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Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society

New Cycling Club

Saving the 70s

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Welcome to the October 2014 edition of *Your Berkhamsted*

Your Berkhamsted's aim is to include something for everybody and cover all tastes and we have a wonderful team who work hard on a voluntary basis to achieve this. There is a review of the Tour of Britain, which rattled through an excited Berkhamsted on 12th September and with cycling being the theme there is a new cycling club, please find details on page 29. Saving the '70s is a wonderful opportunity to go down memory lane. Looking ahead: on the What's On page are details for local firework displays. Plus much much more! Look out for YB tweets on @Yourberkhamsted.

Jacqueline Hicks, Editor



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Berkhamsted in the News

Julian Dawson returns from his summer break and is exercised by the town's reputation



A grave beginning to the post-summer column. hemeltoday.co.uk reports on the Friends of St Peter's initiative to restore the Three Close Lane Cemetery, behind the Rex Cinema. The paper states the scheme will reclaim the site from nature. But that implies nature will get short shrift, which is not entirely the case. The plans, which have Heritage Lottery funding, is to make the cemetery a more inviting place to visit, enhance the interest of the graves whilst also making it ecologically attractive too. There are many enthusiastic and committed individuals who are giving much time to this scheme, and it deserves every success.

berkhamstedtoday.co.uk reports on the activities of the Dacorum and Tring Athletic Club, which is trying to encourage new members. I must admit that running isn't my first idea of great exercise, not that I take a lot of it you understand. Running is becoming almost as popular as cycling in certain circles, and apparently I have the right body for it. I'm not sure the word scrawny came into the conversation. But nevertheless, running has proven a great way to fundraise, and the Petertide Fair has

been the beneficiary of both the athlete's time and effort, and those who support them.

tmcnet.com reports on life beyond Tupperware, or at least the parties that helped make them an institution even in royal households. Nowadays pretty much every consumable can be sold at parties where the buyer is lulled into sociability and possibly eased into purchase by the lubrication of alcohol. One such company in the game is Pampered Chef. The website reports that one seller for the company "operates from upmarket Harpenden in Hertfordshire but is today introducing her wares in the kitchen of a stunning barn conversion to the well-heeled ladies of Berkhamsted." Oh no, not another side-swipe at our increasingly posh reputation.

Let us take respite in the less rarefied world of the narrow boat. Canal blogs are ten-a-penny, but this month I'll mention nbinca.blogspot.co.uk; Inca being the name of the boat in question. The writers are far kinder about our town.

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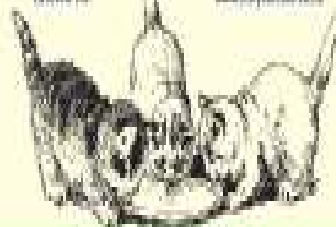
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Tsk. Those wretched Victorians driving a railway so close to the canal eh! I can't imagine *anything* like that happening today.

If you are looking for a job, check out all-insurance.tumblr.com which has a selection of job opportunities for home insurance advisors, including one in Berkhamsted. At the salary they were advertising, it would seem unlikely that any newcomer to the town could afford to actually to live here, and a definite riposte to our reputation of affluence.

Should this be seen as a badge of honour, or a slight?

Either way Berkhamsted has found itself with this label in both the popular press and professional weeklies. Oh well, there is only one thing worse than being talked about...

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artist.mitziegreen@gmail.com.

Saturday 4 Oct: Coffee Morning in aid of
The Children's Society. Join us for
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Tuesday 14 Oct: Watercolour
demonstration – 'Flowers in Watercolour'
by Fiona Pruden. Civic Centre,

Berkhamsted. 20.00. £3 at door. Call
07913 604828.
www.berkhamstedociety.co.uk

Wednesday 15 Oct: Bridge Drive – In aid
of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.
Potten End Village Hall. Ring Lesley Lee
on 01442 862062 for further information
and tickets.

Saturday 18 Oct: Frithsden Vineyard, HP1
3DD. BBQ, nature trail, home baked cakes
and more. Contact: Natalie Tooley 01442
878723. Info@frithsdenvineyard.co.uk.

Saturday 18 Oct: Ashridge and its Deer –
Tea and talk. National Trust Ashridge
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Remember the '70s?

