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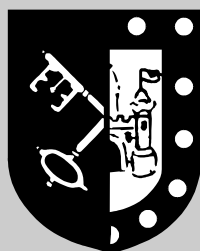
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Welcome to the September issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Autumn is drawing closer and with it the end of the holiday season. If you haven't taken your holiday yet, then lucky you! But for the rest of us – if we've managed to grab a few days in the sun, of course – then the hope is that you've returned suitably refreshed and with a new enthusiasm!

Now is the time, therefore, to be looking for avenues to make your new-found energy pay dividends. Fr Mark Bonney writes this month about opportunities to channel this into your spiritual growth – and there are many, as you'll see from the leader on page 3.

Of course, there are also other ways of harnessing one's vigour and at the same time avoid falling back into the same old rut you vacated before the holidays. Space doesn't allow me here to run through the range of opportunities available for investing a little of one's time to the benefit of the community, but a flick through the pages of the *Review* each month will soon reveal many examples (this month is no exception).

And by the way – if you did something interesting and unusual during your holidays, why not tell *Review* readers about it!

Chris Smalley

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Rev. Peter Hart celebrates the place of baptism in our lives.

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**Fr Mark Bonney
introduces some
ways to help us
in 'going for
growth'.**

Going for growth is the title of a pamphlet I read recently about strategies for increasing the numbers of people who come to worship in church. Numerical growth is not to be despised (and I hope and pray that more and more people will know and love God in Christ Jesus, and come to worship him), but alongside numerical growth there always needs to be growth in spiritual depth, growth in commitment and growth in discipleship. Regular corporate Sunday worship is a vital component in Christian spiritual growth. To be at the Lord's Supper, with the Lord's people on the Lord's day is a priority for those who take Christian discipleship seriously. But there are many who desire further nourishment as their spiritual journey deepens, and there are many opportunities for such growth within the parish and beyond. I wish to commend a number of things to you which will be happening this month or a little later.

House/home groups. Many have discovered that the small setting of these groups is an enormously supportive way to grow in knowledge of prayer and Bible study, in mutual love and care through a sharing of faith and experience. A Monday evening group reconvenes on 10th September (Linda Bisset, 862115), the Tuesday Study Group starts again on 11th September in the afternoon and welcomes those with small children for informal Bible study (Kate Semmens, 866531) and the Hillside group restarts its evening meetings looking at the *Letter to the Galatians* on 11th September (Rob and Julie Wakely, 875504). All these groups

review leader

are open and welcome new members, so please be in contact if you'd like to know more.

Emmaus Growth Course. A four week course looking at the Bible begins 8:00pm Wednesday 12th September at 'Landswood', Shootersway. John Malcolm is leading the sessions which are open to all – just give him a call on 874993.

Emmaus Nurture Course A Christian basics course for those enquiring about the faith, those preparing for Confirmation, or those in need of a refresher course (ideal if the last proper look at the basics was your own confirmation course when you were 12 years old!) Two initial five-week sessions will be on offer: 8:00pm on Wednesdays at 'Landswood', Shootersway beginning 10th October (John Malcolm, 874993) and 1:30pm-3:00pm on Mondays at the Rectory beginning 29th October (Fr Mark, 866194)

The Berkhamsted Retreat is a splendid opportunity to reflect and pray with the help of an experienced spiritual guide. It takes place 12th-19th October in the course of an ordinary week with prayer times and one-to-one guidance accommodated to work and home patterns. I would heartily commend this to anyone wanting to deepen their prayer life. Contact me if you wish to know more or to join.

St Albans Centre for Christian Studies held at St Albans Abbey is popular across the diocese and several Berkhamsted people attend. Course, lectures and workshops are advertised on leaflets to be found at the back of church or phone 01727 890205. *(continued on page 9)*

Cover: Fr Robin Figg, Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul at their farewell barbecue. See article on page 22. Photo: Chris Smalley



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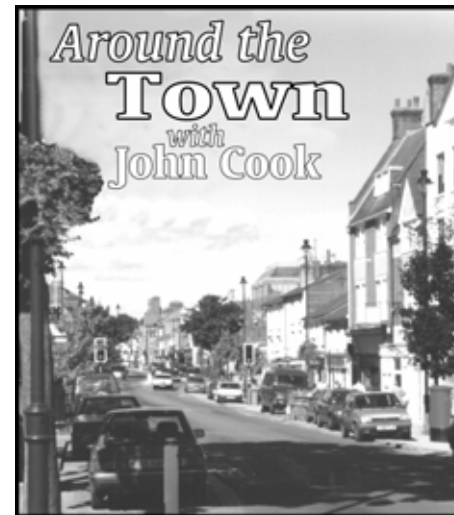
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What have the *Rex Cinema*, the red phone box outside *Dean Incent's House*, the old barn at *Castle Hill Farm* and the locks on the canal at *Northchurch* in common? The answer is that they are all listed as *Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest*. Perhaps you might not think of a canal lock or a telephone kiosk as a building, but as far as English Heritage is concerned that is what they become if they are considered worthy of being listed, and thereby, it is hoped, preserved. In *Berkhamsted* and *Northchurch* there are a total of 96 items on the list, which you can examine in the Town council's offices if you want to.

Can the list be added to? Yes; anyone can seek to have a building listed, but there are criteria and a procedure for making applications and they need to be submitted in a prescribed way. The list has not been changed for a number of years and the Town council and the Citizens Association are considering what additions there should be to the list. If there is any particular building you think is especially worthy of preservation you might like to let a councillor or a member of the Citizens Association committee know.

Television at the Station

Credit where credit's due: Silverlink Railways really are to be congratulated on the television monitors installed on the railway station to tell passengers of the state of the train service, now that they seem to have got the bugs out of them (I hope I am not speaking too soon).

Lately they have been working well, and if you glance at the one in the ticket hall as you go for the train you know instantly whether you need to rush up the stairs and risk a heart attack, or if you can take your time. And another benefit: they make the station seem a little less deserted after the staff there have all knocked off round about 5:00pm.

A Vision

Every organisation these days seems to need a vision, and *Dacorum Borough Council* is working towards having one. I wonder if you had as much difficulty as I did in filling in the form it sent round, seeking our participation in the process. We were asked to prioritise objectives set out for the borough council to achieve by the year 2010.

