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Welcome to the July 2006 issue of the Berkhamsted review

Lovers of music are very fortunate in Berkhamsted. Outside the summer months, hardly a weekend passes without an opportunity to enjoy a concert or a recital somewhere in the town. It's a mistake to think you have to struggle up to London and pay London prices to hear inspiring music. Berkhamsted is home to many talented musicians of national and international standing. There are attractive venues; and there are local societies regularly organising events. But sometimes events clash and that's unhelpful both for audiences and for those organising the events. It doesn't have to happen. The Town Diary is maintained in the Library to allow groups to book dates for events and to avoid dates already booked by others. Each year the Berkhamsted Arts Trust invites groups to an annual meeting to coordinate events. It then makes the events known through a widely circulated annual calendar - *the green sheet*. Those who ignore these opportunities for mutual cooperation help neither themselves nor the general welfare of the town. Clashes are the stuff of resentment and ill-feeling. The means to avoid them are in place. Responsible organisations are using them, but not everyone, it seems, is willing to make the effort.

Christopher Green

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Space, Silence and Repose

**Father Michael
Bowie goes in
search of deserts**

review leader

Why are we going away on holiday? Perversely, Carolina and I are celebrating the summer by returning to the southern hemisphere, where it may be moderately cold – we are going to meet up

with my in-laws in Chile and will then travel north to the *Atacama* desert, allegedly the driest place on earth (no rainfall has ever been recorded there).

Despite the credentials of my seventh-generation Australian birth, I have never been in a real desert. I have flown over several: when you make the long flight to Australia from the UK you experience a momentary (and entirely misleading) sense of relief when you are told that the aeroplane has reached the Australian coastline. Then you remember that there are still five or six hours of flying to be enjoyed before reaching Sydney. And most of what you can see below you is desert. Someone recently described to me the experience of travelling through central Australia on a train or by car (something I, of course, have never done): the scenery, he said, changes about once every hundred miles. And I know that to be true even in the less water-deprived areas of the Australian countryside. It is the complete opposite of the English experience which is all busyness, especially here in the south, where we are never more than a couple of miles from another village or town and the scenery is often different on either side of a hill. The English climate – which is of course the basis of most casual conversation in this island – is also much more various, with distinct and interesting seasonal changes as well as an abundance of water (which seems somehow to be escaping those who are supposed to collect it for our use).

So why do I want to make this trip? Why do so many of us go away, to ever more far-flung places for *holidays* which most of our forebears couldn't afford and which often

leave us exhausted and semi-bankrupt. For me, this summer, there are many curiosities: about family history on Carolina's side (some of her ancestors lived and worked in the north of Chile), about the reputedly arresting landscapes, as well as some beautiful beaches, about the world's largest copper mine, *Chuquibambilla*, which has regained significance with the rise in copper prices (the bounty from this will allow the new presidential regime to address a number of basic social needs in Chile, needs which become evident as soon as you leave Santiago's prosperous Eastern suburbs).

Fr Basil reminded me that one of the great spiritual experiences is said to be that of the desert, so my greatest curiosity is about that. The desert features prominently in the experience of people in the Bible, not least our Lord himself. And among the early Christians, in Egypt and elsewhere in North Africa, it seems that the whole idea of what we call the religious life – Christianity lived out in monasteries or hermitages – was nurtured in desert retreats. I am not good at retreats or being quiet and still, so I am hoping to be forced into some space and silence: I mean to try, at least, to notice the silence and sense of space which is so hard to find around London (though, if I'm honest, that's why I like London). I've noted the effects of that silence and space on some country-dwelling Australians – a quieter, slower and sometimes wiser take on life. So, while I'm not foolish enough to expect an instant *spiritual* experience just by visiting the desert (that would be carrying the holiday illusion too far) I'm looking forward to seeing whether I can gauge the difference it makes to the people who live there. I always try to do too many things and see too many things on holiday, so my resolution is to try and let the space and silence force me into some repose, to empty the mind of its busy trivia.

