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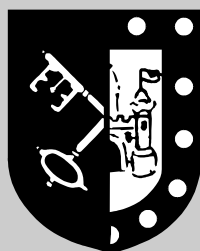
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

As I write, the World Cup is in full swing and, for once, England seem to be doing pretty well (of course, that might have changed by the time you read this!). The spirit of teamwork evident on the pitch and, by extension, in all of us across the country who have suddenly become soccer pundits and fanatics of the game, is impressive. The excellent Jubilee events, both nationally and locally, have added another dimension to the national feeling of celebration and well being.

This issue of the *Review* takes up the theme of teamwork and community spirit, as a quick look through our features will show. This is a particularly busy time of year for 'events' as we take advantage of the English summer (with brollies ready just in case!). The Petertide Fair will have – we hope – pulled in the crowds, and several other events across the parish are lined up. All of course depend on teams of hard working volunteers, to whom we offer hearty thanks.

On this note, two articles this month commemorate Margaret Barnard, who died suddenly and unexpectedly in May. As a shining example of a person who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many causes, Margaret had few peers and will be sadly missed. *Chris Smalley*

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

#### **Not how, but why**

**Fr Mark Bonney** examines the need for the right balance in considering the Genesis creation story.

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**John Cook** would like to examine the contents of a forgotten crypt in St Peter's.

#### **A load of old @&\*!!\***

What's the link between horse manure and Railtrack? **Ian Reay** has the answer.

#### **A right royal occasion**

The inside story of the town's Jubilee celebration is revealed by **Alex Evans**.

#### **Message in a Bottle**

The Berkhamsted Lions launch a new scheme for people living on their own.

#### **Science Friction**

**Guy Dawkins** reviews the recent dramatic production at All Saints'.

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creation story.**

## **review** leader

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One of the aspects that always strikes me about reading the first chapter of Genesis is the sense of balance it has. It portrays an image of creation in balance and harmony, of order and priority. There are many angles to that – not least the way that harmony and balance is evidently *not* in place as we misuse and abuse this planet in so many ways. A United Nations report on the environment has just been published which warns us that if we carry on the way we are it will lead to worldwide ecological and social disaster. There is an urgent need to get the right balances in place; the report says ‘the planet is at a crucial crossroads. Choices today are critical for the forests, oceans, rivers, mountains, wildlife and other life-support systems upon which current and future generations depend.’ We’ve heard it all before, but the challenge of balance remains.

In the Genesis story God rested from his labours on the seventh day. I’m very

A few weeks ago now there was a certain amount of newspaper interest in a confrontation between a school in the north of England and its local au-

thority. The issue was to do with the teaching of creationist and evolutionary theories of how the world came into being. The different models will be more complex than newspaper sound bites will allow for (and for that matter than the sound bites of a *Review* article!), but there remains in some quarters a simplistic view that Genesis chapters 1 and 2 is somehow describing *what* happened, when its real intention is nothing to do with science and everything to do with *why* it happened and *how* we live in the world.

far from understanding these verses literally, but this remains a very powerful image of balance as well -the right balance between work and rest. The right balance between work, rest and worship. Many of us will be taking holidays away over the next few weeks; hopefully a chance to rest, recuperate and rejuvenate. We invest an enormous amount in our holidays; not just money, but expectations of what they can achieve. Unless the right balance of rest and work is with us throughout the year then there can be little chance of the week or two away fulfilling expectations. There needs to be a time for rest throughout the year; a time for family, for self and for God that’s part of a weekly pattern. An imbalance in these areas is the cause of so much domestic and personal tension.

The Genesis myths speak so powerfully because they tell deep truths about the human condition – created to be in harmony with one another, ourselves and with God, and the whole thing getting in a muddle through greed, selfishness and the rest. Perhaps our holiday time may be the start of a recovery of balance that with God’s grace can lead into all of life.

Have a good holiday if you’re lucky enough to be having one! ❖

*Father Mark*

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Cover: The statue near Coram Fields in London commemorating Thomas Coram, the philanthropist with strong links with Berkhamsted and founder of the Foundling Hospital. Stephen Halliday concludes his series looking at Coram’s life on page 14 of this month’s issue.

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King George V's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in Berkhamsted on 6th May 1935, and I am grateful to Margaret Casserley for providing me with a copy of the programme.

It started with the Town being woken up at 7:00am with a peal of bells from St Peter's tower. A band played outside the Town Hall in the morning and another in the park during a special cricket match. The Golf Club held a 'bogey competition'; there was a thanksgiving service in St Peter's and sports for children in Butts Meadow; and members of the council attended a long and complex programme at the Court Theatre. Then later in the evening a band played again outside the Town Hall where there was a grand carnival dance lasting until 2:00am. There was a fireworks display in the park and more band music.

Each local scholar was presented with a Jubilee Book and a 1935 sixpenny piece, and there were handouts of vouchers for the purchase of goods from local tradesmen for the unemployed and other needy people selected by a special sub-committee. The celebrations were rounded off on the following Sunday with a combined service in the castle grounds, accompanied by bands.

No doubt there are some Berkhamsted residents with memories of those events. In London there was a long procession which my parents took me to see – the most spectacular thing I had ever witnessed at the tender age I then was.

### **Life in the Castle**

How is the Town's principal haven for wildlife doing so far this year? I refer of course to the castle, where the moats have now been flooded to a good depth since last autumn. The answer is that it is generally flourishing. The moats apart from their regular occupants of mallards, coots and moorhens, have had passing visits from little grebes, Canada geese and even a pair of goldeneye ducks. In contrast, the smaller land birds have declined there, as everywhere else it seems. But the occupant of the castle cottage tells me that the great success this spring has been the booming population of a precious protected species - crested newts, probably treble last year's numbers. The difficulty with them is that they are nocturnal and not often seen in the daytime; but when the newt expert comes late in the evening he shines his torch on the water at the edge of the reeds to see how many are about, and on the last occasion he stopped counting at 58. The wildflowers are good too, the species in bloom changing week by week. There is a good crop of yellow irises, and the common or garden cow parsley in great swathes makes a fine show.

