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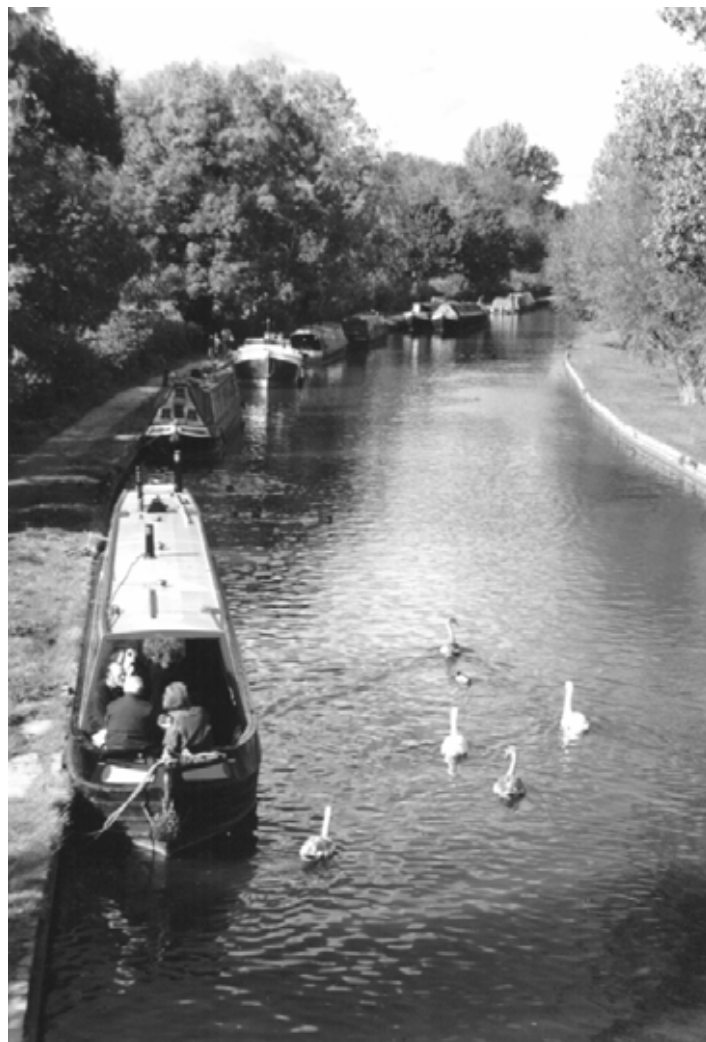
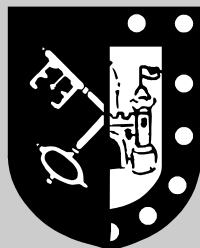
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The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'

Welcome to the November issue of the Review.

Do you know where all the photographers have gone? We remain completely unsubmerged in the pictures for which we have appealed several times in the past few months. We are attracting more writers. A heartening throng of advertisers is beginning to beat a path to our door. Our readership is on a definite upward trend. We are successfully provoking many contributors to air their views in our letters page. As Chris Smalley said last month, in a magazine like this the letters are a vital source of diversity of opinion and topic.

But what of the photographers? Where are the graphic artists? We are always on the look-out for more pictures, preferably with a local content or illustrating a theme in the church's year. So far hardly a 'dicky bird'. Come on you artists with pen, brush and camera. Surprise us! How about a startling cover picture for Christmas or the New Year? We await your call!

David Woodward

PS: we will of course return any material you contribute (an SAE would be appreciated). A sign of the times is that we can accept material in all sorts of computer formats - so there's really no excuse!

In this month's issue...

Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Revd Robin Figg considers the feelings that become apparent in November.

Henry Nash

A great local benefactor and historian is remembered by **John Cook** who asks why no road is named after him.

A well-kept churchyard

The case for the traditional way of managing the old churchyard, presented by **Christopher Morris**.

On his bike...

Patrick Lepper, that is - on this year's Beds & Herts Historic Churches ride.

Care as it should be

Stephen Halliday with an initiative for 'care in the community' as it should be.

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Sheila Newland urges a new campaign - with a T-shirt and logo to boot!

... plus our regular features, readers' letters, notes & notices and diary dates.

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**Fr Robin Figg calls
November
a time for
remembrance
and thanksgiving.**

Summer is over, the clocks have gone back and the evenings are dark once more. As the seasons change so too does our mood, individually and corporately. The autumn, it seems,

is a particular time for remembering and giving thanks.

In early October in All Saints' Church we had a wonderful Thanksgiving Service for the Hospice of Saint Francis, part of which was the Act of Remembrance for those who had died in the last year or so having received care through the Hospice. In the first days of November the Church leads our remembrance and thanksgiving with, first the feast of All Saints and then the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. A few days later the nation remembers all those who have laid down their lives in war for the sake of their friends.

In all this our memories are triggered and we find different feelings being evoked. As we look back and remember the lives of the saints down the ages, the great champions of the faith, we may be filled with immense joy and happiness. For these are the people who show us the wonders of life, the possibilities in life. They fill us with a sense of pride and gratitude in our own humanity.

When we look back and remember the lives of those we have known personally, the souls that we have loved and cherished, we may be filled with immense pain and sadness as we reflect on the separation that death brings.

The feast of All Saints' may feel 'easy' to celebrate; we thank God for those people whose lives have been seemingly more exemplary and spirit filled than we feel we can ever expect to be. All Souls

and Remembrance Sunday are somehow different. On these occasions we thank God for those people whose lives and experiences are more particularly like our own. Our relationships with such as these are different and we find ourselves brought face to face with our own vulnerability and mortality as human beings.

