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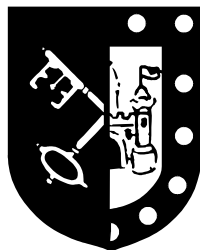
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

If there is a theme to this month's issue, it might be *preparation*. By the time you read this our preparations for the season of harvest will have seen our churches busy with special services, suppers and celebration. Fr Martin Wright tells us about preparations for the new form of daily worship with the publication of *Daily Prayer*. Our Notes & Notices pages contain the usual wide range of activities which all take preparation by volunteers and participants alike.

I dare say that, when this issue appears, shops' preparations for the Christmas period will mean shelves already bulging with Christmas fare and dripping with decorations! And we ourselves will be thinking about preparing for the Advent season.

But it's easy to find oneself in a constant cycle of preparation for one thing after another, much like the hamster on its wheel. So before we actually get into Christmas preparations, let's just stop awhile and enjoy the autumn season – there really is plenty of time!

*Chris Smalley*

*Cover photographs: Relaxation at the All  
Saint's Bring and Share picnic on Sunday, 1st  
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*Photos: Rob Wakely*

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**Rev. Peter Hart** asks what comes after the harvest season in our worship.

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

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*Daily Prayer*.**

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being said most days of the week. Although the majority of these services are at St Peter's, there are two occasions when they happen at All Saints', namely on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Although most Church of England churches have changed to *Common Worship* for their Sunday services since 1999 or 2000, it wasn't until earlier this year that the new *Daily Prayer* was published. It is called a Preliminary Edition, which allows comments to be made before the final edition is published in 2005. I think it has been worthwhile waiting for this new daily prayer book, for it is refreshingly accessible, flexible and is a wide-ranging resource.

*Daily Prayer* is a new departure for the Church of England in two respects. Firstly, *Prayer during the Day* is a new and simple structure for prayer, which could surround daily Bible reading schemes that many of you might already be using, or may suit people who want to start out on a daily prayer routine. It could also provide something extra for those who want to add to their daily or weekly pattern of worship.

Secondly, *Daily Prayer* provides a special form of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer for each day of the week and for each season of the Church's year. There are also seasonal variations of *Night Prayer*.

Welcome additions include all the *Common Worship* collects, a vast collection of other prayers, seventy-nine canticles (songs and poems from both the

In a pastoral letter to the St Peter's congregation last month, Fr Mark made a short reference to the fact that morning and evening prayer is

Old and New Testaments as well as the Apocrypha) and the complete Psalter with special refrains and concluding prayers.

Several people join us for evening prayer in particular and all are most welcome. The idea of prayer on a daily basis is that Christians are making a 'wave of prayer' continuously around the world. As the world revolves on its axis, each time zone becomes the time of prayer for that moment before handing over to those just waking or taking over from those now sleeping.

If you would like to look at the new book, you can find copies in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's or in the new worship area at the back of All Saints' church.

However busy the day, it can be better if we find time for prayer. The following poem, called *The Difference* and which some of you may have read before, may help to encourage you to think about *Daily Prayer* in a new light.

### **The Difference**

I got early one morning and rushed right  
into the day.  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't  
have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me, and  
heavier came the task.  
"Why doesn't God help?" I wondered,  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day  
toiled on grey and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me;  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence; I used  
all my keys at the lock;  
God gently and lovingly chided;  
"My child, you didn't knock."  
I woke up early one morning and paused  
before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to  
take time to pray.



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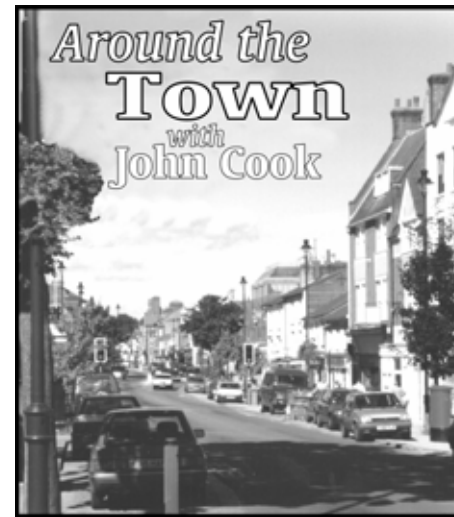
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An attempt to grow a rhododendron in the churchyard of St Andrew's church in Chapel Street has failed: after looking forlorn and bedraggled for some time it died a lingering death. Old heads in the Town nodded wisely and said we could have told you so: rhododendrons don't like Berkhamsted, with its chalky, alkaline soil. But on the high ground round about, at Potten End, for example, and up at Ashlyns, the Chiltern chalk is overlain with a capping of acidic soil, and there rhododendrons, azaleas and heathers thrive; and none more so than in the gardens of Ashridge House, where they are magnificent.

### Looking at Ashridge Today

Ashridge College is of course a private establishment – a business school - but sometimes there is a chance in the spring and summer for the public to visit the gardens. Originally laid out by Repton, they have now been largely restored to his design and are in better shape than ever. Since they are almost on our doorstep the opportunity to see them is not to be missed. Perhaps the best time to go is in the spring when the masses of rhododendrons and azaleas are out. Ashridge gardens are not opened regularly,

but look out for the occasions when they are, usually at Bank Holiday weekends.

As for Ashridge House itself, although I have been in it many times it is always rewarding to make another visit; but the opportunity does not often arise. In recent years such chances have only come to the general public in the second half of August, when guided tours have been laid on; these were advertised in the local paper. Another occasion to see part of the house occurs once a year in August, when choral evensong is held in the magnificent chapel there, and the public is invited to it.

If you are unfamiliar with the story of Ashridge it would help to get a feeling of the history of the place before you go. There are two good books about it in print: Douglas Coult's excellent *A Prospect of Ashridge*, and Kay Sanecki's shorter but well-illustrated *Ashridge, A Living History*. There are copies of both in the public library.

When the immensely rich Brownlows lived there, Ashridge was famous for its hospitality. Royalty and top people from politics and the arts were frequent guests, and the rooms you are shown round hosted Edward VII, George V, Gladstone, Disraeli, Oscar Wilde and Dickens, to name only a few. The Shah of Persia and his retinue made a memorable visit, although the standards of personal hygiene of the Persians gave serious offence to the resident staff. The inside of the house has been splendidly restored; outside, the crumbling Totternhoe stone needs constant repair.