Much of the questionnaire, for me at any rate, seemed to be pie in the sky. When we were asked how important is it that *Dacorum* 'be a place where every individual will have the opportunity to fulfil their potential through helping others', my reaction was yes indeed, very much so; but is it necessary for such an ideal to be set down in a local government 'vision', and if so how do you give it a priority? Do we really need the council to have a policy on such matters? It seems to me that aspiring to hi-falutin' ideals is not what local government is about. So I filled in the form saying so, and that the council should concentrate on being efficient in what it had obligations to do, like emptying dustbins, cleaning the streets and so on, and not on how people should behave towards one another.

At the bottom of the form we were asked a few personal details, including what gender we were. I crossed this out

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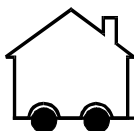
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and put sex instead. In my book only French adjectives and other such disagreeable things have gender. I expect they put my return in the file marked 'crackpots'.

Tough Medicine

One of Berkhamsted's older residents was saying the other day how things were when he was a boy. Sulphur – a principal ingredient of Cooper's famous sheep-dip – was brought by barges on the canal to Cooper's works, and one of his tasks was to coax the workmen unloading the barges to give him a lump of it to take home to his mother. She would then cut off a piece, pound it and mix the powder with treacle. He was given a spoonful of the resulting concoction every day – the legionary brimstone and treacle cure-all. With him it seems to have worked.

But when I mentioned this to another life-long Berkhamsted resident he pointed out that the properties of the sulphur were by no means all healthy. The men who had to handle it suffered from breathing its dust, and this often shortened their lives.

Local Bricks

Looking over the churchyard wall in Castle Street at the original building of Berkhamsted School you might wonder where the bricks for it came from, all those 460 years ago. It was then by far the largest brick building ever to have sprung up in Berkhamsted and for miles around, and its construction must have put a big demand on local brick-making resources, such as they were.

In the countryside all around Berkhamsted there are reminders that in the past bricks were made at lots of different places: Brickkiln Cottage near Frithsden Beeches, Brickhill Green on Chesham Road and the old Berkhamsted brickworks off Shootersway are some of them. Well into the 20th century, all along the Chiltern hills, small brickworks exploited the clay that in places overlies the chalk; but now they are all closed – with three exceptions, two of which are within three or four miles of Berkhamsted.

One is at Bovington, the other just along the road from it at Ley Hill.

With some others from the Citizens Association I had the opportunity the other day of being shown over the Ley Hill one, and very interesting it was. The manager explained how they start off there at a big disadvantage because their raw material is so poor: stony clay in small pits which is expensive to dig out and process – and that is before the actual making of the bricks can start. The manufacture is labour intensive too, particularly for those bricks that are still made by hand, although one man will mould 500 in a day. But it is a thriving works, producing a variety of shapes, sizes, colours and textures of bricks and tiles, and there is a good selection in stock. The quality of their bricks is such that they are used in restoration work at places like Hampton Court and Oxford colleges.

The new flats just up Chesham Road opposite St John's House were built with Ley Hill bricks, and very handsome they look. The quality of the brickwork, with its warm, multi-coloured red glow influenced the judges when the Citizens Association gave the building its Environment Award earlier this year.

If you are thinking of building a house or extending one you could benefit from a visit to Ley Hill brickworks to see what it has to offer, rather than leave it to the builder to pick the sort of bricks to use. After all, there is not much other local industry for us to support these days. ❖



The new flats in Chesham Road – constructed with local bricks from Ley Hill. Photo: Chris Smalley

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Margaret Burbidge, Kathie Lally and I attended the St Albans diocesan M.U. annual meeting at the Queen Mother Theatre in Hitchin on 18th July. This was a well attended meeting and as always competently and enthusiastically chaired by Mrs Elizabeth Brown, our president. We began our meeting as usual with prayer. All the various co-ordinators gave their reports about the ongoing work of the M.U. in prison premature baby units and in women's refuges. Work to maintain contact with new and old members who cannot leave their homes was described.

The main attraction of the evening was the address given by Mrs Christina Rees, General Synod member, who also broadcasts especially on *Thought for the Day*. Her subject was *The role of women in the Church throughout the ages*.

As you can imagine this was of great interest to the audience who were predominantly women, although I did see two gentlemen there! Christina was young and attractive, spoke with great sincerity and confidence and appeared very relaxed. She gave us a short account of the historical role of women: Sunday school teaching and missionary work were all quite acceptable to the Victorian male-orientated society, but in 1878 the

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Barnard reports on the recent diocesan Mothers' Union annual meeting.

Salvation Army encouraged women to take part in conducting worship and this was soon followed by the nonconformist denominations.

It wasn't until 1919 that women were even allowed to sit on Church of England PCCs. It seems that women have always had a 'bad press' in the established Chris-

tian Church from the time of St Augustine and this has been very difficult to overcome. Since 1919 there have been attempts to bring forward the ordination of women for discussion and in 1930 it was on the agenda at the Bishop's Conference. In 1944 the first woman was ordained in the Anglican Church in Hong Kong. As you know, ordination of women was eventually passed here by the General Synod in 1992. At the moment women cannot take on the role of bishop and the Church will soon have to make a decision on this issue. Christina closed her talk by underlining our care for each other in all these weighty matters and by stressing how our Christian understanding and love must be paramount in all our thinking. We closed our evening together by all standing and saying the grace with linked hands. This is always an inspiring finale to any Christian gathering.

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Meditation Group meets about twice a month afternoons/evenings and welcomes those who wish for a period of quiet prayer (contact Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves-Brown 863268)

Eucharist with Prayer for Healing and the Laying on of Hands has been an occasion for growth for several people. It is a quiet service with space for reflection,

music and prayer. Held in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's, 8:00pm on the first Monday of the month, all are welcome.

So there we have a number of opportunities for growing in prayer, faith and discipleship, and I hope that you will reflect and pray about whether any of these may be right for you.

Happy discipleship!

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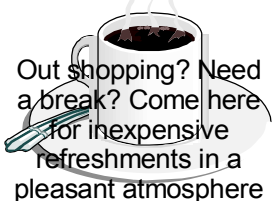
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It can take a long time in local government to get a simple task done. Take the case of the Meadow Road footpath. This runs from Meadow Road up the hill, past the end of Gaveston Drive, along the fence at the end of the sports ground of Bridgewater School, ending at a stile into open fields that lead onto the common. It is a favourite route for people, such as myself, who enjoy walking on the common.