Our society is not very good at dealing with death and such feelings can be painful so we often avoid them. But it is only by our engaging in such acts of remembrance that any pain, hurt or anxiety can be dealt with and healed. ❖

*November
is remembering
Saints
Guy Fawkes
Poppies
Leaves falling -
Yet the tree remains
Gaunt and shadowy
In mists
Which gently veil
Some hurts we would forget*

*Rain falling softly
Through unclothed branches
Becomes a healing
A restoring*

*So can we accept
Our Novembers -
Our remembrings.*

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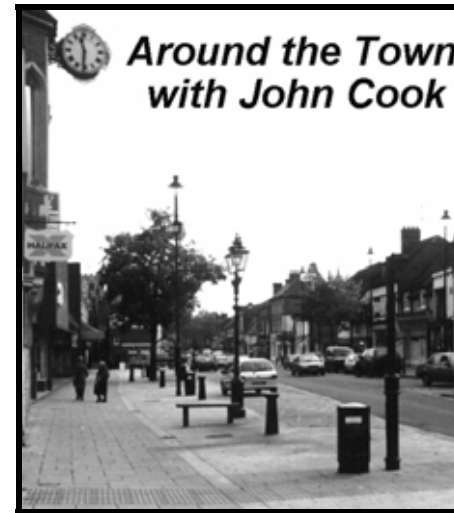
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Henry Nash

There are three books of Berkhamsted history written by local amateur historians available in the Town's bookshops : Percy Birchnell's *A Short History of Berkhamsted*, Cobb's *History and Antiquities of Berkhamsted*, and *Reminiscences of Berkhamsted* by Henry Nash. For anyone interested in our local history these are all important buys.

Henry Nash was a humble leather cutter, but he educated himself and with tireless zeal pursued good works in the Town, particularly the improvement to education of the working class and of girls. He played an important role in setting up two major institutions here: the now defunct but once important Berkhamsted Mechanics' Institute and Berkhamsted School for Girls. One of the newer buildings at what was the Girls' School is called *The Nash* after him, and his portrait hangs in the school. It is surely a bad oversight on the part of successive councils that no street in the Town is named after such an influential local figure.

Until 1865 Nash's leather shop was what is now No 21 Castle Street - where I live. Here early meetings of the Mechanics' Institute were held, and

presumably here also Nash wrote his contributions to local newspapers which later formed the basis of his book.

When his landlord, Thomas Whately, a well-known 19th century Berkhamsted surgeon and also a local benefactor, sold the house Nash moved two houses down the street.

Beer Houses

After Nash left, what is at present our home was turned into a beer house, the purpose for which it had been originally designed. The identical house next door was built with the same intention, showing confidence on the part of the developer that the demand for beer would continue to rise in the middle of the last century.

In his book which was published in 1890, Nash said that at one time an unlimited number of houses were licensed to sell beer to be drunk on or off the premises. There were seven such houses in Castle Street alone. Within the 50 years previous to the publication of the book the population of Berkhamsted had rather more than doubled, while the public houses and beer shops had increased nearly four-fold.

So it is strange that No 22 Castle Street and other buildings of about the same age, such as Bridge House on the corner of Bridge Street which were also designed to be public houses, were never licensed. This might be thought particularly odd since between these two houses is an old brewery building - for a long time used by the Scouts. On the side of it you can still see the words 'Fosters No 2 Malting'.

Old Signs

It is remarkable that this sign in Chapel Street has lasted so long - 70 or 80 years I guess - and a credit to the quality of the paint. Will any of today's signs last so long?

There are one or two other names from the past painted on brickwork still to be seen in the Town. In Manor Street, high up on an end wall is the word *Coopers* in large, handsome, shadowed lettering; and

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then in the High Street looking eastwards towards St Peter's Church, again high on a gable wall of one of Berkhamsted's long-gone grocer's shops, you can see *Home and Colonial*.

These premises have now been turned into a well-stocked bric-a-brac shop - four floors of it - and the proprietors have come up with the imaginative idea of calling it 'The Home and Colonial', thus making good use of the sign they inherited. The planners would never give planning permission for such a sign these days - or would they? Look what W H Smiths have got away with.

New Words

We are fortunate that Berkhamsted still has one or two good bookshops, and it was a relief after the major re-fit of W H Smiths to find that there has been no reduction in the amount of space given over to books. Berkhamsted also benefits every two months from the book fair in the Civic Centre - always worth a visit.

I suppose, though, that before too long books will be a largely out-of-date medium and we will buy everything on disk or just access the Internet. In theory this should be a boon to people like us whose house groans under the weight of books and paper; but I have a weakness for them, particularly books of reference, and when the new Cassell's dictionary came out I succumbed.

It is special for including current slang and other new words which are not to be found in previous dictionaries. 'Barking bloke' is there, meaning a typical floating male voter (I had thought it meant something else); so is 'twinkies'. We have lots of twinkies in Berkhamsted, in George Street for example. They are, according to Cassell's, two-income families with no children. A certain amount of twocking goes on here too (taking cars without the owners' permission). But does anyone really use these words?



Modern day signs - but how long will they last?

Spin doctor : there's a term which was hardly heard until the last general election and is now in daily use. The rather vivid expression *dumbing down* is included - from America of course - meaning to bring down to a lower level of understanding. This term is increasingly heard these days and is particularly applicable to what is happening to the BBC and pretty-well all the national newspapers.

Cassell's new dictionary is also up-to-date enough to include a word which in the last two or three months has suddenly emerged into common daily use and will without question have to be included in all future dictionaries of the English language - paparazzo, and its plural paparazzi.

Trains Again

Now we know : our local trains are to be called Silverlink County, and some have already appeared in new livery. According to the *Gazette*, Silverlink Train Services' managing director said that 'changing names and colours was a sign that improvements were being implemented and that our customers really do come first'. Let's hope that this so and more substantial improvements than changing the name and the paint will come about.

But we should be grateful that for years we have had a good train service by almost any standards, and this to a large extent was due to the efforts of the first Director of Network SouthEast, Chris Green, who lives in the Town. ❖

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About 90 banners The weather was as kind as ever: a lovely bright day with long views, only a few spots of rain, and a westerly breeze which carried me along in the morning and was not too unkind on the long westward haul after lunch.

Even so, I can only get round the 47 churches in my area with a little stretching of the rules, and the churches in Northchurch and Berkhamsted agreed once again to grant me 'the organiser's privilege' and open a little early. I like to talk to the people on duty, but since five minutes' chat at 47 churches comes to all but 4 hours, it is difficult to fit the necessary cycling into the 8 hours!

And although I have applied the best brain that I have to making my route follow the valleys of the Bulbourne and the Gade, one cannot avoid climbing their steep sides now and again. In fact it has to be done eight times: from Berkhamsted up to Potten End, from Bourne End up to Bovingdon, from Nash Mills up to Bennetts End, from Boxmoor up to Warners End, from Hemel Hempstead Old Town up to Grovehill, from Great Gaddesden over to Nettleden, from Nettleden up to Little Gaddesden, and from Aldbury up to Wigginton.