### **Dead in Lead**

I was intrigued to read that scientists were proposing to open certain sealed lead coffins from burials that took place in medieval times, in order to get samples of the DNA of the viruses or whatever from which the occupants of the coffins had died. Apparently there is nothing like a sealed lead casket for preserving a corpse.

Some readers may know of the tomb of Henry V's brother, Humphrey Duke of Gloucester, in St Albans Abbey. Soon after he died in the 15th century Humphrey's remains were put in a lead

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coffin which was then filled with brandy before being sealed tight. Some 250 years later the coffin was opened up, and there was Humphrey, so the story goes, in surprisingly good nick. Humphrey's tomb then became something of an 18th century tourist attraction, and the level of the brandy started to go down – but I won't go into that now.

In St Peter's in Berkhamsted we have our lead coffins, or at least we think we have. By all accounts there were at least two fine ornate examples in a vaulted burial crypt which is still there under St Catherine's chapel; but access to the crypt was completely blocked off during the restoration of the church over a century ago. Wouldn't it be exciting to open up a way back into this crypt and to get a sight of the coffins that have lain undisturbed for generations! It would be even more intriguing to prise up the covers and see the contents; but some people would have qualms about the propriety of doing that, particularly if it were only done out of morbid curiosity. Even so....

### The High Street's Oldest House

The little shop (painted green) on the south side of the High Street opposite the Town Hall has stood empty for years, ever since Figgs the chemists moved out to take larger premises along the road. The building has the look of a quaint little Victorian shop; but it has long been known that, behind the 19th century front, parts of it were much older. It is a 'listed' building, but nobody knew quite how ancient it was.

Now, using modern dating techniques, it has been demonstrated that some of the timbers date from the 13th century. This is a really astonishing revelation as it means that, apart from St Peter's, it is the



*One of the oldest shops in town?*

building in the High Street with by far the oldest parts to it. It is more ancient by over a century than what had previously been considered to be the secular buildings with the oldest parts to them along our main road, such as the buildings now occupied by Cesare Nash and the Red Cross charity shop.

So that little shop, or parts of it at least, has stood there in one form or another from about the time when Edmund, Henry III's nephew, lived in the castle and built the monastery at Ashridge, and long before it was the

home of the Black Prince.

### Definite Article

The other day I read an apology from a journalist for having referred to someone as having *the* 'flu, instead of just 'flu. She agreed this was a faux pas, just as it would be to talk about *the* measles or *the* mumps. Well, perhaps so, but when is it right to use the definite article in front of a name and when not?

When some years ago a new name had to be found for one of the Town's middle schools it was decided it should be called The Thomas Coram School, and some pains were taken to make sure the definite article was not left off. Similarly The Deans' Hall in the Collegiate School should always have *The* in front (and, incidentally, it should also have the apostrophe at the end, as it is named after two deans, not just one).

As a London schoolboy I was taught always to refer to *The* Regent's Park; but to talk about The Old Kent Road, The City Road, The Edgware Road, even The Tottenham Court Road was considered a bit vulgar. But now of course in-people always talk about *The* King's Road. Funny thing, English usage. ❖

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It was with sadness and shock that we learned of the sudden death of our secretary, Margaret Barnard. She had been such an important part of our branch for so long that we found it difficult to visualise a meeting without her.

However, we did gather for our meeting on the Tuesday before her funeral because we felt that this is what she would have wanted. Each one of us lit a candle and shared what she had meant to us individually, as a member of our branch and to the M.U. in general. It was an evening of tears and smiles.

Margaret joined the M.U. in Flamstead when her children were small and joined the Berkhamsted branch when it reopened in November 1986.

She was a loyal committee member and became secretary when I became branch leader. She was very conscientious. Detail was important. Minutes had to be accurate. She kept us all up to date and as leader I would have been lost without those phone calls; "Jenny dear, have you remembered...?"

She attended deanery and diocesan events and those who travelled with her found her a very good travelling

# THE MOTHERS' UNION

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Jenny Wells reflects on  
the life of the late  
Margaret Barnard

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companion with her comments and conversation always a bonus.

She was interested in people and found talking to friend or stranger easy. There were no worries about a visitor or stranger at a meeting with Margaret present! She kept in touch with people, and this mattered greatly to her. She took people under her

wing and showed them she cared. She gave them her time.

If ever there was a need, she was sure to respond, whether it was helping in the crèche at HMP The Mount, Bovingdon, during a sponsored walk or paying a visit.

Margaret always had a smile and walked to meetings, invariably arriving late, with apologies because she had been involved in some kind act and left things a little late!

She was very humble and professed to be 'not very good at many things'. But, we remembered, so many good things!

At her funeral Fr Mark used Mary Sumner's personal prayer. This was so appropriate for Margaret that I quote it:

*All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen. ❖*



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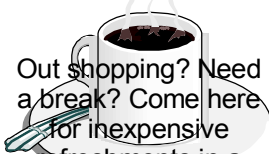
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It is difficult to remember a death in the parish which caused such shock and genuine grief. On hearing the news, the first reaction of so many was one of sheer disbelief followed by the sad realisation that it was in fact true that we would not see Margaret again. This was very often followed by the words “but I was only talking to her last ....”.

It was then time for the sharing of memories – we all wanted to talk about her and what she had meant to us. For so many it was the genuine concern that she showed to people. If you had told her of something which was troubling you, she remembered and would enquire about the matter – or person – when she next met you even though it might be some weeks later.

