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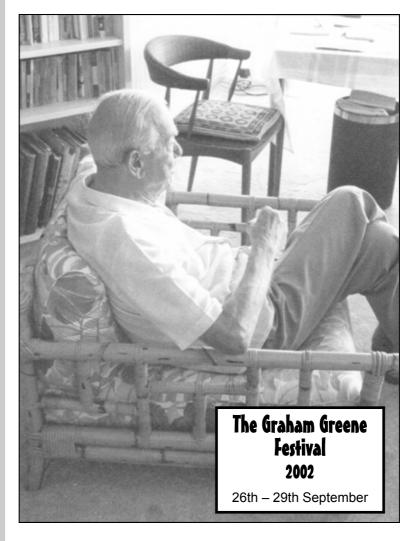
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Welcome to the September issue of the Berkhamsted Review.

This month we have a mixture of the contemporary and the timeless. Sadly we need to commemorate the murderous events of 11th September 2001: we have a poem sent to one of our regular readers by an American friend who lost someone in the catastrophe in New York. We have other more cheerful events to which to draw your attention: the Graham Greene Festival and the arrival of our new youth worker, Jimmy Young.

One of the delights - and sometimes the headaches - of editing the *Review* is that you often have no idea of what will turn up. History tells us, repeatedly, that there is an endless supply of interesting material 'out there'. So this month we have a positively erudite article on the use, or non-use, of the definite article ('the') in names, especially street names. And we have an account of what to your editor at least is an exciting project to capture and tabulate in computer-usable form all the available census data for our town.

If you don't find something to your taste, why not write something to put that right! After all, this is *your* magazine.

David Woodward

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Rev. Peter Hart wonders why we have so much difficulty explaining our faith.

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Fr Mark Bonney explains his new role as Rural Dean of Berkhamsted.

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As most people will know the Bishop has appointed me as Rural Dean of Berkhamsted and the archdeacon of St Albans will be commissioning

me at evensong in St Peter's on 1st September (which may have just happened by the time some of you read this!) Many will have heard of a rural dean but few would be able to say what they do (and I'm not entirely sure at this stage!) However the diocese produces some guidelines from which I make a few selections so you can have a general idea of what the role involves

- Rural deans act for the bishop in having a general oversight of parishes and ministers in the deanery
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I hope that these selected highlights give some idea of the little added extra that it's my privilege to take on board. This is an appointment for five years, so it isn't a life sentence! However it will necessitate some re-allocation of my time, and as another part of the instructions to rural deans says 'inevitably you cannot and should not continue to do all you were previously doing in the parish.' One of the reasons I expect that I was chosen is that this parish is blessed with Readers and active retired clergy who are a great support and will, I hope, continue to be so. The parish is also blessed with many, many capable baptised Christians – and this is a reminder that we all share in Christ's mission to this place.

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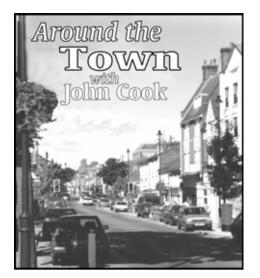
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The finding of those ancient timbers in Figg's old shop in the High Street, which was mentioned in this column a couple of months ago, has got me all excited. This discovery was considered so important that the government has re-listed the building grade II* (grade two star), only one level below the highest grading. The dendrochonology study (calculating the age of wood from its tree rings) which led to this decision dates some of the timbers at 1277-1297. The technical report says that the building was likely to have been constructed in the late 13th century as a shop or workshop, with chamber above.

We know that Berkhamsted's most ancient institution, the market, was functioning in the 13th century, and this new find suggests that, apart from the weekly or twice-weekly markets that were held then, there was other business activity of enough importance to warrant the building of at least one substantial shop. Perhaps the commercial life of the town was taking off then following the opening of St Peter's church in 1222.

At that time St Peter's formed one end of a wide market place. The row of shops which became known as Grab-all Row on the north side of the High Street that now includes Cole Flatt's, the Home and Colonial, Aitchison's and so on, was built actually on the market place some centuries later.

Figg's old shop has stood empty for years, and it will be interesting to see what happens to it now. Wouldn't it be ideal if it could be turned into the Town's information office, with perhaps a small local museum upstairs. Dream on, I hear you say.

Business Changes

On the subject of the High Street, did you see that Tesco's is to be renamed Tesco Metro? The upstairs of the shop is to be closed and the escalator taken out. As is often the case, when a facility is removed its loss is obscured behind other changes announced at the same time.

Another piece of news affecting the commerce of the Town is the uncertain future of one of our most attractive businesses – Bridgewater Boats. What a loss it would be if this asset, which brings visitors to Berkhamsted and carries the Town's name all over the canal network of England, should come to an end.

Al Fresco Berkhamsted

Eating out in Berkhamsted has taken on a new meaning. For years now there has been remarkable growth in the number of places where you can get a meal here; but the latest phenomenon is tables on the pavement. In the Town centre Caffe Uno came first, and now we have the bloc, Nicholl's, and the Home and Colonial. (I am not sure about the last one – whether they want us to sit in the chairs they put out or to buy them). Just along from Home and Colonial, the latest one is the new deli ONE4SIX; and Simmons the bakers put a couple of tables out when the weather is fine

Apart from on the High Street pavement, you can now eat and drink in the open to the rear of *Nicholl's*, *Magoos*, and the *Crown*. The three pubs on the canal – the *Crystal Palace*, the *Boat* and the *Rising Sun* – all cater for those wishing

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Have we all become hardier? Has global warming hit Berkhamsted? Is this just a passing fashion, or here to stay? Perhaps it could simply be that so many people spend most of their lives indoors that they welcome the opportunity to do things out in the open air, and eating out is something an increasing number of people can afford to do.