I'll let you know how I get on: I hope the summer will offer you some rest and repose as well. ❖

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Readers with long memories will know that The Mothers' Union launched a *Literacy and Development Programme* for the Millennium. It began when members in many different countries were asked how MU could help people break the crippling cycle of poverty and the overwhelming response was "*Help us with literacy and*

then we can deal with other things ourselves." The programme has grown and is now working in 13 dioceses in Malawi, Burundi and The Sudan, three of the poorest countries in the world. Whether in rural communities or inner city slums, women are marginalised, have been prevented from going to school and are in desperate need of literacy skills. This is compounded by HIV/AIDS and, until very recently, by the civil war in The Sudan, producing fragile economies and impoverishing the people even more.

Learning to read and write is a vital way of bringing change to disadvantaged communities. It can transform lives and bring hope for a brighter future. Over the last 5 years some 30,000 people have joined the programme and almost half of them have been accredited as literate and numerate. The effect of this on their families and communities is impossible to measure. It is the individual life-changing stories that show the real value of this MU project.

The Ndirande Literacy Circle in Malawi feel they have been left out of society because of their illiteracy. None of the women went to school as poverty prevented their parents from paying school fees. Living in one of the slums of the city of Blantyre, life is very hard and everything has to be bought (including every drop of water). As they become literate these women feel empowered with their new skills and want to help others who are left out of society.

Nama from The Sudan was orphaned when

CHALLENGING POVERTY IN AFRICA

Margaret Burbidge explains
the importance of literacy



she was very young and never went to school as there was no one to pay her school fees. Her husband died leaving her with three children. To make a little money she brewed alcohol and was arrested and imprisoned for 6 months. While there one of her children died. It was the MU

Literacy and Development Programme that changed Nama's life. She says "*I'm now able to think and reason like a real person and am getting my life back together again. I also help the learners in my literacy circle know about agriculture.*"

Many of the learners in Burundi live in horrific conditions in displacement camps, having had to flee their homes with nothing. Their experience in the literacy programme has not only transformed their lives, but also the camps. Sharing problems and working on development projects has helped rebuild trust and encouraged reconciliation in their communities.

These stories show a little of the problems faced by millions of illiterate people around the world. It costs £22 to make someone literate and numerate, and though relatively small numbers of people are involved compared with the need, its impact is large. The programme got off the ground through the fund-raising and generous donations of MU members six years ago, and continues to be supported by them today. We are rightly proud of this project and its work is assured in the short term by a grant from Comic Relief. It is about putting our faith into action, loving our neighbour as ourselves and living the MU Fourth Object, *to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.* ❖

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Ian Reay's &news &views

Drought and Downpour

Ian Reay examines the
contradictions

For a while there was concern bordering on panic in the national press about the pollution caused by putting out the fire at Buncefield. Pollution from the explosion and fire there entered a borehole next to the depot, which leads directly to an underground aquifer used to supply drinking water. Fuel was also discovered underground nearby, and might contaminate drinking water supplies. Although the Environment Agency admits that there is groundwater pollution they say there is no risk to drinking water and Three Valleys Water has said that the only pumping station showing contamination has been closed and water supplies elsewhere are safe.

But the closing off of a borehole at a time when water levels are low can only reduce the amount of water available and must be exacerbating the shortages caused by the present low levels of water underground. This year we are experiencing the wettest *drought* in living memory. After two years of low winter rainfall, a hosepipe ban is imposed and almost immediately more or less continuous rainfall follows for weeks on end, providing the wettest May for many years. The hosepipe ban has not however lifted since all the water in this district comes from artesian wells and the aquifer from which the water is drawn is only replenished by winter rainfall.

The use of a *hosepipe ban* at a time like this draws out the problems that arise from trying to deal with a problem or indeed a crisis by applying *central diktat* which has to be followed in varying local circumstances. Often the result is comical confusion and contradiction or means being sought to *get around* the rules legitimately. When is a hosepipe banned – at all times or are there exceptions? A hosepipe cannot be used to water a garden, or fill a bath, but it can apparently be used to fill a swimming pool. We cannot use a hosepipe to water the vegetable patch in our garden which

supplies us with vegetables but it can be used for agricultural use – which includes the watering of allotments. The day before hosepipes were banned I saw an individual, a former employee of the water company, liberally

using his hosepipe to clean his drive because, as he told me, he wouldn't be able to use it the following day, when it would be banned. He was clearly abiding by the letter of the requirement whilst ignoring its purpose – a reduction in the consumption of water.

