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Much good matter may be squeezed out of a Minc'dpie: they are good hot, and good cold and though they are most seasonable at Christmas vet without scruple of Conscience, you may eat them at any other time. Another sensible piece of advice from the seventeenth century. Quite apart from mince-pies, the approach of Christmas brings with it countless opportunities to indulge ourselves - but also, if we care to listen, many reminders that others may be less fortunate. In this issue of the Review several of our articles draw our attention to standards of living in other parts of our world - in Nepal, among farmers in the developing world, and where Oxfam is active, particularly in Africa. We are also fortunate in the musical talent that flourishes in our community and the Review draws attention this month to several Christmas concerts by local choirs. You don't have to go up to London to hear good music. You can enjoy a very high standard here in Berkhamsted - and perhaps sense something of the true meaning of Christmas.

We wish all our readers happiness and peace at this Christmas season

Christopher Green

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The True

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Wright urges us
to pause and
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Have you ever been on one of those day trips to Calais, Bruges or Paris? You get up at five o'clock in the morning and spend hours driving round the motorway. You catch a ferry or a Eurostar train and head off towards your destination. By the time you arrive, there is just enough time to whiz round a

few shops or tourist sites before having to race to catch the train or boat back again. You finally reach your front door at about midnight and crash into bed wondering whether it was all worth it.

Why do I mention this now, in the run up to Christmas? Because I think life can be a bit like our trip to Calais or Bruges and Christmas can be especially like it. No. I am not stretching the metaphor – think about it! We often feel we are travelling somewhere, making great preparations to arrive at our destination, and then, when we eventually arrive there, it is all over like a flash in the pan. Preparing for Christmas can begin in October, but when it actually arrives and the true celebrations begin, it can pass us by in no time at all. Most especially the meaning of Christmas can be lost under the rush of activities, and for many people, the meaning itself can be seen as irrelevant.

The carol says, *Peace came down at Christmas*, and yet when we look at our world it seems anything but peaceful. Iraq seems to be daily rocked by massacres and kidnappings and then there is Darfur in the Sudan, Afghanistan and the Holy Land – the list seems endless. There is the fear of

other atrocities with crime seeming to abound – muggings, theft, murder etc – again the list is endless.

In all of this, let me remind you of what it says in St John's Gospel. He came unto his own and his own received him not. If that were where the scriptures ended life would be gloomy. The text, however, goes on but to as many as received him, he gave power to become the sons of God.

This is where we find our hope and that hope is centred in the Christ child. The babe of Bethlehem is also the Saviour of the world. He is the babe who lifts us from depression, He is the man who shows us how we should live, He is the victim who dies for us on the cross, He is the resurrected Saviour who gives us salvation and above all he is our King who intercedes for us.

Christmas, therefore, is a time for hope and joy. We must have faith in that child we adore and we must not allow the evil of this world to shake that faith. It is in that faith that we can sing O come let us adore Him. Christ the Lord. My prayer is that this Christmas you will be able to take time to reflect on the true meaning of the holy season— Christ come to earth, Immanuel, God with us. Maybe that means going to a carol service at the church. Maybe it means coming to the carol singing outside Waitrose. Maybe it means attending the Crib service on Christmas Eve, or the Midnight Eucharist. Whatever it is, don't let all the preparations take over so much that the very meaning of Christmas itself is forgotten! I do hope to see you in the very near future, and in the meantime. may you know God's peace and blessing for you and your family this Christmas and throughout the coming year. *



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There is a lot of talk at the moment about the need to engage young people more in society. I have attended two sessions with young people in the age range 16-18 recently. about talking local On democracy. both. occasions I was very favourably impressed with their intelligence. seriousness and thoughtfulness. The theme of the two days was how to persuade more voung people to become engaged

in the political process. Many of them clearly felt that not enough effort was expended in finding out their opinions and that they were not listened to when they did express an opinion. This view is pretty common amongst the adult population as well, and of course the participation in democracy, particularly local democracy, is low across all age ranges at the moment.

At a public lecture given recently by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Hertfordshire the theme was also about engaging young people. But he was more concerned with persuading those of them who had little or no ambition to work hard and go to university. We need more educated and skilled people for the country's economic well being. He coined a phrase aspirational poverty by which he meant that children, growing up, have a low opinion of themselves, low expectations of what they can achieve, or possibly just laziness, and as a result are not getting the qualifications that they and the country need. The Vice Chancellor confessed to a frankly utilitarian approach to education, meaning that education was justified on the grounds that it helped grow Gross Domestic Product.

