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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's Great Berkhamsted*

### **Welcome to the June 2010 issue of the Berkhamsted review**

Most people keep an eye on the natural world and watch for the signs that mark the rhythm of the seasons. Even in the residential heart of Berkhamsted, in Victorian terraces and villas set in diminutive garden plots the unfolding seasons have their pattern. Just now we are passing from Spring to Summer. In the last days of April the swifts arrived – earlier than usual, some say, wheeling and screaming overhead. The first butterflies appear. Brilliant yellow Brimstones, always it seems on the wing; then Peacocks and Red Admirals, more leisurely, sunning themselves on walls and fences. One or two Commas as the year progresses and then when the buddleia blooms, if your lucky, a Humming Bird Hawk Moth, more likely Small Tortoiseshells and Painted Ladies, some years in profusion, sometimes few and far between. Nature's patterns change. Some would have us believe it's all due to global warming, but there are many other factors, not least our own direct influence on the flora and fauna – deliberate and accidental, eliminating and nurturing. Where now the wild boar of Ashridge? Whence Japanese Knot Grass? Who, ten years ago, had ever seen a Red Kite soaring above our town?

**Christopher Green**

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## **Participation & Society**

**Richard Hackworth**  
highlights the role of  
the Church

# *review* leader

I am writing this a week before our General Election, and you will be reading it a few weeks afterwards when, we hope, all the dust will have settled. The manifestos of the three main parties

and many of their leaders' public comments include supportive comments about the importance of voluntary and faith based organisations in their visions of our future. I'm sure we'd all agree. Our Churches contribute a lot to our town, some more visibly than others. The annual Petertide Fair will be held at St Peter's Church on 12<sup>th</sup> June raising cash for charity, including some in the town. Do please go along and spend some money.

Our politicians though are more ambitious for the voluntary sector than raising money. The issue is *social capital* – the rich networks of interpersonal relationships that generate value and strength for society. Labour campaigned they would support local pubs, the Conservatives want every adult to be active in a neighbourhood group, and the LibDems said that society is strengthened by people working together in voluntary activity. There is wide recognition that social capital matters and that when it erodes, so does the health and resilience of our society. Churches are central to sustaining this idea of social capital. Jesus' teaching supports our three main parties on this (or should I put that the other way round?). The *treating your neighbour as oneself* maxim is right in the centre of what this is about, but it is also about getting out and participating and making our town a better and more enjoyable place to live.

Participation is a key word. I wonder what the turnout will be at the General Election? The voter turnout at the Iraqi General

Election in March was estimated at about 62%, despite nearly 40 people being killed on election day. The 2005 UK General Election was just lower at about 61%. I don't think this is flattering to our democracy, but I don't recall many politicians speaking up about this. Wikipedia lists 14 countries that enforce a legal obligation on citizens to vote, punishable by a fine or loss of social benefits for example. One can see the logic in this. If a citizen does not give the minimal support to his society of voting in elections, then should they enjoy all the benefits? A priest at a church in Kenya has told his parishioners they must vote in a referendum this summer on Kenya's new constitution. He feels so strongly that he will withhold the Eucharist from anyone who can't present his voters card in church. Now there's an imaginative approach - no vote, no sharing in the body of Christ. I'm not too clear on his theology, but perhaps he has a point. A healthy vigorous democracy is part of God's kingdom on earth and we have a Christian duty to work for that. (I can hardly begin to imagine the PCC discussion on *that* suggestion.)

The Church is at the centre of our town for everyone, and we must encourage everyone in our town to share in what it offers. Worship is central of course but also other events like concerts and the Petertide Fair and the other Petertide events that have been organised. And this *review* magazine too. When you've read it, pass it on to someone who hasn't and encourage them to buy a copy next month.

Whatever Government is in power when you read this we pray that they govern us well, and that our society in Berkhamsted continues to be vigorous for the benefit of all.

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Can you image what it is like living in Mozambique? It is a large country in south-east Africa with 1,500 miles of coastline and a tropical climate of rain from April to September and no rain from October to March. There are two Anglican dioceses, Niassa in the north and Lebombo in the south, and it is to the northern diocese, Niassa, that Mothers' Union members in this diocese are being asked to look this year.

Some of the difficulties the people of this rural region face include isolation with huge distances between communities. This makes communication a problem and underlying it all is poverty, in a country where there is around 75% unemployment, 65% of rural women are illiterate and life expectancy is 42/43 years.

So what do you need if your home is Niassa? One answer would be *many things*, but the Mothers' Union Grants Committee in London has responded to a request for chickens, ducks, goats and bicycles! The local Mothers' Union worker, **Rosa Nhone** will work with twelve women in the town of Lichinga to run the project. £1,849 is needed to buy 100 chickens, 20 ducks and 10 goats plus pens, food and medicine for the animals, travel to bring the animals to Lichinga and training and monitoring of the project over two years. Income from the livestock is generated by selling the offspring. This will benefit 25 families who will take part and poverty will be eased.