Unfortunately, since the path rises steeply as it leaves Meadow Road, a heavy downpour of rain can cause a slurry of mud and stones to wash off the path onto the road and create an unsightly mess. For more than two years the town council has been trying to get something done about this.

The first problem was to find out who was responsible for the footpath. If it is a public right of way then the county council is responsible for its upkeep. The county council holds a map – known as the definitive map – on which are recorded all footpaths with right of way. From time to time this map is updated. At the time the houses were built the path was clearly a right of way, as its location must have influenced their position. Its extension can be traced on the other side of Meadow Road where it crosses a patch of green space, down to Bridgewater Road. It seemed a simple job to obtain a copy of the definitive map, check that the path was on it and then ask the county council to undertake an engineering project to prevent the slurries forming.

An exchange of correspondence with the county and borough councils over a period of several months led to the revelation that the path was not on the definitive map – although the extension

council & news & views

Local government can move at a snail's pace, says local councillor **Ian Reay**.

further down the hill to Bridgewater Road was. Clearly an error we thought, and the county council appeared to agree. Wait until the next update of the definitive map – due shortly – and then we can think about taking responsibility for the slurries, said the county council. Many more months passed and the revised

definitive map appeared. The footpath was still not on it.

Who then has responsibility for the upkeep of the path? Extensive discussions around the table at several town council committees, which meet once a month, could not come to a conclusion. Since accountability could not be discovered, the town council has taken the decision to do the work itself. That requires getting estimates and budgeting the work from within the council's comparatively meagre financial resources. Watch this space.

This is just one example. I could relate many others. For example, a traffic island on the main road at the end of Durrants Lane has been proposed and discussed for at least five years but with no result yet. The principal authorities are the ones that have the responsibility and duty to carry out works on public highways or open spaces. They have limited budgets and set their priorities across the areas of their responsibility – county or borough. Often the town council, with its narrower perspective, disagrees with their view and would like to set a higher priority for work in the town. I think that if the town wishes to disagree with the priorities of the principal authorities then it should be prepared to put its own money in and fund those things that it finds important enough to warrant it. It may still take a long time to get things done though.



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Dacorum Mencap Friendship Scheme

Hilary Roscoe, Friendship Scheme co-ordinator, introduces this valuable local initiative.

The Dacorum Mencap Friendship Scheme links volunteers one to one with adults who have learning disabilities and who need support in making the most of their leisure time - joining in familiar activities or trying out new ones.

Without help and encouragement, some people with learning disabilities find it hard to go out and use the leisure facilities in our community - the shops, parks, sports clubs and cinemas - and they can become lonely and isolated or over-dependent on carers.

We are looking for volunteers who have an interest they would like to share or who are willing to take up a new interest with their 'leisure partner'. Anything from swimming, car boot sales, drama, walking the dog ... or just a cup of tea and a chat in a local cafe. Once a volunteer is matched with a leisure partner, they will agree to meet regularly to share the activities they both enjoy in the wider community.

Could you be one of our volunteers? You should be at least 18 years of age, willing to give two references and to undergo a police check. We provide training to prepare volunteers before the link is made; there are support meetings for volunteers and social events for all participants in the scheme. Volunteers can claim out of pocket expenses.

To find out more about how you could help someone with a learning disability make the most of their leisure time, contact Hilary Roscoe on 247675. ❖

The Graham Greene Festival

27th-30th September

David Pearce, the festival's director, tells us about this year's celebration of the local author.

At the end of September Berkhamsted will be hosting the fourth Graham Greene festival: four days of events, talks and films for those who have an interest in our town's author. A specially commissioned coach tour will visit those parts of London that feature in autobiography and the novels. Judith Adamson comes from Montreal to talk about Greene's fictional women; Julia Llewellyn Smith comes from following Greene everywhere dangerous and then writing a book on her travels; Bernard Diederich comes from Florida to tell us of his friendship with Greene as he introduced him to the difficult republics of Central America.

England Made Me, *Travels With My Aunt* and *A Shocking Accident* are films to be shown at the Kodak Centre. The first of these will be the subject of various talks.

A session that may be of especial interest to our more local supporters will be with the broadcaster and antiquarian bookseller Rick Gekoski, who will talk about his dealings with Greene, and will suggest valuations for editions brought by the audience.

We hope to be able to welcome you, together with all those who now make this festival a date in their diaries. Brochures of all the programme details are available free from the Library. Tickets can be bought now by post from the Trust office, 'Rhenigidale', Ivy House Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 2PP. ❖

Transportation for Life

Recent controversy over the financing of the London Underground is as nothing compared with the early years of the system. Moreover the mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, is a shrinking violet compared with some of the vivid personalities who built and ran the

system in its early days. An early attempt, in the 1850s, to build an 'Arcade Railway' beneath the Farringdon Road was supported by the Great Northern railway whose directors wanted to link their terminus at Kings Cross to the heart of the City of London at Farringdon. For this reason the Great Northern took powers to subscribe £170,000 to the shares of the 'Arcade Railway'. Unfortunately one of its officers, Leopold Redpath, misappropriated the money and used it for 'the furnishings of magnificent houses and the purchase of articles of *vertu* by one who was undergoing the penalties of the law for his conduct'. Redpath was sentenced to transportation for life but that didn't help the proposed underground link to Farringdon which was not completed until 1863.

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The challenge of financing
London's Tube isn't a
recent phenomenon, as
Stephen Halliday reveals.

A Tunnel and a Tower

In its early years the Underground consisted of a number of separate companies, some of them openly hostile to others. The Metropolitan District Railway (now the District Line) paid no dividends for years since it struggled to keep up interest payments on the loans it

had raised to finance its construction in the 1860s. During the 1870s its chairman, James Staats Forbes, conducted a feud with the pugnacious chairman of the Metropolitan Railway, Sir Edward Watkin, over their joint operation of the Circle Line. Each accused the other of running too many trains, stealing passengers and antagonising shareholders. Watkin was preoccupied with creating a railway service from Manchester to Paris via Baker Street, Moorgate and a channel tunnel which he began to build near the site of the present tunnel. Parliament, of which he was a Member, stopped him. The government feared that the French would use it as an invasion route. They were not re-assured by Watkin's assurance that he could 'blow it up in three seconds' by pressing a button on his desk. Watkin also attempted to stimulate excursion traffic on the Metropolitan Railway by building a superior version of the Eiffel Tower near the company's line at Neasden but the project collapsed when people failed to visit it. The partially completed tower was blown up in 1907 and the site was taken over by Wembley football stadium.