The rewards of course are that every time one has done the climb one can enjoy the ride down again, sometimes gripping the brakes for dear life; and one comes to all those nice churches with nice people offering squash, together with boiled

On His Bike!

Patrick Lepper stretched his legs during the sponsored bike ride in aid of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.



Berkhamsted Baptist Church stooping under a huge tower of scaffolding, stretching right up to the top of the spire.

This is one of our current grant applications. John Ball, the treasurer, pointed out to me the clusters of stone shafts on either side of the door, to which the stonemasons had fitted new bases with beautifully carved rings, the workmanship every bit as good as before. (Three days later the minister, James Neve, took me right to the top to see the splendid renewal work on the spire.) At Potten End, Patrick Haworth and the Revd John Kirkby showed me the bell-turret, which, happily, they have rebuilt without needing a grant from us. I looked at two very different roofs, the 15th century one at Great Gaddesden, newly repaired with our help, and the striking but strange Victorian one at Carey Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead, where our help is about to be enlisted. ❖

Patrick managed to get to 47 churches on the day of the ride (Saturday, 13th September), as did Jean Cooper. Many other members of the parish took part, and to all who did so a great big thank you!

sweets at Bourne End, exotic biscuits at Gadebridge, a hot lunch at Tring Baptist Church, manifold cakes at New Mill, cream tea at Puttenham...

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I read with interest Stephen Halliday's article *Weeds or Wildlife* (October Review). As one who has recently handed over the burden, after some thirty years, of looking after the churchyard in Three Close Lane, to give it its proper name, I

feel that I must make some response. The idea of turning disused churchyards into wildlife reserves is one promoted by the various nature trusts and it is tempting to think that this solves the problem of maintenance. It is not, however, a simple matter. To be successful, such reserves need management and demand much more time from the person in charge and from other workers than does the supervision of a grass cutting contractor and the organising of litter clearance.

There are, furthermore, other considerations. There is a world of difference between a country churchyard and one like Three Close Lane which is surrounded by housing and used as a short cut into the town. Our country churchyard in Cumbria is full of snowdrops and daffodils, which flower in the spring, and it is left to grow long in the summer with wild flowers. It looks very attractive. Even so it has to be cut at least once a year and the cuttings removed - not too great a task in a small area.

In Three Close Lane, experience has shown that when the grass is left uncut the use of the area as a rubbish dump is increased. Also, mowing only the paths does not ensure that people keep to them; they still trample a track through the long

A WELL-KEPT CHURCHYARD?

Christopher Morris puts the case for traditional management of the Three Close Lane churchyard.

grass on the direct route, making the place look even more derelict. Then there are the complaints, some of them highly offensive, which we get - particularly from those who cannot find their relatives' graves in the hay field. They range from "Surely a

wealthy place like Berkhamsted is ashamed to let God's Acre get in such a state" to "When I was at Victoria School the pupils would have been pleased to keep the grass trimmed" !

The problem of long grass cuttings left lying to rot arises because it has proved difficult to get the contractor employed by the Parochial Church Council (not, please, the Parish Council - another body altogether which plays no part in the matter) to cut the grass at the right times instead of waiting until it has got out of hand. In the past when we had 40 or so volunteers, each looking after a small area, this problem seldom arose, but the days of finding

sufficient volunteers for this kind of work are over.

I must stress that these comments apply to the upper part of the churchyard which it is the responsibility of the PCC to maintain. The lower part is dealt with by Dacorum Borough Council. It does a good job; the grass is cut regularly and thus there are only short lengths of cut grass left lying which soon disappear. I see no alternative, in the absence of much more voluntary effort, to continue with grass cutting and with trying to get the contractor to perform better. ❖



It's That Time Again!

Once again it's time for the Children's Society boxes to be opened; I am looking forward to collecting boxes as usual at the 9:30 am service at St Peter's during November and December. If you don't come to this service I shall be more than pleased to visit you at home - just give me a ring on 863526. I would like to thank all boxholders for your continuing support during the past year - I hope all the boxes are exceedingly heavy!

If there is anyone who would like to have a collecting box for The Children's Society do please contact me on the above number and I shall be happy to give you a box and explain more about the work of this very worthwhile charity. In any case, I hope as many people as possible will come to St Peter's on Sunday, 7th December when Margaret Chinchin, The Society's area appeals organiser, will be preaching at the 9:30 am service.

Kathie Lally

'CARP'ing On

The subject of canalside
'improvements' attracts
Sheila Newland's attention.

As an interested member of the public (I.M.P.) I attended a recent meeting of the town council as I understood that the outcome of the C.A.R.P. (Canal And River Partnership) exhibition and the town meeting on 1st September was being discussed.

I confess to a 'proprietary' feeling about 'our' canal - in particular the area from the South Park Gardens / Park Street bridge to *The Boat* public house. Not, I hasten to explain, because I am in the habit of staggering to and from the 'pub but because I find this a very convenient and pleasant local walk, without the need for using the car.

All three of us I.M.Ps present were warmly welcomed by the chairman / town mayor and we understood that we had the right to express our opinions for, I think, about five minutes. The need to improve the

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I'm sure that the thought of so many people sleeping rough these days haunts any right-thinking person.

The problem took me back to the days of our parish in Leicestershire, when men (it was always men) were 'passing through', very often to Nottingham where they would be able to get a bed for the night.

Most men who called were quite happy to receive the inevitable hot drink and something to eat - and if my husband was in - a little money. It used to be said in the past - I don't know if it still is - that such vicarages were marked in some way, to show that the vicar was a soft touch! So what. If the caller wasn't genuine, that was on their conscience.

On the evening of Princess Diana's funeral I was up in London with my younger daughter, her step-son and my grand daughter. We had been to see *Guys and Dolls* at the Olivier Theatre, which was absolutely marvellous and had a terrific reception. The afternoon performance had been cancelled because of the funeral, and I think the audience

Memories are made of this

Muriel Lander experiences
the highs and lows of life
in London.

let themselves go after the sadness of the day's events. We were walking back to the station when we saw a young man seated on the ground, playing his radio and asking if we had any change to spare. We dropped some money by him, and I murmured "Good luck". As I looked into his lack lustre

eyes, I realised he was either on drugs or drink or both. And he is someone's son, for goodness sake. For whatever reason he is living like that, can we turn our back on such people? I think I would be tempted to take drugs and/or drink if I found myself in that position.

