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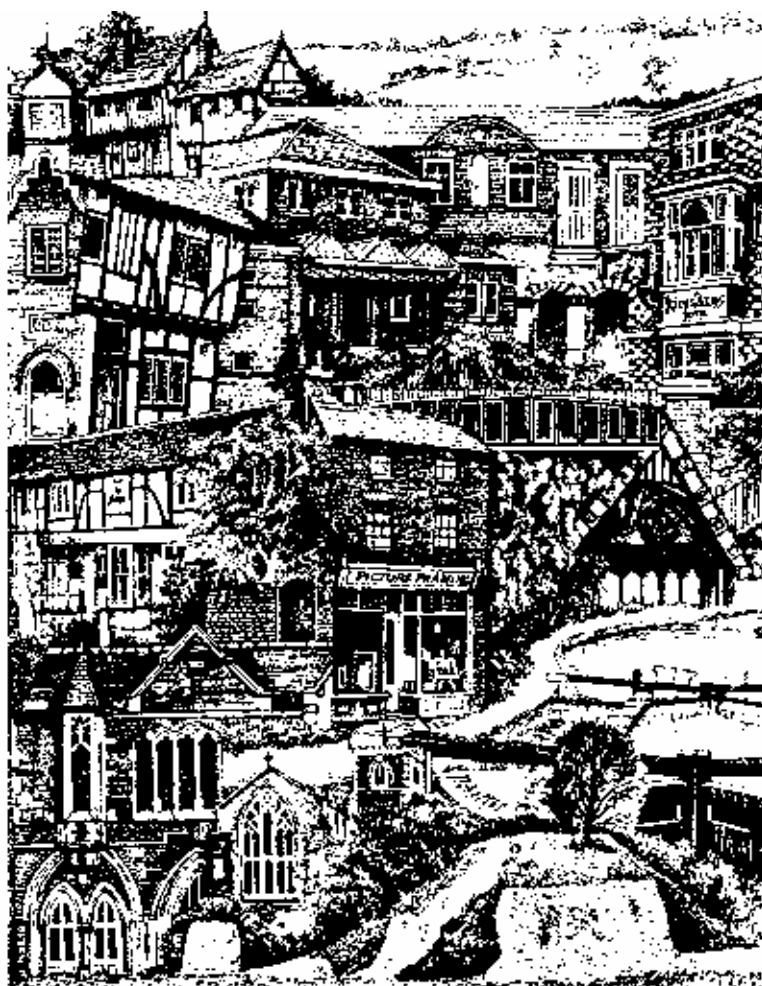
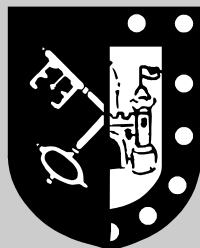
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

The summer season is brought into focus this month as the long school holidays come into view, and is further highlighted by the thinness of the August diary following a hectic round of fairs, fetes and other jollities (watch for news about our own Petertide fair next month!).

This time of year also sees the end of formal education for students leaving school, college and university having sweated through exams and anxiously awaiting their results. While hardly a new phenomenon, many more such students now embark on a 'gap' year before settling into employment and take the opportunity in their year out to travel or do voluntary work. Often this can be combined, as is well illustrated by Mark Lally's *Letter from Tonga* in this issue. Indeed, a recent newspaper article cited taking a year out as now being the 'norm' rather than the exception, and is something sought by many prospective employers. Times change, don't they? (though personally I think this is a positive change).

If you're about to embark on a gap year, good luck - and don't forget to share your experience with us at the *Review*. Email reaches all corners of the world now!

*Chris Smalley*

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

#### **Everyone a minister**

**Fr Robin Figg** reflects on the calling we *all* have to God's ministry.

#### **Berkhamsted on film**

**John Cook** reveals how part of Berkhamsted went back to 1942 for a day.

#### **A new protector**

Our town's small businesses need a new protector, argues **Iain Reay**.

#### **A literary feast**

**Roger Watkins** invites you to the third Graham Greene festival.

#### **Exotic islands**

**Mark Lally**, teaching English in Tonga, tells us about his life in those exotic islands.

#### **The marriage season**

**Rev Peter Hart** stresses the duty we have to support through prayer couples being married by the Church.

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

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**Fr Robin Figg  
reminds us we  
are all called to  
be ministers of  
God's love.**

## **review** leader

'He's going into the church.'  
'She's gone into the ministry.'  
Familiar phrases, perhaps, but ones that, I would suggest, should never be made.

The last weekend of June and first weekend in July sees the ordination of many men and women to the specific ministry of deacon or priest, within the Church of God. We pray for them and rejoice with them as they take this most important step in their Christian life. Amongst them, of course, we remember Luke Geoghegan from this parish, who wrote about his experiences in last month's *Review*. But those being ordained are not 'going into the church', as though they have not been in the church until now. They are not only now 'going into the ministry', as though they have not been involved in the ministry of the church before now. All who are to be ordained this Pentecost have been 'in the Church' since their baptism and they will have been actively involved in the ministry of the Church for a long time.

In 1985 a report was published by the General Synod titled *All Are Called: Towards a Theology of the Laity*. At its beginning it makes a very clear statement: 'Because all human beings are made in the image of God, they are called to become the People of God, the Church, servants and ministers and citizens of the Kingdom, a new humanity in Jesus Christ. Though we are tainted by our sinfulness, God's wonderful grace and love offer us all this common Christian vocation...Our calling - our vocation - does not depend on any kind of ordination.' It goes on to affirm that 'ordination does not indicate any special 'grade' of Christian more holy than

the laity. And for everybody, bishops, priests and laity together, the great sacrament of our common calling is our baptism, which signifies our glorious new life in Christ'.

Of course we need ordained ministers to serve within God's Church, men and women who will be a focus for the community. But perhaps more importantly we need all God's faithful people to respond to His call and to see that ministry belongs to the whole community. The call to ministry comes to us all, for all of our days and years, and for all of our activities.