Personally I can only give two cheers for the utilitarian justification for education. Clearly, it is relevant for basic things such as reading, writing and arithmetic and what used to be known as vocational training as well as science and technology. But education is or should also be about how to live in society. This involves



Education & Society

Ian Reay looks beyond a utilitarian approach to education

learning also about such things as morals, ethics, customs and good manners, and about self discipline, learning to compromise and cooperate, balancing the needs of self and others. These skills provide for social—stability and harmony.

Because of our emphasis on the utilitarian approach we may have neglected this other kind of education and, I believe, this may be one reason for the disengagement of some young people and for

their aspirational poverty.

An important element of education must include the proper use of language. The utilitarian approach to language seems to lead to more and more use of abstractions and distortion of meanings. The phrase aspirational poverty is itself an abstraction requiring a little interpretation before it can be understood. Language can be used to camouflage meaning rather than express it.

It can also invert meanings. Take the word passion. In one of the local democracy sessions that I attended the facilitator, by way of an ice breaker, asked everyone to say a little about themselves and their passion. By passion was meant, it transpired, something akin to a hobby; what we occupy ourselves with in our spare time. This, to me, was gross misuse of the word. The German word for passion is *Leidenschaft*, which is rooted in the word for suffering, *Leid*. In English, in earlier times, passion must have meant something close to an intolerable burden (as in **The Passion of Christ**).

A passion is not something we can pick up or drop as we please - it takes us over. Education should not just teach how to take control (the utilitarian approach) it should also teach how to cope when we are not able to be in control. In other words, how to cope with our, and others, passions; but devaluing the meaning of the word in this way makes it difficult to even acknowledge their existence.



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Nancy Agate joined the MU branch here in Berkhamsted six years ago. She regularly came to the monthly afternoon prayer meetings and until recently, the evening meetings. She was very much part of our group, a gracious lady who always appreciated the fellowship and friendship that membership of MU brings. So it was with sadness that we learnt of her death in September after in hospital following a fall the

her death in September after almost 10 weeks in hospital following a fall that broke her hip. When we met together in September there was an opportunity to speak of Nancy and light candles in her memory. A recurring theme was Nancy's interest in other people and always having time to listen and enquire of our families. We spoke of her sense of humour and affection for her own family especially her grandchildren, and recalled the Christmas evening when Nancy's party hat, made from card and bits and pieces for decoration, won first prize!

Much of this and more was spoken of at her memorial service in St Peter's when members joined Nancy's family and friends to give thanks for her life. Her son, in his appreciation, said Nancy was "the glue that held everyone together" and that for his children, visiting their grandparents in Berkhamsted, was always a treat. Among Nancy's papers were hymns and readings she had selected for the service; a mixture of the traditional and modern, which seemed to sum

Mothers' Union

Nancy Agate

Margaret Burbidge pays tribute to a gracious lady



up Nancy's approach to life. She was rooted in the familiar practices of her upbringing before the war, yet always outward-looking and ready to embrace new ideas and ways. The last hymn was 'Tell out my soul', a twentieth century version of **The Magnificat** and a special favourite with the Mothers' Union.

Nancy's connections with MU went back way beyond her six years with us, for her family

tree has links with Mary Sumner, the founder of MU. A couple of years ago Nancy wrote an article for the Review, recounting the ways MU had influenced her own life. Her motherin-law was the enrolling member in Christchurch in the Winchester diocese during the wartime years of the 1940s. From her and the meetings Nancy attended, she learnt much about fellowship and the power of combined prayer, the importance of love in the home and supporting others. Then a few years later while living in South Africa, Nancy encountered MU again and experienced its growth and influence overseas. This was the background that Nancy brought to our meetings. She was rooted in everything MU stands for and in her article wrote, "Today in a volatile world, the Mothers' Union remains true to its campaign for the sanctity of family life". Nancy believed this and put it into practice throughout her long life. We are sad at her passing, but richer for having known her and been touched by her graciousness and love.

Margaret Burbidge

review poetry

If we can take *hate* and *must have* out of our world Then *need* would go of its own accord And *love* would abide throughout the nations.

If people could be satisfied with what they have And not always want more, But be willing to give, Then love would take over our lives.

There then would be no need for war, And all could live in contentment.

