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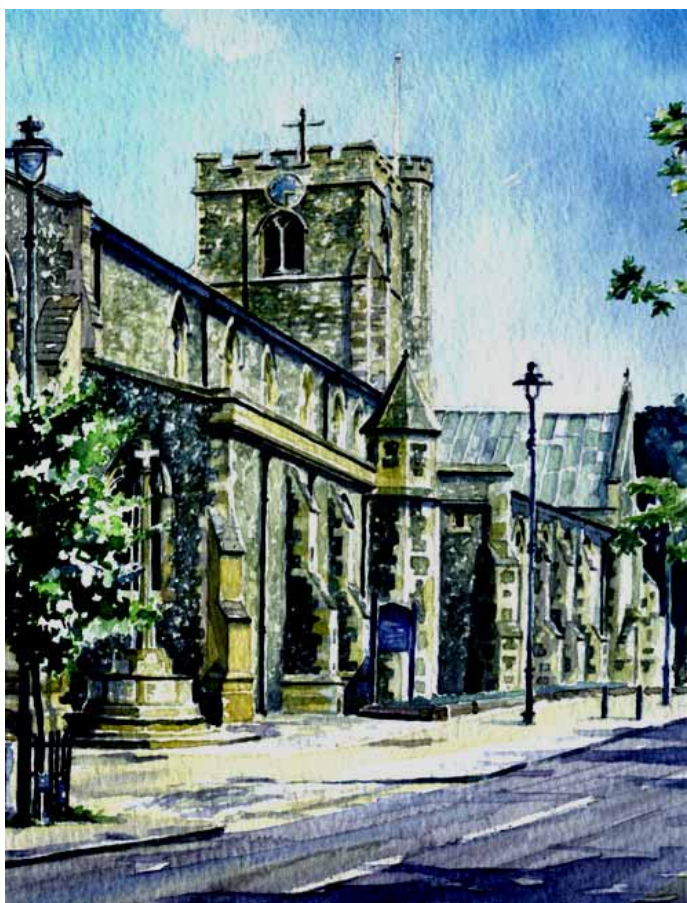
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**Welcome to the June 2007 issue of the
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Each year, pilgrims set out from Berkhamsted to make their way to Walsingham in Norfolk. **Ann Braddick** describes the pilgrimage in the *review* this month. Our pilgrims follow in a long tradition. A replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was probably already built at Walsingham by the eleventh century and throughout the Middle Ages the Walsingham pilgrimage was one of the most important in England. The Holy House was destroyed in 1538 in the turmoil of the Dissolution but the tradition was revived with ecumenical support in the last century. Pilgrimage appeals to different people for different reasons, but some pilgrims undoubtedly set out to seek inspiration. **Jonathan Gordon** writes this month about *inspiration* and the way it can sustain and uplift us. Jonathan writes about the uplifting power of words, but places can also inspire, as Walsingham surely does. I have lately returned from Italy with its infinite wealth of cultural history. One cannot view the Greek temples at Paestum for example, or the ruins of Pompeii, or the Romanesque cathedrals of Apulia without sensing the inspiration of their distant craftsmen, and being inspired oneself.

Christopher Green

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Partnerships

The Revd John Kirkby examines the Doctrine of the Trinity

I once knew a senior civil servant who worked closely with a very promising politician. Many people thought that this politician would eventually become Prime Minister. My friend told me (in confidence) that

whilst his boss was extremely able and imaginative, he was unable to work effectively with his political colleagues. His subsequent career was a disappointment.

At the heart of the teaching of the church is the doctrine of the Trinity. It's about one God but three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. At first it seems a very abstract doctrine, but it is fundamental to our belief as Christians and has significant applications for us today.

The Trinity is about *partnerships*, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three distinct persons working together in one God. We are all individuals but we have relationships within our families, the church and the community. An individual congregation should have a relationship with its neighbouring congregations and the worldwide church. Nations cannot live in isolation from each other. When I was in Uganda (a landlocked country) last autumn there was a lot of discussion going on about their relationships with their neighbouring countries especially Kenya and Tanzania. Isolation was not an option.

Partnerships should breath new life and energy into our relationships, a new purpose and new horizons. The result is that we are enriched.