Within the life of the Church there are many ministries that go on day by day, which are often invisible. But without doubt we would notice their absence. From those who wash the tea towels to mowers of the grass, our churches are full of people 'in the ministry'. Beyond the Church we all have ministries with family, friends and neighbours. We are ministers at our places of work, within the structures of the secular world. Our calling is also for our lives in leisure and hospitality. All are called, irrespective of age, of background, of status and position. All are called to be ministers of God's love in the service of His people. And for this, we have been promised God's grace and spiritual strength. ❖

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### **Berkhamsted on Film**

Towards the end of May Manor Street was closed off and strange things started to happen to it. The recently applied white paint on the doctors' surgery was changed to brown and cream and other houses had their paintwork and general appearance 'distressed', that is to say made to look the worse for wear. Television aerials were taken down, the street lamps were changed and everything made to appear as it might have looked during the last war.

Nothing had to be done to the telephone pole and wires because they are so antiquated that they still look pretty well as they would have then. Windows had tape stuck over them as a protection against splintering by bomb blast. Newspapers were put over some windows, and to give authenticity these were copies of issues from 1942.

A structure was built in scaffolding and plywood across the street near the High Street end to hide the Rex, and painted to look like a railway bridge. The corner shop at the bottom that closed a good 30 years ago suddenly became Gibbs the Grocers, and part way along a big sign was put up *Sherwood's Timber Merchants*. Then the Manor Street sign was replaced by Albion Street.

All this was in aid of the shooting of a scene or two for the film *Enigma*, the story of code-breaking at Bletchley Park. On 29th May the camera crews arrived, together with actors and extras in the clothes of the early war years, and old vans, cars and bicycles. There was a great deal of fiddling and footling and hanging about. The general opinion of the locals was what a great fuss to make for one or two brief episodes; but it gave us an idea why films cost so much to make.

Manor Street will never seem quite the same again, and of course it is unlikely to be used as the location for any more films of that sort once the doomed Cooper's buildings have been knocked down.

When the film comes to the cinemas it will be interesting to see if there is an acknowledgement in the titles of the fact that it was partly made on location in Berkhamsted.

### **Another Pageant**

Several people have pointed out that when I talked about pageants in last month's Review I quite left out any mention of the major one put on in 1966 to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the coming to Berkhamsted of William the Conqueror.

It was masterminded by Dorian Williams and the climax is recorded in his book *Between the Lines*. A great historical re-enactment was staged in Berkhamsted Castle which he considered to be one of the pinnacles of his dramatic career. 'As long as I live' he said, 'I shall recall with excitement the overwhelming finale'. A performer wrote to him a week or two later, paraphrasing the Crispin speech in *Henry V*: 'From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered, and gentlemen in Berkhamsted now abed shall think themselves accursed they were not here'.

Dorian Williams came back to Berkhamsted in 1972 to stage the rather lower key celebration for the 750th anniversary of St Peter's Church. He wrote and produced this in the form of living tableaux of the people of the Town over

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that period. I have a copy of the colourful poster advertising it (*right*).

Dorian Williams went on to produce pageants all over the country, and when in 1977 he put on the Shakespeare play *Julius Caesar* in the Roman theatre at St Albans, some Berkhamsted people were in that too. I had a slight involvement and remember it most for a fearsome dressing down Dorian gave to one of the amateur cast who had displeased him, a young clergyman. He is now the Bishop of London.

### Farewell Agents

It is difficult to keep pace with the changes in the shops in the High Street. Who would ever have thought that two estate agents would close within a couple of weeks of each other. In present circumstances with the huge hike in the price of houses the man in the street might be forgiven for expecting the numbers of estate agents to increase rather than diminish. Mind you, perhaps nine of them between the top of Castle Street and the Kings Road traffic lights was a bit excessive.

Taylor's at the corner of Prince Edward Street took the premises previously occupied by Fosters, the gents outfitters. The shop on the corner outside Tesco's has been an estate agents ever since I have lived in the town, but it has changed name several times. What shops can we expect will take their place? No rumours have yet come to my ears: but please let them be more interesting than most of the new arrivals of the last few years.

### Trees

Bill Willett, maker of the Berkhamsted Citizens Association new footpath map, has pointed out an interesting change in our countryside that has taken place since the last version of the map came out: he has found in plotting his map and checking it on the ground that there is much more woodland now than was the case then. I recently took some Americans for a drive around and they were impressed by all the trees, particularly the old ones. Where they



The poster advertising the 1977 pageant.

came from near Chicago trees are not allowed to grow into old age.

On the same subject: I have a set of aerial photographs of Berkhamsted taken in 1938, and again one of the rather surprising differences that show up is that there are lots more trees today - in the Town and in the countryside round about - than there were 60 years ago.

### Death on the Road

On the back of the Highway Code booklet there are some cold statistics about road accidents. One of them is that 'you have a 1 in 200 chance of being killed in a road accident'. The death rate in Hertfordshire on the roads may be lower than average and we might have a better chance than most, perhaps as low as 1 in 400. Even so that means that the probability is that something like 40 people living in Berkhamsted today will die in road accidents, unless there is improvement in road safety. A sobering thought. ❖

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I knew that the M.U. had for years been trying to rid themselves of the idea that all M.U. members were grey haired, wearing felt hats and only concerned with serving refreshments at Church 'do's. So it was that I was more than a little surprised to find that I can now indeed purchase an M.U. hat!

However, I do not find this a backward step but a symbol of the M.U.'s ability to deal with life as it is now and not as it once was. The M.U. is getting ahead! For my new hat - dear reader - is a natty baseball cap with our logo and *The Mothers' Union - Christian concern for families worldwide* on it. I intend to use it as a sunhat on holiday, not just to meet up with other members in England, Canada and Greece but to give me the opportunity to explain the M.U.'s aims and tell what is being done in their name to support families around the globe.

We have many projects abroad where M.U. workers constantly strive to improve

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this and plan to have a social evening with a bring and share meal in aid of this worthy cause.

On 8th July we shall meet together for our Wave of Prayer service. At this time, M.U. members worldwide will be praying for those in our diocese of St Albans, for Armidale and Grafton in Australia, Lusaka in central Africa, Akoko in Nigeria and Christ the King in southern Africa. We have a specially written service and our time (11:30am to 12 noon) is important. For four days different branches in our diocese will keep the Wave of Prayer going. Prayer is so important in all we do.



