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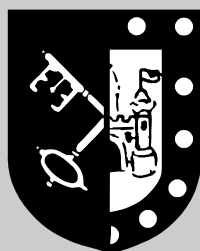
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Welcome to the July issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Well, it's more than half over. 1999, that is. No doubt many important events will still happen between now and 11:59pm on 31st December, but the sands of time are running out!

I have always felt rather sorry for 1999: it seems a little overshadowed by its glamorous successor. I also feel however that every second is valuable: we don't need to worry yet (or at all) about the millennium because much is left to happen this year. Nor can the first half of 1999 be called dull or empty.

It is said that on 31st December 999 many people gathered in churchyards or on hilltops to await the Day of Judgement. By around 8am on 1st January 1000 some of them were feeling a bit sheepish and soon they all slipped off home to breakfast. Would it not be ironic if this time the reverse happened: no one thought anything about it and at midnight...

David Woodward

Cover: *C'mon chaps, not far now – last one to the top buys the drinks!!* Fr Robin Figg and fellow runners finishing the Ella Beaumont Ridgeway Run at Ivinghoe Beacon. More pictures on p3 & p19. Photos: Chris Smalley

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Nothing more precious

Fr Robin Figg tells us to be careful with our time: there's nothing more precious.

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***Fr Robin Figg
urges us to value
our time – there's
nothing more
precious.***

review leader

We are now well into summer and the time for holidays - holy days when we have a chance to take time to do something different for a while, however

brief. Time is a gift, a precious gift, and it behoves each of us to use this gift wisely.

We live in a society that wants to equate time with money. Time is increasingly treated as just another commodity and too many people find themselves under mounting pressure to do more in less time. Exponents of 'time management' techniques are much in demand and command large fees for their services. The result of all this it seems is increasing stress for too many people as they struggle to keep control on their lives.

The Christian writer Michel Quoist wrote: 'I don't have the time! We don't have the time! It's not time. We don't *take* the time. We let life gnaw away at our time, stealing it from us bit by bit. We're slaves, not masters. We must be masters of our time. I must control my life - and the obligations it imposes on me - not the other way round'.

Through my work at our local hospice I am continually being challenged to recognise the importance of time. Not time to be filled with actions, but time to be filled with simply being, being there for my fellow human beings. Of all the things that we can give to another person, perhaps the greatest is the gift of time.

Mother Teresa wrote in *The Silence of the Heart*: 'Today we have no time even to look at each other, to talk to each other, to enjoy each other, and still less to be what our children expect from us, what the husband expects from the wife, what the

wife expects from her husband. And so less and less we are in touch with each other. The world is lost for want of sweetness and kindness. People are starving for love because everybody is in such a great rush'.

As we are able during these weeks of summer we each need to take time to stop and reflect on our lives and the priorities we set ourselves in our day to day activities. We need to remember that we can only live in the present; we must learn to appreciate the sacrament of the present moment and live each moment to the full.

Be careful how you use time. There is nothing more precious. May you have many blessed and holy days this summer.



Peter McMunn celebrating completing the Ella Beaumont Ridgeway Run at Ivinghoe Beacon, with Fr Robin Figg in the background. Story and picture on page 19.

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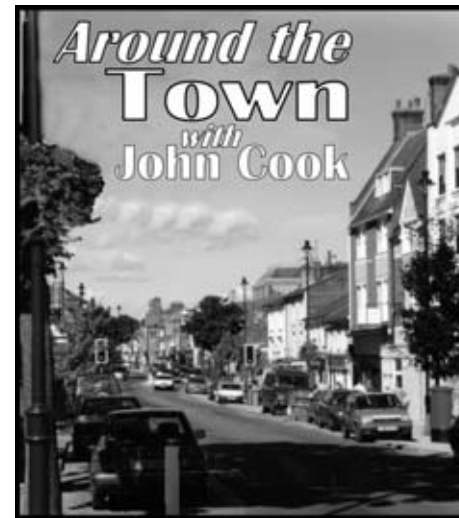
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Ancient Charities

As with most parishes, over the centuries Berkhamsted St Peter accumulated a number of charitable funds: investments bequeathed for purposes such as annual gifts to the poor. Over the years the income from most of them diminished to such an extent that the step was taken to amalgamate them to form what are now known as the Parochial and Ecclesiastical Charities. The modest income from them is distributed by the trustees in accordance with the fairly strict rules that apply.

It would be interesting to know more about the old charities - how they came to be set up and how they were given the names they had. I suppose *The Charity of Richard Balshaw for bread and meat* is self-explanatory; but what about the charity known as *The Maiden's Baulk*, and *The Charity of King Charles I*. A bit of an indignity, you might have thought, for that monarch, who some think should be made a saint, to find his name between those of ordinary mortals like Henry Clerk and Thomas Baldwin in the list of donors of Berkhamsted charities, the income from which had become so small that they were no longer considered worthy of separate administration. The charity known as *The*

Pest House is a reminder of the time when Berkhamsted had its own isolation hospital, of a sort, though I don't suppose it was the kind of place anyone would be very comfortable in today.

The trustees also administer the Sayer Almshouses in the High Street (the building on the corner of Cowper Road with the date 1684 on the front), which has been the home to widows for over three centuries. Some years ago the inside was remodelled to turn six units into four, but otherwise the building still looks much as it always has.

For the last 22 years Jim Pullen has been clerk to the charities, doing the administration and looking after the almshouses as well. Vera, his wife, was a trustee for even longer and acted as secretary to the trust. Now that they have both retired it should be put on record what a debt of gratitude is owed to them by past and present trustees, and by all the ladies who live or have lived in the almshouses and whom Jim helped far beyond the call of duty over those 22 years.

From the Train

The plans for rebuilding Wembley Stadium entail the demolition of the towers. If this is allowed to happen two of the best landmarks to be seen from our trains up to town will disappear.