Anyone who has visited museums might be forgiven for thinking that British history ceased to exist after the end of World War 2. Some museums nod towards the 1950s but few are collecting artefacts and stories of after this period and we are in danger of losing these to history.



A new project, "Saving the 70s", aims to start to address the need for more contemporary collecting and has been awarded funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund.



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Throughout the year The Dacorum Heritage Trust has been collecting memories and objects from the



decade, which will be exhibited in an empty shop within the Marlowes Shopping Centre.

The Dacorum Heritage Trust is the accredited museum and heritage service for the Borough of Dacorum. With no formal museum premises we currently act as a museum store with public access being by appointment only. Access is therefore very limited. Even though we have display cases at the local civic centres and libraries, this project has given us the rare opportunity to host a large exhibition and showcase what was happening in Dacorum during the 1970s.

18 to 20 October

Opening times: Mon-Fri: 10am - 4pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 11am - 4pm

If you have any memories of the 1970s you'd like to share, contact us here collectionsmanager@dacorumheritage.org.uk or through our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DacorumHeritageTrust>.

Timeline of Dacorum in the 1970s:

1970:

M&S announced the opening of a shop in Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead.

1971:

On Feb 15th, it was D-day, when people were asked to 'think decimal'.

Kodak House opened on September 13th and 700 staff were transferred from London. Standing guard at the door was a cast of Rodin's Honore de Balzac, reported to have cost Kodak £40,000.

1972:

House prices rocketed...the cheapest houses in the area were now £10,000.

1973:

The county's first multi-mini roundabout at the Plough in Hemel Hempstead got off to a disastrous start when all approach roads ground to a halt.

Operation 'Toad lift' was carried out at Bourne End to save the creatures being squashed when crossing the road to their breeding ground.

1974:

Dacorum was officially twinned with the German town Neu-Isenburg.

1975:

The Tring by-pass opened but for one farmer it was a nightmare as no one had given him a bridge to get his cows over the road.

1976:

It was agreed that children could only have free school milk in the first 2 years of school.

1977:

During February 5000 people gathered in the town centre to demand a new hospital.

Jubilee Year.....the summer was dominated by nearly 200 street parties over Dacorum. It rained heavily on the day and many had to be transferred inside.

1979:

The first heritage week was held in May when a Charter Procession in costume walked through the town and converged on St Mary's Churchyard.

Dacorum councillors decided to view the film 'The Life of Brian' before deciding whether it was suitable for the people of Dacorum to watch.



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Out of Town

Saturday 27 Sept – Saturday 18 Oct:

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www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk.

11 October – Magic and Mind Reading Evening. Details:

www.ashleygreen.org.uk

Look for events at :

<http://www.waddesdon.org.uk>

<http://www.hatfield-house.co.uk>

Future Dates

Fireworks – please stay safe!

Saturday 1 Nov: 1700. Berkhamsted Cricket Club, Castle Hill, Berkhamsted. Details:

www.berkhamstedfireworks.co.uk

Sunday 2 Nov: 1700 to 1900.

Firework Display – Friends of Little Gaddesden School, October House, Little Gaddesden.

Wednesday 5 Nov: Fireworks, mulled wine, soft drinks and hotdogs. On the Glebe, next to the Green, Ashley Green.

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1 Nov: 1900 to 2300. Barn Dance in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Deans Hall, Berkhamsted School. Ring Lesley Lee on 01442 862062 for further information and tickets.

Saturday 8, 15, 22 and 29 Nov: 09.30 to 12.30. Charity Christmas Card Sale. In aid of national and local charities. Court House, Berkhamsted.

9 Nov: 15.30 in the Centenary Theatre, Berkhamsted School, Kings Road. Dacorum Symphony Orchestra – Beethoven, Overture 'Leonara' No 3, Haydn Symphony - No 104, 'London', Dvorak – Cello Concerto. Soloist Benjamin Hughes

20 Nov: 20.00. Pepper Event - Berkhamsted Live – Dar Papillon 360-364 High St Berkhamsted HP41HU. Leggatt's Community Choir sing hot gospel, community art with Jo Kidd/Mary Ann Robbins, poetry from Sunnyside Rural Trust. Free, with a collection for Pepper nurses who support sick children.

