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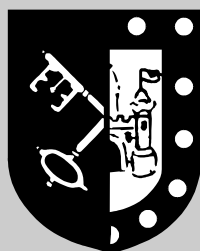
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Welcome to the January 2001 issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Well, we really are, at last, in the 21st century. There was last year an almost universal desire to start the new millennium and therefore the new century on 1st January 2000. We were all, however, 'a bit previous', strictly speaking.

The plain fact was that the first year of the Christian era was AD One. (Apart from any other consideration, the concept of AD Zero, which might have occurred to today's computer-literate generation, could not have been used because the Arab sage who invented the idea of zero was not to be born for more than another thousand years). This meant that the first century did not end until 31st December AD 100, now the twentieth century until 31st December 2000. At the risk of being thought pedantic I hope that clears the matter up for at least another ninety-nine years!

Anyway, we wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year of 2001.

David Woodward

Cover: The newly installed Millennium window in the north aisle of St Peter's church. An article by David Pearce in the October 2000 issue of the Review described the background to the window and its contents. You're urged to inspect first hand!

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Hold fast

Fr Robin Figg says that the New Year is a good time to resolve to hold fast to the ideals taught by our Saviour.

Vines

John Cook speculates on the future of our local vineyards.

Upgrading the railway?

With the railways in chaos **Ian Reay** has serious concerns about Railtrack's plans to upgrade the line through Berkhamsted.

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Stanley Sharpe thinks that Berkhamsted is in danger of being left out.

Completing Metroland

Stephen Halliday rounds off his review of the development of Metroland.

Appraising the future

Rev Peter Hart urges us to resolve to get involved in the process of change.

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

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review leader

**Fr Robin Figg
urges us in the
New Year to hold
fast to ideals taught
by our Saviour.**

Happy new year!
If I wanted to be
pedantic I could
also wish you
'Happy new mil-
lennium'! New
year, new millen-
nium, the key
word is *NEW*.

Newness brings with it hope and expectation.

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

New year is traditionally a time for us to reflect on the past. Not only the year that has just gone, but also events and people from long ago in our lives, come to our minds at this time of year. Memories, both happy and sad rush in as we consider our lives, see what we got wrong (or right!) and resolve to make a fresh start.

*Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.*

This year we will be hearing lots of resolutions; the general election looms. The parties will be wooing us with promises. I forecast with some confidence that we will be hearing pledges to increase numbers of midwives, doctors, nurses, teachers and police officers: to shorten NHS waiting lists, reduce class sizes and cut crime figures. These are laudable aims and I hope that it is the intention of every politician to work towards them.

*Ring out the slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.*

We will be given pledges of tax cuts and promises that the services mentioned will not suffer from the drop in revenue. It is a sad indictment that our politicians target our wallets rather than our hearts and consciences.

*Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of our times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.*

We can easily become disillusioned by our world. Each day we hear of the effects of humankind's destructive intolerance of those with a different viewpoint, religion or culture. Fighting perpetually tears even the Holy Land.

*Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.*

As Christians we are called to work and pray for the good of the whole human race and not purely to follow our human avarice.

*Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.*

As we start this new millennium, my fervent hope and prayer is that we as Christians can hold fast to the ideals set out for us by our extraordinary Saviour and work together to improve our community, our nation and our world.

*Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

Happy New Year!





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Vines

Peter Latchford tells me that they have safely gathered in their grape harvest at Frithsden vineyard, despite the terribly wet autumn. I do hope that he and his wife who set up the enterprise a good few years ago now are able to make another success of this vintage. If you are interested in buying some good local wine why not give them a ring and arrange to pop over for a tasting.

Perhaps if the predictions of global warming are born out the English climate will become more conducive to vine growing and others will be encouraged to turn south-facing slopes of our local countryside over to producing grapes. It is a remarkable fact that there were more vineyards in England when the Domesday Book was made in 1086 than there are now, which might suggest that the climate was better then than it is today.

The Domesday Book tells us that there was a vineyard in Berkhamsted then, and that is not the only connection that Berkhamsted has had with wine-growing in the past. Old maps from the 19th and early 20th centuries show that a lot of land in and around the Town was given over to nurseries in those years, and in some of the greenhouses vines were propagated – and even exported to France and Germany.

Today two of our friends have substantial vines growing in their gardens in Berkhamsted that regularly bear good crops of fruit.

Finally we have our High Street vine, climbing up the front of the Barber Shop opposite Chesham Road. A picture painted early in the 19th century shows this vine was flourishing then, so it is probably at least 200 years old. Most years it produces something resembling embryo grapes, but I can't remember that they ever came to anything, despite the favourable situation against a south-facing wall. Who knows, though, what it might do in the future with the world warming up.

A Local Charity

£200 per household for Christmas heating and a £5 hike in the state pension from next spring might seem enough to set the elderly up pretty well for the foreseeable future. But even so there are still bound to be some cases of hardship, particularly among old people living on their own. As mentioned in this column some time ago there is a charitable trust - actually a number of old charities administered together by trustees - which has limited funds to help people who are in particular need in Berkhamsted. The income is not large and payments from it can only be made within the laid down restrictions; but if anyone knows of an elderly person to whom some modest help would be appropriate they might like to contact the clerk of the trust, Gordon Hufford on 864124.

The Shock of the New

So the new window has at last appeared in St Peter's - not a day too soon as it turned out as the window it replaced really was on its last legs – faded, battered and unsafe. If you have not seen the new one do pop in and have a look – it's the first one on the left from the door. In fact there is no need for you to be told that: it is so different from the others that you can't miss it. Unlike the stained glass in most of the other windows it is clear plate glass, engraved and with touches of restrained

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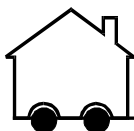
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colour. There is a leaflet there with an explanation by David Pearce which tells you all about it.