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We now know that, because of a lack of funds at Dacorum Borough Council, Berkhamsted will not have its own town centre manager – unless the town council can stump up the cash itself. This is beyond the means of a small town council such as Berkhamsted's.

So what can be done to help the small shops and the other small businesses in the high street which give the town its distinctive flavour? The small retailers have a huge disadvantage compared with the big out of town multiples with which they must compete. They can't invest in the latest technology and they can't afford the training they need to increase their attractiveness. They often feel isolated and insecure. Actually quite a lot of help is available to them in Dacorum through organisations which provide advice and free training. Dacorum Business Network provides support and the Academy of Service Excellence provides free training in such things as customer service, shop window design and the use of computing equipment. Unfortunately, though, the funding for this service is now at risk as well. It is partly paid for by money from the European Community. At the end of this year this project and the money to support it finishes and the borough council is urgently looking for new financial backers.

A big deterrent to people shopping in Berkhamsted is the lack of parking. Parking is free or very cheap in the town even after the price increase the borough council has recently agreed for parking in the car parks that they manage. But it is

## council & news views

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**Town councillor Ian Reay**  
explains how small businesses  
in Berkhamsted are in need  
of a new protector.

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trying to persuade Silverlink to reduce the price of their station car park which is scandalously high at £2.60 a day. Lots of commuters park in the nearby streets causing a nuisance for the residents. Silverlink has offered no help at all. The town council has asked the borough council to conduct a traffic survey in the town to see what can be done about traffic and parking but there is no money for that either.

The recent proposals by the Rex Film and Arts Centre Trust to develop the *Rex* into a three screen multiplex cinema although admirable in themselves would also be likely - if the proposals prove successful - to exacerbate the parking problem. The *Rex* project would provide 814 cinema seats (and create 20 to 25 jobs) but only about 70 additional car parking spaces. If the centre is as popular as the trust hopes people will come (by car) from a wide catchment area to see not just mainstream films but classic, archive and foreign language films. Paradoxically, the success of a project potentially so good for the atmosphere and well-being of the town could lead to a substantially worsened traffic and parking problem. This would not be good news for the town's community of small retailers. ♦

often very difficult to find a parking place at busy times during the week or on Saturdays. Since the opening of First Leisure on the first floor of the old Waitrose building the Water Lane car park is now full throughout much of the evening as well. The station car park is underused and is rarely more than two thirds full. The town council has been

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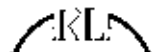
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The third Graham Greene festival will take place this year from Thursday 28th September to Sunday 1st October. Professor Norman Sherry, the great biographer of Graham Greene who is nearing completion of the third and last volume of this

monumental work, will speak at this year's festival to the provisional title *Daring and Devilry: Tracking Graham Greene over twenty five years*. Professor Sherry will range widely over many aspects of Greene's life and work. We shall indeed be privileged to be present at the conclusion of a quarter of a century's painstaking research. Professor Sherry's visit to Berkhamsted promises to be an historic occasion.

Another very special festival event will be the first public airing of an unpublished play by Greene, *A House of Reputation*. We shall be presenting a rehearsed reading with a local cast directed by freelance director, Annie Castledine, whose work has been seen at theatres all over the country including Chichester, Greenwich, The Gate, and the National. Greene's play is set in a brothel in an unnamed Central American republic and explores the dangers of conventional morality in a political dictatorship. A Greene world premiere is not to be missed!

Thanks once again to the support of Kodak, we shall be showing two films in their original 35mm format. Columbia Tri-Star have generously allowed us to screen their new version of *The End of the Affair*, directed by Neil Jordan, which attracted a good deal of press coverage earlier this year. We shall also show the 1955 version which starred Deborah Kerr and Van Johnson. Both films will have the benefit of being introduced by an old friend of the festival trust, Neil Sinyard. On the Saturday afternoon Quentin Falk makes a welcome return to the festival for the third time to introduce a discussion of the two

## ***The Third Graham Green Festival***

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Festival director  
**Roger Watkins** invites  
you to a literary feast.

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film versions. I hope he will also be joined by some guests who have special associations with the two films.

Visiting us at the festival for the first time will be Martin Stannard, Professor of Modern English Literature at the

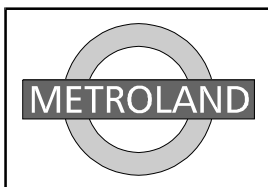
University of Leicester, who has written widely on Evelyn Waugh, a close friend and confidant of Greene. He promises an intriguing answer to the question 'Why was Greene so keen to introduce Waugh to Catherine Walston?' His presentation will be called *Open Secrets: Graham Greene, Evelyn Waugh and 'The End of the Affair'*.

It will be a pleasure to welcome back Professor Cedric Watts who will deliver a lecture tantalisingly entitled *God's Secret Agencies* which he says will embrace: 'Greene's employers, spies in the novels, covert plots and God moving in mysterious ways etc.!'.

Neil Sinyard, who is working on a new biography of Greene, will, in addition to his prefaces to the film screenings, discuss Greene's skills and techniques as a writer in a talk called *Graham Greene and the Craft of Fiction*.

Finally, I am keeping my fingers crossed that a very eminent and popular figure from the world of cinema will be coming to Berkhamsted to share with us his memories of working with Graham Greene. Watch this space! ❖

*Further details about the festival and information on the Graham Greene Birthplace Trust can be obtained from the Graham Greene Birthplace Trust, Rhenigdale, Ivy House Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 2PP.*



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In the first of a new series of articles,  
**Stephen Halliday** traces the origins  
of Metroland.

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No temporary platform in the west  
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We had not once alighted. Metroland  
Beckoned us out to lanes in beechy Bucks*  
(John Betjeman, from *Summoned by Bells*)

‘A model garden village, on which a number of semi-detached residences have been erected. Peace and quiet prevail, and the stretches of country around offer plenty of opportunity for invigorating exercise to those who are inclined to walking and cycling.’  
(An estate agent's description of Neasden in the 1920s)

#### A Literary Heritage

The word *Metroland* entered the language in 1915 as an advertising slogan adopted by the Metropolitan Railway. It was designed to encourage travellers like the young John Betjeman and his friend to spend their leisure hours in the area served by the railway. An unlikely alliance between the advertising slogan and the future poet laureate ensured that *Metroland* came to symbolise the suburbs that sprang up in the first half of the twentieth century to accommodate the desires of middle class commuters to own a house with a garden. Metroland is celebrated in Betjeman's poetry, with Harrow and Chorleywood at its heart and Baker Street as its headquarters, the London hub of the Metropolitan Railway. Betjeman's friend, Evelyn Waugh, added the eccentric figure of Lady Metroland in *Vile Bodies* while in more recent times Julian Barnes has celebrated the area in his novel *Metroland*. However the origins of the residential areas which were spawned by the suburban railway network, and particularly by the Metropolitan Railway were altogether more mundane.