Most commuters have their noses in the newspapers on the journey to Euston and may hardly notice the alterations taking place to the view from the train window. If they do look up perhaps the most striking change to be noticed particularly as they near London, is the general growth in untidiness: lots of rubbish lying around, copious graffiti, and weeds. Mind you, some of the graffiti are quite artistic, and some of the weeds I would miss if the lineside were properly tidied up. Going up to town in the summer I try and make a point of looking out for the big patch of evening primroses on the left hand side as the train approaches

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Were there more interesting landmarks in the past than now? There used to be the big hoarding on the outskirts of the town advertising Berkhamsted Pheasantries; at Kings Langley there was the Ovaltine's Egg Farm sign beside the neo-Tudor hen houses, and at Wembley the Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum sign on the side of their factory. These are no more. There must

have been others but I need someone to jog the memory. We still have McVities with its big biscuit at Willesden, and on the other side of the line there, high up, the stark but sound advice: 'Prepare to meet thy God'. Then the rather nice old sign in glazed tiles *Higgin Bros Dairy*.

At Kensal Green cemetery there are glimpses of a gothic gatehouse and classical tombs over the top of the cutting, and further on the Chalk Farm roundhouse which some of us can remember alive with steaming locomotives. Finally on the run into Euston there are the backs of Nash's picturesque villas in Park Village above the big retaining wall on the right.

Most of the additions in recent years to the view from the train window are pretty ordinary - banal supermarkets and industrial estates and so on - but there are two nice bridges to admire: the M25 viaduct across the valley at Kings Langley and the novel cable stayed footbridge over the North Circular at Stonebridge Park. And finally you can cast a critical eye over the numerous and ever-changing liveries of the various train companies' rolling stock parked in the Willesden yards, like the deplorable EWS locomotives' maroon and yellow.



The Sayer Almshouses in the High Street. See Ancient Charities on page 5.

More Books

The pens of Berkhamsted writers continue to produce works that receive national acclaim. Readers of the *Review* will of course be very familiar with Stephen Halliday's lively prose and I hope will be flocking to buy his new book *The Great Stink of London*. This is sub-titled *Sir Joseph Bazalgette and the Cleansing of the Victorian Metropolis*. The review in the Sunday Times described the book as the accomplished study of a great engineer's transforming works.

Bazalgette with his huge drainage project, most of which still works, probably did more to make it possible for London to expand into the capital of the world in the last century than anyone else. Stephen has already spoken to the History Society about this and is to talk to the Citizens Association in the coming year.

And our famous natural historian has added to the list of his titles with *Richard Mabey: Selected Writings 1974-1999*. In the review in the *Oldie* magazine, Richard's understanding of the countryside is described as passionate, radical, informed and infectious.

If it goes on like this the *Review* will have to have a special column every month solely devoted to reviewing the works of local authors. ❖

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forming an hour before the official start
and eventually 267 people set off, a high
proportion being youngsters between the
ages of 6 and 16 all keen to walk for
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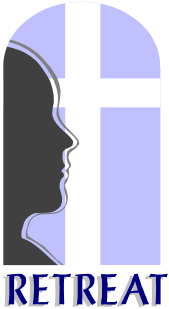
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appeals committee is extremely grateful to

both the walkers and all the administrative volunteers who helped make this possible.

Our next fund raising event will be on Sunday, 18th July when five gardens in Meadway, off Gravel Path, Berkhamsted will be open to the public between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. It is always interesting to see other gardens from which one can glean ideas of design, and new plantings. There will be a plant sale, a raffle, teas and home made cakes for sale as well. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in someone else's garden instead of working in your own! ❖

Don't forget!

Sunday 18th July 2:00 – 5:00pm.

PARISH RETREAT

Hemingford Grey, Cambs. 1-3 October 1999

The retreat held two years ago was much appreciated by those who went, and I'm pleased to say that I've been able to book another weekend for this year. The leader will be the Revd Andrew Proud, Rector of East Barnet. I have known Andrew for many years and I'm sure he will facilitate a very good retreat. The cost for the weekend (all meals included) will be £65.

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Our branch will meet on Thursday 8th July from 1:10pm to 1:30pm at 15 Nightingale Lodge. If anyone would like to join us please be outside Nightingale Lodge in Cowper Road at 1:05pm. The *Wave of Prayer* helps ensure the continuity of prayer throughout the world and throughout the day. Prayer is at the heart of membership and for M.U.:

*'The voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away'.*

Fighting over the Square

In Stephen Halliday's third article on Leicester Square, the Metropolitan Board of Works steps in!

In 1865 the Metropolitan Board of Works, which was becoming increasingly embarrassed by the condition of Leicester Square, gave notice of its intention to take it in hand. The board had been set up by the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, as London's first metropolitan government, with the authority to carry out works which affected the metropolis as a whole. Its most notable achievement during its existence from 1856 to 1889 was the construction by its chief engineer, Sir Joseph Bazalgette, of London's main drainage which intercepted London's sewage and conducted it to outfalls outside the metropolitan boundary, thereby ending the cholera epidemics which had carried off forty thousand citizens in the mid-nineteenth century. However the board was also responsible for streets and public spaces so it took action under the provisions of an Act of 1863 for the 'protection of certain gardens or ornamental grounds in Cities and Boroughs' which was designed to enable local authorities to protect public spaces.