To split or not to split

Colin Davies in the December issue of the *Review* takes me to task for attacking split infinitives, and gives his reason for quite liking them. To avoid boring everyone to death I had better not pursue the argument any further here, tempted as I am.

H W Fowler in his *Oxford Book of English Usage* says that the English speaking world is divided into (1) those who neither know nor care what a split infinitive is; (2) those who do not know, but care very much; (3) those who know and condemn; (4) those who know and approve, and (5) those who know and distinguish. That was written over 70 years ago and things haven't changed much – except that now the BBC has gone from condemning to approving. Those who neither know nor care, Fowler says, are the vast majority and a happy folk to be envied.

A 19th Century Arrest

A friend has given me a copy of an Open University document produced for their course on the history of science and engineering, with a section in it about the development of the electric telegraph. It cites an incident in 1845 that sharply and melodramatically focused public attention on the potential of this new technology. People still knew little about the electric telegraph before the publicity it received when it was used to apprehend a criminal, John Tawell, the town surveyor of Berkhamsted. His crime was murder.

Tawell poisoned a woman called Sarah Hart in her cottage near Slough. He was seen to board a train at Slough station, but a full description of him was telegraphed to Paddington with a request to the London police to shadow him on arrival. Eventually Tawell was arrested in Cannon Street and after a sensational trial which attracted tremendous interest he was

convicted. His sentence was death, and he was publicly hanged at Aylesbury. At that time there was a campaign to end public executions, and the newspapers seized the chance to describe all the unseemly details. *The Times* reported that even children were allowed to sport and gambol beneath the scaffold.

But previously John Tawell had apparently been a respected and model citizen of Berkhamsted, always dressing in the Quaker's traditional long coat and broad-rimmed hat, and involving himself in all sorts of good works in the Town. He lived in the Red House in the High Street - the big house that is still there opposite the yew tree.

Sixty -five years later there was to be another use of cutting-edge technology in securing the arrest and execution of a murderer, this time by the newly invented wireless. The criminal caught by this means was the notorious Dr Crippen.

A Credit to the Town

Just as I had thought I had finished this article, Joe Collier who runs Eastman's Butchers' Shop in Gravel Path rang up to say that he had heard that at the National Industry Awards for 2000 he had been declared Independent Meat Retailer of the Year. Congratulations to Joe for gaining this accolade to add the many others he has won. ❖



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I, like many residents in the town, commute regularly to London on Silverlink trains. In the dreadful few months before Christmas, whilst on one of my many journeys - crammed, delayed and angry - the thought occurred to me that this situation is the kind of thing that would become much more frequent if Railtrack got their way with their upgrade idea.

It is by now well known that Railtrack wants to upgrade the fast tracks on this line so that trains can travel at 145mph compared to the current top speed of 110mph. But since these plans were first made public we have had a cracked line at Hatfield, a tragic derailment and the death of four passengers. As a consequence, Railtrack were obliged to place speed restrictions on all their lines while safety checks were carried out. The result has been chaos on the railways ever since: fewer trains and longer journey times. Huge numbers of frustrated travellers have moved onto the roads causing the worst congestion in London ever experienced.

In the new safety regime that is bound to follow I wonder if it can now possibly

council & news & views

Town councillor **Ian Reay** reports on an imaginative scheme to bring some solid local benefits to the town.

make sense to introduce the speed upgrades that Railtrack wants. Part of the reason for the apparent deterioration in the quality of the track was the pressure the rail businesses were under to keep prices down and to run trains on time - or face heavy fines. This clearly meant cutting the time for track maintenance down to a

minimum. But what would have been the effect if the Hatfield train had been travelling at 145mph? The casualties would surely have been much worse. At the same time more intensive use of the faster tracks would make safety checks more difficult to do.

Last October, in the town hall, a meeting was held on Railtrack's West Coast modernisation plans. The purpose of the meeting was to tell those people who might wish to object about the procedures and crucial dates. There will be ten separate venues spread along the line from Kenton to Kendal. Berkhamsted will be one of the towns where the inquiry will take place. Here the transformer at Dudswell and the pressure relief shaft at Tunnel Fields will be dealt with. Objectors need to submit their 'proofs' to the inquiry by the 4th July 2001. All the levels of local government - the town, the borough and the county - are opposed to this plan and in addition the Northchurch Tunnel Action Group will object. Objectors raised the safety issue at this meeting. The Inspector agreed to ask the DETR what was meant by the phrase 'health and safety implications' of the upgrade proposals. It now looks as though that phrase will take on a new significance.

Another lesson, bearing on the upgrade proposal, can be learnt from the recent chaos on the railway. It is also expected

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Chaos on the railways: nothing new as can be seen from this 1924 poster. LMS ran the line though Berkhamsted.

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Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year! Year 2000 seems to have gone so quickly. Have we done anything worthwhile with it? Well, the Mothers' Union can answer that one - it went to the rescue! Remember some of the big disaster events that happened during the year? In February,

Mozambique and Madagascar were affected by severe floods. In July, pictures of emaciated children and adults in Ethiopia prompted international appeals for food and money... to name but a couple of instances.

The Mothers' Union Relief Fund helps communities hit by disaster, whether man made or natural. We have networks of Mothers' Union workers all over the world, who work quickly to ensure that food and emergency supplies can quickly reach areas where people are worst affected.

During last year, £10,000 went towards food, clothes and emergency shelter for those affected in Mozambique, following the floods. £2,000 went to each of ten

THE MOTHERS' UNION

June Haile explains how the Mothers' Union is actively involved with disaster victims.



dioceses in Tanzania in response to food shortages. £6,000 went to Angola for food and supplies for camps for displaced people. £34,000 went to dioceses in Kenya during 1999 and 2000 in response to food shortages and towards the purchase of seeds. These are just a few instances.

