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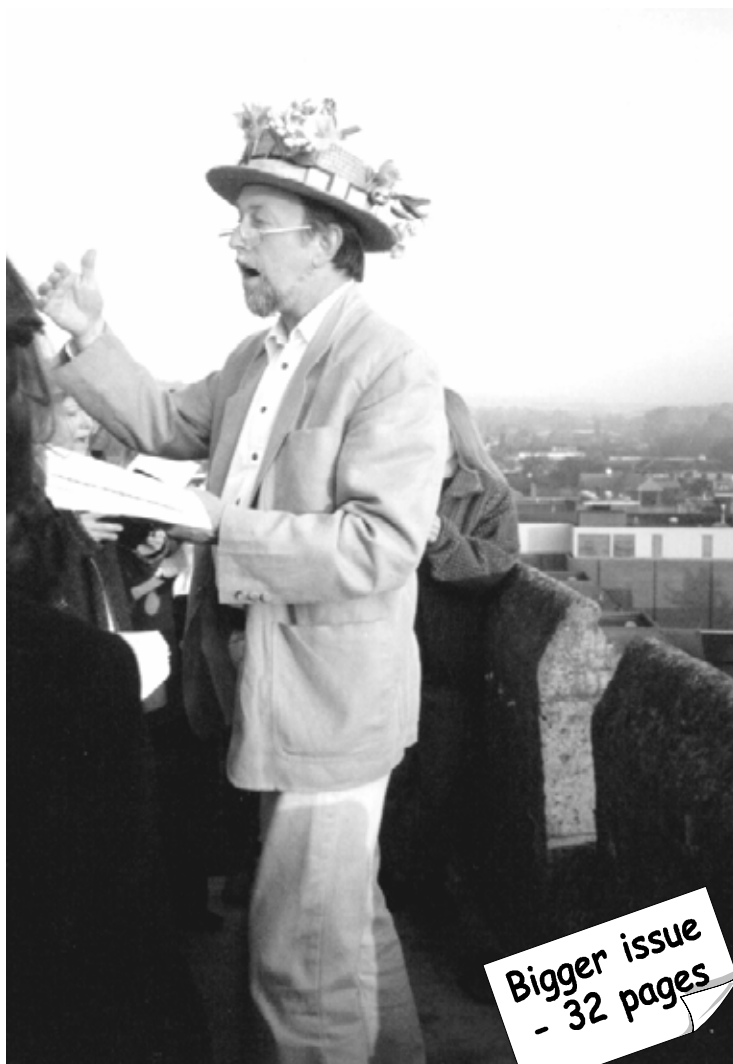
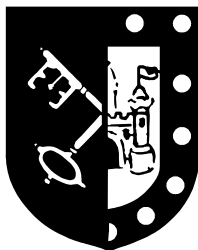
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Welcome to the June issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Well, we are halfway through the last (though some purists would say the penultimate) year of the 20th century and the second millennium of the Christian era. You can tell it must be June because on the 26th there is the Petertide Fair. This should be at least as good as ever this year. Please support this major event in Berkhamsted's charitable activity. Other signs of the regular rhythm of the British year are the flower festivals and garden open days which abound – in this issue we give you several choices of ones occurring locally.

Just to prove there is still dynamism in our society you are invited to take part in Ella's Ridgeway Day on 13th June, a combination of fun-running and long distance walking with something for everyone, even the chance to stick strictly to the refreshments as opposed to getting blisters and muscle ache!

Whether or not June will flame this year we do not know as we prepare this issue. But never mind the weather, just 'get stuck in'!

David Woodward

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Fr Mark Bonney
*writes about
healing and
wholeness.*

review leader

I heard someone once described as a perfectly balanced person, 'he has a chip on both shoulders'. To some degree or other we all exhibit that kind of balance, or perhaps simple imbalance with just a chip on one shoulder. To be a perfectly balanced person is to have all aspects of life in proportion - work, play, self, others, spiritual things, material things, God. The extent to which things are out of balance manifests itself in a wide variety of ways from simple irritability and bad temper to chronic illness (not that all sickness and illness is a symptom of such things - but very often they are). We are all to some extent out of balance and therefore in need of healing.

A very important part of the Church's ministry is that of healing; of setting people free to be able to love and serve one another and to know the immensity of God's love. There is a very broad sweep to Christian healing. It's very easy to think of healing just in terms of a release from the physical symptoms of an illness or disease, but we must all be aware that the whole of creation is in need of healing, of a breaking down of the barriers that separate people from one another and from God. Healing is very often needed between individuals in the sense of reconciliation and forgiveness. Healing is also about the whole of life and about wholeness. Jesus is the only whole, complete and fully mature person, and healing and wholeness is about growing more and more into him.

Complete healing and wholeness will only come when we die. The church's ministry of healing isn't necessarily about *cure*, but about being enabled to launch

out into new growth, new understanding and a more balanced life in the power of Jesus Christ, doing so without the fear of death.

The Church's healing ministry is proclaimed in many ways - in general ways of joyful worship, warm and friendly welcome, careful and prayerful listening. There are also specific acts of healing that the Church has to offer in Christ's name. Firstly there is the *sacrament of confession*. A general confession or a private confession isn't always enough to have a quiet conscience before God, and hearing God's forgiveness proclaimed by a priest is a very healing experience for many people. Secondly there is the *sacrament of anointing or unction*. This is particularly appropriate in the case of serious illness, before an operation, or when an illness takes a turn for the worse. Anointing is a sign that in illness we are not marginalised, but brings us in a sacramental way into the life of that Church; it is a sign that God is with us and working for our wholeness.

And finally there is the *laying on of hands with prayer for healing*. This very often happens in private visits, but also publicly within the context of a service. It is my intention to start again a service that has lapsed of late and that is an evening Eucharist with prayers for healing and the laying on of hands. This will take place on the first Monday of the month at 8:30pm in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's beginning on 7th June. During the Eucharist there will be an opportunity for prayer and laying on of hands either for oneself, or for someone else. It will also be possible for longer prayer and talking to take place after the service if that is appropriate. All are welcome to this service which will be held in a quiet, gentle and non-threatening atmosphere.