James Tulk, the square's principal freeholder, forestalled the board's plans by obtaining an injunction from the court of Queen's Bench on the grounds that the square had never been designated a public space. In 1871 the board deposited a bill in Parliament which would have enabled it to acquire the square by compulsory purchase. But the bill was withdrawn at the

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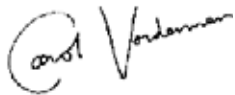


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Fighting over the Square

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request of some vestries who were worried that the legal complexities surrounding ownership of the square would make the enterprise too costly. Emboldened by these developments, Tulk started to make his own plans. In May 1872 he sold the equestrian statue in the middle of the square for sixteen pounds and allowed an advertising agent called Ernest Preston to erect a hoarding around the square, twelve feet high, on which were advertisements for 'cocoa, cheap trousers, rival circuses and the largest circulation [newspapers]'. Tulk also began to negotiate with an aquarium company to sell the square for £50,000. In its annual report for 1873 the board recorded that 'The neglected condition of the Garden of Leicester Square has become almost a reproach to the Metropolis'. Tulk's action so incensed the residents that they formed a 'Leicester Square Defence Committee' led by one of their number, Henry Webb, who on 13th January 1873 entered a bill of complaint in Chancery. *The Minutes of Proceedings* of the Metropolitan Board show that the progress of the case of Webb vs Tulk was closely followed. As the case reached its climax the board despatched its own shorthand writer to take notes of the judgement. On 5th December 1873 the Master of the Rolls gave his verdict. Tulk was told that he must remove the hoarding and that the open space was to be used only as a garden, on which no building would be allowed. The effect of the judgement was to reduce substantially the market value of the land. The shorthand writer's notes were read to the next meeting of the board and the members ordered that a new bill be prepared to authorise the board to purchase the land.

However the following month, on 23rd January 1874, the board members considered a letter from Albert Grant. He announced that, on 5th January, within a month of the judgement of the Master of the Rolls, he had acquired James Tulk's interest in the square and was negotiating with the remaining freehold owners since, in Grant's words, 'the effect of the decision of the Master of the Rolls was to make the owners moderate considerably their views as to the amount they would accept for the surrender of their rights'. Grant further announced in his letter that work had already begun on cleaning up the square. He had commissioned an architect, (later Sir) James Knowles, to prepare a design for the square and sculptors to produce busts of Isaac Newton, Joshua Reynolds, William Hogarth and Samuel Johnson, former residents of the square, with which to dignify it. Finally, Grant informed the board that, when the work was completed, 'I shall then have much pleasure in signing - I hope in the square itself - a deed of transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Works, as a free gift to the Metropolis'. Unsurprisingly, the board resolved 'that the munificent proposal made by Mr Albert Grant be cordially accepted'. Nevertheless the members decided to press ahead with their own bill to purchase the property, possibly fearing that Grant's resolution might falter, while thereby encouraging the remaining freeholders to realise that they would have to surrender their properties to one party or the other. The bill gained the royal assent on 8th June 1874, but was never used.



Whose statue?

Mrs C Thomson writes:

In your *Around the Town* article, could you tell us who the statue or bust represents, which is on the side wall of the vet's surgery in the High Street at the bottom of Swing Gate Lane?

Having asked many people, nobody seems to know the subject's name or what connection he had with Berkhamsted.

Perhaps John Cook or one of your readers could enlighten me.

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Millennium matters

Susan Johnson writes:

You do not have to be a purist (*Review* editorial, June) to know that the new millennium begins on 1st January 2001; you just have to be able to count.

And speaking of the Church and the new millennium, am I alone in thinking the massive illuminated cross for which Sunnyside church is seeking planning permission to mark the new millennium (a year too early - surely the Church should know better!) is both bizarre and in extremely bad taste?

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Berkhamsted: An Illustrated History

Captain Stephen Poxon of the Salvation Army writes:

There is no doubt that *Berkhamsted: An Illustrated History* by Scott Hastie is a marvellous work, packed full of interesting material. Heather and I were given a copy as a farewell gift, and we couldn't have chosen a better present.

I am obliged, though, to point out (very gently, if I may) that the illustration which claims to be of a Salvation Army worker parading his wares in a large wooden carriage, is actually nothing to do with the Salvation Army. The chap in question (worthy as he might appear) is in reality a member of the *Church Army*, which I am led to believe is the evangelical wing of the Church of England. I should hate the Church Army to gain the impression that the Salvation Army is so desperate for converts that we have taken to rewriting history and are now claiming to have had the allegiance of people who never joined our ranks! (Shades of Stalinist tendencies there, which I am anxious to avoid!).

One small question arises in my mind (I can't cope with big ones). If the Church Army is indeed the evangelical wing of the Church of England, then what are the other wings? Non-evangelical? I'm curious!

By the way, visitors to Beconscot model village are greeted with a sign at the entrance clearly stating that the Church Army (which owns Beconscot, I think) is most definitely not the Salvation Army. This is even stated (perhaps not quite so bluntly) with the use of italics! Perhaps Scott Hastie should have visited before writing his excellent book!

Stephen Poxon
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y almost daily walk along the towpath becomes increasingly more interesting from the wild-life watching point of view - or maybe just life-watching would be more accurate!

Apart from observing the two elegant swans making their large nest by the now-flowing Bulbourne, and the busy moorhens and quarrelsome coots, there are various types of the human species whose behaviour is also quite amazing.

For instance, the other day I saw two small children trying with great joy and determination to uproot a small tree just outside the children's playground. This activity was being watched with expressions of 'loving indulgence' by their adoring parents or grandparents. Unfortunately I was walking on the opposite side of the canal and, with my blood pressure rising, I regret I just walked on muttering to myself that 'it's the wretched adults that are to blame'.

Shortly after this event I saw two small boys brandishing sticks and chasing the ducks with shrieks of glee. The two mothers seemed quite oblivious of their offspring's behaviour and although, again, on the wrong side of the water I yelled out (much to my husband's embarrassment - in fact he walked on hurriedly) 'That is not a very kind thing to do, is it?'. The children stopped for a second and then continued the chase obviously not understanding this 'academic' approach. The two mothers looked across at me, and one suddenly seemed to notice that something was wrong. 'What are you doing?' she said to the children. The poor little boys were obviously deaf and

Wandering along the Towpath

All is not as quiet and serene as it should be along the canal towpath, says **Sheila Newland**.
Or is it just a bygone age?

by example, don't they? I stood back the other day to let a family of four (mother, father and two young teenage children) cross the bridge over the Bulbourne. They swept by without a glance in my direction. Manners? What are they? Are they necessary? Are they just the remnants of a bygone age?