The relief fund also helps those affected by war and conflicts. The ethnic conflict in the Solomon Islands which came to a head in June last year, displaced thousands of people from their homes. Local Mothers' Union members fundraised and with a small grant from the relief fund were able to provide immediate essentials for them.

The Mothers' Union *cares*. By helping families and communities raise their standard of living in the long term, they are better able to cope when disaster strikes. Even a small grant from the relief fund goes a long way. The Mothers' Union Branch in Berkhamsted is proud that we do our bit to help fund raising for the relief fund. We know that people in need are reassured that we are thinking about them. ❖

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that as a result of the upgrade to the fast line there will be a reduction in service to commuters - whose trains may only use the slow tracks and will also have to share them with more freight trains. The reduction in the number of trains experienced in the months following the Hatfield crash has caused commuters from Berkhamsted to be crammed together in conditions as bad as on the Northern Line in the rush hour. This is a taste of what may become a frequent experience for Berkhamsted commuters if Railtrack get

their way. Many people will change permanently to the roads to get to work and so put themselves in greater danger. Statistics, published by *The Economist* recently, show that when we travel a mile on the road we are twelve times more likely to be killed in an accident than if we travel a mile on the railways.

There is something we can all do to help. We should all write to John Prescott describing our fears for the impact on the rail service. Details are available from the town council. ❖

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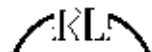
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Is Berkhamsted overlooked? Certainly it is from my point of view – in more ways than one.

For the last nine months, my wife and I have enjoyed the view from our top flat in Chesham Road.

‘Enjoyed’ is too small a word – we’ve revelled in it. North, west and south, there is always something to delight and interest us.

When the sun shines, its light is reflected off a surprising number of white and cream walls; when there is rain, the green hills to the North are shrouded in mysterious mist.

Every night, there is the gently floodlit beauty of St Peter’s (we never close our curtains) and to the west the unending stream of car lights descending the steep slope of Charles Street.

On weekdays, we have a Lowry view of Victoria School as the youngsters explode into the playground. Their energy, their noise is awe-inspiring. Their energy is equalled at the weekend by young men in Butts Meadow playing football and their noise is echoed by older men imparting loud advice.

However, we come down to earth when we walk along Chesham Road. The condition of this one-way street is typical of how Berkhamsted is being overlooked by the authorities who are responsible for its upkeep. The one-way signs at the High Street junction were turned to the wall by vandals months ago – nothing has been done. Safety railings, dented by demented drivers, stay unrepaired. The two signs stating that there is no parking outside the school remain although the school went years ago. They peep through the foliage – at least they peeped before the foliage was cleared away so that they can convey their outdated message more clearly. The ‘grass’ triangle at the entrance to Priory

IS BERKHAMSTED OVERLOOKED?

Stanley Sharpe contrasts the beauty of many aspects of our town with the general level of care given to it.

Gardens is rarely cut... I won’t bore you with more except to complain about the rubbish randomly distributed by youngsters on the way to and from school.

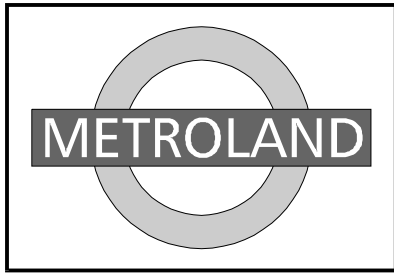
All of this is within a hundred yards of where we live. I bet that you can quote similar or worse

experiences.

It is too easy to vent our spleen on Dacorum borough council, which has to serve over 132,000 citizens, or on the county council with over a million under its care. What we *can* do is to blame the system. It would make much more sense to have really *local* government where the people who know the town can be held responsible for its upkeep. Since 1974 the town council has had no responsibilities except for taking care of the allotments and the opportunity to comment on Berkhamsted planning applications.

Yet, if there is a pot-hole which needs filling in or a loose paving stone to be dealt with or a street light not working we have to apply (often through our excellent warden) to a busy borough or an overworked county to try to get action. It has been claimed that ‘economy of scale’ justifies this centralisation of responsibility, but it is clear that no-one is getting value for money.

The town council is making overtures to the new directorate at the borough to devolve as much as is practically possible. Its chances of success would be greatly enhanced by the addition of your weight to the argument. This is best done in the form of a letter to the chief executive expressing the wish that the town should be more responsible for its own destiny. Thus the cleanliness and the tidiness of the town will be as good to see as the view we overlook from our flat windows. Make it a New Year’s resolution! ❖



Stephen Halliday concludes his series of articles on the development of Metroland with a look at the fringes of the region and the emerging of the Green Belt.

Not strictly Metroland

Other suburban communities sprang up in the early 20th century which were not served by the Metropolitan Railway and therefore were not strictly Metroland. However, they bore the same characteristics and served the same purpose for the underground railway companies in generating medium-distance passenger traffic. A striking example, on the fringe of Metroland, was Edgware. This village had grown up as a staging post on Watling Street (now the A5) where northbound horse-drawn vehicles could stop for hay and water. The coming of the railways in the 1830s robbed it of much of this traffic and at the dawn of the twentieth century it had barely two thousand inhabitants, served by a Great Northern Railway branch line from Finsbury Park. An enterprising estate agent and property developer called George Cross, recognising that there would be a demand for housing following the ending of World War I, purchased 70 acres of poor farmland in Edgware at £175 an acre close to the village centre. The rural character of the area was such that, on his first visit to his new property, Cross narrowly escaped death at the hands of a shooting party in pursuit of partridges. Five years later, in August 1924, the Hampstead Tube opened its extension to Edgware and three months later Cross began to advertise three-bedroom semis for £1,100. Premises around the station he let to Sainsbury's, W.H.Smith and the Midland Bank. By the end of the following year he had disposed of virtually all his property at a profit of £56,000 - four times his initial outlay. An elderly lady who had inadvertently

purchased a property close to the future Edgware station for £4,000 in 1921 was besieged by developers and sold it, reluctantly, for £29,000 shortly before the railway opened.

