own tax income or maybe the retailers would contribute themselves through some kind of partnership scheme. Berkhamsted town council has had some experience of this way of working with the canal and riverside partnership (CARP) - which involved the borough council and British Waterways as well as the town council. Perhaps this is an example of how town centre management could be organised in Berkhamsted.



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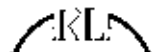
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I can remember when the letters 'GM' signified 'General Motors', owners of Vauxhall and at one time the largest manufacturing company in the world. Now it is held to have a far more sinister meaning: 'genetically modified'. I have followed this

controversy with the interest of a layman who has no claim to scientific expertise but is as concerned as anyone with the future of the world.

A number of large companies have developed techniques for manipulating the genetic character of some plants such as maize and wheat in order to give them characteristics which will be attractive to farmers. Some of these modifications are designed to make them resistant to insects and diseases and it is hoped that, in this way, it will be possible to make less use of pesticides, fungicides and other chemicals. All innovation is potentially dangerous and sometimes alarming. When railways were first invented some people claimed that rail travel would be fatal because the rush of air caused by the speed of the trains would prevent passengers from breathing out. They would burst! Fortunately a few hardy souls took the risk.

The new plants are subjected to a testing process rather similar to that used for new drugs and some food additives. Development work in laboratories is followed by a series of tests in which the new substances are fed in disproportionately high doses to animals whose physiology resembles that of humans: rats and mice are often used in these processes. Then, when they are felt to be safe, they are tried on groups of people whose health is monitored. Finally they are licensed for prescription by doctors. Many new drugs fall by the wayside during this process and mistakes are sometimes made with those that survive it. Thalidomide springs to mind.

No process is infallible and anything ingested into the human body is potentially

The Great GM Controversy

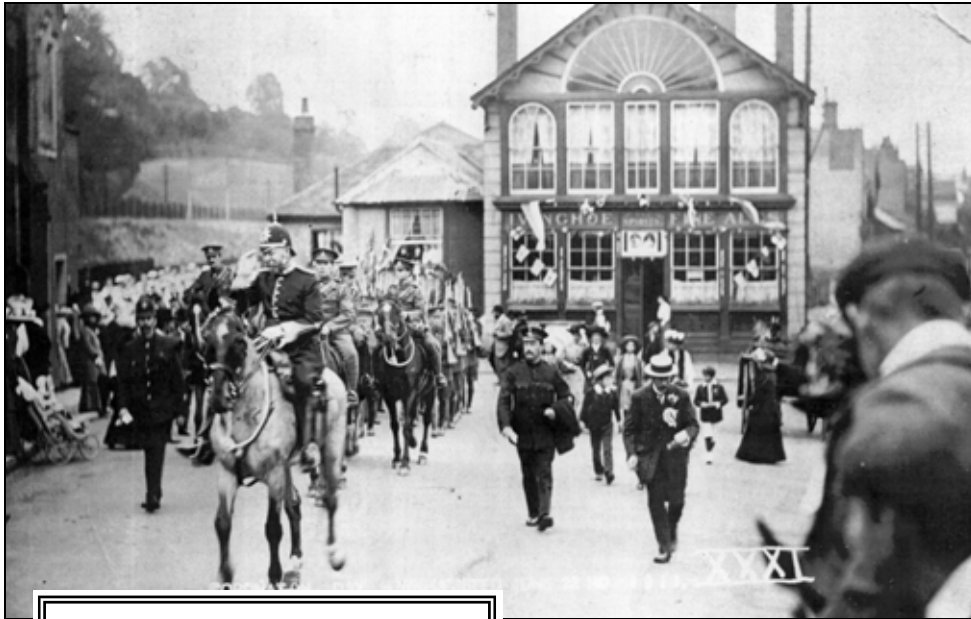
Stephen Halliday looks at the options for testing genetically modified plants.

risky. Penicillin is fatal to some people but we would be much worse off without it. Aspirin was invented in 1899 and can cause harmful bleeding but we would miss that as well. A problem peculiar to GM plants is that, besides testing for safety to people,

they also have to be tested for their effects on the environment: on other plants, animals and insects. By its very nature, this cannot be done in a laboratory. The chosen course is to test them on a small scale in carefully monitored sites. Much of this testing has already taken place in the United States and some harmful consequences (on butterflies) have been noted. As a result some processes are being changed so that the butterflies are not wiped out.