In Niassa bicycles are the main means of transport, after walking! Large distances have to be covered and the roads are poor. There are few cars and none for

## CHICKENS, DUCKS AND GOATS

### Easing Poverty in Mozambique

Margaret Burbidge writes

**Mothers' UNION**  
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priests or Mothers' Union workers. Bicycles are low maintenance and with bike and tyre menders on every street corner, help is readily to hand when breakdowns occur. Unlike this country, where a Branch Leader looks after just one group of members, in Niassa the Mothers' Union

leaders are each given between two and twelve congregations. Fifty bicycles, costing £2,500 will help them visit their branches and people who are sick more easily.

**Rosa Nhone** is no stranger to supporting families in great need and was instrumental in bringing clothing and clean water to flood victims earlier this year, before overseas aid arrived, so it was no surprise that the imaginative project for livestock and bicycles got the support of the Overseas Grants Committee. The money, £4,349 in all, has already been sent to Niassa and the Trustees in this diocese are asking members to raise money to replenish the Overseas Fund. Members' enthusiasm and imaginative fund-raising will come into play, as it has done in other years, to change the lives of people who are in poverty simply because of where they live. As a result we too, know just a little more about what it is like to live there and what are the needs of the people. Incidentally, this project has been called *Getting to the Hub of Niassa!*

In Mozambique in the last five years, Mothers' Union membership has grown by 60%, to stand around 3,000; a small percentage of the population of over 21million. There has been no influx of missionaries, just a response to Christian generosity working with the poorest people and changing lives. ❖

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Sitting on a wooden bench by the side of College Lake on a cool but sunny day in Spring I watched the tiny waves blown by the breeze as they flowed along the surface of the lake. The whole body of water gave the strong impression of flowing rapidly from my left to my right like a broad running river. It felt as though the water would disappear into a gorge under the chalk bank at the edge of the lake. But of course the water in the lake was not moving; the waves sliding across the surface were an optical illusion. In truth the water was vibrating up and down in the same place. This apparent movement of the waves on the surface of the lake reminded me of the moving pool of light on the ground in front of me when I carry a torch in the dark. As I walk in the dark the spot of light appears to be a single object that moves according to where I point the torch. But the moving spot of light leaves everything the same, just as the waves don't really move forward at all.

College Lake was once a chalk quarry; an industrial site, imbued with the bustle of progress. But now nature is being allowed to reclaim it - nudged by a little help from some civil engineering. The lake is now a haven for wild birds. On either side of the lake rise up slopes of light grey-brown soil, with occasional rabbit holes. I wander around these slopes of the old quarry. The

# Ian Reay's &news &views

## College Lake

**Ian Reay**

watches nature take over



land is a mixture of straight lines, concrete paths and rusting machinery, gradually yielding to softer edges: shrubs, grass, mosses and lichens that are spreading over the chalk and bare, white-grey soil. Half buried in this soil, in an excavated hole, is the metal corpse of a gigantic circular cutting machine. The words *Bau no. 346, Built 1967* are still etched on a metal plate on its side. It must once have rotated in the surface of the chalk like a water mill running backwards, gouging the chalk up

out of the ground. The metal of the machine has become pitted and rusted into a red-grey-purple colour, identical to the colour of the derelict remnants of old farm machinery that are also to be found, apparently abandoned, around the site. As I wander I find a weathered, square wooden post, still firmly fixed in the ground but with no apparent function. Whatever use it once served is no longer decipherable from its present context. I walk along a footpath that was once a concrete track – in places it has been broken, revealing that it is held together within by a reinforcing grid of thick iron bars. This flat, straight, industrial, reinforced concrete path is now being slowly encroached upon by soil, leaf mould and moss; its straight edges gradually crumbling.

This decay is not sinister, on the contrary it refreshes. The moss growing on the concrete has no memory of the previous, busy industrial activity on the surface that is now its home. True regeneration needs this loss of memory, because progress, in truth, is like the waves on the lake, turning on the spot. When progress dies, as it has at College Lake, it is replaced by quite a different world. ❖

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### **Standing Committee & PCC**

Fr Michael Bowie	(Rector)	Liz Jackson	(Deputy Churchwarden)
Fr John Pritchard	(Curate)	Judith Limbert	(Deputy Church Warden)
David Pearce	(Churchwarden)	Julian Dawson	(Hon Secretary)
Philippa Seldon	(Churchwarden)	Richard Hackworth	(All Saints' Rep )
Vacant	(Hon Treasurer)		

### **Parochial Church Council**

Michael Robinson	(All Saints' Rep)	Elizabeth Jackson
Jenny Wells	(All Saints' Rep)	Paul Jullien
Penny Abbott		Judith Limbert
Michael Anderson		Sam Limbert
Michael Below		Patrick Lepper
Barbara Conway		Bill Stead
Julian Dawson		Christopher Green

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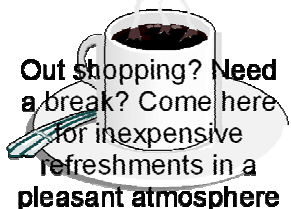
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The Petertide season has already kicked off with a fantastic evening at the Gatsby, raising **£1,391**. However that was only the warm up. Over the coming weeks, there will be a plethora of Petertide events to raise money for *BerkoAstro* and the *Karunashraya Hospice*.