Who of the older generation can remember barbecues when they were young? Now everyone seems to have one, sometimes even a gas fired contraption of great technical sophistication. It is not only young people who favour all this al fresco refreshment in our fickle climate, but it is largely them; and for the unfortunate girls this has coincided with the fashion for wearing clothes which don't meet in the middle, offering no protection from the cold to their midriffs as they sip their cappuccinos. Funny thing, fashion: in my youth you had to go to the Windmill to get a sight of a female navel; now they are to be seen everywhere, even in church.

Regionalisation

Regional assemblies for England are being talked about, and *Herts Direct*, the newssheet which comes through the door from the county council every now and again, reminded us that Hertfordshire is officially in the East of England region. The other counties in the region are Suffolk, Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Essex, with a total population of 5,418,900. There is to be consultation on the idea, but at the moment, our county council says, this is not seen as one of the regions with a great interest in a regional assembly.

I am not surprised that they are lukewarm about the idea, because Hertfordshire County Council would disappear if regionalisation came about. A regional assembly would cost £20 million a year, and we would have to pay. But it seems to me that one of the main arguments against it is not the cost but that



Soon to be a forgotten sight in Berkhamsted?

the assembly would preside over what is not a coherent region at all. East Anglia is a region; the Home Counties might even be said to be a region; but Berkhamsted has no more in common with Felixstowe or King Lynn than it does with Bournemouth or Hereford. Anyway, there is to be consultation, so we are going to have a chance to have our say.

Shock Story

The Bishop of Buckingham in his address to a recent Berkhamsted Collegiate School service in St Peter's told this story:

An old man won a million pounds; but his family were concerned that he might have a heart attack from shock if the news was broken to him by them; so they asked the vicar to do it. The vicar agreed, took his time about it and did it so well that there was no adverse reaction from the old man when eventually he learned of his good fortune. The vicar asked the man what he would do with the money. He said he hadn't really had time to decide, but he thought he would give half of it to the church; whereupon the vicar had a heart attack.

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members. The diocesan M.U. responded to this challenge and members filled Hoddesden parish church in July to hear this year's guest speaker Diana Bandy, as well Margaret Burbidge examines the role of the Mothers' Union in the work of UNESCO.

THE MOTHERS'

UNION

as reports of our activities in 2001.

Diana Bandy is a general trustee and represents the M.U. at the United Nations. For the M.U. to be granted special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the UN, and to join the large number of non-governmental organisations who have a voice, certainly reflects its standing in government circles in this country. It allows the M.U. representative to be an advocate for our members all over the world and to speak in support of women, especially those who have no voice.

The M.U. attends the once-yearly meeting of the commission on the status of women, which is part of the Economic and Social Council. In 2001 the agenda was

women, girls, children and HIV / AIDS and all forms of gender discrimination. In 2002 it turned to the eradication of poverty through the empowerment of women. With over a million members world wide and 80 per cent of these living in third world countries, the M.U. has direct contact with the issues under

discussion and can make informed contributions to the debate.

The privilege and responsibilities of representing a million members at the UN should not be underestimated.

and the work of the Commission in empowering women has raised awareness of the reality of women's lives in many countries. But the work of the M.U. is not limited to commissions meeting in New York. It is also involved at grass roots level, supporting women in their communities through projects like the literacy and development programme as described by Kathie Lally in last month's *Review*. Both are needed and make the M.U.'s commitment to Christian care for families world wide a reality.



The Lady

I wonder what she thought As she stood there, strong and tall. She couldn't turn away, She was forced to watch it all.

Did she long to offer comfort As her country bled? With her arm forever frozen High above her head.

She could not shield her eyes She could not hide her face She just stared across the water Keeping Freedom's place.

Elizabeth Jackson contributes this poem by an American friend in memory of the events of 11th September last year.

> The smell of smoke and terror Somehow reduced her size So small within the harbour But still we recognised...

How dignified and beautiful On a day so many died I wonder what she thought, And I know she must have cried.

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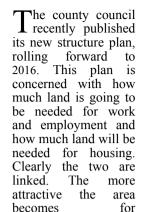


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companies that want

to set up factories and offices in the area the more people will come and work here and will need houses to live in. Hertfordshire, like much of the south east of England, is already overcrowded, with the result that housing is becoming too expensive for many people in the sorts of jobs that are essential but not highly paid, such as nursing.

It does not make sense then to encourage a lot of new businesses to come to the area if the result is simply a vicious circle of more land developed for business, requiring more employees to move to the area, requiring more houses to be built and so more loss of increasingly valuable countryside. What is needed is better employment opportunities for the people who already live here. In fact the county council believes that there is enough land already used or committed for use for employment to meet the growing needs of the present population of the area. The county council wants to resist demands from developers to release extra land for business use.

But will the government let them get away with it? Soon after the county council published its structure plan the government published its green paper on airports policy. This sets out how the government would like to see airports expand in the south east. The effects on Hertfordshire would be little short of catastrophic. The proposed expansion of



Ian Reay is fearful for the town's future peace and quiet, not to mention its local democracy.

