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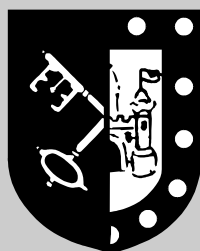
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

You can tell it's May. Not only are the new leaves on the trees and the weather improving but we are in the season of the Berkhamsted Walk, madrigals from the tower, Christian Aid week and the accession, or re-accession to office of our parish offices and the new PCC. All these are duly reported, announced or explained in detail this month.

We describe the plans for next month's once in a lifetime event, the great day of activities to mark the Queen's golden jubilee. Provided we don't have traditional coronation (or D-Day) weather, it should be a good day out - or then, even if we do, there should be a good time for all who want to take part!

An apparent innovation coming in at Pentecost (or Whitsun according to your taste in terminology) is the policy of offering communion to youngsters who have not yet been confirmed. But Fr Mark Bonney points out this is more a reversion to hallowed practice than an innovation. Certainly the group of young people most affected are enthusiastic at the prospect. Let us make their joining us something they look back on with pride and thanksgiving.

*David Woodward*

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**Fr Mark Bonney** explains that offering communion to young people before confirmation isn't really an innovation.

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**Alex Evans** outlines the attractions for Berkhamsted's biggest ever tea party.

#### **Thomas Coram**

**Stephen Halliday** continues his look at the life of the famous philanthropist.

#### **Pentecost and the Holy Spirit**

**Rev. Peter Hart** looks at the power of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost.

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

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**Fr Mark Bonney  
reflects on an  
important change  
which will take  
place at Pentecost.**

As I write the Queen Mother's funeral has just taken place. I was fascinated by a news report a few days before describing how all the ceremonial and protocol for this occasion *wasn't* of great antiquity. In fact it's no more than 100 years old. I, and I expect many, had imagined that here we were seeing a state occasion that had enormous history, and the wonderful way the British did such things was the stuff of centuries. The truth is nothing like that - Queen Victoria's funeral, for example, was nearly a shambles, with the horses pulling the coffin bolting!

It's so easy for us to think that the way we've known things done is the way they've always been done, and that anything new is likely to be an innovation (and in some minds therefore highly questionable). On Pentecost Sunday, 19th May, we will be doing something that will not have been done at St Peter's or All Saints' in the lifetime of anyone here (something which many consider questionable). We shall admit baptised children to Holy Communion before Confirmation. It's an important stage in the Christian journey of these 13 children as they enter more fully into the inheritance that was given them at their baptism, and I hope, that as many as possible will be with them to share in this and rejoice with them. As I have said before, and repeat again, the pattern that so many of us accept as normative - Baptism - Confirmation - Holy Communion *isn't* as ancient and normative as we so easily think. In doing what we're doing we're actually recovering a far more ancient practice and putting the emphasis where it

## **review** leader

rightly should be upon baptism as the sign of membership of the Church and *not* on confirmation. Confirmation is important but it's *not* as significant as baptism.

Part of the job of the Holy Spirit, who's coming we celebrate at Pentecost, is to blow like a breath of fresh air, to revivify and rejuvenate. Watching these children prepare for their First Communion has been a refreshing experience for all involved. Let's pray that the same revivifying and rejuvenating Holy Spirit may work in the lives of all of us to keep us new, fresh and excited about the things of God. ❖

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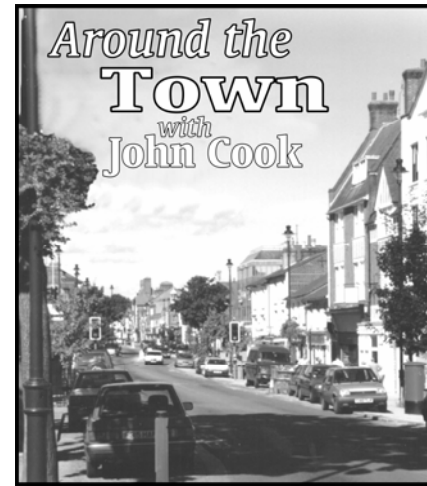
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Comparatively few people had the telly and there was only one channel. The cinema remained the popular form of entertainment; the *Rex* was only 14 years old and the *Court Theatre* on the site of Tesco's was another popular picture house - in fact it lasted as such for another ten years. For a household to own a car was the exception and most people walked, cycled or used public transport. The bicycle sheds at Berkhamsted School were large and well used.

The Berkhamsted Building Society was offering 'an attractive rate of interest of 2½% on shares of £20, or 2% for deposits up to £500.' The Town Hall Committee decided to raise money for

repairs to the hall by selling two shops, for which the highest bid was £4,525. In that year the War Memorial was moved from its original position outside what is now Sketchley's to its present site by St Peter's.

Steam trains ran to Euston and Broad Street. Commuters wore bowler hats and carried rolled umbrellas, although to wear a threadbare ex-service duffel coat over one's business suit was still quite acceptable, six years after the end of the war. The night mail train shot out its mailbags as it sped through Berkhamsted. Shunting in the goods yard, now the station car park, may have disturbed the sleep of some residents, but there were not many homes close to the station then. On the north side of the line Berkhamsted Park extended down to the railway. The Park Estate housing development, started before the war, had not made a great deal of progress, and the Durrants, Westfield and Ashlyns council estates had still to be completed. On top of Castle Hill the Elizabethan mansion of Berkhamsted Place stood impressively at the end of an avenue of lime trees.

Along the High Street there was a full range of shops, among them Sainsbury's, Woolworths, Freeman Hardy and Willis and the electricity and gas board showrooms; Boots ran its tuppenny library. Supermarkets had not yet arrived and there were still small shops all over the Town. Castle Street had several, as well as the picturesque row of half-timbered houses known as the Sunken Cottages, surviving from Tudor times.

The Town's buildings were undoubtedly drabber in those days, but the streets were cleaner; and as we had our own Urban District Council, if you were dissatisfied with something like a blocked drain you could walk into the Civic Centre and a message would soon get through to the yard at the back where someone could do something about it.