I thought of my evening with my relatives - a meal out, then the theatre, and good company. And for this boy - what?

I've come full circle from the beginning of my article. No right-thinking person can tolerate the thought of so many being forced to sleep rough. I say again - as I said in a previous article - we must press for empty accommodation all over this land to be requisitioned, if necessary, and turned into accommodation for the homeless (no address - no job), and the mentally ill. ❖

'CARP'ing on *(continued)*

canal and river area was discussed for two and a half hours and I am thankful that it was not my responsibility to record the minutes of the meeting!

After lengthy discussion *money* (or the lack of it) as always emerged as the main problem. Personally, I think this could be regarded at the moment as a safety valve. At least improvements will have to be strictly prioritised thereby discouraging the erection of anything 'arty-crafty' to spoil what should be, in my opinion, an area of natural beauty.

Whether the River Bulbourne returns or not, nature - given a chance and perhaps some encouragement will fill the river bed with flowers and unusual plants (as can be seen already). With guidance from our local eminent botanist, Richard Mabey, this could become an interesting area for the study of wild life and could involve local schools.

So - it's time for the T-shirts - don't let this opportunity pass. Let's have a logo! 'B.O.D.' (Beware of Over Development) - perhaps not! Anyway - suggestions to the Editor, please. ❖

Our Local Press

John Francis, Editor of the Gazette and HeraldExpress, writes:

John Cook's grudging tribute to the standards of accuracy and fairness of our local press in the October issue of the *Review* was welcome, but I am afraid I must point out that his own comments fall short in both departments.

The free newspaper we publish is not the *Herald & Post* - it is the *HeraldExpress*, and has been for the last two years. It was formed from a merger of the two previous free titles which served the Dacorum area, the *Herald & Post* and the *Express*. I make no apology for it being a large and successful title, providing useful part-time employment for hundreds of delivery agents. They would certainly agree that many letterboxes don't seem to have been designed for anything larger than a postcard, but despite this obstacle we faithfully deliver a certified 55,613 copies a week.

Neither the *Gazette* nor the *HeraldExpress* publishes to an advertising/editorial ratio of 90:10, as he suggests. For the *Gazette* the figure is

nearer 60:40, and for the *HeraldExpress* 80:20. True, advertising is still the majority partner - but this has always been the case, and the advertising we carry is all local information as well. When your readers last moved house, bought a car or went for a new job, the chances are they were reacting to what they read in their local paper.

His comment about 'disappointingly sparse' coverage of Berkhamsted affairs must also be challenged. When you take into account the dedicated Berkhamsted news page in the *Gazette*, news reports and pictures elsewhere in the paper, the club news carried in our Society Reports section, wide-ranging sports pages and the coverage of the town carried in the *HeraldExpress*, I would argue that the town is well served. It would, of course, be possible to expand our coverage when circumstances permit - but at the moment Berkhamsted gets its fair share and more of our available columns, and to suggest otherwise is to insult our highly-experienced chief reporter for the town, who works devotedly to ensure that Berkhamsted readers get a full picture of what is going on down their way every week.

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John Cook replies: *I stand corrected and apologise to Mr Francis for getting the name of the HeraldExpress wrong and the inaccuracy of my percentage; but my tribute was not grudging. I particularly think that we have been well served by our local reporter on the Gazette for a good few years now - Rita Knowles. Nevertheless, the thrust of my comments about the thin coverage of Berkhamsted news by the local papers still seems to me to be not far wide of the mark. Other readers may have views.*

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To all those who sponsored Sunil Dhakal

Revd Matthew Baynes writes:

It is now some six years since Bryony and I visited Nepal where Bryony's parents were working at the International Church. As I am sure many of you remember, Janet Starr (Bryony's mother), during her time in Kathmandu, became very involved in the work of one of the orphanages there, and it was from this orphanage that Sunil Dhakal was sent to school, to give him the opportunity of an education. Sunil is now coming to the end of his time in school; he has just one year left, and so the period of sponsorship is also coming to an end. We now have sufficient funds to cover his final year expenses and so are now in the process of winding up the 'Sunil Dhakal Fund'. It is very largely due to the generous donations that we have received during the past six years that he has been able to complete his education, and I know from his letters that Sunil is very aware of this and very grateful. In his most recent letter he wrote, "Your constant support have given me the strength to go on ... please convey my thanks and regards to all those who have been helping me out".

We hope that following on from school Sunil will be able to get some form of apprenticeship, using what he has learned at school as a spring-board for establishing himself in a trade which

will allow him to earn a living, an unlikely prospect six years ago.

With grateful thanks for all your concern and support.

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The Peace

Allan JA Wilson writes:

In a recent issue of the *Review*, Vera Pullen expressed her discomfort at the practice, during certain services of worship, of offering each other the Peace. I am sure there are others who share this feeling to some extent either at the Peace or, in some churches, at the practice of looking at one another during the saying of the Grace.

It seems worthwhile to take a fresh look at what we are seeking to express on these occasions.

The greatest thing we can wish for family or friends is a sense of the presence of God, whether it be His comfort, His love, His grace or His peace. What an opportunity, therefore, to be able to do this within the fellowship of His people. The way this is expressed can vary - a warm handshake can convey enough, so long as it is from the heart.

Greeting members of our family in this context is not the same as affection shown at home - it is an expression of a relationship which is deeper than human love, as Christ himself has taught us.

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House Martins, and other birds

Stuart Downhill writes:

I read the recent articles by John Cook and, more recently, Richard Mabey. As a bird ringer I have watched the local populations closely for a number of years. I would endorse Richard Mabey's point about farm chemicals, though he uses one word which creates quite the wrong impression.

But first to house martins. Earlier this year I wrote in the *Gazette* asking for news of house martin nests in Berkhamsted. This followed a survey, in 1995, for the Hertfordshire Bird Club, when I found eight active nests in the northern half of the town. This year I had seen only one, that being on Bridgewater Road. I had only two replies to my letter and both were from outside the town. I suspect this year will be the last time these birds grace our town proper.