Stansted is the most spectacular _ airport could become bigger than Heathrow is now – but the plans for Luton would have the biggest effect on Berkhamsted. longer runway is suggested, which may be on a new alignment, which by 2030 will be used by 29 million passengers each year - five times the present number.

Luton Airport already brings aircraft noise and disturbance to Berkhamsted and Tring as well as to many villages in the area — especially the Gaddesdens. A longer runway for Luton would bring four times the present number of flights, and disturb thousands more people. A new runway on a new alignment would lead to over 10,000 people being affected by aircraft noise for the first time.

The airport would employ twice as many people as it now does. With five times as many passengers and twice as many employees, road congestion is bound to increase. A bypass to the north east of Luton and improvements to the M1 and M1 link road are likely to be built as a result of the bigger airport but there will still inevitably be problems on local roads.

For this expansion of Luton Airport, 250 acres of agricultural land (200 in the Hertfordshire green belt) would be lost. This runs a Chieftain tank over Hertfordshire County Council's 'Dad's Army' attempt to keep Hertfordshire green and strictly for the locals. But local councils are just a piece of grit in the machinery of smooth management to the government which has already made clear its lack of interest in or patience with the views of county councils. It proposes to cut them out of the planning loop altogether and give their job to unelected regional development agencies.





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The Politics of **I** Graham Greene is the major theme for the 2002 Graham Greene festival. The unconventional views of Graham Greene and his attitude to doctrinaire philosophies and established power is a theme running through the extensive and varied programme. The festival is organised The Graham Birthplace Greene Trust and directed by

David Pearce.

Films based on Greene's works to be included in the programme include *The Human Factor* (1979), *The Quiet American* (1957) and a preview of *The Quiet American* (2002) starring Sir Michael Caine. *The Human Factor* (which had many Berkhamsted associations) has prompted the inclusion of a tour of Berkhamsted locations used in the film during the festival.

Insights into 'Adapting Graham Greene for the Cinema' will be provided by Christopher Hampton CBE who wrote the script for the new version of The Quiet American. Mr Hampton has numerous high-profile screenplays to his credit, including The Honorary Consul, The Good Father, Carrington and The Secret Agent as well as major works for television and the stage.

Gloria Emerson, author of Loving Graham Greene will speak on 'Graham Greene's Americans'. Although not a close friend of Greene, she met with him in Antibes and they corresponded.

Dr Maria Couto, who knew Greene in India, will speak on 'Graham Greene: Crossing the Frontier'. Dr Couto is the author of Graham Greene: on the Frontier, Politics and Religion in the Novels. She taught English Literature in Bombay and Delhi Universities, has written on Kipling, Conrad, Rushdie and

Graham Greene Festival 2002

The fifth Graham Greene Festival will be held in Berkhamsted from 26-29th September. Greene and has broadcast on BBC radio and television.

Two sessions will be devoted to 'Worldwide Perceptions of Graham Greene', with contributions from Dr Rudolf van Dalin (Holland), Alexander Kulpok (Germany). Dr Ramon Porta (Spain). Dr Kazumi Yamagata (Japan). Dr Patricia Graharn (USA) and John Osthaus (USA).

Other speakers include Professor Valentine Cunningham of Corpus Christi College, Oxford ('Greene and Metro-Landscapes'). Professor Cunningham is the author of British Writers of the Thirties and other works on literature. Tim Waterstone, who has spoken on Greene on the radio, features in the birthday celebration evening.

'Graham Greene and the Secret Service' is the subject of Nigel West's talk in which he explores Greene's recruitment into the service, his postings and contacts with other SIS officers including Kim Philby and John Cairncross. Nigel West is European editor of World Intelligence Review and author of numerous security-related books.

Other speakers well-known to the festival gatherings are Neil Sinyard, Anthony Arblaster and Christopher Hawtree. Full details of The Fifth Graham Greene Festival will be posted on the trust's website: www.grahamgreenebt.org.

Further information may be obtained from Ken Sherwood, Festival and Trust Secretary, on 865158. Tickets can be purchased in person from Berkhamsted Library from 9th September or by post from the Festival Office, Graham Greene Birthplace Trust, Rhenigidale, Ivy House Lane. Berkhamsted HP4 2PP.



Marriage

Following his brief excursion into the dramas of the Hundred Years War, Chaucer acted as an envoy between the royal court and the French and in about 1365 he married Philippa Roet. His new wife, the daughter of a Flemish knight, brought Chaucer within the circle of Edward III's fourth, and much better-known son. John of Gaunt. Gaunt. who took his name

from his birthplace, the town of Ghent in the Netherlands, later took as his mistress, and eventually wife, Katherine Swynford, the sister of Chaucer's bride. Chaucer then became brother-in-law to one of the most powerful magnates in England who was father of a future king, Henry IV. Philippa Chaucer was herself lady-in-waiting to Edward III's Queen Philippa of Hainault. On 20th June, 1367, Chaucer entered the service of the king himself at an annual salary of twenty pounds, a payment that was renewed by Edward's successors and thus became a lifetime annuity.