### The Fair

On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June**, there is the Petertide Fair itself. Running from 10am-3pm, there will be something for everyone to enjoy and take part in. All the regular stalls will be there in St Peter's and the churchyard, and we welcome back the alpacas. The opening ceremony will be unmissable with our very own **David Pearce**, again taking on the role of Town Crier, being joined by **The Mayor**, the *Ashlyns School Samba Drummers* and the *Berkhamsted ATC*. There will be live music during the day with *Freedom Express*. There will also be a Petertide first with the newly formed *Berko's Big Band*, created by Ashlyns student **Sam Sommerfeld**, playing a selection of their music. If all of this is too much for you, then refreshments will be available in the Court House and a BBQ outside. If you're looking for something stronger, there will be Pimms and a limited edition **Petertide Ale**, produced by Tring Brewery.

### The Raffle

At the end of the Fair, the draw will be made for the raffle, which includes some fantastic prizes:

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## PETERTIDE

### **Sam Limbert's guide to a Great Berkhamsted event**



**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

on the Orient Express with a British Pullman train. Also to be won are a Champneys Spa evening, an Alford Arms meal, an Xbox 360, a photo shoot, a language course, floral bouquets and many more brilliant prizes.

Tickets are only £1 and will be available on the day of the Fair and at the Petertide stall in the Market on the Saturdays leading up to the Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Other Petertide Events**

When the Fair is over, the final whistle won't have blown for Petertide events. There are three music concerts lined up

in successive weeks in St Peter's in association with the Cowper Society, all in support of the Petertide causes. On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June** at 8:00pm, acclaimed jazz violinist **Chris Garrick** is bringing his quartet to St Peter's Church. The *Chandos Chamber Choir* come to St Peter's on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 7:30pm. Tickets for both events are available from Cole Flatt and Partners next to St Peter's on the High Street. The third concert, taking place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, will be free entry with a retiring collection for Petertide causes as the *Ashlyns Big Band* are coming to perform in St Peter's ahead of their music tour to Germany. On the day of the St Peter's patronal festival, **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, there will be a lunch in the grounds of St Peter's Church supporting Petertide causes. It'll be a great family afternoon. The Petertide Committee have been working hard in pre-season, and aim to make this the best Petertide Fair in its 29 year history.



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**Judith Limbert** (873626).

Further information from

We are supporting the **BerkoAstro Project** and abroad, the **Karunashraya** hospice in Bangalore, India.

### JAZZ FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

The Christian Garrick Jazz Quartet will once again be performing in St Peter's Church. Come and enjoy a pre-concert *al fresco* glass of wine and relax as you listen to this fantastic band.

### PATRONAL LUNCH

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Please join us in St Peter's Churchyard for a drink and lunch following the 9:30am service. The event is open to all and is an opportunity to celebrate St Peter's day and meet other members of the

### CHANDOS CHAMBER CHOIR

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

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### PETERTIDE FAIR BAG

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This year the *Berkhamsted Local History & Museum Society* celebrates the

sixtieth anniversary of its foundation. After an abortive attempt to found a *Berkhamsted Records Society*, under

the auspices of the *Berkhamsted Mechanics Institute*, in 1909, an attempt which in spite of initial enthusiasm foundered after only two years, the time was ripe in 1950 for the latent interest in local history to come once more to the fore and this time with success! The first part of the twentieth century had seen the publication of **R A Norris's** books on *St Peter's Church*, *Thomas Bourne* and the *Murray Memorial* and **George Whybrow's** authoritative work on the *History of Berkhamsted Common*. In 1922 the first Berkhamsted Pageant to commemorate the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's Church was held in the castle grounds. In 1924 the *Citizens Association* was formed, taking as one of its specific aims, *to work for the preservation of objects of architectural interest*. One of the first major events of the Association was a large exhibition entitled *Bygone Berkhamsted*, held in the Sessions Hall, which attracted many visitors. A local resident, **Mr R A Coates**, connected with the British Museum, spoke about the 37 old deeds and charters from 1198-1601 relating to Berkhamsted, held in the British Museum.