What else could be done? Now that the possibilities of genetic modification have been identified we cannot disinvent them. They won't go away. It seems to me that there are therefore three choices. The first is to have small, open tests such as are being run at present. The second is to run the tests in secret, though government scientists would know where they are and would keep an eye on them. The third possibility is to have nothing to do with them. In that case the companies that develop the products will have to seek less open and free societies in which to conduct their tests. I'm sure there are plenty of former communist states and less developed countries which would be only too pleased to act as hosts in return for money. I'd rather have them in Redbourn under the eye of our own scientists than in Iraq in the tender care of Saddam Hussein.





Images of Berkhamsted

*Top: A coronation procession passes the Crystal Palace in 1911 in honour of King George V.
Below: a motley crew outside Dean Incent's House in the early 1900s. The legend on the boxes reads 'West Herts Hospital'.
Photos kindly lent by Mrs Jill Johnson.*



Before I forget, two dates for your diary early in 2000. The town centre forum will be held in the Clock Room of the town hall on Wednesday, 5th January at 7:30pm. The other important dates are 17th and 24th January, when next year's town

council budget will be presented. The 17th is the finance and policy meeting with the full council meeting in the council chamber located on the top floor of the civic centre on the 24th.

The town centre forum, you will all remember, is where the borough council let us know what they intend to do about the town centre. The latest wheeze is to have town centre management that is intended to revitalise the town. Unfortunately it is also intended to be 'nil net cost' to the borough council. They are consulting before imposition - well, it looks good on paper. The other dates are important as the new Lib-Dem controlled town council really is going places. The most recent finance and policy meeting agreed to provide £5,000 towards improving the canal towpath with an additional £10,000 just in case no one else is interested in putting money in. Cllr Foster said that it is very unlikely this money will be required, as people will be falling over themselves to pay for this project. Just to be on the safe side though, Cllr Earl has added £15,000 to the precept to make sure you and I do pay for it! I just wonder what plans they have to spend the upwards of £80,000 being held in reserve. The last council did have the excuse that they wanted to improve the council facilities and take on more responsibilities, which is something the current council seem to be very reluctant to commit themselves to, if at all.

You will all be pleased to hear that Cllr Ginger has been seen attending meetings

CUTTING ECHOES

Norman Cutting casts a critical eye over recent activity in our town council.

and almost back to his usual self. Unfortunately, Cllr Sharpe has been poorly for a while now, and along with everyone who knows him, I wish him well and look forward to our continuing 'exchanges' at council meetings.

At the November meeting of the town council, Cllr Patterson expressed concern that agendas (reports) from the borough council were not readily available for subjects in general and Berkhamsted in particular, so what chance for the public? Indeed, Cllr Patterson has dropped her 'surgery' after just two sessions due to lack of interest. I held them for over three years, week in and week out and I paid for them out of my own pocket - no stamina these youngsters!

The last three meetings of the finance and policy committee has drawn exactly nil people to watch. This has enabled a subtle change in the way the council operates. In the old days, standing committee decisions had to be ratified by the full council. It appears this has now all changed with each committee being able to make its own decisions without reference to the full council. Not one resolution by the finance and policy committee (covering three meetings) was agreed and seconded as separate items at the November full council. This suggests that just three members of the council could take decisions that affect all policy and financial matters. If you couple this with the fact that anyone (elected or not) can be appointed to a standing committee, it is possible for a Conservative-controlled town council to have the National Front decide policy and finance. I realise this is extreme and very unlikely to happen, but as a democrat I thought I might give you something to think about.





↑ **Cat** by Jayne Harris
First Prize in Snapshot category

↓ **Wellies** by Rob Wakely
Runner Up in Snapshot category

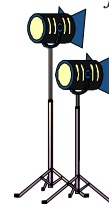




PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Here are the winners of the photographic competition held during the recent All Saints' Festival.

The challenge was to interpret through photographs the festival theme of 'Growth'. The black and white reproduction does not do full justice to the quality of the entries, which were judged by Barry Dipper.