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I was born and brought up on the outskirts of Winchester. Each Sunday afternoon, whatever the weather, my parents, my brother and sister and I walked two miles through five fields to the ancient church of St. Andrew at Chilcomb. We children wore wellies in winter, sandals in summer and white shoes at Easter. Walking through the cornfields in summer we could look a field mouse in the eye before he

scampered from his nest - wheat and barley grew much higher in those days - and we were often in time to watch the afternoon milking at Chilcomb Farm. When I was three and a half years old I saw my first sow farrow, and cried because I could not bring a piglet home to join our ducks, geese, chicken and rabbits.

Since living in Berkhamsted my knowledge of modern farming has become somewhat rusty. However, over the years, neither locally, nor on regular visits home to Winchester or to Cumbria have I passed fields of cotton, rice, tea or coffee, although I have seen these essential crops growing in India and Uganda. So how on this good earth can farmers in the third world pose a threat to British farmers? You will no doubt have heard the argument.

When Garstang in Lancashire was declared a Fair Trade town, local dairy farmers marched down High Street with a banner declaring, "We want a share of the bottle." The fact is that small farmers across the world, whether they be cocoa farmers in Ghana or hill farmers in the UK, are often forced to sell their

FAIR FOR ALL?

Angela Morris, Fair Trade Representative for St Peter's Church, asks "Why do farmers get a raw deal?" produce for less than it cost to produce it. Why do farmers get a raw deal with only 7% of the money consumers spend on food? We are told the consumer likes cheap food, so supermarkets force down the price paid to the farmer. But cheap food has detrimental consequences for the lives of farmers and for the environment. Fair Trade

has shown that consumers are willing to pay a fair price for food. This helps lead to sustainable development. I understand a pilot project is now being run to bring a fair trade system to our own farmers.

You may have heard that the Church of England has recently become a member of the Trade Justice Movement and that the Bishop of St. Albans has promoted a Diocesan Fair Trade initiative. There are also plans afoot to make Dacorum a Fair Trade District. We can choose whether we support it or not. Those of us who promote Fair Trade do so as unpaid volunteers and are keen to put right misconceptions.

There is plenty of information available about Trade Justice, on the Fair Trade Foundation web site www.fairtrade.org.uk or Traidcraft web site www.traidcraft.co.uk, at the Traidcraft Stall in the monthly Community Market or from me.

If you would care to help in any way I would be delighted to hear from you.

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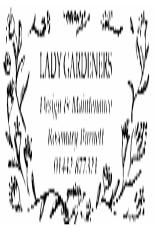
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You may have been intrigued by the item in October's review notes about the Oxfam Unwrapped initiative but not felt that an orchard or a goat would make suitable gifts! Allow me to explain, and perhaps change your mind

OXFAM UNWRAPPED

Alex Evans explains

what has been purchased by you to be donated on their behalf to those in need in poverty stricken lands. The gifts of your choice are arranged by Oxfam to go where they are needed most, mainly in Africa.

It may be hard to find the ideal gift; one that the recipient really wants, even needs, and perhaps wouldn't buy for him/her self. Perhaps also you may feel that the commercialisation of Christmas is the self indulgence of rich nations when too many of the world's population are struggling daily to stay alive. Fortunately, charitable giving at Christmas is part of our heritage, exemplified by a traditional nursery rhyme Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat.

Oxfam has tapped into our charitable instincts and the concerns we may have over the disparity in wealth and opportunities around the globe. In addition to selling conventional goods often sourced from developing nations in its shops, Oxfam has 34 Christmas present ideas in its **Oxfam Unwrapped** catalogue for gifts that are desperately needed in poverty stricken countries.

How does this humanitarian, seasonal, initiative work? You select gifts from the Oxfam catalogue. Your relatives, friends, or business colleagues each receive a card and a gift voucher, both attractive, telling them

Perhaps it is difficult to get your head around. Try telling the mother in law that you've bought her a goat or a brood of ten chickens which have been given to starving families in Malawi! She probably wouldn't have wanted a goat or a brood of chickens for herself. She will surely, however, appreciate and be grateful to you that families in Africa will have had a lifechanging difference made on her behalf to their lives, lifting them from poverty. A circle of virtue. You choose to put a penny in the old man's hat, diverting some part of our Christmas joy to those in poverty. Christmas day 2004 may for them be just another in life's struggle for survival. Next year they may be able to enjoy Christmas festivities.