Perhaps readers who were residents of Berkhamsted 50 years ago might like to write in with particular memories of Berkhamsted in Coronation Year.

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### Stray Verses

The name of Henry Twells has cropped up in this column before. You may recall that he was a curate at St Peter's in the mid-nineteenth century and lived in Castle Street. He wrote a large number of hymns, only one of which (I think) survives in the hymnbook currently in use in St Peter's, that is 'At even when the sun was set', which we sometimes sing on or near St Luke's day, as it is all about comforting and healing the sick. But apart from hymns, Twells also wrote a lot of what he called 'stray verses', of which perhaps the most memorable is *Time's Places*:

*When as a child I laughed and wept,  
Time crept.  
When as a youth I dreamt and talked,  
Time walked.  
When I became a full-grown man,  
Time ran.  
When older still I daily grew,  
Time flew.  
Soon I shall find, in travelling on,  
Time gone.  
O Christ! Wilt Thou have saved me  
then?  
Amen!*

Rather stronger meat this than you would get in the verses of another local amateur poet, George Stephens, who sadly died recently in his home in Norfolk. George was for many years a resident of Park View Road, and will be affectionately remembered as chairman of the Cowper Society, a busy worker for St Peter's and in many other ways. He regularly wrote verse, and would always include a short poem in his Christmas cards. His work was gentle and contemplative, and although never properly published he did have some of his collected poems printed. Perhaps we might include one or two in a future issue of the *Review*.

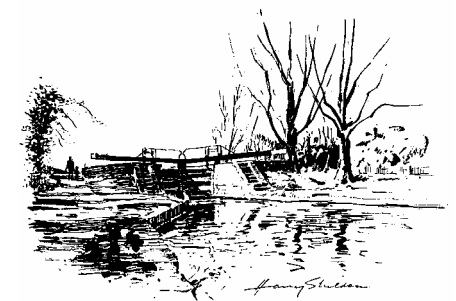
### Harry Sheldon and Lowry

On the cover of last month's *Review* was a reproduction of one of Harry Sheldon's paintings of a Ghurkha soldier; another one was printed also alongside his obituary in *The Times*, recalling Harry's special

role of portrait painter for the Ghurkhas. But unlike the appreciation in the *Review*, *The Times*' obituary contained no mention at all of Berkhamsted. This was a ridiculous omission, since it was here that for over 30 years he painted most of his wonderful watercolours. Hundreds of houses in the Town, and much further afield, must have one or more of them adorning their walls.

*The Times* obituary did mention Harry's studying under L S Lowry in Salford, and I suspect that a good few houses here also have one of Lowry's paintings of industrial towns, with those distinctive stick figures (although only a print in most cases; an original Lowry costs big money). Shortly before he died Harry told me that Lowry kept quite a few of such paintings in his studio, propped up against the wall. Harry asked him why. Lowry replied that when he got up in the morning he would look at all these pictures and decide whether they should have more figures. If he decided they did, he would add one or two more in. Only after some time – weeks perhaps – would he be satisfied that there were the right number, and the picture would then go for sale.

Finally, I should think that a retrospective exhibition of Harry's paintings here in Berkhamsted would attract a lot of interest. Some of us who have pictures by him might lend one free of charge, and the proceeds from the entrance fee could go to a local charity. ❖



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During the wartime years of the 1940s, my mother-in-law was the enrolling member for the Mothers' Union in Christchurch, in the Winchester diocese. It was through her involvement that I first came to understand more fully what the Mothers' Union was all about. Like its founder, Mary Sumner, my mother-in-law believed passionately in the vital role that parents, and particularly mothers, could play in establishing a loving Christian home for their children, and in teaching them the importance of prayer in their lives. In those days her M.U. meetings would sometimes take the form of a special service, held in the lady chapel of the lovely 12th century Christchurch Priory. Here, saying one's prayers seemed somehow to take on an inspirational quality, partly perhaps because of the peaceful atmosphere and the beauty of the place. It was very easy to pray there. Joining with other M.U. members - young wives, mothers, grandmothers, sometimes even one or two men - I felt I was learning a great deal about fellowship and the power of combined prayer.

At other meetings my mother-in-law would talk to her members about the training of children in religion, about the common problems and difficulties that beset all families, and about the importance of love in the home. It was a subject very dear to her heart, and one which struck a strong chord with her audience, many of whom were struggling to maintain a stable home life while their men were away at the war. In those days Christchurch was a fairly rural country town, embracing the surrounding villages, and the work of the local Mothers' Union was centred mainly on giving support and

# THE MOTHERS' UNION

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**Nancy Agate** recounts the way in which the Mothers' Union has influenced her own life.

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apart from apartheid) but also in so many other countries worldwide. Regular meetings, the formation of prayer groups and a universal Wave of Prayer between nations were all contributing towards the shared spiritual life of members. Increasing communication was beginning to help people understand a bit more about other countries' lives and problems. It was very apparent how much it meant to be a part of this great organisation.

Today, in a volatile world, the Mothers' Union remains true to its campaign for the sanctity of family life. Although some changes in its administration had been inevitable, the work continues to develop and expand, covering many of today's vital needs, particularly those of women and children. Examples of some of the work now involved include contact centres for divorced or separated families, work in prisons, literacy and parenting courses, immediate grants for disaster relief for crises like floods and so on, a refuge for battered mothers, and a unit covering social issues. And so it goes on.

The Mothers' Union has progressed a long way since I began to learn about it in the 1940s. And it has progressed a very long way indeed since the movement first began, in Alresford, Hampshire in the

help not only to their own community but also to many London families sent down to the district when they were in desperate need of some relief from the bombing.

