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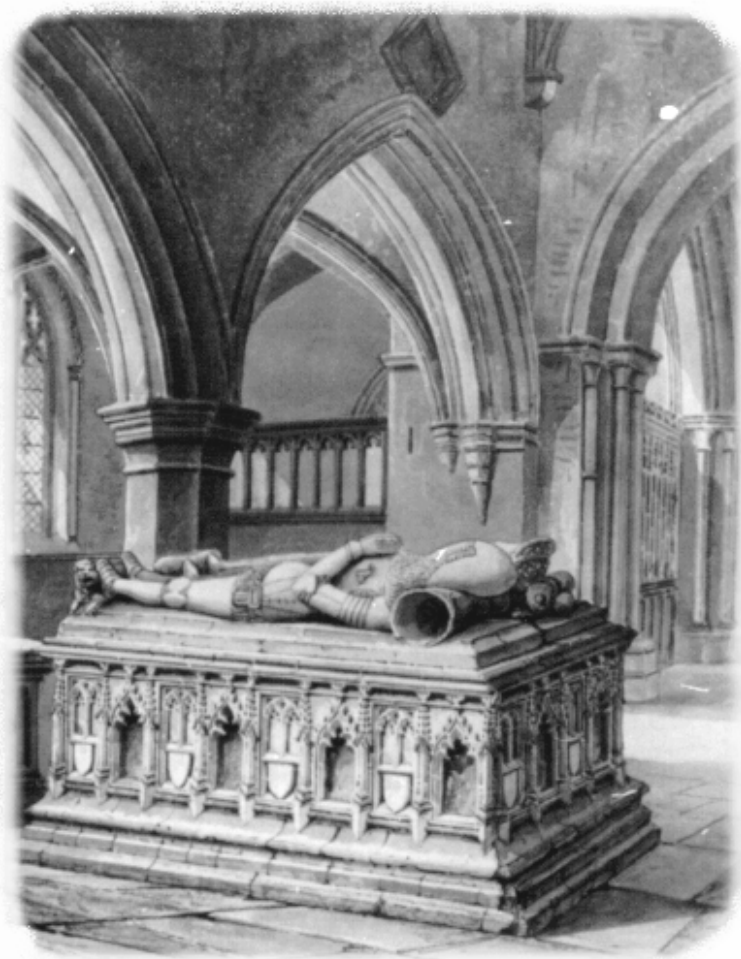
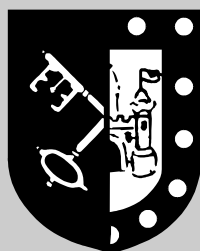
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

Welcome to the January issue of the *Review*, and a very happy new year to you.

A new year is of course a time to reflect on the previous twelve months and to look forward to the next year and beyond. Before we consign 1996 to that pile of old diaries in the cupboard let's just look back over the last year of the *Review*.

Back in January we introduced some major changes to the magazine, and at the same time moved production (though not the printing) 'in parish'. Judging by your comments, we seem on balance to be getting it right despite occasional hiccups. Many thanks for all your comments - favourable and critical. The new year will see new ideas in the magazine, and your contributions are as always welcome.

There are also many people to thank at this time of year. Let me, though, thank one particular group without whom the magazine would not reach many readers - our distributors. At this time of year, trudging through snow and ice delivering magazines and collecting subscriptions, it's not much fun but is absolutely essential. So, many thanks indeed! And if you would like to help distributing the magazine please do get in touch with us.

*Chris Smalley*

### *In this month's issue...*

#### **What's in a Name?**

Confused by clergy titles? **Father Mark Bonney** bravely navigates through the maze of terminology.

#### **How Many People?**

Over 300 people take an active part in the work of our parish. **Tony Roberts** and **Christopher Green** invite you to join in.

#### **Going back a bit**

**Fred Ryder** was thrown into a holly bush. Read his piece on choir practices between the wars to find out why.

#### **The History of England**

The great historian G.M. Trevelyan lived in Berkhamsted, as **Stephen Halliday** recounts.

#### **The Berkhamsted Lifeboat**

**Courtney Edenborough** highlights the RNLI's appeal to launch a lifeboat named after our town.

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**Fr Mark Bonney  
reflects on the  
complexities of  
ecclesiastical  
nomenclature.**

## review leader

In response to the letter last month from Mr Bill Frew I will attempt to explain the differences between certain ecclesiastical titles, and inform about the correct

forms of address for the clergy. Nearly all of what follows refers only to the Church of England. I hope it's not a water-muddying exercise!

The Church of England follows the Church of Rome and the Orthodox Churches in having three types of *ordained* ministry known as holy orders - *Deacons*, *Priests* and *Bishops*. This three-fold ordained ministry developed very quickly during the second century and was retained by the Church of England at the Reformation in the sixteenth century. The Book of Common Prayer refers to '*the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons*'.

It is unusual for someone to be a Deacon for longer than a year, after which one is ordained a Priest (a priest is able to preside at Holy Communion, pronounce the forgiveness of sins and give God's blessing - things that a deacon cannot do - hence a deacon may baptise, but may not solemnise a marriage or preside at the Holy Communion). Only a few are ordained again as a Bishop! Bishops are able to administer Confirmation and Ordination and have oversight of a diocese. Within these three tiers a number of different jobs are done.

A *Deacon* will usually be found as an *assistant curate* (commonly simply called the curate) in a parish and will remain a curate when ordained a priest.

*Priests* do a variety of jobs - Curate, Vicar, Rector, Canon, Chaplain, Prebendary, Dean, Provost, Archdeacon, Team Vicar, Priest-in-Charge - whatever the title they are all priests!

*Vicars* and *Rectors* are in charge of parish churches. Nowadays there is no difference between the two, although Rectors sometimes think of themselves as superior to Vicars (as occasionally do their congregations!). The distinction between the two goes back to the time of tithes from the land. A Rector received the tithes; often the abbot of the monastery was the Rector and he would put in a Vicar to take the services whilst taking the tithes for himself. A parish with a Vicar often started life as an offshoot from another church that had a Rector. In days gone by a good 'living' meant land with good tithes. Today Vicars and Rectors are paid the same and do not receive any tithes.

*Deans* and *Provosts* are in charge of Cathedrals. Ancient cathedrals (like Durham, Lincoln, Canterbury) have Deans (who are appointed by the Crown) whilst newer cathedrals (like Southwark, Portsmouth, Chelmsford) have Provosts (who are appointed by the Diocesan Bishop). However, under new legislation being prepared at the moment it is likely that all Provosts will soon become Deans. Deans used to have a habit of thinking of themselves as superior to Provosts and held separate meetings!