I suppose I'm just 'showing *my* age' by even bothering to write about this. Anyway I feel better for putting my feelings down on paper and in future I shall try to keep my eyes on my feathered friends. Certainly the swans take parenting seriously. Have you seen them on the canal bank cleaning and preening themselves and being copied by their very small babies? It is a wonderful sight.

To redress the balance somewhat, I must say that I was greatly impressed by one of the young youth councillors who attended a recent town meeting. He was obviously enjoying his involvement with the council by representing the interests of the young people in the town. He was articulate, well mannered and did much to save the reputation of his peers from my point of view. So, there is hope for the future! ❖

ignored her completely and (as my husband was by now almost out of sight) I bellowed '*Stop it!*' which resulted in one of the little dears turning round and hitting his mother instead. So I walked on quite happily having done my bit for the day.

I won't run the risk of becoming a bore with quoting too many anecdotes but children should not be blamed for falling standards of behaviour. They learn

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ell, I know my answer to the above question and it finds me somewhere in Africa with a group of 10 fellow students working on community projects with local people.

Being at university in Sheffield I am presented with a wealth of opportunities. By far the most exciting yet presented to me was in our university news-letter. A small

article entitled *Kenya Project 1999* invited me to an introductory meeting and now, several months later I am making preparations to fly to Nairobi on 19th August for one month

So, what is the Kenya Project?

This is the second year that the project will go to Kenya and it is being co-ordinated by Susan Kibue, a Kenyan student studying in Sheffield. We are a group of 11 students from Sheffield University going to Kenya to work on two voluntary projects with local people on the outskirts of Nairobi. With Susan's contact we know that we are going to places of genuine need in Kenya where a visit of just one month would be valuable to the local people. We hope to be able to make a small difference to the lives of some of the Kenyans by working with them to meet some of their needs. Whilst in Kenya we will be living with Susan's family and others in her village.

How will we help people?

During our month in Kenya we aim to undertake two community projects with the local people. We will spend mornings at Kimlea and the afternoons in Gatina.

Gatina is a small village in the middle of a tea farm. Here many of the children,

What will you be doing this summer?

Helen Appleyard is off on her travels again, getting involved in a project with ten fellow students.



Kenya Project 1999

whose parents are tea pickers, are too sick or poor to go to school. We will entertain the children and teach some basic English and maths which will help to improve their chances for the future because tourism is the main industry of their country. We also hope to be able to take books, pencils, and teaching resources to the school along with basic medical

supplies.

Kimlea is a charitable technical teaching centre for women. Here girls and women of 16 to 21 years who have had to drop out of mainstream education due to poverty, are trained in skills that will enable them to earn a living such as

sewing, food production, book-keeping and English. We will spend three weeks running a contemporary project with the girls involving sessions that are much less conventional than their normal teaching. We shall include music, drama, art and debating. The aim of this project is to get them thinking about their future and what they can achieve for themselves as well as to improve their confidence.

What will we gain?

The Kenyan people have benefited from and appreciated Sheffield students' involvement in this project and are keen for us to return. We hope the project will be an education for the Sheffield students and will teach us important skills that cannot be gained from academic studies alone. It will be a rich cultural experience as we see another country and its ways of life. I hope to gain a lot through taking part in the Kenya project. It is quite a unique chance to be able to travel to

Kenya and experience the culture first hand,

Personally I am all against this dividing up of the British Isles into separate units. I am proud of being English, though, like most of us, my blood is very mixed. My father was born in Cumberland, surname Morgan, but he hotly denied any Welsh blood. My maternal grandfather's surname was Steele and I understand he was of Scots/Irish descent though born in Cheshire of farming stock. Together with the usual mixture of Saxon, Danes, Romans and so on, I have to admit I'm a mongrel. On my husband's side his maternal grandparents were born in Wiltshire and on the other side he had a grandfather born on Alderney in the Channel Isles and a French grandmother born in Paris who met and married in Venezuela, again a fine mixture. The only advantage of this was that this rather romantic story so intrigued our children and grandchildren that they are bilingual!

To be honest I hadn't really given this matter much thought until some years ago when we had a wonderful world tour and

Are you English?

Vera Pullen has been studying her roots... and finds she's a mongrel!

met people of many different cultures. What I discovered was that though when I travel in Europe I feel very English, further afield I feel completely European and felt I had nothing in common with Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders and so on,

though they were very friendly and welcoming wherever we went and I liked them all immensely. It was quite a shock!

One of our grandsons was recently married to a delightful girl from Taiwan he met at university over here and another has an extremely nice German girlfriend, so we going to become even more mixed - which I think is wonderful.

I am afraid of the increasing nationalism in the world. It only causes trouble in the long run as we can see from past history. I doubt if any of us are purely English, Scots, Welsh or Irish so let's be thankful for our heritage whatever it is. I am sure it has made our nation the sometimes bloody minded, stubborn, brave, kind people we are. ❖

What will you be doing this summer? *(continued from page 16)*

mixing and working with the locals rather than following the tourist trail. It is extremely valuable to know that we are going to places within Kenya where the skills that we have to offer could be of some use to the people there.

In preparation for the summer we are learning how to teach English as a foreign language and are also helping at a homework club for Somalian refugees here in Sheffield. A large part of the preparation is of course fundraising. Individually we have to raise £1,000 to be able to take part in the trip. We also hope to raise funds for the project to be able to take medical supplies and teaching

materials to Gatina as well as building materials and project resources for Kimlea.

If you would like to support the project by sponsoring us or by donating any unwanted books or teaching resources such as ladybird reading books or simple educational posters, which would be greatly appreciated in Gatina, then we would be delighted to hear from you.

