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Welcome to the November 2004 issue of the Berkhamsted Review

In the past. November was seen as a black month. and a 16th century writer advises us that this is the most perilous time of the year to bath in. It was the month, following the riches of summer and the celebration of the harvest, when the provision of a varied and healthy diet became more difficult. We are almost totally insulated from such concerns, and soon we shall be spending our way to Christmas. But in the Christian year, towards the end of November there is a reminder. We move into the season of Advent. My Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church tells me that in the West fasting is no longer formally ordered though festivities are discouraged. So, we have an opportunity to reflect on the extraordinary riches that we enjoy, whether from natural resources or the ingenuity of our fellow men and women.

Our own town preserves a long record of human endeavour and we look this month at the conservation of our built heritage. We also record the celebrations attending the centenary of the birth of **Graham Greene** - one of Berkhamsted's most distinguished literary figures, and we begin the story of one of the 19th century's most innovative architects, **Sir Joseph Paxton**.

Christopher Green

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The Right to
Roam

Father Martin
reflects on our
churches' ever
open doors

review leader

As I look through my window at the teeming rain and grey overcast conditions, it's easy to think back to the summer days and wish for some sunshine. My wife Geraldine and I were lucky to spend a week or so in Spain, but for many people the best thing about this last summer

in England was when it ended. We were told by the pundits that we had the wettest August since records began. As those particular records only began in 1961, by which time many of us had passed through our childhood, that hardly seems a credible statistic. Childhood summers were, as I recall, characterised by lowering clouds and torrential downpours. As the favourite topic of conversation in England is the weather, this gave us something to talk about.

As far as the churches in this parish were concerned, summer was a wow. Over July, August and September we managed ten weddings and eleven baptisms. These brought in a whole host of new faces, crowds of people who would never have crossed our thresholds, and lots of assorted small change in the collections.

Therein lays the rub. The people who support the work of our churches, week in and week out, come rain or shine, pour in huge amounts of hard-earned cash only to find their space invaded by a crowd of relative strangers often searching about in their pockets and purses for the smallest possible coin to put in the collection. It is also noticeable that those who normally attend other churches contribute folding money or at least a two pound coin.

It is like buying a nice detached house in the country, with a big garden, and then finding that the Ramblers Association has discovered a right of way straight across the lawn and exercise their right to roam. But this is the Church of England. Anyone who is domiciled in this realm has a perfect right to be married in one of our churches or to have themselves or their children baptized here. We could discourage them by having baptisms at six o'clock on a Tuesday morning or by insisting on nine month marriage preparation classes on a Saturday night, but we do not.

However, I like visitors in church. They laugh at my jokes, both of which the regular congregation has heard before. I also hope against hope that some of them, some time, will come back to join us on a regular basis. It has happened. I hope that all of you who attend regularly see these occasional opportunities to evangelise and pastor to strangers as a positive way of encouraging those who rarely enter the church to become engaged with what we are trying to do. I certainly hope that you don't feel that we have been invaded!

Incidentally, now that we are in November, I am sure that you will have noticed that everyone is already talking about how little time there is until Christmas. Traditionally the holy season is one when more people end up in a church than any other time of year. Even if it's not something you can achieve every week, try to encourage people to understand that they will receive a warm welcome in our churches for any of the 'specials' and invite them to come with you and see what it's all about for themselves. Christianity is all about mission and evangelism and we can't do that without people. *



Bereavement and Loss Support Group

There is a warm welcome on the first Sunday of each month from 3.00-4.30pm in the Northchurch Baptist Church Hall, High Street, Northchurch, for any who might feel the need of support at a time of loss.

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D erkhamsted, has many **D** historic buildings and. as was seen a few years ago when Figg's pharmacy was converted to an estate agency, some buildings in the High Street have a provenance that goes back. to the Middle Ages. These buildings will often be listed or be contained within the conservation area. In my description of the process for deciding on planning applications in last month's Review I mentioned that although

there is, in general, a presumption that a construction or alteration can go ahead, and reasons have to be given to justify a refusal, this is not the case for a listed building or for any buildings in a conservation area. For such buildings the presumption is against change and it is up to the applicant to demonstrate that there are positive benefits to be derived from what is proposed. These benefits should not be just for the owner of the property but should benefit the community at large.

As it happens, since I wrote that article, a case occurred in Kings Langley which clearly demonstrated this point. Although it was only a matter of designing a shop sign on the front of a listed building in the High Street it caught the attention of a journalist on the Daily Telegraph who wrote an article on it covering half a page.

The new owners of a florist's shop in Kings Langley High Street applied for planning permission to replace the existing sign on the front of the shop. The shop is in a listed building and so a listed building consent was also required. At first there appeared to be no problem but when the existing sign was dismantled it revealed another, older fascia underneath (with the words *The Langley Stores* written on it). Nobody was aware that this board existed and there was no record of when it was concealed.

The planning policy on listed buildings says: "There is a general presumption in favour of the preservation of listed buildings of special architectural or historic interest". Permission can only be granted if the proposed changes respect the existing character of the property and



Conserving the Past

Ian Reay looks at the protection of historic buildings

Restrictions apply to the interior as well as the exterior of a building. Demolition or replacement of a listed building requires "the strongest justification". A listed building consent may also bring with it a condition that any features that could be destroyed or revealed

during the course of the work

are recorded. The fact that an

old shop sign was discovered

bring about "substantial

benefits to the community".

in this case changed the starting point for applying this policy since it was clearly older and of more historic importance than the more recent one that was dismantled. The conservation officers at the borough council proposed an additional external hanging sign to advertise the shop's business and in accordance with the policy the owners were asked to retain and restore the newly revealed sign.