A legalistic, litigious attitude to social and civic behaviour is becoming more common and often has counter-productive effects. I still remember my shock when discovering that if we, as private individuals, use salt to melt snow or simply sweep the snow from the pavement in front of our house then we become liable for any accident caused if someone slips on the area we have attempted to clean up. It is safer to leave it alone and let the authorities deal with it, however inefficiently they may do that. If there is an accident on snow that nobody has attempted to clear up then nobody can be sued.

Part of the reason for these shifting attitudes, I am convinced, is the loss of significance of the local community. If the smaller communities have the power to make decisions that directly affect their lives then choices will be made that are sensible and fit for local purpose and people will abide more carefully by the rules because they will see the need and the benefits more clearly. The focus on the community needs rather than just those of the individual self will also increase. ❖

TF: I successfully used a pressure washer to clean a friend's drive using a hosepipe to syphon water from her children's bath - a legal way to use a hosepipe (and recycle water). Mind you it was pouring with rain at the time!

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Frustrated by opposition to his Channel Tunnel project, **Sir Edward Watkin** turned his attention to a more bizarre attempt to drum

up passenger revenue for the Metropolitan Railway. He had been impressed by accounts he had read of the Paris Exhibition of 1889 and in particular by the success of the Eiffel Tower in attracting visitors to that event. He sent one of his engineers to view the tower and announced to his shareholders that the construction of such a tower adjacent to their railway would attract huge numbers of fare-paying visitors. He informed them that *'the Tower company have selected a site adjacent to your railway between Neasden and Harrow, upon which to erect their proposed Great Tower'*. He could have mentioned that this convenient decision may have been influenced by the fact that he, Watkin, was the Tower Company's biggest shareholder though the Metropolitan later bought £60,000 of its

WATKIN'S FOLLY

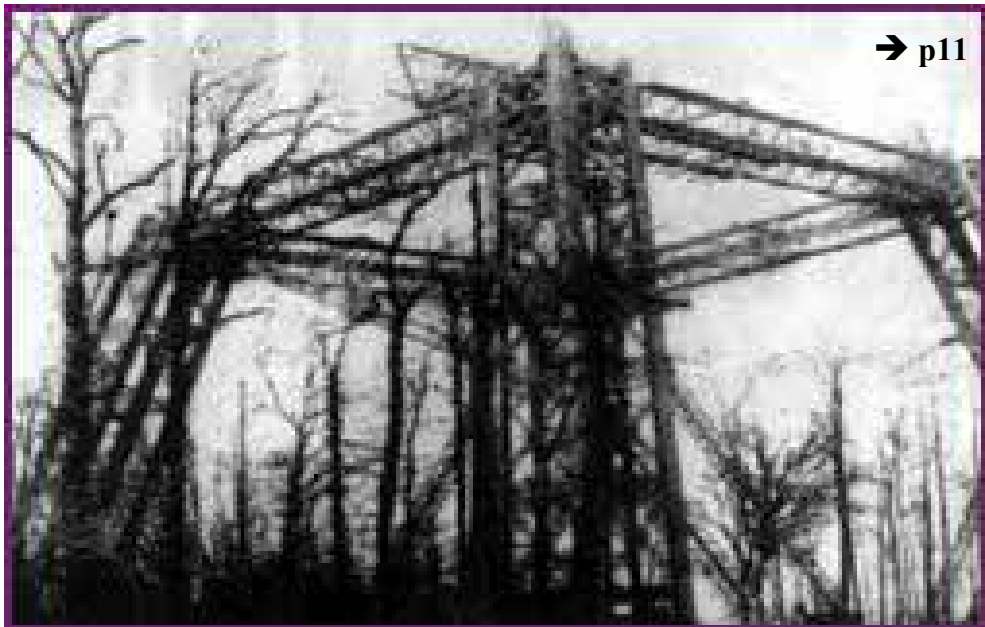
Stephen Halliday describes Sir Edward's Neasden venture.

shares on Watkin's advice. Critics of his tower were subjected to the full blast of his vituperation. A shareholder called


Turle who moved an

amendment to the proposal was informed by Watkin that *'his amendment was about the most foolish he had ever heard a shareholder raise'*. When the resulting turmoil had subsided, Watkin's proposal was passed. Watkin's shareholders' meetings were rarely dull affairs.