All the evidence from the British Trust for Ornithology and from the RSPB points to 'clean' crops and the lack of winter stubbles as the major causes of decline amongst birds on the 'red' and 'amber' danger lists. The word I objected to in

Richard Mabey's letter is the word 'indiscriminate'. He uses this in referring to the spraying which produces the 'clean' crops farmers strive for and, I have no doubt, the general public prefer to buy. How often do we reject a marked piece of fruit or a vegetable? We cannot blame farmers for 'indiscriminate spraying', at least not in general, but rather we should alter the system of payments and penalties to restrict and discourage the use of these chemicals.

There is a price to be paid if, like me, you wish to conserve all the variety of life we inherited. Over the past five years, at my ringing sites, I have averaged one local extinction each year. These disappearances are part of the general decline; they happen quietly and without fuss. This 'silent spring' is just as insidious as that of the 1960's but we need to wake up to its stealthy approach.

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The expression *care in the community* has come to have rather gruesome associations, despite its good intentions, owing to the fact that the phrase is often quoted in court reports in connection with offences committed by patients unwisely released from mental hospitals. However in September I had the

good fortune to attend a dinner at the *King's Arms*, hosted by Berkhamsted Lions Club, to witness the launch of the *Berkhamsted Patients Medical Fund*, a concept which promises care in the community as it *should* be practised.

The idea originated in our sister community, Tring, about ten years ago. Kieran Tucker, from Tring Lions, explained how the Lions and the Rotary Club set aside £2,000 to purchase special equipment - beds, mattresses, wheelchairs and similar facilities which enable sick people to be cared for in their own homes rather than being consigned to hospital. Such equipment is essential if some patients are to be cared for in this way. The patients themselves and their families almost always prefer care at home to care in hospital; the patients receive regular visits from district nurses and it is more cost-effective for the National Health Service to look after them in this way. Everyone gains.

Two of Berkhamsted's district nurses, Annette Wiggs and Liza Essenhigh, attended the dinner at the *King's Arms* and explained the work they do in looking after patients at home and the frustrations that can arise when patients cannot be properly be cared for because they cannot lay their hands on the appropriate equipment. The local health service can supply it - eventually - but there is often a

CARE IN AND BY THE COMMUNITY

A local scheme will be a boon for care in our local community. **Stephen Halliday** gives us an insight.

wait of days or weeks before the right piece of equipment becomes available. In the meantime the patient either suffers considerable discomfort or has to be sent to hospital.

The store of equipment in Tring has now grown in value to £20,000 thanks to further fund-raising and bequests

by patients whose condition has been alleviated by speedy access to it. The district nurses in Tring simply go to the store, take the equipment they need and install it in the patient's home - sometimes in a matter of hours. When NHS equipment becomes available the Lions/Rotary Club equipment is returned to the store for the next user. When possible, Berkhamsted patients are able to use the Tring equipment but Annette Wiggs wrote to the Berkhamsted Lions suggesting that it was time Berkhamsted had its own store and the Lions have responded by launching the *Berkhamsted Patients Medical Fund* with an initial target of £5,000. A committee is now working on further fund-raising schemes and it will also be necessary to find a suitable store for the equipment when it is not in use, preferably in the vicinity of the Victory Road clinic where the District Nurses are based.

This initiative is *Care in and by the Community* as it should be and it deserves our full support. If any readers of the *Review* have ideas for promoting the enterprise I know that Berkhamsted Lions would like to hear from you. Please write to the former president of Berkhamsted Lions, Peter Block, at 22, Hall Park Gate (864731). Let's make it work for Berkhamsted as it has for Tring. ❖



Victoria First School

Harvest festival was celebrated at St Peter's on 1st October when the entire school and teaching staff, supported by 70 or 80 parents, attended a service of thanksgiving led by Father Robin.

The prayers and meditations were written and read by the children and the youngest sang *See here are red apples*. We were told about the work of St Botolph's Crypt, and also learnt about farming in Kenya. Gifts of produce were presented which will help the work of St Botolph's. The congregational singing of three hymns was well led by the children.

We welcome Mrs Janet Robinson as the new headteacher who took up her responsibilities on 1st September. Her appointment by the governors was unanimous and fully supported by the St Albans Diocesan Board of Education. Mrs Robinson is very keen to foster and develop further the special relationship Victoria School enjoys with the parish.

We are confident that every aspect of the education of the children at Victoria is in good hands.

David Burbidge
Chairman of Governors



The Mothers Union

September proved to be a busy month for our branch. After our August break, with no meetings, we were plunged into action. This meant joining Leverstock Green M.U. and several other branches for a talk on M.U. marketing, attending the Festival Service at St Albans (reported last month) and acting as welcomers at the Abbey for a day. After all that we were all the more able to enjoy a relaxing meeting on 10th September. With a holiday theme, we shared our summer experiences which were very varied ranging from visits within the British Isles and travelling on a canal longboat to visits abroad, cycling in France and even touring China. There was so much to talk about and so little time - we could have talked all night!

By the time you read this we will have had an informal communion service led by Fr Stephen who is our deanery chaplain and will be looking forward to our November meeting (12th November) when we shall be discussing *Euthanasia*. Do join us if you are interested.



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It really will teach me to get involved. The Christmas lights saga rolls on. So, with just two months to organise things from an almost standing start to switch on, I, and my fellow councillors (even if they don't know it yet) will do our best to sort out the situation and attempt to ensure procedures are in place for future years. If nothing else comes good, the borough council will be devising a policy for Christmas lights throughout the borough. Ourselves and Tring have already had monies approved by the committees, although at the time of writing, these have still to be approved by the full council. I understand Kings Langley have submitted an application for a grant towards their lights, so we shall see!

The town planning committee is still discussing the county structure plan following the 'examination in public' as we still have an opportunity to make representations. The council is concerned that green belt land is still being considered for building on before all the other possibilities have been exhausted. I am also concerned that all these plans are based on predictions provided by central government and filtered down so that everyone blames everyone else. The borough have worked on the theory that you only have to house your own population. They accept the government view that households will be smaller with more one-parent families and single people wanting a place of their own. The planners talk about housing density and talk about so many houses per hectare (whatever they are) and I suspect the areas required for housing have been worked out using these criteria. However, if the number of people in each household is expected to be less, then perhaps the density should be calculated by expected

CUTTING COMMENTS

Local independent councillor
Norman Cutting casts his eye
over recent council activity.

residents per hectare, rather than buildings.