The Trinity is about the living God pouring into us new life and new energy. We do not

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only declare that "*We believe in one God*", we also proclaim that God is alive as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in God the Father who made us and all the universe, God the Son who saves us, and God the Holy Spirit the life giver. The Trinity is no abstract doctrine, though it may be in some respects difficult to understand. At the heart is the God who comes right into both our individual and corporate lives and both reinvigorates and challenges us to work in partnership with him and each other. ❖

Watercolour of St Peter's

by Edmund Clarke

The view of St Peter's on the front of this *review* is from a painting by a member of our congregation, **Edmund Clarke**.

This fabulous watercolour is approximately A3 size and is now available to the highest reasonable bidder. Alternatively you can buy a signed mounted print of the painting for £19, which would make an excellent present.

Edmund has kindly agreed that all profits from the sale of his painting will be donated to the **Petertide Fair** and hence go to supporting the two good causes: Ian Rennie Hospice at Home and HOPE for Children.

The original painting will be on view, along with the prints at St Peter's at the first two Sunday morning services in June and at other times by arrangement. They will also be on display at the Petertide Fair on the 16th June.

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Readers of the *review's* Mothers' Union articles will have acquired some idea of what the organisation stands for and the range and depth of its work in many countries across the world. But have they ever wondered about the origins of this Mothers' Union which, in the 131 years since its formation in 1876, has grown to number 3.6 million women in 77 countries?

The Mothers' Union owes its foundation to **Mary Sumner**. She believed that women from all levels of society needed to understand that motherhood is a profession and to be suitably equipped to perform it. Motherhood involves more than providing for the physical needs of children. It is the responsibility of mothers to raise their children in the love of God and it was her belief that mothers could only do this if their lives were firmly rooted in prayer. However it wasn't until she became a grandmother in 1876 that Mary, remembering her own feelings of inadequacy as a young mother responsible for a new life, was spurred into action. Little did she realise that the initial meeting of the parish mothers in her rectory would snowball to become the worldwide organisation it is today.

Mary was born in 1828 in Swinton near Manchester, the youngest of three children. Her father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and a noted historian while her mother came from a land-owning family and was a gifted musician. While she was still very young the family moved to Hope End in Herefordshire, a large ornate house in 500 acres and it was here that Mary grew up in secure and idyllic surroundings. Educated at home, Mary spoke three foreign languages, having been taken on regular trips abroad by her parents. She also became an accomplished singer. Most importantly though, her parents devoted a great deal of time to their children and their

HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?

Kathy Lally traces the life of
Mary Sumner



family life was based on daily scripture reading and prayers with an emphasis on service to others.

During a stay in Rome with her sister to complete their musical education Mary was introduced to **George Sumner**,

a curate and the youngest son of **Charles Sumner** the Bishop of Winchester. They fell in love and were married in 1848 – a marriage which was to last sixty-one years.

For the next thirty years or so Mary was fully occupied in supporting her husband's ministry and bringing up their three children. Three years after they were married George was given the benefice of Old Alresford near Winchester and the couple moved into the rectory. They immediately began visiting all the houses in the parish to get to know their parishioners and the rectory gradually became the hub of village life. Mary supported her husband's work by encouraging education in the parish - she opened a reading room in the village - and by providing music and teaching Bible classes. Mary and George were excellent parents, leading by example and taking their parenting duties very seriously. Her motto was *Be yourself what you would have your child to be*.

Mary's vision to form a society based on prayer to support women in their role as mothers did not get off to an auspicious start. Having invited the women of the parish to a meeting at the rectory she was too nervous to present her ideas and her husband had to stand in for her. However a week later they met again and she was able to explain the objects of the new society and distribute cards with practical parenting suggestions. The first sentence on the card read *remember that your*

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From time to time I have drawn attention to the changes to our landscape and wildlife caused by climate change or farming practices resulting from the EU Common Agricultural Policy. But there is a third change which is also having a big effect on the

Chilterns. That is the plight of dairy farmers. Fourteen billion litres of milk are produced every year in the UK, but this supply of fresh, high quality milk is under threat. Dairy farming across the country, once the most profitable of all the livestock sectors in agriculture, is in trouble, and dairy farmers are disappearing. Last year over 900 dairy farmers – that is nearly three a day – gave up producing milk. One third of the remaining farmers plan to give up within the next two years.