It was to be expected that a tower erected under the direction of **Sir Edward Watkin** would be superior to anything the French could produce so he formed a *Metropolitan Tower Construction Company* and invited architects from all over the world to submit designs for a tower higher than that of **Gustave Eiffel**. He gallantly invited the Frenchman to supervise the work which was supposed to dwarf his original design but the French engineer was no more enthusiastic about becoming involved in Watkin's schemes than his compatriot



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←p9 Watkin's Folly

had been when invited to oversee the construction of the Channel tunnel.

The results of the competition were announced in *The Times* on 18th June 1890. Many of the entries were described as *'wildly extravagant whilst others were marked by an entire absence of architectural merit'*. The prize was awarded to a 1200 foot steel tower with two platforms and a small area at the top - very similar to the Eiffel Tower but gratifyingly higher. It would accommodate restaurants, theatres, a small ballroom, exhibitions and a Turkish Bath.

In the regrettable absence of **Gustave Eiffel**, the construction work was supervised by **Sir Benjamin Baker** who had just finished constructing the Forth Railway Bridge. Work began in 1892 and was undertaken by the company that was, at the same time, building Blackpool Tower which at 519 feet high was less than half the size of Watkin's. The first stage was reached in 1895 by which time Blackpool tower was complete. But Neasden did not have the same cachet as Paris, or even Blackpool. The first visitors were admitted in May 1896 but, despite Watkin's confident predictions, the event passed almost unnoticed by the press or the public. The *Wealdstone, Harrow and Wembley Observer* divided its attention between the tower opening and the attractions of a nearby fête. The magistrates even turned down its application for a licence to sell alcohol. In the first year only 18,500 visitors paid to enter the attraction, using the new Wembley Park station that had been built to serve it. By this time ill-health had compelled Watkin to retire, the announcement of his retirement causing the shares of his railway companies to register a rise in their value on the London Stock Exchange. The Railway times marked his retirement by describing him as *'Masterful and capricious, talented and vain, sanguine and impetuous, he has at least shown himself with the courage of his convictions'*.

He must have been grieved to see the fate that swiftly overtook his tower. In 1899 the Tower Company went into liquidation and thereafter the name *Watkin's Folly* became cruelly attached to the crumbling edifice. The remains of the Watkin Tower were blown up in 1907 and fifteen years later the site was used as the home for Wembley Stadium. Paradoxically this world-famous sporting venue generated far more traffic for the Metropolitan Railway's Wembley Park station than Watkin can ever have dreamed of.

Sir Edward Watkin died in 1901, two years after the opening of the London terminus at Marylebone on which he had set his heart. His obituary in the Manchester Guardian described him as *a striking and masterful figure who leaves the rather dubious monument of having attempted to make a Channel tunnel*. The Times was more astringent. While acknowledging that Watkin was *'railway king'* of his age and more like an *'American boss'* than a British railway chairman it added that *'his kingdom was, like the British Empire itself, built up of a number of disconnected entities with divergent and often conflicting interests'*. Moreover *'the actual practical working of a railway was a subject he had never studied and never really understood'*, comparing his knowledge of such mundane matters unfavourably with *'any lad in the timetable office'*. As for his *'fantastic schemes, the least said the better'*. One of his fantastic schemes, the Watkin Tower, passed into history, almost forgotten. **Sir Edward Watkin** did not live to see the realisation of his more ambitious plans. It was only after 1918 that the development of Metroland created a more lasting monument to his plans for the Metropolitan Railway. Ninety three years would pass before his dream of a tunnel beneath the Channel would be realised. He died a frustrated visionary. ❖

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On the cover this month is an aerial photograph with St Peter's Church as its central feature. The whole view from which

it is taken is reproduced below. When was it taken? Fortunately there is a useful clue that fixes the date to within six months. In the bottom right hand corner of the photograph part of a derelict site in the High Street is visible. This was the site of Egerton House which was demolished in 1937. The Rex Cinema was built in its place and was opened in 1938. In the photograph the trees are in the full leaf of summer. The photograph would seem therefore to have been taken in the summer of 1937. The roof of St Peter's, dating from the restoration of the 1870s, shows obvious signs of deterioration - so it is no surprise to recall that twenty years later its ruinous state had been recognised and

BERKHAMSTED FROM THE AIR

Christopher Green investigates

it was completely replaced.