Small businesses (or national chains for that matter) who choose to operate from listed buildings, or in a conservation area more generally, should take into account the special responsibilities that this brings. It can of course also bring benefits to the owner. Many people will visit attractive and historic towns and buildings simply for the enjoyment of the surroundings.

The borough council can insist that a building in a poor state be brought into good repair. Grants are available to help with repairs to listed buildings – these can be up to 20% of the total costs. Anybody who wants to list (or de–list) a building can apply to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

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Later this month, on Advent Sunday, Mary and Joseph (and a donkey) will set out on their journey round the Parish as a visible and tangible reminder of the story of the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem

Our branch of The Mothers' Union has provided two Travelling Cribs for the parish, one for each church. Our members made the knitted figures of Mary and Joseph so they are very child friendly and no one need have fear of them being

damaged by young children. The figures have a special basket to travel in and each family they visit is asked to prepare a special place in their home for them to rest for the night.

The cribs will be blessed and sent out from the morning service, on 28th November. One will leave from All Saints' and one from St Peter's, with the first of the families on each list who have offered their homes as a resting place on their journey. Each night they will stay with a different family before returning to church with the last family at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

If you would like the Travelling Crib to spend a night in your home please sign up on the list in church. There will be a list in St Peter's and another in All Saints' on Sunday 14th November. Make a note of the date and if you have any queries, or you know you are unable to be in church on 14th November and would like to host one of the Cribs for a night, please contact

Mothers' Union

The Travelling Crib

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Christmas activity look out for the posters displayed around the town and remember that journey long ago. As you do, pause, and prepare to receive the Christ Child in your heart this Christmas.

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At the recent PCC meeting it was unanimously agreed that we would consider entering into a Team ministry with Little Gaddesden, Great Gaddesden Nettleden and Potten End.

FROM THE PCC

Carole Dell and John Banks report

Leader/Rector will be resident in Berkhamsted at the Rectory. Details of where the other members of the Team will be based are not yet known.

The Rectory has now been let on a six month

lease.

At this time we do not have any further details but we hope to have more information from the next meeting of the Deanery Synod.

We have been assured that if a Team ministry is agreed the Team

The Parish Profile has been finalised to the PCC's satisfaction. It is hoped that advertising for these positions will be placed in the Church Times and other media by December by which time a decision should have been reached.

review letters

I am writing to take issue with Gerry Morrish's assertion in the October issue that "Berkhamsted was to escape bombing altogether".

Although we got off lightly considering our proximity to London, and the communication links running through the town, we certainly did not escape altogether. Sunnyside railway bridge was destroyed and although a foot bridge was erected it was some considerable time before a permanent replacement was built. The house on the corner of Shootersway and Durrants Lane was destroyed with, I believe, loss of life.

Some fairly small bombs were dropped in the Kings Road, Graemesdyke Road area, luckily falling between houses but the water main was damaged necessitating the boiling of all drinking water.

I was once told that we escaped further damage because the mist which hung over the town gave it the appearance of a lake but I cannot vouch to the truth of this statement

Priscilla Watt

History Notes

An early record of goods passing through Berkhamsted on the Grand Union Canal comes from churchwarden's account at Padbury, in Bucks. In 1806 a new peal of six bells, cast by **John Briant** of Hertford, completed part of the journey to Padbury by way of the canal.

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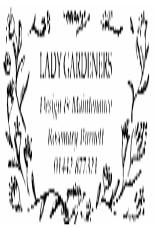
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This Centenary Festival has brought many and interesting people to Berkhamsted over the last week. Graham Greene was born in the town on 2nd October 1904, and always felt that the town was his natural

home. It has been, therefore, the destination of those who admire his writing and the astuteness of his observations.

Throughout the week an Exhibition in the Civic Centre featured Greene memorabilia, many cartoons showing the scope of his political involvement, and the honours that he received. Honours from many countries, the chief among them the Companion of Honour and the

Order of Merit, both gifts of the sovereign. These honours were never sought so their bestowal was all the more significant. How right that they should glow here in Berkhamsted for our viewing. There, also, was a presentation based on *The Third Man*, and created by **Dr Brigitte Timmermann** and **Frederick Baker**, who have just completed a BBC *Arena* documentary on Greene. Both were present and spoke at the opening ceremony which was attended by civic representatives of Dacorum.

Perhaps our greatest pleasure throughout the week has been to enjoy the company of the Greene family - Caroline, Graham's daughter, is no stranger to our Festivals, and joining her this year were the son and daughter of **Elisabeth Dennys**, their families, and the next generation. It was a great gathering of a family that first came to Berkhamsted in the 1890s. *Travels with my Aunt*, the dramatic adaptation of the novel, at the Court Theatre, Pendley, provided a very entertaining diversion to more serious events.

The Festival which opened with a concert by the Dacorum Sinfonietta, coincided with the publication of Volume 3 of the massive biography by **Norman Sherry**, who spoke and signed books in the Town Hall, some thirty years after he first visited these scenes of Graham's early life.