On 9th July 1926, the *Golders Green Gazette*, showing a friendly interest in the development of its northern neighbour, declared that Edgware was now a 'beautiful garden suburb, on a hillside facing south, protected from north winds and catching every gleam of sunshine'. By 1939 the population had reached 13,000 and Edgware had become the home of one of Britain's thriving Jewish communities who had followed the Northern Line out beyond the larger community of their co-religionists in Golders Green. A synagogue was opened in the 'beautiful garden suburb' of Edgware in 1934.

A limit is reached

An attempt to extend the line beyond Edgware met with fierce local resistance. In 1937 the London Passenger Transport Act authorised the extension of the Northern Line from Edgware to Bushey Heath and Aldenham, where the Board planned to build a new maintenance depot and sidings. This occurred at a time when the need to create a 'Green Belt' around London was being debated. Taking on the mantle of Henrietta Barnett in Hampstead, the headmaster of Aldenham School, G A Riding, wrote to *The Times* suggesting that the real motive of the Board was not to build a depot but to create a new source of passengers. The Labour MP, Philip Noel-Baker, better known for his work as a peace campaigner than for his views on underground

railways, denounced the proposed extension in Parliament. He forecast 'ribbon development of the absolutely atrocious kind' but despite these pleas to exclude Metroland style development from this part of Hertfordshire, work actually began on the extension and much of the depot at Aldenham was completed. During the war the depot was pressed into service as an aircraft factory and after 1945 it became a bus repair depot. It was never linked to the railway whose partly-built tunnels, viaducts and signal boxes were left to languish when work on them ceased at the outbreak of World War II. They remained for many years after the war as a forlorn reminder of a railway that might have been. Edgware, thanks to Hitler, remained the northern outpost of the Northern Line's version of Metroland.



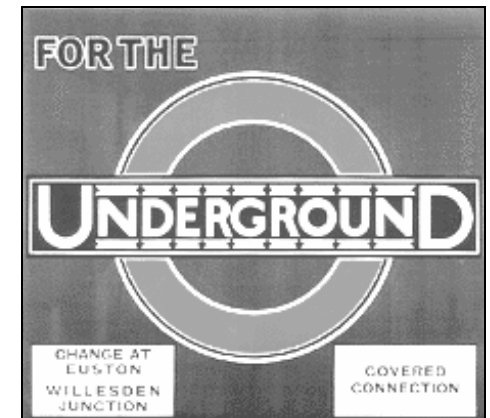
A Metropolitan Line carriage from 1890.

The Green Belt

In 1580 Elizabeth I issued a proclamation which forbade the construction of new buildings on a belt of land three miles wide around the City of London, the intention being to prevent the spread of plague. The effectiveness of this measure was severely compromised by the fact that dispensations could be granted in exchange for payments to the Crown – a source of revenue that was too tempting for monarchs who were usually short of cash. For the next three centuries the idea of a green belt around London was in abeyance.

In the early 1930s Raymond Unwin produced two reports for the LCC which

recommended that land devoted to playing fields and open spaces in the London area needed to be more than double the existing provision and that, to compensate for the lack of open spaces, a 'green girdle' of parkland should be created around the capital. The girdle would be about five miles wide and the outer boundary would pass close to Brentwood, Sevenoaks, Dorking, Slough and St Albans. Acting upon these recommendations the Labour leader of the LCC, Herbert Morrison, made an offer to neighbouring councils that the LCC would share the cost of buying up land in the 'girdle' and preserve it against development, £2 millions being set aside for this purpose. In little more than a year thirty square miles had been acquired by this means. In 1938 the *Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Act* gave statutory authority to the scheme, allowing councils to acquire land in the belt or to prohibit new development within it. This measure, in effect, set the boundary to Metroland and similar developments. Further refinements were incorporated in the Greater London Plan, 1944, of Patrick Abercrombie. The further expansion of London would leapfrog the Green Belt to new towns like Hemel Hempstead, Harlow, Stevenage and Crawley, well beyond the reach of the underground railways. ❖



The famous Underground roundel dating from the 1920s.

You may not know that in the 19th century not all the dark satanic mills were situated in the north. The green county of Hertfordshire, the town of Tring to be precise, had its share of harsh conditions.

As Great Britain was the first to experience the industrial revolution, it was also the first to exhibit the problems associated with child labour within a factory system. Child labour was not new. Children had been an intrinsic part of the agricultural and domestic workforce but there was an intensity of the exploitation with the coming of the factories. Factories systematised child labour, pauper and free, and exploited it with persistent brutality. Although reforms were being implemented from as early as 1833, children in certain industries lacked protection for many years. The pauper girls in Tring suffered from many problems. The lack of legislation, indifference to their education, harsh working conditions and health concerns are all recorded as causes of their suffering.

Much of our knowledge of conditions in the silk mill at Tring comes from the records of the Board of Guardians of St Margaret's Westminster, especially its correspondence with the mill owners. The board however wished to find employment for young paupers outside their central London parish: the employers wanted a supply of cheap labour. Their assessment of conditions tended therefore to be hopelessly optimistic. The Berkhamsted Poor Law Union, on the other hand, who had to pick up the pieces even in those harsh days, took a different view, pointing out the shortcomings in the way the young workers were treated.

THE DARK SATANIC MILLS OF TRING

The south had its share of the horrors of 19th century mills as
Cynthia Wheatley explains.