### 'One of the Greatest Public Works'

Someone kindly lent me a copy of a history of the London and Birmingham Railway, written in 1847, only a few years after the line was opened. It has some nice engravings in it, including one of the original Berkhamsted station at the bottom of Castle Street.

The line was engineered by Robert Stephenson, son of George. His preferred alignment would have bypassed Berkhamsted, but such was the opposition

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*Berkhamsted station today – would Lord Brownlow have approved?*

of the landed gentry to that route that the line eventually chosen was along the Bulbourne valley and through our town, then on to pass through the Tring gap in the Chiltern Hills.

Lord Brownlow, a principal landowner at the time even before his family came to acquire the Ashridge estate and much other property in the Berkhamsted area, in 1832 managed to get the Parliamentary bill for the railway defeated on the following motion:

*It does not appear to the committee that they have made out such a case as would warrant the forcing of the proposed railway through the land and property of so great a proportion of dissentient landowners and proprietors. 'Thus', the author of the book concludes, 'the great public company was stopped for twelve months from pursuing a project of such vast importance to the country at large by establishing one of the greatest public works ever achieved by man'.*

The bill was eventually passed a year later after much negotiation with the objectors - in other words after they were bought off, at a price which is not recorded but was probably astronomical. Such was the benefit of having a seat in the House of Lords - and Lord Brownlow was already exceptionally well heeled.

When some 40 years later Berkhamsted station was rebuilt, the Brownlows had

moved into Ashridge, and they were still influential enough to get their own private waiting room, which is still there, on the left as you drive into the entrance to the station car park.

### **Cowper at the Tate**

The recent exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery by one of England's best-known portrait painters, George Romney, included his picture of our William Cowper - a work from the gallery's own collection which is normally kept stored away. It was painted in pastels in 1792, and

in it Cowper looks hale and healthy, with apple cheeks and a sparkle in his eye.

The picture appears to be unfinished, apart from the face, and is in a deeply recessed frame that doesn't suit it. Even so, in my view the portrait is exceptionally fine, and since it is such a great work by a famous artist depicting a major figure in our literary history, I wrote to the National Portrait Gallery and suggested that it should be re-framed and put on permanent display.

They replied explaining how much they would like to do that, but the guidelines for exhibiting pictures painted in pastels on paper are very restrictive. They can only be exhibited in dim light - 50 lux instead of the 180 lux allowed for oil paintings - and then only exposed for any length of time once every five to ten years.

So if you want to see this outstanding picture of one of Berkhamsted's most famous sons you may have to wait at least five years now. Or if you are really keen and can't wait until then, you can always ask for a private view of it (or any other of their pictures not on display). They will take you out of the back door of the gallery to their store in Carlton House Terrace, where there are hundreds and hundreds of portraits carefully preserved in racks. There they will track it down and pull it out for you to look at. ❖

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The first community fair was held last year, organised by the Lions Club of Berkhamsted, with the aim of providing a showcase for clubs and charities to explain their objectives and gain support, helpers and members. It was successful to a point, but many felt that too few of the public knew of the event, and that they could have coped with twice as many visitors. Over half of the organisations that took part last year will be present again this year, so that's promising.

The idea of a community fair is not a new one, Ours is modelled on High Wycombe's which is organised jointly by their Lions Club and Volunteer bureau. In fact we did debate whether to call ours a 'volunteer fair' and decided not to because the title might keep people away in fear of being entrapped into becoming a 'volunteer'.

Heather Allen who is manager of the Dacorum Volunteer Bureau, together with Rowena Eardley who covers Berkhamsted, gave a talk on 'volunteering' at the Lions dinner meeting last month. She surprised the group when she reported that 48 per cent of the adult population take part in some form of voluntary work. This got me thinking - our two daughters and their husbands have little spare time, what with family and work commitments, yet they volunteer in a way, helping at playgroup or at school, with the football team, or as club treasurer.

All sorts of reasons are given for volunteering, from acquiring new skills

## **BERKHAMSTED AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FAIR**

**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

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**Peter Block** invites to come to this local event, repeated this year from its debut in 2001.

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and experience, working with others, facing new challenges, gaining self confidence and a sense of achievement, to enjoying camaraderie and having fun. Certainly all of these have been true from my experience of joining the Lions. The *Way Inn* uses the same arguments to attract helpers.

It is not only adults who volunteer. Through the Lions

Youth Award, we get to know about some super young people who take an active interest in their community. There is a national programme for 16 to 24 year-olds - the Millennium Volunteers - with certificates for those who volunteer for 100 hours in a year, for example helping the handicapped, environmental conservation, teaching older people IT skills, and so on.

So, come to the community fair on Saturday, 19th October and find out what is going on in Berkhamsted. You'll be able to meet the Lions (of course!), Berkhamsted Citizens Association, Dacorum Council for Voluntary Service, Mencap, Sunnyside Allotment Association, Probus, Hospice of St Francis, Air Training Cadets, Riding for the Disabled, Way Inn, Volunteer Bureau, Berkhamsted Town Council, the Children's Society, Abbeyfield Homes, Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, Parkinsons Disease Society, Women's Institute, Rotary Club, Alzheimer's Society, Oxfam, Hope for Children, Ashlyns School, Osteoporosis Support, Chiltern Dog Rescue, BAODS Theatre Group, Citizens Advice Bureau, and many more.

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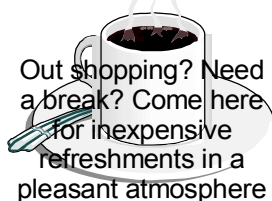
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So after careful research and consideration and much hard work, a completely new Mothers' Union web site was launched by our headquarters at Mary Sumner House earlier this year. The aim was to make the site user-friendly both for members and for anyone wanting to find out about the M.U. and its work; to make it appealing to young and old alike and easy to find out information.

The site is divided into a number of clearly defined sections covering all the different areas of activity within the Mothers' Union. For anyone unfamiliar with the organisation, the site contains all the information necessary to fully understand what the M.U. is about, with sections covering both the UK and worldwide projects. This information is updated on a regular basis, and case studies are provided to illustrate how the M.U. is helping to make a difference to families throughout the world. The M.U.'s current campaigns and initiatives are also featured, such as those on jubilee debt and child poverty.

# THE MOTHERS' UNION

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**Kathie Lally** tells us about the Mothers' Union in the 21st century.