Some years later, when we were living in South Africa, it was a revelation to realise the extent to which the work and membership of the Mothers' Union was growing, not only in that country (still under the yoke of

1870s. The membership of the Mothers' Union today now numbers a million. Long may it continue to flourish and multiply. ❖

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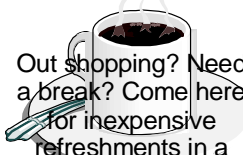
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Having kept temperature records for some years, I thought it might be interesting to see if there was any discernible trend locally. Looking at the first three months in each of the last six years there is no sign of a trend. Maybe that is what we might expect over such a short period. If each of the last six years was slightly warmer over these winter months, we should be seriously worried! But that is not the case. The year 2001, for these three months, was relatively cold, but otherwise very little overall variation occurred. Taking a rather longer view however, one feature is very striking over the last six years. The longest spell of really cold weather lasted a mere four days, and that was the first four days of January this year! Compared therefore to the 1980s and before we are clearly in a period of warmer winters, with no significant snowfall and few hard frosts. This is probably more significant than any particular variations over a mere six year period. If you wanted to be more dramatic, you could say that winter, in its traditional form, has almost disappeared during the last decade or so, and an extended autumn has almost met up with an early spring.

## Global Warming – Here and There?

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Our actions can seriously  
impact on the environment,  
warns **David Simmons**.

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So can we expect this new pattern to continue or even intensify? Not necessarily. This is because warmer conditions at both the poles are affecting the ice there. In the arctic the north west passage was ice free last summer, and generally there was 15% less sea ice. In the Antarctic huge icebergs are breaking

away from the ice shelves. For us in this country the effect of arctic melt on the north Atlantic gulf stream could be enormous, weakening its flow and warmth to such an extent that our climate could become bitterly cold and weather patterns could be significantly changed. So other peoples' roastings could be our freezing.

The problem with such scenarios is the 'it won't happen in my lifetime' response. This adds to the reluctance of most of us, politicians included, to tackle seriously our personal and social contributions to global warming. And what happens when China and India become more fully industrialised, spewing out more greenhouse gasses? It is tempting to bury one's head in the sand and succumb to 'inevitability'. It is true that the earth's climate is far more powerful than the biggest impacts mankind can make.

But that is no reason for giving up on the world as we know it - the world of two or three generations, the world for which we are responsible. And in this world the first step is often the hardest, but also the most important. We do need to consider our activities and lifestyles as they impact upon climate, just as much as those which affect our health and our immediate environment. One last thought. Climate change can be relatively sudden; it does not need big changes to create totally new systems. There comes a time when just adding one more brick to the toy tower causes the whole structure to collapse. ❖

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By 5th May Berkhamsted town council, along with all other town and parish councils across the country, has for the first time to adopt a 'Code of Conduct'. This fact will have to be advertised in the local press. Within twenty-eight days of adopting this code every councillor has to complete a 'Register of Interests'. Each has to declare, amongst other things, who their employer is (if they are employed) and the name of any 'corporate body' which has a place of business or land within the council's area and in which they have a 'beneficial interest' greater than £25,000 (or one per cent of the share capital). If there is any change in these circumstances the registration of interests has to be changed as well. Every year, then, every councillor who has shares to that value in a company will have to write to the body concerned and ask if they have acquired or sold property in Berkhamsted. The scope for the exchange of pointless pieces of paper across the country will grow enormously as a result of the thousands of parish councillors making these enquiries every year. Apart from providing good business for the ailing Royal Mail (oops! Consignia plc – and at this point I must now declare an interest as that is my employer) I can see no point in the exercise.

It is already very difficult to find people willing to find the time to stand as a town or parish councillor. The burden of complying with these new rules will make people even more reluctant. What have parish councils done to deserve this treatment? Does anyone know of any rotten parish in which councillors have made a financial killing from their role? It is difficult to see how that would be possible for a town councillor in Berkhamsted, since the council has a small budget, no development control powers, and only has executive responsibility over the allotments.

The breakdown of trust in our society has occurred to such an extent that humble parish councillors now have placed upon them the burden of proof that they are not

'on the make' rather than there being a presumption of innocence until proved otherwise. But rules and regulations, although necessary for harmonious procedures and social gatherings, cannot substitute for trust. Neither do they promote an attitude of service or commitment. On the whole they generate a more self-serving outlook. 'Barrack-room lawyers' thrive by exploiting anomalies and unnoticed corners of the rule book. Legalistic interpretations of regulations, if they are not carefully worded, can notoriously generate quite unintended, even perverse, consequences.

We rely on rules and regulations so much now because we no longer take seriously the ritual of the 'vow'. In fact we take ritual in general less and less seriously. For example, the ritual of marriage and the marriage vows are no longer universally seen as important for raising children. But a vow is a public statement of a personal commitment and links the personal conduct to the social consequences in a way that captures the essence of the commitment.

A much simpler and more effective way of keeping parish councillors in order, rather than to make them prepare a detailed and complex register of interests, would be to ask each one, before taking office, to make a solemn vow in public that they will always act as a councillor in the public interest and will not seek personal gain from their position. ❖

#### **Poor miserable infants**

## **council &news views**

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Local councillor **Ian Reay** is concerned about increasing lack of trust in public service.

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# THOMAS CORAM AND THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL

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**Stephen Halliday** tells the story of the early years of Thomas Coram, one of our town's prominent benefactors.

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In about 1720 Thomas was living in Rotherhithe and in his journey to and from the city he was frequently confronted by the sight of babies abandoned by their mothers often, literally, on heaps of rubbish. Many were the children of brief unions between local women and the sailors who passed through the area. Others were born of domestic servants who had been seduced by their fellows or their masters, often with promises of marriage. Writing of these unfortunate women a later biographer of Thomas Coram recorded that 'For the error of a day she was punished with the infamy of years...branded for ever as a woman habitually lewd'. The idea of a hospital, or home, for such 'foundlings' was not new. Such establishments already existed in Rome, Paris and Madrid, often run by religious foundations and in 1713 Joseph Addison had advocated 'a provision for foundlings, or for those children who, through want of such a provision, are exposed to the barbarity of cruel and unnatural parents'.