I would be happy to speak to you if you would like to know anymore about the project, and of course I will be happy to share my experiences with you when I return. Have a wonderful summer! ❖

*Helen can be contacted on 0114 268 6955
or via Mary Appleyard on 01442 875615.*

CUTTING ECHOES

In an occasional article
Norman Cutting rounds up
activity in our local council.

OK, class. Turn to page 19 of your copy of the July 1996 *Review* and after you have refreshed your memories, we will continue.

Now that the town has got the council it deserves, I thought I would look back at what rubbish I have been inflicting on you all. This was brought about by an avid reader who wanted to know why I was no longer writing for the *Review* as she has just received the June 1999 issue and turned to see words of wisdom I had deemed to put together in the aftermath of the election and saw the editors note at the foot of the column.

As I was saying in my column in the July 1996 issue...

It wasn't until the September issue that it developed into more of a newsletter about the town and borough council activities. Indeed, that was the reason I stood for election as no one told you what the council got up to until after the event (and then, only if you were lucky). Those in charge of the council seem to work on the assumption that if you are interested, you will actually go to the library every week to read the town council agendas or stand out in the cold, stooping to read the small print in the council notice board. Those of you of normal stature will realise that you don't do it often particularly if you have a living to earn. Much easier to pick up a copy of the *Review* or wait for

your very own copy of *Sunnyside Up* to be put through your door.

Now I am no longer on either the town or borough council, I expect someone else will pick up the mantle and press home the party line. Just in case they don't, I have eyes, I have ears and having spent four years being amazed at what they get away with, am sure the editors can find a spot to place the odd piece I may wish to submit.

I mean, who else would know that the housing department is carrying out the landscape improvements in the Ashlyns Estate. That is the reason that the dog-loo bins were not moved. They belong to community and leisure. Likewise, the road sweeper doesn't sweep the small courtyards - housing doesn't have a road sweeper! Our new Lib-Dem council will bring all these little matters to your attention, as they are great believers in consulting and informing you what's going on.

A lot of the party politicals laughed at how disorganised the Independents were in 1995, and we freely admit that we never got our act together. It came as a bit of a shock to hear that one of the first things the new 'party controlled council' had decided to do was to reorganise the committee structure from day one after the Independents had been putting the case for the action over the previous three years with little support from the second largest group, the Lib-Dems.

As a number of you know, I was the council's representative on the Berkhamsted access committee and they had a meeting scheduled for Friday 28th May. I sent a note to the town clerk, reminding him of the fact and offered my copy of the agenda and minutes for the new representative if they didn't have one. Even more of a surprise was a telephone call on the Thursday afternoon from the mayor, asking if I could attend as the council's new representative works in Watford and would be unable to attend any of the meetings. I will be that

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committee's representative at the regular town centre forum due to be held on 7th July at 7:30pm in the Sessions Hall of the town hall. On the other hand that may have changed as well, so keep your eye out somewhere or the other.

'Need to know'. That phrase should be in the back of your mind when trying to find out anything about the activities of local, national or even international government. The other thing is that we live in a democratic society. We have a right to know what our representatives are doing in our name - unless they don't wish you to know. The European elections were a test bed for a new voting system. You don't actually vote for anyone, just an idea and hope they don't change their minds. The only way you can be sure of voting for a person is to vote Independent, but they don't have the money or clout that the parties have. I suspect that is part of the reason I was thrown out during the May election: I don't have an election

fighting fund, I don't have an army of workers able to assist in policy making or organising canvassers and taking people to and from the polling station. But I do believe in democracy. I also believe in keeping people informed and what choices they have.

When you think about it, if councils and governments heeded the wishes of the people they are supposed to represent, we wouldn't throw one lot out to put another lot in, would we? One of the things I got involved in was the Berkhamsted web site, which the town council took a dim view off and the intention was to dismantle it by now. The reaction received made me reconsider and the site is in the process of being rebuilt at the same address as before. The council have been invited to participate, but don't hold your breath. ❖

Ella's Ridgeway Day

The 85-mile Ridgeway Path linking the Cotswolds and Chiltern Hills saw an ambitious fund-raising run staged on Sunday, 13th June. Eight runners covered its entire length in relays, beginning at the crack of dawn and finishing at 7pm on Ivinghoe Beacon. They were joined by fun-runners and walkers converging from various parts of the Chilterns - some 150 people in all.

All this was in aid of the Ella Beaumont Support Fund (see the April *Review*), for which the proceeds are expected to reach several thousands of pounds. Peter McMunn, one of the organisers, commented, "It's wonderful to have had this much support from people from right across the town".



The eight relay runners (Peter McMunn and Revd Robin Figg are standing third and fourth from left) together with young Ella Beaumont.

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The Day Hospice in Shrublands Road includes in its activities the provision of a twice-weekly day hospice. Here is a summary of the aims and philosophy of this aspect of the work of the hospice.

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Aims and Objectives

- To maintain and, if possible, improve the quality of the patient's life.
- To provide an enjoyable day on a regular basis - a focal point to the patient's week.
- To provide the opportunity to re-discover past skills or learn new creative skills.
- To allow patients to experience activity around them and feel welcome to be part of it.
- To enable people to talk, providing friendship, group cohesiveness and mutual support.
- To ensure that each individual feels valued and can rely on support from the group.
- To give time to allow the growth of recognition of themselves, their illness and their fears. To allow openness and honesty in communication.
- To provide individual support, where appropriate, away from the group.
- To monitor for signs of distress whether physical, emotional, social or spiritual To receive professional support and advice from the hospice

THE DAY HOSPICE

A valuable part of the work of our local hospice is providing care for day patients.



Although an emphasis may be placed on social aspects and creative activities, nevertheless physical, emotional and spiritual needs are equally well addressed in a model of care consistent with wider hospice philosophy.

Further details are available from the Hospice of St Francis on 862960 or by fax (contact 877685) or by email (st.francis@dial.pipex.com).

medical director, nurses, physio-therapist, social worker, and chaplain, according to changing needs and requirements.