Oxfam has made it easy for you to share in our heritage of charity at Christmas. The Oxfam shop in Berkhamsted has **Oxfam Unwrapped** catalogues and order forms waiting for you. Please call into the High Street shop and help Oxfam to start changing some of the unfairness of life, lifting people out of poverty.

To finish the nursery rhyme: If you haven't got a penny, a halfpenny will do, if you haven't got a halfpenny, God bless you.



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with, say, a Chinese person who may not know what Christmas is. It's not usual to answer lots of questions about British customs, while showing your guest around your locality, nor to be given insights into other parts of the world while teaching, say, an Indian person to make mince pies. It's pretty rare to contribute to international goodwill and understanding just by opening your home to an adult international student on a short break from studies at a UK college. If you are unusual enough to be interested in this idea, **HOST** would love to hear from you. **HOST** is a

Host

Angela and Christopher Morris commend this scheme for foreign visitors to Britain national organisation, backed by the British Council and many universities, which matches students with volunteer hosts for very short visits. Please see www.hostuk.org or call

the regional volunteer organiser **Trina Golland** (01707 642091) or **richard.golland@virgin.net**.

HOST asked for the above appeal to be printed in publications like the *review*. We have had people staying with us for Christmas twice. The first time a Mongolian family came; the second time a Chinese professor of humanities and a Chinese commercial judge. They were very easy to entertain and clearly enjoyed their stay. For our part it was most interesting to learn from them about their home countries.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Priscilla Watt draws our attention to the Bourne and Salter Charities

The **Bourne and Salter Charities** are ancient foundations in Berkhamsted set up to assist young people in their education by giving help where such help is not available from the Local Education Authority.

Who can be helped?

In both cases the upper age-limit is 25. The **Bourne Charity** demands that applicants should live in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Berkhamsted or should have attended Victoria Primary School. In the case of the **Salter Charity** applicants must be resident within the Ancient Parish of Berkhamsted – the difference between the present and ancient parishes is that the latter covers part of Potten End.

What help can be given? Grants towards the provision of books and other study aids, musical instruments, sports equipment and training and help with travel at home and abroad.

This is only a very brief summary of the work of these charities but if you feel that you might qualify for a grant, please contact me on 863804. You might not be eligible for help, on the other hand you may well be!

The Great Exhibition

Exhibitions of industrial and other artefacts were not the unusual in nineteenth century. The Royal Society of Arts staged the first one in 1756 and from 1847 they became an annual event. In 1849 following the French national exhibition in Paris, Prince Albert

was persuaded to mount an international exhibition in London in 1851. A special commission was set up to organise the event, including the Prince and other dignitaries. However, there was opposition and the MP for Lincoln claimed that moral pollution, revolution and disease would be brought to England by hordes of invading foreigners and these sentiments were supported by *The Times*.

A building committee was set up including the

architect of the Houses of Parliament; the railway engineers Stephenson and Brunel; and the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers. In March. 1850, designers were invited to submit proposals and within a month 245 designs were received. Most were hopelessly impractical and the committee then produced its own proposal, mostly the work of Brunel. However, his proposed design for the Great Exhibition was not a happy one either in practical or aesthetic terms. Prince Albert even contemplated abandoning the whole idea.

A piece of blotting paper

At this point Joseph Paxton visited John Ellis, MP, chairman of the Midland Railway, at the House of Commons. Paxton was a director of the Midland Railway and visited the House on 7th June 1850 to advise on the acoustics of the building. Paxton suggested

SIR JOSEPH **PAXTON AND** THE CRYSTAL **PALACE**

Stephen Halliday continues the story of the gardener who became an architect



Lily House Chatsworth. A bust of Sir Joseph in Crystal Palace park Chatsworth

produce working drawings and also secured the assistance of William Henry Barlow, resident engineer of the Midland Railway, who and girders that would support the building.

On 20th June Paxton returned to London to present the designs to the Exhibition Building Committee. Waiting for the train at Derby he encountered Robert Stephenson, a member of the Committee, and sharing a compartment with the great railway engineer, asked for his opinion. Stephenson lit a cigar and examined the plans, his attention fully engaged, he failed to notice that the cigar had gone out. Finally he uttered the single word "admirable" and promised Paxton that he would ensure they were seen by the committee.