The main reason for this is that although the price of milk has increased to 48 pence a litre in recent years, the payment that the farmer gets from the retailers has fallen. In 1995 a farmer received 24.5 pence for each litre of milk and the retailer received 1.3 pence. The rest went to the producer who collected, pasteurised and bottled the milk. In 2005, the farmer received only 18.5 pence and the retailer got 15.6 pence. To add to this, the cost of milk production has risen, particularly with the increase in electricity prices. So in just ten years the retailers have increased their share of the

Ian Reay's &news &views

Chiltern Farmers Move On

**Ian Reay spots
a herd of Alpacas**

milk price more than tenfold and the farmer's share has fallen by a quarter. Every penny on a litre of milk is worth more than £6,200 a year in income to the average dairy farmer. So price cuts of this magnitude are not sustainable and, unless action is taken

soon, we will start running out of domestically produced fresh milk.

Importing foods that we can produce easily in this country makes no sense at all, but if we lose many more of our dairy herds we will have to import fresh milk from abroad. Transporting food long distances, particularly by roads or air contributes to climate change. Because of this dairy farmers, milk processors and retailers are discussing the future of the British dairy industry. I hope there is a successful outcome. As the livelihood of farmers goes into decline and agricultural land is bought up and used for other purposes then the countryside could eventually become a place where people can no longer make a living from the land which will simply be reduced to a playground for day-trippers and tourists.

There will also be fewer and fewer cows to be seen in the countryside. Much of the Chilterns is an Area of Outstanding Natural

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St Peter's choristers with **Jean Wild** after receiving their RSCM Deans Awards

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Paul Jullien

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Beauty – and this landscape is largely due to farming. Part of the mosaic of land use in the Chiltern Hills is due to livestock, including dairy farmers grazing the grassland, which is one reason why the Chilterns are distinctive. Without cattle the landscape could look very different. Some farmers are introducing other - exotic - forms of livestock such as alpaca, which is a smaller version of a llama. These come in different colours and have a shaggy coat. Occasionally small herds of alpaca can be seen on the skyline of hills in the Chilterns – forming a slightly incongruous mixture of landscape and livestock. Alpacas have a heavy fleece of fine, strong wool fibre which grows very long - down to the ground if not clipped – which is suitable for hand knitting and makes very soft, warm cloth. This may be more profitable to farmers than sheep's wool or milk. ❖


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children are given up, body and soul to Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism, and that your duty is to train them for His service.

Thus the Mothers' Union began in the parish of Old Alresford and there it could well have remained as a local society. Except that in 1885 Mary was asked by the Bishop of Newcastle to address a group of working class women at the Portsmouth Church Congress. Extremely hesitant about what she could offer, Mary took as the basis of her speech that it was mothers alone who could bring about an improvement in the country's moral standards by providing a solid family framework for bringing up children based on prayer and a commitment to a Christian life. Her words were enthusiastically received, so much so that the Bishop of Winchester commended the Mothers' Union as a diocesan project. The Bishop of Newcastle took her ideas back with him too and soon branches were being established throughout the UK and before long overseas as well.

Today the vision of **Mary Sumner** continues to underpin the work of the Mothers' Union in its commitment to upholding Christian family life in an ever-changing world. ❖

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Many will have seen the recent TV series (another is being planned) *An Island Parish*. It's about the new priest going to the Isles of Scilly and his settling into this unique parish. I went for the first time to the Scillies last year and I heard a lot about the man from Berkhamsted who almost literally *built Scilly*. Whilst I was there I read **Sam Llewellyn's** book. Sam was born in the Scillies and is a great-great nephew of **Augustus Smith**. Smith was born at the family home Ashlyns Hall in 1804. He was a Churchwarden at St Peters from 1834 to 1844. In the England of his day the poor were disregarded by the rich, *God made them high or lowly and ordered their estate*. This was not to be Augustus's philosophy. One of his priorities was education. He championed the cause of parish schools and in effect re-founded Berkhamsted School. He is most well known locally as the man who saved Berkhamsted Common from enclosure in 1866. **Lord Brownlow** had erected *strong, high iron railings*. Augustus hired 120 navvies, put them on a train at the dead of night at Euston bound for Tring and they prised the fence out of the ground.

EMPEROR SMITH

John Kirkby reviews a new biography of **Augustus Smith**

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Augustus Smith won the ensuing legal battle.

It's on the Isles of Scilly that **Augustus Smith** has made his greatest mark. In 1834 he was granted by the Duchy of Cornwall the lease of the Scillies. The inhabitants were in a dreadful condition. He reformed the farming, established

schools, built the main church, established magistrates, and negotiated a regular shipping service to the islands. He had many a battle with the Duchy, standing up for the interests of the islanders. He made his home on the island of Tresco, where he rebuilt the abbey. Today one of his great great nephews **Robert Dorrien Smith** has the lease of Tresco and lives in the abbey. The present day *Enchanting Isles* of Scilly are the real memorial to **Augustus Smith**, most of all the glorious gardens on Tresco which he started

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sunny although the wind was sometimes chilly. Nothing like the wind four years ago, though, which it seems was icy.