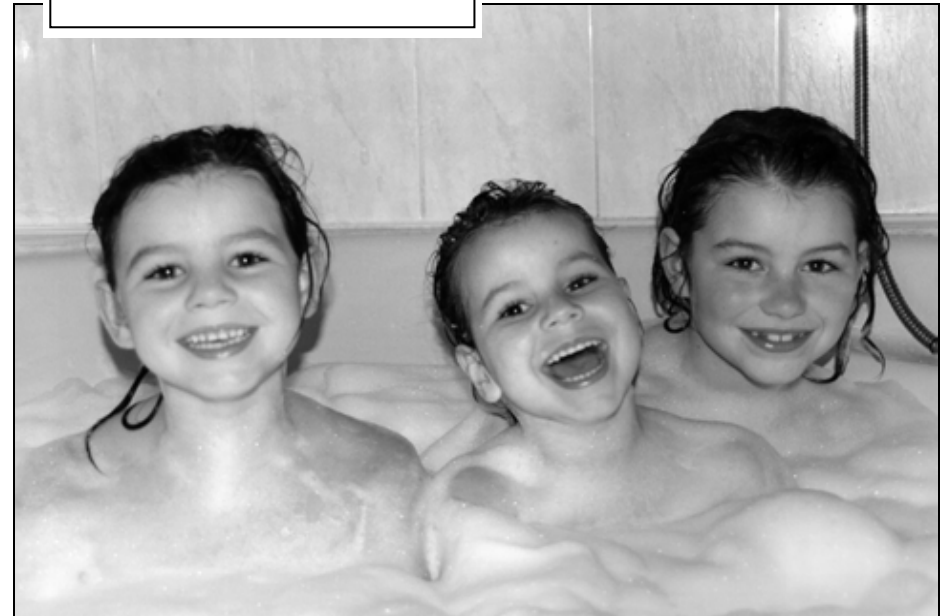


Congratulations to the winners and all who entered.



↑ **Flowers** by Christina Billington
Runner Up in Enlargement category

↓ **In the Jacuzzi** by Kathy Beaumont
First Prize in Enlargement category



review letters

Come and join us

Angela Morris writes:

Hurrah, we cried: no tea, cakes or carrot cake to bake, no smell of marmalade making to pervade the house. The lily of the valley can nestle in its pots for one more month – no community market on New Year's Day!

Foolish hope! In response to a lively demand the team will be on duty in the Town Hall at 9:00am on *Saturday, 8th January*. Barbara and Alan will have carrot cake, scones and excellent coffee to warm the chilly shoppers whilst other Friends will help them find treasures amongst the books and bric-a-brac before they exit laden with cakes, marmalades, jams, jellies and chutneys.

Come to browse amongst the craft and charity stalls or gossip with friends, but please support us.

The *Friends of the Town Hall* continue to work their socks off to finish paying for the wonderful restoration of the Clock Room so admired by townsfolk. The Town Hall was built by and belongs to the people of Berkhamsted and Northchurch. *So, please give us your support and encouragement* – and to those of you who have, *thank you*.

*17 Castle Hill Avenue
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Hope

by Liz Baxendale

Two thousand years ago
A little child was born
And laid within a cattle stall
On a cold, dark winter's morn.
His mother, young, afraid,
Heard angels in the sky
And watched as shepherd came to gaze,
And Kings laid gifts nearby.

And only yesterday
A little child was born,
And laid within a canvas tent
On a cold and snowy morn.
His mother, young, afraid,
Saw bomb blasts in the sky
And held her newborn infant close,
As tanks went trundling by.

What hope is there for them -
That family in the tent,
When villages and towns are bombed
And air by gunfire rent?
Our hope that wars will cease
Is the babe born in the stall,
Christ, the Prince of Peace,
His message 'Love for all'.

Can you spare two hours a week? If you can then please read on. The Guide Association of Berkhamsted and Northchurch are in desperate need of adult leaders to help run Brownie packs in the area.

There are seven Brownie packs in the area, three of which are running with only one qualified leader. On the surface this is not a problem if help is forthcoming from mums. However, as some of the leaders are due for retirement shortly, we are in need of new people to take their places.

Adult help can come in many ways, ranging from a unit helper (not in uniform) to an assistant Brownie guider with a full warrant. The time commitment also varies, but a fact is that a unit helper will only need give up 90 minutes a week at the Brownie meeting. There are many other events to get involved in such as church parades and various fetes and competitions, but these are not obligatory.