She had a very strong sense of duty which made her feel that she should attend, as far as possible, meetings of all the organisations to which she belonged. She would be there quietly sitting towards the back, partly because she did not feel she should push herself forward and partly, perhaps, because she had arrived just a few minutes late!! Her sense of duty extended to others – on the Wednesday evening before her death, I received a phone call about 6 o’clock when she said “I am just getting ready to go to the Town Council AGM – I expect I shall see you there”. I wasn’t planning to go but how glad I am that I did. On another occasion, I was asked to attend a meeting of the town forum to report to her as she felt she should support a meeting of another organisation being held at the same time.

Her interests extended to the arts. As well as the Graham Greene festival, she attended operas and ballets in London as well as plays at the National Theatre and

## MARGARET BARNARD A VERY SPECIAL PERSON

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**Priscilla Watts** pays tribute  
to Margaret who died  
suddenly in May.

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made frequent visits to the cinema at Hemel Hempstead. How sad that the *Rex* has lost one potential regular customer! She belonged to the University of the Third Age and one of her most recent interests was the Greek drama class which she attended and which included visits to the theatre. She also belonged to a book club which had been formed many

years ago by a number of young mothers like herself living in South Park Gardens. She had a fairly catholic taste in books but some modern literature of an explicit nature was not entirely to her liking and, in fact, she warned several of her friends off one book she had had to read!

Her family was a great joy to her, always concerned with their lives and careers; she was so thrilled by the birth of her grandson, Rufus, earlier this year.

She had a strong faith throughout her life and would seldom miss the 9:30am Eucharist each Sunday. She was a lifelong member of the Mothers’ Union of which she was secretary at the time of her death and also served for sometime as secretary of the Tuesday Club. As a volunteer from the Mothers’ Union she helped at the crèche at the Mount Prison once a month, looking after the children while their mothers visited the prisoners.

How can we best honour her memory? Well, there are now a lot of vacancies for volunteers and if each of her friends were to offer to help with just one of her jobs, it would be wonderful. There is the church cleaning rota, the lectern to be kept polished, the children at the Mount to be amused, the Town Hall Community Market to be helped – not to mention countless tins to be rattled in the town. What about it?



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dumped at Dellfield – damaging the gate in the process. The manure was removed from the farm to enable Birse Construction to clear a route through the farm to the railway track at Bourne End for work on the rail modernisation project. The contractors also need to create an access path at Dellfield and the supply of horse manure was offered as a gesture of goodwill in exchange for access through the Billet Lane gate and across a vacant plot to the railway embankment.

The West Coast modernisation which has been active in the Euston and Willesden areas up until now will shortly be moving up the line and will impact on our lives quite a lot this year and probably next year as well. In preparation Railtrack has been erecting a new, dull grey, boundary fence alongside the track corridor through the town. With, I imagine, all other railway season ticket holders I received a letter from Silverlink last April telling me that the line will be completely closed between Hemel Hempstead and Milton Keynes at weekends starting from 10th August going right through until 8th December – eighteen weekends in total. During the closure periods buses will operate between Hemel Hempstead and all stations as far as Milton Keynes. A total of two hundred

## council & news & views

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Our local rail services are in for a long period of upheaval.

**Ian Reay** explains the connection with horse manure!

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likely to be slow and add greatly to road delays in the area. As it happens there will be major road works on the M1 in this vicinity at the same time and so I would advise against making any journeys at all over the next few months.

During these eighteen weekends 140 miles of new track will be laid, a new junction will be constructed at Ledburn, just north of Tring, and a new overhead line will be installed. This will be the biggest upheaval on the line since the electrification programme in the 1960s. It seems likely that this will be only the first of at least three years of disruption. Next year, Railtrack wants to close the line again for nineteen more weekends, to install a new junction at Bourne End and some other works at Tring. They are also hinting at major works requiring closure around Easter 2004. The result of all this work will be that trains will be able to run faster on the lines but because fast trains use up more track space there will be fewer of them. To compensate for this, trains will get longer – twelve cars instead of the present eight. And for that, the slow line platforms at Berkhamsted will need to be lengthened. And so it goes on. I hope that Berkhamsted receives more benefit from all this disruption than an enormous pile of horse manure. ❖

## In Welfare and Education

The records of the hospital enable us to form a reasonably clear impression of the care of the children in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It was envisaged by the founders that girls would be trained for domestic service for which they would leave the hospital at the age of sixteen; while boys would leave when they reached fourteen years. They would either enter the armed services or would be indentured as apprentices for the normal period of seven years. In the meantime the children were taught to read, write and sufficient arithmetic to be able to reckon a set of accounts. The boys were also taught spinning and gardening, the latter skill being exercised in the grounds of the hospital itself which grew most of its own vegetables. The girls, in preparation for their domestic service, were taught needlework and laundry. Many of the boys were apprenticed to shopkeepers, there being many openings of this kind within the City of London itself. Requests for apprentices from public houses were firmly refused as were overtures from households or businesses who were not of the protestant faith. This education was considerably better than would have been available to the great majority of children at the time.

All the children were inoculated against smallpox and a doctor attended in case of illnesses which could not be remedied by the resident nurse. The high mortality which characterised the early days of the hospital was greatly reduced as the years passed so that in July 1805 it was noted that only one child, a boy, had died in the previous six months, an extraordinarily low figure at a time when child mortality was a routine hazard.

# THOMAS CORAM AND THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL

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**Stephen Halliday concludes  
his story of local benefactor  
Thomas Coram.**

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recorded as having found employment as a delivery boy at a wage of nine shillings and sixpence a week.