Sir Edward Watkin had been amongst the first to recognise that medium-distance suburban traffic was far more likely to yield satisfactory profits to railway operators than short-distance traffic in the city centre where underground railways faced intense competition. This came not only from other railways but also from omnibus operators whose activities were subjected to the lightest of regulation before the London Passenger Transport Board was established in 1933. The land deals of the Metropolitan Railway must be seen in this light: as a device to generate railway passenger traffic rather than as a source of profit from speculation in land.

#### Surplus Land

The Acts of Parliament by which railways were established conferred upon the railway companies the power to make compulsory purchases of lands over which they passed. On occasion the companies entered into voluntary agreements with powerful landowners, foregoing their powers of compulsory purchase and the legal obstacles these entailed in



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return for buying more land than they really needed. In 1904 Robert Perks told the Royal Commission on London Traffic that the Metropolitan Railway had in this way acquired substantial holdings of land adjacent to its line, much of it acquired as a result of Parliamentary opposition to its proposed route. In most cases, once the railway was built the company was obliged to sell surplus land back to the original owners who would then profit from any increase in the value of the land which arose from the construction of the railway. However, thanks to some strong advocacy in Parliament by the supporters of London's first underground railway, the Acts which had set up the Metropolitan Railway allowed the company to retain such surplus land in its own possession. In 1887 the Metropolitan re-constituted its finances, establishing its property interests as a separate enterprise from its railway operations and in 1919 this emerged as a fully fledged property company, Metropolitan Country Estates Ltd., which was effectively under the control of the railway.

Other companies were not so fortunate. In 1905 the Royal Commission on London Transport recommended that railway companies be allowed to buy land whose value might be increased by railway developments. This idea did not commend itself to MPs who believed that a railway company's attention should be focussed on running the trains and not be distracted by other opportunities for profit. The idea was dropped.

Thirty-three years later the chief executive of the London Passenger Transport Board, Frank Pick, told the Barlow Commission that the Board would be encouraged to build socially desirable but unprofitable new railways if it could subsidise them by dealings in land. Pick argued that the Board, like the former Metropolitan Railway, should be permitted to acquire property adjacent to projected lines and use the profits from its development to invest in its railway services. This potentially valuable source of railway finance was once again not taken up. Profits from property development would go only to property developers. The benefit to railway companies would be confined to the extra journeys of those who travelled to and from the properties. ❖

Finally all my preparations were complete and in mid-January I flew out of Heathrow with Jonathan, my fellow GAP volunteer, bound for a seven month stay at Tupou College on Tongatapu, which is the main island of Tonga. I had my trusty blue file crammed full of hints and advice on how to teach English and keep children's attention in class - the result of a week's course prior to departure, while Jonathan had been resitting his Maths 'A' level. However he had included more textbooks in his luggage so, as we were to share accommodation in Tonga, we had agreed to pool resources. We had not been told beforehand precisely what subjects we would be teaching, so had been unable to make any specific preparations.

After an exhausting 31 hour flight, with stops in Los Angeles and Hawaii, we finally arrived in Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga, and were met by our GAP mentor Gillian who made us really welcome. Soon we were on our way to the school to meet the headmaster, Rev Tevita Hala Palefau, settle in to our accommodation on the school campus and sleep off the jet lag. As the new term did not start until 7th February we had three weeks in which to acclimatise ourselves to our new surroundings, the Tongan culture and the weather, which is hot and sunny but with rain almost every day during the rainy season of December to March.

We were given our own small wooden house on the school campus which is comparatively well equipped. We are responsible for feeding ourselves, which was initially quite a feat when faced with all the unfamiliar fruits and vegetables. The school is located quite a way outside Nuku'alofa which makes shopping difficult. However domestic life in the kitchen is never dull as we have the added bonus of a bees nest right outside the kitchen window. Our houseboy comes regularly to work wonders with the washing up and the washing! Small pigs, chickens and a cow wander around the grounds and when a banana tree fell down during one of the recent cyclones we were

well provided with bananas, even though we had no power for a week!

Tongatapu is a very flat island so it is relatively easy to get around by bike or walking. During our initial three weeks we took time to explore the historic attractions on the island, such as the Royal Palace and tombs, many colonial houses, the ancient capital of Mu'a, the Stonehenge-like building of Ma'amonga and some wonderful blowholes, to name but a few. We also spent some time investigating the many beaches. We were fortunate to meet some of the previous GAP volunteers at a neighbouring school who were staying on for a while. They were a great help in introducing us to people, and helping us to avoid the many pitfalls awaiting the uninitiated!

We met the staff at the school and learned what would be required of us during our two terms. My duties include teaching 24 periods a week - amounting to a total of 18 hours. Academic lessons finish by mid-afternoon and are followed, after a thirty minute break, by sport. On two afternoons a week I coach the high jump for the inter-school athletics championship. This is followed by gym sessions. On Tuesday evenings I help to organise the library and on Thursday evenings I take the classes for homework. I also have to fit in lesson planning during my free periods in the day time or in the evenings.

## LETTER FROM TONGA

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**Mark Lally**, teaching English  
in Tonga, tells us about his  
first three months.

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The school day is very long and the boys are kept busy for the whole time in lessons and carrying out duties on the school farm. They are often tired in lessons and there is a tendency for some cat napping when my back is turned. I am finding the teaching quite a challenge as I have the bottom two forms in the school. The boys are about twelve years old and all teaching is in English from this age upwards. Their understanding of English is still rather limited, so getting them to do things can be quite difficult. However they are very good natured and try hard, even if they only manage to write out the questions I set for homework and not produce many answers!