Being a Brownie leader has many plus

Can you spare two hours a week?

Jean Tennant invites you to help our local Guide Association – and tells us why help is needed.



**THE GUIDE
ASSOCIATION**

points. A new guider said:

'The time spent with the girls is very satisfying, and fulfilling. I try to give some of my life's experiences back to them, to help widen their horizons. We venture out as much as possible, but play games and complete crafts on cold winter nights. The only essential skill I need is a sense of humour and the ability to learn the lyrics to the most recent pop songs!' Also being a Brownie leader

can open doors.

'Before I became involved with the Guide Association I could walk down Berkhamsted High Street and not see anyone I knew. Now I regularly bump into people I know and like.' Knowing you are helping:

'When the leader of my pack announced she was leaving due to her husband's job taking them abroad, I could have backed off there and then. This would have meant that the unit would have to close and 25 girls would not be given the opportunity to meet together. But what I did do is go forward for my warrant with the help of my District Commissioner. I now run the unit with 28 girls who appear to love our weekly meetings.'

So if you can help or know someone who can, please ring Anne Johnstone on 865230 or Janet Drinkwater on 843377. ❖

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So often the younger generation today is regarded by many older folk as selfish, grasping, uncaring and so on.

However, as was mentioned in a previous article in the *Review*, one young boy, representing the youth of Berkhamsted, attended a recent town forum and impressed all present by the articulate way in which he put over a case on behalf of the young to be provided with a skate board area. This is badly needed and would certainly help to wipe out vandalism which is often caused by sheer boredom.

One of my 16 year old great-nieces recently wrote to me telling me of her experience, with many other young people, in helping to alleviate the suffering in Kosovo.

She attended a conference in Bournemouth last Easter, which was ecumenically supported and given the name Easter People. More than 9,000 attended, their ages ranging from babies up to 80 year old people, and there was something for everyone to be involved in during that week.

Well, half way through the week an appeal for Kosovo was raised. Various events had already been taking place such as a 12-hour fast and certain sponsored events. In addition £15,000 was donated from those attending the conference.

Those present were then challenged to go out and purchase accessories from the surrounding shops such as nappies, sleeping bags, rugs, bottles, sponges,

A Tale of Hope

When so often the younger generation attracts criticism, **Muriel Lander** has a different story to tell us.

flannels, clothes and soap. The list went on. Some of the shops gave discounts. Almost 9,000 people went on to the streets of Bournemouth and, as my great-niece put it, 'Hit the shops'. Superdrug was almost sold out, the queues reached the back of quite a large store on both check-outs and extra staff were

needed. I quote from the letter giving me the news:

'People were bothered and physically doing something for another country in need. The truck was leaving early the next morning, but before we knew it two extra trucks were also filled. That was eight tonnes of stuff which the Kosovo refugees depended upon. The 12-hour fast raised over £600 and every penny helped. The feeling deep down inside was amazing and exhilarating. Debenhams offered empty storage boxes, even though they were doing a collection of their own, as were many of the main shops... Everybody dug deep into their purses, pockets and bags to buy and then fill the trucks. At the end of the week, when finally almost 1,500 teenagers were packed into the ballroom at the pavilion, one man got up and said, 'Stand up if you feel God has moved in your life this week, whether it be as small as the smallest thing or as big as the biggest thing'... and all 1,500 teenagers stood. Not, as my great niece concluded, because their friends were standing, but because they had witnessed and been part of an amazing spiritual movement. *I rest my case!* . ❖



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New Year**



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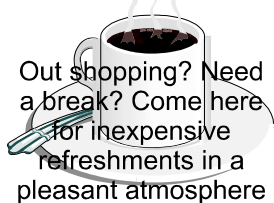
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the things they say

In this era of the millennium
when the talk is of education,
education, education...

We offer some (reputedly genuine!) quotes from 11-year olds' science exam papers. Our publication of this article when school league tables are under debate is purely coincidental...

'Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.'

'When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire.'

'H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water.'

'To collect fumes of sulphur, hold down a deacon over a flame in a test tube.'

'When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.'

'Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state.'

'Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration.'

'Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.'