Over the years that followed he carried out many foreign missions on Edward's behalf as well as performing services for John of Gaunt. In the same year occurred an event which was significant for Chaucer's career as a poet, when Edward addressed Parliament in English, the first time that a king had used the native tongue in this way. His decision to use English in this official context reflected its growing use amongst the nobility who had hitherto conversed amongst themselves in Norman French. In the words of one of Chaucer's contemporaries, a poet called William of Nassyngton:

'But lerid and lewid, [learned and ignorant] old and young,
All understanden English tongue'

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his poetry in English confident that it would be understood by the nobility amongst whom he worked as well as by the common people. It was in this knowledge that, two years later, in 1369, he wrote what is probably his first poem. The Book of the Duchess. The poem was prompted by the death of Blanche, duchess of Lancaster. wife of John of Gaunt. It was through his

Chaucer could write

marriage to Blanche that Gaunt had acquired the Lancaster estates from which he eventually took his ducal title, enabling him to found the powerful dynasty which was to carry the Red Rose in the wars of the following century. The Book of the Duchess is a dream poem in which a knight laments the death of his virtuous and beautiful wife. If it was meant to please the widowed Gaunt it seems to have succeeded because later that year Chaucer was serving in France in Gaunt's army and Gaunt granted him a lifetime annuity of ten pounds 'in consideration of the services rendered by Chaucer to the grantor'.

Within three years Gaunt had raised his ambitions and was calling himself king of Castile owing to another event which had occurred in 1367 in the muddled tapestry of the Hundred Years War. In that year the Black Prince had decided to support Pedro the Cruel, king of Castile, in Pedro's attempt to regain the throne from which he had recently been deposed. His triumph at the battle of Najera that year was shortlived since Pedro was killed in battle two vears later but in the meantime the alliance between the two kingdoms was sealed by the marriage of John of Gaunt to Pedro's daughter, Constanza of Castile. With the death of Pedro Gaunt assumed the royal

title by virtue of his wife's ancestry though Pedro's successor was untroubled bv anv attempt to give practical expression to Gaunt's claim. Of greater advantage to Chaucer was the fact that by this time Katherine Swynford, Chaucer's sister-in-law, was Gaunt's mistress.

The Ambassador

By this time Chaucer was frequently being employed by the king in foreign missions. In 1370 he went to France on behalf of the king and in

1373 he undertook a five-month mission to Genoa and Florence, each at that time being a prosperous and independent city state. The purpose of the mission to Genoa was to finalise the details of a trade treaty between Genoa and England which had been negotiated the previous year. The journey to Florence may have been to complete the arrangements for a loan from the city's powerful bankers, the Bardi family, with whom Edward had been negotiating the previous year. At this time Florence, with 60,000 inhabitants, was almost twice the size of London but unfortunately Chaucer left no record of his impressions of the city of Dante, who had died fifty years earlier.

One of Chaucer's tasks on his Italian mission had been to agree the English ports which could be used by ships from Genoa and on his return to England he was required to go to Dartmouth to release a Genoese ship which had been impounded by a harbourmaster ignorant of the agreements that Chaucer had made. One writer has suggested that on this visit Chaucer learned of a well-known ship's master who later become a model for the Shipman of the Canterbury Tales.



Controller of the Customs

Chaucer's missions appear to have satisfied the king because the following year, 1374, he received two further of Edward's marks favour. On 23rd April, 1374, St George's day, Edward granted Chaucer a pitcher of wine a day. No reason is given for this unusual gift. One writer has suggested that it was a reward for a poem written by Chaucer in honour of the Order of the Garter which had been created by

Edward twenty-five years earlier and which celebrated with a banquet on

St George's day.

In the same year Chaucer received a more substantial benefit from the king when he was appointed Controller of the Customs for hides, skins and wool in the port of London. During the latter part of the fourteenth century exports of woollen cloth from England increased almost tenfold and the trade formed the underpinning of royal finance. Earlier in the century the crown had agreed that Parliament should have the right to agree to measures of indirect taxation. In return Parliament had been prepared to grant the 'wool subsidy', a measure by which a customs duty was levied on exports of English wool. To facilitate the collection of this tax the trade had to be conducted through certain centres, known as 'Staples'. The revenue from this trade accounted for between half and two thirds of royal revenue in Chaucer's time and it also stood as a security against which the king could raise loans like the one Chaucer negotiated for him in Florence. As Controller of the Customs, therefore, Chaucer occupied a critical position at the heart of royal finance at a time when the costly campaigns of the Hundred Years

War made finance more critical than it would have been in times of peace. (to be continued)



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You may have read **Y** in the papers of the Public Record Office releasing data of the 1901 census onto the Internet and being overwhelmed by the response. Censuses have been taken in Britain at ten-year intervals since 1801. Since 1841 each household has had to answer various questions on an individual form and have been these transcribed into census enumerator's books

(CEBs) and after a hundred years of privacy the latter are made available for the public to look at. And so 1901 was the last census to be opened up.

The University of Hertford, and in particular, Professor Nigel Goose, have put the 1851 census for Hertfordshire into electronic form and have already published a book of the data for Berkhamsted and its area. A copy is available in the Library, but you can also buy a copy of this fascinating volume, one of the series concerning the whole of the county. Apart from reproducing the entire data of the 1851 CEBs there is a surname index and an introductory and explanatory essay. Nigel very kindly gave me a copy of the electronic data for Berkhamsted and I have passed a copy to the Dacorum heritage store in Berkhamsted.

The great advantages of having the census inside the computer are that you can very quickly and accurately inspect the data therein. The whole census for the town can be listed under various headings: by surname, Christian name, sex, age, occupation, married condition, birthplace and density of population by household or street. Furthermore, these lists can be arranged and then interrogated in any number of ways. Using data in this form I was able to make maps, graphs and

Victorian Censuses of Berkhamsted

Bill Willett describes a project of great local interest and asks you to join in.

society's exhibition in the summer of 2001 Matt Wheeler has taken this census's electronic data and entered it into the reference system of the heritage store. Thus a name can be entered and it will bring out an easily-read statement concerning that person, age, where they occupation, lived. what sort of household they lived in and approximately where

diagrams that featured

in the local history

(the street anyway; street numbers were only fully used in the 1901 census) But, and this is the interesting point, if there is any other information in the system concerning a person - gravestone, memorial, photograph and suchlike - this is linked to the census data. If consecutive census data was added, then some people could be followed through from one date to another.