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prayers and reflection as well as giving information about the cycle of prayer and the wave of prayer.

An exciting feature of the site is that it is interactive, enabling the user to register a vote on the current topic of the day and view the percentages 'for' and 'against' the motion. In the forum area you can air your views on any contemporary social issue to anyone who is logged on at the same time. Membership enquiries, donations and subscriptions to the M.U. magazine are all possible on-line via the site. There is also a link through to the many independent sites which Mothers' Union dioceses and branches in the UK and Ireland have set up.

There are many more items of interest to be found on our website and so I would encourage all of you with an interest in getting up to date on the work of the Mothers' Union to log on to [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org) and see what's going on.



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## **STOP PRESS: Oxfam Children's Wear Event – Thursday, 12th September**

A hugely successful event! The sale of clothes, baby equipment, toys and books raised £3,234, comfortably exceeding the target of £3,000. Thanks are due to donors of the high quality goods, and the myriad helpers. Oxfam raises money principally for water projects in poverty stricken areas of the globe.

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Often I am very irritated to find my progress blocked through the traffic lights at the junction between the High Street and Kings Road. The green interval always seems to be too short and no sooner has the time come for me to engage gear and start moving than the lights turn back to amber and red. Recently this experience set a train of thought moving instead. I recalled, from a news article I had seen, that the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, had ordered that the intervals on the traffic lights be changed to slow down traffic and discourage the use of cars in the centre of London. At 3 miles per hour the average speed of movement through London will now be the lowest it has ever been. My thoughts then turned to the recollection that John Prescott had asked that his record in office be judged on whether or not car use had reduced, but it has increased.

One of the ways thought up by the Government to discourage car use is to reduce the amount of car parking available. New planning guidelines on the parking required for new buildings will have the effect of reducing the number of parking spaces available. Presumably, the idea is that by making life more difficult (not just more expensive) for motorists they will be so frustrated that they will give up on cars and begin to use buses and trains again. This seems a rather naïve assumption since there are often no buses and trains to use - or they are expensive or unreliable and you may have to wait for an hour in the rain for the next one to turn up. The borough council has recently been obliged to adopt these new planning guidelines which quite explicitly plan to supply fewer parking spaces than needed

## council & news views

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**Ian Reay** is concerned that residents' parking zones will bring the interests of workers and residents into conflict.

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spaces that it would like - based, for example, on the number of employees. In the jargon: central Berkhamsted is 'Accessibility Zone Type 2'.

Car parking is on everybody's mind in Berkhamsted at the moment. Many will have visited the exhibitions on the new parking proposals. Interest has centred on the new idea for residents' parking zones. These are designed to help residents who don't have their own off-street parking space to park close to their home. It should ease the problems for such people although they will have to pay an annual fee to benefit. It may cause, on the other hand, serious problems for those who work in the town and have to travel to work by car - if, for example, they do not live in a town with a railway station on the same line. The balance of parking provision will shift in favour of residents and against the interests of the workers in the town. The scheme would clearly be a failure if the rights of residents to monopolise parking leads, during the day time when cars are not parked outside the home, to spaces going unused whilst others, who work in the town, are unable to find anywhere to park. This will be a difficult balance to achieve. The penalty of getting it wrong may be that businesses are discouraged from staying in the town and move elsewhere.



As Controller of the Customs Chaucer's responsibility was to keep records and prepare accounts 'in his own hand' for the royal exchequer. He was in effect an accountant. The day to day work of collecting the dues was performed by two collectors who were rewarded by a commission on the revenues collected. They were usually wealthy merchants who were familiar with the wool trade and they loaned money to the king against the security of the customs revenue.

Chaucer's service in this important job must have satisfied the king because in 1382 he was given the additional responsibility of controller of the Petty Customs which levied duties on commodities other than wool.

Chaucer's work as Controller brought him into contact with three men who were to play a decisive part in one of the most dramatic events of the age. Nicolas Brembre, William Walworth and John Philipot all worked as collectors of Customs during Chaucer's term of office. All three held the office of Lord Mayor and they were all knighted by Richard II for their part in suppressing the Peasants' Revolt.

#### **The Peasants' Revolt, 1381**

This strange episode had its origins in the circumstances which had arisen in the wake of the Black Death which swept across England in 1348-9. It is estimated to have killed between one third and one half of the population in those years and in the lesser outbreaks which followed the initial onslaught. As a result of the decline in population villages on marginal land were deserted; local lords had the greatest

# GEOFFREY CHAUCER

## Public Servant and Poet

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**Stephen Halliday** continues his story of one of England's greatest writers with strong links to Berkhamsted.

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difficulty in finding villeins (tenant farmers) to occupy vacant tenancies and to render service on the lord's demesne land; and wages in consequence rose. The 1351 Statute of Labourers attempted to hold down wages by pegging them at rates which applied before the Plague had reached England. The ancient office of Justice of the Peace is first mentioned in a Statute of 1361 which

urges them to enforce these wages. In reality they were more successful in fomenting discord than in holding down wages as agricultural labourers moved from one area to another to sell their scarce labour at the highest rates.

To this volatile situation were added the exigencies of the Hundred Years War, the cost of which obliged Edward III, and then Richard II, to raise taxes. The Parliament of 1377 granted a 'poll tax' of four pence a head on every lay person over fourteen years old, regardless of means, a measure which contemporary chroniclers regarded as unprecedented. A second poll tax was levied in 1379. A third, at the unprecedented rate of twelve pence a head, in 1380 prompted widespread resistance and evasion. Commissioners were therefore appointed to exact the tax and the first act of defiance occurred at Brentwood, in Essex, in May 1381 where the inhabitants expelled the commissioner appointed by the Crown.

The uprising now quickly gathered pace, its centre moving to Kent. A group of peasants from that county, led by Wat Tyler, descended on Maidstone and released from prison the radical preacher John Ball who had been imprisoned by order of the Archbishop of Canterbury. They marched on London, their numbers

swelling as they went, and wreaking revenge on groups who had offended them. The homes and persons of judges and senior clergy were particular objects of their wrath. At Blackheath, where the multitude camped, John Ball entertained them with a sermon preached on the text:

When Adam delved and Eve span  
Who was then the gentleman?

Fortified by this radical (dare one say early feminist?) exhortation the mob proceeded to Southwark where they released the prisoners in the Marshalsea. Sudbury, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was seized and, with many others, beheaded. By this time some estimates put the size of the gathering at about thirty thousand – a figure approaching the population of London itself.