Thomas Coram now called upon his long experience as a lobbyist for promoting colonial trade in the service of a nobler cause. He drafted a petition, the object of which was to secure a royal charter for a foundation 'to prevent the frequent murders of poor miserable infants at their birth and to suppress the inhuman custom of exposing new-born infants to perish in the streets'. It is evidence of the insensitivity of the age and a tribute to Thomas Coram's persistence that he spent sixteen years, from 1721 to 1737, lobbying for the required political and financial support for his 'Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of exposed and deserted young Children.' In the words of his friend and biographer 'even People of Rank began to be ashamed to see a Man's hair become Grey in the course of a Solicitation by which he was to get nothing'. In the eighteenth century, politics and finance were exclusively male occupations but he eventually hit upon the novel idea of directing his entreaties

towards the wives of wealthy men. He succeeded in obtaining for his petition the signatures of 'Twenty-one Ladies of Quality and Distinction' and this was swiftly followed by the signatures of fifty-one men, headed by that of the earl of Derby. The petition, presented on 21st July 1737, asked king George II to 'grant your Royal Charter for the Erecting and Supporting a Hospital for the Reception, Maintenance and proper Education of such cast off children or Foundlings as may be brought to it in order to be made good Servants and, when Qualified, to dispose of them either to the Sea or Land Service'. The reference to the 'sea or land service' (the army or navy) was itself a piece of well-judged lobbying. At this time war with the much more populous kingdom of France was never far away and the suggestion that the foundation would be a good source of sturdy soldiers and sailors would have been well received by the king and his government.

Two years passed before the charter was granted, on 17th October 1739, for 'an Hospital for the Reception, Maintenance and Proper Education of such cast off Children and Foundlings as may be brought to it'. The first general meeting of the supporters of the foundation followed at Somerset House on 20th November of the same year. In the meantime the scheme attracted some ill-natured criticism. A pamphlet was circulated announcing 'Joyful News for Batchelors and Maids, being a Song in Praise of the Foundling Hospital', the implication being that fornication would no longer be penalised by the duty of rearing the resulting offspring. This charge, of condoning immoral behaviour, was to be levelled at the foundation many times in the following centuries. Thomas Coram was undeterred. Armed with his royal charter he campaigned relentlessly for subscriptions to the new hospital. He had disbursed £217 of his own money on legal expenses in connection with the drafting and authorisation of the charter and he no doubt contributed substantially more since

he was himself soon reduced to penury, having spent the fortune he had made as a shipwright and merchant captain.

In his address to the general meeting, chaired by the Duke of Bedford, Thomas paid tribute again to the ‘assistance of some compassionate great ladies’ which had made the enterprise possible. Amongst the gathering were Sir Hans Sloane, whose collections were soon to become the origins of the British Museum, and the Speaker Arthur Onslow whose prayer book had entered the library of St Thomas’s, Taunton, Massachusetts. The painter William Hogarth, who was to be a valuable supporter of the foundation was also present and also became a governor. The financial condition of the hospital at this time is not clear but within ten months Thomas was writing to a friend that ‘We have between 5 and 6,000 pounds in cash paid in’. His friend Richard Brocklesby wrote of Coram that ‘He beheld the Lists of Benefactors with more Pleasure than a Miser regards those of his Securities’.

By this time Thomas was a widower. His wife Eunice had died in July 1740 and it appears that Thomas had begun to neglect himself since he was now perceived to be living in sadly reduced circumstances. His friends Sir Sampson Gideon and Richard Brocklesby raised for him an annuity of one hundred and sixty guineas a year of which twenty guineas was subscribed by Frederick, Prince of Wales who, in Brocklesby’s surprised words, ‘paid it with as much punctuality as any of the rest of the subscribers’ an interesting comment on the financial probity of the House of Hanover. Thomas and Eunice had no children so it must have been of some consolation to the old widower that the first two foundlings admitted to the hospital were baptised Thomas and Eunice Coram.

#### **‘To-morrow, at eight o’clock in the evening’**

The trustees were first offered Montague House, the present site of the British Museum, as a home for the foundlings, at

a rent of £400 per annum but this was considered excessive and instead they rented some premises in Hatton Garden. This caused some anxiety to the vestry of St Andrew’s Holborn in which the home lay. The vestrymen were concerned that any children refused admission to the home might be abandoned in the vicinity and become a charge upon the parish.

On 24th March 1741 the trustees announced that ‘To-morrow, at eight O’clock in the evening, this house will be opened for the reception of twenty children... no questions whatever will be asked of any person who brings a child’. The only stipulation was that the child should be less than two months old though in the absence of birth certificates there seems little doubt that older infants were taken to the hospital. Those bringing children to the hospital were requested to ‘affix on them some particular writing, or other distinguishing mark or token’ as some means of identification. The tokens, a collection of which remains in the possession of the Foundling Hospital Museum, included coins, trinkets, a lottery ticket, pieces of ribbon and, occasionally, poems,

In the first year 136 children were admitted, of whom 56 died.





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# The Berkhamsted Golden Jubilee Summer Party

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The overwhelming public response to the celebration of the life of the Queen Mother may have surprised the most ardent royalist! Now we have an opportunity to respond to the dedication of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth, over the fifty years of her reign. Berkhamsted's Golden Jubilee Summer Party will be an opportunity to give thanks, have fun, meet friends and neighbours, and above all to celebrate.

To describe the event as a party is an understatement. In the afternoon, it is expected to be the biggest tea party ever held in Berkhamsted. You can bring your own picnic, or buy a delicious boxed tea on the day. The grounds will be open at 1:00pm, heralding an array of entertainment for young and old alike. The Battling Cumberland Giant Wrestlers will be an arena event. *It's A Knockout* and a junior football competition will offer participation and entertainment for teenagers and younger children. A prize release of hundreds of helium balloons - red, white and blue of course - will provide spectacle and enable charities to raise money by selling raffle tickets for the prizes. Stalls offering games, rides, and fun will add to the carnival atmosphere.

The afternoon is only half of the entertainment. In the evening, starting at 7:00pm, live music, food and bar services will create a party atmosphere. The party gets into full swing with live performances from *Mr Kite's Benefit Band* and talented singer Lisa Faye. At around 11:00pm, timed to coincide with a commonwealth-wide lighting of over a thousand beacons, a beacon will be lit, followed by a spectacular firework display.