The Church of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) have got immense records concerning people and they have published electronic data of the 1881 census including Berkhamsted and Northchurch. From this I have abstracted the records for our area, which is also available in the heritage store.

The local history society is now undertaking the purchase of photocopies from the CEBs for the other censuses that are available. They are held at the county record office in Hertford or at the Public Record Office in Kew. The process is to tap in the data from photocopies of the relevant pages of the CEBs into a 'spreadsheet' in the computer and then to check it back against the original. The heritage store has a typescript for the 1841 census which has been converted (this census is not considered to be a highly satisfactory one, as, for example, the age data is suspect). At present we have almost

finished the process for 1861 and in the autumn we shall move on the 1871 census. Nigel Goose and his team have tapped in the 1891 census and have kindly agreed to

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supply us with an electronic copy if we undertake to check the tapping for our area; this is in the opening stages. While

the Public Record Office have converted the 1901 census into an electronic form they are not making it available for a

geographical area, which verv unfortunate. We shall therefore waste our energies by proceeding with 1901 as we have with the others: that is, making and buving photocopies of the CEBs and tapping it in again ourselves.

Gerry Morrish wants to ask you a few questions.

There is all this preparation work still to do before we can get down to the interesting work of looking and sorting the If the *Review* is considering the appointment of an ecclesiastical agony aunt, I have a number of practical questions to put to her (or him, if an aunt can be a 'he').

- 1. First, dear Aunty, when I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odour for the Lord (Lev. 1.9). The problem is my neighbours. They claim the odour is not pleasing to them. How should I deal with this?
- I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as it suggests in Exodus 21.7. What would be a fair price? Which does not seem to have reported on daughters.
- 3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanliness (Lev. 15, 19-24). The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking but most women take offence.
- 4. Leviticus 25.44 states that I may buy slaves from the nations around us. A

Dear Aunty...

data into statistical form and attempting an interpretation of it for this period of rapid change in the fortunes of our town. I hope that by the end of 2003 we shall have all the census material for Berkhamsted for the years 1841 to 1901 in computer readable to help with this speed.

form. If you want to help with this spade work I would be only too happy. Please get in touch on 863760.

friend of mine claims that this applies to the Welsh and the Scots, but not to the Irish as they are separated by the sea. Can you clarify?

- 5. I have a neighbour who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35.2 clearly states that he should be put to death. Am I morally obliged to kill him myself?
- 6. Recently I had a prawn curry at the local Tandoori. Only later did I discover that eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 11.10). Is ignorance any excuse?
- 7. Leviticus 21.20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Is there any leeway here?

I would greatly appreciate your advice, Aunty, as I am most anxious to conform to God's Law in every respect.

* (Freely adapted from Doubts and Loves by Richard Holloway).

Welcome, Jimmy Young

Our new Parish Youth Worker

During August we welcomed our new youth worker to Berkhamsted. Jimmy Young is being shared between St Mary's

Northchurch and St Peters / All Saints. So with three churches to work with he will need all your support.

This is Jimmy's first full time job as youth worker but he's had plenty of experience over a number of years in his home parish in Cardiff and at Durham University from which he has just





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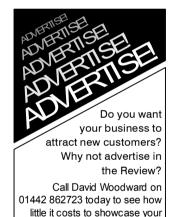
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A ge Concern Daco-rum was started in 1985 to promote the well being of older people and to make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. The organisation provides a wide range of support services including day care clubs for older people, a befriending scheme, a handyperson scheme, and much more.

The handyperson scheme has been supporting the community for seven years and is able to provide a wide range of practical help in elderly people's homes in the Dacorum area, where the client is 55+ and no longer capable of undertaking simple tasks him or herself and has no family or friends that can help. The volunteers in the scheme give their time once or twice per month to carry out small tasks. The tasks are assessed by myself as the scheme organiser and then allocated to the volunteer with the relevant skills and who lives nearest to the client's home. There is no charge for the cost of labour. but all materials are chargeable with the exception of door spyholes and door safety chains which are provided free. The scheme is most grateful for any donations that are made for the work that has been carried out.

The range of tasks that has been completed by the scheme are very varied and include basic plumbing, carpentry, assembling small flat pack units, fitting a selection of draught excluding devices, replacing curtain rails of all shapes and sizes, adding telephone extensions, tuning TVs and videos, replacing / fitting door locks and security devices, putting up grab rails, and fitting smoke alarms under a partnership with Herts Fire and Rescue. More recently we have been asked by Hertfordshire Constabulary to fit movement activated voice alarms in vulnerable elderly people's homes.

We would be delighted to help anybody that falls into the above profile. In addition we would welcome new volunteers to the scheme.

Please contact Douglas Dews, Handyperson Scheme Organiser at Age Concern Dacorum on 259049 for further details.

Welcome, Jimmy Young (continued from page 19)

graduated in psychology. He's also spent a gap year working with churches on St Helena, doing everything from repairs to preaching. During August he's spent a week at the Soul Survivor youth festival leading a group of young people.