The latest environment committee meeting was preceded by a talk by Mr Tim Webb from the Environment Agency about the alleviation of low flows study document

concerned with the River Bulbourne. It appears the low flow is caused by a lack of water! I keep hearing that the Bulbourne always has had a variable flow. I realise my memory is not the best, but, I'm sure when I used to deliver newspapers down St Johns Well Lane the watercress beds always had water flowing over them and the rickety wooden 'bridge' was always 'damp' underfoot. Yes, I know the watercress beds are no longer there, but that is not due to lack of water, but to the change in eating habits. The fact that watercress needs a good flow of water and those beds lasted for a fair number of years does suggest that the apparent acceptance of variation in flow must be in error.

Another little matter that is being addressed this cycle is next years budget. So far, it looks as though I may have a minor battle on my hands between those who wish to spend most of the money your council have built up in reserve to provide the facilities a town our size expects, and those who feel we have raised enough without spending it, so let's not raise anymore and preferably cut our precept demands. Compared with this, the Christmas Lights are a doddle.

You may just have time to bend my ear on next year's budget, or any other matter, if you pop in and see me at the regular 'surgery' in the town hall on the third Saturday of every month between 10:00am and noon. See, I got that plug in - now for another one. The council is thinking about ways to get you involved and informed. We've tried evening public meetings,

we've tried the *Conqueror*, we've tried an informal 'tea and biscuits' evening and we have the Saturday morning 'surgery'. Teh-Raa - how about a market stall. We really do want to get you all involved and let you know what is going on, as well as you telling us what you want from us. If you have any good ideas on this subject, then let me know, otherwise, we shall just have to keep trying.

The Boundary Commission has produced its draft report and it is suggesting that the boundaries are shuffled around so that most of the northern part of the town, *ie* the Berkhamsted Common side of the High Street is Berkhamsted Castle ward, the Hemel Hempstead end from Kings/Chesham Road to Bourne End is Berkhamsted East and the rest Berkhamsted West. The proposal is to cut the number of borough councillors from

seven to six with Berkhamsted East (my ward!!) losing the odd one. The commission is not really concerned with parish boundaries, but has taken on board the comments of the council with the suggestion that we should be increased in numbers from 13 to 15. At the present time the Sunnyside/Shrublands/Castle town council wards are different from the borough ones, but I believe common sense will prevail and the two will line up in the end. The other main proposal is to elect the council in thirds instead of the current all change (or not, hopefully) every four years. As I said, these are draft proposals, primarily concerning us borough members but you still have time to make your own comments and suggestions, either to the Commission direct or via your local representative. ❖

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Copy date for the December issue of the *Review* is **Friday, 28th November** due to the Christmas break so if you're planning to contribute to the issue please make a note in your diary.

And have you thought about contributing? Don't just leave it to other people - let that hidden journalist see the light of day! For the special Christmas issue we're particularly looking for articles with a seasonal flavour - maybe your reflections on this important time in the Christian year, or just a sidelong glance at the festivities. You'll find our address inside the front cover so come on, get writing!

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***As autumn
advances let us be
more aware of our
neighbours, urges
Revd Peter Hart.***

As November draws on, we slowly but surely prepare ourselves for a state of semi-hibernation, like the squirrels in the tall hazels opposite where I write. Dark mornings, early evening twilight, frost in the garden and the heating turned up are all conducive to stocking up the pantry, pulling the curtains tight, and staying at home. The harvest is in, we have put the clocks back one hour, even the railway timetable has changed to accommodate the alterations brought on by the arrival of winter. Our world closes in on itself.

There is, though, little parallel with this in the Bible, as the stories of Jesus and the early church seem rarely to include a reference to seasons, and apart from the odd storm, virtually no mention of weather conditions. We therefore can only guess at the extent to which Jesus and his disciples shared our great pleasure in cosiness and warmth, but we can be fairly sure that our tendency towards semi-hibernation during the autumn and winter months was not one which they would have recognised.

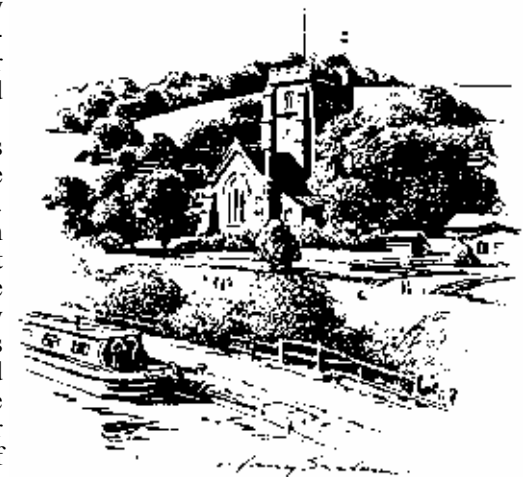
In fact, winter-long semi-hibernation is as much a false perception of our lifestyle as is the myth that squirrels hibernate. Looked at dispassionately, the late autumn and winter months are some of the most social times of the year - there are more parties between November and January than in any other months. Is this compensation for the rigours of the cold and damp, or a desire to make available our warmth and the contents of our pantry? Whether we socialise because of or in spite of the prevailing weather

conditions, the results are the same - pleasure, exchange, growth.

Although Jesus did not comment on life-style changes with the seasons, he did have a great deal to say about socialising. Jesus condemned those who socialised within a well-defined group, and limited their encounters to those with whom they were comfortable. He also warned against superficial social contacts carried on out of habit or duty. Jesus's strongest condemnation, though, was for those who ignored the social needs of others in their search for the greatest welcome and the most enriching fellowship.

I am conscious that I am writing on this subject at an early stage of the darker months, but the matter needs to be addressed now, to avoid pain later. Pulled curtains and locked doors can mean cosiness, but they can also mean loneliness and despair. Large numbers of milk bottles on the doorstep can indicate party time, but they can also signify sickness and neglect. Our awareness of our neighbours should increase in autumn and winter, not

(continued overleaf)



THE FRIENDS OF THE TOWN HALL

We all need friends and the Friends of the Town Hall would like a few more friends to join them in their fund-raising efforts. A small committee organises the activities of the Friends whose aim is to improve and promote the facilities of the town hall and, in particular, the restoration of the remaining derelict areas of the building - the former institute rooms.