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Your Garden

Adventures in Boots from Helen Reeley

It's been suggested recently that autumn is the time of year most folk enjoy going out for a walk. Research has highlighted that natural organic colours from an autumn walk will make us feel calmer and lift our spirits. I enjoy all the seasons and the new wonders each week brings even in the depths of winter but autumn is a time when I'll travel out of the region to see the best autumn palettes. Last

autumn I visited Winkworth Arboretum in Godalming, Surrey not a million miles from Berkhamsted and well worth the drive out. It's a National Trust arboretum with over 1,000 different trees and shrubs. Open all year except 25th Dec.

This week I took a day off to meet up with chums at RHS Wisley Gardens and was quite bowled over by the display of ornamental grasses growing in the Glass House borders. The planting is designed to put on its best dress in late summer and autumn and then to stay put during the winter months for the frost and snow to make it twinkle. They reckon these borders are of interest for ten months of the year; I couldn't disagree, everything about Wisley just rocks in my book.

Talking of books I bought a fab little publication at Wisley called *Planting the Dry Shade Garden* by Graham Rice. The gardens in Berkhamsted are generally small and enclosed with fences and overgrown trees and planting is challenging. This 200 page compendium



will have suggestions for all your tough spots. I'll give the *Aspidistra* a miss though...frightful thing.

In October I replace summer plantings in tubs and troughs. In one of my larger gardens (where I have lots of large tubs) I have stored from last winter a few plants that will be re-planted. These include Sage, Primula, Ivy, Crocus and a few ornamental grasses. I don't want the containers to look the same each year so I buy fresh pansies and violas and move things around a bit and save a few bob. Red pansies with a black centre splodge are my favourite winter flower; they really pack a punch on a sunny February day.

TTFN Helen J

helen@reeleylandscapes.co.uk 07708 643313

If you're planning any changes in your garden do feel free to call to arrange an informal garden chat 07708 643313 .

Your Community



The Northchurch Society – Monday 27th October

Our second meeting of the season is on Monday 27th October when Richard North will give a talk on Peter Loxley.

Peter was the husband of Lavender Loxley who was one of the founders of the Northchurch Society who was Chairman from 1970 until her death in 1995.

Peter Loxley was killed in a plane crash in 1945 on his way to attend the Yalta summit between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

Richard has done a lot of research and has acquired copies of confidential and secret information, now released on Peter. It will be a fascinating evening, so please come along. As usual it will be held in the Northchurch Parish Room, Rectory Lane, starting at 8pm.

For more information please contact:
Christopher Talbot-Ponsonby
Chairman, Northchurch Society
Tel: (01442) 865882
e-mail: christopher@talbot-ponsonby.org.



Oxfam supports Instrument Amnesty

During September Channel 4 has been running some programmes call 'Don't Stop the Music', featuring pianist James Rhodes who is passionate about musical education.

Viewers were invited to donate their surplus instruments via Oxfam by October 17 for distribution to schools, especially in deprived areas.

In return schools were asked to arrange a fundraising event to support the charity's Oxfam month in October. But musical events need not be limited to schools.

Anyone can play.

The Oxfam Book and Music Shop is a treasure trove for music lovers with a splendid selection of CDs and vintage vinyl as well as sheet music and of course books on the subject.

Let's make a joyful noise against poverty!

Rectory Lane Project Launch

September 14th 2014



With a release of doves the Friends of St Peter's Great

reflection. Users of the cemetery and anyone with family members buried there are being consulted on how the cemetery should look, and if you have views on this, or would like to volunteer to help with the project, James Moir would be pleased to hear from you via 07545 786372, e-mail: jamesmgmoir@aol.com or fill in the online the survey, hosted by Groundwork Trust, at www.surveymonkey.com/rectorylane.

Berkhamsted launched its Rectory Lane Cemetery project on Sunday 14th September 2014 with an afternoon of activities at the Cemetery, which lies behind the Rex Cinema on Berkhamsted High Street. The Mayor and Dacorum Cllr Allan Lawson attended with his wife as did Tom Ritchie Deputy Mayor of Berkhamsted together with Ian Reay representing Hertfordshire County Council. Over 400 people followed trails around the site highlighting notable citizens and the fallen of both world wars, demonstrations of stone masonry and yoga.