*(continued on page 5)*

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Cover: *A detail from a litho dating from 1830 showing the North Transept of St Peter's and the Sayer Tomb in its original position (where the seats in the Lady Chapel are now). A feature of these prints will be in a future issue of the Review.*

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The other clergy on the cathedral staff are called *Canons* and they normally live in the vicinity of the cathedral. *Honorary Canons* and *Prebendaries* (like our beloved Basil Jones and Stephen Wells) received their titles from the Bishop as a mark of distinctive work and ministry in the diocese, they have a stall in the cathedral but are not involved in its day to day running. A diocese that has honorary prebendaries rather than honorary canons reflects a pre-Reformation situation when the cathedral wasn't a monastery and prebendaries were paid to come to the cathedral to say the psalms.

An *Archdeacon* is not a deacon but a priest - it is a senior appointment in the diocese held by someone who assists the Bishop in the management of the diocese. Other titles used are:

*Parson* (can be used of a vicar or rector who holds the freehold - although it is a slightly Trollopian term these days, I would say. The freehold is held by some 45% of clergy and means they have tenure of their post until aged 70, subject to extreme misdemeanour).

*Priest-in-Charge* refers to someone with responsibility for a church or a parish but who doesn't have the freehold.

*Padre* (only of forces chaplains).

*Chaplains* are to be found in schools, hospitals, prisons and other institutions. The majority of the time they are priests, although some chaplaincies are held by lay people.

*Minister* is *not* a correct term to use of Church of England clergy as a designation of their job - it is the Rector of St Peter's and *not* the Minister at St Peter's (Minister is the title generally used of Free Church and Non-Conformist clergy. They would not use the title priest or bishop of their ordained ministers. The Free Churches sometimes have deacons, but they are not usually ordained as such - sorry, it is very confusing!).

A very thick volume on my desk is a directory of all the clergy in the Church of England. It has an opening section entitled *How to address the Clergy* which is entertaining reading and what follows is a digest of that. To avoid extending this article even more I will simply refer to the forms of address for a Rector, Vicar or Priest-in-Charge. On an envelope one writes *The Reverend A B Smith* or *The Reverend Alan Smith* (The Revd or The Rev. are acceptable abbreviations). In a letter or in conversation one uses *Mr Smith*, *Alan*, *Father Smith*, or *Father Alan* depending on the preference of the priest involved (I follow the pattern set by my predecessor who used the title Father, and I have always been taught to call priests by that title). It is *incorrect* to write Dear Vicar, Dear Rector or Dear Priest-in-Charge! If someone is a Canon/Prebendary that designation is inserted after Reverend; they may be addressed by letter or in conversation as *Canon Smith*, but not simply as Canon or as Canon Alan.

I love the line in this section of my directory which reads *'The form Reverend Smith or The Reverend Smith should never be used this side of the Atlantic'!!*

So there we are - I hope that's all illuminating. In the end it doesn't all matter *very* much, but some folk like to know the history, others like to know what is accepted, preferred and even officially correct practice. You can call me what you like if that makes you happy! (although I must say I *don't* really like being called Mr Bonney and even less do I like Rector - plain Mark is good enough if Father Mark sticks in your throat; I will not go to the stake about it).

The most important thing is that I'm called a child of God as is every baptised Christian, and that is the only title and inheritance that really matters.

*Father Mark*



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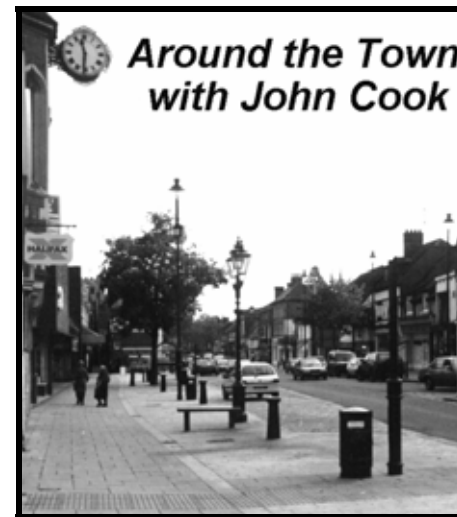
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### When did they go?

In last month's *Review* I said that Woolworth's left Berkhamsted 20 years ago. Several people have pointed out that my memory had let me down, and it was more like 14 years since that happened, although their recollections do not all agree with each other as to the exact year. This got me thinking about when other big names in the retail world had left our High Street and the only other significant shopping street in the Town, Lower Kings Road.

Perhaps as a New Year's Day diversion readers who have lived here for say 30 years or more might like to test their memories on this exercise. When did the following well-known chain stores and businesses leave Berkhamsted: The Home and Colonial, the International, Sainsbury's, Halford's, the Co-op, Freeman Hardy & Willis, Fosters, Peter Dominic, Curry's, the Gas Board, the Electricity Board, Bejam, Victoria Wine, the Woolwich Building Society; and which others have I forgotten?

### What's in a name?

Bill Frew in last month's *Review* posed some questions about the different names applied to members of the clergy of the

Church of England (vicar, rector, parson, priest, father etc.). Why and what is the difference? The majority of members of the C of E would be hard put to give him a full answer.

Most clergymen I imagine get called all these names from time to time without being too put out. Largely the various usages simply arise from quirks of history or differences in levels of churchmanship between parishes. Local variations are not really important; on the whole they seem to me to be rather enriching, as long as they don't frighten people off.

*Parson* is a term that rather appeals to me, but it is not much used these days by the laity. Sometimes the clergy like to apply it to themselves. They say things like 'All I've ever wanted to be is a parish parson'. Even some Methodist ministers of the old school - Lord Soper for one - like to call themselves parsons.

What the clergy and their helpers wear is another area where there are plenty of special names to ponder over. Most of us can tell the difference between a cassock and a surplice, but what about an amice, an alb, a maniple, a chasuble, a morse? Who wears a dalmatic and who a tunicle? These are all garments which from time to time adorn our clergy and their assistants.

Then there are all those special names applied to parts of our church buildings. St Peter's for example has among other things three reredoses, two piscinae, a parclose, a clerestory. Somebody said to me once that the least satisfactory feature of St Peter's was its minimal narthex. I think he meant it had a poky porch.

### Berkhamsted Iron

Did Berkhamsted really once have its own iron ore mines and iron works? The answer is yes, in Belgic-Romano times, according to the very interesting recent report on the archaeology of the A41 Berkhamsted and Kings Langley bypasses. Iron furnace shafts were excavated in 1971 in Dellfield, and the conclusion in this latest report is that the ore for these

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furnaces came from the Reading Beds at Berkhamsted. Evidence was found of pit digging on the Oakwood site on the route of the bypass which would support this.