'A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.'

'Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.'

'The body consists of three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - a, e, i, o and u.'

'Momentum: what you give a person when they are going away.'

'Planet: a body of earth surrounded by sky.'

'Rhubarb: a kind of celery gone bloodshot.'

'Vacuum: a large, empty space where the pope lives.'

'To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.'

'For a nosebleed: put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops.'

'For drowning: climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial perspiration.'

'For dog bite: put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it.'

'For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.'

'To prevent contraception: wear a condominium.'

'For head cold: use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat.'

'To keep milk from turning sour: keep it in the cow.'

'The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to.'

'A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidors.'

'The tides are a fight between the Earth and Moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.'

'A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.'

'Equator: a managerie lion running around the Earth through Africa.'

'Germinate: to become a naturalized German.'

'Litre: a nest of young puppies.'

'Magnet: something you find crawling all over a dead cat.' ❖



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**Revd Peter Hart
asks, after the
millennium
celebrations,
what next?**

The much-hyped and eagerly-awaited day has dawned, the number of the year has changed, parties have been tidied away and hangovers nursed: we are into the reality of life in the year 2000. Was it worth the wait? Did your preparations pay off? Did it meet your expectations?

Now the initial celebrations are over, what comes next? A trip to the Dome? Half an hour on the London Eye? Bargain-hunting amongst the leftover millennium collectibles? There is more to this year than 1st January: much more than transient, epoch-marking monuments.

The Pope has declared the whole of AD 2000 a Year of Jubilee. The whole year is to be set apart for acts of celebration and social transformation. The Church must provide time for praising God and honouring the coming of Jesus Christ as one of us. The Church must also commit itself to seeking out, both here and across the world, freedom for the oppressed, release for those held captive - by loneliness, debt, fear or addiction, delivery for those unjustly accused. This year, as we pivot from one century to another, should be the year in which we vow not to carry the particular evils of the 20th century through into the 21st.

How do we do that? Where do we start? Our perspective must be local, national and international. It is easier to address problems of loneliness and isolation locally than at a national level, but issues of international debt and trade imbalance have to be dealt with by international action and collective protest. The well-being of the young, the vulnerable and the elderly within our own

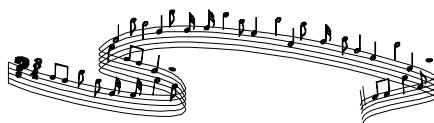
community must be on our agenda, just as much as human rights in Tibet and the plight of refugees in the Balkans. National issues, such as the clash between housing needs and environmental protection, have their effect locally - what impact can we make on that debate in this Year of Jubilee?

Through this year, a special flag will fly from the flagpole at St Mary's, to mark its special nature. There will be local events, both church-initiated and community-led and lasting memorials to this momentous date will be made. Let's add to these by our concerted efforts, locally, nationally and internationally, to make a tangible difference to the lives of the poor and the marginalised, the weak and those who lack power, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, whose anniversary we celebrate so joyfully. ❖



HARPSICHORD RECITAL

On **Sunday 9th January** at St Mary's Northchurch there will be a harpsichord recital by Terence Charleston (organist at St Peter's). The recital will last approximately 45 minutes and is followed by refreshments. Admission free, retiring collection in aid of The New School of Organ Studies.





The programme of events sponsored by the trust in January includes:

On *Saturday 1st January* the Berkhamsted Citizens Association holds its traditional New Year's Day ramble to Aldbury. Meet at the railway station at 10:30am. There is no charge and non-members are welcome.

On *Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th and 5th January* the Berkhamsted Film Society screens the US/UK masterpiece of 1998, *Shakespeare in Love* at 8:00pm in the civic centre. Tickets are £3 at the door or from the library.

On *Saturday 8th January* Berkhamsted Jazz present Clark Tracey's *Tribute to Art Blakey* with Peter King, Guy Barker, Alan Barnes and others in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets from the civic centre cost £7.50 for non-members (students £4).

On *Saturday 15th and Thursday, Friday and Saturday 20-22nd of January* the Park Players stage the fun-packed pantomime *Son of Sinbad* (written and produced by Maureen Sear) at 2, 5 and 8:00pm on the Saturdays and 7:30pm on other days in the civic centre. Tickets from ABC Costume Hire, 213 High Street or from the ticket office (tel. 248839) or at the door cost £6 (£4 for children, concessionaires and for all tickets for the Thursday performance).