A contemporary document shows that Chaucer was in London at this time and, since he had had the lease of a dwelling above Aldgate since his appointment as Controller of Customs it is likely that he witnessed the Essex contingent of the peasants as they were admitted to the City itself. Chaucer's patron, John of Gaunt, fled from his palace at the Savoy as the mob entered, ransacked it and set it ablaze. They then turned their attention to the foreign communities in the City, close to Chaucer's childhood home in the Vintry. Lombards and Flemings were attacked, robbed and beheaded. Chaucer may have been reporting what he had witnessed when, in the Nun's Priest's Tale, he described the tumultuous pursuit of a fox:

*"Certes, he Jakke Straw and his meynee  
Ne made nevere shoutes half so shrille  
Whan that they wolden any Flemyng kille  
As thilke day was maad upon the fox.*

In fact it is by no means certain that there was such a person as Jack Straw. He may have been a mythical figure. There is no definite evidence of his existence as there is of Wat Tyler and John Ball.

#### **The Rebellion ends**

On 14th June the young king, aged fourteen, met the rebels at Mile End. They



emphasised that they were his loyal subjects but demanded a general pardon for those involved in the uprising and the right to sell their labour as they wished. To these Richard agreed and many of the crowd now returned home. However, inflamed by his success Tyler led a small proportion of his followers to a further meeting with Richard at Smithfield the following day where he presented further demands including the abolition of serfdom and the distribution of much of the wealth of the church among the people. The events that followed are not entirely clear but there was certainly a scuffle involving William Walworth, Lord Mayor of London, Wat Tyler and a valet of the king, during which Tyler attempted to stab Walworth and the Lord Mayor, with his sword, disabled Tyler. The latter was conveyed to the nearby St Bartholomew's hospital. Walworth's colleagues, including Chaucer's friends Brembre and Philipot, rallied the armed bands of the City and the crowd dispersed. Walworth fetched Tyler from the hospital and beheaded him. John Ball was hanged. The rebellion was at an end. It was for these acts in putting down the rebellion that Chaucer's friends and Collectors of Customs Brembre, Walworth, and Philipot were immediately knighted by Richard II.

*(to be continued)*



It all started one March day in 2000. I was not to know then that over the next 18 months I would be caught buying an embarrassing magazine in W.H Smith, interrogated by a Q.C. and have a Member of Parliament sitting on my settee.

This all seemed a long way off when I read a sign attached at

about waist height on the railings outside my house. This suggested that the footpath would be closed while some engineering works were carried out by Railtrack and that if I wanted to know more, I should visit the library at Tring.

It seemed that Railtrack planned to sink a shaft in an area of amenity land in the midst of our houses, to seek powers to close our roads and cause massive upheaval in our quiet residential neighbourhood.

A pressure relief shaft (PRS) is almost self-explanatory, being needed, we were advised, to relieve the air pressure caused when two trains meet in a tunnel at high speed. If the pressure were not relieved, so Railtrack blurb told us, passengers would suffer aural discomfort. The discomfort was acceptable when trains travelled only at 115 mph, but not when doing 140 mph.

Two neighbours, Ann Baines and Anna French, organized a residents meeting to bring to everyone's attention the full impact of the proposals. At this we learnt that two houses in Northchurch had already had compulsory purchase orders placed on parts of their back gardens, for the purpose of constructing a PRS. Railtrack, as yet undecided where the PRS would be best located, had made a pre-emptive strike.

A further public meeting was held for all the people affected, together with residents of Dudswell, who also had an axe to grind against Railtrack. The plans to

# RAILTRACK

## My part in its downfall

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The local battle over  
Northchurch Tunnel is  
recounted by **Peter Morgan**.

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upgrade the line also required electricity supply stations every few miles along the track, including one in Dudswell, which, with Railtrack's usual sensitivity, would be in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. After a long battle the Dudswell folk were ultimately successful, thanks to their efforts and to

Railtrack deciding that actually the supply stations wouldn't be needed after all!

The Northchurch Tunnel Action Group (NTAG), made up of eight householders was formed to fight the PRS plans.

Railtrack's plans for the whole of Berkhamsted and Dacorum created enough pressure to facilitate a public meeting held at Berkhamsted Town Hall. Seating was provided for about 100, but three times that number turned up. We were treated to a presentation setting out Railtrack's plans for the track as a whole and how this would affect Berkhamsted.

Railtrack's 'Holy Grail' was to get to Liverpool and Manchester in under two hours and the hole out of the top of our hill would help reach it. Not quite as romantic as Arthurian legend, but it takes all types!

The effect on local services was glossed over, but it soon became clear that Silverlink would be the junior partner on the line, with Virgin getting almost exclusive use of the fast track. With freight trains also crammed on to the slow track, there would be fewer trains actually serving Berkhamsted. We would have all the pain, with none of the gain.

On 19th April 2000 the first objective was achieved. It was announced that a public inquiry would be held, covering all the works proposed by Railtrack under the Transport and Works Act, from Euston to Carlisle. This did not cover such things as the speed of trains per se, but rather bridges, new lines, removal of level



crossings and, of course, pressure relief shafts. Yes, *shafts*. Three were also planned in a tunnel in Northamptonshire. However this was an agricultural area with no houses for miles around and was not the subject of any objections from the sheep living there.

The number of objections raised by Berkhamsted folk meant that one of the locations for the inquiry would be in the town. All matters affecting our corner of God's own county would be heard in Berkhamsted in July or August.

A meeting was held with the manager responsible for the PRS, at which he confirmed that the actual time saving made due to our PRS was under *10 seconds* for a journey to Glasgow or Manchester and under *6 seconds* on the return. The difference was accounted for by the need to slow down southbound for the dreaded Berkhamsted curve, which even with the new Pendolino tilting trains could only safely be traversed at 130 mph. This just confirmed that all the upheaval and long-term environmental concerns were all for a few seconds.

In July 2000, an aerodynamics study was provided by Railtrack, which stated that the PRS would be most effective right in the middle of the tunnel, not at either of the two locations originally suggested, although still in the middle of our houses. The two years of stress and property blight caused by Railtrack to the two householders with CPOs on their property were now shown to be totally unnecessary, but typified the haphazard scattergun approach with which we were faced. An apology for the inconvenience caused is still awaited!