Jimmy will be working, mainly, with 10-18 year olds within and outside our churches, to establish a programme to make them a vital part of our Christian activities. He will be responsible for the Young People's Fellowship and Pathfinder Games Club and the cell groups and youth groups at St Mary's. He will develop strong working relationships with local schools and work closely with other church youth leaders in the town.

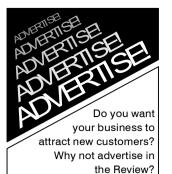
It is such good news that we now have a 'missionary' to go out to young people in our parishes and Jimmy is keen to explain and demonstrate that the teachings of Jesus are relevant to *their* lives. Please do not

underestimate the size of his task. Seek him out to make him welcome and, if you are a parent of 10-18 year olds, encourage your children to support him. Welcome the young people he will bring to our churches. Pray that he will be successful and that he will enjoy his life with us in Berkhamsted

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Douglas Dews describes this valuable initiative for local elderly folk

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John Cook wrote in the July issue of the Review about the use of the definite article in street names, and whether or not it was considered vulgar to do so. So I researched the usage of The in London street maps over the last 250 years.

It obviously was not vulgar to use the word *The* during the 1700s. John Rocque's map of 1746 uses *The* a lot, and shows: The Strand, The Borough, The Hay Market, The Kent Road, The Kings Road. The Kings Old

Road to Kensington, and The Kings New Road to Kensington. The last two ran parallel to each other, east to west, along the southern boundary of Hyde Park, while The Kings Road (in Fulham) appears to have been the king's private road to Kew. No one else could use it without the king's permission, and this restriction lasted until 1831.

Sixty years later, on Richard Horwood's map, the definite article is very little used. However, The Kings Old Road to Kensington is now called The Kings Private Road, and the parallel road is called The Public Road. The only other use of the word *The* seems to be in The Strand. The outline of Regents Park is shown on the map, but it is not named.

In Bacon's map of 1888 I can find no street starting with *The*. The Kent Road of 1774 is now called Old Kent Road; Old presumably because New Kent Road had been built by then. But The Kings Old Road to Kensington has changed its name completely. I learned from an unconfirmed source that it had once been given the name of Rue du Roi by some francophile bureaucrat who was trying to impress the monarch. But as the 1888 map shows,

The Vulgarity of the Definite Article

So is it right to use *The* in street names? **Colin Davies** looks back over history to find an answer.

Londoners' pronunciation of French ensured that it soon became Rotten Row.

The road parallel to Rotten Row is not named on the 1888 map, but a modern map calls it South Carriage Drive. There is no *The* in Regents Park on the 1888 map.

Definite article usage does appear in songs, and I suspect that is why it was considered vulgar. Albert Chevalier, 1861-1923, wrote a song that some people

might consider vulgar.

"Wot cher!" all the neighbours cried, "Who yer gonna meet, Bill 'ave yer bought the street, Bill?" Laugh! I thought I should 'ave died Knock'd 'em in The Old Kent Road!

It was once The Kent Road, and as memories of that name probably persisted among its inhabitants, perhaps the *The* stuck.

No one seems to know who wrote:

Up and down The City Road In and out The Eagle That's the way the money goes Pop -- goes the weasel!

I have been told that a weasel was part of a tailor's equipment, which could be popped at the pawnbroker to raise money for twopenny rice, and treacle, and especially for beer at *The Eagle*. (Although my dictionary does not support that usage of the word *weasel*). No doubt popping or pawning was a vulgar subject, so it was right to apply the definite article to The City Road.





Chuckles

Parent & Toddler Group

Pat Hearne writes about the festivities at the group's end of term picnic party.

The sun shone brightly on the 'last day of term' for the toddler group at All Saints' church. Geraldine and Martin Wright had kindly (and bravely!) invited everyone into their large garden for a Teddy Bears Picnic Party.

A willing band of helpers carried the ride-on, push-about and slide-down toys from the church hall to the garden; the sandpit (last used by the Figg children) was uncovered and furnished with buckets and spades; drinks and party food was organised;

chairs and rugs were strategically placed to define a 'getting together' area - and gradually the garden began to fill with fun and laughter as the children arrived with their parents and grandparents.

It was wonderful for the children to have so much space to run around in and the sandpit gave great pleasure. The babies loved watching the activities (or slept peacefully) and the adults were able to relax and chat in the sunshine. We all enjoyed singing favourite

'Chuckles' songs, with Father Martin playing his guitar. All those



who were away on holiday missed a lovely time, but perhaps we will be invited into the garden again next summer. We don't think too many flowers lost their heads...

Chuckles Bear (after a really thorough bath) has now been tucked away until the group meets again on Tuesday 10th September, 10:00am until 11:30am in All Saints hall. For further details of this weekly parent and toddler group, contact Jenny (870981), Kate (873470) or Paula (864148).







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Rev Peter Hart wonders why it is so difficult for us to declare our faith to others . If someone pinned you down and forced you to explain your faith, where would you start? Would you feel at ease if you had to give your reasons for

attending Church on a Sunday? Conversely, is your rationale for *not* going to Church convincing? All too frequently, we panic when presented with proposals like that. If we claim to have a faith, then we feel inadequate when required to put it into words. If we are non-attenders, we would prefer not to have to detail our motives. Put simply, we would rather talk about anything rather than religion.

What is the problem? Is it embarrassing to have a faith? What is awkward about not wanting to align yourself with a particular worshipping style? Although we do shy away from it sometimes, we are prepared to talk about politics, we can be encouraged to discuss money and financial issues, and some people are willing to share their emotional state as well. Why should our belief system be so private?