On *Wednesday 19th January* the Berkhamsted Local History Society holds its annual general meeting at 8:00pm in the civic centre. This meeting will be followed by a talk *50 Years On* by several society members. Admission for non-members is £1 at the door.

On *Monday and Tuesday 24th and 25th January* the Berkhamsted Film Society screens *Festen* (Denmark 1998) at the civic centre at

8:00pm. Tickets at the door or from Berkhamsted library. This film, a jury prize winner at Cannes, illustrates the strong emotions released at a family birthday party.

On *Thursday 27th January* the Berkhamsted and District Archaeological Society presents a talk on *Anglo-Saxons in the Chilterns* by Brian Adams, Keeper of Education at the Verulamium museum. This is at 8:00pm in the Newcroft wing, Berkhamsted Collegiate School. Non-members pay £1.50 at the door.

On *Sunday 30th January* the Friends of Berkhamsted Town hall present a *Winter Concert* by the Dacorum Sinfonietta at 7:30pm in the Great Hall of Berkhamsted town hall. Tickets at the door cost £6 (concessionaires £4).

BERKHAMSTED WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (WEA)

Both WEA courses this season have been running very successfully: members at the *Introduction to Shakespeare* have become so enthused that they want to continue from Monday 17th January between 8:00-9:30pm (Library Room) with *Shakespeare without Tears!* This time the subject matter will be three of Shakespeare's comedies and the tutor will be John Coburn.

The thriving art history group will continue from Wednesday, 19th January, 10:30-12noon in the Quaker Meeting House with tutor, Judy Rich, looking at *Patronage in the Italian Renaissance*.

New students are most welcome to join either of these courses. The new branch committee will soon be planning further courses for the years 2000 and 2001, and would welcome suggestions for subjects from the readers of the *Review*.

Please contact Andrew Holder on 875899 with your ideas and for further information about the January courses.

NEW HORIZONS



New horizons is a collection of meetings and short courses offering good quality Christian education this winter to people in the Berkhamsted and Tring area.

To enrol in any of the events mentioned below please contact Mrs Deirdre Mackrill, The Old Brewhouse, Chesham Road, Wigginton, near Tring, Herts HP23 6EH (phone 822633).

The Ascent of the Heart is an introduction to the Christian mythical condition, aiming to enable the participants to share the insights of the spiritual masters. It will be held on Mondays 24th and 31st January and 7th and 14th February in All Saints' hall, Berkhamsted, at 8:00pm. The cost is £8 and the leader is the Rev. Martin Nathaniel, vicar of Long Marston, Puttenham and Wilstone.

Interpreting the Parables Today is a course covering topics such as allegory and parable; how parables work; parables and The Kingdom; and parables today. It takes place on 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th March at 8:00pm in the St Bartholomew's church rooms, Wigginton. The cost is £8. The leader is Dr Steve Moyise, a lay minister serving at Sunnyside church.

Prayer through the Senses presents various aids to help us use all our God-given senses to listen to God's word, so that it enters our deepest being and not just our minds. It takes place on Wednesday 19th January at 8:00pm in the Anglican-Methodist hall, Tring. The cost is £3. The leader, Sister Maureen Cusick, is a Sister of Sion, a religious order founded for Christian-Jewish relations and a qualified psychotherapist.

Genetic transformation: meddling in creation? examines the ethical and theological implications of the use of techniques for directly manipulating genes, which confers the power to change living things in radical ways.

It takes place on Wednesday 26th January at 8:00pm in the Anglican-Methodist hall, Tring. The cost is £3. The leader, Dr Bob Ward, formerly an Open University tutor, is a Quaker who has been involved in the publication of book, *Inventing Heaven?*, about the challenge of genetic engineering.

The Ministry of Healing examines how the healing ministry can restore faith, heal brokenness and lead to repentance and conversion. It is on Tuesday 17th February at 8:00pm in Corpus Christi church, Langdon Street, Tring. The cost is £3. The leaders are Father Tony Potter and Wendy Hands, a catechist involved in the healing ministry.