Funding for the event has been secured from several sources, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, Dacorum Borough Council and Berkhamsted Town Council. The longer term aim of the Friends of St Peter's is to transform the cemetery into an attractive open space for recreation and quiet

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9.15am Sung Parish Eucharist
10.30am Holy Trinity Service
6pm Evening Prayer

Monday
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Tuesday
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12.45pm

Wednesday
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(Prayers for the week)

Thursday
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St Peter's Church News



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Sun 5th Oct: 9:30 am: EUCHARIST with Buxtehude Cantata accompanied by Bridgewater Sinfonia followed by Bavarian Breakfast with Bier, Bretzel and Weisswurst.

Mon 13th Oct: 2000: ORGAN RECITAL in St Peter's Church – Jonathan Lee, St Peter's Berkhamsted. Free Entry. Retiring collection.

Mon 27th Oct: 2000: ORGAN RECITAL in St Peter's Church – Richard Carr, St Michael's Bishops Stortford. Free Entry. Retiring collection.

Mon 10th Nov: 2000: ORGAN RECITAL in St Peter's Church – Simon Pusey, St Mary's, Old Hemel Hempstead (until Sept 2014). Free Entry. Retiring collection.

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Your Berkhamsted Clergy

As someone who studied at a Scottish university and served in Scottish regiments for five years, I have always considered myself first and foremost British, and only secondarily English. I've never really considered myself European, because I do not think we have all that much in common with France or Latvia, say, lovely people though they no doubt are. We do not share the same language, the same religion, the same sporting interests, the same cuisine (to be fair, Europe is probably better off on the last score). Yet we do share all these things with the Scots. There is far more that unites us than divides us.

I feel much the same about the Church. Of course, I am a member of the Church of England, but that is always secondary as far as I am concerned. First and foremost, I am a Catholic Christian, a member of the one Church which Christ Himself founded. The Church of England is only a suburb of the City of God, albeit the suburb I find most congenial to dwell in.

But what if the Church of England "did a Scotland," as it were, and broke off from its Catholic roots altogether? Some would say it already has. One might see the 16th century Reformation as a complete break from historic Christianity, though I do not think that interpretation fits the facts. For others, more recently, the ordination of women was the breaking point, our declaration that we had finally broken completely from the Catholic tradition, though for historical and theological reasons I would dispute that

interpretation, too (not today, though!). The breaking point for me would be if we decided to ditch the historic order of bishops, or said that priests were no longer necessary to celebrate the Eucharist and absolve sins. That would mean we had completely abdicated from the Catholic Church of which we have always claimed to be a part. This scenario is highly unlikely, though there were always the Puritans who wanted the Reformation to go further, and their descendants have loud voices still today. So, there are some in the Church of England who, like many people in Scotland, are not satisfied with the limited independence they have now, and want to make the break complete.

Either of these potential secessions calls into question our identity. But there is a difference. At least if the Church of England went too far, those of us who value its historic continuity would be able to join another part of the Catholic Church. We would mourn our loss of identity as Anglicans, but would still die Catholic Christians. If Scotland breaks Britain, though, there will be nowhere left to turn. We will not die British, but only English. I don't like it at all, but I suppose I'd better get used to the idea.

Fr Tom Plant

Assistant Curate

St Peter's, Great Berkhamsted

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Regular Church Activities

- 3rd Mon Pastoral Network, 7:45pm, The Court House. Contact Philippa Seldon 871534.
- Tues Chuckles Parent & Toddler Group, 10–11:30am. All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or short service as announced. Contact Jenny Wells, 870981.
- Tues St Peter's Choir, Children 5:15–6:15pm. St Peter's. Adrian Davis 01296 632263 or Jean Wild 866859.
- 1st Tues Tuesday Club, 7:30pm A lively women's group with guest speaker. The Court House. Contact Jean Bray 864532.
- 3rd Tues Mothers' Union, meet in members' houses at 2.30pm. New members always welcome. Contact Kathie Lally, 863526.
- 4th Tues Mothers' Union Prayer Group, 2:30pm. 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs your prayers. Contact Jenny Wells 870981.
- Wed Julian Meeting, meets about twice a month, 11:30am. All welcome. At Jenny Wells, 57 Meadow Rd, 870981 or at Ruth Treves Brown, 3 Sherwood Mews Park Street, Berkhamsted HP4 1HX
- Thu Bellringing, 8pm, St Peters. Contact Helen Ruberry, 890949.
- Fri Little Fishes Parent & Toddler Group 9:30–11:30am. The Court House. Weekly, with short service on 1st Friday in St Peter's (10am), Tracy Robinson 863559.
- Fri St Peter's Choir, Children 7–8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. St Peter's. Adrian Davis 01296 632263 or Jean Wild 866859.
- 3rd Sat Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast, 8am, The Way Inn. Rachael Hawkins 866324.
- 1st Sun Sundays Together Lunch 12.30pm, Court House. For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Liz Jackson 864382.