As local gardeners know only too well, the soil in and around Berkhamsted is what is to be found generally in the Chiltern Hills: chalk with flints and clay, and very alkaline it is. But in certain places on higher ground the underlying soil is capped with gravels such as the so-called Reading Beds. These spots are easily found from looking at the flora. Where lime-hating plants like rhododendrons grow, for example Ashridge House gardens, Ashlyns School and Potten End village, there is where the underlying chalk is capped with the acidic gravels, and the sort of place to find iron ore.

### **Roman Villa**

In the same report it is pointed out that along the Bulbourne valley, an important route for the Romans, villas have generally been discovered at fairly regular intervals - every mile or two - but no Roman site has yet been located between Berkhamsted and Boxmoor. The suggestion is that one will probably be found 'somewhere close to the point where the Roman Akeman Street is believed to cross the river at Bourne End.'

This is puzzling as the present A4251 which appears from its straightness to follow the route of the Roman road does not in fact cross the Bulbourne at all. However, at Bourne End the Bourne gutter (which probably had a much more regular flow in Roman times than it has today) does cross the road before flowing into the River Bulbourne. This must be the best spot for the archaeologists to start digging.

### **Wild Boy Book**

Talking of Bourne End, I mentioned recently that it was near there that Peter the Wild Boy lived and died. Since writing that I came across a reference to a novel called *Peter the Wild Boy* written by a Miss C. M. Tennant and published about 60 years ago. I understand it was fanciful but had some good illustrations. Only 500



*Are mosaics like this among the Roman treasures to be found buried in Bourne End?*

copies were printed. Does anyone have one still?

### **Industrial Change**

One modern local industrial activity we do have is of course the extraction of Chiltern Water, pumped out of the chalk almost from under our feet. The well and bottling plant is at Toms Hill not far from Aldbury, but it is not easy to find. As it is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and set in National Trust property there is no advertising and no signposts to it whatever; but if you do manage to track it down you can drive up and they will sell you a case or two for a good deal less than is costs in the supermarkets.

When we did just that the other day the man who served us was finishing off packing an assignment of 20 tons of bottled water destined for Trinidad. So no longer may Berkhamsted iron be traded along Belgic-Romano tracks, Berkhamsted lace and straw hats sold in the London markets or Berkhamsted sheep dip to Australian farmers: but the rain which fell on our gardens and eventually filtered down into the depths beneath is now being sold to the West Indies. It certainly is an odd world.

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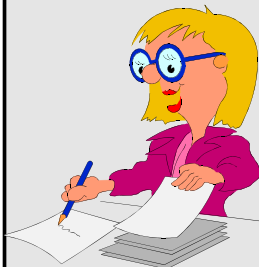
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How many people does it take to run the parish? No, the Rector and Priest-in-Charge at All Saints don't do it all on their own. They are helped in their ministry to us, firstly by our retired clergy and our lay readers. Then there are the churchwardens and all the people who are involved as members of the parochial church

council and the area committees, not to mention the newly created office of parish secretary. But lay people are much more widely involved than this; and that's what Stewardship is about. Through stewardship, lay people play their part in our worship and fellowship, as servers or sidesmen, or as chalice assistants, or leading our intercessions or reading to us from Holy Scripture. And there are those who add to the splendour of our worship through the making of music, or who remind us with the flowers in our churches that the richness of God's creation is all around us. Nor would the fellowship of our Christian family be quite so appealing without our catering committees and the people who organise our social events. *(And let's not forget everyone who contributes to and distributes the Review - Ed.).*

Our care and concern for young people is another important part of the life of our parish, and here again many members of both our congregations are actively involved in regular teaching and in the organisation of social activities. Our youth groups, our Pathfinders, our Sunday Schools, and the crèches for our very young are all made possible through the dedication of those who run them or who teach in them. And our concern extends into the wider



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**Tony Roberts and  
Christopher Green take up  
a question of stewardship.**

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community through fund-raising to help those in our own country and in distant parts of the world who are suffering through poverty, disease or oppression. Through the Petertide Fair each year it is possible for us to give generously where help is needed. The Petertide Fair would not be possible without able leadership and the

committed teamwork of many people.

And don't forget, our church property all needs to be kept in good order. Our churches and the church halls at All Saints', the Court House, All Saints' House, the Court House cottage and the cemetery in Three Close Lane are all our responsibility and they all need looking after. Many members of both our congregations are involved, as church cleaners, on buildings committees, in do-it-yourself decorating and maintenance tasks, or enjoying a good autumnal bonfire in the cemetery.

There must be at least three hundred people involved in all these activities - a wonderful commitment of time and talent to the work of the church in this parish. When we talk about stewardship we often have to talk about the giving of money, but in truth the gift of our time and our talents is no less precious. And there is room for even more people to be involved. There are still other ways in which we could enrich the work of the church in our community. To give only one example, Joan Morris and Diana Pulvermacher run the *Sundays Together* lunches at the Court House on the first Sunday of each month, for people who would otherwise be alone. Joan and Diana would like to find a few 'friends' who would be willing to help, not with the cooking, but by providing fellowship, conversation and a regular sense of 'family' for those who come to the lunches.

## A New Window for St Peter's

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St Peter's is to have its first  
new pictorial window in  
about 90 years.

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There is to be a new pictorial window in St Peter's - the first for over 90 years. The present stained glass window in the north aisle, the first one you come to on the left after entering through the main door, is in very poor shape. It is badly damaged and much of the original design has faded away. A substantial sum of money will need to be spent on it, whether it is restored or replaced.



A special fund will be set up to pay for the window. The Cowper Society is taking the initiative in this and already over £600 has been raised from David Pearce's recent performances of *Brief Lives*.

There are of course procedures to be completed before a change of this nature can be made to a church, and these have been started. The present window was placed there in memory of the Rev. F. Bullock, but so far there has been no success in tracing any surviving connection with that unfortunate clergyman who was drowned in Lake Neuchatel in 1872. If anyone can help us in this search we would be very grateful to hear from them.




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## How Many People? A Question of Stewardship *(continued from page 10)*

If you think you could help with any of the activities mentioned here, make contact through any of the people whose names and addresses appear on the back of the *Review*. If you think there are needs in the parish that haven't been mentioned here, take the initiative and bring a new talent to God's work in the parish. We are fortunate indeed that there is a great wealth of talent in our

parish. Let us share these talents through stewardship to the greater glory of God. We are all busy people. We think that our time is precious. But if we share in our stewardship it can be a source of strength to each of us and an inspiration to others. Let this be the time when we make new offerings of time and talent to the work of the church in our community.



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money to buy and equip an inshore Class D boat, which will be named after Berkhamsted. We aim to raise £20,000. Any money that is left after we have reached our target will go towards repairs and extensions to boathouses, a rather neglected and unglamorous side of fund raising. This is all separate and in addition to our normal fund raising.

Our two appeal patrons, who both have strong local connections, are the past Lord Mayor of London, Sir Christopher Walford, and the renowned yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnson. They both have long-standing ties to the RNLI and they wish us every success in our appeal.