What can we see in the photograph that has vanished since

1937? Pilkington Manor is there, facing the High Street to the east of St Peter's. The Congregational Church is on the corner of Castle Street and Chapel Street. There are numerous warehouses alongside the canal - and the railings still surround St Peter's Churchyard, soon to be cut down early in the Second World War and supposedly made into tanks and guns. What has appeared since 1937? Manor Close (*Ed. Can anyone tell me when it was built?*), Newcroft, the new school building on the far side of Mill Street, Greene's Court, beside the railway station, and plenty more in the distant view. But especially striking are the streets. How many motor cars can you see? No parking problems in 1937. ❖



The Berkhamsted Committee of The Children's Society are delighted to report that the Walk on Sunday 14th May was financially the best ever. Nearly £9,000, excluding Gift Aid, has been raised for the work of the Society with deprived children. The weather was cool, the bluebells in full flower, and the four routes highly rated by the walkers.

With more walkers and more money raised, this year's Walk has reversed the declining trend of recent years. Truly a *step change*, attributable in part perhaps to the increasing awareness of the health benefits of walking. Other significant changes were additional publicity by website, greater choice of routes and start times, and the option of the donation and collection of sponsorship money through the website justgiving.com.



A RECORD OUTCOME

Alex Evans reports on the Berkhamsted Walk

The winners of the three prizes, generously donated by the Complete Outdoors, have yet to be announced. Sponsorship amounts are still being finalised. The two leading contenders for the first prize, a £180 Paramo walking jacket, have each raised around £600. One is a girl from Abbot's Hill school. The school's 30 walkers have between them raised over £2,000, a substantial increase compared to last year and a great achievement.

The other contender is Bryn the dog. Bryn has his own website: <http://www.bryns.org.uk>. His progress was tracked at the Court House as he padded around the eleven mile route to ensure that he was not distracted by the exciting smells of the woods of the Ashridge estate. Equally important, with such a high price on his head, was to ensure that his handler was not tempted to spend the afternoon at the Bridgewater Arms!

Thanks are due to all those who made the Walk possible and successful in so many ways, and to our sponsors for generous prizes and covering printing costs. Next year's walk will be on Sunday May 13th, 2007. We hope you will take part as a walker or sponsoring one, or be a helper. Every step taken helps to raise funds for the Society's work with the most rejected and ignored children in the country. ❖



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To Build a Just Society

**The Revd
Jonathan
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examines the
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In JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* Frodo observes the sinister creature Gollum and remarks to Gandalf that it would be better if he had been killed. Gandalf gently reproves Frodo with the advice: "*Do not be too eager to deal out*

death in judgement. For even the very wise cannot see all ends."

This passage from the book came to mind when listening to an address given by President Bush concerning the death of Zarqawi in Iraq, and then a little later watching **George Galloway** on Question Time saying that he could understand why people in desperate situations might consider violence justifiable. Two men, with irreconcilably different views, yet strangely linked in the idea that violence in certain circumstances was appropriate or understandable.

The desire to build a just and moral society has shaped human history and philosophy. There has usually been a tension between means and ends. Whilst many might share the desire for an ideal or good society, there has also been recognition that self-interest and injustice cannot be dislodged by moral or rational persuasion. Conflict, in this scenario is almost inevitable as organised power can only be dislodged by another powerful force. It might be seen as necessary to achieve a good end with the use of means that will have negative and possibly violent repercussions. The use of violence in sorting out the complex intricacies of human life and society is accepted as realistic, as it recognises that

there are negative forces, which are embedded in human relationships and society.

Despite this consensus there are different perspectives. The words of Jesus still have a resonance: "*Love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you.*" In the teaching of Jesus there seems to be a recognition that the continual cycle of violence or "*an eye for an eye*" only serves to make everyone blind. Behind this is the encouragement to try and avoid polarising those who disagree with you and your values through making an effort to understand what factors have shaped and possibly influenced them. This does not ignore the complexities of human relationships or the nature of society, but holds that a continued repetition of revenge for past wrongs and the willingness to fan the flames of historical resentments only serves to bring about ongoing violence and the tragic repercussions it always brings.