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GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

The Church's finances have attracted much attention. **Fr Mark Bonney** says things are changing.

The accounts and report of the Commissioners for 1998 have just been published and it is helpful to pass on some information from that report. In many people's eyes the Church Commissioners remain 'bad people' because of the troubles they had nearly ten years ago now. We cannot live in the past, those days are gone, the people who mismanaged have gone and the new team seem to be doing well and their re-balancing of investments is bearing fruit. For the fifth successive year the Commissioners' investment performance has done better than the average fund and last year the total return from investments was 14.5%.

Some facts and figures that are worth knowing and reflecting upon are shown in the inset panel. It is important to realise that through pension contributions in particular the Commissioners continue to support parish ministry, although that element is becoming smaller. Also, perhaps more importantly, not a single

How the clergy pay bill was met in 1998

	£m	%
Giving	101.2	62
Commissioners	26.0	16
Chaplaincies and fees	15.4	9
Glebe and trust income	12.1	7
Others	9.3	6

Total **164.0** **100**

Commissioners expenditure on behalf of the Church in 1998

	£m	%
Stipend ministry costs		
Pensions	108.2	68
Parochial ministry support	20.0	13
Bishops' and cathedral clergy stipends, pensions, housing	9.3	6

Total **137.5** **87**

(The remaining money covers bishops' expenses and some central costs of church bodies)

penny that any of us gives to the Church goes to the Church Commissioners - we receive from them.

This parish it must be said isn't among the poorer parishes in the land, and by our giving through the parish share we in effect give valuable support to other parishes within the St Albans diocese, and that is good. But as a whole the cost of ministry within the Church of England is subsidised by the Church Commissioners. It is thanks to the increasing generosity of parishioners that that subsidy is becoming less, and the Commissioners money can be used to assist the areas of greatest need. ❖

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People inevitably ask about results and failures when we talk about prayers for healing. We need to remember that not even Jesus healed everyone; also there is a difference between healing and cure. Healing is more than a physical thing, it involves the whole person. Healing is about balance. Here we enter into a mystery which is beyond comprehension. It is better to acknowledge the strangeness

and mystery of our encounter with God, joyfully accepting the gifts we receive at his hands and simply trusting when we cannot understand. If we can discover in our joys and sorrows the active presence of Christ crucified and risen, then we can be sure that we will have found an inner wholeness in union with him that is more profound than physical cure.

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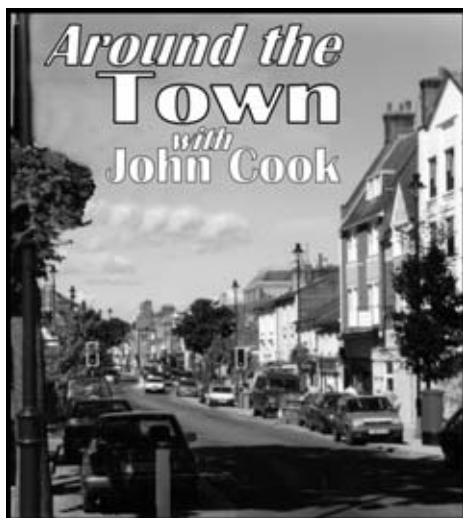
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There are no gondolas on our lagoon but there are in Boots. When I asked where to find a certain item I was directed to the second gondola along. That is what they call the big display units with shelves on either side that grace the floors of their premises. I checked that I had heard correctly. Yes, that's right, I was told; but the ladies who look after them are not to be called gondoliers.

An Ingenious Resident

Although my bookshelves are full, I still find buying books hard to resist. In a seedy second-hand bookshop that I frequent in London I picked up a book about Richard Lovell Edgeworth called *The Ingenious Mr Edgeworth*. This gentleman is probably best known and

remembered as the father and collaborator of Maria Edgeworth, the renowned Anglo-Irish novelist; but in his own right Edgeworth was a remarkable man: a roadbuilder, inventor, politician, educationalist and writer.

His family owned estates in Ireland, and their seat near Mostrim was called Edgeworthstown. His connection with Berkhamsted is that in 1776 he returned to live in England for a time and took a house in 'Northchurch, near Great Berkhamstead'. The house, although much changed, still stands on its own on the north side of the main road a bit past *The Crooked Billet* on the way to Northchurch, and is still called Edgeworth House. He described it as 'small but uncommonly neat and cheerful', and from here, even before the coming of the railway, he could travel reasonably easily to London and rub shoulders and discuss ideas with men of letters, scientists and inventors like Josiah Wedgwood, Erasmus Darwin, Humphrey Davy and James Watt.

Edgeworth's first love was the invention and investigation of things mechanical. He was the first to demonstrate the positive advantages of carriage springs; and (the book claims) his work on road-building was adopted as standard. Macadam gained all the credit but it was in fact Edgeworth's better methods which were employed for road-building for more than a century. So if justice had been done we should really be talking about tar-edgeworth roads and tar-edging our drives; and one of the leading road building companies would be called Taredge rather than Tarmac.

There is not space to go into all of Edgeworth's other talents here, but one is worth mentioning – that of fathering. He had three wives (one after the other) who bore him a total of 22 children. His is perhaps a name that could be considered for one of the new streets we can expect to have in the Town in the next few years.

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An Illustrated History

Scott Hastie's new book *Berkhamsted – An Illustrated History*, is another work I have had to find shelf space for. I can't believe that anyone who has bought it will have been disappointed, so full of details is it of our local history and so rich in first class photographs of the town spanning more than 100 years. Local amateur historians Eric Holland and Les Mitchell helped to provide much of the material.

Scott explained at a meeting of the History Society earlier in the year how the book came to be produced, and his collaborator David Spain described how old photographs were processed using the clever techniques available these days for removing blemishes and improving picture quality to the standard you see in the book. There will be another opportunity on 20th October at a joint meeting of the Berkhamsted Citizens Association and the History Society to hear a repeat of this illustrated talk.

Grave Records

A letter arrived a couple of months ago from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission seeking some information about the location of the graves of certain casualties from the First World War buried in Three Close Lane Cemetery. The records are imperfect but after some detective work we were able to come up with the answer.