Fairly recent additions to our number are Sheila Miller and Keith Middleditch whom you may have encountered selling raffle tickets outside the town hall on Saturday mornings during the summer. Two more newcomers June Marr and Anne-Marie Renny Smith joined the regular team inside the restored Great Hall and quickly became adept at selling books, bric a brac, plants and preserves on behalf of the Friends at the monthly community market. To the rescue also came keen gardeners Ann and John Powell who cared for and sold plants whilst Angela was out of action. We now need a few more folk to help on an occasional or regular basis with our varied activities.

If you would like to know more, do come along to the annual general meeting of the Friends of the Town Hall on Tuesday 4th November at 8:00pm in the Sessions Hall. All electors of Berkhamsted and Northchurch are eligible. The lift is situated at the rear of the

building next to *The Making Place*. We will be happy to tell you of our progress and our hopes for the future. You will be most welcome.

Angela & Christopher Morris

ST PETER'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We meet on Wednesday, 26th Wednesday at 2:30pm in the Court House when Eric Holland will talk to us about our local history and show slides of Berkhamsted years ago. We look forward to another interesting afternoon. Do come and bring a friend.

MEMORABILIA

If you have not already been, a visit to the heritage store in Berkhamsted can be arranged. There you will find a collection of artefacts, ancient maps, copies of the *Berkhamsted Review* going back 70 years and so on. It really is well worth a visit.

If you have any old photographs, post cards and suchlike of Berkhamsted years ago, the local history society would be happy to have them or, if you want to keep the photos, perhaps you would allow us to have copies made. Future generations will eternally be grateful for what you may think of as rubbish. Please ring Jim Pullen on 862196 if you can help or wish to visit the store.

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decrease. Our welcome of strangers and the deprived must be greater and more sincere as the weather becomes harsher. The great banquets of the kingdom, as described in the later chapters of Matthew, are attended by those from the highways and byways, or, in our wintry months, from behind drawn curtains and bolted doors, just as much as from the parks and railway arches of our towns.

As the winter draws on, may Christ broaden our awareness of our neighbours, just as he did to the Pharisee through the parable of the Good Samaritan. May our

thinking habits become more inclusive, our concern expressed in practical activities. As the weather deteriorates, transport is more of an issue, as is personal contact. Do you know your neighbours telephone number, as well as their name? We must be practical with our care, just as Jesus saw to physical needs as well as spiritual needs. We must be broad and inclusive in our welcome and socialising, just as God's kingdom takes in those who would otherwise be neglected. Above all, though, may we find joy in the company of others, just as Jesus always did. ❖

ADVENT TALKS IN PUTTENHAM 1997 'THIS TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS'

A quiet day will provide space for reflection on our innate spiritual capacity. This will be followed by three talks on successive Thursdays, each one drawing on a unique contribution to the Christian mystical tradition: the anonymous author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*, St Theresa of Avila and Fr Bede Griffiths. The speakers will explore ways of unearthing 'this treasure' in order that we might realise our full spiritual stature.

Advent Sunday, 30th November

A quiet day led by Sister Pia Buston

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Theme: *Awakening the Divinity Within*

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near Tring.

10:00am Holy Communion

11:30 First talk

6:00pm Advent Carol Service

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Thursday, 4th December

The Way of Unknowing

Katharine Watson

Thursday, 11th December

The Way of the Heart

Julienne McLean

Thursday, 18th December

The Way of Non-Duality

Canon Christopher Collingwood

Each speaker will conduct a period of silent meditation; there will also be opportunities for questions and a break for refreshments. The talks will be held in Cecelia Hall, Puttenham. Doors will open at 7:30pm for tea and coffee, for an 8:00pm start. Suggested donation: £3.

Leaflets giving more complete details are also available. For further information telephone Revd Martin Nathanael on 823008.

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The hospice is staging two more events in Berkhamsted before Christmas. On Saturday 22nd November there will be a flag day. A mobile information unit will be in the town centre on that day.

On Saturday 6th December there is a Christmas Fair in the Old Town Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

For further information on IRHH events please contact Robert Breakwell at 93, Western Road, Tring (890222).

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Charity Christmas cards will be on sale in the Court House on these dates:

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Friday & Saturday 21st/22nd November

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ADVENT TALKS AT THE SACRED HEART

The Lent course of five talks on the passover and the eucharist, organised by the Sacred Heart parish, was very well attended by an enthusiastic audience who particularly enjoyed the demonstration passover meal lead by Rabbi Alexandra Wright of the Radlett and Bushey Reform Synagogue. We were again delighted to welcome friends from other Berkhamsted churches.

Our Advent course will be of four talks on the theme *Millennium and Jubilee*. They take place on the Wednesday evenings in November and the first of these on 5th November is to be by Rabbi Jonathan Black of the Hertsmere Progressive Synagogue speaking on *Jubilee: Ideal or Reality?*

The next talk on 12th November will be *Liberation: Jesus Proclaims the Good News* given by Dr Marie-Henry Keane OP, theologian and lecturer at the Dominican Study House in Oxford, followed by *The Mission of the Apostles* on 19th November, by Fr Michael Fewell of the Clarentian Missionary Fathers who is a lecturer and parish priest of Hayes. Finally on 26th November Fr John Ball, a Mill Hill missionary who lectures at St Joseph's College Mill Hill, will speak on *Christians and Liberation*.

The talks will be at the Sacred Heart church hall in Park Street and a warm welcome is

extended to all who would wish to come. For further details please contact Sylvia Ross on 863872.

BERKHAMSTED W.I.



Mrs Jane Crellin took the September meeting as our president was on holiday. She presented Mrs Daphne Brooks with a gift token as she had gained the necessary points in the monthly competitions.

Arrangements for the first Festive Fair on 8th November in the Old Town Hall, 9:30am to 12:30pm were formulated and reports given on craft, homes and gardens, play reading, publications, outings, and bowls sections of the institute. Forms for the nominations of committee members were given out.