The food was also superior to that which most of their contemporaries would have received. The menus of the time make reference not only to copious amounts of bread, butter and cheese but also to boiled mutton, roast beef, vegetables and broth (for the boys) and rice pudding (for the girls). The girls' uniform consisted of a calf-length dress with a white apron and a mop cap, while the boys wore short brown jackets and scarlet waistcoats with brass buttons. In the nineteenth century Charles Dickens lived nearby in Doughty Street. He was not known for his uncritical attitude towards charitable foundations but the Foundling Hospital, which he must have passed every day, earned his unqualified approval. In March 1853 in his journal *Household Words* Dickens wrote 'this home of the blank [*ie* nameless] children is by no means a blank place...the Governors of this charity are a model to all others'.

## Thomas Coram's final days

Thomas Coram spent the last few months of his life, a lonely widower, living in Leicester Square on the annuity which had been secured by his friends. He acknowledged 'I have not wasted the little wealth of which I as formerly possessed in

Medical practices at the time paid no respect to youth and it was noted in June, 1806, that 'The Poor Lad, George Rodney, submitted on Saturday last to the amputation of his leg with unusual firmness and resignation and he is in a fair way of recovery'. The amputation, without anaesthetics, appears to have been successful since eighteen months later he was

self-indulgence and vain expenses and am not ashamed to confess that, in my old age, I am poor'. He was often to be seen in his final days widowed, childless, 'clad in his well-worn red coat, seated on a bench under the arcade, with tears in his eyes, regaling small foundlings with gingerbread'. The arcades may still be seen in Coram's Fields. Even as death approached Thomas was working upon another plan to create, in the North American colonies, a home for native American Indian girls with the intention of converting them to Christianity. This scheme was never realised.

Thomas died on 29th March, 1751, probably aged 83, and his funeral was a great occasion. The choir of St Paul's cathedral provided the music, conducted by the notable composer William Boyce. At his own request Thomas Coram was buried in the chapel of the Foundling Hospital where he remains.

#### **The Foundling Hospital to-day**

In 1926 the governors agreed to sell the site of the hospital for £1,650,000 and built a new home for the children in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, one of the country towns to which the first children had been sent for wet nursing. The purchaser intended to use it as a new site for Covent Garden market but this scheme came to nothing. The new home opened in July, 1935 and the children became a familiar sight in the little town, especially when they all marched to the station for their annual holiday, led by their band. The home remained in use until 1951 after which, along with other charities such as Barnardos, the charity favoured the practice of fostering or adoptive parents. The Berkhamsted buildings then became Ashlyns school, which continues to prosper on the site. The charity, however, continues its work.

In 1936 the charity re-purchased 100,000 square feet of its original site, adjoining Brunswick Square which remains the home of the Foundling Museum. This museum, with its priceless collection of paintings, underwent a major refurbishment in 2001-2. Outside the museum stands a statue of Thomas Coram who is also commemorated by a tower in his birthplace, Lyme Regis.

In 1852 The Great Ormond Street Hospital for sick children was built on land adjacent to Coram's Fields, the original site of the Foundling Hospital. The choice of the site was a fortunate one, in close proximity to Britain's first charity for children. The charity itself is now known as the 'Coram Family'. It works with vulnerable children and sponsors research projects into the welfare of children. Some of this work is carried out through the Thomas Coram Research Unit within the London University Institute of Education, whose premises are adjacent to Coram's Fields (which remains the only park in London which an adult can enter only if accompanied by a child). This, and the nearby museum with its statue, are the most visible monuments to the quarrelsome old sea captain but his true memorial is to be found in the lives of the thousands of children whom he saved from death or destitution. ❖



*The Foundling Museum in Brunswick Square Photo: Chris Smalley*



## A Right Royal Occasion The Berkhamsted Golden Jubilee Summer Party

**Alex Evans** gives us the inside story  
of this hugely popular event.

What a resounding success the Jubilee celebrations were. Proms and pop at the Palace, ceremonial, parades, pageantry, tea parties, beacons, and fireworks: they all contributed to an atmosphere of celebration and thanks to the Queen for her glorious reign and for 50 years of dedicated service.

In Berkhamsted, street and garden parties, and the Berkhamsted Golden Jubilee Summer Party, held at the cricket club, proved the strength of our community spirit.

The Summer party was in two parts. In the afternoon there was the 'Biggest Tea Party in Town', with an emphasis on the

young and senior citizens. Later the 'Evening Extravaganza' catered for the in-betweens, with music, refreshments, a beacon and fireworks.

The event was mooted nearly a year ago when Kevin Elliott, then chairman of the Berkhamsted Round Table, and Garrick Stevens, then the mayor of Berkhamsted, agreed that the Round Table's annual spring bank holiday fair should be the vehicle for the Jubilee celebrations. At the invitation of the town council, a meeting of service clubs and charities was called in late October to see if there was a consensus for this major community event. Concerns were

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naturally expressed. Would the celebrations be a success, or would there be the 'tide of apathy', as later suggested by the media? Where would the money come from to pay for the event, and who would bear the loss if it was washed out by adverse weather? What if people preferred to hold tea parties in their streets, rather than attend a community event?

A committee was formed and took an optimistic view, predicting that a quarter of Berkhamsted's population of 20,000 would come to the party, provided it was an attractive event.

The Queen had expressed a wish that the day of celebrations should be inclusive across the generations, and that no-one should be unable to come because of cost. The committee accordingly set a guiding principle that the party should be non-profit making. If a surplus was made, then it should be distributed to the Hospice of St Francis, Sergeant Pepper community nurses and local charities.

The costs of holding such an event are staggering. A gamble had to be taken on the weather being fine, to save the prohibitive costs of large marquees. Expenditure had to be made on the fun things such as entertainments, balloons, free teas, and fireworks. More mundane things added to the costs, such as toilets, litter bins, generators, printing and minibuses to transport old folk to the party.