Regular Church Services

St Peter's

Regular Sunday services

8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday School and Pathfinders

6:00pm Evensong

Regular weekday services

Morning Prayer Monday – Friday 8am; Saturday 9:30am.

Eucharist Monday 5:15pm; Tuesday 9:30am at All Saints' Shrublands Road; Wednesday 8:30am; Thursday 12:45pm at Thomas Coram School (St Peter's during school holidays)

No Friday Eucharist; Saturday 10:00am

Evening Prayer Monday – Saturday 5:00pm

This Month's Diary

All Saints'

Oct 5th: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Harvest Festival, 8am Holy Communion, Revd Rachael Hawkins; 10am All Age Morning Worship, Revd Rachael Hawkins & Tracy Robinson

Oct 12th: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, 10am Holy Communion, Revd Janet Ridgway; 4pm Messy Church, Revd Rachael Hawkins & Messy Church Group

Oct 19th: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, 10am Morning Worship, Revd Rachael Hawkins; 4pm Thanksgiving Service for the bereaved, Revd Rachael Hawkins

Oct 26th: Last Sunday after Trinity, 10am Holy Communion, Revd John Kirkby

Registers

St Peters:

Baptisms

6th July	Rosie Marie Holbrook
27th July	Elyse Ocean Ansell
	Robyn Lucy Henrietta Reid
17th August	Avery Gracelyn Marshall
	Addison Audrey Marshall
	Luke Stuart Marshall
31th August	Frankie Paul Sleigh
	Lance Graham Pritchard
	Noah Albert Pritchard

Weddings

4th July	Benjamin Charles Telford and Katie Jane Bingham
26th July	Christopher John Ray and Elizabeth Mary Baylay
16th August	Andrew Paul Wade and Stefania Flavia Maria Lore
23rd August	Alasdair Scott Campbell and Rachel Elizabeth Corfe
30th August	Logan Baber and Charlotte Hill

Funerals

21st July	Charles Luigi Tadiello (West Herts Crematorium)
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All Saints:

Funerals:

29th August	Irene Gask
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Key Church contacts:

Parish Office, Hilary Armstrong & Kate Perera, Court House, 878227.
Fr. Tom Plant, 382633 (day off Fri) St Peter's, Curate, St Peter's;

Further information available from our church websites:

www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk and at www.allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk.

News from the Hospice of St Francis

Fundraising News and Dates For Your Diary



In October we celebrate **Hospice Care Week** which takes place

between 6th and 12th October 2014.

The theme for this year's Hospice Care Week is 'Hospice Care Everywhere' and The Hospice of St Francis is certainly busy helping many people outside the Hospice walls:

Our dedicated Community Specialist Nursing Team made a staggering 4,259 home visits in 2013/4! The fantastic team goes out to visit individuals in their own homes, offering symptom control, practical advice and support for those living with a life-shortening illness and their families.

We've been working with Watford General Hospital to transform ward culture and practice. A Hospice Project Educator is using education and mentorship to help staff improve confidence in communicating with patients who may be close to the end of life.

The Carer Support team befriend and assist patients and their carers in the community. The team match a volunteer to the patient, who then visits regularly. The volunteer is led by the patient and may sit with them and reminisce over photographs with a cup of tea or play Scrabble or be read to. If there is a carer, this time allows them to go out to the shops, enjoy a hobby or meet friends or family.