After finding our rooms we went for supper - the food is very good. This was followed at eight o'clock by the first visit to the Shrine Church and the Holy House, then on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock we prayed the Stations of the Cross around the garden.

After lunch we met for a guided tour of Great Walsingham. We visited St Peter's church and the church of Binham Priory which is surrounded by ruins but survived the Dissolution to remain the parish church. Lastly we visited the Russian Orthodox chapel, formerly the Methodist chapel, to meet the priest Fr Patrick Ridley. He showed us all the icons and told us about his parishioners. He welcomes visitors from around the world. Since the sea is quite near, the congregation is sometimes augmented by Russian seamen. Unusually these days he can leave the church open.

On Saturday evening there was a

WALSINGHAM 2007

Ann Braddick
was among the pilgrims

concelebrated Pilgrim Mass in the Shrine Church followed by a candlelight procession around the garden and then Benediction. On Sunday morning we went to the Parish Church and after

lunch came the final ceremonies: the sprinkling at the well followed by Laying on of Hands and Anointing. Finally came the second procession round the garden, this time of the Blessed Sacrament then Benediction and home.

Two hundred pilgrims can be accommodated in the Shrine complex. There were one hundred and eighty five the weekend we were there. The twelve groups came from parishes all over the UK and included a group of boys from a school in Hampstead and some members of a parish in Washington DC.

There is a strong ecumenical feeling in and around the Shrine. The Orthodox Church was invited to play a part when the Anglican restoration was begun in 1931. There is still their chapel in part of the Shrine Church which Fr Patrick looks after. The Roman Catholic Church restored the Slipper Chapel in 1934. There is a very beautiful new Roman Catholic church in Walsingham and on Sunday morning a group of pilgrims from Lourdes was setting out to walk to the Slipper Chapel.

Many people visit Walsingham every year on pilgrimage and many find or rediscover the power of prayer. ❖



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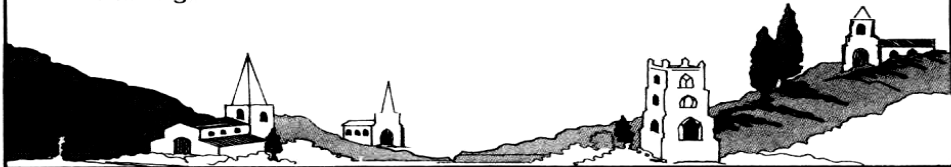
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So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day biking or hiking to churches in your area. If you are a taxpayer, by using Gift Aid you can increase your sponsorship by over 20%. Higher rate taxpayers will get an additional rebate.

Friday Lunchtime Recitals

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22nd June 2007

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29th June 2007

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Berkhamsted sponsored walk on Sunday May 13th 2007** *photo: Rowena Pike*



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In recent years the study of family history has become a very popular hobby. The Parish Office often receives enquiries, from people trying to trace a place of burial, or

hoping to find in the Parish Registers the births, marriages or deaths of family members. The Parish Office has plenty to do without searching the Parish Registers, so these enquiries often end up on my desk. The original Registers are now in the County Record Office in Hertford and for what promise to be extended searches it is easiest to direct enquirers to Hertford. The parish has transcripts of the Registers and in these I enjoy resolving the less laborious enquiries. However it's not the genealogical record that I want to write about here, but the marginal notes that enrich that record. Sometimes they record events of national significance. 1660 *The happy yeare of ye Kings restauration to his government.*

There is a particularly fascinating crop of such marginalia in the Burial Register in the seventeenth century. According to the law at that time, it was the responsibility of the parson to write up the Registers and the presence of these marginal notes coincides almost exactly with the time when **Thomas Newman** was Rector, 1597-1639 - so one may suppose that he was their author. It would be easy to check this in the handwritten original.