The 1930s and 1940s saw a period of economic depression followed by the Second World War. 1950s Berkhamsted was perhaps a time for new beginnings. Rationing was still in force. The High Street was still lit by gas lamps. Steam trains puffed their way out of Berkhamsted on their journeys to London or the North, but the newly appointed Headmistress of Berkhamsted Girls' School, **Miss Barbara Russell**, was a History graduate. It was the concern of a number of members of the Berkhamsted

## PRESERVING HISTORY

**Jenny Sherwood** celebrates sixty years of the Berkhamsted Local History & Museum Society

*Citizens Association* that not enough was being done to protect and preserve items of local historic interest that led to the formation of the History Society, the *Berkhamsted & District Local History*

*Society*, a name which it retained until very recently. Berkhamsted was fortunate in having at least three prominent local figures with the dedication, drive and persistence to see the Society through the early years and to ensure that the Society, albeit under a new name is still flourishing today. The first President was **Miss Barbara Russell**. The first Chairman was **Edward Popple**, Headmaster of Victoria Boys' School, born and bred in Berkhamsted, a talented artist and musician. The first Secretary and Treasurer was **Percy Birtchnell**, who had for several years been writing articles on local history in the *Berkhamsted Review* under the pen name of *Beorcham*, also a life-long resident of the town.

The Society has a large and growing membership and is actively involved in the local community. It gives two prizes every year to pupils of Victoria School, the *Percy Birtchnell Memorial Prize*. It holds Heritage Open Days every September, has a permanent exhibition of old photographs in the Town Hall, relating to the history of the Market and the Town Hall. It has produced sixteen panels depicting the history of Berkhamsted Castle on display in the Castle Visitor Room, open Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am-6pm in the summer months. It provides guided tours of the Castle for schools and other groups by arrangement and tours of the Castle and historic sites of the town for *A Walk Back in Time* under the auspices of the Chiltern Conservation Board. This is in addition to the meetings and outings provided for members.

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The Rectory where the poet **William Cowper** was born in 1731 stood almost exactly where the present Rectory stands.

## COWPER'S WELL

**Christopher Green**  
describes a vanished landmark

It was demolished in about 1835 when the Rector at that time, **John Crofts**, set about building a new Rectory – now the Old Rectory – at the top of Rectory Lane. However, although the old house where Cowper was born was razed to the ground, some of its outbuildings survived. The coach house and stable now form our Rector's garage and outhouses, and for much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, another very interesting building survived – the well-house.

The well-house stood beside Rectory Lane on the left-hand side as you go up and more or less opposite the present Rectory. The well would have been the source of all the water used in the Rectory household when Cowper's father was Rector there between 1722 and 1756. The position of the well is still visible as a shallow depression on the very edge of the lane. Beneath the gathering leaves and soil its lining of brick and flint can just be made out. It remained open until the glebe land adjacent to the Rectory was sold off in the 1960s and *The Old Orchard* built. At that time, the rubble from the building work was tipped into the well and filled it up.

Fortunately there are photographs of the well-house and of the winding gear by which the water was drawn up. The well-house appears to have been an open-fronted wooden structure with a tiled roof. Rather surprisingly, the open front faced away from the lane and therefore away from the Rectory it served. The winding gear was a spectacular piece of primitive engineering. All the major components were made of wood, including the gear wheels with the individual teeth mortised into the rim of the wheel. Visible in the photograph of the winding gear is the metal rim of the bucket in which the water was raised. The bucket itself was no doubt

made of wood.

There is reason to think that this impressive piece of machinery might be of 18<sup>th</sup> century date. A closely similar

winding-gear still survives in Croxley Green in the grounds of Croxley House, now a retirement home. This example is thought to date from about 1770. The two winding gears are so closely similar that they might be products of the same craftsman. On the other hand they may simply be examples of a form of winding gear that was more or less standard in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The well-house was still standing in the time of **John Wolstenholme Cobb**. He was Rector between 1871 and 1883, but curate for some time before that. He had a marble plaque fixed to the back of the well-house, facing the lane and inscribed with a poem by his friend, the poet and Vicar of Nettleden, the **Revd George Spencer Cautley** (1807-1880):

*The shy perennial fountain here the ivy-tods  
among,*

*Just emblem of his modesty and pure  
undying song,*

*With daily crystal draught refreshed the  
poet's fragile youth,*

*Amidst the precious opening buds of genius,  
grace and truth;*

*Ere spectral wrath had clouded in despair  
the noble mind,*

*Self-loathing, yet so loving still, so boon to  
all mankind.*

*Oh, stranger, in your heart of hearts, let  
tender reverence dwell,*

*And love of love revived today at gentle  
Cowper's well.*

The well-house was gone by the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A photograph dated c.1902 shows members of the Cowper Society (!), with the Rector, the **Revd H G Constable-Curtis**, looking at the marble plaque which by that time was mounted against the foot of a sundial – another relic of the Cowper Rectory – on the site of the well-house. The sundial is now in the Rectory Garden. The plaque is lost. ❖



The wellhead gear



The wellhouse

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The Cowper Society looking at the plaque under the sundial



The Cowper wellhead



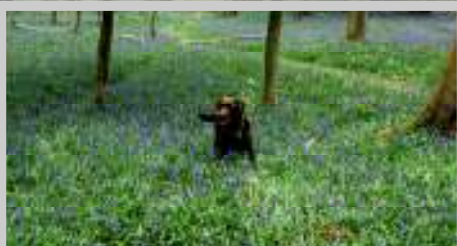
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Croxley Green well-house