The event has been set up by the Round Table under the auspices of the town council, and with the support of the Lions, the Sergeant Pepper Foundation and many other organisations. It brings together the combined experience of organising fairs, fetes, festivals and concerts held in our town. It will be open to all and is framed to have the widest appeal across the community. It is funded by the proceeds of the sale of the souvenir programme, itself supported by the town council, and a major 'Awards for All' grant from the National Lottery in recognition of the quality of the event and its inclusiveness. The entry charge will be token. Any other charges are pitched so that the joy of the celebrations will not be marred by the pain of an excessively lightened wallet! The Hospice of St Francis and other local charities will be the beneficiaries of any surplus.

A lavish souvenir programme will be available from 1st May. Edited by James Kay, the programme is designed to be a memento of an historic event. It contains the Queen's message to her peoples, an article on Berkhamsted's royal heritage and links, Berkhamsted in 1952, perceptions of Berkhamsted across the age brackets and much more. Priced at £3 it will be made readily accessible, especially by being offered for sale from door to door in many areas.

By all means hold your own street or garden party, but the Berkhamsted Golden Jubilee Summer Party will be the place to be on Monday, 3rd June. It's an event not to be missed, a truly historic occasion in the life of our town and our nation. We look forward to seeing you there. ❖



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The Children's Society's  
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**Sunday, 12th May**

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Everything is in place for the 34th Berkhamsted Walk and the alternative stroll around the gardens and grounds of the Ashridge Management College.

The sponsored walk starts from the Court House alongside St Peter's church from 10:30am to 11:30am, and offers a choice between routes of ten or sixteen miles, both fully way marked. The walks are delightful, with the contrasts of expansive views and walking in bluebell woods.

The stroll will start from within the grounds of Ashridge Management College from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Entry will be free to the grounds for the whole family, with refreshments available. In return we suggest that a donation of a minimum of £10, or a greater amount raised by sponsorship, be offered in gratitude for the good fortune of having happy children and a private parkland made accessible for their play and our pleasure.

Sponsor/entry forms are available from Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts (258 High Street, Berkhamsted), from the Complete Outdoors (Bourne End) or by 'phone from 864968. As in previous years, the person (or dog!) who raises the most sponsorship money wins a pair of Chris Brasher walking boots, or leisure goods of equivalent value, generously donated by the Complete Outdoors.

The joys of spring are legendary. Please join us on the walk or stroll to enable the Children's Society to bring some joy to the lives of deprived children. We look forward to seeing you on 12th May. ❖

## May at the Way Inn

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# review letters

## Silence please

*A member of All Saints' church writes:*

Every year, after the open-air Good Friday service, we are asked to walk, *in silence*, behind the Cross, and, every year, there are those who continue to chatter all the way to the church service.

As I watched the silent homage given the other day to an earthly queen, I felt ashamed that, as Christians, we seem unable, or unwilling to offer the same honour, once a year, to our Lord, the King of Kings. Please can we do better in 2003?

*Address withheld*



## Does anyone care about Castle Street?

*Sheila Newland writes:*

Berkhamsted is described as an attractive market town with canal-side walks, surrounded by beautiful Chiltern countryside and within easy reach of London. The reality is that in this 'attractive market town' every square inch is being sold to cram in as many apartments as possible to be sold and let at exorbitant prices. The latest 'desecration' is the proposal for the building of two and three-storey apartment blocks immediately behind the (Listed) houses in Castle Street – opposite St Peter's church. I have to confess that although I have lived in Berkhamsted for thirty-six years I was not aware of the existence of the small oasis of grass and trees behind these houses where the Berkhamsted Collegiate School squash courts are situated.

I understand that the original plans have been amended to reduce the height of some of the buildings (those immediately behind the houses in Castle Street) but the overall density is such that the residents will still suffer from lack of privacy and also noise, light and air pollution. They could find themselves on an 'island'

surrounded by traffic pollution at the front of their homes and at the back. Surely this cannot be acceptable?

At the planning meeting on 8th April the councillors suggested two further amendments: re-siting of the bins, and lowering of the car park lights. I found it impossible to understand how the councillors could take this planning application so calmly when a conservation area and Listed houses are involved. Members of C.A.R.A.B. (Conservation Area Residents' Association Berkhamsted) are still working hard and being vigilant with regard to the Manor Street and Ravens Lane development but it is impossible for them to cover every problem which arises.

So – are there any retired lawyers out there looking for some worthwhile cause for which his/her expertise could be put to good use? If so, I would be pleased to pass any offers of help to the action committee (contact phone numbers are 865769 and 864302).

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A small village in Ghana, two hours' drive from Accra, may seem a far cry from the world of transnational corporations and trade. Yet as international trade has continued to grow over the last few years, the people of Agbazo have had their lives turned upside down.

Ama Kale and her husband Samuel have seven children aged between 15 and eight months. They used to farm land which Samuel's family had rented for many years. Then one day the owner sold the land to a company exporting fruit to the UK and Germany. The director of this company didn't trouble to give the tenant farmers any notice – he simply came and destroyed all their crops. Although this was illegal, the farmers were too poor to take him to court.

The consequences for the Kale family were devastating. Ama says: "We didn't have enough food to eat. I had to sit by the roadside and beg. I used the money to buy soap to wash the children and porridge to feed them". Fortunately for the Kales, Christian Aid's partner, the Development Action Association (DAA), was working in their village. DAA's main work is supporting food production, and they provide small loans to help people start making a living. In particular they help people like Ama, who have been thrown off their land, to find new ways of earning an income.

For Ama, DAA provided training and a small loan. She used this to buy maize flour to make 'kenkey', a fermented dough which is eaten with fish or sauce. She sells her produce in the village and makes a small profit of around 60 pence per day. When the Kales first lost their land Samuel had to go to Accra to find work. But now he is back in the village and works as the local handyman. With his sister Mary he

has bought machines to grind cassava and



maize, which they rent out to villagers.

Since DAA has been working in Agbazo there has been a marked increase in the confidence of the women as the loan scheme has enabled them to provide for their families. They are now planning new projects, such as growing mushrooms and making oil. While Christian Aid partners are helping put people back in business, Christian Aid's *Trade for Life* campaign is aiming to ensure that the benefits of trade are felt by those most in need.