An early example is dated 13th March 1597 - *John Wynchester executed for murthering John Brystowe*. Tracing back a few months we find the burial of **John Brystowe** recorded on 18th July in the previous year. This is not the only case of murder recorded here. On the 8th June 1623 we have the burial of *Johane*

MARGINAL NOTES

Christopher Green looks again at the Parish Registers

Norkett wife of Arthur, found murthered, having her throat cut. Just over a year later comes the retribution - buried on 23rd June 1624 Norkett, Mary widow and Arthur her sonne

... executed for the murther of Joan, wife of the said Arthur. Sometimes it's just a brief description of the person being buried. 12th April 1625 Henry Axtill a riche man; 16th May 1628, Mary Hunte, daughter of Roger, and an ancient mayde; 10th April 1609 Sir Adolphus Carey, Knight A most loving benefactor to the poor in this town. Until it was stolen, his funeral helm was displayed in the Lady Chapel, above the tomb of Henry of Berkhamsted.

The whereabouts of the burial is sometimes given, occasionally in great detail. 23rd December 1617, *Richard Hornes Gent minnister His grave is in ye upper end of ye south Aisle close by ye seate on ye northe side nigh ye pillar. The feet of his grave are even with ye upper roome of ye uppermost seat; elsewhere in more simple terms - 21st May 1620, Elizabeth Beninge a poor widow buried in the way going to the north door; or 6th June 1618, Stephen Besowthe son of Stephen buried in the church by his grandfather by the stoane monument.*

Murder is not the only violent end to be recorded. 20th July 1635, *Richard Bayly drowned in Brickkilne Green ponde, there hath been two drowned in it; 7th April 1635, Christopher Babbe son of Zacharye falling from a horse and so came to his death; or more strangely - 1st January 1629, Roberte Woode Who died of the obstruction of his guttes through eating of bread; and rather poignantly 14th December 1635, Susan Wheeler supposed to poyson herself, a mayde. But most enigmatic of all - 26th August 1633, Willyam Gooderidge buried but is yet alive!* ❖

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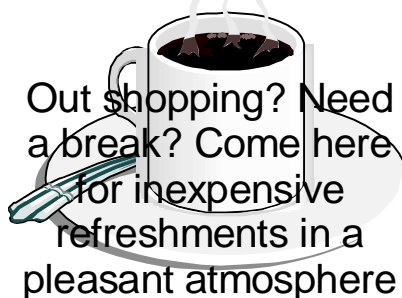
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We welcome donations to the Fair, so please let us have any books or saleable items that you may have – BUT please no mains electrical items as we

are unable to sell these. Anything that you have that we can sell can be left at the back of St Peter's or we can collect if you are unable to get to us. Volunteers are of course always welcome!!



The Petertide Fair is a great day out for all the family and at the same time we raise as much money as we can for our causes. For 2007 we are supporting two causes: Ian Rennie Hospice at Home, and HOPE for Children.



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Words of Inspiration

**The Revd
Jonathan
Gordon**
commends their
lively influence

review Northchurch & Wigginton

Before moving to Northchurch I used to work with students in Southampton. The Students Union was quite a cramped building, but it did have three bars and periodically I used to go there for meetings. Sometimes in the middle of the afternoon you could meet students propped up in one of the bars who

were in fairly gloomy states. It was not always the thought of impending exams or unfinished assignments that had to be handed in that was the cause of the despondency. I met students who simply felt that the future was bleak and that they could never imagine or believe things would ever get better. I used to think that it was understandable to feel like this in twenty or thirty years, but it was a great shame when at the age of 20 you had lost any hope and confidence in the future. In some cases this was a symptom of severe depression, but for many it was more a general feeling of powerlessness and a sense that despite best intentions the world as it was could not be changed.

This feeling is most likely common to many of us at certain points in our lives. One way of lifting ourselves out of being negative is to think about things that can provide inspiration. The *Guardian* recently issued a CD that contained extracts from inspirational speeches of the Twentieth Century. There are some stirring words that are able to capture the mood of a particular time and above all inspire the hearers with the conviction that the present and future can be changed for the good. I enjoyed an extract from the inauguration speech of John F Kennedy in 1961 which called on all to join the struggle against the "common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself" and most famously "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your

country." The dilemma for the speakers is not so much what they say, but the everyday reality that follows, which inevitably cannot live up to the optimism and faith that has been expressed. The radio in recent days has been broadcasting speeches of Tony Blair in 1997: speeches full of vision and optimism, but asking has the reality matched the words. Possibly, this is something that can only be answered by historians in twenty or thirty years.