Paxton then decided to reveal his plans to the Illustrated London News which had shown great interest in his previous designs, such as the Lily

On 11th June, Paxton visited Derby to chair a railway committee and was observed doodling on a piece of blotting paper. The blotting paper, now preserved in the Victoria and Albert Museum contained a design for the exhibition building based upon the At Paxton

calculated the required strength of the columns

House, and reported them in extremely flattering terms. Paxton was asked to find a contractor who would tender by 10th July and contacted Robert Chance, supplier of glass for the Great Stove, and Charles Fox of the engineering firm Fox and Henderson. Further frantic work ensued to meet the deadline. At a late stage a transept was incorporated into the design of the building with a circular roof so as to accommodate some of Hyde Park's large elm trees within the building. Brunel, provided details of the heights of the trees to be accommodated, explaining that "I mean to win with our [i.e. the Committee's] plan but I have thought it right to give your beautiful plan all the advantages that it is susceptible of'. Was this magnanimity or had Brunel like the rest of the committee, realised that Paxton's plan was really the only one that mattered?

The tender was submitted on time incorporating the principles from Chatsworth: extensive use of plate glass; cast iron supporting columns which also acted as drainpipes; a wooden frame for the roof with mechanically produced triple grooves for trapping condensation and rainwater as well as holding the glass; and a "ridge and furrow" roof design to make best use of the sunlight. Fox Henderson tendered to construct the building for £150,000 or £78,900 if, when dismantled, it reverted to the ownership of Fox Henderson. The Commissioners, greatly relieved, accepted the tender. The Crystal Palace, as Punch dubbed Paxton's design, would house the Great Exhibition.

Dire warnings

There were warnings that the heat inside the glass would be intolerable and be responsible for sickness or even deaths, unaware of the palliative effects on the sun's rays of Paxton's "ridge and furrow" roof and that the roof would be covered with white canvas as additional protection. The Astronomer Royal declared that a wind of "moderate force" would bring down the building. then it was claimed, that hail would shatter the glass. Finally it was prophesied that the opening ceremony would be a catastrophe: either the Oueen's 21-gun salute in Hyde Park would cause the glass to shatter or the musical accompaniment would do the trick. The Institution of Civil Engineers even discussed the building's shortcomings and the likely catastrophic consequences of its use though perhaps they were alarmed that Paxton, a mere gardener, could design on a piece of blotting paper a building which had defeated the Institution's finest. These dire warnings were ignored and construction proceeded apace, re-assured by the confidence of the former rival, Brunel.

Building the Crystal Palace

The building was designed to make maximum use of standardised components and was 1848 feet long by 408 feet wide with an extension 936 feet by 48 feet on part of the north side. The components were manufactured off site and assembled on the south side of Hyde Park. An upper tier of galleries gave a total floor space of almost a million square feet, with one and three quarter miles of galleries. The roof alone comprised almost 18 acres and the enclosed space was 6 times that of St Paul's Cathedral.

The building was erected in 22 weeks and painted and fitted out in a further 16. Work began in September, 1850 and by December the workforce had reached 2,260. Unforeseen problems were dealt with by the Duke of Wellington, including evicting a squatter from the site. The Queen also consulted the Duke about the problem of birds nesting in the elms within the building. The prospect of royalty being bombarded with bird droppings would not, it was felt, add to the dignity of the Exhibition. The Duke recommended the use of sparrowhawks and no more was heard of the matter.

The building, was completed for the opening of the Great Exhibition on 1st May 1851 and met with almost universal praise. However, Punch took a different line, drawing attention to the endless delays for the re-building of the Houses of Parliament and suggesting the job should be handed to Paxton. The influential art critic John Ruskin dismissed the building as "a greenhouse larger than ever greenhouse was built before" and complained that glass lacked form. This was a curious judgement, as well as a minority one, from an admirer of mediaeval architecture who had presumably overlooked the huge expanses of glass used by the medieval builders of the great East Anglian churches like Southwold.

Next month: Hyde Park to Sydenham

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It can be exhilarating to find yourself out of your depth, if there's someone there to advise and encourage. That's how I felt at my first rehearsal with the Berkhamsted Choral Society two years

ago, not having sung in a choir since leaving university. I soon discovered that when you have a director like **Graham Wili** you're in safe hands. It wasn't just a matter of note-bashing, I soon got caught up in the music and, over time, found that I was learning to use my voice as I never had before. And there have been plenty of opportunities to perform with professional musicians and soloists: St Peter's Church, St Albans Abbey, the Royal Festival Hall (May 2003) and on tour in Prague this summer (if I hadn't had a new baby to look after...).