Our speaker, Mrs June Douglas, entitled her talk Portraits of Women. She showed colourful slides of paintings and sculptures of women from Nefertiti through to the dancers of Degas, cubist paintings of Picasso and sculptures of Henry Moore. These came in all shapes and all sizes, some clothed, some unclothed. They depicted birth, childhood, motherhood, working women and women of society, good and bad women, happy and sad women, romantic women and dreaming women, mythical and legendary women. It was a wonderful kaleidoscope of colour showing various forms of art throughout the centuries. The talk was fascinating and full of snippets of humour. She was thanked by Mrs Val Atkinson.

Our next meeting is our annual meeting on 19th November at 7:30pm in the Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted when there will be an exhibition of members hobbies.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

At the beginning of our October meeting our president Liz Baxendale presented founder member Janet Meekoms with a small gift and wished her and her husband well on their move to Sussex.

Members were pleased to see the silver cup which had been awarded to Ashridge Group of the W.I. for the display entered in the Homecraft Miscellany show held at Hitchin town hall on 1st October. The display entitled *Pie in the Sky* was awarded top marks for staging and interpretation of the theme. Following business matters our secretary Janet Mitchell treated us to a delightful trip to the Far East. The illustrated talk named Malaysian Love Affair gave us an insight into the Malaysian islands with wonderful beaches, flowers and such colourful markets. An appreciation was given by Liz Baxendale.

Our town topic this month was - Berkhamsted pavements! The response from the floor was overwhelming. Several members have had more than one fall including one member who sat in the meeting with a bandaged ankle after falling over tree roots bulging through the pavement near her home.

Next month we hold our annual meeting on 7th November at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm.



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		11:15am	Matins & Sermon [1st Sunday only]			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]			
		8:00am	Eucharist [except 1st Sunday]			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (<i>All Saints' is shared with the Methodists and this service will sometimes be replaced by a 10:00am United Service</i>)			
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only]			
	MONDAY	NONE				
	TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)
		<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist		
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
3rd Sunday	OPEN HOUSE: 11:30am - 5:00pm with the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park <i>Stay for five minutes or five hours; unlimited coffee; lunch; tell a friend, bring a friend.</i>					
2nd/4th Monday	BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP: 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park					
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker.</i>					
2nd & 4th Tuesday	PRAM SERVICE at All Saints': 10:00am: Children's Activity; 10:30am: Pram Service; 10:50am: Activity & Coffee. <i>Children aged 0-4 years is very welcome.</i> Contact Jenny Wells 870981 or Kate Semmens 866531					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
Tuesday / Wednesday	MEDITATION GROUP: meets first and third Wednesdays at 8:00pm at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road, and second and fourth Wednesdays at 2:15pm at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
2nd Wed	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Contact: Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863084					
Thursday / Friday	THURSDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUP: 9:30-11:30am. Weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 (Thursday) or Gillian Malcolm 874993 (Friday)					
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-1:30pm in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's Contact: Katy Bonney: 874194					
Friday	CHOIR: Boys 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
1st Saturday	JOINT BREAKFAST & PRAYERS: 8:00am for Prayers followed by breakfast at All Saints' <i>All very welcome.</i> (subject to confirmation - see pew leaflet)					
3rd Saturday	ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Share the concerns of individual churches and of our town. All will be very welcome. Meetings rotate between local churches.					

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All services at normal times unless stated.

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NOVEMBER

2	9:30am	Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Pedley (Durham Cathedral & Chaplain to the Queen)	<i>St Peter's</i>
	10:00am	Joint Patronal Festival Service. Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Anders Berquist, Diocesan Ministerial Development Officer	<i>All Saints'</i>
3	8:00pm	Solemn Requiem for All Souls. Chiltern Chamber Choir sings Fauré's <i>Requiem</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
13		All Saints' Area Committee	
14		St Peter's Area Committee	
15	8:00am	Ecumenical Breakfast & Prayers	<i>All Saints'</i>
16	8:00pm	Taizé style Evening Worship	<i>St Peter's</i>
21-23		Parish Retreat Hemingford Grey	
22	7:30pm	Song & Piano Recital, Graham Wili & Katy Carver	<i>St Peter's</i>
28		Standing Committee	
30	6:00pm	Advent Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
30	6:30pm	Joint Advent Carol Service	<i>All Saints'</i>

DECEMBER

6	7:30pm	Vaughn Williams <i>Fantasia on Christmas Carols</i> & more - New Purcell Singers	<i>St Peter's</i>
11	8:00pm	Ecumenical Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
12		P.C.C.	

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Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

21 September	Alexandra Elizabeth Boase, Alexander Francis Stewart, Katherine Louise Stewart
28 September	Hector Alexander Butcher, Rory Peter Brown, Max Francis Relph

Funerals

11 September	Frederick James (Val) Snell	St Peter's (The Chilterns Crematorium)
11 September	Leonard Bartram	West Herts Crematorium
12 September	Marjorie Ann Kendall	All Saints' (Kingshill Cemetery)
23 September	Leonard Noel Agate	The Chilterns Crematorium
6 October	Harry Charles 'Charlie' Barber	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)

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Sunday Schools at St Peter's and All Saints'

St Peter's

Sunday School starts at 9:30am and finishes at 10:30, in the Court House (next to St Peter's church in the High Street). We have two schools - Sunday School caters for the 4 to 10 year olds, with Pathfinders continuing upwards from 10 years. Each school is divided into several groups (three or four).

Everyone is extremely welcome. Mums and Dads - why not leave your children with us on a Sunday morning? You'll be warmly welcome at the 9:30 service in church, or you can just return for your offspring at 10:30.

Contact Christine Tucker on 873272 for more details.

St Peter's Crèche

A crèche is available 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 more details.

All Saints'

All Saints' Sunday School is open for all children from the age of 3 to 9 years. Children from 10 years are welcome at our Pathfinders group. We begin at 9:15am each Sunday during term-time and finish at 10:15. Children join the main service in church part way through.

For more information contact Carol Newcombe-Coetsee on 863452.

All Saints' Crèche

We operate a crèche at the same times as Sunday School (above) for children under 3. There are toys to play with and at least two adults are there to supervise. Details from Jenny Wells on 870981.



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St Peter's

Assistant Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
 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, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham 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
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (All Saints' is shared with the Berkhamsted Methodist Church)

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