The Petertide Gatsby evening May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010  
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The Berkhamsted Walk - May 9<sup>th</sup> 2010  
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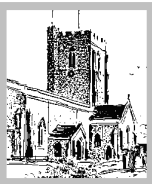
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## *review* Northchurch & Wigginton

### Who's in Control?

**The Revd Jonathan Gordon** has a volcanic experience

It has been interesting speaking with a number of people over the last month who shared the experience of being stranded in a variety of locations around the world as a consequence of the volcanic ash in the atmosphere. I was

stuck with one of my daughters in Poland for three extra days and fortunately Easyjet provided hotel accommodation and meals. Once settled in the hotel we looked at the television pictures of people marooned in airports and quickly realised that despite the inconvenience we were in fact very fortunate. We made it home in the end by coach.

On the journey home and in conversations with fellow travellers there were a couple of things that really struck home. The first one was that despite all the technological advances, broadband and everything else that goes with living in the twenty first century, the consequences of the volcanic ash revealed that in many ways we were quite powerless. When we arrived at the airport there was a scene of confusion and no-one being quite sure what was happening or who were the right people to ask for advice. Like everyone else we wanted to go home, but we knew that there was nothing that we could do. However, over the next few days the journey home was made possible by a very helpful hotel receptionist who had a contact with a Polish coach firm and, was able to book a coach for fifty United Kingdom citizens staying in the hotel. In times of extremity you do become very aware of how in life we need the support and help of other people. Whilst the coach journey completely readjusted my body clock and was extremely

uncomfortable, it did provide a chance to get to know some interesting people and in a strange way was enjoyable. If we had been on our own, the experience would have been much more stressful and uncertain. At the time of writing everyone I know who was stuck is now home!

The desire to be in control can be a strong one. In some ways it is a natural, but one thing the volcanic ash taught me is that it can only take you so far. Ultimately things can happen that we have no real control over and we need to find a way of living with the uncertainty that this can bring. From a Christian perspective the emphasis Jesus gives to the importance of faith and trust in God is challenging. Fear and anxiety are the main obstacles to following him. However, over time those who were close to him in the gospel stories, despite making mistakes and not always understanding what he said, found that they were able to experience at a deep level that God was loving and could be trusted. When we are on our own that is something that is difficult to discover, but when we are part of a church community and can listen and learn from each others' stories and experiences, it is a truth that starts to make sense. ❖

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To recognise all the good work going on the Chilterns Conservation Board runs an annual awards scheme, The Chilterns Awards, and is looking for great projects and outstanding people to reward. There are three categories of awards:

#### **The Chilterns Wildlife and Landscape Award**

Recognising innovative work that benefits the conservation of the natural environment of the Chilterns, for example, restoring a pond or managing a wood for wildlife.

#### **The Chilterns Understanding and Enjoyment Award**

Encouraging projects that increase the use and understanding of the Chilterns by new and varied audiences. These could include special events, new information displays or education projects.

#### **The Chilterns Outstanding People Award**

Rewarding individuals or groups that have made an outstanding contribution to the

## **THE CHILTERN AWARDS**

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conservation of the Chilterns or raising awareness of the area.

**The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

If you know of a person or project which deserves recognition get in touch! Entry forms, more information and profiles of past winners can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/34gv2cc> or contact **Cathy Rose** on 01844 355 506 or [crose@chilternsaonb.org](mailto:crose@chilternsaonb.org) Awards will be presented at the Chilterns Annual Forum in November.

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) was designated in 1965. It covers 833 sq kms (326 sq miles) stretching from Goring, in Oxfordshire, to near Hitchin, in Hertfordshire, and has a resident population of about 80,000.

The Conservation Board was set up following the passing of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000, to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and increase awareness and understanding of the Chilterns AONB. The Board, which also aims to foster the social and economic well being of local communities, is supported by all local authorities in the area and by Natural England, The National Trust and The Chiltern Society.

For more information about the AONB or the Conservation Board, phone 01844 355500, email: [office@chilternsaonb.org](mailto:office@chilternsaonb.org), website <http://chilternsaonb.org>. ❖

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### **Preserving History**

Annually the Society's research journal, *The Chronicle* is produced. Every three years we hold a large exhibition.

Sadly we still do not have the desired museum for Berkhamsted. Our large collection is housed in museum conditions in the Dacorum Heritage Trust Museum Store, an accredited museum.

To celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are staging a large exhibition, *Sixty Years of Preserving History* in which visitors can look back over the years, see old

photographs, some of the artefacts from our collection, and learn more of the Society's activities today. This runs from **29<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010** from 10am-5pm in the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted. **Admission is free. Please don't miss this valuable opportunity.**

For further details of this and other events please call 01442 865158 or email [KSherw9100@aol.com](mailto:KSherw9100@aol.com) or look at <http://berkhamsted-history.org.uk> ❖



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collaboration between Berkhamsted Town Council and the Berkhamsted & District Chamber of Commerce, and it's been designed and produced by Rosewood Publishing Ltd, who produce the excellent *Berkhamsted Living*. It will be very useful for newcomers and visitors to the town.