- To provide a relaxed homely and safe environment for patients in which they can feel able to express their needs, whether spiritual physical social or emotional.
- To facilitate acceptance of progression in dependency, and the greater care needs this may imply, including the possibility of admission to the in-patient unit.
- To respect patients' autonomy.
- To liaise with and work effectively in joint care planning with the continuing care sisters in-patient team and with outside agencies, such as district nurses, Macmillan nurses, Iain Rennie hospice at home, social services and the Marie Curie organisation.
- To provide carers with regular respite from the responsibilities of caring for patients, for their own well-being, and in order to maximise their abilities to provide ongoing care.





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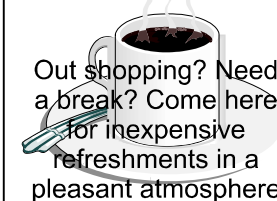
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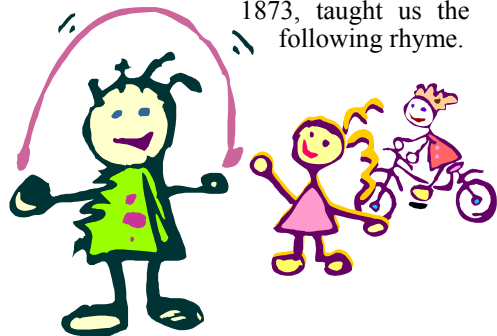
rhyming games

I'm quite sure that young school children still play games outside at 'break' as we did, although I don't know what form they take today. But something recently got me thinking about the rhyming games we played whilst skipping or playing with a ball. For instance, I wonder how many people reading this remember the following?

*I'm a girl guide
Dressed in blue
These are the actions I can do
Salute to the King
Bow to the Queen
And turn my back on the Kaiser*

'Kaiser' was pronounced with a long, drawn out 'I' at the end. The interesting thing is that, although I was born in the south, my mother was a Cheshire woman and we returned regularly to her home to visit her many relations. 'Kaiser' was the name we used up there. In the south we said, 'And turn my back on the boys in green' – at least, I *think* that is right. I was born after the Great War, and my older sisters and I hadn't got a clue who the Kaiser was – but obviously someone who had been up to no good!

An aunt from Cheshire, born about 1873, taught us the following rhyme.



Muriel Lander recalls early childhood rhymes and wonders whether today's children are continuing the tradition.

*My mother said
I never should
Play with the Gypsies in the wood
If I did
She would say
Naughty little girl to disobey
Disobey Disobey
Naughty little girl to disobey.*

The most extraordinary rhyme I remember was:

*Alla malla mink monk
Tink tonk toozy
Toozy toozy vegeerdish
Ah vah vetch.*

The 'o' in 'monk' and 'tonk' was pronounced as it sounds in 'long'.

I once wrote to the Opie family who are experts on childhood rhymes, and received the reply that this particular rhyme is very old indeed. They couldn't even date it, but I believe similar versions existed in many countries. It would be interesting to hear from anyone who remembers this particular rhyme.

Apart from playing games in the playground, or at home in the street, we played hop skotch, jumped on a pogo stick, and – yes! – played with the good old yo-yo which has made a comeback at which most of us were most adroit!

I do envy the younger generation who appear to be born knowing exactly how to use computers, videos, internets and the like, but I sincerely hope that the good old games or their modern equivalents will last for many a long year, alongside all the modern technology. ❖





All Saints' Festival

6-7 November

Mark the weekend of 6th / 7th November in your diary now! On those two days will occur the absolutely unmissable All Saints' festival. The festival will not only be a joyful celebration of All Saints'-tide but will promote the theme of growth, a term which Christians interpret in myriad different ways.

There will be music, singing and drama. There will be a photography competition (please can we use some of the pictures in the *Review*? Editor). There will be lots to eat and numerous unusual projects aimed at drawing people in.

A long-term project is already under way to get as many of the numerous children at All Saints' as possible to grow tomatoes this summer. The crop will be turned into tomato sauce which will go into pizzas for lunch on the Sunday (amongst other things!).

The children are already producing squares to be made up into cot quilts for distribution at the festival. An activity over the whole weekend will be the sewing in the church of a monster quilt made up of the squares.

The festival proceeds will go towards the cost of an All Saints' millennium garden, a major outreach to the wider community. If the event is as successful as we hope it will become an annual event. Among the benefits will be the drawing together of the Methodist and Anglican communities at All Saints' as they prepare and present their festival.

More details will follow in later issues of the *Review* but for more details or to get involved at an early stage in the planning, contact Christine Dipper (873006) or Rita Hodges (864057). ❖

We say goodbye this month to a couple who, over the years, have almost become part of the furniture at All Saints'. Valerie and Ian McCalla are moving this month from Berkhamsted to Shropshire after many years of residence here.

Val has been the organist at All Saints' since the early 1980s and had a powerful and positive influence on the musical life and worship in the church. One of her many achievements was the setting of the eucharist currently used on Sundays. Under her guidance the repertoire of hymns has been both updated and broadened.



*Thank you,
Val and Ian!*

Ian has done so many jobs in and around the church that it is impossible to list them all. He has been a stalwart on working parties as well as on committees and has contributed an immense amount of effort over the years. Personally I shall remember most his recruiting me into the ranks of the marshals of the Berkhamsted walk. He must have recruited dozens of others over the years and planned the annual routes for thousands.

We wish them every happiness in their new home. Thank you, Valerie and Ian.





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***Revd Peter Hart
reflects on our
ability to read
signs in dealing
with people.***

wheeling overhead, the ducks on the canal are onto their second brood of ducklings, fetes and flower festivals abound and cricket headlines outnumber references to football. It must, therefore, be summer.

We are also quite skilled at reading other signs. A flurry of small roadworks means that the new budget has released long-awaited cash for maintenance, after the previous allowance was used up several months before. The subtle rearrangement of food on supermarket shelves means that there are new products that they would quite like us to buy as we search desperately for our favourites. Those carefully worded phrases on school reports reveal underlying concerns that for some reason teachers do not spell out clearly on the report, but will be only too willing to discuss at the end of year review.