Our proof of evidence was submitted at the end of June 2001, setting out our outline case, which was divided into three sections:

1. Fundamental concerns about Railtrack's plans, including effectiveness, need and cost/benefit.
2. Concerns on the impact during the construction phase.

3. Operational concerns post-construction.

Unbeknown to NTAG, the borough and county councils had been discussing various matters with Railtrack over the preceding days and we arrived to be told that our council representatives had agreed everything and were to withdraw. This came as a shock and an extreme setback to our case. It was all I could do to stop myself shouting 'Et Tu, Brute' as they left!

So it was now just NTAG and a man who travels the country sitting through public inquiries to ensure that the interests of horse riders are represented.

The inquiry was similar to a court of law, with Railtrack's massed ranks one side, represented by three barristers, led by Mr Robin Burchas Q.C. In the middle were the inspector and his deputy and on the other side were Ian Barrett and I on the first two days.

We came away pleased that we had done ourselves justice, but mindful that the ultimate decision might in any case be a political one, with the Government committed to improving the railways at any cost.

The inquiry ground on until December, despite the fact that Railtrack was placed into administration the month before, followed by several months where no one really knew what was happening to our railways. Press reports suggest that the plan for 140 mph trains are permanently on ice and Virgin have recently been paid £100m for the failure to achieve 125 mph by this year, in line with their contract with Railtrack.

We still await to be told that plans for the PRS have been scrapped from a department that seems to spend most of its time dealing with sackings and resignations, the latest of which was of course the DTLR's Mr Byers himself.

Lastly, sorry to all Railtrack shareholders, who incidentally include my father. As with Spike Milligan's part in Hitler's downfall, I really had only a very minor part to play in Railtrack's demise. They brought most of it on themselves. ❖

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## *the things they say*

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Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

*I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I  
even put it in the food.*

Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly  
distributed.

*Everyone has a photographic memory.  
Some just don't have film.*

I know God won't give me more than I  
can handle. I just wish He didn't trust  
me so much.

*Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.*

We cannot change the direction of the  
wind... but we can adjust our sails.

*If you're too open-minded, your brains  
will fall out.*

Age is a very high price to pay for  
maturity.

*Going to church doesn't make you a  
Christian any more than standing in a  
garage makes you a car.*

Artificial intelligence is no match for  
natural stupidity.

*If you must choose between two evils,  
pick the one you've never tried before.*

So, who's angel are you? A few months ago I watched a TV programme about angels. Someone said that wherever you saw a white feather lying an angel had been. There have been dozens of angels along our canal towpath if this is the case, and myriad on the Common (or was it the remains of a fox's supper perhaps?)

I don't think angels leave feathers, I think they leave *feelings*. Feelings of peace and happiness and hope, and restored faith in human nature...

I had not given angels much thought really, but they came to my notice just after my Mum died some years ago. For a year or two before that, Mum had received weekly personal care from a visiting nurse. Although she realised that she needed her attentions, she did not like this person and referred to her as 'that Gestapo officer!' On the morning that my mother died a different nurse came in who was gentle and kindly, and although Mum was unconscious she washed and combed



## Ever met an Angel?

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Good deeds often go unremarked on, but **Liz Baxendale** has met angels in her time.

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her, chatting quietly all the time. Just after she left Mother died. I never saw that nurse again. The other turned up the next day and, on being told that Mum had passed away, said grumpily, "Nobody ever tells me anything" and stumped off. I related this tale to a friend who immediately said, "Oh, the new nurse was an angel I expect", and that set me

thinking. Had I met others in my life?



'Stumped off'

I think the answer has to be *yes*. I think some pass by very fleetingly, others stay around much longer, and whether they know that they *are* angels I am not at all sure. But it cannot always be just coincidence when someone turns up 'just in time'... can it?

Travelling by train from Manchester, where I had spent ten of the most difficult days of my life after losing a family member in a horrendous car accident, I finally broke down and wept uncontrollably. A young woman sitting opposite got up and left (I didn't blame her) but soon she came back carrying a cup of tea, and, placing it before me, she



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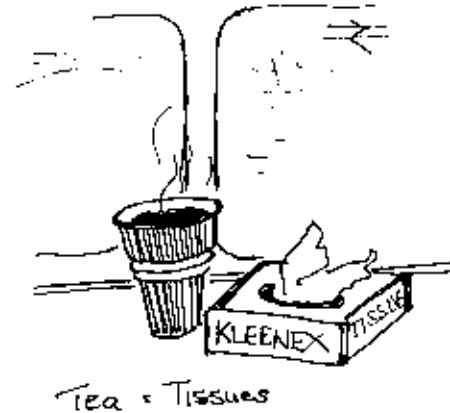
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said quietly, "Use these (tissues were pushed towards me) and if you would like to talk I'll listen". I briefly told her what had happened and felt much better for her kindness. She got off at the next station. I never saw her again.



Can a bank manager be an angel? I think one was once. A long time ago, one lodged with my family. He took time to help with jigsaws and he read poetry to me when I visited him for ten minutes after tea each day while Mum washed up. He was a true English gentleman, and his hobby was glove-making. He presented my present-starved mother with a pair for birthdays and Christmas, hand-sewn finest Chamois. Lovely! He helped feed us three hungry, fatherless children by bringing home 'left-overs' from his bowling club teas. We thought it was smoked salmon in the sandwiches, but it was sardines, well impregnated with St Bruno and Goldflake from the numerous pipes! Looking back, I'm sure he was sent to add an element which helped and heartened and cheered. As rationing ended and my sister started work, he left (no longer needed, you see).

Sometimes you see letters in the paper thanking 'the person who helped me'. It goes on to say, 'I do not know their name but I hope they will see this letter'. Everyone comes across angels sometimes.

So, are you someone else's angel? It follows that if we receive angels we may also be sent as angels to others. I once rescued an elderly man who was cycling through Ashridge when he fell off and buckled a front fork. Luckily I was passing with a car big enough to hold his bike and him, so I brought him home, gave him a drink and he stayed until his wife could come and get him. Was I his angel that day? If the thought ever occurred to him he must have thought that I was a pretty substantial one. I certainly didn't leave a feather behind either.



Have you seen or heard or experienced angels? If so, do tell! I've met lots, but space does not permit more stories.



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Wonderfully organised by Barbara and Ron Fisher our coach with 47 people on board departed Berkhamsted to visit Buckingham Palace. We were lucky with the weather; we had no rain until we were comfortably seated in the coach on the way home.