It is an interesting experience walking round the cemetery and reading the inscriptions on the headstones, particularly after having recently read Scott Hastie's book. Many of the names of local people mentioned in the book can be found there: those of rectors, members of important local families like the Coopers and Smith-Dorriens, local business and professional people including Costin the boat-builder and Thomas Whately the surgeon and benefactor, and lots of gravestones bearing old Berkhamsted names – Tompkins, Timson and so on.



Three Close Lane cemetery – a treasure of names?

Unusual Christian names from the Old Testament to be found include Hosea, Noah, Phoebe, Abel, Jabez, Beulah and Theophilus, and a variety of home-spun inscriptions in prose and verse, some of them rather touching. A wide range of styles of lettering was used, much of it beautifully done. Some stones have carvings on them and others little badges in bronze. One of the badges is that of the Bengal Lancers (shades of the adventure books of my boyhood), and another of the Berkhamsted and Northchurch Fire Brigade.

A few years ago the local Archaeological Society made a record of all the inscriptions in the cemetery, which is just as well as sadly every year some more of them disappear through vandalism and weathering. By arrangement for this year at least, the borough council has taken over the grass-cutting of the whole cemetery, and so far a good job has been done, making it easier and more agreeable to walk round and see what is there.



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David Northcott explains
 how the proceeds of this
 year's fair will be used.

You may have read the introductions, in last month's *Review*, to the two charities the Petertide Fair will be supporting this year, namely, *Scope for Dacorum*, in Berkhamsted and the *Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust*, UK registered but working in Uganda. This month I thought I would give you a little insight into how the fair is planned and what the monies raised are to be used for this year.

As in previous years the proceeds of the Petertide Fair will be used to provide the charities concerned with specific articles or services. The funds raised are not just handed over as cash. This ensures that control remains with the fair organisers and we are able to guarantee that the generosity of our local community, whether it be from those attending and spending at the fair, or from our local businesses who also contribute most generously, ends up in the right place.

David Jackson, of *Scope for Dacorum*, explained in last month's *Review* that a very important aspect of the charity's work is the provision of 'respite care'. This not only helps the disabled child. It is essential for their carers (usually their parents) to have a break, particularly when there are other young children in the family who need a holiday without the restrictions that a handicapped child inevitably brings. The cost of sending a disabled child to a specialist residential centre for a week is around £800. The Fair's target is to provide respite care for a minimum of three local disabled children, to enable them and their families to take a well earned break.

One of the many areas of need in Uganda, highlighted by Christopher Morris of *The Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust*, is the provision of secondary education, especially for girls. Secondary education is not free in Uganda and families there often have to make the very hard decision to discontinue a child's education. This practice not only denies the child but their community and country. Sylvia Morris, being educated at Berkhamsted School for Girls and spending her life as a school teacher, lived for the education of the young. After she retired she taught at Bweranyangi School in Uganda. In 1994, dying of cancer, she set up the charitable trust to enable especially needy girls to complete their secondary education at Bweranyangi. It costs about £300 per year per girl at the school and the Petertide Fair target here is to provide the facility, through the trust, for two girls to complete their secondary education, a gift that will benefit them and their country for a life time.

So, now you can see the money you help to raise at the fair will be spent on two very worthy causes, and help bring considerable relief into the lives of those who are less fortunate than most. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the fair and hope you will have an enjoyable day. If you would like to contribute to the fair's success, in any way, please contact any member of the organising committee. Phone numbers are available in churches and on town notice boards. Or, if you have access to the Internet, you can visit our website at www.c-of-e.freemove.co.uk/petertide.htm for up to date details of the fair. ❖

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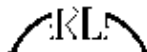
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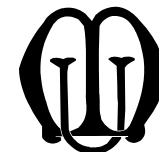
Jenny Wells explains how the Mother's Union is helping projects in developing countries.

Membership of the M.U. is growing rapidly in many developing countries where most of the rural economy depends on women. It is the women who produce the food as well as preparing it and they are eager to find more efficient ways of supplying their families. This is where the M.U. can help!

Trained local M.U. workers travel their dioceses staying a day or two in each village. They conduct a mixture of worship and Bible study combined with advice on animal husbandry, agriculture, child care and the nutritious preparation of local foodstuffs.

Sometimes they are able to help set up local projects with grants from the M.U. headquarters in London. In Gweru in Zambia a co-operative of widows has been supplied with chicks which they can rear in order to sell their eggs. In Akure diocese in Nigeria there is a scheme to breed rabbits to provide animal protein (of which there is a great shortage) for schools.

In Sierra Leone they have been growing peanuts. There are many more projects at home and abroad. The M.U. has always been a very practical organisation!



Education and Entertainment

Stephen Halliday continues his look at the history of London's Leicester Square up to the 1860s.

In 1760 when George III left his house in Leicester Square on becoming king, the Leicester family interest was sold for £90,000 to a wine merchant from Tottenham called James Tulk. His descendants divided the property amongst themselves and thereafter the square became the home of a series of enterprises designed to entertain or educate the citizenry, presaging the theatrical traditions of the area. Unfortunately their performance did not always match the enthusiasm with which they were launched. The first of these was Sir Ashton Lever's *Holuphisikon* which opened in Leicester House in 1775, a remarkable collection of zoological and anthropological specimens including fossils, shells, birds and fishes, many of them gathered on Captain Cook's voyages of exploration. The public was invited to view them for the enormous sum of five shillings and threepence. Unsurprisingly the attendance was insufficient to pay for the running costs and the collection was dispersed by lottery in 1786, much of it finding its way eventually to the British Museum. In 1789 the square was the site of an ambitious project to build an opera house, designs being submitted by architects who included Sir John Soane but Covent Garden was chosen as the more suitable site. In 1792 Leicester House was demolished and in 1809 Savile House became home to Miss Mary Linwood's gallery of needlework pictures,

an enterprise which survived until the death of its eponymous owner in 1846, when she was ninety.

In 1850 the Privy Council granted a charter to an enterprise called the 'Royal Panopticon of Science and Art' whose high-minded aims remind us that its foundation coincided with the mounting of the Great Exhibition the following year. Indeed the square was briefly considered as a site for the Great Exhibition itself before Hyde Park was finally chosen. The originator of the Panopticon was an Irishman called Edward Marmaduke Clarke who had founded Mechanics' Institutes in Ireland based on those of Birkbeck.