The pauper children at Tring Mill

The silk mill at Tring was built in 1824 by a William Kay and let to a Messrs David Evans and Co. of London. The escalating costs in London made Tring an attractive proposition for manufacturers, its proximity to the

London market via the canal and later the railway helping with its development. At one time Tring was known as 'little Manchester'. The occupational structure in the 1851 census shows that Tring employed 20 per cent of its population in the textile industry, the majority being female. Approximately 50 per cent of these workers were described as apprentices coming from London parishes. The census for the whole of Hertfordshire shows that about 36 per cent of children in the workforce between the ages of five and fourteen worked in silk mills. This confirms that employment in textile mills was not the preserve of the industrial north and that factory employment was not unknown in the south.

Working conditions

The cotton industry is the one most identified with the changes and social conditions brought about by the industrial revolution, but conditions in the silk mills were also harsh. The hours were long and exacting. Younger children sometimes towards the end of a 12 hour day were urged to their work by being beaten with canes. Sometimes the material cut their hands so that the blood was running down to the ends of their fingers.

A description of the mill at Tring and its working conditions was written by Lucy Luck who was born in Tring in 1848. When she was nine she was sent to the mill. 'The first day I went to work I was so frightened by the noise', she said, and continued 'I was too little to reach my work and so had to have what they called a



Tring silk mill: an 1890 photo from the HALS local studies collection.

wooden horse to stand on'. She was supposed to have half days off for schooling but records, 'I did not get many half days at school'. She began full-time work at the age of 11.

The chartist poet Gerald Massey also worked at the mill from the age of eight. No wonder that he said he had no childhood. He later wrote a poem describing the mill bell and its psychological effect on him, comparing the sound to that of a church bell.

Maltreatment

A rather more serious case of abuse occurred in 1851. Mary Ann Beard, a pauper child at St Margaret's Westminster, was sent to Tring. Her brother had offered to provide for her but was refused. She appears in the 1851 census. In March of that year she was assaulted by a man 'upwards of 60, belonging to the works'. Correspondence between the mill manager, Mr Rowbotham, the Poor Law guardians and eventually Mr David Evans, the owner of the mill, culminated in the man being sent to jail for four months. He was then acquitted but dismissed from the mill. Mr Evans complains that the prosecution had cost him £53 0s 0d. The report on the visit by the overseers after the incident states 'bad examples of three or four girls from the parish of St Marylebone are causing much dissatisfaction and rebellion amongst the

children, but from their appearance, an examination of the food etc., the officers are of the opinion that the girls are well taken care of and that a benefit has been conferred on them in placing them in the situation.

In May 1852 two girls requested the sanction of the Board to allow them to come to London to see their families. Mr Rowbotham was decidedly of the opinion that this would be unwise and requested that

the Board authorize him to reward each apprentice with 6d for good conduct, rather than expose any of them to the risk of falling into bad company. This was repeated several times, the girls being very rarely allowed to see their families. In May 1853, Eliza Phillips wanted to see her ailing grandmother but was refused.

In 1853 the Board confirmed its intention to continue sending girls to Tring mill 'not only on account of saving Parish money, but by the benefits derived by the pauper children themselves'. In August of that year the overseers paid a surprise visit to Tring and 'were pleasantly surprised by the cleanliness and cheerfulness of the girls', but a different picture emerges from 1856. The Berkhamsted Union began a series of letters to the Poor Law commissioners in London, complaining about the treatment of the girls. Their main complaint, and one that is repeated over the next few years is that once they are out of their time the majority of them do not follow a trade. Perhaps the real anxiety was that the girls became the responsibility of the Berkhamsted Union and that problems arose. 'Vast number of girls who have wrought in factories are driven to prostitution when they are deprived of employment'. ❖

Next month: How things gradually began to improve.

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A number of people in Berkhamsted have found that the Emmaus study courses provide an opportunity to explore aspects of the Christian faith in an open, helpful environment.

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anybody who would like a 'taster' of what Emmaus has to offer. The second course goes into greater depth and is suitable for those who want to 'brush-up' their existing experience.

The first course will be led by John Malcolm. With the title *How Christians Grow*, the four evenings look at 'learning to pray', 'reading the Bible', 'belonging to the Church' and 'sharing Holy Communion'. This course will run on Wednesday evenings at Landswood, Shootersway, from 17th January to 7th February, starting at 8.00pm

Father Mark Bonney will lead the second course, titled *Growing in the Scriptures*. It will be run on Tuesday evenings at the Rectory from 16th January to 6th February and will also start at 8.00pm. Three evenings explore the Old Testament as a background to the final evening introducing the New Testament.

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Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on each side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat gently in left arm and repeat process.

Retrieve cat from bedroom, pick up and throw soggy pill away.

Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for count of ten.

Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call partner in from garden.

Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get partner to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into cat's mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill out of foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep up shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set on one side for gluing later.

Wrap cat in large towel and get partner to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with a pencil and blow into drinking straw.

Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, drink glass of water to take

taste away. Apply plaster to partner's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door just enough so that head is showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Throw t-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.

Ring fire brigade to retrieve cat from tree across road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into mouth followed by a large piece of fillet steak. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

Get partner to drive you to casualty department. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearms and removes pill from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home and order new dining table.

Arrange for RSPCA to collect cat and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

HOW TO GIVE A PILL TO A DOG

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Rain

Elizabeth Jackson writes:

When we were in New Zealand at the end of 1998 the weather was appalling; they had had a bad Spring and it looked as though the early summer was going the same way, with day after day of gloomy, cold and wet weather as well as extensive flooding in some places. We were at this point in Greymouth, which is on the west coast of South Island and I hope it will not offend anyone if we say, 'grey by name and grey by nature'. We were to visit the Franz Joseph Glacier and take a helicopter ride to see its full extent. We never did manage this as the weather continued inclement for three days, but, during this time we visited a very good cultural/information centre where we found the following verse. It just about sums up our English weather at the present time:

*It rained and rained and rained,
the annual fall was well maintained.
When the tracks were simply bogs
It started raining cats and dogs.
After a drought of half an hour
We had a most refreshing shower.
And then, most curious of all,
A gentle rain began to fall.
Next day but one was fairly dry
save for one deluge from the sky
which wetted the party to the skin.
And then, at last, the rain set in*

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Thank you

Muriel Lander writes:

As a result of my writing in the October *Review* about my interest in the occupation of Britain by the Romans, to my surprise and delight I had phone calls from three readers. They were Mike Limbrick, Mr Morrish and June Douglas.