We are lucky to have long weekends as school finishes by Friday lunchtime. Mostly we visit the other GAP volunteers in town, go to the cinema or a club or to the beach. We have also taken the opportunity to visit some of the offshore islands, of which there are many. However it is imperative to be back at school by late Saturday evening as everything stops at midnight for Sunday, church and relaxing. Tongans have wonderful singing voices!

The main holiday between the two terms will be a fortnight at the beginning of May as we have only a few days break at Easter. Jonathan and I will be going to Vava'u and Ha'apai which are two groups of islands further to the north, where to quote the guidebook 'there is no traffic, no crowds and no queues - just peace and tranquillity.' Swimming, snorkelling, sailing and diving will be on the timetable and we might even try horse riding along the beautiful white sandy beaches.

The first few months here have been a wonderful experience. We are working hard to encourage the boys with their English and make a useful contribution to the school. However, life on the island is very easy going and the people are extremely laid back. It is a wonderful contrast to the stress of western living and a far cry from the busy streets of Berkhamsted. ❖

## The PCC's Finances

The PCC treasurer,  
**Michael Robinson**, gives  
us a further progress report.

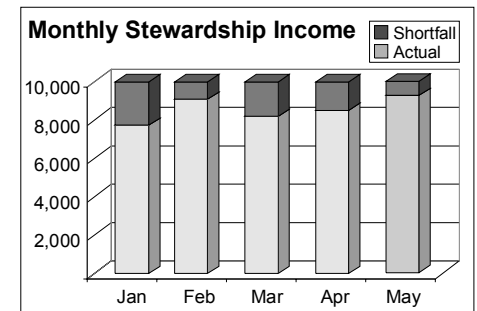
With five months now gone of the PCC's financial year, are our finances improving?

As readers were reminded a month ago, the forecast expenditure from the PCC's General Fund for this year is almost £174,000 – some £19,500 more than in 1999, including an increase of £12,500 (to over £76,000) in the 'parish share' payment to the diocese.

To ensure that all planned commitments can be met without depleting our limited reserves, an increase in Stewardship income to an average of around £10,000 per month is required.

Our net stewardship income (before allowing for anticipated income tax recoveries on giving under deed of covenant or by Gift Aid) to the end of May totalled £42,581 – a shortfall of £7,419 from the five-month target of £50,000.

**At this rate, the shortfall will be over £17,000 by the end of the year (and more after the effect of loss of tax reclaims!).**



## Singing at the Workhouse

*Mrs Flossie Tompkins, writes:*

Every month I receive the *Review* from my very good friend Peggy Horton of Victoria Road and I read with interest the letter from Doris Brewer of 67 Greenway regarding the old workhouse. I was one of the group of 12 year olds who sang to the inmates and I am sure that Amy Birtchnell and Muriel Gravestock were also of the group.

Sadly Muriel died a long time ago. I have made contact with Doris Brewer by telephone and remember the visits so well and talking to many of the inmates. The letter brought back vivid memories. It is heartening that these circumstances

no longer exist and people enjoy much happier lives and are really cared for.

I was one of 'The Chaucer Fairies' in the dance in the Pageant – are there any more still around? I would very much like to know.

*Shootersway, Heath Road,  
Ridlington, North Walsham NR28 9NZ*

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## Prejudice: Surely not in Berkhamsted?

When we first came to live in Berkhamsted over forty years ago one or two friends, already living here, kindly invited me to coffee mornings to meet people. Their first question always was, 'Where do your children go to school?' When told they were both happily settled at Hemel Hempstead Grammar School and not at either the Boys' or Girls' School here, interest waned. Does this still happen I wonder? I hope not.

My late father-in-law was a great anglophile and thought all foreigners were 'thieves and rogues' although, as my son pointed out to him, he was only half English, having had a French mother! The rest of our family, including ourselves, have had the opportunity to travel far and wide, and wherever we have gone we have all

**Vera Pullen** wonders if our town  
is not immune from prejudice.

found people of other races friendly and interesting, whatever their race or colour. I was beginning to feel that perhaps we are all beginning to realise people are just people, with the same sorts of likes and dislikes as ourselves. However, this was rudely shattered when I was recently talking to two ladies, whom I like very much, and found them making the most dreadful racist remarks! Good Christian ladies too, and here in Berkhamsted!

So what hope is there for the world? We must overcome our prejudices and try to forget our own comfortable little world - how would we feel if we'd lost our homes and our relatives and escaped to a far country without hope? Be thankful we have never had to face the tragedies so many refugees have and have a little sympathy and try to help. ❖

I have had to acknowledge to myself, for some time now, that – yes, I *am* a member of the Awkward Squad. And many a time I wish that I wasn't! I have only to read something in the national press, hear something on the radio, watch something on the TV and I'm off! Sitting down at my faithful old typewriter I dash off a letter to someone somewhere who I think may feel as I do and will be able to help. Alternatively I try to put a word into a not always willing listener's ear.

Last year, whilst staying with my elder daughter and her husband in Manchester, we travelled to Sellafield for a guided tour. I had been once before and had felt some doubts about the safety of the plant, but these thoughts I kept to myself. For let's face it, it all looks very civilised – a restaurant, plenty of things to keep the children amused and much to see. This time, having joined a coach tour of the place and listened to the patter of the guide, I felt this familiar need to do or say something. At the exit there was a counter where people stood to answer any enquiries. With a mumbled 'I'll be with you in a minute' to my relatives, I went over to the counter. With a horrified look in my direction they beat a hasty retreat as one would expect. What was mother going to say now?

I expressed the view that, in spite of all the reassuring words we had heard, I had the gravest doubts about the safety angle. (We had been told how the large pipes extending out into the sea are inspected *every day*). The young woman to whom I spoke could barely conceal her dislike of the question. A very nice young man nearby tried to dispel my fears by giving me various pamphlets.

# THE AWKWARD SQUAD

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**Muriel Lander** has decided that she is a member of the Awkward Squad.

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As we now all know, quite recently we have had good reason to be worried by a very real danger threatening the area. I am not unmindful of the fact that that part of the North needs work for the people up there. But surely not at such a high price. For the damage to the environment will also affect people's lives.