This coming season will offer more chances to rise to a challenge. There's *Sing Nowell!* at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted on Sunday 5 December 2004 which is an opportunity to sing John Rutter's *Gloria*, and *Gaudeamus* by Berkhamsted's own Antony Hopkins (see advert on p17). And afterwards you can enjoy the chance to relax and chat with family and friends over mulled wine and mince pies in the Court House.

TRULY MOTIVATING

Mary Moody finds inspiration singing with Berkhamsted Choral Society

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Next Summer there will be another European tour (the Calvados region, based in Rouen) and this time I'm determined to find a way to be there! Why not dive in and join us for our extraordinary 2004-5 season?

What to call Grandparents

Muriel Lander looks at this sometimes knotty problem

Reading readers letters in a magazine recently, I was amused by comments made regarding what prospective Grandparents would like to be called by their grandchildren. The traditional Grandma and Grandpa some felt would make them feel really old. I too had wondered what my Granddaughter would call me. As the family live in Manchester. I could only wait and see.

One day my elder daughter rang me to say that Camilla had decided on my name. It was to be Daba (to rhyme with Grandma). I was truly delighted.

This Granddaughter is now in her twenties - a solicitor - and she and her fiancé - also a Solicitor - and also my Grandson, now in his second year at University, always calls me Daba. And do you know what? I absolutely love it.

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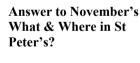
With reference to the letter from Priscilla Watt in the November *review*, I am the present owner of The Lodge - the house on the corner of Shootersway and Durrants Lane. The Lodge was not demolished when the land-mine fell in the field on the other side of Shootersway, but was considerably damaged. No one was killed but May Harris, who, with her husband Jo, lived here at the time, sadly lost the sight of one eye. Apparently they opened the curtains just as the land-mine exploded and the shattering glass cut her face and damaged the eye. One of the many local people who came the next day to view, describing the damage, said it looked as though it needed to be jacked up and pushed back into position! - minus a few windows no doubt.

Pamela Elphinstone

In addition to the land-mine described in the November *review*, my personal recollection is of a stick of six bombs which straddled the town, the last one landing in the garden next door to the house in which I was sleeping, in Upper Ashlyns Road. My guess is that it was probably in 1943 and that a homeward bound Luftwaffe plane was looking for somewhere to dump its payload (or the remains of it - they were very small bombs). I believe the first one fell on Northchurch Common, and each bang was louder up to number six which blew in the windows and blackout screens of quite a number of houses in the area. I don't have much more information about the incident as I was on a 48 hour pass and had to leave the following morning, but I recall that gossip was rife because one of the bombs had landed in the garden of a naturalised German, Mr Heber, who had long been a popular master at Berkhamsted School.

Frank Spinney







This is a detail from a candleholder in St Catherine's chapel.





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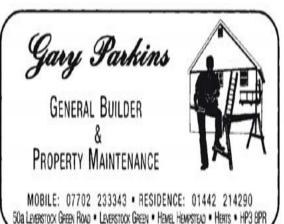
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A Visit to Nepal Gareth Pritchard reflects on

affluence and poverty

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I have been most fortunate in recent months to have done some long distance travelling at someone else's expense, which is always pleasant! Having had experience of

School Inspections and Examination Officer responsibilities over too many years to remember, I was unexpectedly invited to travel to various Middle East countries to conduct inspections for an Examination Board to check out procedures and security measures and to offer some advice where pertinent. My latest visit was to Nepal for just six days away from home — the equivalent of three days flying and three days of inspections.

I was quite unprepared for what I saw and experienced, and three days does not make one an expert on a different culture. My visit was to the region around Kathmandu - a busy sprawling city with a mixture of local and colonial architecture for its shops and dwellings, but with a central square or 'durbar' where the King of Nepal's original palace had been built surrounded by Hindu and Buddhist temples. The streets teemed with people either walking or riding motorbikes. The buses were either ancient Mercedes models which had been driven out all the way from Germany – and still carried passengers reliably - or three-wheeler vans, powered by cooking gas or electric batteries, where the rear had sideways benches allowing up to eight passengers to cram into the back. A small boy usually hung on precariously giving indefinable hand signals to other road

users suggesting that perhaps the van would change lanes and pull into the side to disgorge its load - or perhaps not! I thought that traffic in Cairo was bad enough with six columns of traffic often occupying the three lanes of their dual carriageways. But Nepalese traffic was for me more frightening – right of way was controlled by who had the loudest horn and the strongest nerve; the narrower roads tried impossibly to carry two lanes of traffic in each direction. All the time the motorbikes would be zipping in and out, yet I did not see a single accident.