The committee was aghast to find that over £30,000 was needed, with no guarantee of income. Should, as they say, the plug be pulled? With knots in the stomach it was agreed that it would let the town down if the party did not go ahead. It was decided that a souvenir programme, with advance sales, would defray some of the early costs. Sponsors would be sought, and an application be made for a National Lottery *Awards for All* grant (we were given £5,000). Entrance money, a raffle and the sale of teas would, hopefully, cover the costs of the day.

The Lions were charged with getting the souvenir programme produced. Dennis Fairey & Associates willingly agreed to design the programme at a nominal price. James Kay, Berkhamsted reporter for the *Gazette*, was invited to be editor. The *Gazette* permitted him access to its archives of historic pictures of earlier celebrations. Local authors contributed articles, making the programme an interesting read, pertinent to our town. Connect Colour, a local high-tech printing company, printed the programme at cost price. The quality product is widely recognised as exceptional of its kind, a souvenir of a great day.

The big day, 3rd June, came. Food in huge quantities had been prepared. The cricket club field had been set up ready for stall-holders, entertainers, football and *It's a Knockout* competitions. Minibuses set off to bring pensioners from their homes.

A tide of apathy? How wrong those predictions were! At the gate, a human tide flowed through all afternoon. We shall never know how many, because children and pensioners were free entry, without tickets. With the field filled as never before, a conservative estimate is that 5,000 came to the party of a lifetime. A Jubilee party and community spirit prevailed, undaunted by grey skies and a brief shower.

The 'Evening Extravaganza' was equally successful. An estimated 3,000 people came to enjoy live music and refreshments. *Mr Kite's Benefit Band* and international vocalist Lisa Faye entertained an enthusiastic crowd, prompting dancing on the grass. The lighting of a beacon and fireworks finished the evening.

A huge sense of satisfaction at a mission accomplished, with costs covered, overcame the committee. Berkhamsted, with the involvement and enthusiasm of so many of our community, had staged a truly memorable Jubilee event. We had fun, celebrated and gave thanks; collectively, we did ourselves and the Queen proud. God save our Queen! ❖

## Edward Buckton Lamb

*Anthony Edwards writes:*

I read with interest the section in *Around the Town with John Cook* in the June issue of the *Review* entitled *A Special Architect*. Like Mr Cook, I too have been interested in Edward Buckton Lamb, the architect of Berkhamsted Town Hall. This was indeed one of three town halls designed by Lamb and the last to be completed in 1860. The second town hall was the one in Eye in Suffolk completed in 1857.

Eye Town Hall is situated on an island site with all elevations emphasising the coloured and intricately detailed brickwork, raw flint emblems and the massive stone cornice. A significant contribution to the project was made by Sir Edward Clarence Kerrison, the local MP and landowner and he was rewarded by gifts from a grateful townspeople.

The first town hall, built in 1853, is in Watton in Norfolk, some twenty miles west of Norwich. The principal patron was the 5th Lord Walsingham who married the eldest daughter of Lamb's most important patron, Lady Louisa Frankland-Russell, who lived at Chequers. Lord Walsingham lived at Merton Hall less than two miles from Watton and here Lamb was the architect for the lodges. He was also to carry out the restoration at Merton church.

Back in the early 1980s the building was enthusiastically brought back into use by the town council. On the ground floor was a registry office together with a day centre for the elderly and a kitchen for the 'meals on wheels' service. Upstairs there was the council chamber and the hall, called 'Wayland Hall', which was used for small meetings and receptions.

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*Mrs Flossie Tompkins writes:*

I thought you would be interested to see the enclosed photograph.

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The young man to the right of my husband in the photograph is Thomas Kingham, his godson.

Does anyone recognize the other spectators? I would be most interested to know.

*Shootersway, Heath Road,  
Ridlington, North Walsham,  
Norfolk NR28 9NZ (01692 650500)*

## Something to say?

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

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The Lions Clubs of Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead and Tring have joined forces to launch the *Message in a Bottle* scheme across Dacorum. This is a simple, but highly effective, idea whereby people can place their medical details and contact numbers in case of emergency into an easily identifiable plastic bottle. The bottle has a large green cross on the outside and is located in the door of the householder's fridge; a green cross is stuck on the outside of the fridge door, and another green cross is stuck *inside* the house by the front door, in line with the door lock. Should members of the emergency services or care agencies have need to enter the house and see a green cross, they know that relevant information on the residents can be found in the fridge door.

The scheme was introduced by the Lions Club of Kendal as their millennium project, and it has since been extended to many parts of the country. Lions 'clubs across Hertfordshire are now launching the scheme in their communities. It has had the enthusiastic support of the police, fire and medical services.

The bottles due to be distributed in Dacorum have been assembled by inmates of HM Prison, Bedford, and 10,000 are currently stored in the garage of Berkhamsted Lion President, Steve Mitchell, who said, "I've promised the family the bottles will be sent out quickly, but they suspect there'll be another batch in shortly!"

The 'green cross bottles' are available free of charge from all doctors' practices in Dacorum. Dr John Porterfield

## THE 'MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE' SCHEME

The Lions are spearheading a new community initiative. **Peter Block** tells us more.

and Mary Dyson, members of Berkhamsted Lions Club, are coordinating the scheme in Berkhamsted. John said, "The form has spaces for personal information, details of illness, of medication (and where kept), doctor's, carer's and neighbours' contact numbers. Anyone un-

sure about filling in the form should ask a friend or neighbour for help. Also it's very important that the information is updated whenever circumstances change. In some parts of the country, pharmacies have joined the scheme, and that may happen here too."