The map folds out to A2 size with the map itself on one side and on the other side a listing of 204 local businesses with address and telephone number, set out in 26 main categories from Art and Auto to Takeaway and Travel further sub-divided under a total of 70 subsidiary headings. Only six unoccupied retail premises are identified which is an impressive indication of Berkhamsted's resilience in the present difficult economic climate.

The map shows the High Street from The Old Mill to Cross Oak Road and roads between the High Street and the railway line from Holliday Street to Park Street. Shops are shown by name and colour coded according to the 26 categories in the listing with the addition of two further categories – Gambling and Funeral Directors. The map also shows heritage sites, such as the Totem Pole and the Sayer Almshouses, business premises, entertainment venues and churches. Car parks are also shown with the number of spaces in each. A total of 993 spaces is identified, not including on-street parking.

Looking just at the 164 premises in the High Street, the top ten retail categories, accounting for three quarters of the outlets are :

## SHOPPING IN BERKHAMSTED

**Christopher Green**  
reviews a new guide

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<i>Books, News &amp; Cards</i>	6
<i>Gifts</i>	6

What is remarkable about this list is how few of the shops in these categories provide goods or services essential for our day-to-day health and welfare. It wasn't always like this. Kelly's Directories provide a useful basis for comparison with former times. Looking at the 118 shops recorded in the High Street in 1874, we can see what was important to our Victorian forebears. The top ten retail categories in 1874 were:

<i>Boot &amp; shoe makers</i>	8
<i>Grocers</i>	6
<i>Drapers</i>	6
<i>Beer retailers</i>	6
<i>Tailors</i>	5
<i>Bakers</i>	4
<i>Butchers</i>	3
<i>Blacksmiths</i>	3
<i>Ironmongers</i>	3
<i>Coachbuilders</i>	3

There was also a greater diversity of trades active in the High Street, including a brazier, a basket maker, a wheelwright, an iron founder, a brush maker, two saddle and harness makers two watch and clock makers, a gunsmith and a bellhanger! Now of course we have supermarkets, so we don't need six grocers and three butchers. Or do we?



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## FAIR TRADE COMMITTEE & YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010**

2:00-4:00pm Mad Hatters Fair Trade Tea Party on Canal Fields near the Playground and Millennium Garden. Stalls and *Alice in Wonderland* themed Fancy Dress Competition. Organised by Berkhamsted Youth Town Council and Berkhamsted Fair Trade Committee. For details contact **Angela Morris** (866992).

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## OXFAM GREETING CARDS

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Oxfam's popular range of greetings cards will have a new look for summer as fresh designs are introduced into the range. The exquisite handmade cards in the Fairtrade section come from various sources including the Bangladeshi organization *Swajan* which provides work for 850 embroiderers, using natural materials like cotton and silk. The paper is made using cotton waste by *Prokritee*, another Fairtrade organisation employing disadvantaged women in Bangladesh. Another group supplying the card is *Get Paper Industry*, a co-operative active in Nepal, again welcoming women who otherwise have had limited opportunities as members of their community. They have been able to build a school and provide 35 scholarships for their local community.

The cards are very good value in themselves but have added value in supporting the disadvantaged.

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## BERKHAMSTED LOCAL HISTORY & MUSEUM SOCIETY

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**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010** from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the Civic Centre. *60 Years of preserving History.*

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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At our Birthday Meeting, with refreshments, on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010** members and guests were given an entertaining evening by **Barbara Young** who gave us her talk on *Claude Monet*. Impressionists painted towards the sun and her lovely slides illustrated Monet's techniques in painting light, his amazing use of colour and speed of execution. He was particularly fascinated by the weird light effects of London fog and his many visits resulted in a wonderful series of pictures of the Thames and the Houses of Parliament.

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## HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010** *Walk with the Stars* It's our biggest fundraising event of the year and we need as many *pink ladies* as possible. Last year over 1,300 women walked from Hemel Hempstead to Berkhamsted and back again and raised a staggering £215,000 in one night. Girls, it's time to grab your friends and dust off your trainers for a very special night. Whether you've walked with us before or you'll be joining us for the first time, we'd love to see you there under the stars. Walk on your own or walk in a team, on 5 or 11 mile routes. Once again, it's only **£15** to register. When you register you'll receive your 2010 pink t-shirt and a fluorescent wristband – and we'll make sure you have breakfast at the finish line. For details and registration <http://wwts.org.uk>

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## BERKHAMSTED JAZZ

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**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010** at 8:00pm in the Civic Centre *Dave Berry Quintet*

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010** at 8:00pm in the Civic Centre. *Tiptina* Tickets Members £8, visitors £12, Students and Children half price available on the door.