Specialist Nursing Team

Our charity shops, including our Love to Give shop on Berkhamsted High Street, Number 20 on Lower Kings Road and Returned to Glory, our pre-loved furniture showroom on the Northbridge Road, are all community hubs. They are visited by regular shoppers and those after that magical find. All profits from our retail portfolio come back to the Hospice which in turn supports patient care.

We are also involved with local care homes. Our ABC programme was recently confirmed as the best at delivering end of life education in East of England nursing homes. The project worked directly with care homes to train staff in how to communicate and assist residents who may be approaching the end of life.



We also have so many people in the community who are helping us through fundraising. Whether it's regularly collecting small change in a home box, organising a cake sale or participating in one of our events, we rely on the Berkhamsted community to help us raise the £4.7 million we need each, and every, year to fund our care.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diaries

Death Café – Mon 6th Oct: 4pm to 7pm.
Dalling & Co, High Street, Kings Langley.
An informal discussion of death, over coffee and cake, with no agenda, objectives or theme. Representatives from the Hospice will be attending.

Hospice Coffee morning – Friday 31 October 10:30am – 12pm. Open to all. Free.

Hospice Film Forum – Wednesday 5 November 1900. Regeneration, a First World War film seen through eyes of

Siegfried Sassoon. Doors open 18:45. £5 donation.

Returned to Glory Paint Workshops –

learn basics of painting furniture with Autentico chalky paint. Spaces available: Wed 8 Oct, Sat 18 Oct, Sat 8 Nov. £75 to include materials, refreshments and painted item to take home. To book: call 01442 874356.

Always wanted to learn to dance? Want a motivational challenge to help you lose weight? Why not sign up to our **Strictly Learn Dancing challenge 2015** where you will experience 6 weeks of training and learn to dance the Paso Doble and Charleston. Alternatively, join our **Biggest Loser Challenge** and improve your health and fitness in 2015.



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National Short Story Week competition

To celebrate this year's National Short Story Week, *Your Berkhamsted* is running a short story competition for Berkhamsted schools. There will be two age-groups for the competition, years 5 and 6, and years 7 and 8.

Pupils who enter must write a story based on the title "The Gift". Year 5 and 6 pupils should write a story of between 500 to 600 words, and year 7 and 8 pupils should write between 900 to 1000 words. The winning entries will be published in *Your Berkhamsted* between February and March 2015.

The competition opens on Monday, 17th November 2014. Full entry details are available to schools by emailing editor@yourberkhamsted.org.uk. Parents and pupils should first check that their school is taking part in the competition. If they aren't, why not ask them to sign up?!

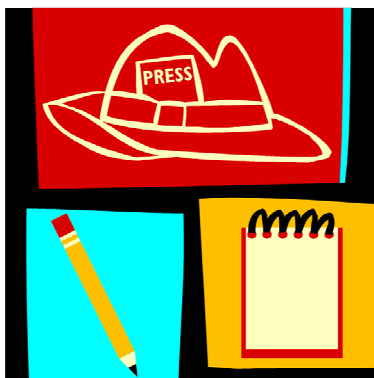
Young Reporter of the Year

Do you enjoy writing? Would you like to be a journalist when you leave school? We're looking for young reporters to write articles for *Your Berkhamsted*.

We already have some young people writing articles for *Your Berkhamsted*, such as our sports column. Now we'd like to hear from even more writers aged between 11 and 18 years old.

If you'd like the chance to write for the magazine, send us a brief email of no more than 100 words with your article idea, to editor@yourberkhamsted.org.uk. The editorial team will pick a shortlist of ideas, and ask those writers to research and write their articles.

Next year, the editorial team will pick a winner from all of the articles we publish, and that writer will be crowned *Young Berkhamsted Young Reporter of the Year*!



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The Book Corner

Gorilla Dreams is a delightful children's book about a story telling teacher called Mr Eden. He is well liked and brings his stories to life. One day he offers two stories to his class both based on 'Gorilla Dreams'.

The first one is about Gilbert and all his classmates at school. Gilbert is actually the world's only ballet dancing gorilla, though he can feel lonely as none of the other gorillas know anything about ballet. And he is keeping this a secret!