Again, I saw a programme presented by John Pilger, the Australian journalist, about the appalling conditions under which the Aborigines live in his country. Once again I came to the conclusion that one just listens or tries to act. So, I wrote to the High Commissioner for Australia making my comments known. I mentioned how the viewers had been told that little children go blind because of the lack of a simple treatment which would save their sight, that these down-trodden people's life expectancy is 25 years less than the white persons'. And much, much more. I received the usual reply from the manager, public affairs, with enough facts to confuse the issue. I then wrote to the *Radio Times* sending a copy of my letter to Australia House, asking that people might be encouraged to write and ask for justice for the Aborigines. Guess what - not even an acknowledgment from the *Radio Times*.

Having heard more damning evidence about this whole question, I wrote again to His Excellency. The point was made that if the countries participating in the forthcoming Olympic Games in Australia were really aware of the dreadful conditions under which the Aborigines live, they would never have agreed to the Games being held there in the first place. This time, no reply at all was received.

I then had my attention drawn to the inequality of pay and pensions for the  
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*For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah’s Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.*

To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven, please enter his or her social security number, then press the hash key. If you get a negative response, try area code 666.

*If you would like to speak to God, press 1. For Jesus, press 2. For the Holy Spirit, press 3. If you would like to hear King David sing a psalm while you are holding, please press 4.*

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

*This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again Monday after 9:30am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, please contact your local priest.*

Thank God, he doesn’t have ‘interactive voice response’. And he listens when we pray! Amen and Amen!!

*Submitted by Judith Hill*

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## The Awkward Squad *(continued from page 19)*

Ghurkhas and their families. I had seen one or two letters in the national press from people who were concerned. I felt that considering the Ghurkhas had served this country faithfully for nearly 200 years they deserved a better deal. I wrote to our local MP and I have to say he was most helpful. He wrote to the Ministry of Defence and sent me a copy of their reply. I am happy to say that at long last something positive is being done to improve both pay and pensions, as well as ‘health in service’ gratuities. It is obvious that my letter was only one of many which were received expressing concern.

These particular cases have caught my eye over the last few months. Over the years there have been many more: I can

well imagine someone, somewhere, on receiving my letter saying, “Not that blankety blank woman again”!

Several members of my family have told me that I shouldn’t allow myself to get so worried about what goes on in the world. “Switch off!”, they say. If only I could. I wish I could say, “Wasn’t that a frightful massacre recently... where did you say you were going for your summer holiday?” Believe me, I have heard similar comments to that.

It dawned on me only recently that I’m pretty sure the authorities viewed Our Lord as being one of the Awkward Squad. He never kept quiet or failed to act when the need arose. I wonder what our world would be like now if he hadn’t been. ❖



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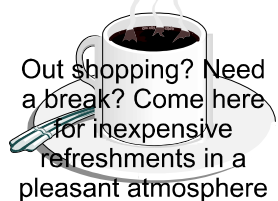
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It all began during a pre-medical course at the University of Alberta, Canada in the 1970s, when I had my first, and last, experience of vivisection. This is something for which I am thankful to have received God's forgiveness. But I have found it very hard to forgive myself, and the horror of it has never been erased from my memory: that poor little chloroformed frog that I

could not put back together again, his little heart still beating. Worst of all, I did not have any control over how he was disposed of and know not to this day. I suffered nightmares where I myself was being dissected on a beach by this frog. Worst of all was the horrible realisation that I deserved it. Thankfully, the practice of dissecting live animals is illegal in this country, although worse things are going on in the name of medical research, often with no anaesthetics.

Through this experience there was a deep realisation within me that animals were not just made for our convenience but had lives in their own right: God-given lives with their own agendas. These were living creatures, not just commodities. I realised that their feelings, their needs and their rights should be considered and respected. We often think of ourselves, the human race, as being the only thing important to God, but as John Austin Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, says in his book *The Faith of a Christian*:

'Animals do not have value simply because of affinities with or usefulness to human kind. The Bible itself makes this seemingly modern point. The book of Job portrays wild animals inhabiting worlds of their own and living lives indifferent to ours. Humans are but one small part of an immense drama in which God rejoices and

# God's Forgotten Creatures

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**Shirley Morrish** reflects on the horrors of vivisection and what we as a society can do.

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which they must approach with reverence and awe (*Job 38:29ff*).'

So I do believe, along with Bishop Baker, that 'the sovereignty we undoubtedly can have because of our brains and our technology is ours not just for our own selfish benefit, but to run the world as God wants it run, who made everything 'and saw that it was very good' '.

There are viable alternatives to cruel methods in research and drug/product testing. These include cell-tissue and organ culture, use of micro-organisms such as bacteria, molecular-level research, computer simulations, population studies and ethical clinical research with patients and volunteers - all of which are scientifically preferable to animal-experiments which do not reliably predict what will happen to humans because of differences between species, and because artificially induced illnesses often differ from the human condition.

The law in this country recognises that animals are capable of suffering 'pain, distress and lasting harm', and scientists are legally obliged to consider alternatives to animal experiments. Medical research and farming practices which do not cause suffering are always ethically preferable. Why perpetuate suffering when there are alternatives? Why not work towards them by supporting organisations like *The Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Research*, who fund the development of alternatives to animal experiments in medical research (01462 436819) and *Compassion in World Farming* (01730 264208). Both, I emphasize, are non-violent organisations. After all, these animals have no voice in our society apart from yours and mine. Why not pray about this issue?



The funeral of Kay French, who was also known to many in Berkhamsted by her maiden name Kay Hazelton, took place in St Peter's church on 6th June.

Kay was born in August 1906 and came to Berkhamsted when her family moved here in 1916 in the middle of the first world war. Her father was a soldier and had been posted to India with the Royal Veterinary Corps. He took his wife and their three eldest children with him; Kay and her sister Mary were considered too young to go to the tropics and were left with aunts. So began a residence in the town which lasted almost 85 years.

After leaving school she followed for some years a career as a school matron, working first in Bristol then in Switzerland. It was in Switzerland that she developed a love of the open spaces and of wild flowers.