This year Christian Aid Week (12th – 18th May) is focusing on how international trade rules affect the lives of people like Ama and her family. Please consider providing support through your prayers, by taking action and by giving.

#### **Could you be a collector for Christian Aid Week?**

Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's main fundraising event of the year. Last year was a record as nearly £12 million was raised. This would not have been possible without the support of thousands of collectors throughout the UK and Eire.

If you would like to collect for Christian Aid Week in a street near you, please call Angela Morris (866992) or Muriel Johnson (866447). ❖



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## Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey

More than a thousand people of all ages came from all over the diocese to attend the Easter Monday Pilgrimage in St Albans Abbey, including a group of fourteen from All Saints and St Peter's, most of whom walked the entire twelve miles.

The walkers had joined in a short service in St Peter's at 7:45am before enjoying a cooked breakfast in the Court House. The weather was beautiful and the group enjoyed the walk. We arrived at the Abbey to have a picnic lunch on the Abbey Meadow before moving in procession into the Abbey led by the Bishops of St Albans, Hertford and Bedford.

The theme of the pilgrimage was *The Wise Fool*, to mark the 1st April date. Many parishes, including our own, brought colourful banners with them, which they waved during the informal service. Many well known hymns were sung and in his address, the Bishop of St Albans, the Rt Revd Christopher Herbert, encouraged the pilgrims to work for peace and reconciliation in their communities. Prayers were said by young people from All Saints', Leighton Buzzard.

We would like to thank all those who helped in any way, particularly those who cooked our breakfast and provided the lifts back to Berkhamsted at

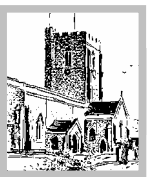


the end of the day. It was good having a group of enthusiastic walkers, but next year it would be great if more were able to join us.

*Above: The brave band of pilgrims from All Saints' and St Peter's pause for refreshment.*

*Below: The Abbey was packed full during the service conducted by the Bishops of St Albans, Hertford and Bedford.*  
*Photos: Guy Dawkins*





## reviewnorthchurch

**Rev Peter Hart  
urges us to accept  
the power of the  
Holy Spirit this  
Pentecost.**

Can you remember the first time you were asked to do something 'grown up' on your own? Was it your first trip to the shops without a parent, or that time you drove a car all by yourself, with no instructor present? How did you feel - excited or scared? Did it actually make you feel that you were an adult?

When we are left on our own to carry out tasks which previously have been done for us or alongside us, it either increases our feelings of self-confidence or fills us with dread. The task seems beyond us, it appears to carry too much responsibility, so we are consumed by worry or panic; alternatively, it feels so natural to be doing this that we wonder why it has taken so long for us to be given the opportunity.

The Church at Pentecost felt exactly the same way. The disciples had been with Jesus for three years or so, they had seen him perform miracles, explain new ideas about God and confront the religious authorities of the day. Then the events of Good Friday and Easter changed

everything - Jesus left the responsibility for showing the ways of God to the world to a group of frightened, confused people who did not fully understand everything that he had said and done. However, the big difference between Jesus giving the disciples responsibility for spreading the Gospel and us being left alone to do 'grown up' things is that the disciples were not on their own - the Holy Spirit was with them, to encourage, to remind, to inspire, to direct, to bring understanding and clear explanations.

The Holy Spirit was given to the whole Church, not just to a group of individuals. We are not acting on our own when we live the Christian life - we may feel that we are, but we are not. Pentecost ought to give the Church confidence - confidence in its message, confidence in its worship, confidence in its practical life - decision taking, confronting injustice and hatred, bringing peace and reconciliation. This season of Pentecost, let us allow the Holy Spirit truly to give us the confidence that we need, to work together as brothers and sisters in God's family and to persevere in living a radical life in a world which is still searching for truth and meaning.



April saw the first meeting of the new PCC following the annual parochial church meeting the previous month. Fr Mark Bonney, in the chair, welcomed new members to the council and explained the purpose of the PCC.

The meeting noted that there were encouraging developments in the efforts to recruit a youth worker.

The majority of the meeting was handed over to two matters of business.

### NEWS FROM THE P • C • C

Alan Conway gave an enlightening overview of the subject of clergy stipends and pensions, highlighting the need to achieve a fair balance

between a cost-of-living stipend and the nature of the clergy calling. It was recognised this is a sensitive area but one which nonetheless needs to be addressed.

The parish's new child protection policy was discussed at some length and, with some minor modifications, was accepted by the Council. CS

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### SPRING PLANT FAIR

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The Ashridge Spring Plant Fair is a popular local attraction. The fair this year returns to its traditional location on Monument Drive, Ashridge having been displaced last year by the foot and mouth epidemic.

The date is Sunday 12th May from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Thousands of plants have been given and will be on sale. Several local specialist nurseries will be taking part and, for the first time, an expert garden designer will be available for consultation.

Please come along for a thoroughly enjoyable day out. For further information phone John Powell on 878640.

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### WEA BERKHAMSTED BRANCH CAMBRIDGE STUDY DAY: 6TH JULY 2002

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Some of you may have enjoyed our Oxford study day last summer. This year we are going to the other place! The day's walk will be led by WEA tutor and blue badge guide, Mary Lockwood, who will instruct us in the history and architecture of Cambridge with an additional emphasis on the work of the 19th century arts and crafts movement. We shall visit at least two colleges, including King's College chapel. In the middle of the day there will be free time to enjoy lunch of our choice.

The coach leaves from outside W.H. Smith at 9:00am and will return by 6:30pm at the latest.

There are only 20 places available for the study day at £21.00 each (entrance fees to the colleges are included). There are also 15 places available at £12.00 to people who would like to take advantage of easy transport 'to do their own thing' in Cambridge.

To book your place, please send a cheque payable to WEA Berkhamsted to Hazel Ward, 324 High Street, Berkhamsted HP4 1HT or phone 875899. The deadline for booking is 21st June. Do book as early as you can. There was a waiting list for our trip to Oxford last year!

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### CAN YOU HELP THE HOSPICE CHAPLAIN?