The Faithful Servant of God is a quiet day offering reflections on the *Admonitions of St Francis*. It is to be held on Saturday 12th February from 10:00am to 3:30pm at St Mary's Dominican convent, Green End Road, Boxmoor. The cost is £6. The leader is Rev Jules Cave Bergquist, an Anglican priest who teaches Franciscan spirituality at summer schools, retreats and quiet days.

Demonstration Passover: This will be an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Passover festival from which tradition Jesus and his first followers came. Through storytelling, ritual, food and *fun*, the founding event of the Exodus is made present again each year. We are indeed privileged to have the chance under the leadership of a rabbi to experience something of its power. The evening will centre around a simple supper and the cost has been calculated to cover the necessary expenses. Men are expected to cover their heads and skull-caps will be provided. The event will take place at Cecilia hall, Puttenham, on a date still to be confirmed. The cost will be £7. The leader is Rabbi Alexandra Wright, rabbi of Radlett and Bushey reform synagogue. She is a gifted communicator who has already conducted demonstration Passovers for the Sacred Heart parish in Berkhamsted. Pre-booking is essential as numbers are limited.

GENTLE STROLLS IN ASHRIDGE

Friends of Ashridge

The Friends of Ashridge invite you to join them on one of their *Gentle Strolls 2000* on one or more of the dates given below. Strolls are defined as informal walks which do not require booking and may take a leisurely 1-2 hours. A fee of £1 will be collected from those taking part. Stout, weatherproof footwear is recommended. Although these strolls take more gentle routes than the more formal walks featured in the December *Review* the organisers point out that in the Steps Hill one hills cannot be avoided. The dates – to be noted in your diary – are:

Thursday 23rd March (2:00pm): meeting on monument green (SP 971 131).

Thursday 14th April (10:00am): meeting on monument green.

Wednesday 17th May (2:00pm): meeting at Ling Ride, off Beacon Road (SP 982 142).

Monday 12th June (2:00pm): meeting at Steps Hill car park, Beacon Road (SP 963 157).

Thursday 20th July (10:00am): meeting at Toms Hill car park (above Aldbury) (SP 969 120).

Sunday 13th August (2:00pm): meeting on monument green.

Wednesday 20th September (10:00am): meeting at lady's walk, off Ringshall Road (B4560) (SP 978 120).

Wednesday 18th October (2:00pm): meeting at Little Gaddesden village hall car park, off Church Road (SP 993 139).

The map references are to Ordnance Survey maps Landranger no 165 or Pathfinder no 1094.

The December PCC meeting welcomed Colin Cockshaw, the regional fieldworker for USPG. Colin summarised how USPG will be supporting John and Mary

Payne-Cook when they move from Tring to take up new appointments in the Caribbean. John is to become parish priest of St Ann's church, Sandy Point on the island of St Kitts. Mary will be working as an advisor and trainer with the Diocese of the North East Caribbean and Aruba Mothers' Union. The PCC supported a proposal from Father Mark Bonney, chairing the meeting, that the parish's financial support for USPG should be earmarked to support the Payne-Cooks.

The last meeting of the year considers how our outward giving should be allocated, and approved the outward giving committee proposal that we should continue the pattern established last year. This divides the total of £17,500 into four 'large' grants of £2,500, six 'medium' grants of £1,000 and six 'small' grants of £250. Large grants are to be made to USPG, the Guyana Diocesan Association, the Church Army and the Hospice of St Francis.

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Details of the other grants can be found in both churches.

The meeting noted that following extensive consultation with both area committees on the matter of

children and communion before confirmation, the general feeling was not to change the pattern we presently adopt. This had been passed back to the diocese.

The parish finances attracted much discussion, based around the proposed budget for the next year. The treasurer's figures showed a deficit of some £9,000 for the *current* year and a shortfall in funds of £20,600 for 2000. As planned giving, or stewardship, had not increased as much as had been hoped the parish faces a need to increase planned giving significantly or cut back on areas such as outward giving. It was agreed that the latter was to be resisted and ways needed to be found to increase voluntary giving.

Finally the meeting approved the causes to be supported by this year's Petertide Fair. The two chosen include a local medical charity and a children's initiative in eastern Europe. More details will be in next month's *Review*. CJS

TUESDAY CLUB

We start the New Year with our January meeting on the 4th. It is a change from that advertised and will be an illustrated talk by Mr David Simmons on the River Avon and its interesting wildlife and history.