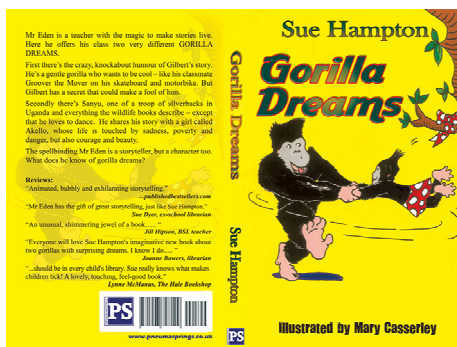
The other story is about a gorilla called Sanyu, which means happiness in Uganda. (Apparently Mr Eden has a beautiful wife who is from Uganda). Sanyu is one of a troop of silverbacks and is a typical gorilla, though with a difference, as Sanyu loves to dance. Also in this story is a courageous girl called Akello.

Two gorillas with fantastic dreams! This is a magical book that has a bit of everything, a must for every child!

Quotes from other reviews:-

'We read this as a family and loved it.. Both stories had a different feel, but held a magic which made you want to be seated at the feet of Mr Eden as well... I would highly recommend it' Rev Rachael Hawkins, parent.

'... from page one we were glued!... More than anything *Gorilla Dreams* is a beautifully written book, a cleverly woven tale which captures the imagination and takes you on a



wonderful upbeat journey. Children will love it and it reminds us adults of what we need to keep of our own childhood.' Angie Litvinoff, parent.

About the Author

Sue Hampton has written twenty books for children and teenagers, including TRACES (top three in The People's Book Prize 2012) and FRANK (bronze in The Wishing Shelf Award 2103). An ex-teacher based in Herts, Sue now visits schools to inspire pupils. She is also an ambassador for Alopecia UK and has seen that stories can change lives.

Enter the *Gorilla Dreams* Competition – entry forms at the library, Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts and Dar Papillon - Odeadline 1st November.

11th October: 2pm – 4pm. *GORILLA DREAMS* event/signing at Waterstone's Berkhamsted

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CAP Money Berkhamsted (Christians Against Poverty)

CAP Money Management Courses

Still struggling with finances?

Local residents are now being given another chance to get their finances in order with the next popular free course being run over three sessions on 18th and 25th September and 9th October 2014 at Make Believe Café, Berkhamsted.

Mike Wallis, CAP Money has said that "CAP has run several very successful courses over the last year at Make Believe Café, Berkhamsted with

additional one-to-one support given when needed. Everyone who has attended has found the course really useful in getting control of their finances". Also that "previous courses have been found to be particularly useful for newly retired people, soon-to-be students, mums dealing with mounting bills, families saving for a wedding and everyone in between."

Money coach Nick Davis, who will be leading the sessions, said: "If you know how to save and budget effectively, it can have a hugely positive impact on the whole family. With the financial pressures of Christmas looming and increasing household bills, people are feeling the squeeze on their disposable incomes, so we need to make the most of what money we have in order to get through these tough times."

To find out more about CAP Money or to book your place visit www.capmoney.org or telephone Mike Wallis, CAP Money Berkhamsted Lead Coach on 07891 760244 or 01442 865521.



Your Sport

by Matthew Dawson



**Tour of
Britain
2014**
Following
on from

last month's article in which I looked into the fact that the Tour of Britain was coming to Berkhamsted, we can now reflect on what happened as Berko witnessed some of the world's top cyclist's ride through the historic market town.

It was on stage six that the cyclists, including Sir Bradley Wiggins and Marcel Kittel who won four stages at this year's Tour De France pedalled through Dacorum to the stage finish in Hemel Hempstead.

Thousands of people lined the streets of Berkhamsted to witness what was the biggest sporting event to grace the town as stage six of the tour, a mass 205.6km embarked on the closing stages of the day around the surrounding area.

Coming from Chesham and over the A41 the break-away riders, Alex Dowsett, Matthias Brandle and Tom Stewart of teams IAM, Movistar and Madison Genesis respectively hit Berkhamsted first. Then followed a gap before the main peloton including Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish arrived. The yellow jersey (the current leader of the tour) at the beginning of the day belonged to Polish rider Michal Kwiatkowski but after failing to get out of the peloton it allowed

time trial gold medallist, to claim the lead in the tour after stage six which had a thrilling finish in Hemel Hempstead.

The stage itself was won in a sprint finish by Austrian Matthias Brandle who happened to win his second consecutive stage from Brits Dowsett and Stewart. All three riders had helped to make the stage what it was as some thrilling riding which concluded in Dacorum, made for one of the most memorable days of cycling.