The Panopticon was on the eastern side of the square, with a hundred foot frontage to the square itself and a depth of a hundred and eighty feet. It contained a great hall surmounted by a dome, two lecture rooms, coloured fountains, a diving apparatus, an organ and an early 'ascending carriage' (lift). It opened on 16th March 1854 and attracted a thousand visitors a day. In March 1854 the influential trade journal *The Builder* devoted its leading article to the opening, drawing attention particularly to its ingenious heating mechanism, a 'warming battery' devised and operated by the inventor Goldsworthy Gurney which consisted of steam pumped along a pipe

which passed through zinc plates. These conducted heat through a floor grating. The mechanism was described by *The Builder*, rather misleadingly, as 'the largest electrical machine ever constructed'.

The Panopticon cost £80,000 to build but was a commercial failure. It was sold, with its effects, for £9,000 in May 1857 to the theatrical impresario E.T. Smith who sold the organ to St Paul's Cathedral. Smith re-opened it on 3rd April 1858 as the 'Alhambra Palace (late Panopticon)' with a performance by an American circus. The Alhambra passed through the hands of several impresarios before being demolished in 1936 and provided a venue for some notable performers including the gymnast Leotard from Toulouse (who was paid £180 for a week's performances in 1866), the tightrope walker Blondin, and Diaghilev's *Ballet Russe*.

While the Panopticon gave way to the Alhambra another enterprise which combined entertainment and education arose and briefly flourished. In April 1851 a geographer and Member of Parliament called James Wyld obtained a ten year lease from the Tulk family to erect a Globe in the middle of the square. 'Wylde's Great Globe' was sixty feet in diameter and, on four levels, showed a panorama of the earth. In this respect it resembled a similar device called 'Burford's Panorama' which flourished between 1793 and 1864 in the north-east corner of the square, near Cranbourn Street and which had mounted ever-changing panoramic views of scenes and events including the battle of Waterloo, the coronation of George IV, Jerusalem, Calcutta and the Arctic regions. By this time *The Builder* was beginning to voice its concern over the condition of Leicester Square so it is not surprising that the journal welcomed the opening of Wyld's Great Globe as an addition to the amenities of the locality. In April 1851 it devoted one and a half pages to a picture and plan of the Globe. The enterprise

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lasted until the end of its ten year lease,
being demolished in November 1862. ❖

Code name, please

Muriel Lander writes:

I just finishing my breakfast when the gas man called to read my meter. Before I asked him in I said, "My code name, please", which he gave me. Nothing startling there, of course. But he congratulated me on being so sensible, and said that some elderly people - including the blind - just cannot be bothered. He felt - as most people would - that it is so foolish not to take the simple precaution of letting the gas company know your chosen code name. To start with, I felt rather self-conscious, but not any longer. So if you haven't already, do get on to the gas company. It really does give one a feeling of protection.

*16 Shrublands Road
Berkhamsted HP4 3HY*

Cleveleys again!

Silvia Prouse writes:

How lovely to see Cleveleys mentioned in Liz Baxendale's article in April. I grew up in Thornton-Cleveleys. Thornton is inland, with a windmill, Cleveleys is by the sea. As a child I would walk with my mother to Cleveleys to shop. We weren't on holiday so we didn't stop by the Open Air Theatre much but I recall sitting on the back wall too. By the time I was old enough to go out on my own, the theatre had closed and was used for sunbathing.

Living by the sea we took it for granted, along with other attractions. Before I left home I took my mother up Blackpool Tower. She was a Blackpool landlady's daughter and had never been up!

I enjoy living in Berkhamsted, but I do miss the sea now I haven't got it!

*60 Billet Lane
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Christian witness

Rita Hodges writes:

When discussing outreach projects recently the idea of Christian witness in our town came up. I wrote to the Association of Berkhamsted Churches asking them to consider the matter as a project for all Berkhamsted churches. The response has been as follows:

"We have been invited by the Sergeant Pepper organisation to present an evening of praise *a la* Songs of Praise at 6:30pm on Sunday 18th July. This will take place in the Centenary Hall at the Collegiate School. We would like to suggest that on the two Sundays prior to this event, namely 4th and 11th July, two similar events would be put outside Waitrose which would not only have an integrity of their own but would publicise the Pepper Praise event."

We have had a very generous response from our local council, the police and Waitrose, all wishing us well with our project. Mr Blows, the manager of Waitrose, has kindly agreed for us to hold a service outside the store in the covered way and to use the electricity supply for the musical instruments. The time of witness will be 2:45-3:45pm. Mr Blows tells me it is usually the busiest time for last-minute shopping on Sundays.

What we need now from our churches is people who will commit themselves to witness. Also ideas of the type of service and names of members willing to sing or play musical instruments are needed. Please phone and let me know if you are willing to help - there isn't much time for planning.

*Rita Hodges
Tel: 864057*

making progress

Two important local organisations report on their year's activity.

The annual general meeting of *The Way Inn* was held recently. This formal meeting of the trustees of the charity and the directors of the operating company adopted the report and accounts for the year ended on 30th June 1998.

The objectives of the trust are recalled in the report as:

‘... the advancement of the Christian religion through a centre which will express the social mission of the Christian church by providing

- an atmosphere of peace, security and love to the whole community
- a listening ear, friendship and support to those in need of that and
- a source of Christian books, cards, mementoes and so on...’

The report notes that in the past year these objectives continued to be met primarily by the coffee shop, but that the retail area had assumed increasing importance. This was largely due to a change in emphasis towards Christian books. The year had shown a steady growth in this business and the area was becoming referred to as ‘the bookshop’. It is pleasing to be able to add that with the energetic work of the staff led by Paulette Reed this growth has continued during our current financial year.