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The hospice chaplain, Rev Liz Hughes, is looking for some voluntary secretarial / admin support to help with correspondence to the church links and to organise the twice-yearly church links meetings. This is an interesting new role, which would involve some telephone work. Also, the volunteer would need to be confident with Microsoft Word on the computer, but could work either in the hospice or from home (where they would need their own computer). It is anticipated that probably a couple of hours' work once a fortnight would be needed although this could vary and some flexibility is desirable.

The hospice would also welcome a few more volunteers in the in-patient unit helping with suppers for a couple of hours once or twice a month. A few more gardeners, relief drivers, office helpers and fundraisers on a fortnightly basis would also make a lot of difference. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Liz Daniel, voluntary services co-ordinator, at the hospice on 862960 during office hours please.

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### SOLOISTS OF ST PETERSBURG SATURDAY 18TH MAY – 7:30PM

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The *Soloists of St Petersburg* will give a concert on Saturday 18th May at 7:30pm in St John the Baptist church, Aldbury. Tickets at the door will be priced £5.00.

This promises to be a lovely concert. The *Soloists of St Petersburg* are six professional singers, three men and three women between the ages of 22 and 40, a number of them opera soloists at the Kirov Opera in St Petersburg as well as soloists in church choirs in St Petersburg. They have done several European concert tours visiting Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and Great Britain, and this year they have planned another spring and autumn tour in England.

The concert in Aldbury will last two hours which includes a very short interval for the choir midway through the evening and a time of refreshment for all of us at the end of the concert, so that we have a chance to speak to

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the singers - most of them speak English. The first half of the concert will be Russian Orthodox sacred music and the second half Russian folk songs.

We hope that there will be a large audience to enjoy this much acclaimed Russian choir.

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### BRING ME SUNSHINE!

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Words made famous by local resident, Chairman of Luton Town Football Club and occasional fisherman, Eric Morecambe, who with little Ernie Wise closed their television shows with them for many years.

I use them as a headline because this is what hospices do, they bring sunshine into some of the deepest shadows we are likely to experience. It may also be that this thought was in the minds of the pioneers of the hospice movement when they chose the sunflower as their emblem.

The Hospice of St Francis has been looking for a new site for some years, to quote the medical director, Ros Taylor, 'The hospice simply cannot afford to wait now – the space limitations on the present site have become critical'.

Of course building a new hospice from the ground up, even having found a site, is hugely expensive and, although the treasurers over the years have been prudent in providing a capital fund and the existing site will eventually realise a substantial sum, more is needed now. You can help by supporting the Markyate Plant Sale on Saturday 1st June 2002 starting at 10am in the garden of 64 High Street, Markyate.

And finally do you remember Eric and Ernie's final line? 'Bring me love.' Strange how close in sentiment it is to the motto of St Francis – 'Love made known.'

*Ian Bradley*



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**Saturday 29th June 2002**

10:00am – 3:00pm

St Peter's churchyard

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Family fun and pleasure, while raising money for local and international good causes, is the raison d'être of the fair.

The local cause this year is the Hospice of St Francis. The hospice has just announced that it has an option on a possible site for a new building along Shootersway, and is opening a charity shop in the High Street. In addition to the costs of providing compassionate care for people with illnesses in advanced stages, the hospice will require funds for these new initiatives. The fair will be opened by Dr Ros Taylor, medical director of the hospice.

The overseas cause is the Mothers' Union African literacy programme. The programme helps people to help themselves, enabling them to break out of the cycle of poverty and disadvantage caused by illiteracy. By doing so, the women are able to develop skills to benefit their families and children, and the wider community. The money raised at the Petertide Fair will train teachers in the local community who can then move on to work with students.

As is now customary, entertainment will be provided by local school children and the



### Have you done something interesting recently?

We want to hear about it! At the *Review* we want to keep our readers right up to date with what's happening in the parish and town. So, if you've organised an event tell us and we'll give you free publicity. And after the event, tell us what happened! Contact details are inside the front cover.

Berkhamsted Gym Club. Always a delight to watch, their performances are a credit to themselves and their teachers.

Goods for the 'flea market' are already coming in, proving that one person's surplus can be a useful bargain for another.

Brian Bennett, the celebrated local artist and former president of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters, has painted a Berkhamsted castle scene as first prize in the prize draw. Brian's paintings have gained international renown. The draw presents the opportunity to win his valuable offering. Tickets will be on sale during May.

The organising committee is busy planning the events, entertainment, stalls and refreshments. Calls for donated goods and plants, toys, books, cakes and bottles (at least), and the help of volunteers will be made as the weeks go by. In the meantime, please think of the needs of our causes, and how you can help, so that this fair is as successful as ever.

Please make a note in your diary to be at the fair, and also add in Sunday, 14th July when St Peter's church will be open for guided tours, cream teas, and ascents of the tower. The view from the tower has changed beyond recognition, as old buildings give way to new. Maybe you've climbed it before, but it's now a new experience.

For more information of how you can help or if you have any questions about the fair, call this year's organising committee chairman, Alex Evans, on 872502.

## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed nearly a full membership with six of visitors to celebrate the 13th birthday of our institute.

On display was a letter we had received from the Queen's lady-in-waiting thanking us for the card we had sent to the Queen with a our best wishes for her golden jubilee.

To commence our party celebrations we joined in a song and were then entertained by a five piece band called the *Jolly Jazzers*. They entertained us with old time favourites which set the feet tapping and put us in a party mood. An expression of thanks was given by Hazel Harle. A wonderful tea provided by Sue Bull and a birthday cake iced by Barbara Chester was enjoyed by all.

In May we look forward to meeting Ann Parsons who will take us through the resolutions meeting on 3rd May at 2:00pm in the Court House, Berkhamsted.

*Jam and Jerusalem... Raise the banner high. It doesn't matter who you are... come and join the W.I.!*

## review poetry corner

### This Precious Gift

*May Kempster*

Life is such a precious gift  
Do not abuse or waste it  
But use it wisely, time will tell  
What you've achieved, if you've done well.