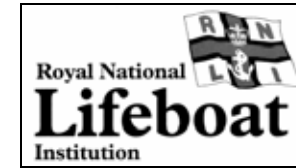
We are receiving many offers of support by way of coffee mornings, proceeds from carol singing (from St Peter's and All Saints'), bridge drives, sponsored events, one-off donations and events yet to be finalised. We would particularly like anyone who owns a sailing or motor cruiser and who would be interested in a weekend cruising 'in company' to contact Malcolm Travis (866666) who has kindly offered to organise the event.



A D Class inshore lifeboat - the subject of the Berkhamsted branch of the RNLI's appeal.

## A LIFEBOAT FROM BERKHAMSTED

An RNLI lifeboat named after our town? **Courtney Edenborough** tells us about a unique appeal.



naautical theme donated by Harry Sheldon and several other prizes - some cash, some donated gifts. During the year we will need prizes for tombolas and so on; any contributions will be most welcome.

All events will be publicised by posters around the town and in the press. For further details contact the appeal co-ordinator, Courtney Edenborough (865545). ❖

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- ◆ In the same year RNLI lifeboats spent 8,895 hours at sea.
- ◆ There are 3,500 volunteer crew members in the RNLI, 100 of whom are women.
- ◆ In 1995 it cost a total of £62million to run the RNLI.
- ◆ A 4.9m, fully inflatable D Class inshore lifeboat (left) costs £11,000 plus a further £5,000+ to launch a new all-weather boat.
- ◆ It costs £300 just to fit out one crew member in protective gear.

A copy of the Berkhamsted Review lay on the table before me and I found my thoughts back in the years between the wars, midnight under the yew tree with a large, very orderly

crowd singing *Auld Lang Syne*. Then I was trying to remember the three (?) long rooms extending at right angles to Back Lane adjoining the Court House. Here I attended Sunday morning school after which we walked along to the Church's south door to attend Matins, leaving during the hymn following the prayers after the Creed.

I attended Victoria School from the age of seven and on reaching the second class was taught by Mr Green, the choir master of the parish church. During singing lessons he would select boys who, if they wished to join the choir, were then interviewed together with their parents. After attending several Monday night choir practices from 7 to 8pm and Friday full choir practices from 8 to 9pm the boys took their place in the choir stalls as probationers, wearing cassocks. After approximately six weeks, and if acceptable, they became fully fledged

Now, I'm going back  
a bit here...

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**Fred Ryder** writes with some  
recollections of his youthful  
experience of St Peter's choir.

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choristers adorned in their white surplices and stiff Eton collars. The choir attended services each Sunday: at 9:15am choral communion, 11am matins (with full choir), 2:30pm

children's service (boys only) and 6:30pm choral evensong (with full choir).

After the first Monday choir practice following the boys acceptance as choristers came the initiation ceremony when each boy was thrown into a very large holly-bush growing in the church yard. This was done by the two head boys taking arms and legs and on the third swing propelling them into the midst of this very prickly bush. I remember undergoing this ceremony very well.

Good Friday saw a much less painful ceremony carried out. To remind us of the Roman soldiers casting lots for Christ's garments the curate, Rev. E.J. Anthony, had us throwing dice on the Smith Dorrien memorial. The winner could choose either an alarm clock or a penknife with the names and dates of the Kings and Queens of England engraved on the handle.

The annual choir outing held on a Saturday during mid summer was an occasion much looked forward

to. A special train collected the choirs from Bletchley through to Watford. We boys carried out a collection around the parish in aid of the outing, the response being very good. Leaving Berkhamsted around 6:30am we would arrive by the sea between 9 and 10am. At mid-day we were provided with a splendid lunch, and a tea before departing at 6pm. Brighton, Hastings, Eastbourne, Southsea and



Bournemouth were the venues during my time (1926/31).

January saw two other well remembered occasions. After the first Monday choir practice following Christmas we boys all went to *Alderney* in Chesham Road, the residence of a Miss Sedgewick, a dear and generous lady. We sang several carols at the entrance to her house, after which we were led into a large room with a table laden with cream cakes, and buns of all descriptions together with all the lemonade we could drink. You can imagine the great times we boys had. Providing that we boys had attended a minimum of 25 of the children's services on Sunday afternoons we became eligible to go on the outing to one of the pantomimes in the West End. We would leave Berkhamsted around mid-morning on a Saturday escorted by the verger, Mr Porritt. Having thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime matinee performance we hungry boys devoured a sumptuous meal at Lyons Corner House, arriving back home tired and happy around 9pm.

It was raining hard when we went into church to sing evensong on the Sunday after Christmas in 1927. We came out after the service to find it snowing really hard and by the following morning we had experienced the heaviest snowfall that I ever knew in Berkhamsted. There were drifts up to six feet deep.

Round about this time our organist Mr W. London, who was music master at Berkhamsted Grammar school, detained us all after matins. He then played for us a 78 record on his portable -gramophone. It was Mendleson's *Hear my prayer* and *O*

*for the Wings of a Dove* sung by the Temple Church choir with Ernest Lough singing treble solo and Dr Thalban Ball at the organ. This record left a very deep and moving impression with us as it still does.

Each Ascension Day, all the pupils of Victoria School marched to the church for a service and we choir boys took our places robed in the choir stalls. During the afternoon the school's annual sports were held in Butts Meadow.

During this time the rector was the Rev. W. Chipchase Stainsby, the curate the Rev. E.J. Anthony, and the organist Mr W. London. Mr Green was the choirmaster and Mr Ellens carried the cross on all occasions. Until the organ was 'electrified' in, I believe, 1928 the pump was manned by Johnny Rippon.

Names of boys serving in the choir during my time as far as I could remember were George Osborne, Bernard Kempster, Les Birkett, Joe Baldwin, Jim and Chas Rowe, Alf and Fred Gomme, Dennis Gomme, Gerald Ayres, Joe and Eric Waldron, George Nash, Bill Prentice, and George Green.

Amongst the men I remember are Messrs Green, Newall, Goddard, Wally Sear, Simmonds, Frank and Alf Rowe, Chas Young (a school master at Victoria School), Ron Howard, Frank Bruton, Bill Brewer, George Porritt, Stan Reading, Stan Meager, Groves and Gosse. I am sure that I have forgotten some of the names but I know they will forgive me as it was such a long time ago. ❖

*Mr Ryder was born and brought up in Berkhamsted and now lives in Dorset.*

## TELL US WHAT'S HAPPENING!

*The Review is your mouthpiece - use it to tell people what's happening in the town. If you're arranging an event then publicise it in the magazine - and tell us about it afterwards! If you want to express an opinion, write to us - or write an article: our subject range is diverse, from church matters to the secular, serious or light-hearted. And if you can provide us with illustrations - photographs, drawings, anything you like - so much the better! (we will of course return all such materials).*

## CUTTING COMMENTS

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Local Councillor **Norman Cutting**  
gazes into his crystal ball to see  
what's in store for the town in  
the coming year.