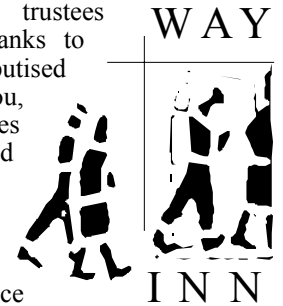
The coffee shop suffered somewhat during the year due to the prolonged sickness of the manageress, Jenny Kyriacou. At the end of the year she left the area when her husband, Rev. Brian Kyriacou, was appointed to a new living. A new manageress, Lesley Blencowe, was appointed at the beginning of the current financial year, and this important area of our outreach has now returned to the

highest level of business previously achieved. The trustees record their thanks to those who deputised for Mrs Kyriacou, particularly Les Driver and Rod Cottrell.

The post office continued to provide an essential service to the town. Under the management of Lindsey Davies the business has grown over the years, and the staff have become victims of their own success. They are working in cramped conditions; but we hope to install some air conditioning for them before this summer.

The annual report noted that the counselling service continued to face a heavy workload. The trustees are glad to note that satisfactory arrangements have recently concluded for the use of accommodation at St Andrew’s URC.

In a previous article in the *Berkhamsted Review* I wrote that any profits the operating company made were being used by the trustees to pay off start-up debts - a mortgage, and loans from many individual people. The meeting noted that this process had continued, and that on current results our mortgage and loans would have been paid off in about eight years. However the trustees are looking to the future development of the business and this means increasing stocks and increasing space to hold and display those stocks. This cannot be done without raising and investing new capital.



*Keith Treves-Brown
Chairman of trustees*

he hospice has had a successful and busy year. Several long serving members of staff have retired or moved on and new team members were welcomed throughout 1998. In particular the hospice has a new volunteer co-ordinator (Liz Daniel), a new education co-ordinator (Maggie Parry), a new accounts clerk (Daphne Castro), a new continuing care sister (Sally Gosling), a first clinical assistant (Suzy Jordache), a first administrative assistant (Yvonne Blackborough) and a first hospice pharmacist (Mary Allen)! This list is not exhaustive and does not include all the new nurses who joined the team. The year started on a low note with the untimely death of Linda Hannigan, our administrator for the previous ten years and she has been greatly missed.

Pat Dodge, who took over as manager fund raiser before Linda died, has enthusiastically carried through many new initiatives, such as the *Light up a Life* celebration in November which raised over £8,000, and the procurement of our first hospice shop which opened in Abbots Langley in February. The shop is proving to be extremely successful and we are looking forward to our next shop, hopefully in Berkhamsted. At present 20 percent of the overall activity of the hospice is taken up in caring for families from Abbots Langley.

The treasurer, Peter Hunt, reported on a very successful year from the financial point of view, with donations increased under every heading. Legacy income, in particular, was high in 1998, but of course this cannot be relied on in planning for the future. The development fund now has a total of £1.3 million and this will provide a very solid base for a future appeal to fund a building development. He stressed the devoted work of the staff and the hidden, uncosted work of the hospice volunteers

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who give so much of their time and energy.

The medical director, Dr Ros Taylor, reported that the hospice had had its busiest year ever, with the highest number of admissions, home visits and bereavement calls. She felt that the word 'busy' was a difficult word to use in hospice care because each statistic reflected a family in distress. But she went on to say that being busy means that people are using the service appropriately and the hospice has an ever higher profile in the community. She said that, however many hospice beds there are in Britain, about 50 percent of us will still end our days in hospital or a nursing home. The key to improving care was education. She reported that both she and all other members of the multi-disciplinary team had an increasing number of teaching commitments in local nursing homes, general practices and the local hospital. Hospices can now be seen as a resource to facilitate care in other settings.

She then went on to describe the development plans of the hospice. The hospice is desperately short of space to cope with the present level of activity. More rooms are needed for talking privately with families, to allow more outpatient visits, treatments by complementary therapists and even to provide such basic facilities as a staff restroom. At present the nurses eat with their lunch balanced on their laps in the doctor's office! Shortage of space in a hospice can be incredibly stressful for staff and families. Over the last year there has been consultation with several groups of architects to look for the most cost-effective way to improve our building. This may involve either a large extension with a new inpatient unit on the present site, which is far from ideal because of the slope, or maybe a redevelopment on an, as yet, unidentified plot of land in Berkhamsted! These plans will be driven forward with some momentum in 1999. ❖

Now you know. All that high profile advertising, knocking on doors and general apathy has shown the country that politics can be interesting - provided you live in Scotland or Wales. Local government complains that it is difficult to get people interested, but the low-key attitude in this area makes me weep. The party workers got their supporters out and the Independents lost out. This is the big disadvantage of not having an army of men and women to go out and 'push' the cause.

During the 1997 general election I was in Birmingham a fair amount and the contrast was clearly visible. Up there, he who had the tallest steps got the posters highest up the lamp-posts. Along the majority of through roads, all parties got in on the act. In Dacorum - nothing. No wonder the turnout and interest was low. I asked the borough officers why we cannot do more to raise the profile of local government and apparently, we can't have pillars of the local society breaking the law by 'fly posting', can we? What rubbish. If car boot sales, building sites, carpet auctions and golf sales to name but a few, can get away with it, surely better arrangements could be made to promote local democracy. The problem, I suspect, is that more information would then show up the lack of imagination in most of the local candidates, as central office would ensure that a nice uniform image was projected.

This lack of 'flair' has been apparent for some time locally. This column is the first for some years written by a local councillor specifically to inform you what your council(s) get up to. I have been amazed by how many read my words; even if you don't agree with my politics (what politics?). I try to make you think

CUTTING COMMENTS

Former independent councillor
Norman Cutting contemplates
the outcome of the recent
local elections.

and that is the whole object of the exercise. I am writing this column on the morning after the night before the Conservatives regained control of the borough council. The town council results still have to be declared, but it looks as though, between the Conservatives ('no building on green belt') and the Lib-Dems ('we have to use the green belt'), you should be in for an interesting period in local politics.