Tuesday 1st February sees our birthday celebration. By popular request, Mr John Cook returns as our guest speaker giving us a lively and fascinating illustrated talk on *Berkhamsted Old and New*. His talks encourage us to take a fresh look at our town and the landmarks which we usually take for granted. The talk will be followed by refreshments and as usual will be attended by members from other women's church groups in the town.

Tuesday Club is a lively group for women of all ages. We meet in the Court House at 8:15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome and our membership is steadily increasing. 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.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

In November we held our annual meeting and our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members and one visitor. We were pleased to have in our midst our county chairman, Mrs

Jean Curl, who was our guest speaker. Reports were given by the secretary, treasurer and president. We were reminded of the speakers we have had during the past year and also of the outings and activities we joined in with other W.I. branches in Group 7.

Mrs Curl presided over the election of the president, and Liz Baxendale was elected as president for a further year.

An appreciation was given by Joy Lovell.

At our December meeting Liz Baxendale welcomed members and one visitor to the last meeting of the year. She took us through the business matters, and was pleased to report on the successful boot sale we held the previous month - although it was a very early morning call for some of us!

Looking towards the millennium we thought it appropriate to welcome John Brodwick as our speaker this month who gave us an illustrated talk on *Women in Roman Times*. I am afraid it was a man's world in those days but the women did receive the most intricate jewellery and were able to wear the most elaborate of hairstyles which were the fashion of the day. An appreciation was given by Liz Baxendale.

During the special Christmas tea presents were handed out to members and the competition for a compact was judged.

We meet again on 7th January in the Court House at 2:00pm. Mrs Wendy Austin will be speaking on *The Big House: some grand local residences*. Why not start the new year by joining us? You will be very welcome. ❖

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SUNDAY	<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>)			
	MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)
	TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		
		<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist		
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
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 61 Kitsbury Road. <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 Tuesday / Friday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804 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. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

January / February 2000

JANUARY

1	11:00am	<i>The Naming of Jesus</i> Solemn Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
1	12noon	Bellringing	<i>St Peter's</i>
1	12noon	Millennium Service (ends 12:15pm)	<i>All Saints'</i>
6	8:00pm	Solemn Mass for the Epiphany	<i>St Peter's</i>
7	10:00am	'Little Fishes' Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
12	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	
13	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	
26	8:00pm	All Saints' Joint Council	
29	10:00am	Kaleidoscope course: <i>Growth and Development</i> (ends 12:30pm)	<i>Lower Hall, All Saints'</i>

FEBRUARY

2	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Candlemas. Preacher: the Revd David Parry, team rector of Chambersbury	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	10:00am	'Little Fishes' Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
7	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	

Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

21 November	Alexander Philip Miles, Harriet Sieglind De Quervain, Alice Eleanor Kaye
28 November	Edward David Benjamin Duncombe, William George Day

Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

21 November	Ewan Peter Murphy Galloway, Emily Kaye Surry
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WHOOOPS! – An apology

Due to a typesetting error in last month's issue of the *Review* we repeated the November / December diary from the November issue, rather than the December / January diary. We apologise for any confusion, particularly over the busy end-of-year period – the editors promise it won't happen again!

Young people

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CONTACT LIST

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)	<i>Kathy Beaumont (384453)</i>
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Christina Billington (385566)
Church maintenance	Christopher Green (863241)	Martin Judd (865691)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	Cathline Blundell (862897)
Flower arrangements	Gwen Beddall (862845)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	Vacant	<i>Vacant</i>
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Ron Fisher (865846)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	Pat Hearne (871270)	<i>Vacant</i>
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	Barbara Conway (865798)	John Banks (871195)
Social events	Currently vacant	Jayne Harris (873974)
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Rodney Cottrell (384963)
Hospice contact	Angela Morris (866992)	<i>Vacant</i>



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 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
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 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 6.45am
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am
 11:00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun) Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:30pm
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Sat 5:00pm
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') 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'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894
 Organist: Paul Swinden Tel: 239975
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
 (All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership)
Methodist minister: The Revd Martin Turner, 32 Finch Road Tel: 866324



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