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## IAN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME

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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010** *Goodnight Walk* – Eleven mile Sponsored Walk for Women starting at Midnight from the Amersham Polish Club. This year's theme is Mardi Gras. For details and registration <http://gnwalk.com>.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010** *The Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge* is back for its second year and is set to be a fantastic day out! We are offering 5, 9 or 18 mile routes along the beautiful Chilterns Ridgeway, taking in Whiteleaf Cross, Coombe Hill and Ivinghoe Beacon. All walkers will complete the scenic 5 mile route from Princes Risborough to Wendover (two peaks: Whiteleaf Cross & Coombe Hill). There will then be an opportunity to stop for lunch in Wendover where IRHH will be running a scrumptious BBQ for you to buy something to eat. You will then have the option of free transport to Tring to complete the third peak in a 4 mile walk to Ivinghoe Beacon or go back to Princes Risborough to collect your car. Everyone is welcome to take part - even the dog - so why not join us and *walk the chalk* with IRHH. For details and registration <http://c3peaks.com>

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## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010.** 7.30pm in All Saints Church. A Musical Entertainment by **Robert Little** *Tenor* and his select group of professional musicians, both singers and instrumentalists. Those who attended their production in February last year will vouch for the wonderful quality of musicianship and the tremendous humour and fun which enlivened the programme and led to many calls for this to become an annual event. Tickets £10 from **Kathie Lally** 863526 or Ann Browning 864968. Bring your friends along to show them what they missed!

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## BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010** *Bike 'n Hike* - Last year the *Bike 'n Hike* raised over £100,000 for the churches and chapels of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and our churches can once again benefit from this event. For every £1 we raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to us. Last year we raised £2,778 of which half came back to us. All the organising is done for us; all we have to do is take part! The other half of the sponsorship money goes to the Trust and is distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel.

So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day cycling or walking to local churches and chapels and at the same time boost our churches' funds as well as those of the Trust. By using Gift Aid you can further increase the funds available to the Trust. For more information please contact **Chris Clegg** (875818)

**Bridgewater Sinfonia**  
with **Chiltern Chamber Choir**

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010**  
**7:30pm**

**St Peter's Church**

**Walton - Crown Imperial**  
**Ebrissim - Uykusuzlik; Necromancy**  
**Copland - Appalachian Spring**  
**Holst - Hymn of Jesus**

**Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)**

**Children under 18 free**

**01442 873205**

**<http://bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk>**

## June

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong
	<i>All Saints'</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Morning `worship and Baptism 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Holy Communion 16 <sup>th</sup> 8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Morning Worship 20 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Morning Worship 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Holy Communion

All services at *St Peter's* unless otherwise indicated.

MP = Morning Prayer

EP = Evening Prayer

MON	MP	9:00am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	6:00pm
TUE	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	8:00am
THU	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	11:00am
FRI	MP	7:30am	EP	4:00pm <i>All Saints'</i>	Eucharist	9:15am
			EP	5:00pm		
SAT	MP	9:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	10:00am

3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	PASTORAL NETWORK 7:45pm Contact Philippa Seldon (871534)	<i>The Court House</i>
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am Song Time or short service as announced.	<i>All Saints' Church Hall</i> Jenny Wells (870981)
Tue	ST PETER'S CHOIR Children 5:15 to 6:15pm Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	<i>St Peter's</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 7:45pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Barbara McKenna (871159)	<i>The Court House</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:30pm Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)	<i>17 Shaftesbury Court</i>
Wed	JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month <i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i> Contact: Jenny Wells (870981) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)	at Jenny's <i>57 Meadow Rd</i> or at Ruth's <i>1 Montague Rd</i>
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm (yrs 5-8) Penny Nash (865217)	<i>The Court House</i>
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays.	
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Helen Ruberry (890949)	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am Weekly meetings with a short service 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri in St Peter's (10am) Tracy Robinson (863559)	<i>The Court House</i>
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	<i>St Peter's</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers.	<i>Various local churches</i>



# reviewdiary

Please see opposite for regular Sunday & weekday services at St Peter's and All Saints'

## June/July

### JUNE

Tue	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00pm	Occasional Secret Lives Talk: Chrichton Limbert <i>Look behind you</i> ..... <i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
Thu	3	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Corpus Christi..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	5	7:30pm	Cowper Society presents: Bridgewater Sinfonia ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	6	9:30pm	Sung Eucharist <i>Youth Service</i> ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	12	10-3pm	Petertide Fair..... <i>in and around St Peter's</i>
Sun	13	6:00pm	Choral Evensong..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	15	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>The House on the Rock</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	19	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast..... <i>The Court House/ St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	The Cowper Society presents: <b>Chris Garrick</b> - Petertide Fair causes concert..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	26	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: The Chandos Chamber Choir supporting Petertide Fair causes ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	27	9:30am	Patronal Festival Eucharist - followed by Patronal Festival Lunch..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		6:00pm	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	29	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Invitation to a Party</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>