Things to watch out for include the public enquiry into the draft local plan and the restructuring of local government. Borough officers will be looking at the objections made to their draft local plan and will make their views known in the summer to allow further comments before an enquiry starting in November 1999. The restructure is intended to provide more effective government by putting more power into the hands of the few with the scrutiny function of decisions taken into the hands of the council. The exact balance between these functions still has to be decided, but I wonder if you will notice the difference. The Berkhamsted urban design group will be spending £250,000 over the next two years to improve the rear of the shops alongside the Lower Kings Road car park. I have a feeling the money would be better spent closing Lower Kings Road between the traffic lights and the car park entrance. The Liberal Democrats have identified residential parking and housing as their priorities for the coming period of office. Residents support the idea of 'allocated' parking spaces, but once the details have been decided, do not be surprised if attitudes change.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who gave me the

Did you know that hospitals in the UK use some 10,000 units of blood every day? Did you know that this figure is increasing by approximately four per cent each year? Furthermore, did you know that the government's bid to reduce waiting lists will place even more pressure on the National Blood Service (NBS) to find new donors this year?

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donors can continue until the age of 70. When you realise that only 6 per cent of the UK population donates, you can see what a difference you can make by becoming a regular donor.

Even if you are unable to donate yourself, you can still help to do something amazing by encouraging friends and family to come along.

How do I become a blood donor?

Sessions in Berkhamsted are held at the civic centre on weekdays. For up to date information on this and other sessions throughout Dacorum, please contact 0345 711 711, check out page 465 of BBC2's Ceefax or visit the NBS web site at <http://www.bloodnet.nbs.nhs.uk>. ❖

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Cutting Comments *(continued)*

chance to represent the town on the local councils. The only real claims I can make over the past four years is that I helped in avoiding having elections every year, the De Lisle clock *will* work again, and the town council *will* have vastly improved facilities for the public and local government in general at quite a modest cost. The Internet presence that I have provided, against the will of the council, will now be dismantled. I presume a similar facility will be provided by the

borough council, so you can expect the usual standard provided by officers, their consultants and others in the fullness of time. The location will be via the Dacorum site and not at <http://berkotc.connect-2.co.uk/> which is the current 'unofficial' location. ❖

We thank Norman Cutting for providing an informative and entertaining column over the past 38 months - Editor

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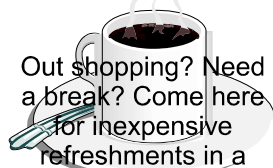


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17th – 20th June

In 1996/7 £121,000 was raised to repair the roof of the church. Of this £40,000 was loaned by Dacorum council. Our **Festival of Flowers, Music and Crafts** aims to raise £10,00 towards repaying this.

We have an exciting programme of events, including flower festival in the church, a concert by *Adventus Domini* (Sat 19th June, 7:00pm) and a festival service of celebration (Sun 20th June, 10:30am) with the Wingrave Singers. Lunches will be available on Sat/Sun 19/20th June and there will also be a craft fair.

POTTEN END VILLAGE OPEN DAY Sunday, 27th June

GARDENS: The dozen gardens in the village which will be open range from small cottage gardens tended by a keen and knowledgeable plants-persons to beautifully landscaped larger gardens. There will be plenty to interest every type of gardener and also a stall selling plants from local gardens.

ART AND CRAFTS: those interested in art and crafts will find plenty to fascinate them in the demonstrations, displays and craft stalls in the village hall and the school. For a small fee they will even be able to have their portrait drawn by one of our local artists.

MUSIC: during the course of the day there will be music on the village green and an organ recital in Holy Trinity Church.

CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS: animals are always a particular draw for our younger visitors and this year a major addition in this area will be Bingham's park children's farm and nature trail.

ALSO ON THE GREEN: demonstration of rural crafts alongside classic cars and antique farm implements.

Light lunches and afternoon teas will be available. A free minibus service will be operating throughout the day linking the various gardens and attractions. There will be free parking for cars and coaches. Programmes, which will be available on the day or from the organisers at the cost of £4.00 per adult (children under 14 free), cover all the gardens and all the other activities. Proceeds will be donated to various village organisations including Holy Trinity Church, the village hall, the school and our local Abbeyfield home. If you have any queries please contact the organisers on 862974 or 864057. See also the advertisement on page 22.



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**Revd Peter Hart
stresses the
Church's role in
holding together
local diversity.**

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There was not a little irony in the air when, last month, Scotland and Wales received devolved powers from Westminster, enabling them to celebrate their distinctiveness and legislate accordingly, while at the same time NATO forces were actively destroying parts of the former Yugoslavia as part of a co-ordinated campaign to put a stop to racist policies of ethnic separation within Kosovo. The joyful return of decision-making to Edinburgh and Cardiff coincided with the arrival of Kosovan exiles in Britain, victims of a policy of distinctiveness taken to its logical extreme.

The Bishop of St Albans wrote in the diocesan news sheet last month about the increase in regional administration and the eventual devolution of more executive powers to the Eastern Region of England, of which we are now very much a part. We have recently voted in new councils to administer both the borough and the locality, and we look to them to make our communities special, cared for and efficiently run. The police's policy of establishing 'neighbourhood watch' schemes encourages us to look out for our small cluster of roads and to ensure that all progresses peacefully within them. Our horizons can become very limited and our degree of involvement in other people's problems very restricted - after all, they might not be from 'our' region/borough/parish/street or whatever.

How, though, does this match with the Kingdom of God? Firstly, we are all God's children, we are all the beneficiaries of his love in creation, in Jesus Christ and in the Church. How, then, can we separate

ourselves off from anybody? Secondly, the unity in diversity that Christ established with his ragbag collection of disciples - fishermen, quislings, terrorists, northerners, southerners and so on - was the foundation of the Church, a unity in Christ, expressed in differences of colour and culture, emphasis and style. How could we possibly exclude anyone on grounds of ethnic or social origin, size, age, ability, or gender? As Paul states to the Christians in Galatia, 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female: for all have been made one in Jesus Christ'.

In our devolutionary society, with its narrowing horizons, it is the Church's task to hold together the celebration of distinctiveness with the declaration of our universal involvement with each other and the world at large. The Church must do this through its prayers and worship, its preaching and its teaching, and the practical way in which all its members live out the Church's unity. The Church must challenge any trend towards insularity or social exclusion, any denial of value or denigration of origin, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lived as one of us, died and rose again from death to bring fullness of life to every one of God's creatures. ❖

On Saturday 26th June the Choir of St Mary's Northchurch will present a concert which will include **Vivaldi's Gloria** and the premiere of a setting of **Psalms 139** by Naomi Prichard. The event will be in church at 7:30pm, lasting about one hour and will be followed by light refreshments in the parish room. Admission free.