There are various areas which we fear. Firstly, we are sure that we will be caught out on some important detail, or that we may mangle our explanation. Secondly, we imagine that people will view us as fanatics or bigots, just because we talk about our faith. Thirdly, we think that people do not want to know our reasons for going to Church and for spending regular time in prayer and Bible study. If we are in the opposite camp, we are afraid of appearing trite or incoherent in our thinking, or cowardly in not facing up to the challenges that having a faith seems to present. However, there is a plentiful heritage of well-argued atheistic

philosophy upon which to ground nonbelief or non-practice, and to have a sure set of reasons for refusing faith is just as challenging as living with faith.

Honesty and a little sense of daring are required for religious openness. Our silence or reticence fails to take the debate forward and does no honour to our position. The different faith systems in our land will only communicate properly if ordinary people. rather than 'professionals' talk about their faith freely and easily with each other. This is just as central to the peaceful development of our society as advances in medicine or reforms in the education system, as increased involvement in the democratic process or the just application of law. This autumn, let's do some honest talking about our faith, for once.



ALPHA COURSE

This autumn, St Mary's and Northchurch Baptist Church offer two opportunities to explore the Christian faith. As joint hosts, the two Churches invite you to share in relaxed discussion after a meal and a presentation of key areas of our belief.

The course begins with a shared supper on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30 p.m. at Northchurch Baptist Church. Then, we will meet on Tuesdays in St Mary's Parish Room for lunch at 12.30 p.m., and in Northchurch Baptist Church on Wednesdays for supper at 7.30 p.m. Crèche facilities will be available on Tuesday

THE LEPROSY MISSION

There will be a 'Christmas' coffee morning and bring and buy sale on Saturday, 5th October in All Saints' hall at 10:00am until 12 noon.

Revd Graham Wright of The Leprosy Mission will be there with cards and gifts made at leprosy rehabilitation centres.

Everyone will be very welcome. Please put the date in your diary.

Pat Hearne & Meg Harper

FACTFILE CORRECTION

We are sorry that the name of the representative for St Mary's Northchurch given in the list of contacts for the Association of Berkhamsted Churches last month was incorrect. The correct name is Mrs D Knapp and her telephone number is 257897. Apologies are due to Mr Bill Frew, the previous representative whose name was re-inserted due to a typographic error.

GENTLE STROLL

There will be another chance to join in a gentle stroll in the Ashridge estate at 11:00am on Wednesday, 11th September. Please meet at the car park at Little Gaddesden village hall, and wear stout shoes. Dogs may be brought along provided they are kept under control. A charge

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TOWN CENTRE FORUM

The next public meeting of the Berkhamsted town centre advisory forum will be held on Wednesday, 11th September at 7:30pm. The meeting will be in the Sessions Hall of Berkhamsted Town Hall. This is a unique opportunity for you to question local officials and councillors on the affairs of your town. There will be representatives of all the different local councils, the chamber of commerce, the Berkhamsted Access Committee, the Citizens' Association and the police. Those Review readers who have attended previous meetings have, almost without exception, reported that it was an interesting and informative evening. Please come if you can.

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CONCERNED ABOUT CANCER...

CANCERi, a local cancer charity, has recently launched three 'information and support' services across West Hertfordshire responding to a greater need for appropriate and timely information directly in local communities. It is hoped to provide easier access and support to those in the areas.

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CANCERi can be found at the Civic Centre in the High Street on Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Drop-in or telephone 07946 752175 (ansaphone out of hours) Alternatively you can email us at info@stfrancis.org.uk.

Trained voluntary staff are on hand to provide support and information on living with cancer when it is right for you. Our service provides information on: all aspects of cancer, side effects and how to manage them, benefits advice, special travel insurance, wig/hat suppliers, loans equipment, to mention just a few. Through the information we hold we can point you in the right direction for more specific enquiries.

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OXFAM CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER

Generous donations of high quality children's clothes, toys and books are being stockpiled in unprecedented quantities for the forthcoming Oxfam children's wear event on Thursday, 12th September. The Oxfam team will be eager to welcome customers old and new at the civic centre as the doors open at 9:00am. Hopefully, you will keep us busy until the close at 11:30am, selecting from our widest ever choice of wares!

This will be the 15th such event and the clamour for Oxfam in Berkhamsted to continue staging the children's wear sale has inspired us to make this one bigger and better than ever. Do we dare aim at a profit of £3.000? Well, why not! The selection of autumn and winter clothes is truly appealing. The price is too! Come and see for yourselves how rewarding bargain hunting can be, blending value for money with the commonsense of dressing fast growing children in good-as-new clothing. New and expectant mums will be particularly impressed by our range of baby wear and equipment for the new arrival. Doting grandparents, too, can buy clothes and equipment for the visits of the grandchildren. How much easier to have baby baths, wellies, anoraks and bulky toys in-house, rather than to expect them to be brought by the visiting family!

The contribution to Oxfam's overseas projects made by the Oxfam shops in the UK exceeded £10 million in the past year. The plight of the starving in Africa is harrowing and Oxfam, along with other major aid agencies, is hugely involved in bringing relief to the abject misery and poverty of so many. Your purchases on 12th September will benefit you and your family, while helping those so much less fortunate than ourselves.

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



On a nice sunny afternoon, our president Liz Baxendale was pleased to welcome members and visitors to our August meeting and read to us a comical poem by Pam Ayres.