Having arrived in time for a cup of coffee in a crowded café on Buckingham Palace Road, we then visited the Royal Mews. Visitors enter near the grand doric arch of the carriage entrance and pass by the riding school into the Quadrangle. Surrounding this are stables and loose boxes for more than 70 horses and harness rooms containing exhibitions of liveries, harnesses, uniforms and coaches. We saw the Irish, Scottish, Australian and other state coaches, and above all the magnificent gold state coach; finally, the fleet of Rolls Royces, all in gleaming, immaculate condition. After this tour of about one hour some of us picnicked on the grass in and around St James' or Green Park. The atmosphere among the many nationalities was happy and friendly, with large family groups, who seemed delighted to exchange a few words.

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# OFF TO THE PALACE!

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**June Douglas** tells us about  
the Tuesday Club's recent  
outing to Buckingham Palace.

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In the afternoon we returned to Buckingham Palace Road and the ambassadors' entrance to the state apartments. The organisation was first class. After a short wait our party was guided in by a number of friendly young uniformed attendants who mostly seemed to be students on vacation, and full of information.

In the magnificent apartments (all on the garden side of the palace), we saw the throne room, ballroom,

the green, white and blue drawing rooms, the dining room for state banquets where visiting heads of state are entertained, the picture galleries displaying 185 high quality works, the music room and the ball supper room, full of gifts received by the Queen on her many tours (displayed for this jubilee year only).

The decorations are colourful and lavish with gilded stucco, but elegant and restrained throughout in a mixture of renaissance, neo-classical and baroque styles. They are lit by glorious chandeliers containing hundreds of pieces of cut-glass glowing with candle bulbs. The guidebook terms the decoration as medieval in classic dress.

Although so large and grand, there is warmth in the elegance which seemed to be created by the use of colours. Every room glowed with delicate, gilded moulding on ceilings and walls, and every room including the drawing rooms contained some red in the carpet, upholstery or wall covering.

Even with such crowds, everything moved smoothly. We left by the Bow Room walking into the gardens, past the peaceful lake under delicate and shady trees, to join our coach in Grosvenor Place. Even the traffic sounds were muted.



Did you know that somewhere behind Castle Hill is Berkhamsted's only official nature reserve? It is not easy to find, and is a fair walk from any road. Although I had heard that there was somewhere called Alpine Meadow and it was vaguely in the direction of the Common, it was some years before I found it. I am now the volunteer warden of the

reserve, which is managed by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. It is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest which gives it legal protection.

Alpine Meadow is a tiny patch of rough grassland in a woodland clearing, on a sunny slope up the dry valley that runs from Ashridge to the Castle. If you walk through on the public footpath it seems merely a pretty glade and good place to stop for a rest. However, it is a rare remnant of undisturbed chalk grassland. There is very little of this left in Hertfordshire - most has been ploughed, 'improved', or overgrown by scrub. There is some nearby along the Chiltern escarpment at places like Pitstone Hill and Ivinghoe Beacon. It is special because of the number of species that live on chalk grassland, especially flowers such as orchids, and insects, including many butterflies. It is also very beautiful in the summer, dotted with bright coloured flowers and insects. Chalk grassland has been described as England's rainforest, to explain its environmental value.

Alpine Meadow has many typical chalk plants - common spotted, twayblade and fragrant orchids, rockrose, century,

## BERKHAMSTEAD'S SECRET NATURE RESERVE

Did you know there is a nature reserve near to the town?

**Jenny Thorburn** lets us into the secret.

and a herb garden of wild basil, marjoram and thyme. It also has some plants less commonly associated with chalk grassland. There is a beautiful bank of primroses, to rival that at the castle, and a patch of the extraordinary adder's tongue fern. On a recent visit I saw a delightful tableau of a bramble bush in flower, with a lizard basking on a stick

surrounded by gatekeeper, meadow brown, ringlet, small skipper and marbled white butterflies.

Chalk grassland is an artificial habitat. If left alone it would rapidly be overgrown by scrub and turn to woodland, as has happened on Berkhamsted Common over the last century. Grassland is usually kept open by sheep or cattle grazing. This is not possible at Alpine Meadow, but the turf seems have been maintained by rabbit grazing in the past, and now by mowing by the wildlife trust. It is a constant battle to stop the hawthorn invading and destroying the grassy turf.

Alpine Meadow is at grid reference SP 989102 and is reached by following the path that runs from the front of Bridgewater School. After following the hedge line for about ¼ mile you come into a steeply sloping sheep pasture. There is a footpath sign half way down the hill indicating the path goes left into the wood, where there is a stile and path that takes you down to the reserve. The marker in the field is easily missed!

There is still a secret I don't know the answer to - how did it come to be called Alpine Meadow? Does anyone know? ❖





## **Doubts and Loves (or Thank you, Gerry Morrish!)**

*Sheila Newland writes:*

The article entitled *Dear Aunty* by Gerry Morrish in the September issue of the *Review* caught my eye immediately. Not only was it a highly amusing, but I was pleased to see that Richard Holloway's book *Doubts and Loves* was acknowledged as the source from which the questions were 'freely adapted'.

Richard Holloway (as many people will know) is the ex Bishop of Edinburgh. I first 'discovered' him in about 1997 when he took part in a Radio 4 programme with, I think, a Roman Catholic priest and a Methodist minister. This was just before the publication of his book entitled *Dancing on the Edge* which I read with great interest as it seemed to be speaking to me, personally! This was followed by *Godless Morality*, which again I enjoyed, and in 2001 by *Doubts and Loves*: What is left of Christianity. Inevitably the press (the *Daily Telegraph* in particular) wrote an unfortunate and 'eye-catching' description of Richard Holloway but this book, in my (humble) opinion, is a 'must' for those of us who continue to search for a way of life based on Christian principles but cannot take on the fundamentalist baggage which (in all religions) has caused so much grief in the world. I understand there is another book due to appear this month (September) on forgiveness which I hope will prove to be another worthwhile read.

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*Muriel Lander writes:*

I would like to thank Gerry Morrish very much indeed for his excellent article in September's *Review*. One of my sisters read it out to me and I literally burst out laughing! There has been a great deal of sadness in the media during the past few weeks: it was a tonic we all needed. Can we hope for more, please?