When she returned to England, however, she taught music. She was on the staff of the Watford School of Music, teaching both singing and piano, for many years. She taught not only in several local schools but also in a private capacity. Literally hundreds of talented youngsters over the years learned their playing from her and many of her pupils and their parents will remember the impromptu concerts she held in her house - and often in All Saints church - to give youngsters vital experience of playing in public.

As she grew older Kay undertook much of the work of looking after not only

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# Kay French

1906 - 2000

R.I.P.

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her mother in old age but also her uncle, Colonel Glennie, who made the first detailed maps of a large area in India.

When her uncle died, with the infectious enthusiasm she brought to many aspects of her life, she

added the breeding and showing of Burmese cats to her list of activities. When she was in her eighties Kay amazed and delighted all her friends when she married her cousin Gerald French, settling happily in Manor Close.

Kay was a devoted member of All Saints' and later of St Peter's. For many years she led the Sunday school and later took over the leadership of the ailing choir and turned it round. She was sustained by a rich prayer life and known for her great sense of humour. She helped many people over the years in her own quiet way.

Celestria Bell, who spoke at Kay's funeral, suggested a poem by Joyce Grenfell as an appropriate epitaph.

*If I should go before the rest of you  
Break not a flower nor inscribe a  
stone,  
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday  
voice  
But be the usual selves that I have  
known.  
Weep if you must,  
Parting is hell.  
But life goes on,  
So sing as well.*



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**Revd Peter Hart  
highlights the  
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marriage.**

The wedding season is firmly upon us and Saturdays are characterised by vintage cars lurching through the High Street, bearing excited bridesmaids; smartly dressed people standing awkwardly amongst the summer informality of local people; church bells breaking out in the middle of the afternoon and confetti strewn around the school playground. Small children return from choir duties clutching shiny pound coins and a blissfully happy couple realise that the year of their marriage should be easy to remember.

Amidst all the gloom-merchants' predictions of the death of marriage, the church still marries a greater percentage of couples than the civil authorities and marriage is still the defining characteristic of the vast majority of permanent relationships within our society. What, then, can we do as a church to support those who come to us for marriage? How can we be involved, or indeed, should we be involved?

This year, the Anglican Churches in Berkhamsted joined together to offer all those couples getting married in church this year an evening of discussion and reflection on marriage, centred on a meal. A good number came and found the evening to be informative and practical; and the food was appreciated too!

The medieval system of reading banns of marriage in church before the main

Sunday morning service provides us all with another opportunity. We are given names of couples: they usually attend those services where their banns are read out; we need to pray for them in their preparations and in their married life together. If banns are being read, then it means that the marriage date is no more than twelve weeks away. Frantic activity has possibly started. Pray for the families, for those with the greatest burdens of organisation. Be imaginative and wide-ranging in your prayers; pray for practical matters as well as spiritual and emotional concerns. In St Mary's, we pray together as a church for those whose banns have been read for the third time. Continue that prayer through the intervening weeks.

On the actual day, many church people are actively involved in the wedding. The flower guild makes special floral decorations for the couple, the bellringers, the organist, the choir and others are all present, playing a part in the service. It is part of our ministry as a church to lead the worship, within which Christian marriage is celebrated, and to lead it well, to be an example of praise and prayerfulness. Are we fully prayerful as we play our part?

Marriage is a serious commitment between two people, founded on love, consecrated by God and made binding in his presence. The least the whole body of Christ can do is to support prayerfully all those who embark on marriage and to be faithful in those prayers, continuing to intercede for couples, well after the last piece of confetti has been eaten by sparrows.



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

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John Cook's monthly column *Around the Town* is one of the mainstays of the *Review*. But John is, and has been for many years, known to readers in a great many guises: town mayor (as drawn by Harry Sheldon, above), church warden, and a leading instigator of the recently opened heritage walk to name but a few.

One of the subjects John has made his own has been the literary history of Berkhamsted, on which he has spoken and written widely. He recently shared his passion for the town's history with the younger generation by compiling two books: *Berkhamsted's Story: A Book for the Millennium* and *A Glimpse of our History*. Both have been distributed widely to local children as part of the activities to mark the millennium.

And now John has become the first person to receive a new and meritorious civic honour by being named as the first honorary citizen of the town.

Congratulations, John, and thank you.

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## IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME

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### Sponsored Ridgeway Walk

**13th-17th September 2000**

Plans are in hand for 40 walkers to tackle the route from Overton Hill to Ivinghoe Beacon to raise funds for the IRHH. The walk will be fully marshalled and transport to and from Youth Hostel accommodation will be provided. As places are limited, please ring us as soon as possible on 890222 if you are interested in taking part.

### Rosemary Conley Challenge

The Rosemary Conley challenge, published in the April *Review*, on behalf of the IRHH raised £12,000. Several hundred people gathered at Berkhamsted Sports Centre on 2nd April for two sponsored aerobics sessions organised by Brenda Berners-Price. Getting fit and raising money was never so much fun! We are still awaiting some pledges, so if you took part and still have money to collect please let us have it as soon as possible.

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## CHUCKLES NEEDS A PIANIST: CAN YOU HELP US?

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*Chuckles* Toddler Group is looking for an able pianist willing to accompany our singing of simple songs and nursery rhymes from 10:15am to 10:45am every Tuesday during term time. Our present pianist is leaving at the end of this term. *Chuckles* is a very lively toddler group and we are sure you'll have fun!

If you can help, *Chuckles* and the team would love to hear from you. Please contact Gill Malcolm on 874993 or Jenny Wells on 870981.



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### BOURNE AND SALTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

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If you are a student and under 25 years of age, preparing to embark on a period of extended study at college or university and would appreciate some financial help towards the cost of equipment or books, why not apply for a grant from the above foundations?

If you live in the ecclesiastical Parish of Great Berkhamsted or attended Victoria Church of England school you are eligible to apply for a grant. Although there is not a huge amount of money at the trustees' disposal, every little helps.

During breaks in your studies this year you may have had the chance to read either *Berkhamsted's Story – A Book for the Millennium* or *A Glimpse of our History*, both compiled by John Cook. These publications mention Thomas Bourne, a rich businessman who paid for a new school to be built in the town. He also left money in his will to be invested and then allocated by trustees to young people of Berkhamsted engaged in further education. Grants will be allocated at the next meeting of the Trust in October.