The gentlemen pointed me in the direction of BBC2's *What the Romans did for us*, a truly fascinating programme which examined various Roman innovations.

Then June rang and offered to lend me a book dealing with the subject – an offer I was delighted to accept.

In addition to these calls Susan Johnson wrote a letter in the December *Review* recommending the book *Life in Roman Britain* by Anthony Birley.

So thank you, the four of you, for bothering to read my very short article and for coming forward with help to improve my knowledge.

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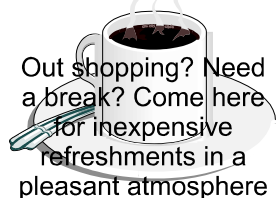
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Street Angels

Liz Baxendale

There was an angel sitting in the street
With tangled hair, a smutty face, bare feet.
'Angels', I thought, 'are ageless'
The one barely five
So thin, ethereal pale and scarce alive.
A passerby, well-dressed, well-fed and
stout,
Put hand in bag
And taking coin out
(Enough to buy a loaf of bread)
Dropped it
And patted the angel's tousled head.
A tiny hand enclosed its silver gleam
A meal! Reality
Not just a dream.



Within a month, beside the Pearly Gates,
There stood the passerby.
Well-dressed, he waits
Wondering if he should push the gate
And enter in;
Considering, with troubled mind, his sin.
And then, a tiny cherub swung the great
gate wide
"Come in", the cherub said.
He stepped inside.
The cherub slipped a tiny hand in his
And led him on, until the pair stood
before The Throne.
The cherub tugged God's robe
"May my friend stay? He helped me 'ere I
died"
"Of course he may", God smiled, and said
"At least he tried".

To a Baby Godson

D A Roy

*You dimple and twinkle
And try out all your limbs.
You soon fit your body!
Now you are but a King
Whose subjects, to ease you,
Will every comfort bring.*

*For kingship is hollow,
You find out in the end
(When you have learned to reason)
Heart's-easing comes from friends
I wish great luck for you sweet lad
With health, in a happy blend.*



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**Revd Peter Hart
says in this new
year we can all
make a real
difference.**

'A new year, a new opportunity.' How frequently has that been expressed? Is it ever true? There are now so many 'new years' in any given 12 month

period that we would be forgiven for not noticing - new tax year in April, new academic year in September, new Church year at Advent, not January, two new car registration number prefixes - we don't make resolutions on those occasions, why should we make a great fuss about January 1st? There is, however, something special about the changing of the year's number and the possibility of spring and summer that January seems to indicate, that makes for a time of self-appraisal and personal goal-setting, to use management speak.

What are the issues that have raised their ugly head over the past year that we would wish away for this year? Railway gloom, floods, violence between Israel and Palestine, failure properly to address solutions to global warming, BSE as a major threat to the food chain in Europe, the devastation wrought by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, homelessness, racial tensions at home and abroad, the devaluing of the democratic process by voter apathy - the list can be added to at will. But who am I, we may object, to have any impact upon such massive issues? The new year calls us to address just that - can I make an impact upon global issues, or national issues, by myself?

The answer is both yes and no.

Yes, the individual can make their voice heard. We can use our cars less and

ensure that our houses are more energy efficient while turning down our heating. We can affect markets by the way we shop and the choices we make about food. We can resolve to vote whenever we are given the freedom to do so. We can eradicate those deep-seated suspicions and fears of those we do not know or do not recognise as 'one of us' in a deliberate policy of welcome and inclusion for all God's children, and we can dig deep and give of our hard-earned cash and much-loved time to support charities and further their work, locally, nationally and internationally.

No, we cannot do everything as individuals; the voice of the group is always greater than the lone cry. As a parish, as a community, as a town, we must mobilise, debate, pressurise those who take decisions to be inclusive, to be energy-efficient, to be just, to be merciful. For this to be effective, we must be informed, we must be aware of the conflicting arguments and familiarise ourselves with vested interests and power bases so that we are in a position to counter all that is blinkered or discriminatory. The Church must be at the forefront of this movement, informing, debating, campaigning, and bringing about change because our God is a God who includes everyone in his love, whose justice is impartial and whose generosity is beyond compare. His commitment to our world and us is seen in Jesus Christ, God living in his world as one of us. We must show our commitment to him by endeavouring to make his world reflect his character and his standards.

For opportunities to debate and gain information, watch this space!



Religious Education?

Following last month's article about Sunday school education, a salutary but true story from a retired teacher.

I read Vera Pullen's item in the December *Review* about the Sunday school 'training lady' with some amusement, for it invoked several memories for me.

The deputy head of one school I taught in went on a 'three-day course in religious education'. When he returned I asked what he'd learnt. "Well", he said, "it seems you can tell them anything as long as you don't mention God". Another head dismissed Christmas as "a lot of lies", but also told children that Ash Wednesday was the day on which people who'd been cremated were to be remembered! Halos on stone saints were "there to stop pigeon droppings running down their faces". These were serious statements, not jokes.

I eventually persuaded this head to give up religious education when, one Easter, a Muslim child was held up by the wrists and the assembled school (aged five to eleven) were asked, "How would you die if you were crucified?"

At least Vera's silly woman was dealing with adults mostly, and the children only once a week. With school assemblies held *every day* you may perhaps imagine just how much wrong, misguided and positively dangerous rubbish can be churned out by some folk to young, impressionable minds.