The work of the **Truth and Reconciliation Committee** in South Africa and more recently a similar body in Northern Ireland has shown that it is possible to move forward in society on the bedrock of honesty and forgiveness. These are powerful forces that can break the negative cycle of violence and demonstrate that in a confused and hurting world it is possible to build something more lasting, whole and of infinite value. It is a task that has always been at the heart of Christianity: "*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*" In this philosophy it is possible to build a just society by using just means. ❖

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On a sunny June day our President **Joy Lovell** welcomed us and a visitor and started the meeting by reading to us a poem called *Grumpy Old Women* - some familiar lines here! Next, together with Secretary **Janet Mitchell** they took us through the business matters of the meeting and forthcoming events.

Our speakers for this month were **Mr and Mrs Summers** and their interest was *Old Cottage Toys*. Their illustrated talk with excellent slides showed how they had researched the making of these dolls by **Margaret Fleischmann** who arrived in the UK from Czechoslovakia in 1941, and started her cottage industry from her home and later with the help of her daughter. The dolls were eventually sold worldwide. Mr and Mrs Summers have published a book on *Old Cottage Dolls* and had a selection of them on display. During tea time the raffle was drawn and the competition judged for *An Old Toy*.

Next month we look forward to **Mrs Joan Lilwallsmith** with her *Memories of Japan* on the 7th July at the Court House at 2:00pm. Why not come and join us - we'll make you welcome.

THE NINTH GRAHAM GREENE FESTIVAL

The Festival, from 28th September to 1st October will comprise a mixture of films, talks and other events, held in Berkhamsted's Victorian Town Hall, in Greene's old school, and in cinemas in Berkhamsted and Chesham. Visit the website of the Graham Greene birthplace Trust at www.grahamgreenebt.org.

TUESDAY CLUB

At our meeting on 6th June, **Brian Barton** gave us a very entertaining and informative talk, with slides, sound effects and other visual aids, about *Glis glis*.

Glis glis, or the edible dormouse, is a pretty little creature with large eyes, long whiskers and a bushy tail. They were brought into this country by Lord Rothschild in 1902 and released into Tring Park. Consequently they are abundant in our area and give us problems in that they do a lot of damage to the trees in our woods and are inclined to invade houses where they have a great time chewing wood and the insulation on electrical cables. It was most interesting to hear about the surveys carried out, first by the Ministry of Agriculture in the 1950s to find out how far they had spread and recently by **Dr Pat Morris** and his team in Hockeridge Wood, to identify the fluctuations in breeding from year to year. There are indications that 2006 is going to break all records.

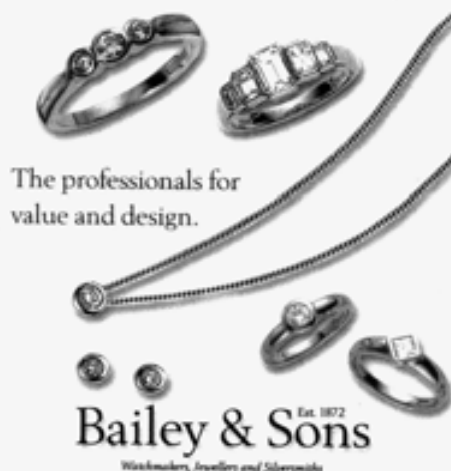
AN EVENING WALK IN THE WOODS

On Wednesday 5th July at 7:00pm. Discover the woods of Aldbury and Northchurch Commons. £3 visitors, £2 Friends of Ashridge. Contact The National Trust on 01442 851227 for details and to book.

NIGHTTIME WILDLIFE WALK

Saturday 29th July, 9:00pm - midnight on the Ashridge Estate. Look for bats and other nocturnal creatures on Aldbury and Pitstone Commons followed by a moth trapping session with Herts Moth Group. £8 visitors, £6 Friends of Ashridge. Contact The National Trust on 01442 851227 for more details

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PEPPER SHOW

Friday 15th July to Saturday 22nd at Berkhamsted Collegiate School, Kings Campus. Evening performances at 8:15 pm on 14th, 15th, 19th, 21st and 22nd. Matinée at 2:15pm on Saturday 15th. Tickets from £12-£20 with £7 concessions (some performances only) from Acorn Pharmacy, 256 High Street or from 01442 877292. Tickets bought with a credit card will incur a 50p surcharge per ticket.