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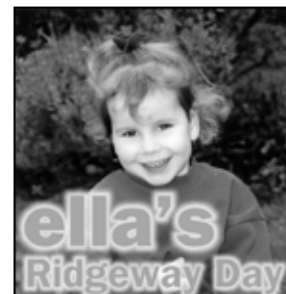
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Word is getting around and plans are now well advanced for the fund-raising day on 13th June for Berkhamsted's young Ella Beaumont.

Little Ella, now four years old, was born paralysed from the chest down after suffering a stroke in the womb. The Ella Beaumont support fund was set up to offer her lifelong financial support.

Three separate energetic events make up Ella's Ridgeway Day:

- **Nine runners** are running the 90 mile length of the Ridgeway as a continuous relay, starting at 6:00am in Wiltshire and arriving on Ivinghoe Beacon on the dot of 7pm!
- **Walkers** are setting off from three points on the last miles of the Ridgeway, all in time to arrive on the beacon for 7pm.
 - From Combe Hill Monument near Wendover, for 13 miles of walking
 - From Wigginton, for a five mile walk to the Beacon
 - And from Tring station, for the last 3½ miles.
- Meanwhile, **fun runners** will leave Ashridge monument from 6pm for a three mile jog to the Beacon.

At the magic hour of 7pm relay runners, walkers and fun runners will meet on the top of the Beacon. Celebration refreshments and drinks are planned.

And you can take part! You don't have to endure the rigours of the relay - but why not walk or enjoy a short fun run, to raise a few quid for Ella? All are welcome to this unusual and exciting event - we hope the Beacon will be a busy place at 7pm on 13th June.

Phone the following for more details: for the walkers - Gillian Malcolm on 874993, and for the fun run-Kevin Elliott on 863167.



The programme of local events sponsored by the trust in June is as follows:

On *Saturday 5th June* the Berkhamsted Choral Society (with the Chorleywood Choral Society) give a concert in St Alban's Abbey 7:30pm. The programme includes the *Song of Destiny* by Brahms, Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No.1 in B flat minor* and *Belshazzars Feat* by Walton. Tickets are £7, £10 or £15 from choir members, the concert secretary (864460) or at the door.

On *Sunday 13th June* the Friends of Berkhamsted Town Hall present the Dacorum Sinfonietta in a summer concert in the Great Hall of the town hall at 7:30pm. Tickets are £6 (£4 for concessionaires) from the trust office in the town hall (weekday mornings only) or at the door.

On *Saturday 19th June* Berkhamsted Jazz present their *President's Guest Night* at the Civic Centre at 8:00pm. The artists are Michael Garrick (piano), Ben Castle (saxes/clarinet), Mark Nightingale (trombone), Paul Booth (tenor saxophone), Dave Green (bass) and Alan Jackson (drums). Tickets cost non-members £7 (£3.50 for students and children) from the Civic Centre, the secretary (01525 220894) or at the door.

On *Saturday 19th June* the Cowper Society present the Chiltern Chamber Choir and the Bridgewater Band in *A Child of our Time* by Tippett in St Peter's church at 7:30pm. Tickets (£7, concessionaires £5) from choir members or from Pretty Arty in Lower Kings Road.

TUESDAY CLUB

We get out and about for our last meeting before the summer break on Tuesday 6th July with a leisurely walk to the Cow Roast pub followed by refreshments.

Those who are walking should meet in the Court House car park at 7:30pm. Those not so energetic, do join us at the Cow Roast at 8:30pm for sandwiches and drinks. If the weather is uncertain, we will all meet in the Court House informally at 7:30pm and then drive to the Cow Roast for the refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on 7th September. New members are always welcome. We usually meet in the Court House at 8:15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Please contact Angela Morris on 866992 or Margaret Barnard on 862794 for further information or just come along on the night - you will be made very welcome. Copies of our new programme will be available shortly in St Peter's, All Saints' and on the noticeboard in the Court House.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Last November saw a change of name in Chapel Street, a new sign and a new beginning. Berkhamsted United Reformed Church enjoyed a rededication ceremony led by our moderator, Rev. Roberta Rominger. After discussion amongst the elders, members and Jane Wade (our minister whom we share with St George's, Hemel Hempstead) it was decided to change our name from Berkhamsted United Reformed Church, which was a bit of a mouthful, to St Andrews. This seemed appropriate for several reasons:

1. If the existing name was abbreviated to 'URC' most people outside the Church circle did not know what it meant;
2. A good percentage of the congregation were Scots or of Scottish origin;
3. St Andrews flowed off the tongue more easily and gave a more attractive image;
4. Most important of all it was Andrew who introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus (St John Ch.1 v.40).

That is our hope; that we also in our own way might introduce people to Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer 'that they might have life, and have it to the full'.

HELP REQUIRED FOR HARMONY CLUB

The Harmony Club has been running for 18 years. It is a small group of visually handicapped people who meet once a month locally (7:30pm Fridays). Due to retirement they need a new leader, or group (eg a youth group or young wives club) to organise the monthly meetings. If you can help, or know someone who might, please ring Sheila Watkins on 873241.

HELP! W.E.A

The W.E.A. is an independent national organisation, non-political and non-sectarian, which has been active since 1903, providing educational courses for interested adults. Courses are inexpensive as, locally, the W.E.A. is run by volunteers. It has provided classes in Berkhamsted since 1943.

It offers courses of 8, 10 or 20 weeks on literally hundreds of subjects. You choose what you would like to study and a tutor can be found. The Hertfordshire Federation works hard to provide us with what we want and publishes a comprehensive list of available subjects. These include all kinds of history, of art, architecture, gardens, transport, medicine, politics and many others. There are also courses on literature, music, philosophy, theatre, astronomy and natural history. As you can see, there is a great choice.

But we are in trouble. Our present committee is wearing out and indeed some of us have reached an age when we are not likely to be around much longer! We need fresh blood with new ideas to spread enthusiasm to groups of 12-15 students to attend the classes of their choice.