'Buy up old junk, fix it up a little and unload it upon other fellows'.

Into this mayhem, in 1900, stepped Charles Tyson Yerkes (rhymes with 'turkeys') to 'rescue' the London Underground from the hapless condition into which it had

fallen. Yerkes had deployed his unconventional financial methods to create urban transport systems in Chicago. He had served a seven month jail sentence for fraud and narrowly escaped a lynch mob of angry investors whom he had relieved of much of the value of their assets. When questioned by a journalist about his business methods he described them, disarmingly as 'Buy up old junk, fix it up a little and unload it upon other fellows'. Yerkes proposed to transform the fortunes of the network by introducing electric trains, thus disposing of the steam trains which had turned the network into a series of steaming, smoking, choking tunnels from which passengers emerged gasping for air. Yerkes also proposed to extend the network by building the first section of the Piccadilly Line, from Hammersmith to Finsbury park; and the Northern Line, from Charing Cross to Golders Green and Highgate.

Death in the Law Courts

Finally, Yerkes proposed to complete the Bakerloo Line from Baker Street to Elephant and Castle via Waterloo. This had been the brainchild of Whitaker Wright, a flamboyant financier who had made a fortune through mining in America. Construction of the Bakerloo

began in 1898 but ceased when Wright went bankrupt. He prudently moved to France to escape his creditors and, when extradition was threatened, fled to the USA. He was brought back, tried for fraud and sentenced to seven years penal servitude. He left the court, loudly proclaiming his intention to appeal and then collapsed, having swallowed some cyanide capsules. In his pocket a policeman found a loaded revolver which he had evidently been carrying throughout the trial. He was buried in the grounds of his palatial mansion at Witley, Surrey amidst his landscaped gardens, private theatre, observatory, lakes and an underwater billiard hall encased in glass. His obituary in the *Illustrated London News* suggested that 'in Surrey he played a part not unlike that of Rudolph, the mad king of Bavaria' while his entry in the *Dictionary of National Biography* observes that 'his abilities as a public speaker were turned to good account at shareholders' meetings and inspired confidence in his most disastrous undertakings'. Upon such men as Whitaker Wright did London's Underground depend a hundred years ago!

To be continued.



Jenny Wells advocates

Playing Truant with God

"Sorry God, I just haven't the time! I have so much to do. If I don't do it - who will?"

We all seem to lead such busy lives these days. Time spent with God seems almost a luxury. One of my favourite prayers starts:

"Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills."

If only!

But, why not play truant? Leave your worries behind for half an hour - you can pick them up again later. Come and join the meditation group. We practise silent meditation with occasional guiding words from the Bible or other readings.

Do join us. You can leave after half an hour or stay for a cup of tea and a chat afterwards.

Can you spare the time to play truant with God?

Our next two meetings are on 5th September at 57 Meadow Road and on 19th September at 1 Montague Road. Both meetings start at 2:00pm. If you wish to know more contact Jenny Wells (870981) or Ruth Treves-Brown (863268).

The Court House was probably built in the 16th century. Early records refer to it as the church house or the town hall. In the 16th and 17th centuries, the town council or corporation used to meet there as did the borough and manorial courts, hence the long established name - The Court House.

A major restoration of the Court House took place in the early 1970s to create the facilities that we use today. At that time, the 'square room' and the existing kitchen and toilets were created, the mezzanine floor was introduced into the original building and decayed woodwork in the original building was replaced. When the work was completed in 1978 the Court House attracted an award from the Civic Trust 'for a contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment', and in 1983 the Court House restoration and extension won the environmental award of the Berkhamsted Citizen's Association. For more than 20 years the restored Court House has served church and community for a wide variety of purposes. Church meetings, children's parties, the Little Fishes' toddlers group, concerts, Saturday morning coffee, the Petertide Fair, the



Improvements at the Court House

Christopher Green reports on major improvements in the Court House after more than 20 years.

cently been refurbished and redecorated. Now work is in progress to upgrade the kitchen and toilet facilities. In deciding to undertake this work, the PCC took the view that the Court House must offer attractive and up-to-date facilities to all users. In particular, hirings are a valuable source of income to the church, and this income contributes largely to the upkeep and improvement of the facilities at the Court House.

Work on the kitchen has involved replacement of the existing units and surfaces, and the provision of additional storage space, and food preparation facilities. Work on the toilets will be undertaken in two stages. Initially there will be some rearrangement of the existing facilities to allow the provision of a baby-changing area. In a second stage, an extension of the building is planned to allow the creation of a toilet for the disabled. This will help to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act when it comes into full force in 2004.

The first stage of this work is expected to take place during the autumn, but while work is in progress it is expected that most uses will be able to continue. Alternative toilet facilities will be provided while the toilets are out of commission. ❖

Berkhamsted Walk and harvest suppers all make use of the Court House. No major improvements have been undertaken since the restoration in the 1970s and most of the upkeep and maintenance has been done free of charge by volunteers.

Now, the time has arrived to undertake more extensive renovations and improvements. The exterior of the building has re-

Do you remember the Revd. Stanley Ntagali? He was the Ugandan priest who opened the Petertide Fair in 1999 when one of the causes we supported was Bweranyangi school. At that time he was staying with Roger Turner in Little Gaddesden for the summer prior to taking a course at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. He now has an MA in theology and development. While he was staying in this area, he carried out a number of preaching and talking engagements as well as learning about this country. Roger used to bring him down to the ringing practice on a Thursday evening at St Peter's and he particularly enjoyed the 'apres ringing' in the *Crown*.

He returned to Uganda last September and moved to a new area as diocesan secretary of the Hoima diocese. He has recently written to ask for prayers and possible financial help, outlining his present plight. His diocese is poor and has not been able to pay the wages of the clergy since May; there is unlikely to be any money until January after the Christmas giving. As well as having to pay school fees for the children (only primary education is free in Uganda), his niece has recently had her fourth operation

Can you help Stanley?

Priscilla Watt appeals for your help for an African friend of our parish.

to repair her ruptured bladder which followed the birth of her first baby who died. There is an amount of £150 outstanding for hospital bills. When visiting Uganda last year I was privileged to meet his wife and family as well as Mothers' Union members who were visiting.