We are sensitive, sophisticated operators: we know when people are selling us a line, we can detect political spin, we can sniff out half-truths and carefully concealed meanings, and we react accordingly. When these things relate to ourselves, our personal well-being and our position in the world, we are nobody's fool.

Where we frequently mis-read the signs is in interpersonal contacts, in our dealings with other people. We have an in-built wariness to being involved in other people's business, so we construct an overlarge respect for privacy and flee

Certain signs reveal that it is summer, despite the best efforts of the rain, lightning and wind to disguise the fact. There are swallows and swifts

from any accusation of prying. The result can be isolation and needs going un-met in people who are looking for our interest and our support. This reluctance to get involved is counterbalanced, of course, by an equal reluctance to ask, to put a brave face on how well we are coping and to shy away from revealing the true extent of our need.

Jesus's sensitivity was huge, his ability to penetrate to people's deep-seated but unexpressed needs is clearly demonstrated time and again in the gospels' accounts of his dealings with people. It is the Church's rôle to continue that sensitive task of taking God's love to all of his people, to listen, to encourage and to support. It is also the Church's rôle to be open to the approaches of both strangers and those who are better known. As we try to foster that openness and sensitivity within the parish, let us not shy away from awkward situations, but share in them with the sensitivity and love that Jesus so frequently showed. ❖

Organ Recital

On Sunday July 18th, Trevor Tipple,
Director of Music at St Martin's
Church, Worcester, will be giving
an organ recital at St Mary's
Northchurch.

The concert starts at 3.30pm, will last
about 45 minutes and is followed by
light refreshments in
the Parish Room.

There will be no admission charges
but a collection will be taken in aid of
'The New School of Organ Studies'.



KUMON MATHS

Photogenic maths students at the Kumon study centre in Berkhamsted have a chance to win a camera of their own in a special competition this summer. Instructors Muriel Rennie and Jillian Whitlam have asked students to submit photos of themselves doing their maths homework in unusual places over the holidays. Local students have recently been pictured studying on the roof of a narrowboat, a flight from Australia, in Malaysia and on a removal van! Photographs will be displayed in class in

the Court House during the autumn, with three lucky students being awarded a camera.

Kumon classes continue twice a week throughout the holidays, and students maintain their routine of 15 minutes daily practice whether at home or away on vacation. This 'focuses' existing skills and 'develops' new ones throughout the break so there are no 'negatives' to the new school year in September.

To join the class and put yourself in the picture, get snappy and call Muriel Rennie on 863108. A two week free trial is available during the summer. *(continued on p27)*

The June meeting of the PCC addressed a wide variety of matters ranging from day-to-day administrative issues through to examining the parish's role in nurturing Christianity in the community.

John Malcolm, one of the parish's lay readers, gave the meeting a comprehensive insight into the *Emmaus* course, which is being used by several neighbouring parishes alongside or in place of the widely used *Alpha* course. He noted that *Emmaus* provides a fuller framework within which to understand the Christian faith than *Alpha*, including as it does a 'nurture' element and following this a 'growth' component. In adopting *Emmaus* the parish would be able to draw on experience of other parishes running the course, such as St Michael's Sunnyside and St John's Boxmoor. The PCC underlined its support for the *Emmaus* course scheduled to start in the middle of September, taking over from the *Alpha* course which had been successfully run several times by the parish (more details from John Malcolm on 874993).

On other matters, the meeting congratulated Andy Beaumont and Peter McMunn on the success of the Ridgeway run organised in aid of the Ella Beaumont Support Fund (see [page ??](#) for more details and pictures). Continuing the theme of fund-raising,

Father Mark Bonney, chairing the meeting, reminded everyone of the upcoming Petertide Fair which was only two weeks away from the date of the meeting.

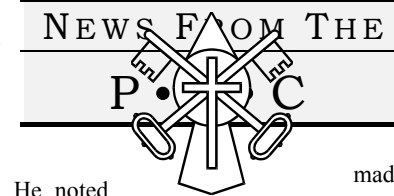
The meeting approved a number of items, the most significant being:

- The temporary removal and storage of the choir stalls at the east end of All Saints' church so that more flexible use could be made of this space;
- The enclosure of the mezzanine floor in the lower hall at All Saints', in the interests of safety for the children attending the crèche;
- A budget for the installation of a new sound system at St Peter's to replace the current system, now some 17 years old and becoming progressively more unreliable.

Ashlyns school had suggested that the PCC nominate a new governor for the school as part of a new initiative seeking to appoint 'partnership governors' from the community). David Burbidge was nominated for the position, which was unanimously approved.

Finally, the meeting noted the donation of a new piano for use in the Court House by a parishioner and approved the donation of the existing instrument to a charity working to provide pianos for teaching music in Uganda.

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GREAT GADDESSEN MONASTERY

This item is a printed in a spirit of goodwill to a different religious tradition, whose local members are developing their work based on their site in Great Gaddesden. We feel readers will be interested in their story.

Background

Most people in Berkhamsted have noticed brown robed monks walking through the town: sometimes standing in the High Street holding large round bowls. These monks are from the Amaravati Buddhist monastery at Great Gaddesden. Many people in the town are hardly aware of the existence of this Buddhist centre although it did come to the attention of the public a few years ago when planning permission to build a temple within its grounds was initially refused and the project had to be scaled down.

The centre supports about thirty monks and nuns housed on separate sites within the grounds but using the common facilities of the hall, where meals are taken, and the temple. When it first arrived in England in the early 80s this community set up in a large house in Chithurst near Petersfield. That house is still in use but now there are twelve centres across the Western world, of which four are in England, two each in Australia and New Zealand and one each in Italy, Switzerland and California. Amaravati is now the main centre in the West of this movement which is a branch of the Theravada (or Southern) school of Buddhism known as the Forest Sangha (*sangha* means religious community).