Birthday gifts were distributed and business matters duly attended to by our secretary, Janet Mitchell.

It was a pleasure to welcome back to our institute Ann Hunt, pharmacist, who gave us a most amusing talk entitled Laughter is still the Best Medicine. She recalled many hilarious episodes when she was working in retail chemists and in different hospitals during her working life. An appreciation was given by Joy Lovell and we do hope we will have this

speaker with us again to make tears of laughter flow again!

Mrs Hunt kindly judged the competition for a pillbox and for the flower of the month.

Next month we are holding a members meeting and we look forward to a surprise afternoon on 6th September in the Court House at 2:00pm.

Why not join us? You will be most welcome.

OXFAM AUCTION

Oxfam's next major public event after the children's wear sale will be an antique and collectables auction at Berkhamsted Collegiate School starting at noon on Saturday, 19th October. Watch this space for more details.

Audrey Hope (864537)

review letters

Colour in the High Street

Sheila Newland writes:

It is always a delight to read *Around the Town with John Cook* and it was especially interesting to read in the July issue of the *Review* about one of the oldest houses in the High Street, namely, the property which until fairly recently was Figgs the Chemists, opposite the Old Town Hall.

How long will it be, 1 wonder, before we shall see that quaint little old building painted in bright orange and festooned with fairy lights. A collection of potted ferns on the pavement and orange plastic chairs and tables would be a nice Mediterranean touch, don't you think? There is nothing nicer than drinking a cappuccino on the pavement while inhaling the traffic fumes on a day when it doesn't rain!

Of course I jest! Our councillors would not allow such a thing to happen, would they? However, it seems that they have little power especially when it comes to the use of colour and inappropriate fascia boards. If we value our town and its history we must be ever vigilant as the words 'conservation area' seem to mean nothing in reality. Remember my letter about Castle Street?

(May I take this opportunity to thank Councillor Ian Johnson for his comment on my previous letter which underlines the fact that the borough councillors usually 'rubber stamp' the town planning officers' recommendations which are very prodevelopment.)

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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).

SEPTEMBER

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1	6:00pm	Fr Mark to be commissioned as Rural Dean St Peter				
		at Choral Evensong				
2	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	St Peter's			
6	10:00am	Little Fishes service	St Peter's			
8	9:00am	Sunday School & Pathfinders Breakfast All Saint	ts' Lower Hall			
8	9:30am	The Revd Prof: Luke Geoghegan to preach at St Peter's				
10	10:15am	Chuckles Service Samuel the good listener				
10	8:00pm	Mothers' Union Communion Service 26 North				
15	9:30am	Sunday School & Pathfinder breakfast	Court House			
18	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee				
19	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee				
20	7:30pm	Harvest Supper and Quiz	Court House			
21	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast Berkhamsted B	Saptist Church			
22	9:30am	Harvest Festival	St Peter's			
24	10:15am	Chuckles Service Harvest				
25	8:00pm	All Saints' Joint Council Meeting				
285		Joint Family Harvest Supper and Entertainment	All Saints'			
	10:00am	Joint Harvest Festival – Methodist Rite	All Saints'			
29	6:30pm	Joint Taizé style Evening Worship	All Saints'			
29	11:15am	, ,	Albans Abbey			
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2	8:00pm		s Northchurch			
4	10:00am	Little Fishes service	St Peter's			
5	7:30pm	Bridgewater Band concert	St Peter's			
6	9:30am	James Archer (Church Army) to preach at St Pete				
6	3:00pm	Hospice Service	All Saints'			
7	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	St Peter's			
8	10:15am	Chuckles Service David & Goliath				
12	10:00am	Diocesan Synod	Biggleswade			
13	3:00pm	Annual Service of Thanksgiving for the Way Inn	All Saints'			
13	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	St Peter's			
15	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	Court House			
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	The Way Inn			

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

21 July Benjamin Michael Howell, Natasha Louise Goodwyn

28 July Beatrice Elizabeth Woolner, Abigail Emma Stier, Alice Grace Hunt

Weddings (St Peter's)

13 July Ian Armstrong & Amy Victoria Hughes

20 July Mark Haakon Lake Nepstad & Katharine Esther Jones

27 July Graeme Neal Dean & Sara Dobie

2 August Edward William Ruddell & Louise Jane Greenhalgh

Funerals

11 July Lila Alexander Chilterns Crematorium

12 July Marlene Ann Foster St Peter's Church (burial St Mary's, Ivinghoe)

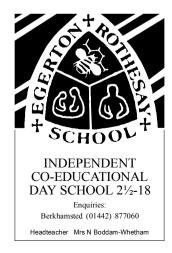
31 July Gladys Frances Simmons St Peter's Church (burial Kingshill)

1 August John Watson Chilterns Crematorium

2 August Mary Jane (Jenny) Monger St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)

We are sorry that lack of space in this issue has meant that we have not been able to include the *Review FactFile*. It will return next month.

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.*





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The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon Asst Priest), 57 Meadow Road, Tel: 870981

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Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024 Organist: Weekdays Sundays Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion 8.00am

Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, 9.30am Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.

11.30am 6.00pm

Friday 9.15am Morning Prayer: M-F7:30am, W7:00am Eucharist (1st Sunday in month) Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:00pm Evensong & Sermon Sat 5:00pm

Holy Days - see weekly Notices

7:30am

11.00am

Wednesday

Thursday

Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Contact Father Mark Bonney. Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road. Tel: 863804

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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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