### JULY

Fri	2	10:00am	Little Fishes Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	3	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: <i>Ashlyns Big Band</i> supporting Petertide Fair causes..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	4	9:30pm	Sung Eucharist <i>Youth Service</i> ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	9	1:00pm	The Cowper Society presents: Recital <b>Fiona Duncan</b> violin, <b>Kevin Vockerodt</b> piano..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	13	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>A Very Big Picnic</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	17	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast..... <i>Berkhamsted Baptist Church</i>
		2:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: Berkhamsted Choral Workshops concert ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	23	9:30am	Victoria School <i>Leavers Service</i> ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		12noon	Thomas Coram School <i>End of Term Service</i> ..... <i>St Peter's</i>

# reviewregisters

### Baptisms (St Peter's)

18 <sup>th</sup> April	Eleanor Rose Spademan
25th April	Katherine Frances Eve Hyde, Rose Griffiths, Benjamin William George Amelia Emma Gorman

### Funerals

20 <sup>th</sup> April	Catherine Gwyneth Williams	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)
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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 opposite). Parish Office in the Court House (878227) is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tue/Wed, 9:30-12noon Thu/Fri (answering machine other times)

### St Peter's

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

Alan Conway (865798)  
The Parish Office (878227)  
Christopher Green (863241)  
Jean Green (878227)  
Sarah Dawson (871614)  
Barbara Conway (865798)  
Alan Conway (865798)  
The Parish Office (878227)  
Ron Fisher (865846)  
Judith Limbert (873626)  
Stephen Lally (863526)  
David Pearce (878809)  
Philippa Seldon (871534)  
Rosemary Byrne (873001)  
Rachael Anderson (871997)  
Angela Morris (866992)  
Penny Nash (865217)  
Helen Nicholls (873162)  
Angela Morris (866992)

### All Saints'

Felicity White (866223)  
Tracy Robinson (863559)  
Chris Lumb (863885)  
Kate Spall (873470)  
Madeleine Brownell (862578)  
Sylvia Banks (871195)  
John Banks (871195)  
Tracy Robinson (863559)  
Tracy Robinson (863559)  
Pat Hearne (871270)  
Penny O'Neill (843422)  
Tracy Robinson (863559)  
  
Gill Lumb (863885)  
Fay Cuthbert (866988)  
Muriel Johnston (866447)  
  
Vicky Drury (875726)  
Julie Wakely (875504)

## Surprise visitor to Cowper Road

The Editor writes

Looking out of my window before breakfast one recent Friday morning, I was surprised to see perched on the roof of 13 Cowper Road – a pheasant. Not just any old pheasant, but a very handsome male Reeves Pheasant. It remained there for at least three hours. There are small resident breeding populations of this species in Britain but are there any near here? Or was this an ornamental bird from one of the large gardens on the outskirts of the town?



# reviewcontacts

## General

**The Revd Dr Michael Bowie**, (Team Rector), The Rectory, Rectory Lane (864194)  
(day off Thursday)  
**The Revd John Pritchard** (Curate), 6 Sevens Close (870016) (day off Tuesday)  
**The Revd Prof. Luke Geoghegan** (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (875970)  
**The Revd Canon Basil Jones** (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)  
**The Revd Canon Anthony Lathe** (Hon Asst Priest), 15a Kingsdale Road (863115)  
**The Revd John Russell** (Hon Asst Priest) 49 Tring Road, Aylesbury (01296 423022)  
**The Revd Penny Nash** (Youth Minister) The Vicarage, Potten End (865217)  
**The Revd Caroline Weaver** (Minister - All Saints') (866324)  
**Christina Billington** (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)  
**Joan Cook** (Reader Emeritus), 6 Clunbury Court (866278)  
**John Malcolm** (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)  
**Jenny Wells** (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Parish Administration: **Jean Green**, The Parish Office, the Court House (878227)  
 Stewardship Recorder: **Miles Nicholas**, 46 Fieldway (871598)  
 Churchwardens: **David Pearce**, 15 Park View Road (878809)  
**Philippa Seldon**, 1 Fieldway (871534)  
**Michael Robinson**, 36 Trevelyan Way, (863559)  
**Jenny Wells**, 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Parochial Church Secretary: **Julian Dawson**, 62 St Edmunds (871614)  
 Council: Treasurer: **Vacant**

Director of Music: **Adrian Davis** (875674) <http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk>  
 Asst. Director of Music: **Jean Wild** (866859)  
 Organist: **Jonathan Lee** (0794 1113232)  
 Weddings and Funerals,  
 Banns of Marriage and  
 Baptisms: **Fr Michael Bowie** (864194)  
 Bellringers (St Peter's): **Helen Ruberry** 22 Brook Street, Tring (890949)

Choirmaster: **Peter McMunn** (874894)  
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist  
 Local Ecumenical Partnership. <http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk>

Minister: **The Revd Caroline Weaver** (866324)

## St Peter's

## All Saints'

### Personalities in the Parish



Answer next month

### Last month's Personality



Jean Wild, of course, in 1968



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# *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



## *Catch the Dream*

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