*16 Shrublands Road  
Berkhamsted HP4 3HY*

PS I would like to endorse John Cook's excellent idea that Figg's old shop be turned into the town's information office with a small local museum upstairs. Need a pipe-dream? It would certainly enhance our town's image.

## Something to say?

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

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





## review northchurch

**Rev Peter Hart  
reflects on what  
worship is, and  
what happens after  
the harvest season.**

What is worship?  
Is it prayer, praise  
and adoration?  
Can we worship  
only when we are  
in Church? Is  
worship a  
corporate activity,  
or are we  
worshipping during our private devotions?

Worship, I would say, is a multi-faceted activity. Firstly, it is a response, a response to our awareness of the love of God, of God's amazing creative and sustaining power, of God's intervention in our world and in our lives. Secondly, worship is a desire, a need to express our gratitude to God. Thirdly, worship is a delight, a joy in God, which takes us beyond ourselves into God's presence.

Now, we can respond in Church, we can demonstrate our desire to worship by coming together with God's people, and we can express our delight alongside them during formal and informal worship. But what then? What happens to our worship after we have left the building or the company of worshippers? Is that it? Have we finished our worship? By no means. If worship is an activity, then it is very much part of all our other activities. Thus, the way we lead our lives, the things we do, the way we work, the way we relax, all of these can be and should be part of our worship.

This is the season of harvest festivals, when we celebrate God's generosity to us in providing our daily food, all through the year. Parents carefully pack up old shoe boxes with crepe paper, fruit, vegetables and tins, and then the children solemnly carry this parcel down the aisle to the altar, where it joins an ever-growing pile of harvest produce. Others amongst us hack at shrubs, pick apples, inflate monster marrows and bring colour and ripeness to

the church. Still others cook and prepare vast harvest suppers, while yet more plan entertainment. All this activity is worship; it is a giving of self willingly to God as a response to God's generosity, as a desire to thank him and in delight at his faithfulness.

The challenge is, after the harvest festival season, what are our other areas of active worship? ❖



### 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 afternoons.

**It is not too late to join one of the courses. You will be very welcome, even if you have**

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## WALK AND STROLL

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Looking at deer is the purpose of a walk being organised by the Friends of Ashridge on Sunday, 20th October starting at 7:00am. This is the most exciting time to observe fallow deer as the rut is taking place and there is a great deal of activity. Bring binoculars if you have them and meet at the B4506 road end of Monument Drive (map reference SP 978128). You will need to book a ticket (£4 adults, £11 families, £15 groups) from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 3JT, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope and a cheque payable to National Trust - Ashridge.

On Tuesday, 15th October you are invited to join a gentle stroll on the estate starting at the B4506 road end of Monument Drive at 2:00pm. All are welcome; no booking is required but a charge of £1 per person is collected from those attending. These strolls provide a chance to discover the wild life in different parts of the estate and to look for animal tracks, deer sightings, birds and other items of interest. The walk lasts about two hours and stout waterproof footwear is recommended. Well behaved dogs, under close control, are welcome.

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## NBC BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

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At a time of bereavement and loss many people find that an opportunity to talk about their feelings in confidence, to a trained person, can be very helpful, and also to meet with others in a similar situation.

To help meet this need, there will be a warm welcome on the first Sunday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the Northchurch Baptist church hall, High Street, Northchurch. The next four dates are 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December and 5th January.

For enquiries please ring the Church Office on 877001 between 9:00am and 12 noon weekdays.

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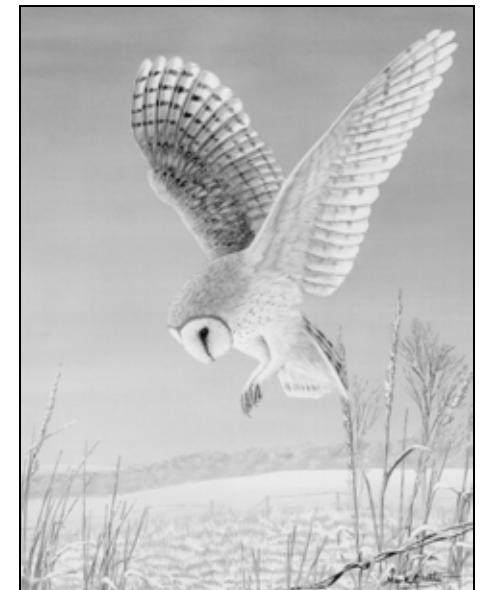
## A ONE MAN EXHIBITION OF WILDLIFE PAINTINGS

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Wildlife artist Mark Chester will be holding his annual one man exhibition of paintings on Sunday, 24th November at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

The exhibition will feature original paintings with subjects ranging from big cats to game birds, owls to garden birds. There will also be pencil drawings, a new range of limited edition prints and open edition prints and cards. Examples of Mark's paintings can be seen on his website, [www.markchester.co.uk](http://www.markchester.co.uk)

Much of the work shown will be drawn from Mark's many trips to India, Africa, America and Europe. This year's exhibition is supporting the local wildlife trusts.



*Evening Flight* by Mark Chester

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## CHRISTIAN AID ONE WORLD WEEK

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Support Christian Aid in One World Week and come to the Christian Aid supper at the *Way Inn* on Friday, 25th October - book to eat from 6:30pm. Last bookings will be at 9:00pm. 'Eat less and pay more' is again the aim so that we can do something towards helping relieve famine in Africa and in other places. Christian Aid builds for a future where there need be no more famine. Meet, entertain your friends or celebrate in the pleasing knowledge that you are also feeding needy people who are experiencing disaster and helping them to be self-supporting. The supper in One World Week offers a variety of excellent home-made soups, fruit crumbles and tea and coffee and juice. Anyone who wishes is welcome to bring a bottle of something stronger! You don't have to go to Johannesburg; just walk to the *Way Inn* door facing the Waitrose car park. Please book at the *Way Inn* coffee shop (above the Post Office) or telephone 864751.

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## CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

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Charity Christmas cards will be on sale at the Court House on the following dates:

Friday, 25th October: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, 26th October: 10am - 4:00pm

Friday, 8th November: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday, 9th November: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Friday, 22nd November: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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## FROM DAPHNE AND TOM MONTAGUE

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We wish to send thanks to our friends who sent us so many cards when we moved to Dorset. We felt quite overwhelmed to receive so many good wishes. We are settling in very happily although finding the whole exercise very exhausting. Our good wishes are sent to all at St Peter's and All Saints.