Uganda is a country which has suffered a lot in the past twenty-five years - the eviction of Idi Amin did not solve all their problems and there was further unrest. Great efforts are now being made to build up the country. It was heartening to hear the other day that a special account has been opened by the government into which is put the proceeds arising from cancellation of third-world debt. Uganda is also the foremost country in Africa in the fight against AIDS.

When we heard of Stanley's plight, we decided that we should try to help in some small way and are planning to hold a coffee morning on Thursday, 20th September in the Court House between 10:00am and 12 noon. We do hope that as many as possible can come, but, if you cannot, we should still welcome gifts of cakes, biscuits or donations.



Dear Editor...

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“F

unny thing”, said the ageing Herefordshire farmer, “you’re looking at my cattle the same way as the last Ministry vet.” The comment was reassuring: I was worried that although my approach struck me as a satisfactory

way of diagnosing foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in cattle, it might not be regarded as *de rigueur* by the full-time ministry vets who were the mentors of temporary veterinary inspectors like myself. As it had been raining all March and most of April, catching cattle in a yard involved chasing them through a knee-deep mixture of mud and dung. However they are inquisitive animals and if you go up to them quietly they will come and sniff at you and one or two will eventually try to lick at you. This gives you a fleeting view of the upper surface of their tongues, but it is enough to see whether they have ‘vesicles’ - large blisters of clear fluid which are the characteristic symptoms of FMD in cattle.

After my inspection of his livestock I was prevailed upon to come into the farm kitchen for a cup of tea or coffee, and was pumped for information about FMD, ministry policy, local incidence and so on for at least twenty minutes. This was the usual thing, and I came to see it as part of the job: farmers were worried and had a right to be told what I knew. Most questions I was asked, and have been asked since returning to Berkhamsted, revolve round:

1. Why did the disease spread so rapidly?
2. Why did we not learn from the 1967 outbreak and apply that experience this year?
3. Why has diagnosis been so slow and difficult?
4. Why did we not vaccinate?

Reflections of a T.V.I.

Keith Treves-Brown worked as an inspector checking farm animals for foot-and-mouth.

As any of the 2,000 vets involved at one time or another this year will tell you, all these questions have the same answer, an answer which the media for the most part have studiously ignored. It is that all previous outbreaks have been primarily in cattle; this one is in

sheep. Despite the television pictures of burning cattle carcasses, 80 per cent of the animals slaughtered this year have been sheep. Only 16 per cent were cattle, and of the cattle herds slaughtered all except one were almost certainly infected from sheep.

The first positive diagnosis, on 20th February, was in pigs. However tracing of contacts with those pigs immediately led to confirmation of disease in sheep, and when these sheep were slaughtered it was realised that they had had the disease for at least two weeks. Was that pig farm at Heddon-on-the-Wall the primary infection, or were the pigs infected from sheep?

In cattle and pigs FMD develops rapidly and is permanently debilitating; there is significant mortality in young animals. In contrast it is mild and develops slowly in sheep. The main symptom in sheep is lameness, and the causes of lameness in sheep are multitudinous; there are very few flocks without some lame individuals.

Nevertheless infected animals of all susceptible species (cloven hoofed animals - cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, camels, deer and antelopes) will shed virus before visible lesions develop. There was much media coverage of the delays in disposal of carcasses. Although carcasses lying about are aesthetically undesirable, from a disease control point of view disposal was not the first priority. The infectivity of FMD results from the minute quantity of virus necessary to initiate disease, and the very rapid multiplication of the virus in infected animals. Virus is shed in breath,

urine, dung and milk; but dead animals do not breathe, urinate, dung, produce milk or generate new virus. So following on a positive diagnosis the first priority in controlling FMD is to slaughter the infected animals to prevent any further virus multiplication and shedding. The next priority (which is what I was doing) is to check on other flocks and herds which may have had contact with the infection and so be multiplying virus. Particular and repeated attention must be given to pigs because this species generates new virus between 1,000 and 3,000 times as fast as cattle.

Carcases must of course be disposed of eventually; and then there is virus in the farm buildings and on equipment requiring disinfection. But even this is not the end, because this outbreak is in sheep, and sheep show only mild symptoms, mostly of lameness. One cannot be sure that a flock is free of disease merely by clinical

examination. For sheep blood testing is necessary; and as I write at the end of July this process is revealing new cases.

There has been much criticism of the ministry's decision not to use vaccines. There are in fact important limitations to this method of controlling FMD:

1. The vaccine does not work in pigs.
2. The position in sheep has never been properly studied - and it is difficult to conceive how a satisfactorily large scale trial could be conducted.
3. In routine use all cattle would have to be vaccinated twice a year, at enormous cost. (For the past 33 years our annual costs have been nil.)
4. There are seven different virus types. Only three can effectively be used in a vaccine at any one time and cattle remain fully susceptible to virus types not in the vaccine.
5. Some vaccinated cattle which are subsequently infected will 'carry' the virus, and be a threat to sheep and especially pigs.

A plausible alternative method of disease control would be to wait until an outbreak occurs and then use the appropriate vaccine in cattle. This is sometimes done (it was done this year in the Netherlands) but there are difficulties. Production of an effective vaccine in sufficient quantities would not be straightforward; some cattle will become carriers and so all vaccinated animals must eventually be slaughtered. In any case in the current UK situation such a procedure would have given temporary protection to only 16 per cent of the animals slaughtered.

The cost of the 2001 epidemic has run into billions of pounds, and when it is all over there must be serious thought about future control strategies. Vaccination is not a panacea, but it may have some use in outbreaks in predominantly cattle-rearing regions. There is however one point on which vets and farmers alike are already convinced: movement and marketing of sheep must be severely limited in future. ❖



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How to become invisible

As a wheelchair passenger on a flight to Edinburgh, **Vera Pullen** is unprepared for her experience.

Recently Jim and I flew to Edinburgh from Luton airport. The trip had been organised by our son who said I must phone and arrange for assistance as neither Jim nor I can walk far at present. So, when the day arrived, my sister and her husband drove us to the airport. Eventually, two members of staff kindly pushed us into the building where our luggage was dealt with and we were gently 'frisked'. We were then pushed to a large area and left at the back near the lift, as we were told we'd be taken down by lift. It wasn't busy and we were quite happy and knew we'd plenty of time. However, gradually those manning the counter at the far side called out and people around collected up their things and departed.