Lion president Steve Mitchell said, "The Lions Clubs in Dacorum funded the first batch of 'green cross bottles', and we're delighted to report that the Lloyds TSB Charitable Foundation has donated £1,000 to extend the scheme in Dacorum. Although originally designed for those with a medical condition, the scheme will be attractive for all those who live alone, and for single-parent families. Our target is to achieve a 15 per cent uptake. If anyone has a question about the scheme, Lion John Porterfield is probably the best person to ask; he's on 876697". ❖





## review northchurch

***Rev Peter Hart  
explains why  
visiting St Mary's  
is an uplifting  
experience.***

St Mary's has been open during the lunch hour for the past few Tuesdays, as an experiment. For a long time, the church has stood locked, apart from during services, but now we would love to see the building being visited at other times. Why? What can you do and see in a church building, that is any different from anywhere else?

A visit to St Mary's can be lesson in architectural history, an aesthetic experience of stained glass and polished wood, a reminder of powerful, wealthy local families from the memorials on the walls and an acknowledgement of the presence of others in our midst for many generations. Thus, there is a description of the circumstances surrounding Peter the Wild Boy's arrival in Berkhamsted, explanations about the flag which hangs above the font and about how many bells there are in the tower and when the fourth clock face was added, but really that is only scratching the surface of the place.

A visit to an ancient place of worship

also requires a spiritual awareness. This is a living place, where faith is made real, where God is worshipped and praised continually and continuously since as early as the 7th or 8th century. This is the place where countless babies have heard their name called by God as the water of baptism splashes on to their heads, where local couples have committed themselves to each other in love, and where sad goodbyes have been uttered for generations. This is a place of prayer and silence, of waiting on God and finding Him in the darkness of desolation or the brightness of joy. This is a place of hard work and craftsmanship, of quiet weekly labour to keep the building neat and welcoming. It is a place of music, ancient and modern, it is a place of teaching and reading, or sharing and greeting. It is full of the presence of God, it abounds in the activity of the Holy Spirit, it speaks of the life of Christ, lived out by his faithful people over many generations and still continuing today.

Come and experience the building in its simplicity and its wonder. Come to it to reminisce, to discover local history and to admire other's crafts. Primarily, though, come to meet God, for I can guarantee that He will already be there as you cross the threshold. ❖

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## COMMUNITY POLICING

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The new arrangement of community policing means a greater presence on the beat with officers allocated to each ward in the town. Each officer will carry a mobile phone whilst on duty and can be contacted regarding *non-urgent* policing issues affecting the ward. Whilst individual officers are allocated to a specific ward they work as a team. They cannot be on duty all the time, so you can still telephone the community office on 271108 or, of course, dial 999 for emergencies. The community officers are:

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West Ward 07736 225286  
PC Richard Austin  
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PC Andrea Betteridge  
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PC Lance Edwards  
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If you don't know which ward you live in, you could phone the Berkhamsted Town Clerk, Colin Westwood, on 228945 (and keep a record for next time!).

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## POLICE STATION OPEN DAY PROTECT YOUR MOBILE PHONE!

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The second annual open day at Berkhamsted police station on Saturday, 4th May was a great success, with lots people and families visiting to see examples of the many, varied functions operated by our police. These covered dog handling, drugs, crisis and emergencies handling, firearms and weapons, wildlife specialists, armed response vehicles and helicopter surveillance as well as many others. If you missed it this year look out for publicity for the event next May.

One of the services was information on self help with crime prevention. There is lots we can individually do to prevent crime regarding theft from and of cars, house and garden shed burglary, and security of our mobile phone. Handy leaflets on all these subjects were given out and remain available. Cycle marking and

mobile phone marking was done on the spot (if you brought your bike and mobile!) and will be a feature of future open days.

We hear so much about muggings, often in relation to the theft of mobile phones, that if we could do something simple to make this theft pointless, wouldn't we do it? Well, there is something simple that we can all do! Try the following steps:

1. Check your mobile's serial number by keying in *star, hash, '0', '6', hash* (\* # 06 #).
2. A 15 digit code will appear on the screen; this is unique to your hand set.
3. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. Should your mobile be stolen you can phone (landline!) your service provider and give them the recorded code.
4. They will then be able to block your hand set even if the thief changes the SIM card, and your phone will be useless.

So even if you don't get your phone back you will at least know that the thief can't use it. If everybody did this, there would be no point in stealing mobile phones. Pass the word around!! If your phone is lost or stolen, contact the local police and your telephone company.

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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A group of ladies had a sticky time learning how to do 'Decoupage' at our end of May meeting. Teresa Mela showed us her skills. Never have the members been so quiet, you could feel the concentration! We all felt very pleased with ourselves on completion of our own card.

Our next meeting, on 2nd July, is another fun evening where we will be playing 'Holy Beetle' in aid of the Church Army. This was arranged by Margaret Barnard who sadly died last month. She was a member for many years and is missed by not only the Tuesday Club but by many people in and around Berkhamsted.

There is no meeting in August, but we meet again on 3rd September, when we will be having Canon Roger Davies come to show us slides. Ladies, do come and join us. We are a happy and friendly group who meet in the Court House at 8:15pm on the first Tuesday of the month.



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BERKHAMSTED WALK AND STROLL



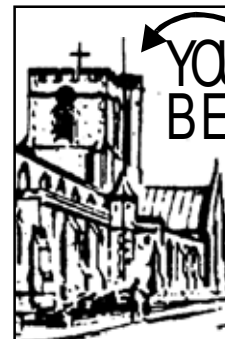
A glorious day out! Two hundred and twenty walkers left the Court House on Sunday, 12th May to enjoy the wonderful countryside surrounding us. About a third of them opted for the long, 16 mile, route, the remainder chose the ten mile route.

Bluebells carpeted the woodland floors, rape fields painted the landscape brilliant yellow, and all around were the soft new greens of spring. A cuckoo, pheasants, and a skylark added to accompanying birdsongs. A rural wonderland was on view.