We have the gift of sound and sight  
Of thought and speech; that's not quite right  
For some are denied these gifts,  
Some cannot think, their lives just drift.

Many have no gift of sight  
For them there is no bright daylight,  
They cannot read, or beauty share  
But gallantly their burden bear.

Some cannot speak and neither hear  
But sign and signal language share  
Some brave souls need continual care  
And so much pain and sickness bear.

Thank God for gifts with which you're blessed  
And share with others who have less  
A cheerful word, a happy smile  
It makes life sweet and well worth while.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		11:30am	Eucharist (first Sunday in month)			
		6:00pm	Evensong			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	<i>Eucharist only as announced</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> )			
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP(AS)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:45am	MP(AS) ( <i>except 3rd Sat in month</i> )			5:00pm EP
<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH:</b> 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
<b>3rd Mon</b>	<b>GRIEF &amp; LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP</b> 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown 863268 or June Haile 873087.					
<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY CLUB</b> 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray 864532 or secretary Joan Gregory 864829.					
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>CHUCKLES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP::</b> 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Kate Spall 873470.					
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 2:00pm fourth Tuesday at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY STUDY GROUP:</b> Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 <b>HILLSIDE GROUP:</b> 8.00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for <i>Bible study.</i> Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504					
<b>3rd Tues</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION:</b> meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Margaret Barnard 862794					
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB</b> 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Carole Dell 864706					
<b>2nd Wed</b>	<b>MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:</b> 8:00pm as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins 874108					
<b>3rd Wed</b>	<b>GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT</b> Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris 865785.					
<b>4th Wed</b>	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:</b> meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HOME GROUP:</b> 8:00pm every Thursday. Contact Linda Bisset 862115.					
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804					
<b>Friday</b>	<b>LITTLE FISHES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St P (10am). Nicole Varndell 828541					
<b>Friday</b>	<b>ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children</b> 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), <b>Adults</b> 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
<b>3rd Sat</b>	<b>ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST:</b> 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP</b> 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Carole Dell 864706.					

# reviewdiary

Please see page 29 for a full list of regular services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

## APRIL

28 6:00pm Choral Evensong with St Michael's, Highgate *St Peter's*  
and St Peter's Church Choirs

## MAY

1 6:15am Madrigals from St Peter's church tower  
1 8:00pm St Peter's area committee meeting *Court House*  
2 8:00pm All Saints area committee meeting  
3 10:00am Little Fishes service *St Peter's*  
7 10:15am Chuckles service *Our Hidden Friend* *All Saints'*  
8 8:00pm Anglican / Methodist Joint Council meeting  
9 8:00pm Ascension Day Parish Eucharist *All Saints'*  
12 10:30am Berkhamsted Walk sets out from Court House  
18 7:30pm Berkhamsted Choral Society *Harmoniemesse* Haydn, *St Peter's*  
*Three Sacred Pieces* McEnery, *Dies Natalis* Finzi  
21 10:15am Chuckles service *Secret Power* *All Saints'*  
30 8:00pm Solemn Eucharist for Corpus Christi with the Byrd *St Peter's*  
5 part Mass sung by the Chiltern Chamber Choir

## JUNE

11 10:15am Chuckles service *The Lost Sheep* *All Saints'*  
11 8:15pm Parochial Church Council *All Saints'*  
15 8:00am ABC Prayer Breakfast *Court House / St Peter's*  
15 7:30pm Bridgewater Band *Appalachian Spring* Copeland, *St Peter's*  
*Diseños for 6 percussion players* Salzedo,  
*Symphony No 9 The New World* Dvorak  
29 10-3pm Petertide Fair in and around St Peter's  
30 9:30am Patronal Festival Eucharist *St Peter's*  
30 6:00pm Choral Evensong *St Peter's*

## Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

17 March Marcus Peter Kennedy, James Francis Kennedy, Oscar Brett Johnson

## Funerals

8 March	Harry Sheldon	St Peter's church (Chilterns Crematorium)
14 March	Janet Doreen Miller	Chilterns Crematorium
19 March	Winifred Ella Jaffray	Chilterns Crematorium
3 April	Reginald Whitworth	Chilterns Crematorium

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2002-2003

The churchwardens and PCC members for 2002-2003 are: (phone nos in brackets)  
PCC 2002/2003

**Churchwardens:** Chris Smalley (826821) and John Malcolm (874993)

**Deputy wardens:** Carole Dell (864706) and Richard Hackworth (863990)

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Alan Conway (865798),

Richard Foster (863359), Jenny Wells (870981)

**PCC members:**

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Tim Hennessey (865729), Pat Hunt (822607), Stephen Lally (863526)

Judith Limbert (873626), Helen Nicholls (873162), Michael Robinson (863559)

Felicity White (866223)

(All parish clergy are, ex-officio, members of the PCC. \*Christopher Green is a member ex officio as chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Priscilla Watt (863804) is minutes secretary).

**Area Committees:** (in addition to those PCC members normally worshipping at the respective church)

The Area Committee elections took place on 21st April, which was unfortunately past our copy date this month. Details of the St Peter's and All Saints' area committees will be published in the June issue of the *Review*.

Further information on parish activities and personnel may be obtained from the parish office (secretary: Jean Green 878227) which is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tues/Wed and 9:30-1pm Friday (ansaphone at other times). Any parishioner may attend PCC meetings as an observer subject to notifying the PCC secretary in advance of their wishing to do so.



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

## St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859  
 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024  
**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche,  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders  
 (in the Court House) followed  
 by coffee in the Court House.  
 11.30am Eucharist (1st Sunday in month)  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon  
**Weekdays**  
 Holy Communion  
 Wednesday 7:30am  
 Thursday 11.00am  
 Friday 9.15am  
 Morning Prayer: M-F 7:30am, W 7:00am  
 Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:00pm  
 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 Anglican eucharist only as announced  
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall  
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)  
 6.30pm Anglican service only as announced (otherwise Methodist Evening Service)  
**Weekdays**  
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am MP/EP see p29 Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.  
 Anglican priest-in-charge Rev Martin Wright (see *Contacts* above);  
 Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road. Tel: 866324



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