As a contrast the people were delightful - courteous to visitors, willing to speak English and most helpful. From tiny houses, where the artificial light was either from electric bulbs of 25 or perhaps 40 watts or from oil lamps, would come children impeccably dressed in white shirts and grey trousers or coloured skirts. Most would walk to their school with their friends sometimes the vounger ones would be given a lift sitting on their father's petrol tank on his motor bike! Many of the women would be wearing beautiful brightly coloured saris, and walk with a grace and dignity despite their often low income.

As a predominantly Hindu and Buddhist country, their temples were much in evidence as were shrines in the streets. The latter would have bells attached about the size of an old-fashioned school bell; it was the habit of passers by to ring the bell lightly once and then touch their foreheads. There would also be prayer wheels set into a temple's wall which they could rotate as they passed by, keeping in touch with their faith in an audible and open way.

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One of the schools I visited was a Christian foundation; the walls of its class rooms were covered with children's work and there was a supportive stimulating ethos to the school. However, my attention was drawn to a notice in the Entrance Hall which on first reading was amusing, but also made one think. It read:

Who says that being small is insignificant? Have you ever shared a bed with a mosquito?

It made me think of the schoolboy ringing the bell by a shrine as he walked by. It was a small gesture but for him it showed his belief. It was not an earth shattering act but it certainly made an impression on me, a visitor to that country. It made me wonder how others see us. The Christian church needs its Marys and its Marthas — believers who talk about their faith and believers who act in their faith. A single small statement or act can appear insignificant but can have a tangible effect on someone else.

My abiding impression of Nepal will be not primarily about the beauty and splendour of its landscape but about the comparison of what we have here compared with the poverty which many Nepalese endure. The plane home was partly filled with young Nepalese men going to work in Qatar; unemployment is high in Nepal itself and working abroad even on menial tasks is the only way some can support their families. When did you last walk down the street to a communal tap to clean your teeth? Or push a bicycle for several miles to try to sell a sack of potatoes on it in a local market? Or carry jerricans of water several miles up into the hills to use in your cooking? Or share your small kitchen-cum-bedspace with two goats? We take so much for granted and can still moan about our lot in life.

Christmas will soon be here. I hope we think seriously about how we buy our presents and cards. There are numerous charities such as Traidcraft and Christian Aid, which can for example supply us with cards or ingredients to use in our cooking. Each purchase may be insignificant by itself but, like the mosquito, the overall result can be positive and globally formidable.

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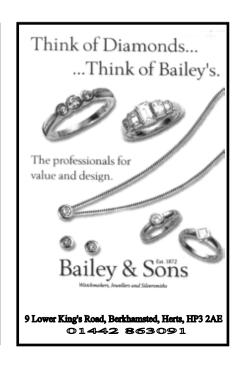
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of accounts, the meeting was handed over to **Mrs June Smith** MBE, an ex-treasurer of the Herts Federation who conducted the election of Committee members and the re-election of Joint Presidents, Mrs **Joy Lovell** and Miss **Liz Baxendale** for the coming year. We then handed over 22 lovely warm and colourful blankets.

made by the Craft Group, to Karen Rindom. Ward Manager from the Gossoms End Elderly Care Unit. She assured us that they would be put to good use by the patients. who often need a bit of extra warmth. We always have room for more members, so why not come along on the first Friday of the month at 2.00 pm and find out about WI. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Liz for details (866464).

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Are they related?

Walter Sargaison wonders whether anyone has noticed the resemblance between Barbara Groet and Sir Joseph Paxton in the November review.

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Thu			8:00pm Priscilla Watt	` •	, ,	,
Fri			PARENT & TODDLI			Court House
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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 (866161).