After stage six there were still three remaining stages which concluded on September 14th as Dutch rider Dylan van Baarle of Garmin-Sharp claimed the title of this year's Tour of Britain. Bradley Wiggins was the current tour's holder but could only manage a third placed finish, ending up 22 seconds behind winner van Baarle. Alex Dowsett meanwhile finished 54 seconds off the pace in eight place overall.

The Tour of Britain coming through Berkhamsted intrigued me. Before the day I only knew the very basics of major road cycling, but with such a major event coming to an area you live in you can't help but get caught up in the buzz and excitement of the whole occasion. It was great to witness Olympic and Commonwealth Games champions alike and I have a renewed interest in the sport following on from London 2012. The legacy of which is still very much alive judging by the crowds!

BERKHAMSTED CYCLING CLUB



We are a newly appointed cycling club which will provide a community road cycling club for the people of Berkhamsted and surrounding areas. It is an inclusive cycling organisation, catering for all abilities and all road-connected activities. I want to ensure that a safe, fun and relaxed environment is put in-place that facilitates the development of skills and improvement in performance. This applies whether your aim is racing or social cycling in the fantastic Chilterns area.

- Inclusive and for all levels – we have three rides going out on Saturdays according to your speed and fitness
- We are affiliated to British Cycling
- We have officially launched, first club ride on 30 August but already open for members

- Women friendly – organising once a month women only rides
- Follow on FB—
www.facebook.com/berkocc
- Socials
- We will be organising occasional specific Pilate's classes to combat aches and pains!
- Rides: Leave from **Lovelo** on Sat 7.45-08.00 / Sunday rides 09.00 bit more relaxed
- Very friendly club!

Please contact Simon Voysey
M: 07540 415664
Secretary - Berkhamsted Cycling Club

Readers' Letters

Last month Vernon Mildew wrote about road safety in Berkhamsted and the risks that some pedestrians and drivers take. We asked readers to tell us their thoughts.

Dear Editor

In reference to Vernon Mildew on "What's the Hurry", I thought I was the only one that had the same views on road safety. I have, in the past, talked about it.

The 'green man' as we all call it, was put there for a reason. On the crossroads of King's Road, the lights are done in five ways. The one next to the ice-cream shop has a delay, because if a car jumps the lights, it will be on top of you as soon as you cross the road - and all because people don't look over their right shoulders. The only light that is very fast is the one in front of The Swan, and this, so I am led to believe, is because it is on the school run from the schools in Chesham Road.

I remember in 1958 - yes 58 - a policeman stopped me and said "If you cross that road like that again I will box your ears." We also had road safety lessons at school, which were done by a policeman.

So, please do not let the next generation down when crossing the road.

Mr Chris Richards



Dear Editor

I agree with Vernon that far too many of us are often careless and impatient road users, though we are lucky that serious accidents are rare in Berkhamsted - probably more by the grace of God than our thoughtfulness. Though, a few weeks ago, a young friend of mine and her husband, riding their scooter, received several broken bones, due to being hit by a car in Northchurch.

As a pedestrian, I have been at fault in London. On one occasion, I was crossing a clear road without waiting for the pedestrian's 'green man'. Suddenly I had to rush to avoid a speeding cyclist who - Heaven forbid - might have fallen into the road because of me. So now I always wait for the 'green man' - singing to calm my impatience. It seems more considerate and a better example, especially to youngsters and tourists.

Vivien Dottridge (All Saints church)

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Norman Groves, Society member and Trench Mapping Project Co-ordinator.

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2014

'A Victorian Christmas'

Dr. Catherine Grigg, Curator Wycombe Museum.

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2015

'De Havilland Aircraft You've Never Heard of.'

Robin Webb, former de Havilland and British Aerospace engineer

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2015

'The Halseys of Gaddesden: A Hertfordshire Family from Time out of Mind.'

Nicholas Halsey of Gaddesden Place.

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2015

'It's on the Cards.'

David Clarke, Parish Clerk of St Leonards

This talk is preceded by the AGM.

**Please note that all meetings take place in the Wellcome Great Hall,
Berkhamsted Town Hall and start at 8pm.**

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