THE GRAHAM GREENE FESTIVAL

David Pearce, the Festival Director, reports on the Centenary celebrations



It would be difficult to pick out highlights, but the large audiences that filled Deans' Hall on Saturday enjoyed David Lodge's personal reflections about the influence of writers on later the belated debt that

writers - the belated debt that they owe to early reading. Sir John Mortimer beguiled with his wit, and with his reminiscences of times spent with Graham. Earlier in the day Professor Richard Greene of Toronto spoke of his editing of Greene's letters, and gave his appreciation of their range and warm humanity. Two talks gave insights into the author's relationships with publishers - Professor Judith Adamson

talking about **Max Reinhardt** - himself an intriguing character, and **Louise Dennys**, Graham's niece, giving an account of her own editing and publishing of her uncle's work. It was Louise who proposed the birthday toast, which marked a day of celebrations.

This is not the place to give a detailed survey. There was much else in film, formal talk and discussion. The *Tablet* paper, for instance, made possible a forum on Graham's Catholicism, and brought together the well-known writers and broadcasters — A N Wilson, Mark Lawson and Ian Thomson. This was very well received by an audience that took full part in question and answer.

What can be said of this Centenary is that an interest in **Graham Greene** sets out on travels in unexpected directions. He was a man of parts and variety; he was a man of controversy and deep enduring friendships; he was a novelist who understood both the fun of life as well as its ironies and spiritual wranglings. His relevance has been made apparent by the world-wide response to the Festival, by the books brought out in his honour (I have recently received two from Japan), and by the buzz of interest in the town. It is, above all, for this local loyalty that the Festival Director wishes to say thank you to readers

A man of energy and determination

Joseph Paxton was born on 3rd August, 1803, in Milton Bryan in Bedfordshire. By 1823 he had secured a position as a gardener at the (later Royal) Horticultural Society in Chiswick, adjacent to Chiswick House, one of the many homes of William

Cavendish. sixth Duke of Devonshire (1790-1858). The duke, who had an interest in horticulture. often fell into conversation with the young man as he walked through the Society's grounds and was sufficiently impressed by Joseph's lively intelligence to offer him the post of head gardener at the duke's principal residence, the seventeenth century mansion Chatsworth House, near Chesterfield. in Derbyshire. Paxton later wrote an account of his arrival at Chatsworth:

I left London by the Comet coach for Chesterfield; arrived at Chesterfield at 4.30 in the morning of the ninth of May 1826. As no person was to be seen at that early hour I got over the greenhouse gate by the old covered way, explored the pleasure gardens and looked round the outside of the house. I then went down to the kitchen gardens, scaled the outside wall and saw the whole of the place, set the men to work there at six o'clock; then returned to Chesterfield ... to breakfast with poor dear Mrs Gregory and her niece. The latter fell in love with me and I with her, and thus completed my first morning's work at Chatsworth before nine o'clock.

A gardener of distinction

Joseph Paxton's association with the Crystal Palace has obscured the fact that he was a gardener of distinction. His most

SIR JOSEPH PAXTON AND THE CRYSTAL PALACE

Stephen Halliday begins the story of the gardener who became an architect



A bust of Sir Joseph in Crystal Palace park

notable achievement in this phase of his career was in the propagation of a dwarf banana which had been found in Mauritius and defied all previous attempts to cultivate it. Paxton succeeded propagating it at Chatsworth and was responsible for its introduction to Samoa where it remains a staple food item.

First steps in building design

At the same time, Joseph Paxton was becoming involved in the field in which he was to make his lasting reputation - the design of buildings. In 1838 the duke decided that the nearby village of Edensor should be moved to avoid disturbing the view from the recently extended Chatsworth. Joseph Paxton was given the task of organising the rebuilding of the village on its present site. At this

time he also designed Prince's Park Liverpool, a commission which he undertook in conjunction with James Pennethorne (1801-71), adopted son of John Nash, so it is not surprising that the designs for Prince's Park were similar in many respects to those of Regent's Park, London.

Chatsworth received many royal visitors during **Joseph Paxton**'s time and the duke entrusted his gardener with the organisation of pageants and other entertainments to divert their royal highnesses. On one occasion, in 1843, the Queen and Prince Albert were accompanied by the Duke of Wellington who was much impressed by the tidy state of the grounds on the morning after the previous evening's festivities. Upon enquiry he learned that Paxton had been up for much of the night with a hundred workmen clearing away the debris which prompted Wellington to tell the Duke of

Devonshire "I should have liked that man of yours for one of my generals". The following year, 1844, plans were made for a visit of Tsar Nicholas I of Russia, a friend of the duke, and Paxton suggested that, in honour of the visit, it would be appropriate to complete the work on a great fountain which he had already begun. 100,000 cubic feet of earth were moved to create an eight-acre reservoir for a fountain which threw its water almost three hundred feet into the air - the greatest height ever reached by a fountain. The fountain is perhaps the most spectacular surviving monument to Sir Joseph Paxton but there was one disappointment: the Tsar did not go to Chatsworth during his visit to England and thus never saw the great fountain which had been named the Emperor Fountain in his honour