*Daphne and Tom Montague  
32 Galbury Lane  
Egdon Heath  
Crossways  
Dorchester DT2 8XR*

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## OXFAM AUCTION

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An auction with a difference will take place in Dean's Hall, Berkhamsted Collegiate School, at 12 noon on Saturday, 19th October when interesting and unusual antiques and collectibles donated to Oxfam shops in the area will be offered for sale.

Professional auctioneer David Nash will be in charge of proceedings. Admission is by catalogue, price £1, available at the Oxfam shop in the High Street.

Viewing is from 10:00am to 12 noon, when the sale starts. Light refreshments will be available.

It will be a busy day for the local Oxfam team as they are also taking part in the Lions community fair at the Town Hall (*see page 9 of this issue*). *Audrey Hope (864225 – shop)*

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## CAN YOU BE A HOST?

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Could you give a happy weekend, or Christmas, to an adult international student at a UK university? Many foreign students would love to meet British residents, to find out about the way of life here, and talk about their own country. Being a volunteer host once or twice a year can really make a difference to the happiness of individual students, and is a great way to contribute to international friendship and understanding. It's also fun, and illuminating for the host. If you would like to be involved, please visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org), or call your voluntary regional organiser, Trina Golland, on 01707 642091. Thank you.

HOST is a well-established registered national charity, backed by the British Council.

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## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXHOLDERS

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It's time for the annual box opening once again. I am looking forward to collecting your boxes at the 9:30am service at St Peter's during October and taking them away to empty. If you don't come to this service I shall be more than pleased to visit you at home - just give me a ring on 863526.

*Kathie Lally*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		11:30am	Eucharist (first Sunday in month)			
		6:00pm	Evensong			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	<i>Eucharist only as announced</i>			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall ( <i>This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced</i> )			
		6:30pm	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.			
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship ( <i>contact Carole Dell 864706</i> )			
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	<i>All Saints'</i> 9:30am	Eucharist	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP(AS)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:45am	MP(AS) ( <i>except 3rd Sat in month</i> )			5:00pm EP
<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH:</b> 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
<b>3rd Mon</b>	<b>GRIEF &amp; LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP</b> 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown 863268 or June Haile 873087.					
<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY CLUB</b> 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray 864532 or secretary Joan Gregory 864829.					
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>CHUCKLES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Kate Spall 873470.					
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 2:00pm fourth Tuesday at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY STUDY GROUP:</b> Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 <b>HILLSIDE GROUP:</b> 8:00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for <i>Bible study</i> . Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504					
<b>3rd Tues</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION:</b> meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally 863526					
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB</b> 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Jimmy Young 876736					
<b>2nd Wed</b>	<b>MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:</b> 8:00pm as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins 874108					
<b>3rd Wed</b>	<b>GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT</b> Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris 865785.					
<b>4th Wed</b>	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:</b> meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HOME GROUP:</b> 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thurs at 8 Plover Cl. Contact Linda Bisset 862115.					
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804					
<b>Friday</b>	<b>LITTLE FISHES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St P (10am). Nicole Addy-Varndell 828541					
<b>Friday</b>	<b>ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children</b> 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), <b>Adults</b> 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
<b>3rd Sat</b>	<b>ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST:</b> 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP</b> 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Jimmy Young 876736.					

# reviewdiary

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

October / November 2002

## OCTOBER

2	8:00pm	Deanery Synod	<i>St Mary's Northchurch</i>
3- 6		Flower & Craft Festival	<i>St Albans Abbey</i>
4	10:00am	Little Fishes service	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	7:30pm	Bridgewater Band concert	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	9:30am	James Archer (Church Army) to preach	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	3:00pm	Hospice Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
7	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>David and Goliath</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
12	10:00am	Diocesan Synod at Biggleswade	
13	3:00pm	Annual Service of Thanksgiving for the <i>Way Inn</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
15	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>Court House</i>
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>The Way Inn</i>
29	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Jonah and the Whale</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>

## NOVEMBER

1	10:00am	Little Fishes service	<i>St Peter's</i>
1	8:00pm	Festival Eucharist for All Saints' Day	<i>All Saints</i>
2	6:00pm	Solemn Requiem (Chiltern Chamber Choir will sing)	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	8:00pm	Berkhamsted Music Society concert	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	3:00pm	Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
12	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Daniel and the Lions</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
14	7am-7pm	Day of Prayer	<i>All Saints'</i>
16	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Andrew's URC</i>
16	7-9:20pm	Sing-a-long supper social event	<i>All Saints'</i>
20	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	
21	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	
23	7:30pm	<i>Chantrye</i> concert of words and music	<i>St Peter's</i>
24	9:30am	Brother Tristram (SSF) to preach	<i>St Peter's</i>

## Weddings (St Peter's)

23 August	Edward Michael Bush & Joanna Rowena Watts
24 August	Robert Mark Stephenson & Jacqueline Amanda Cowin
24 August	Scott Rainer Wegener & Carrie Jayne Dickinson

## Funerals

8 August	Raymond James Richardson	St Peter's (burial at Tring cemetery)
15 August	Winifred Parker Coldham	St Peter's (burial Kingshill cemetery)
30 August	Robert Sear	Chilterns Crematorium
4 September	Christoffel Groenewald	St Peter's (burial Kingshill cemetery)

## Service of Thanksgiving

12 August	Barbara Jean Masters	St Peter's (Chiltern Crematorium)
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We are sorry that lack of space again in this issue has meant that we have not been able to include the *Review FactFile*. Hopefully 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.*

**Jimmy Young**, our new parish youth worker shared with Northchurch, is now 'up to speed' and can be contacted on 876736. See last month's issue of the *Review* for a profile of Jimmy.



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## Contacts

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  
 Churchwardens: Chris Smalley, 18 Osmington Place, Tring. Tel: 826821;  
 John Malcolm, Landswood, Shootersway. Tel: 874993  
**Parochial Church Council:** Secretary: Mrs Pat Hunt, 11 The Firs, Wigginton Tel: 822607  
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

## St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859  
 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024

Sundays	Weekdays
8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)	Holy Communion
9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday 7:30am Thursday 11.00am Friday 9.15am
11.30am Eucharist (1st Sunday in month)	Morning Prayer: M-F 7:30am, W 7:00am
6.00pm Evensong & Sermon	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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