Eventually the counter staff said two passengers were missing - helpfully we both waved our boarding cards in the air. Nothing happened. We waved again, then a helpful young man sitting near went across and pointed us out to the staff. Consternation! No-one had told them about us apparently. We should have gone on board first. Hurriedly staff were called and down the lift and into a truck we went and eventually were hoisted into the plane - I felt we should apologise for making them late but it really wasn't our fault.

On arrival in Edinburgh we were again pushed in our chairs by two large young men. The concourse there was very busy, but no one saw us apparently or moved out of the way in spite of calls from the chaps

Loyalty – a great thing!

Muriel Lander gets carried away on an unexpected wave of loyalty!

Loyalty is a great thing. Whether it is one's loyalty to one's family, school, Church, political party or whatever. That is always supposing that they are worthy of loyalty!

I was in a restaurant with my elder daughter and her family in Didsbury near Manchester about two years ago. I couldn't understand why the normally sedate little town seemed to be swarming with people. Arms were being raised in the air, cars were sounding their horns, and scarves (all the same colour) were being waved out of cars. And of course – yes, you've guessed it - their football team had won. Not Manchester United, but Manchester City! This apparently doesn't happen that often so that the supporters take a win for granted.

I have to confess I felt absolutely thrilled that the under dog had won for a change. The sheer joy and enthusiasm shown was absolutely great and I found it both touching and hilarious at the same time. ❖

pushing us. At one point a lady received a nasty bang on her ankle, but on we went. Eventually we met up with Prue, our daughter-in-law, and were pushed out to her car. The staff both going and coming home were extremely helpful, but it reminded me of a radio programme some years ago, *Does he take sugar?*, which explained how easy it is to become 'invisible' if you are in a wheelchair. ❖

A Message from the Figg Family



We all, Robin, Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul, would like to thank you for all the cards, gifts and good wishes which have flooded in since the announcement of our imminent departure and especially for our 'official' leaving gifts. The wind-chime will add a musical note to the Yorkshire draughts blowing through the vicarage and the 'Singing Kettle' will certainly be put to good use! We hope to buy some furniture with the exceedingly generous cheque given to us (Ilkley auction rooms tak' heed!)

Elizabeth would also like to thank everyone for their kindness and compassion on the death of her father.

Most of all we would like to thank you for allowing us to walk with you on your journey over this last few years. As we all travel on we would wish you all God speed and may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift up his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you now and forever. ❖

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Some are like footballs - you can't tell which way they will bounce next.

Some are like balloons - full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled along.

Some are like neon lights - they keep going on and off.

And then, for which we thank the Lord: Some Christians are like good watches: open-faced, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

Or as the Bible says, 'He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not winter, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.' (*Psalms 1:3*)

What does God look like?

One of my grandsons, Fred, aged eight, was asked to write, for his homework, his answer to the question, 'What do you think God looks like?'.

The following is his unaided and unprompted response:

GOD

I think God has no appearance, but he puts part of himself into every ray of sunshine and happiness, every drop of rain and bitterness. I look upon him as the maker of things, ruler of the universe but above all he is our God.

Cecily Coales

name the SAINTS

Here are twelve categories of people each of which has a patron saint. From the list given below which sets out the names, dates and feast days of twelve saintly candidates, can you name the correct one for each category? The answers are on page 27. Good luck!

Who was the patron saint of:

- Leather workers and shoemakers
- Pilgrims
- Cooks
- Cab drivers
- Skiers
- Astronomers
- Accountants
- Sufferers from angina
- Actors, comedians and dancers
- The poor
- Carpenters
- Skaters

The candidates are:

- St Matthew (1st cent.) 21st September
- St Swithbert (647-713) 1st March
- St Dominic (1170-1221) 8th August
- St Martha (1st century) 29th July
- St Crispin (died c.287) 25th October
- St Lidwina (1380-1433) 14th April
- St Joseph (1st century) 19th March
- St Vitus (died 300) 15th June
- St Bernard of Montjoux (996-1081) 28th May
- St James the Greater (d. 42) 25th July
- St Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) Unknown
- St Fiacre (died c.670) 1st September

Sent in by Jane Campbell

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A Lament from the Heart

D A Roy

This poem draws on the experience of the writer's daughter-in-law separated from her natural mother early in her life.

Does the wind hold its breath from my daughter,
Telling rainbows to bend her shoe;
Does it snatch from her mouth her sweet laughter?
Bring it here to me, near to me, do!

Does the rain fall as light on my daughter
As the petals drop soft from the rose:
Does she laugh at the bright, fairy water
As I did, such a long years ago?

Does the sun kiss the face of my daughter?
Yes! The sun knows her better than I.
She might think that I never have sought her-
Or might hope that I never would pry.

Does the moon look through glass at my daughter
And wish every girl as sweet-grown:
Does it guard her through each of its quarters,
Serenity knowing its own?

Is she wiser than I, my dear daughter;
Has her path been much smoother than mine?
The past, which I never can alter,
Has fettered me, kept me alone.

Did she walk as a bride to the altar?
Is her love returned soundly and sure?
If my hopes and my longings were told her
Would she turn me away from her door?

Are soft words on the lips of my daughter,
Does she rock a sweet child on her knee?
At what price was a safe childhood bought *her*!
Lord! What good she could tender to me!

When I die, will you tell my daughter
I paid dearly for letting her go:
All her life I had ached for my daughter;
My one dream was to hear: "Mum, hello!"

A Gateway to Heaven

David Simmons

Review by Gerry Morrish

David Simmons is no doubt familiar to regular readers of the *Review* as a frequent contributor on environmental and ornithological matters. He is also a churchwarden at St Mary's, Northchurch.

In 1996 his wife Sylvia developed brain cancer. The first part of the book describes the harrowing months that followed, during which hope and despair alternated wildly as the symptoms of the illness eased or intensified, and as prayer brought encouragement or disillusion. The second part deals with the anguish of bereavement, an anguish which gradually became the 'gateway' of the book's title, as by various means David came to the certain knowledge that in spite of everything, both he and Sylvia were enfolded in God's love.

The final section is more theoretical and speculative. A variety of seemingly unrelated topics are raised and discussed: the 'butterfly effect', for instance, the question of whether there are animals in heaven, and the nature of angels. Actually these matters are entirely relevant, as the reader will discover. Not all of the author's ideas may convince, but they are not put forward dogmatically – we are invited to participate in a journey of exploration.

I found this a very honest, moving and thought-provoking book. We must all pass through the dark valley ourselves, and so must those whom we love; it is good to think about what lies on the other side.