The Great Stove

In the early 1830s Paxton had begun to experiment with different designs for glasshouses, culminating in the construction at Chatsworth of the world's largest conservatory. It was begun in 1836 and completed, fully planted, within four years: 277 feet long, 123 feet wide with a height of 67 feet. In the middle was a roadway wide enough for the duke's carriage. The first problem was to obtain a supplier of glass. In 1832 Robert Chance had introduced to his Birmingham glassworks some new techniques for making sheet glass. Chance offered Paxton sheets of the then unprecedented length of three feet but Paxton insisted on four feet which Chance agreed to supply. Paxton also designed an innovatory wooden frame to hold the glass panels. Each glazing bar contained three grooves. The glass panel was inserted into the middle groove; the outer groove served as a gutter which trapped rainwater running down the outside of the glass panel and conducted it to downpipes; the inner groove trapped condensation. This design came to be known as Paxton's Patent Guttering. Paxton also designed a machine tool which cut the grooves automatically, powered by a steam engine which he ordered from Boulton and Watt in 1836. Forty miles of glazing bars were prepared in this way. Steam was also used to heat the Great Conservatory, eight boilers being used to feed seven miles of iron pipework: hence the nickname for the conservatory The Great Stove. In building the conservatory Paxton had made use of

three techniques which were later to be employed in the design of the Crystal Palace: large glass panels, a grooved wooden frame and a mechanism for speeding up the process of production and construction. One further innovation was required before Paxton's Crystal Palace could be conceived and the inspiration for that was provided by another horticultural success.

The Lily House

In 1836 a giant water-lily had been discovered by explorers of the Amazon and in 1846 some of its seeds were received at Kew where the plant survived but refused to flower. In 1849 Joseph Paxton obtained a specimen of the obstinate plant from his friend Sir Joseph Hooker, the director at Kew. The leaves measured five and a half inches in breadth. Paxton designed a tank to hold the lily in a small conservatory with heating, lighting and humidity reproducing conditions on the Amazon and a water-wheel gently agitating the water to simulate the conditions of a slowly flowing river. Within a month the leaves had grown from five and a half inches to three and a half feet. By November the lily was in full flower and Paxton himself went to Windsor to present Queen Victoria with a bud and leaf. The lilv's leaves were now exceeding five feet in diameter and the Illustrated London News reported that Paxton's daughter Annie, aged seven, had stood on one of the leaves in its tank and been comfortably supported. Paxton was impressed by the thin cantilever-like webs which supported the great mass of the leaf. He now had to design, quickly, a new lily house which would accommodate the ever-expanding leaves and the hordes of visitors who came to Chatsworth to see the new phenomenon. The new lily house, with a 33-foot diameter tank, incorporated principles adopted for the Great Conservatory but its roof was supported by hollow cast-iron pipes which also acted as drainpipes. Joseph Paxton had now made use of all the design principles which would inform the construction of the Crystal Palace.

Next month: Building the Crystal Palace

This article is taken from **Stephen Halliday**'s book *Making the Metropolis: Creators of Victoria's London* on sale at the Bookstack.

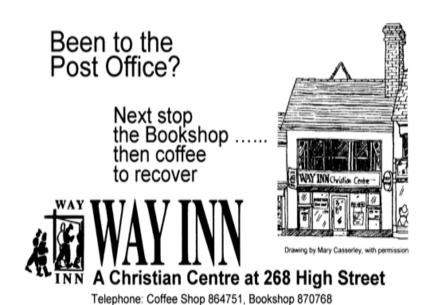
World War II returns to Ashridge-

Priscilla Coombs reports

At Ashridge on Sunday 26th September there were two battles during the day. Armies of British, American, French, German and Russian troops were all to be seen. The battles started with opposing forces coming out of the woods at either end of the meadow. Tanks, guns, and soldiers firing their rifles, and taking cover behind bushes and fallen trees as they advanced. When the battles were over, people were allowed to collect spent cartridges - rather like small boys collecting shrapnel during the war.

All this was made possible by funding from the National Lottery Fund and provided memories, education and fun. Veterans in the marquee were from the forces stationed around Ashridge during the war. The 11th Hussars, the 51st Highland Division and soldiers from Poland, the Netherlands and America as well as nurses from University College Hospital and Charing Cross who served at Ashridge House where over 20,000 people were nursed back to health. Also represented were the voluntary services, including the Home Guard, who demonstrated stirrup pump drill.

Stalls selling memorabilia were well-attended, and a display of vehicles, included an armoured reconnaissance vehicle, a 1942 Harley Davidson motorbike, Jeeps and a Scammell Explorer heavy recovery vehicle. There were parades of Army and Sea Cadets and the Ellesborough Silver Band played during the day and for a moment of reflection gave us Elgar's Nimrod.



Have you read that marvellous book by Lynne Truss? It's incredible that a book about punctuation should top the best seller list, but last year it did, and deservedly so. The author cares

passionately about commas and colons, but is by no means a boring pedant; on the contrary, she writes with scintillating wit and engaging humour. For instance, there's the large play area for children with a sign saying *Giant Kid's Playground*; everyone stays away from it, she suggests, because they are scared of the *Giant Kid*.

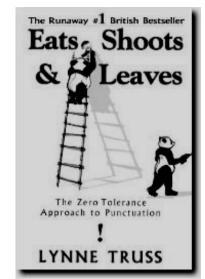
Then there's the *No dogs* please sign; an indefensible generalisation, she says, since many dogs do please, as a matter of fact; they rather make a point of it. More seriously, incorrect punctuation can distort meaning. She gives as

examples Don't guess, use a timer or watch which actually conveys the opposite of the meaning intended, and The convict said the judge is mad which makes perfect sense, although the insertion of two commas gives a more likely meaning.