In contrast with its comparative obscurity locally, Amaravati is well known in the Theravada Buddhist countries Thailand and Sri Lanka. In fact the centre is entirely supported by voluntary donations mainly from members of the Thai and Sri Lankan communities in England and overseas. The Abbot of Amaravati, the head of the Forest Sangha order, was recently awarded the Thai equivalent of a knighthood and is now referred to as *Luang Por* Sumedho. Local people were completely unaware when, a few years ago, the temple was visited by a member of the Thai

royal family and when last year, at the time of the Commonwealth conference in London, the Thai Prime Minister and several members of his Cabinet took time out to pay a call at Amaravati.

Buddhism is highly respected in the countries of the Far East in which it is still thriving. It is an ancient religion going back nearly 2,600 years but its message still resonates in the West today. Amongst the various branches of Buddhism, Theravada Buddhism, as practised at Amaravati, is probably the closest to the original form practised by the Buddha (Sakyamuni Gautoma) and his followers in northern India for centuries before the arrival of Alexander the Great. Subsequently, different schools have been formed with their own distinctive styles and techniques. Of these, the best known in the West are those practised in Tibet and also the familiar Zen, preserved in Japan and Korea since its virtual extinction in mainland China. They, with the Theravada, are now slowly taking root in Britain and in Western culture.

An Invitation

In May 1995 work began at Amaravati Buddhist monastery on the construction of a new temple and cloister - a place of silence and peacefulness to form the outward heart of our life and practice here.

This great undertaking is now complete!

Constructed in traditional oak and English brick but featuring design aspects which reflect the monastery's Thai heritage, the temple and cloister have already won many admirers. Most of all, they embody the spaciousness, peace and simplicity to which Buddhist practice aspires.

Over the weekend of 3rd and 4th July two events are going to be held at the monastery in celebration of the formal opening and consecration of these beautiful new buildings.

You and your family would be welcome to attend the event we are holding on Saturday 3rd July as it is intended mainly as an opportunity for local people to visit the monastery. The programme beginning at 2:00pm will include tours of the temple and

exhibition describing the life and history of the monastery. A short

ceremony of welcome and reflection will be held in the temple at 3:30pm. There will be activities for children. Tea and other refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The event on Sunday 4th July will be much larger in scale and more formal in character. The ceremony of consecration is intended particularly for the many monks and nuns who will be visiting the monastery at this time - some for the first time, many from overseas.

This weekend will serve as a way of marking both the good will and aspirations that such a temple is built from as well as consecrating the buildings themselves. They and the rest of the monastery are open to visitors for most of the rest of the year as well. Amaravati is a place of sanctuary and peacefulness which is available to all. You are most welcome to visit.

Further information from Ian Reay on 871798.

A NEW ENVOY

I am delighted to report that Berkhamsted is to have a new Salvation Army officer as from 15th July.

His name is Keith White, and he will carry the rather splendid title of Envoy.

Keith is married to Faith, and they have a two year old daughter, Joy. Faith, though, will not be employed by the Salvation Army as she wishes to stay in her present job.

The Whites will live at 31 Beech Drive, Berkhamsted HP4 2HG and their telephone number will be 876024.

Captain Stephen Poxon

BERKHAMSTED W.I.



Yet another meeting started with a bang - only this month it was not the lights which fused but the thunder which drowned out the reading of the previous meeting's minutes! Our members gave many reports of meetings and outings in the last month and

members were told of the forthcoming 80th birthday celebrations of the Hertfordshire Federation, which will be held at Hatfield House in the autumn - a definite date for the diary!

Our 'business' for the evening was the discussion of and voting upon the four public affairs resolutions for the intermediate general meeting in June. Much lively discussion ensued, in particular the genetically modified foods resolution which is, of course, highly topical and extremely thought provoking. The meeting gave a resounding 'yes' vote for all resolutions.

At our June meeting in the Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted on Wednesday, 16th June Mrs Tigger Hewitt offered us a *Peep into the Past*. Visitors and new members are always warmly welcomed.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

Our President, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members and visitors to our June meeting. During business matters we were given a report of our successful outing to Hampton Court Palace and on the Hertfordshire County Show at Redbourn. At the show many items made by members of HFWI for a school in Sri Lanka were on show. There was a lovely display for all to see.

Our speaker was Hugh Grainger who spoke to us on the *Origins of Manners and Customs*. Many customs which are still being used originated from the Vikings, Romans and even the druids. He advised members who might be going abroad for their holidays to check the manners of the residents of the country being visited so as to make their stay there more enjoyable.

Mr Grainger kindly judged the competition for the fan and the flower of the month.

Our secretary, Janet Mitchell, represented us at the Royal Albert Hall where the intermediate general meeting was held. She gave a full and interesting report of the meeting.

Next month Mrs Tigger Hewitt will be speaking on *Food through the Ages* on 2nd July at the Court House, Berkhamsted at

2:00pm. New members and visitors would be most welcome.

SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		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.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
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.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
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.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804					
Tuesday / Friday	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.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday					
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 / August 1999

JUNE

26	10-3pm	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.	
5	8:30pm	Healing Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	7:30pm	John Cadman lute and classical guitar	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Peter's</i>

AUGUST

21	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Michael's Sunnyside</i>
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Registers

Baptisms (*All Saint's*)

16 May	Olivia Alice Black
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Wedding (*St Peter's*)

8 May	David Mark Stubbs and Belinda Jayne Lavis
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Funerals

7 May	Isreal Butler	St Peter's (burial Kingshill Cemetery)
11 May	Ethel Louise Winfield	Chilterns Crematorium
14 May	Ralph Albert Thomas Parker	St Peter & St Paul, Lt Gaddesden
26 May	Leonard James Slatter	Chilterns Crematorium
27 May	Gordon John Cox	Chilterns Crematorium



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 (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
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 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
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