A Gateway to Heaven is available at the Way Inn bookshop and at the Iain Rennie Hospice shops, and costs £5.99. ❖

Ashridge Walks

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An Autumn and Winter
programme of walks and strolls
is there for you to enjoy.

The Friends of Ashridge's programme of gentle strolls and specialist walks continues following the end of fears of a foot and mouth epidemic in this part of the country.

On *Sunday 21st October* starting at 7:00am there is a specialist walk under the title *Looking at Deer*. This is the most exciting time to observe fallow deer as the 'rut' is taking place and there is a lot of activity. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the B4506 end of Monument Drive (cost £4.00 to the public).

On *Friday 28th December* there will be a chance to walk off some of that Christmas excess and then come back to the Visitors' Centre for mulled wine. This is the annual Christmas walk, starting at 10:00am at the Visitors' Centre on Monument Green (cost £4.00 to the public).

These events require pre-booked tickets, which can be obtained by post from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3JT. Please send a cheque payable to the *National Trust - Ashridge*. For further information, please ring 01525 384139.

On *Wednesday 12th September* at 11:00am there is a gentle stroll starting at the Long Ride car park, off Beacon Road.

On *Tuesday 16th October* at 2:30pm another gentle stroll will commence at the B4506 end of Monument Drive.

No tickets are required for the strolls but there will be charge of £1 per person collected on the day.

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**Rev Peter Hart
celebrates the
place of baptism
in our lives.**

How much do we remember of our baptism? Probably very little, but some of us will have heard the story of the day from our parents and godparents.

We are much more likely to remember other people's baptisms, those special services where we were invited to become godparents or perhaps the first time the real importance of the event was explained to us.

Baptism is central to our Christian faith. It speaks of God's love and acceptance, of all his work for us at our most vulnerable moments, as well as at times when we are strong. In baptism, we are sealed with the sign of the cross, marking us out forever as children of God, included in God's family by the action of Christ. All the benefits of baptism come to us from God, who welcomes us with loving arms. But we have to opt into those benefits, we have to choose to receive them. Baptism is therefore the start of a journey of discovery, an entry into a world of faith and blessing which God has prepared for us. That journey is life-long; it has times of struggle and moments of great joy, and it is lived out in the company of the rest of God's family.

We are not baptised into a solitary existence; we are not baptised to live a Christian life by ourselves. Our baptism includes us in God's family and part of our journey of faith is working out the complexities of living together with all those who make up God's family. Just as when we are born, we cannot choose our parents and wider family, so when we are baptised, we cannot deny the existence of the rest of God's family. Our baptism demands of us an involvement with the

Church, both in its broadest sense and in its local expression. Joys are to be shared and dark times struggled through with the support of the rest of the family. Daily, weekly and yearly worship leads us further into the knowledge of God and involvement in bringing his kingdom of justice and peace closer to fruition, both locally and globally.

As baptism is so central to our Christian life, it is good to celebrate it. For the past few years, we have welcomed back to St Mary's all those children who have been baptised during the previous twelve months. This year, we shall be holding this celebration during the family service on 9th September at 10:00am and, following the service, there will be something special for the children in the parish room. Each child will be individually invited, of course, but that does not exclude anyone else from attending. All those who have been baptised are invited, everyone is welcome, for everyone's baptism is a delight to God, however long ago it took place. Let's take this opportunity to celebrate God's love and God's welcome together. Let's take our baptism promises seriously, and let's be genuine about our role as godparents and members of God's family.



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The Hospice of St Francis has received funding to set up a home visiting service. It is looking for volunteers who would help reduce feelings of isolation for patients and their carers, as well as assisting with practical tasks occasionally. This would supplement the professional care already being given and would improve the quality of life for both parties. Help is being sought for *some* of the following tasks: being a good listener, providing a break for the carer, helping with occasional tasks like letter writing, assisting with outings, shopping or transport, or sharing in recreational activities. Volunteers will receive *full training* and *ongoing support* to help them use their skills. A core group of potential volunteers is already in place but another handful of people would be ideal. A short training course starts in the autumn, so if you have enthusiasm and a little time once a week or a fortnight please get in touch.

If you would like to offer help to the hospice but feel that visiting is not for you, there are many other roles such as making tea and coffee, driving, gardening, shop work, office work, and even aromatherapy. Help is normally required fortnightly on a rota basis.

For more information, please phone Liz Daniel, voluntary services co-ordinator, or Margaret Kearney, home visiting co-ordinator, both at the Hospice on 862960 during office hours.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

All Anglicans, especially those at All Saints', are cordially invited to the induction service at All Saints' for the new Methodist minister, Rev. Paul Timmis, at 6:30pm on Sunday, 9th September. At the same service Rev. David Collinson will be affirmed as superintendent minister of the circuit and Caroline Weaver will be commissioned to be chaplain of HMP Bovingdon. The governor of The Mount and some prison fellowship volunteers will be attending. District chairman Rev. Garth Rogers will lead the service in his last visit to All Saints' before he retires.

THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

Garden Party at Ashridge College

On Sunday 2nd September Ashridge College will once again be opening its beautiful grounds in aid of the Hospice of St Francis. This event has been rearranged from May due to the foot and mouth epidemic.

The gardens will be open from 2:00pm until 5:30pm and when you tire of walking around, enjoy tea and refreshments while listening to live musical entertainment. For those wishing to shop there will be an opportunity to look at various stalls selling home made produce, plants, books and so on. In addition there will be two gardening experts in The Fernery answering any of your gardening questions.

Admission is only £3.00 per person with children under 16 years free. We look forward to seeing you on the day

Art & Craft Fair

On Saturday 6th October the annual Art and Craft Fair will be held at Potten End village hall. This will be an early opportunity to buy Christmas goods as well as good quality paintings and craft items such as jewellery and ceramics. The fair will be open from 9:30am until 2:30pm. Car parking and refreshments will be available.

TOWN CENTRE ADVISORY FORUM

The next town centre advisory forum is in the Sessions Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 26th September. This is a good opportunity to hear and to take part in well-informed discussions on town issues. There will be a question and answer session and as well as members of all the local councils there will be representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens' Association, the Berkhamsted Access Committee and the police. Do come if you want to know what is going on in Berkhamsted!

ANSWERS TO THE NAME THE SAINT QUIZ

(a) 5; (b) 10; (c) 4; (d) 12; (e) 9; (f) 3; (g) 1; (h) 2; (i) 8; (j) 11; (k) 7; (l) 6.

IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME QUIZ 2001

Quiz addicts are invited to have a go at a 200-question quiz which has been compiled to raise money for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. The quiz includes anagrams, number questions, nursery rhymes and dates to solve and can be obtained from the IRHH shop at 39 High Street, Tring and the shops at 34 Bennettsgate and 32 Stoneycroft, Hemel Hempstead at a price of £1.00, or by sending a stamped addressed envelope and £1.00 to IRHH, 52a Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB. You have until February to complete the quiz and the first prize is a Kodak Advantix camera.

IRHH provides specialist nursing care for patients who wish to remain at home during the final stages of a terminal illness. No charge is made to patients and the charity relies heavily on donations and fundraising.

WEA BERKHAMSTED BRANCH

The programme of WEA courses starting in September is out now! You will find the yellow programme leaflet in Berkhamsted library or you can phone Ann Baines on 872432 and ask for your copy to be sent to you.

The firm favourites are in again - *Introduction to French Art* with Judy Rich on Wednesday mornings 10:00-11:30am (starting early on 5th September) at the Friends Meeting House; Literature: *Twentieth Century Poetry* with Ann Severn on Monday evenings 8:00-9:30pm (starting 24th September) in Berkhamsted library; *Bel Canto Opera* with Jonathan Darnborough on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:30pm (starting 3rd October) at the Friends Meeting House.

There are also two exciting, new courses on offer:

Genes are Us is an introduction to the basic principles of the science of genetics and an opportunity to explore the issues around genetic modification, the human genome and cloning. Dr Brenda Harold is the tutor and she says that no previous biological knowledge is

necessary to understanding and enjoying the course! It is scheduled for Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm (starting 27th September) at St Andrew's Church Hall, Chapel Street.

Film Studies is a short course of five meetings starting on Tuesday 6th November 8:00-9:30pm at the Friends Meeting House. Adam King, the tutor, will take us through the work of outstanding British film makers such as Alfred Hitchcock, Carol Reed and Ken Loach.

We do hope that we shall see you at one of these courses. You are assured of a warm, friendly welcome. To enrol simply return the enrolment form on the leaflet or phone Ann Baines on 872432.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



At our August meeting our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed not only our members but also a visitor from Germany who was taking a holiday with one of our members.

During business matters orders were taken for diaries and calendars for the coming year. Joy Lovell reported on an outing last month which was a mystery trip, eventually arriving at Abingdon by the Thames where we were able to enjoy the river and shops on a very hot day.

Our surprise speaker was Peter Baxendale who gave us an entertaining talk entitled *Magic Carpets*. He told us many amusing stories relating to his career in the carpet business.

Two intriguing quizzes were played and then hands down, with paper and scissors, the object being to make a paper box.

During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competitions judged. The entries in the flower of the month competition were especially beautiful this August after the recent sunshine.

Next month, on 7th September, our talk will be *Denmark – Land of Hans Christian Anderson* at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm.

A warm welcome is extended to new members and visitors. ❖

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	<i>No Eucharist for time being.</i>			
		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	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.			
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (<i>contact Carole Dell 864706</i>)			
	MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	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	5:00pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195 or Ruth Treves-Brown 863268.					
Mondays*	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm at 9 Hall Park. Victoria Macdonald 384953 (<i>*not 1st in month</i>)					
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray 864532 or secretary Joan Gregory 864829.					
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Kate Spall 873470.					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 61 Kitsbury Road. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
Tuesday	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for <i>Bible study.</i> Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504					
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Margaret Barnard 862794					
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. Carole Dell 864706					
2nd Wed	MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: 8:00pm at Peaches Bistro or as announced. For information and booking: Rodney Cottrell 384963 or Steve Spall 873470					
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					
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 P (10am). Nicole Varndell 828541					
Friday	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
3rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sunday	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Carole Dell 864706.					

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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 5:00pm 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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SEPTEMBER

3	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	All day	Beds & Herts Historic Churches sponsored bike ride	
9	6:30pm	Induction and Welcome – Paul Timmis	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	<i>21 Park View Road</i>
13	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>Court House</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Sacred Heart</i>
19	8:00pm	All Saints' Joint Council	
22	9:30am	College Youths' Peal – Bellringing	<i>St Peter's</i>
	- 1:00pm		
30	9:30am	Harvest Festival	<i>St Peter's</i>
30	10:00am	Joint Eucharist (Anglican Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
30	6:30pm	Joint Evening Service (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>

OCTOBER

1	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
7	3:00pm	Hospice Service of Thanksgiving	<i>All Saints'</i>
9	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>
21	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Way Inn Christian Centre</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

22 July	Reece Scott Raymond Wiltshire, Mia India Wiltshire
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Baptisms (All Saints')

15 July	Charlie Mann
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Weddings (St Peter's)

7 July	Paul James Cheshire and Melanie Claire Dawes
20 July	Andrew Duncan Kay and Annabel Jane Fisher
28 July	Ian Eggleton and Rose Parker

Funerals

31 July	Phyllis Johnson	St Peter's church (committal at Kingshill)
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Young people

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CONTACT LIST

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

	<i>St Peters</i>	<i>All Saints</i>
Altar service	Keith Middleditch (862423)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Chalice rota	Martin Macdonald (872002)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Sunday school	Angela Dunsford (875726)	Kathy Beaumont (384453)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Carolyn Gunn (875865)
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	Peter McMunn (874894)
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	Chris Smalley (826821)	Peter McMunn (874894)
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Rodney Cottrell (384963)
Hospice contact	Marjorie Bowden (871283)	Jean Merrett (866263)
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 The Revd Jim Lawrenson (Hon.Asst.Priest), Downside, 7 Torrington Road. Tel: 865999
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 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway. Tel: 874993
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981
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 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway. Tel: 871598
 Churchwardens: Chris Smalley, 18 Osmington Place, Tring. Tel: 826821;
 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
Parochial Church Secretary: Richard Foster, Vandykes, 29 Ashlyns Road. Tel: 863359
Council: 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
		Morning Prayer:	Mon-Sat 7:30am
		Evening Prayer:	M,W,Th 5:00pm
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')		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

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894

All Saints'

Sundays
 8.00am No Anglican service until further notice
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm No Anglican service until further notice (*see Evensong at St Peter's above*)

Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership)

Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis will be inducted on 9th September (see page 27)



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