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Briar Way	Kingshill Way
Bridle Way	Meadway
Castle Gate Way	Midcot Way
Cedar Way	Ridgeway
Crossways	St Katherine's Way
Curtis Way	Shootersway
Dukes Way	Tortoiseshell Way
Fieldway	Trevelyan Way

BERKHAMSTED TOWN CENTRE ADVISORY FORUM

The next forum will take place in the Clock Room of the town hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 24th January. Everyone who is eligible to vote in Berkhamsted is urged to attend. The forum is a unique chance to hear from local councillors and officials at all three levels - town, borough and county. You will have the chance to put questions and to hear the reasons for local policies which directly affect you. Only if citizens take part in such exercises can we expect to have a properly-functioning local democracy. Those who have attended such functions in the past have almost universally said how interesting they have found it. Do come!

JERUSALEM JOY

Jerusalem Joy is a new Christian musical to be performed at the Adeyfield Free Church, Hemel Hempstead on Saturday 31st March 2001 at 7:30pm. The piece is by Roger Jones.

This is a great opportunity for singers of all types, new and experienced, to come and take part. (This even applies to any All Saints' people who might have some spare time in between rehearsals for the 25th anniversary concert in April). Rehearsals for *Jerusalem Joy* start on Wednesday, 10th January. Please contact Viv Dottridge on 862145.

BERKHAMSTED ARTS TRUST

You will have noticed that we have not reproduced the list of events sponsored by the Berkhamsted Arts Trust in the October to January issues. This was because the list - always informative and conveniently packaged - was more widely circulated around the town by the trust this winter than hitherto. Nevertheless, we now wonder whether readers would like us to include the list again.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION CONCERT

This spring we celebrate 25 years of sharing All Saints' church and 21 years of joint use of the halls by Anglican and Methodists. There will be a grand celebration concert at All Saints' on the evening of Saturday 28th April. Please put this date in your new 2001 diary now. If you would like to sing or suggest items for the programme please ring Pat Hearne (871270) or Ruth Treves-Brown (863268).

Dear Editor...

Have you got a point you'd like to make? Or a comment on something you've seen in the magazine? Then pick up a pen and write to us!

This is your magazine - we want to hear your comments, arguments and criticism. Don't leave it to someone else - our address is inside the front cover. And don't forget you can also email your letter to us, at review@c-of-e.freemasonry.co.uk.



FRIENDS OF ASHRIDGE

The Friends of Ashridge invite you to their programme of walks and gentle strolls in 2001.

Walks are of either a special or general interest. They may include rough, damp or uneven going. They usually take between 2 and 2½ hours and require pre-booking. The cost is indicated below with children at half price. To get tickets please write to Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7JT, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and an appropriate cheque payable to National Trust - Ashridge. In the details below map references (in brackets) refer to Ordnance Survey maps Landranger 165 or Pathfinder 1094.

On Thursday 3rd May at 7:00pm you can visit the *Bluebell Woods in Spring*. Meet at the visitor centre, Monument Green (SP 971 131). The cost is £3.00.

On Sunday 13th May at 6:00am, come to the Early Morning Bird Watch. Meet at Steps Hill grass car park, Ivinghoe Beacon end (SP 963 157). The cost is £4.00.

On Wednesday 6th June at 7:00pm come on an Historic Parkland Walk exploring the fascinating designed landscape of Ashridge Park. Meet at Ashridge College car park (SP 994 122). The cost is £3.00.

On Tuesday 3rd July at 7:00pm there is a chance to observe the Wildlife on the Ivinghoe Hills. Meet at Steps Hill grass car park, Ivinghoe Beacon end (SP 963 157). The cost is £3.00.

On Wednesday 8th August at 7:00pm you can join A Walk in the Woods. Meet at Frithsden Beeches; the route will be signposted along a private track from the toll road (SP 999 109). The cost is £3.00.

On Sunday 21st October at 7:00am there is a Walk looking at Deer. Meet at the B4506 end of Monument Drive (SP 978 128). The cost is £4.00.

On Friday 28th December at 10:00am come on a Christmas Walk. Meet at the Visitor Centre, Monument Green (SP 971 131). The cost of £4.00 includes a mince pie and mulled wine.

Gentle strolls do not have to be pre-booked and may take up to a leisurely two hours. The going is easier and more level than for the walks but not all hills can be avoided! Stout weatherproof footwear is recommended. A charge of £1.00 per person is collected on the day. The date and meeting places are:

Wednesday 14th March at 11:00am. Meet at Visitor Centre (SP 971 131)

Wednesday 11th April at 2:30pm. Meet at the Lady's Walk car park on B4506 south of the estate office (SP 978 121)

Tuesday 15th May at 2:30pm. Meet at Dockey Wood car park off Beacon Road (Ringshall to Ivinghoe Beacon) (SP 976 146)

Wednesday 13th June at 2:30pm. Meet at Toms Hill car park on the road from Aldbury to the B4506 (SP 968 118)

Tuesday 17th July at 11:00am. Meet at Steps Hill car park on Beacon Road (SP 963 157)

Sunday 19th August at 2:30pm. Meet at the Visitor Centre (SP 971 131)

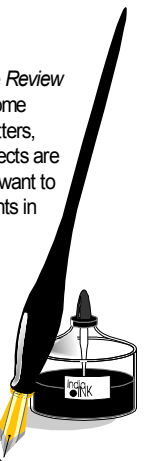
Wednesday 12th September at 11:00am. Meet at Long Ride car park off Beacon Road (SP 982 143)

Tuesday 16th October at 2:30pm. Meet at B4506 road end of Monument Drive (SP 979 127).

Something to say?

Well, write in and say it! The *Review* is your magazine - we welcome interesting articles, news, letters, photos and poetry. Our subjects are diverse, and we particularly want to include news of current events in the town.

So if you're organising an event tell us about it - you'll find contact details inside the front cover with copy dates for the next three issues.