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In this first article of the new year, I thought I would get my crystal ball out and look into what could be happening to the town over the next year or so. One of the things you have to learn quickly in local government is the speed that decisions are made bear no relation to the real world. This is largely due to that funny idea that a council is accountable to the people who put them into power. Some of the new councillors took the view that they were elected as representatives of the public and, as such, could pursue their own personal crusade. Others wanted to ask the public before making any decision about anything. Somewhere between these two extremes appears to me to be about right.

As a council, we hope we have been more accessible than previous councils with the newsletter called the *Conqueror*, public meetings and a regular 'surgery'. Over the past year this has had the three conservative borough councillors as well as most of the independent town councillors in attendance at some time or the other. These will continue during the

coming year, generally in the foyer of the Town Hall on the third Saturday of the month, so make a note in your diary. The newsletter has evolved, but most will agree that it is still not quite right. The public meetings

started with the hungry hundred, then we had the faithful fifty and the most recent meeting would be considered as poorly attended. You have to admit, we have tried, and we will continue to look for acceptable ways to gauge the views of Berkhamstedians.

We lost a golden opportunity to affect the 'traffic calming' between St. Johns Well Lane and Kings Road owing to an indecent haste in getting the thing finished in time for Christmas, but like Waitrose, it is over and done with. Herts County Council have got funds to design the next 'enhancement' to take place between Three Close Lane and Cedar Road (or it may be Swing Gate Lane). This particular project will be part of the conservation area partnership with English Heritage and is designed to improve the eastern approach to the town. I live in hope that

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we will have more time to consider the proposals in depth before any commitment is made.



Whilst on the subject, I am assured that the works already started may well be finished in the fullness of time providing funds can be made available from county. You may be interested to know that the mayor, Cllr. Peter Such attended a public meeting at Wadebridge, Cornwall, which was one of the other towns afflicted with a 'demonstration project', and the meeting resolved to request national government to make funds available to correct the more unliked and unworkable features as the county and borough councils failed to see why they should pay to put them right. As a council, we will be watching for the outcome of their representations with interest.

On a lighter note, after many years of having the 'de-lisle' clock telling fibs and each face disagreeing with each other, we think we have found a way of getting it repaired. The youth council should hold its first meeting early in the new year having had a long gestation period. It will come under the wing of the new community action committee under the chairmanship of Cllr. Stan Sharpe. This committee will hold just two meetings before the end of this municipal year and it is intended to pick community activities that have, until now, slipped through the net. Other items that will have to be addressed during the coming month include the future of the AgrEvo site, the old Waitrose site (assuming someone does not move in

fairly promptly) and future housing in the county.

You notice that the last item is not quite the same as county and borough are suggesting. The county starts from the premise that it has to house its own predicted housing requirement, and this has been agreed broadly by the borough council. My personal problem is that Berkhamsted has developed over the years along a valley bottom and has only been able to extend up the steep sides once builders had cracked the problem of houses slipping back down the hill. This has meant the town has a shortage of 'urban open space' and does not meet current guidelines for the population. We are also surrounded by metropolitan green belt which was intended to provide 'breathing space' for towns around London and ensure that urban sprawl was curtailed. If you have a view or wish to know more, then the borough wants to hear your views and will be providing a chance to find out more direct from Borough officers and councillors at a public exhibition on 17th January in the Berkhamsted Civic Centre from 6pm to 9pm. The county structure plan will be examined in public starting March 1997 and the borough needs written comments by 31st January in order that they can make final representations to county.

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## **New Housing - Where Should It Go?**

The latest plans for housing in Hertfordshire envisage 250 new homes being built in Berkhamsted. Can these be squeezed in within the limits of the present built-up area or must they go in the Green Belt? This is clearly one of the most crucial planning decisions affecting the Town to have been made for many years. A public exhibition will visit Berkhamsted Civic Centre on Friday, 17th January between 1:00pm and 9:00pm to start the consultation process.

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In November I referred briefly to the connection between Berkhamsted and the historian, G.M. Trevelyan, to whom no reference is made in the brochure on *Dacorum's Literary Links*. Trevelyan was one

of the most famous writers and scholars of his generation and would challenge Graham Greene as a best-seller. Moreover, one of his most famous works was written during the ten years that he lived in Berkhamsted.

Trevelyan (1876-1962) was descended from a wealthy and distinguished family of writers, politicians and administrators. His ancestors included the historian, Lord Macaulay and two chief secretaries to Ireland, his father and grandfather. The elder of the two, Sir Charles, was responsible for administering the far from adequate relief works which were the British government's feeble response to the Irish potato famine of the later 1840s. Despite his Cornish name Trevelyan's family home was at Wallington Hall, Northumberland, and he was connected through family ties, education or personal acquaintance with many of the families that constituted the liberal establishment at the turn of the century including the Darwins, the Keyneses, the Huxleys and the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

In 1896 Trevelyan obtained a first class degree in history at Cambridge and he spent the next eighteen years writing on historical subjects and teaching at the Working Men's College in Great Ormond Street. He spent the First World War as commandant of an ambulance unit in Italy, an experience which not only brought him honours for bravery from both British and Italian governments but also strengthened a life-long interest in Italy which had already been reflected in a seminal account of Garibaldi and the *Risorgimento*.

## Berkhamsted and the History of England

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Our town owes much to G.M. Trevelyan. **Stephen Halliday** profiles the famous historian.

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In 1918 he moved to Berkhamsted with his young family, choosing it, according to his biographer, 'partly so as to enjoy the peace of the countryside, and partly because of the excellent schooling it provided'. His daughter Mary attended the Girls' School and his son Humphry the Boys' School. Mary did not have far to walk since the family lived in *Penrose*, 25, Kings Road, directly opposite the Girls' School tennis courts.

Berkhamsted should remember him for two reasons. First, his famous *History of England*, which for many years was the most widely-read of all history books, was written in his study at *Penrose* and published in 1926. Its sales were later exceeded only by another of Trevelyan's books. Trevelyan virtually invented social history which he described as 'history with the politics left out'; the sales of the three volumes of his *English Social History*, which he wrote during the Second World War, exceeded those of his earlier *History of England*. Such was Trevelyan's eminence that he was appointed a fellow of the Royal Society, an honour usually reserved for scientists of distinction. Our second reason for remembering him, with gratitude, lies in the leading part he played in the campaign to purchase the Ashridge estate and surrounding commons for the National Trust in 1925, when it looked as though it might be sold for residential development. He persuaded Renee Courtauld to donate £20,000 to the appeal and he persuaded three prime ministers and a foreign secretary (Baldwin, MacDonald, Asquith and Grey) to sign a letter to *The Times* which was published on

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## The Friends of Berkhamsted Town Hall

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Berkhamsted Town Hall is a gem from the Victorian age in the heart of the town - a listed building of great interest and value. As many know it is being restored for use of the people of Berkhamsted and Northchurch, to whom it belongs. It is run by a special trust, not the local authority.