I was inspired to make a tour of Berkhamsted High Street, notebook in hand. The Saturday market was in full swing, so I expected to come across many instances of the greengrocer's apostrophe, potato's and suchlike. Not a bit of it. The market greengrocers are a literate lot; the only example I could find was juicey (sic) orange's. Elsewhere, though, there were plenty of curiosities. The peculiar contraction 'n' came up several times, as in cookies 'n' icecream. (How is 'n' pronounced?) Generally I was struck more by missing than by mistaken punctuation. Sentences without

EATS, SHOOTS AND LEAVES

Apostrophes lost and found in Berkhamsted. **Gerry Morrish** surveys our shortcomings.



a final stop abounded: See in store for details and Every item makes a difference trailed off without a stop, while Nationwide. Proud to be different somehow managed to put its full stop in the wrong place. Apostrophes

were frequently omitted, as in dolls houses. Inside the Civic Centre the lavatories are labelled Mens Toilet and Womens Toilet; perhaps the signwriters were unsure about where the apostrophes should go. (The more elegant Ladies and Gentlemen would have got round the problem.)

Like Lynne Truss, I'm tempted to go about on the quiet with felt-tipped pen and correction fluid. But no, if truth be told there were fewer faults than I had expected. First prize goes to St. Peter's with All Saints'; I looked at all the notices in and around the church with a critical eve

but there were no mistakes. The apostrophes, if used, were in the right places. St. Peter with All Saints with no apostrophes was also to be seen and is, I think, a legitimate alternative. I'm inclined to award the booby prize to the Collegiate School, no less, for a sign saying DEANS HALL, but as it has now been taken down I'll let them off. There should of course be an apostrophe after the "s" as the reference is to two Deans, the school's founder, Dean Incent, and the headmaster **Dr Fry** who subsequently became Dean of Lincoln. So who gets the booby prize? I do, if there are any punctuation mistakes of my own in this article!

(Ed. I like the sign on the entrance gate to Goldfield Primary School, Tring

This gate must be kept closed at all times. This gate seems to be a fence!)

More than 80 NW Coordinators met at the Collegiate School on 29th September to be updated on NW affairs in the Berkhamsted District and the rest of Herts. It seems

that Dacorum is tops for effort and communication. This has led to 42 villains being nicked and as most of crime is done by a small percentage of the total number of villains this is quite a success for local NW

Mark Custerson, Project Manager for the development of NW in Herts indicated that Dacorum was a role model for excellence, due to members' efforts and enthusiasm, and the commitment of **Phil Anslow**, NW Manager. Coordinators also heard from five Community Police Officers and from **Sergeant Kevan Booles**. Kevan has been in Tring since 2000 and has now combined Berkhamsted into his domain.

An important local issue has been the proposal to reduce opening hours at Berkhamsted Police Station. As a result of representations by the **Crime Prevention Panel** (CPP), some improvement from the original proposal has been agreed and the opening hours for the enquiry desk are now:

Tuesday to Friday: 12:00 noon to 8:00pm Saturday: 8:00am to 4:00pm Sunday & Monday: Closed

On this subject **Superintendent Jon House** made the following points to NW members in a recent CPP Newsletter:

After consultation with the Berkhamsted CPP and Berkhamsted Town Council, we have modified our original proposals

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Norman Biggs records the success of NW in Berkhamsted

to reflect the needs of the local community yet deliver the savings we need to get more police onto the streets. During these discussions our commitment to the effective policing of Berkhamsted was

questioned. It is important that this perception is addressed. Berkhamsted has a full contingent of community constables and the community team is the most experienced in the Western Area of the Hertfordshire Constabulary. Not only do they have the most experience, they also have a great deal of pride in the service they provide. It is disappointing when I hear that members of the public have no faith in local policing, because I know about the many local initiatives these officers put in place and the great deal of energy that they put into addressing local problems of crime and disorder.

The community team is also aided by four officers based at Berkhamsted who provide a 24 hour emergency response and constant patrol capability. As a result of the continued efforts of my colleagues, crime and disorder are down in Berkhamsted and Tring. There were 14 house burglaries in June 2002, 7 in June 2003 and 4 in June 2004. There were 4 thefts of motor vehicles in June 2002. 1 in 2003 and none in 2004. and in the year to May 2004, nuisance incidents were reduced by 10%. This is something the community should be rightly proud of and is a result of local officers delivering a sound policing plan along with community partners.

The bad news is that the area is still a focus for the theft of high-value cars - BMW 5 and 7 series, Porsche, etc., particularly when they are ...

I needed to wash my car. And as I started towards the garage, I noticed that there was some mail on the hall table. So, I decided to go through it, before washing the car. Having put my keys on the table, I then sorted it through and decided to put the junk mail

in the bin. The bin was full, so I decided to put the bills back on the table while I took the bin out to empty it. But then I thought that as I would go near the postbox with the bin I might as well pay the bills first. So I took my cheque book out of the drawer in the table but found that there was only one cheque left.

So I then went for another book, in my desk in the study, where I found a cup of tea I had earlier been drinking. I was about to look for the cheque book when I found that the tea had gone cold, so I decided to warm it up again in the microwave. As I headed for the kitchen to do this, a vase of flowers in the hall caught my eye - which needed water. As I put my cup of tea down on the hall table, I noticed my glasses which I had been looking

HAVE YOU GOT AAADD?