DEMENTIA – AN AGE OLD PROBLEM, NOT AN OLD AGE PROBLEM

Most of us have heard of dementia – a term used to describe loss of mental powers and changes in behaviour and personality – but assume that it only affects the very elderly. In fact, although it is more common in the elderly, it can strike at any age and approximately 17,000 people in the UK under the age of 65 have dementia. About a third of these have Alzheimer's disease; in other cases it may be caused by a number of other illnesses.

The Dacorum branch of the Alzheimer's Society has set up a support group specifically to meet the needs of local people under 65 who have dementia and their families. The Early On-Set Dementia Support Group aims to offer information, advice and support through regular meetings and outings. They also want to increase awareness of dementia in younger people and campaign to improve the services available to them in the local area. If you would like more information about the support group please contact Norma Dean, branch secretary, on 252435. For general information about the branch please call 260088.

WEA COURSES IN BERKHAMSTED STARTING THIS JANUARY

The title of the new literature course on Monday evenings at 8:00 to 9:30pm from 15th January is *Thrillers and Detective Fiction: conservative or subversive?* So if you are a fan of Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie, Raymond Chandler and the like, you will enjoy yourself! The tutor, Elaine Hutton, will be helping us to investigate the nature and appeal of this fiction, the characterisation of and role of the detective in each novel, the importance of the plot and the significance of how the mystery is resolved. (This course is held in the Library.)

Dutch and Flemish Art with Judy Rich will be on Wednesday mornings between 10:30 and 12:00noon at the Friends' Meeting House, starting on 17th January. The period covered will be from the 15th to the 17th centuries and will illustrate the work of artists such as Van Eyck, Bruegel, Vermeer, Rubens, and

Rembrandt and examine portraiture, landscape, still life and flower painting.

The Operas of Verdi will follow on from the successful *Discovering Opera* course with tutor Jonathan Darnborough at the Friends' Meeting House on Wednesday evenings between 7:30 and 9:30pm starting on 17th January. The operas of Verdi dominated the second half of the 19th century and his extraordinary melodic gift together with his intuitive feel for dramatic structure means his work is still popular. We shall study *Nabucco*, *Rigoletto*, *Il Traviatore*, and *La Traviata* and there will be a visit to the Welsh National Opera production of *La Traviata* in Oxford. If you would like to enrol for any of these courses or have more information please phone Ann Baines on 872432 or Hazel Ward on 875899.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



For the last meeting of the year it was nice to see so many members and three visitors. They were welcomed by our president, Liz Baxendale, who with secretary Janet Mitchell took us through the business matters of the meeting.

Reports were given of our successful Group 7 craft show recently held at Ashridge and of the International Day held at St Albans.

Our speaker was Mrs Janet Naylor who gave us the most entertaining talk entitled *Ladies of the Halls*. We were handed song sheets and with Janet were able to sing well-known songs made famous by the past stars of the music halls such as Vesta Tilley, Lily Morris and Florrie Ford. An appreciation was given by Joy Lovell.

During an excellent Christmas tea with crackers and an individual present for each of us the raffle was drawn and the competitions judged.

Our next meeting on 5th January is at the Court House at 2:00pm. Start the new year by joining us –you will be made most welcome and meet new friends. ❖

SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist				
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House				
		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 Carole Dell 864706</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
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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.						
Mondays (except 1st)	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm at 9 Hall Park. Contact Victoria Macdonald on 384953.						
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 Joan Gregory 864829.						
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 Carole Dell 864706						
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196						
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804						
Tuesday / Friday	TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: Tues 1-3pm / Fri 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday						
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Nicole Addy 381426						
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.						
Sunday	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Carolyn Gunn 875865						

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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 2001

JANUARY

7	9:30am	Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>Court House</i>
11	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	
14	6:00pm	Choral Evensong and Sermon	<i>St Peter's</i>
16	10:15am	<i>Chuckles Service Jarius' little girl</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
30	10:15am	<i>Chuckles Service Friends who broke the roof</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>

FEBRUARY

2	10:00am	<i>Little Fishes</i> Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
2	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	7:30pm	Bridgewater Band: Sibelius, Saint-Saens, Respighi, Beethoven	<i>St Peter's</i>
13	10:15am	<i>Chuckles Service Jesus calms the storm</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>

Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

19 November Jake William Dunn Alderson

Funerals

14 November	Derrick Michael Angell	St Peter's (Kingshill)
29 November	Michael David Franklin	Chilterns Crematorium
29 November	Kathleen Emma Atkinson	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)

Young people

Churches

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Contacts

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)	Kathy Beaumont (384453)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	<i>Carolyn Gunn (875865)</i>
Church maintenance	Christopher Green (863241)	Martin Judd (865691)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	Cathline Blundell (862897)
Flower arrangements	Sarah Dawson (871614)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	Vacant	Vacant
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Ron Fisher (865846)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	Judith Limbert (873626)	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	Barbara Conway (865798)	Peter McMunn (874894)
Social events	Currently vacant	Jayne Harris (873974)
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Rodney Cottrell (384963)
Hospice contact	<i>Marjorie Bowden (871283)</i>	Vacant



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 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485
 The Revd Jim Lawrenson (Hon.Asst.Priest), Downside, 7 Torrington Road. Tel: 865999
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981
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 Tom Montague (Reader), 27 Hill View. Tel: 875320
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981
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 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway. Tel: 871598
 Churchwardens: Mrs Barbara Conway, 7 Kilfillan Gardens. Tel: 865798;
 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
Parochial Church Council: Secretary: Richard Foster, Vandykes, 29 Ashlyns Road. Tel: 863359
 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	Weekdays
8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)	Holy Communion
9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday 6.45am Thursday 11.00am Friday 9.15am
11.00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun)	Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am
6.00pm Evensong & Sermon (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')	Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:30pm Sat 5:00pm
	Holy Days - see weekly Notices

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

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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