In the afternoon, forty five families took part in the stroll in and around the grounds of Ashridge Management College, enjoying the formal gardens and the countryside alike.

The total amount of money pledged is now nearly £6,000, a gratifying addition to the funds of the Children's Society for its work with some of the country's most vulnerable and deprived children and young people. Please collect your sponsorship money and pay it in as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Thanks are due to all those who took part as walkers or helpers,. Thanks also to the management college for making its grounds available to us on this occasion, and also on Sunday 16th June when there was another gardens open day for the benefit of the Children's Society.



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**St Peter's church Open Day** gives you an opportunity to take a bird's eye view of the town from the top of the church tower on **Sunday, 14th July**. John Cook will be conducting tours around the church sharing his encyclopaedic knowledge of the building's history, and cream teas will be available in the Court House. Come between 2pm and 5pm - all proceeds go to the Petertide Fair causes.

## TOWN CENTRE FORUM

The Berkhamsted Town Centre Advisory Forums give local residents the chance to take part in well-informed discussions on topical town centre issues. The meetings are held once per quarter and are usually in the Sessions Hall of the Berkhamsted Town Hall. As well as local citizens and councillors from town, borough and county councils there are representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Association, the access committee and the police. The next three meetings are (all on Wednesdays) 11th September, 4th December and 12th March 2003, all at 7:30pm. You will find them both interesting and informative.

## ASHRIDGE WALKS AND STROLLS

The Friends of Ashridge invite you to take part in a walk in the woods on Wednesday, 10th July at 7:00pm. The walk will explore the woodland around Rail Copse and Aldbury common. Meet at the Ashridge volunteer basecamp on Tom's Hill Road, close to the junction with the B4506 (tickets, cost £2.00, from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3JT. Please send a stamped self addressed envelope and cheque payable to National Trust Ashridge).

There are also two gentle strolls on offer on Tuesday, 16th July at 11:00am (meet at Steps Hill grass car park on Beacon Road) and on Sunday 18th August at 2:30pm (meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green). All are welcome on the strolls. No tickets are needed but a charge of £1.00 per person will be levied on the day.

There is also an archaeology walk on Saturday, 20th July, starting at 11:00am. The cost is £3.00 for adults. Booking is recommended. Please ring 851227.

## BERKHAMSTED QUIET PLACES

*'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest' Mark 6 v.31*

Are you feeling stressed, overworked or fraught? Would you like the opportunity to be quiet for a couple of hours, to take time out and to escape from the pressures of life?

Quiet Places and Gardens give us all permission to have time to ourselves in a peaceful setting, to draw aside from busy lives and make space to listen to God. Many of us have already found these times encouraging and helpful. Do come.

Three more dates for Berkhamsted Quiet Places are arranged this year:

1. **Thursday, 11th July 9:30am - 12:30pm** at Hambledon, Meadway. Leader: The Rev. David Barton, chairman of the Quiet Garden Trust.
2. **Saturday, 14th September 9:30am - 12:30pm** at Hill House, Frithsden Copse. Leader: Mrs Jan Herbert, teacher of English literature, mother, grandmother and Bishop's wife.
3. **Saturday 16th November 10:00am - 1:00pm** at Hill House, Frithsden Copse. Leader: Mrs Rae Moyise, spiritual director, formerly associate tutor with St Albans and Oxford Ministry course.

All are welcome. Come and use the space and time in any way that is right for you. More details from Frances Norrington (871855).

Quiet Places and Gardens and Spaces are all part of the Quiet Garden Trust, which was founded by Philip Roderick ten years ago. The main celebration of this anniversary is to be at Worth Abbey in Sussex on 21st September which is open to all.

## Christian Aid £4,484

This was the sum raised from house to house collections in Berkhamsted in May 2002. It includes £250 from our market stall. It was a pretty good effort from 80 or so collectors, but with *your* help we could make it even more in 2003.

Christian Aid began as part of the British Council of Churches after World War II. Today it works with partner organisations in 60 countries worldwide. It aims to help people be self sufficient and aid is given regardless of religion or culture. Christian Aid Week began in 1957. The organisation in this country campaigned for debt relief in 2000 and wonderful results have been seen in Uganda as a direct consequence. This year there will be campaigns and a mass lobby of parliament as part of the Trade for Justice movement to change trade rules, which are unfairly biased in favour of the rich nations, leaving the poorer countries struggling. In many Third World countries foreign companies can start processes such as mining with no regard to human welfare or environmental issues and there are currently no laws to stop them. We are lobbying to change that.

You can help by buying FairTrade products - for example, tea, coffee, chocolate and bananas. With these products, the producers get a fair price for their goods and are well treated.

*Margaret Pike*



## 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 CASTLE W.I.



In the absence of Liz Baxendale, who unfortunately was unwell, Joy Lovell, our vice president, welcomed members to our June meeting and together with Janet Mitchell took us through the business matters.

Several members had been on a group outing to Leeds Castle and we were given a droll report by Hazel Kennard of this excellent day's outing to Kent. Janet Mitchell was a representative at the IGM at Brighton and was pleased with the results of the resolutions put forward this year.

Our scheduled speaker this month had been unfortunately hospitalised. We wish her a speed recovery. We were pleased to have John Cook to speak to us at short notice on *Victorian Berkhamsted* with illustrated slides. His excellent slides of Berkhamsted from the year 1837 showed views of churches, schools, farms, town halls and shops. They also illustrated how the coming of the canal and the railway played their part in the building up of the town. It was a most enjoyable talk and an appreciation was given by Hazel Harle.

During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competition judged.