Already the splendid Great Hall has been largely restored and is in regular use, as are the Sessions Hall, the foyer and the kitchen. There is now a modern lift. But much remains to be done: better lavatories, changing rooms and so on, and in particular the exciting restoration of the large front rooms for public use is planned. The work is only being held back by the shortage of funds.

The Friends of Berkhamsted Town Hall are committed to raising money

towards its full restoration. The markets they hold in the Town Hall on the first Saturday in every month are increasingly well patronised. Concerts, usually on Sunday evenings are particularly popular with the musicians as well as the audiences because of the excellent acoustics and ambience of the Great Hall.

Please do support these efforts. If you would like to become a *Friend* or wish to know more about them please ring Giles Clark on 874347. Gifts of good quality bric-a-brac are always very useful and can be given to Joan Cook or Angela Morris.



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## Berkhamsted and the History of England *(continued)*

20th October 1925 and helped to raise the £80,000 required to effect the purchase.

In 1928 Trevelyan left Berkhamsted for Cambridge where he lived until his death in 1962. He went because he had been appointed to the post of Regius Professor of Modern History, the most distinguished history post in Cambridge and, many would say, in the land. A new

resident of Berkhamsted extends the link. Dr Priscilla Chadwick, the new principal of the Berkhamsted schools, is the niece of Owen Chadwick, a distinguished church historian who from 1968 to 1983 was himself appointed to the Regius Professorship as one of Trevelyan's successors. ❖



## **review**northchurch

**Gareth Pritchard  
and Malcolm  
Eames look  
forward to a new  
era at St Mary's.**

*Thy hand, O God,  
has guided  
Thy flock, from  
age to age.*

These are the first two lines of a well-known hymn, and it is interesting to look

back over our nine month vacancy, which now has but a few weeks to run, to see the extent to which God's hand has guided his Northchurch flock during this period.

John Tabor was characteristically thorough in preparing us all before his final departure to Aston Clinton, and we are very grateful to him. When we heard about a year ago that the Rev. Jim Lawrenson was to be our minister in charge, we knew we were in safe hands. Jim is a friend of many people at St Mary's and a past-master at handling vacancies. We are deeply indebted to him for presiding over practically every Holy Communion service since last April, and for doing much more besides. He certainly wasn't expecting to baptise over thirty children! Doreen has more than doubled her commitments during the week, and on Sundays taking family services, morning prayer and evensong. Our most recent memory is that of her sermon on Remembrance Sunday. We are most grateful to her, and to Bob her husband, who has been of such moral and practical support to her. Evelyn, though retired, has always done what was needed with alacrity, and we much appreciate his supportive role. We churchwardens have taken some twenty evensong services between us, and are grateful to the faithful few who have continued to attend.

Naturally we have needed outside help, and we acknowledge with thanks the following priests and lay people for

coming, sometimes more than once: Ven. Philip Davies (Archdeacon of St Albans), Fr Mark Bonney, Rev. Bill Drury, Canon Harry Hill, Rev. Brian Saunders, Rev. Philip Tait, Mr James Allcock, Wing Cdr Stuart Everall, Mr Robin Haywood, Mr Angus Johnston, Mrs Ruth Lee (SAMS) and Mrs Gwenda Withnall. Such an eminent list of visiting preachers has given us all great variety and has awakened our Christian thinking. On two occasions during the summer and also at harvest and Christmas we have enjoyed an address or presentation by the YPF and Sunday school and their leaders.

Right from the start we were struck afresh by something we had really known all along. In the words of a senior parishioner, we were not alone in our responsibility for St Mary's. Everywhere there was a spirit of fellowship and co-operation as people busied themselves with their particular duties, quietly filling in if we forgot things or made mistakes. Former churchwardens have been a tower of strength. Many volunteers came forward to help in the organising and running of the farewell party for the Tabor family in April, and of the harvest supper in October. We are grateful to them and to the chief co-ordinator at both events, Charlotte Pritchard. The church fete in July was a triumph considering the threatening sky and rumbles of thunder, and Lynda Hobley added one more year to her many as fete organiser. Meanwhile Jean Gibbs ensured that the cycle ride in September was as successful and well supported as ever.

And so, as we write, we move from Advent towards the Christmas season. There has been sadness too during the vacancy with the deaths of some well-loved members of St Mary's. However, one thing is certain. The Christian spirit

(the Holy Spirit, the hand of God) has guided us through what might have been a difficult period.

And so to the future! We eagerly look forward to greeting Rev. Peter Hart, his wife Beverley and daughters Naomi and Imogen as they move into the rectory. We are both very aware that the choosing of a new rector is a most humbling and almost daunting experience - both for the churchwardens as PCC representatives and for potential candidates. There are various protocols which have to be followed and confidences kept, much patience and forbearance, and a great deal of prayerful thought. We are personally delighted that Peter has accepted the call to Northchurch and we wish him and his family a very happy time in our midst.

Peter read French at the University of Liverpool for his first degree, and then studied at the Universite de Haute Normandie, where he obtained the qualification M. es L. Following this, he moved to Swansea where he read for the M. Phil. degree and undertook some lecturing. It was there that he met his wife Beverley who has a PhD in English. His theological studies were at the Sarum and Wells College, Salisbury, before he commenced assistant curacies in Swansea. Peter comes to us from St Nicholas Church, Wamdon, in the diocese of Worcester. Peter's interests include environmental issues - he is chairman of the environmental issues group for the Worcester diocese board of social responsibility - English and French literature, theatre, gardening, and cooking.

The sequence of appointing a rector involved initial guidance from Bishop Robin and Archdeacon Philip Davies; St Mary's is benefice of the Duchy of Cornwall, and much help came from its secretary, Jimmy James. A parish profile was produced and, in the course of time, Peter came to meet us and look around the parish. A little later he came to meet the PCC and church representatives, the outcome being a unanimous decision to

recommend to the duchy that Peter be invited to become our new rector.

Such matters do not happen overnight. Neither are they automatic. We are confident of God's direction in all that has happened. Much prayer has been offered over the intervening months in our services in St Mary's and in personal intercessions. Peter and family too will also have sought God's guidance - it is a big decision for anyone to take when moving from one parish to another. Each rector has left an important legacy and stamp on our spiritual home in St Mary's, through the ways in which parishioners and incumbents have worked together in the furtherance of God's kingdom here in Northchurch. Peter will need similar support as he gets to know us, and we to know him.