For more information please contact the clerk to the trustees, Mrs B Johnson on 864453.

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### FLOWERS AND FUN

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Berkhamsted Flower Club, established in 1963, meets on the second Wednesday in the month at Lagley Hall. An experienced demonstrator entertains members by creating a series of flower arrangements of different designs which are raffled at the end of the afternoon. The demonstrator often has interesting anecdotes about her life in the flower arranging world and the atmosphere is a friendly one, finishing with a welcome cup of tea. Why not come along and see if you enjoy it? New members, and visitors, are always welcome.

Berkhamsted Flower Club is part of the home counties area of the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and, as such, has access to all the events organised by the area - demonstrations, talks, luncheons, outings - and the national magazine, *The Flower Arranger*.

NAFAS is a charity and raises a great deal of money through the lower festivals it organises for other charities. The Berkhamsted Flower Club does the same, supporting the local hospice both with gifts of money and by arranging flowers every week in the rooms there. Other organisations supported over the years have been Keech Cottage Children's Hospice, Cancer Care at Stoke Mandeville, Berkhamsted Patients Medical Fund, Whizz Kids, Home Farm Trust, and many others. For further information about the club, contact Mrs Jean Bray on 864532.

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### THANK YOU!

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The Leprosy Mission coffee morning and sale which was held in All Saints' hall on Saturday, 13th May raised a total of £334.91. The committee would like to thank all who helped to make the event such a success.

## ORGANISING AN EVENT?

Tell everyone about it through the  
*Review!*

Whether you're organising a concert, a fair, a bring-and-buy, a talk or anything else, we'll do our best to include details in *Notes & Notices*, or for greater impact you might consider advertising.

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the front cover.



## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members to our June meeting and with secretary, Janet Mitchell, took us through the business matters.

Joy Lovell reported on our group outing to Audley End, Saffron Walden. We had a most enjoyable visit to this English Heritage house, first built in 1603, which is beautifully furnished and maintained. The gardens surrounding the house were vast, being designed by Capability Brown in 1716. A further visit was requested by many members to view this house and contents once again.

Our speaker this month was Isobel Leek who gave us a most informative illustrated talk on *Not just Berlin Woolwork: 19th Century Social Changes*. She showed us how Victorian embroidery known as Berlin woolwork progressed through time, as women learned new skills of all kinds of needlework, including whitework, smocking, lace-making, quilting and patchwork.

The competition for a thimble and the flower of the month was judged by Isobel Leek.

Next month on 7th July at 2:00pm in the Court House our speaker will be Mrs Joyce Donald, her subject being *Come into my Parlour*. Do come and join us and bring a friend: you will be most welcome.

## BERKHAMSTED W.I.

The May meeting was opened by our president with a list of apologies from absent members and the minutes of the last meeting were read by our secretary. Members gave many reports of meetings and outings in the last month and we were reminded of the then forthcoming

TGM in June at Wembley which was attended by Mrs Gill Blumson. Our business for the evening was the discussion of and voting upon three public affairs resolutions which were:

1. The funding of children's hospices. The Association of Children's Hospices (ACH) would like to see greater awareness, understanding and recognition of the valuable community service that children's hospices provide and a related interest in the level of statutory support they receive. They are working with adult hospices as part of the hospice movement and do not wish to set themselves against adult hospices or see the funding for adult hospices reduced.
2. The payments of benefits at post offices. The meeting urged upon HM Government the importance of allowing people to continue to collect their pensions and benefits in cash at the post office beyond 2002. We are expressing our grave concern about the threat to small rural post offices and shops and are urging the Government not to take any action which would jeopardise the future of rural post offices.
3. Stroke victims – treatment and therapy. Strokes are the third biggest killer. They are the largest single cause of disability, with 60,000 deaths per annum, 10,000 of which affect those under retirement age and include children and teenagers. Half the sufferers get no specialised or organised care.

The meeting gave a 'Yes' vote for all resolutions.

Our June meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st June at 7:30pm in the Gable Hall. Mrs Marianne Nash spoke to us about *The History of Silk Painting*. Visitors and new members will be warmly welcomed to all our meetings.



## ASHRIDGE OPEN GARDEN - SUNDAY 23rd July 2:00-5:00pm

An opportunity to experience the vivid summer colours of the beautiful gardens when the College grounds in Lt Geddesden will be open in aid of The Children's Society. The new Italian garden, parterre and rose garden should all be at their best at this time and after a pleasant stroll round the extensive parkland you can relax and enjoy tea in the Fernery and purchase home-made cakes, while the children will be entertained by various side-shows. Please bring your friends along.

Admission £2.00, under 16s free. All profits will be donated to The Children's Society

	<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 61 Kitsbury Road. <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 Tuesday / Friday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804 <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. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

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## JULY

3	8:00pm	Service with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> toddlers service <i>An Invitation to a Party</i> plus activities etc.	<i>All Saints'</i>
7	10:00am	<i>Little Fishes</i> service plus activities etc in the Court House	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast (breakfast in Court House)	<i>St Peter's</i>
16	6:30pm	Pepper Praise in the Centenary Hall ( <i>no Evensong at St Peter's</i> )	

## AUGUST

7		<i>No Service with Prayers for Healing</i>	
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Registers

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

21 May	Megan Louise Swinton, Rebecca Mary Dawes, William David Charles Oldman, Ben Thomas Galvin
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### Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

14 May	Jonathan James Backhouse
21 May	Eleanor Kate Paterson, Harry Pieter Michael Paterson

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

20 May	Neil Hugh Turpin & Wendy Margaret Hawes
27 May	Jamie Mabbs & Rachel Denise Kay Bradford

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## Young people at St Peter's and All Saints'

### St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Angela Dunford (875226) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Nicole Addy (381426)

### All Saints'

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:15 to 10:15am. Sunday school caters for 3-9 year olds; Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Children from both groups join the service in time for Communion. On the third Sunday in the month there is a Family Eucharist when everyone is together for the whole service. Contact Kathy Beaumont (384453) or Felicity White for Pathfinders (863526). Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Sandra Simpson (384915).

### Youth Groups

The youth fellowship meets in the Court House each Sunday 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Christina Billington (385566).

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' hall. Contact Christina Billington (385566).

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29



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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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