Next month we look forward to meeting Lady Fowden whose talk is entitled *Peggy's Peregrinations* on 5th July in the Court House at 2:00pm. Perhaps you would care to join us? A warm welcome awaits you.

## NORTHCHURCH W.I.

The members of Northchurch W.I. have enjoyed a number of interesting and entertaining meetings during the first few months of the year. In February Liz Baxendale shared her memories of Treats and Treasures when she reminisced about earlier days when even an orange was regarded as a special treat! Several remembered those wartime days and all had small treasures tucked away.

The speaker for the March meeting was unexpectedly unable to fulfill her commitment owing to illness, but her mother Mrs Shuffrey ably stepped into the breach with an illustrated talk on the Navajo Indians whom she and her husband had visited on several occasions.

In April Mrs M Nash kept everyone enthralled when she demonstrated the art of painting on silk and showed a variety of silk scarves which members could purchase.

May as always was the resolution meeting when members vote for three resolutions they deem most suitable to be put forward at the IGM which was held in June. The most popular will be sent to the government for the attention of parliament. It is quite surprising how many laws have been influenced in this way!

Final arrangements have been made for the outing in August. Wimpole Hall in Cambridgeshire was chosen with a stop in Cambridge first for lunch and sightseeing on the way.

At the June meeting Miss P Farley from the Woodlands Trust spoke on the subject of keeping Woodlands Alive. ❖

The June PCC meeting considered a diverse range of subjects.

Fr Martin Wright reported that early plans for the creation of a new worship space at the east end of All Saints' were in hand. This would see a new altar in place with seating which could be arranged in various ways. An experimental scheme would be set up in the near future.

## NEWS FROM THE

P • C • C

It was agreed that minutes of PCC meetings would be given greater prominence in both churches.

An encouraging financial report was provided by the honorary treasurer, though it was also noted by the meeting that the appointment of a youth worker for the parish would increase our costs in future years though the next two years had been budgeted. CS

SUNDAY	St Peter's:	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				
	All Saints'	8:00am	Eucharist only as announced				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced)				
		6:30pm	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.				
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (contact Carole Dell 864706)				
MONDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
TUESDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	All Saints'	9:30am	Eucharist	
WEDNESDAY	St Peter's	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm	EP
THURSDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm	EP
FRIDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:00pm	EP(AS)
SATURDAY	St Peter's	8:45am	MP(AS) (except 3rd Sat in month)			5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780						
3rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown 863268 or June Haile 873087.						
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House A lively women's group with guest speaker 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. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Kate Spall 873470.						
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm fourth Tuesday at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
Tuesday	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 HILLSIDE GROUP: 8:00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for Bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504						
3rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. Non-members always welcome. Contact: Kathie Lally 863526						
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer. 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 as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins 874108						
3rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris 865785.						
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. New members and visitors always welcome. Contact: Vera Pullen 862196						
Thursday	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm every Thursday. Contact Linda Bisset 862115.						
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.						

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).

## July / August 2002

### JULY

1	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	10:00am	Little Fishes service	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	10:15am	Chuckles service <i>The Sower</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
10	12-12:30	<i>Wave of Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	1:45pm	125 Year Celebration of the Diocese: Schools Church Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
14	1-5pm	Church Open Day – <i>Cooks Tours</i> , trips up the tower, cream teas	<i>St Peter's</i>
14	6:30pm	<i>Pepper Praise</i> service	<i>Collegiate School Centenary Hall</i>
20	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Sacred Heart</i>

### AUGUST

4	10:00am	Joint Service (Anglican, non-eucharistic)	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	10:00am	Joint Service (Methodist, Holy Communion)	<i>All Saints'</i>
17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Michael's Sunnyside</i>
18	10:00am	Joint Service (Anglican, eucharistic)	<i>All Saints'</i>
25	10:00am	Joint Service (Methodist, non-eucharistic)	<i>All Saints'</i>

## Registers

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

12 May	Amelia Grace Tasker
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### Weddings (*St Peter's*)

25 May	Lee Taylor & Kelly Lee, Phil Pate & Joanna Patterson
1 June	Tony Hopkins & Philippa Reid
8 June	Peter Vorley & Emma Fairhurst

### Funerals

8 May	Geoffrey George Mothersole	All Saints' (burial Kingshill)
23 May	Margaret Dora Barnard	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
24 May	Cynthia Olive Muriel Wheeler	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
28 May	Mark Eaton	All Saints' (burial Kingshill)

### Memorials

8 May	Gladys Mary Fenner	St Peter's
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**THE PARISH OFFICE** is usually in operation Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30am to 5:30pm and Fridays 9:30am to 12:00noon throughout the year. Please get any notices for the weekly pew leaflet to the parish office by **2:00pm on the Wednesday for that Sunday's leaflet**. It is greatly appreciated that most people do abide by the deadlines, because re-arranging the pew leaflet can be difficult to achieve later in the week. *Thank you.*

Young people

Churches

PCC 2002/2003

Contacts

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

### St Peter's

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

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Libby Jones (862438)

### All Saints'


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

### Youth Groups

The youth fellowship meets in the Court House each Sunday 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Carole Dell (864706).

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' hall. Contact Carole Dell (864706).

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29



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The Revd Mark Bonney, The Rectory, Rectory Lane. Tel: 864194 (day off Friday pm / Sat am)  
 The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road. Tel: 866161 (day off Monday)  
 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485  
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981  
 Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise. Tel: 385566  
 Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater. Tel: 871283  
 Mrs Joan Cook (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street. Tel: 866278  
 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway. Tel: 874993  
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981  
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House Tel: 878227  
 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway. Tel: 871598  
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 John Malcolm, Landswood, Shootersway. Tel: 874993  
**Parochial Church** Secretary: Mrs Pat Hunt, 11 The Firs, Wigginton Tel: 822607  
**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**  
 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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