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DECEM	IBER	
Sun 5	7.30pm	Sing Nowell! - Berkhamsted Choral Society
	1	Christmas concert
Mon 68.	00pm	Service of Wholeness & Healing. Lady Chapel, St Peter's
Tue 14	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council meeting The Court House
Thu 16	11.00am	Victoria School – Thomas Bourne EucharistSt Peter's
Sat 18	8.00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfast
Sun 19	9.15am	Eucharist with Sunday School Nativity
	9.30am	Eucharist with Sunday School NativitySt Peter's
Thu 23	7.30pm	Praetorius Christmas Mass –
		Chiltern Chamber Choir concertSt Peter's
¹ Fri 24	4.00pm	Children's Carols &
		Procession to the Cribboth at St Peter's & at All Saints'
	11.30pm	Procession, Blessing of the Crib
		& Midnight Mass of ChristmasSt Peter's
Sat 25	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Family Eucharist
	9.30am	Procession of gifts to the Crib & Sung EucharistSt Peter's
Sun 26	9.30am	Parish Sung Eucharist
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Thu 6	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for EpiphanySt Peter's
Wed 12	8.00pm	All Saints' Area Committee
Wed 19	8.15pm	St Peter's Area Committee The Court House
Sat 15	8.00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfastvenue TBA

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Baptisms (St	Peter's)			
26 September	Matthew Daniel Kessly, William Leon Wallis			
7 November	Thibaud Sebastien Chaussalet, Storm Fachaux-Davies			
Baptisms (All	Saints')			
10 October	Emma Walker			
Weddings (St Peter's)				
16 October	Richard Hulme & Emma Evans			
Funerals				
13 October	Annie Rosina Herridge	West Herts Crematorium		
26 October	Marjorie Gladys May	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)		
27 October	Donald & Mary Cronk	Chilterns Crematorium		
2 November	Nellie Florence Picton	Chilterns Crematorium		

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CONTACT LIST

Names and local telephone numbers for jobs, rotas and information (for clergy, parish officers, music, bells and banns etc. see back page). Parish Office in the Court House (878227) is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tues/Wed, 9:30-12noon Friday (answering machine other times)

St Peter's

Altar service Chalice rota **Sunday School** Church maintenance Church cleaning Flower arrangements Sunday morning coffee Service recordings Intercessions **Epistle Readers** Electoral Roll **Pathfinders** Sidesmen Catering Hospice contact Christian Aid Youth worker

Alan Conway (865798) Jean Green (878227) Sally Emery (870656) Christopher Green (863241) Jean Green (878227) Sarah Dawson (871614) Rene Dunford (862420) Alan Conway (865798) Martin Wright (866161) Ron Fisher (865846) Judith Limbert (873626) Stephen Lally (863526) Carole Dell (864706) Val Atkinson (866792) Rachael Anderson (871997) Angela Morris (866992) **Jimmy Young (876736)**

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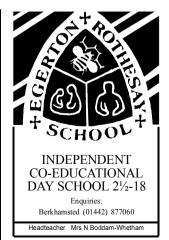
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The Revd Prof. Luke Geoghegan (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (866361)

The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon. Asst. Priest). 17 Lochnell Road (864485)

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

Mrs Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister). 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)

Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater (871283)

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John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)

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John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road (871195)

Parochial Church Mrs Pat Hunt, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607) Secretary:

Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelvan Way (863559) Council: Treasurer:

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Adrian Davis (864722) Director of Music: Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild (866859)

Jonathan Lee (0794 1113232) Organist:

Weekdays Sundays

Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) 8.00am Holy Communion Family Sung Eucharist with crèche. Thursday 11:00am 9.30am Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Friday 9:15am

(in the Court House) followed Evening Prayer Wed Thu Sat 5:00pm by coffee in the Court House. Holy Days - see weekly Notices

Evensong & Sermon 6.00pm

Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Father Martin Wright (866161)

Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

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Choirmaster: Peter McMunn (874894)

Sundays

Anglican Eucharist only as announced 8.00am

Family Eucharist with Sunday schools, Pathfinders, (1st Sunday usually) Sung Eucharist on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays 9.30am

United service with the Methodist congregation (3rd Sunday in month) 10:00am

(Methodist Morning Service) 11.00am

Anglican service only as announced (otherwise Methodist Evening Service) 6.30pm

5th Sunday – United Anglican/Methodist service.

Weekdays

Holy Communion: Tue 9:15am Wed 8:00am MP/EP see p29 Holy Days-see weekly Notices All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.

Anglican priest-in-charge Revd Martin Wright (see Contacts above)

Methodist minister: Revd Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road (866324)



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