Elizabeth Jackson passes on an account of the symptoms - from a sufferer with Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

for all morning. I decided I had better take them back to my desk, but first I must water the flowers. As I was about to fill the flower vase I noticed the TV remote control on the kitchen worktop.

Tonight when we are going to be watching TV we will be looking for that, so I decided to take it back to the TV room. But first, I must finish watering the flowers. However, as I was filling the vase, I accidentally splashed some water on the floor. So I put down the remote control, in order to wipe the spillage. Then having done this, I headed off down the hall to try to remember what I was planning to do.

Now it's the end of the day - the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a cold cup of tea still on my desk, the flowers haven't been watered, there's only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the TV remote control or my glasses, and I don't know what I did with my car keys. •

←p18 ...not in a garage but left in the drive or on the road. Houses are being burgled now not for contents but for car keys, as security devices on these cars are increasingly difficult to overcome. Another problem is that people are still leaving high-value goods in sight in cars, so theft from cars is still high. Please pass on this information to all your friends.

The message from the Community Team is that Berkhamsted has a relatively low crime rate and burglars rarely confront householders - they make of if disturbed. BUT PLEASE do all you sensibly can to protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime. To take advantage of a free Home Security Survey phone Berkhamsted Police Community Team on 271143.

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There are 168 Neighbourhood Watches in Berkhamsted and Northchurch covering 3,663 homes - BUT there are still significant gaps. The duties of Coordinator are not onerous, so if you would like to set up a 'watch' contact **Phil Anslow** (01442 271020).



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This year Tony Helen Ruberry generously volunteered organise the Berkhamsted Tower

Outing and frankly there is nothing more delightful than going on an outing when someone else has organised it — so we all agreed instantly to their proposal — especially as they were suggesting the wonderful county of Herefordshire, with the added adventure of an overnight stay.

After a lot of hard work on Tony and Helen's part, the outing was upon us, and on a damp Friday evening a somewhat weary band of Berkhamsted ringers arrived at the Green Man at Fownhope. Our spirits were raised along with the glasses, and we relaxed into the Herefordshire countryside and anticipated the weekend ahead

Having enjoyed the essential, massive pub breakfast we set off up the hill to Woolhope – a delightful village on the hills above the river Wye, and to the Church of St George. Here we met some friends of Helen and Tony's, and some ex-Berkhamsted ringers, David and Christine Sworder who had driven up from Somerset for the weekend. Woolhope was our first surprise of the day as the bells are hung anti-clockwise - this is unusual and caused some alarm amongst the less experienced. However once you have started ringing an anticlockwise ring you don't really notice the difference, and somehow we coped!

After an hour we had delivered some respectable ringing to brighten up the day for the local inhabitants and we moved on to the church of St Peter at Lugwardine. By this time the sun was shining and the Herefordshire

RINGING AND REFRESHMENT

Wendie Summers describes the bellringers outing to Herefordshire

countryside was looking magnificent.

Refreshment at the Red Lion at Madley fortified us for the afternoon, and some

serious map-reading, and three more towers to explore. No one got seriously lost and we finally arrived at the last tower of the day at the church of St Cuthbert, Holme Lacy, an idyllic but lonely spot on the floodplain of the Wye. We had been warned that the church was often inaccessible owing to floods, and was no longer in regular use. The bells were challenging to ring, but the sound travelled far across the fields, and was a fitting soundtrack for the perfect view of English countryside across the valley to our temporary home at Fownhope.

By this time we were in serious need of a rest accompanied by food and drink, and we all enjoyed discussing the day's events, and relaxing over a lovely meal at which we were joined by **Roger Turner** who used to ring at Berkhamsted when living at Little Gaddesden.

On Sunday we were able to repay the local people for their hospitality by ringing for Sunday service at Fownhope. There is no regular local band there, and so it must have been something of a surprise to hear the bells ringing out – but hopefully a pleasant one!

I think it is fair to say that we all enjoyed our trip to Herefordshire very much, and a very special thank you to Tony and Helen for organising it so well.

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Youth Work at
St Mary's
Jonathan Griffin
looks forward to a
bright future

review northchurch

Thoughts this month flow from the seminal article in October's See Round by the Bishop of St Albans. He reflects upon changes in the Church's methods of operation and thinks aloud over the options for sharing resources

between parishes.

While such sharing has become quite widely spread in various parts of this Deanery, especially in and around Tring, its main arrival upon Northchurch St Mary's doorstep was in the shape of a Youth Worker named Jimmy Young. Constructive dialogue between **Peter Hart** and **Mark Bonney** had led to an agreement to fund a post jointly supporting the youth organisations of St Mary's and St Peter's with All Saints'. A combination of prayer and advertisement then led Jimmy to visit us in the summer of 2002, and the rest is modern history!

Review readers of elephantine memory will recall Jimmy introducing himself in an article, outlining gap year Voluntary work on St Helena Island in the South Atlantic Ocean and then Swaziland. He subsequently headed off to Durham University to study and graduate with a Psychology degree. It is a moot point which of those experiences has contributed the

better to making him a prayerful, careful and influential Youth Leader, who quickly got to grips with the demanding challenge of dividing his time as equally as possible between two parishes (and three churches).