One of Jim Lawrenson's sermons in November was about choices; he suggested to us that when making choices one has to weigh up the different variables - some are trivial and some far-reaching. We were reminded that Moses had to make the choice between remaining in the Pharaoh's court in Egypt or leading the Israelites from Egypt towards their promised land. He chose the latter and gave it his full commitment in the eyes of God, Jehovah. Moses reminded his countrymen that God required such commitment from his chosen people. There is an analogy here that we as a parish can draw. Some daily decisions are trivial but others are much more far-reaching, not the least the installation of Peter as our spiritual leader, pastor and friend. It goes without saying that as Christians we have a commitment to our heavenly father; may we show our continued commitment in our individual and collective responsibilities as parishioners as we welcome, work and worship with Peter and his family. ❖

*Gareth Pritchard and Malcolm Eames are the churchwardens of St Mary's Northchurch.*

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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Our meeting on 7th January couldn't get off to a better start for the new year when we welcome Mr John Cook whose talk is entitled *Did You Know?*. The answer is usually 'No', when this popular speaker enthralls us with his knowledge. The meeting commences at 8:15pm.



Yes, it's back for a third year! Our popular Showtime at Shrovetide parish party for the congregations of All Saints' and St Peter's (Anglican and Methodist) is on again on Saturday, 1st February in the Town Hall. Make a note in your new diaries *now* - the event is a little earlier this year than previously.

Previous *Showtimes* have attracted a huge response from performers keen to show off their particular talents. This year we already have quite a few volunteers from our congregations eager to take part in the evening's entertainment, but as always we would like more of you to come forward. Please get in touch with Angela Morris (866992) or Chris Smalley (826821) if you'd like to take part.

For more details see page 18 - please *do* get your tickets soon, as space is limited and the event will be very popular!

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## GUIDELINES ON CHILD PROTECTION AND VETTING PROCEDURES

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On Thursday, 23rd January at 8:00pm in the Court House, Berkhamsted, the Rev. Ferial Etherington, the Bishop's advisor on child protection will speak and answer questions. It is also hoped that representatives from the social services and the police will be present. Anyone, particularly those working with children, will be welcome.

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## TLM 'COUNTDOWN TO CURE'

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A great response to the Leprosy Mission's *Countdown to Cure* campaign coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale of TLM goods held on 9th December raised £368.01. Further orders for TLM goods amounted to £193.04 and boxes brought in for emptying realised £77.49, making a grand total of £638.64. We are most grateful to members from St Peter's, All Saints' Anglicans and our own congregation who gave their time, gifts and money to this campaign. Thank you.

*Meg Harper and May Kempster*

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## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINING COURSE

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An eight week course will begin on Wednesday, 15th January at 8:00pm in the Court House, Berkhamsted. It will be held by Wendy Goodwin, advisor on bereavement to the Bishop of Willesden.

Anyone interested in attending can contact Fr Mark Bonney (864194), Joan Cook (866278), Sylvia Banks (871195) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268).

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## ALL SAINTS' PRAM SERVICES

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The dates for pram services at All Saints' early this year are:

*14th January*  
*28th January*  
*11th February*  
*25th February*  
*11th March*  
*25th March*

Activities for the children start at 10:00am with the service starting at 10:30. The service is followed by refreshments approximately from 10:45 to 11:30.

There will be a coffee morning on Wednesday, 5th March at *Landswood*, Shootersway from 10:00 to 12noon. All are welcome: just drop in.

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## BERKHAMSTED SHOPPING INITIATIVE

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Berkhamsted Shopping Initiative, a three month experimental scheme, is a joint effort to encourage the use of the town's many and varied shops. Shops displaying the sign really

want to revitalise Berkhamsted.

Several prominent businesses have joined the scheme to support the community idea to stimulate trade for the smaller shops.

Supporters have a card which member shops both recognise and issue. All offer some benefit to the cardholder, though this will vary as individual businesses decide their own offers.

Around 30 local businesses are taking part, offering a wide and varied range of goods and services. Although Wednesday is, in principle, early closing day in Berkhamsted, shops taking part in the scheme will often be staying open at that time.

For further information please contact Mrs Joan Walker on 862684.

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## WEA SPRING COURSES

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The WEA is offering two courses this winter and spring. Both courses are to be held in Berkhamsted library.

*An Introduction to the Environment*, tutor Ivan Dunn, is a course of ten lectures commencing on Wednesday, 29th January 1997 from 8:00 to 9:30pm for ten weeks.

*History of the Railways*, tutor George Chutcher, is a course of ten lectures commencing on Monday, 13th January 1997 from 8:00 to 9:30pm.

The fees for both courses are £22.50 with concessions of £16.80. For further details please contact Ann Gurney on 865445.

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## OXFAM RINGS UP

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Is your used phone card worth £1,000? Telephone cards are now a popular collector's item and rare examples can fetch high prices. But even mundane examples can boost Oxfam's income. Donations are processed by the charity's specialist Stamps and Coins Unit and the local Oxfam shop has a selection for sale.

The first phone cards were used in Belgium; the earliest British card marked an Open Golf championship in Scotland. The first known charity card was issued in the British Virgin Islands to commemorate Hurricane Hugo, with \$1 of the \$10 face value going to help victims.

Victims of natural and man-made disasters can still be helped if you donate your used phone cards to Oxfam, who also welcome all stamps, trade and cigarette cards and military memorabilia. Help Oxfam ring in a happier new year for today's needy people.

*Audrey Hope*

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## ST PETER'S CRÈCHE

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St Peter's now runs a crèche at the 9:30am Sung Eucharist for Under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Contact Katy

Bonney (864194) for further details.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE BERKHAMSTED CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

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Berkhamsted is covered by over 100 Neighbourhood Watch groups covering approximately 2,500 households. However, we are aware that areas of Berkhamsted, Potten End and Little Gaddesden have gaps in the schemes.

If you are not covered by a Watch where you live then why not get together with your neighbours and start one. All you need to do is to get in touch with Berkhamsted police station who will supply you with all the information you require.

What are the benefits of a Neighbourhood Watch? There is the knowledge that you know what your neighbours look like, which makes it easier to recognise strangers on your patch. You know there is someone on the look-out for your property when you are away and you get reduced insurance premiums. Newsletters are produced by the crime prevention panel and you have up-to-date information from the police on possible problems in your area together with the Crime Prevention News magazine. We also hold an annual forum for co-ordinators.



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## BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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Berkhamsted Women's Institute held their annual meeting on 20th November. The president, Mrs Olive Odell, welcomed Mrs Jean Curl, county chairman of Hertfordshire Federation W.I. and all members. Both Mrs Odell and Mrs June Haile, secretary, were resigning from office and they thanked their committee and all members for the loyal support and friendship they had received through their years of office. Mrs Orchard gave a full account of the autumn council meeting of HFWI which had ended with a marvellous talk on Siberia by Mr J. Collis.