Who will help? Seriously, we need chair, secretary and treasurer. Please ring me, June Douglas 862860.

BERKHAMSTED W.I.



The April meeting was chaired by Mrs Leary in the absence of our president. Business matters reported on included the recent very successful annual town 'Litter Pick', where six members valiantly gathered many black sacks of rubbish from central town areas. Members were reminded that Mr John Cook was again leading us in another 'Historical Town Walk' on 18th May.

Our speaker, Mr David Stevens, spoke on *The Work and History of the Boxmoor Trust*. Yet again, members were amazed at just how much of interest and fascination lies, unknown to so many, on our very own doorstep - even for those who professed to having lived in the area for 'most of my life'! Mr Stevens told of the acquisition of the land 405 years ago by the Earl of Leicester and the subsequent running of the trust by a group of three men who agreed never to sell it. With the help of many beautiful slides he detailed the moors and areas which constitute the Boxmoor Trust nowadays and talked to us of the rare flora and fauna which can be found there. We all knew of the herds of Belted Galloway cattle which graze on the moors in the summer, but few knew that the trust is the largest breeder of Norfolk Horn sheep, nor indeed that all the lambs are born with black faces! In all this was a most fascinating talk and made many of us keen to investigate more thoroughly our local areas of interest and beauty.

Our May meeting discussed the resolutions for the intermediate general meeting.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

Our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members, including one new one, to our resolutions meeting of the year. After business matters were dealt with we listened to a report by Pam McNicoll on the meeting of Group 7 of the Herts Federation of Women's Institutes held last month when Mr Graham Atkins MBE spoke to us on *God's Little Gardens*, which are the churchyards surrounding the 20,000 churches situated in the UK.

A further report given by Joy Lovell concerned the HFWI annual meeting held in St Albans. Mrs Carol Poole, president of Bedmond W.I., was introduced to the members and proceeded to take us through the three public affairs resolutions which had been selected for the year 1999. These covered:

1. the decline of the agriculture industry;
2. a test for ovarian cancer;
3. women's human rights;
4. genetically modified foods.

All four resolutions were carried by members.

Next month, on Friday 4th June our speaker is Mr Hugh Graham, his subject being *Origins of Manners and Customs* at the Court House, Berkhamsted. Why not come and join us - you will be very welcome.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Due to a typographic error the email addresses shown for the parish in recent issues have been shown incorrectly. The correct addresses have the format of the person's first initial, a full stop, followed by their surname and @c-of-e.freemove.co.uk, for example: m.bonney@c-of-e.freemove.co.uk.



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Saturday 26 June 1999



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St Peter's: 8:00am Eucharist

SUNDAY		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House				
		11:00am	Celebrate Together (2nd Sunday only) - A service for all ages				
		6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]				
<i>All Saints'</i>		8:00am	Eucharist [except 1st Sunday]				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (<i>This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced</i>)				
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only] Other Sundays Methodist service				
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (<i>contact Christine Billington 385566</i>)				
MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP				
	<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		
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>						
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.						
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>						
Mondays (except 1st)	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> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Margaret Barnard 862794.						
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Jenny Wells 870981.						
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981</i>						
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981</i>						
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268</i>						
Wednesday	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.						
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. Contact: Vera Pullen 862196</i>						
Thursday Tuesday / Friday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804 TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: Tues 1-3pm / Fri 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday</i>						
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194						
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						
3rd Saturday	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Meetings rotate between local churches.						

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (6:45am), Thursday (11:00am) and Friday (9:15am) at St Peter's. At St Peter's there is 7:30am Morning Prayer every weekday and 5:30pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays.

June / July 1999

JUNE

6	8:00pm	Taizé style Evening Worship	<i>St Peter's</i>
13		Ella Beaumont Support Fund Ridgway Day (<i>see p25</i>)	
13	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
15	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>Court House</i>
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>All Saints'</i>
19	7:30pm	CCC & Bridgewater Band concert (<i>see p27</i>)	<i>St Peter's</i>
23	9:30am	Berkhamsted Quiet Places at The Barn, Woodcock Hill (ends 4:00pm)	
26		PETERTIDE FAIR	<i>St Peter's</i>
27	3:00pm	St Alban's Abbey Rose Service	
29	8:00pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist. Preacher: The Rt Revd Michael Ball CGA. Refreshments follow at Rectory.	<i>St Peter's</i>

JULY

4	Lunchtime	St Peter's Sunday School BBQ followed by rounders match in Butts Meadow.	
11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Peter's</i>

Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

18 April	Claudia Alice Jones, Oliver George Ingall, Imogen Grace Elizabeth Hopkins
25 April	Jamie Steven Slater

Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

25 April	Dominic Oliver Pembroke Lee
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Wedding (*St Peter's*)

10 April	Paul James Sansom & Fiona Elizabeth Stewart
17 April	Volcan Ozcan & Hillary Dell
1 May	Tony James Gammage & Kirsty Umney Mark Bevan & Emma Victoria Roaf

Funerals

20 April	Daisy Drew	All Saints' (burial at Kingshill)
26 April	Harold Langdale Seldon	West Herts Crematorium
30 April	Doris Marie Sandford	Chilterns Crematorium

Young people

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Contacts

Young people at St Peter's and All Saints'

St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Angela Dunford (875226) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Katy Bonney (864194).

All Saints'

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:15 to 10:15am, or at 10:00am on the first Sunday in the month. Sunday school caters for 3-9 year olds; Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Children from both groups join the main service part way through. Contact Elizabeth Figg (866161), Kathy Beaumont (384453) or Felicity White for Pathfinders (863526). Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Elizabeth Figg (866161).

Youth Groups

The youth fellowship meets in the Court House each Sunday 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Christina Billington (385566).

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' hall. Contact Christina Billington (385566).

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29.



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 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485
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 Churchwardens: Mrs Barbara Conway, 7 Kilfillan Gardens. Tel: 865798;
 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
Parochial Church Council: Secretary: Richard Foster, Vandykes, 29 Ashlyns Road. Tel: 863359
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 6.45am
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am
 11:00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun) Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:30pm
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Sat 5:00pm
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') Holy Days - see weekly Notices
Confessions: By appointment 864194
Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: 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 Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, 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
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