Moving from Durham to Northchurch put him back on a similar latitude to his home city of Cardiff, and he has shepherded his time and resources with increasing skill, applying lessons quickly from his initial experiences. Jimmy's objectives for his St Mary's *flock* are listed in his own words entitled *Youth Work Vision*, as follows:

"We shall encourage the young people of this parish

·To grow in their faith, and to live this out in their everyday lives

·To express their faith in a relevant way through worship and praise

·To share together as part of the family of God, and to nurture and support each other

·To draw in others to learn more about God's love

·To discover how they can use their gifts to serve the church and the local community"

Specifically the PCC has acknowledged that the young people are a part of the church, and as such have a ministry role within the body – be it in serving the community at large or specifically the church family.

What has typified Jimmy's spirit of broad involvement has been his support of local schools through assemblies, Christian Union

work and simply being 'there for a chat'. This is carefully planned with other Youth Workers in Berkhamsted churches, also involving Martin Wright and (until their recent departures) Mark & Peter. Numbers involved in the Youth Groups at All Saints' on Wednesdays and St Mary's on Fridays have risen steadily, and this can often be directly linked to the

groundwork put in through the schools.

This year's trips to Christian festivals have included All Saints' youngsters youth-hostelling near Daventry in February, the Soul in the City event based out of the Middlesex Showground site in July, and Soul Survivor reaching all the way to Somerset's Shepton Mallet in August. Jimmy then managed a few days retreat with fellow Youth Workers later in August, to recharge his batteries before school term and the weekly routines began afresh.



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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



Berkhamsted Castle WI held its monthly meeting on Friday October 1st at 2:00pm in the Court House. President for the month, Liz Baxendale,

welcomed members, and distributed cards and gifts to the 'Birthday Girls'. There were several apologies.

Liz started the meeting with her reminiscences of Vivienne Greene, erstwhile wife of Graham Greene, as this seemed appropriate to the Greene Festival ongoing at the time of the meeting. Vivienne was a world authority on dolls' houses and it was through the doll world that Liz had met her. She was, to say the least a colourful character. Liz had visited her Rotunda Museum and been invited into her house to view her collection of rare and valuable dolls (which would have been fine if all the other friends with Liz had not been left standing in the garden).

Janet Mitchell, our Secretary, then took us through the business which included some interesting ideas from our national HQ as to how to avoid chemicals in the home, by using more natural products. Having heard what was needed for the ingredients of a Lavatory Freshener, we thought a bottle of Pine might be easier. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr **Hugh Granger**, who told us the Reeve's tale, describing the life of his home village of Haddenham in the year 1450. This was a most interesting insight into a distant time, and we wondered at the price of building houses, and the amount of clay needed to daub a small cottage.

We all thought a carpet or woodblocks preferable to cow-dung as flooring, but realised that the sense of community present in those days just does not exist any more.

The competition for an old remedy was won by **Sue Bull**, **Marjorie Smith** and **Maureen Stonhill**

Threatened by closure for want of Committee members, four brave ladies had volunteered their services by the time tea and cakes were served. So, our AGM will take place next month on 5th November, and anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome. **Liz Baxendale** (866464)

←p23 Northchurch

The sharing of Jimmy's progress & objectives, accommodation & salary, training & administration is managed by a St Mary's / Great Berkhamsted committee which also involves Carole Dell and Stephen Lally. In sympathy with Jimmy's bi-focal life among us, this group divides its own time equally in discussing past successes & lessons and then planning future activities together. Strong links also exist with Northchurch Baptist Church, where Jimmy's St Mary's predecessor Andy Moody now leads the youth work.

Whatever the future holds for the parishes of Berkhamsted Deanery, Jimmy is preexisting proof that sharing of resources can succeed, inspire and be developed.

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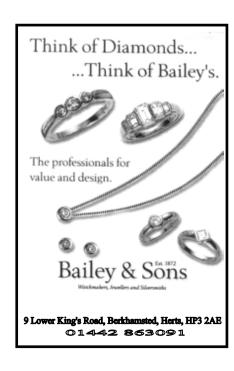
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Friday 12th 1pm to 4pm Saturday 13th 10am to 4pm Friday 26th 1pm to 4pm Saturday 27th 10am to 4pm

TUESDAY CLUB

On 5th October **Vic Botterill** gave a talk on palmistry. We were all shown the type of hand we have - *active, creative, sensitive or original*. We had a good balance of these types but one of us was told she had a "*bossy thumb*"! Our next meeting is on Wednesday (nb not Tuesday) 3rd November to hear about shoplifting and its prevention.

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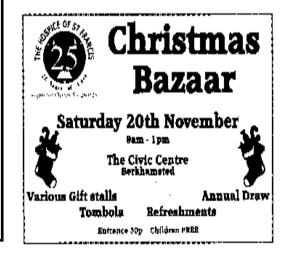




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Ψ	Wed	PATHE	THFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm . Jimmy Young (876736) All Saints' Hall				
(I)				8:00pm as announced		ct Guy Dawkins	
2	3rd Wed	d GRIEF	AND LOS	SS SUPPORT Lunch a			
			Contact Thelma Harris (865785)				
Š	Thu			8:00pm on 2nd & 4th	•		nda Bisset (862115)
7	Thu			E'S FELLOWSHIP 7			,
	Thu			8:00pm Priscilla Watt	` -		*
, e	Fri			PARENT & TODDLE with a short service 1s			Court House
		(864094)		with a short service 18	triim stre	cer 5 (Ivaiii) Mi	coic Audy-variuell
	Fri	` '		OIR: Children 7:00-8:	30pm (& Tue	s 5:15-6:15pm),	Adults 7:30-8:30pm.
		Contact	: Adrian I	Davis (864722) or Jean	Wild (86685	9)	•
	3 rd Sat	ABC PR	AYER BI	REAKFAST: 8:00am f	or breakfast	& prayers. Var	ious local churches

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Please see page 29 for a full list of regular services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (866161).