LONDON BRIDGES WALK

The Church of England Children's Society is this year celebrating 125 years of changing the lives of deprived children. The Society's Annual London Bridges Walk will take place for the eighth time on Saturday 16th September. It provides something for all the family, including activities, entertainment and a quiz en route. It's also a great opportunity to see some of London's unique landmarks from the vantage point of the bridges - themselves inspiring in their own right. The walk will start from Tate Modern, at the southern entrance and there are two routes - five miles and five bridges to reach Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament, or add three bridges to

reach Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. Saturday 16th September also sees the start of the Lord Mayor's Thames Festival weekend so the South Bank will be awash with entertainment and food and craft stalls. The Walk is an enjoyable opportunity to raise money which will go directly towards helping the children and young people that society often chooses to ignore.

Details of the Walk are on the website www.childrenssociety.org.uk/walks or phone 0845 600 8585 for details and registration.

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Poets have volunteered their time and some have written poems especially for Oxfam.

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SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong	
	<i>All Saints' 2nd</i>	10:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led	
	9 th	8:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led 10:00am Morning Worship – Methodist led	
	16 th	10:00am Sung Eucharist – Anglican led	
	23 rd	10:00am Morning Worship – Anglican led	
	30 th	10:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led	
All services at <i>St Peter's</i> unless otherwise indicated MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer			
MON	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:15am
TUE	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 8:00am
THU		EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 11:00am (<i>Fr Michael's day off</i>)
FRI	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm <i>both churches</i>	Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 8:45am <i>both churches</i>	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:15am
1 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm		<i>Court House</i>
	For anyone on their own on a Sunday.		Contact: Joan Morris (863780)
3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm		<i>Court House</i>
	Contact June Haile (873087), Thelma Harris (865785) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)		
Tue	HILLSIDE GROUP: 8:00pm at 22 Upper Hall Park for bible study.		
	Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)		
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:: 10:00-11:30am		<i>All Saints' Church Hall</i>
	Song Time or Short service as announced.		Jenny Wells (870981)
Tue	ST PETER'S CHOIR Children 5:15 to 6:15pm		<i>St Peter's</i>
	Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)		
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i>		<i>Court House</i>
	Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)		
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm.		
	<i>Non-members always welcome.</i>		Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)
4 rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm		<i>17 Shaftesbury Court.</i>
	Tell us if anyone needs our prayers.		Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)
Wed	JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month		at Jenny's <i>57 Meadow Rd</i>
	<i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i>		or at Ruth's <i>1 Montague Rd</i>
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Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm . (yrs 5-8) Jimmy Young (384929)		<i>All Saints' Hall</i>
3rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved.		
	Contact Thelma Harris (865785)		
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays.		Contact Linda Bisset (862115)
Thu	TE'S (Youth club for yr 9+) 7-9pm		Jimmy Young (384929) <i>Court House</i>
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804)		<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am		<i>Court House</i>
	Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St Peter's (10am)		
	Nicole Addy-Varndell (864094)		
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm.		<i>St Peter's</i>
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3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers.		<i>Various local churches</i>



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July

Mon	3	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for Healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	7	10:00am	Little Fishes Service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
	9	6:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	11	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Invitation to a Party</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Thu	13	10:00am	Environment Conference (until 4:00pm)	<i>St Albans Cathedral</i>
Sat	15	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast.....	<i>Berkhamsted Baptist Church</i>
Sun	16	6.30pm	Pepper Praise (No 6pm Evensong at St Peter's).....	<i>Centenary Hall, Berkhamsted School</i>
Mon	17	7:00pm	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Thomas Coram production)	<i>All Saints'</i>
Fri	21	11:15am	Thomas Coram Valedictory Service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>

August

Mon	7	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for Healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	19	8:00pm	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>Sunnyside</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

21 May	Bruno Clinton Eric Allsop, Dulcie Daphne June Allsop, Thomas Ambrose Sargaison
28 May	Paddy Thomas Read, Mollie Bessie Dell, Aimee Laura Hardy

Baptisms (All Saints')

14 May	Amelia Jane Pass
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Weddings (St Peter's)

13 May	Liam McGrath & Amanda Gavan
20 May	James Beasley-Suffolk & Nicola Parker
27 May	Matthew James Telling & Lisa Gibson

Funerals

16 May	Anthony John Dell	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)
25 May	Cyril Victor Dennis Shaw	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)
3 June	Cimmy Delglyn (aka Susan Ann Williams)	St Peter's Church (burial Southway, Hatfield)

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What & Where in St Peter's?



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