The secretary reported on activities for the year which included an wide variety of talks on interesting topics: Waddesden Manor, Chinese cookery, Roman architecture, hidden messages in fashion, the drover's route to Dorchester, cancer relief and musical entertainment. Members had visited Chienies Manor, the Tate Gallery, an exhibition on evacuees, an exhibition of county craft at Tring museum, taken part in group meetings and competitions winning several stars. The birthday party in April had a St George's day theme.

The treasurer, Mrs Val Atkinson, made sure everyone was relaxed for her presentation of the accounts by asking members to participate in a few yoga breathing exercises. The audited accounts were passed. A bursary of £150 for a course at Denman College in 1997 had been won by Mrs Gladys Fenner and the autumn fair had raised over £400.

The draft section had met every two weeks during the year and learnt new crafts and made articles for a very successful stall at the autumn fair. The play reading group also met every fortnight and the produce section had met during the year for interesting sessions on herb recognition and biscuit making.

Mrs Curl spoke of the celebration on 17th February, 1997 of the formation of the Women's Institute movement in Canada a hundred years ago. The W.I. is still a body of caring and forward thinking women working within the community and a major force to be

reckoned with. Resolutions passed each year are often ahead of their time and have resulted in legislation. Plans are going ahead for the celebration of the millennium. She then organised the proceedings for the election of the committee by reading the names of the ten members willing to serve. They were all duly elected and from them Mrs Gill Blumson was elected as president.

After refreshments the meeting closed with a light hearted quiz.

We meet every Wednesday in the month at 7:30pm in the Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted. Talks planned in our programme for 1997 will include *Gardening, Hidden Messages in Fashion, Health, Old Glass Paperweights, Portraits of Women, Flowers and Antiques* and *Did I Say That?* Do come and find out what other interesting and educative activities the W.I. can offer. You will be most welcome.

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

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At the last meeting of the year we were welcomed by our new president Elizabeth Baxendale who was pleased to introduce our speaker for the afternoon, Dr A.R. Maisey who gave a very amusing talk on his experiences as a G.P. on *Talking to Children - What Doctors Say*. He emphasised two things which matter in talking to young children - to make sure to get their age right and to remember their names!

Mrs Susie Davidson gave us a report of an outing several members made to St Albans for an international day entitled *Sri Lanka*. Our *Town Topic* for the month was the opening this week of the re-sited Waitrose store. Out of 31 members present only seven members found the new store to their liking.

During a special Christmas tea the raffle was drawn and poems and carols were enjoyed by all.

Our first meeting of the new year is on Friday, 3rd January when our speaker will be Elizabeth Baxendale who will be asking *Are you sitting comfortably?*. The meeting will begin at 2:00pm at the Court House, Berkhamsted. Why not come and bring a friend? I am sure you'll join us in the end. ❖



A Happy New Year to all our readers

# reviewdiary

All services at normal times unless stated.

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## JANUARY

6	8:00pm	Epiphany - High Mass	<i>St Peter's</i>
17		Standing Committee meeting	
23	7:30pm	<i>Youth in our Care</i> - talk & discussion, with the Revd Ferial Etherington	<i>The Court House</i>
24		St Peter's Area Committee	
24		All Saints' Area Committee	

## FEBRUARY

1	10:30-12:30A	Celebration of Christian Healing with Bishop Graham Dow	<i>St Alban's Abbey</i>
1	7:00pm-10:00	<i>Showtime at Shrovetide</i> - a Parish Event (arrive from 6:30pm)	<i>Town Hall</i>
8	3-8:00pm	Bellringers District Meeting	<i>St Peter's</i>

## ASH WEDNESDAY

12	8:00pm	Liturgy of Penitence, Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	<i>St Peter's</i>
14		PCC Meeting (changed from 7th February)	

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## Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

17 November	Georgina Sophie Matthews
24 November	Victoria Louise Bacon, Charlotte Nicole Bacon

## Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

1 December	Joseph McEntee
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## Marriage Blessing (*St Peter's*)

30 November	Bernard (Bernie) & Kay Newmarch
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## Funerals

10 November	Ivy Slater	The Chilterns Crematorium
14 November	Kathleen Duncan Cooper	The Chilterns Crematorium
18 November	Norman Frank Howe	The Chilterns Crematorium

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Names and local telephone numbers for jobs, rotas and information (for clergy, parish officers, music, bells and banns etc. see back page). Parish Office in the Court House (sec: Jean Green, 878227) is usually open 9:30-5:30 Tues/Wed, 9:30-1pm Friday (ansaphone other times). In the table below details which have changed since the last time this list appeared are shown in *italics*.

	<i>St Peters</i>	<i>All Saints</i>
Altar service	Keith Middleditch (862423)	Doug Billington (866038)
Chalice rota	Martin Macdonald (872002)	Doug Billington (866038)
Sunday school	Julie Kemp (872576)	Vivienne Bull (870921)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Doug Billington (866038)
Church maintenance	John Cook (866278)	Mike Limbrick (863008)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	<i>Sylvia Banks (871195)</i>
Flower arrangements	Gwen Beddall (862845)	<i>Jayne Harris (873974)</i>
Sunday morning coffee	<i>Rene Dunford (862420)</i>	Pam Rushton (864467)
Service recordings	Tony Blair (864660)	Ian McCalla (384574)
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Joan Cook (866278)	John Banks (871195)
Electoral Roll	June Haile (873087)	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	John Malcolm (874993)
Sidesmen	Christopher Green (863241)	John Banks (871195)
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 Organist: Mrs Jean Cooper. Tel: 874088  
**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun Rite B)  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with  
 Sunday Schools (in the Court  
 House) followed by coffee in  
 the Court House.  
 11.15am Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only)  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon  
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')  
**Weekdays**  
 Holy Communion  
 Wednesday 6.45am  
 Thursday 11.00am  
 Friday 9.15am  
 Morning Prayer: Tues-Sat 7:30am  
 Evening Prayer: Tues-Fri 5:30pm  
 Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
 Matins & Evensong said daily  
**Confessions:** After Saturday Evening Prayer (5.00pm) or at other times by appointment.  
**Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals**  
 Please contact Father Mark Bonney.  
**Bellringers (St Peter's):** Miss Priscilla Watt, 9 Kings Road. Tel: 863804

## All Saints'

Organist: Mrs Valerie McCalla Tel: 384574 Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894  
**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)  
 9.15am Family Sung Eucharist & Sunday Schools, then coffee in the Hall  
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)  
 6.30pm Evening Service (1st Sunday - Anglican rite, other Sundays Methodist rite)  
**Weekdays**  
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 Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
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