'December **November**

NOV	EM	BER		
Mon	1	8.00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	.St Peter's
Tue	2	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for All Souls	
			Bp Christopher +St Albans to preside & preach	
			Chiltern Chamber Choir will use the Fauré Requiem	.St Peter's
Fri	5	10.00am	Little Fishes Service About the Saints	.St Peter's
Sun	7	9.15am	Family Eucharist	All Saints'
Tue	9	10.15am	Chuckles Service Jonah & the Whale	All Saints'
8.001	pm		Deanery Chapter meeting	TBA
Wed	10	8.15pm	St Peter's Area CommitteeLady Chapel,	St Peter's
Thu	11	8.00pm	All Saints' Area CommitteeLandswood, Sh	ootersway
Sun	14 3.	00pm	The British Legion Service of Remembrance	.St Peter's
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong	.St Peter's
7.00_{J}	pm		Serenata Recital with retiring collection	
			for the piano fund	.St Peter's
Sat	20	8.00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	Sunnyside
Sun	21	9.30am	The Revd Canon Stephen Lake will preside & preach	.St Peter's
		10.00am	Anglican / Methodist Eucharist – Anglican led	All Saints'
		6.00pm	St Peter's Choir St Cecilia Concert	.St Peter's
Sun	28	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	.St Peter's
DEC	EM	BER		
Sun	5	7.30pm	Berkhamsted Choral Society Christmas concert	.St Peter's
Tue	14	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council meetingLady Chapel,	St Peter's
Thu	16	11.00am	Victoria School – Thomas Bourne Eucharist	.St Peter's
Sat	18	8.00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfast	All Saints'
Sun	19	9.15am	Eucharist with Sunday School Nativity	All Saints'
		9.30am	Eucharist with Sunday School Nativity	.St Peter's
Thu	23	7.30pm	Praetorius Christmas Mass –	
			Chiltern Chamber Choir concert	St Poter's

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Chilterns Crematorium

Baptisms (All	Saints')			
5 September	James Andrew Carruthers, Sophie Nat	asha Hall, Kate Elizabeth Stier		
26 September	Matthew Daniel Kessly, William Leon Wallis			
Weddings (St	Peter's)			
4 September	Ian Robert Griffiths & Joanna Debenham			
18 September	Richard James Hulme & Emma Jane Evans			
Funerals				
13 September	Valerie Jane Chuter	Chilterns Crematorium		
20 September	Nancy Veronica Agate	Chilterns Crematorium		

22 September Ronald Victor Filby

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Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc.

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	Mr John Malcolm	874993
Methodist All Saints'	Revd Paul Timmis	866324
	Mrs Ida Rance	865829
Sacred Heart (RC)	Fr Peter Grant	863845
	Mr Frank Furlong	862768
Society of Friends (Quakers)	The Clerk's Team, 288 H	igh Street
Kings Road Church	Pastor Billy Milton	864393
-	Dr Richard Walker	875614
St Andrew's (URC) HH	Revd Jane Wade	212320
	Mrs Margaret Chrichton	875401
St Peter's	Mrs Jean Green	878227
Berkhamsted Baptist	Mrs Pat Ginger	865817
St Michael & All Angels	Revd David Abbott	865100
Sunnyside	Mrs Pam Davis	863609
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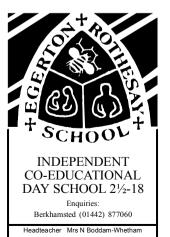
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Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)

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John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road (871195)

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Council: Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelvan Way (863559)

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Adrian Davis (864722) Director of Music: Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild (866859)

Organist: Jonathan Lee (0794 1113232)

Sundays

Weekdays

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion Family Sung Eucharist with crèche. 9.30am Thursday 11:00am Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Friday

9:15am (in the Court House) followed Evening Prayer Wed Thu Sat 5:00pm by coffee in the Court House.

6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Holy Days - see weekly Notices

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Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Father Martin Wright (866161)

Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

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Choirmaster: Peter McMunn (874894)

Sundays

allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk 8.00am Anglican Eucharist only as announced

Family Eucharist with Sunday schools, Pathfinders, (1st Sunday usually) Sung Eucharist on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays 9.30am

10:00am United service with the Methodist congregation (3rd Sunday in month)

(Methodist Morning Service) 11.00am

Anglican service only as announced (otherwise Methodist Evening Service) 6.30pm

5th Sunday – United Anglican/Methodist service.

Weekdays

Holy Communion: Tue 9:15am Wed 8:00am MP/EP see p29 Holy Days-see weekly Notices All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.

Anglican priest-in-charge Revd Martin Wright (see Contacts above)

Methodist minister: Revd Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road (866324)



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