Moments of inspiration are very important. They can lift you up when you feel low, change your perspective and even restore hope. We can be inspired by something we read, a piece of music, a film we have watched and maybe the example of another person. We hear and see stories of how people have been hurt or let down by events and actions of others, but it is also important to remember that many are strengthened and encouraged by acts of kindness and friendship. Inspirational interludes in life can sustain us in difficult times or when we are coping with the stresses of everyday life - a list that could include juggling family and careers, or coping with separation, sickness and bereavement. There will be times for all of us when it is hard to stay positive and motivated.

Christianity is a faith that offers a profound vision of healing, reconciliation and peace. It is hard not to read Jesus' teachings on forgiveness, or in the Sermon on the Mount and not feel moved or inspired. However, it is a faith that is realistic. It recognises that human beings are not perfect, we can and do get things wrong. We can cause enormous damage by weakness or short sightedness. Yet, Christianity is also practical. Inspiration on its own is not going to be enough to sustain us or keep us going in difficult times. We will require the support and encouragement of others to grow into the people that God wants us to be. The church is a place where we can meet for worship, but also find support, friendship, understanding, forgiveness and at times inspiration that can move us forward on life's journey. The church is not composed of perfect people, but it is sustained by its faith in the God who can make all things new.

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ASHRIDGE NATIONAL TRUST EVENTS

Friday 8th June 7:00 pm
Historic Parkland Walk. Meet at Ashridge College car park. Booking required Adults £4 Children £2

Sunday 10th June 2:00pm-5:00pm
Badger Talk and Walk. Illustrated talk followed by optional walk. Booking required. Adults £8 Children £4

Tuesday 19th June 7:00pm
A Walk on the Ivinghoe Hills. Explore chalk downland. Look for flowers, birds and insects. Enjoy spectacular views. Booking required. Adults £4 Children £2.

Thursday 21st June 2:30pm
Gentle Stroll. Meet at Steps Hill Grass car park, Beacon Road. No booking required. £1.50.

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Saturday 23rd June

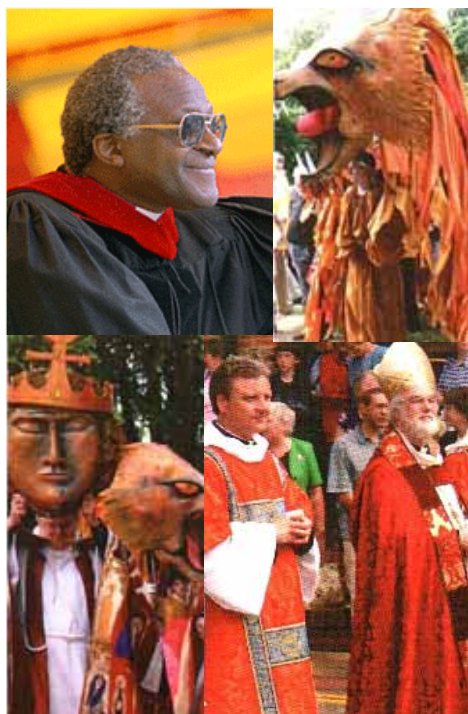
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11:30am Solemn Concelebration Eucharist of Saint Alban.
President : **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

2:00pm Shrine Prayers at the Shrine of Saint Alban

2:00pm Chariot Racing and Lion Taming in the Abbey Orchard

3:00pm Shrine Prayers at the Shrine of Saint Alban



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Unwillingly to School Education in Berkhamsted through the Ages

From Tuesday 26th - Saturday 30th June the Berkhamsted Local History & Museum Society will be staging its exhibition 'Unwillingly to School: Education in Berkhamsted Through the Ages' in the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted, daily from 10am – 5pm. It will provide today's generation of schoolchildren with the opportunity to learn something of the schooldays of their forefathers, and to learn of those Berkhamsted benefactors who were responsible for setting up the schools in days gone by. For many others it should provide a trip down *memory lane* and evoke memories of past times.

We are delighted that several local schools are also contributing their own 'histories' to the exhibition.

The Exhibition traces the history of education in Berkhamsted through the ages from medieval times to the present day. Even if Shakespeare's *whining school-boy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school* does not aptly describe today's schoolboy, certain aspects are recognisable. Whether we went gladly or unwillingly to school, we almost all went to school. This, however, was not always so. Years ago many did not have the opportunity to learn to read and write nor to have the breadth of education available today. Only the select few had those opportunities. Through the centuries education has been very much linked with religion and even today there are church schools and faith schools. For many, learning to read began at 'Mother's knee' and the well-to-do had governesses or tutors at home, especially to help them with foreign languages. Inevitably there have been changes over the years and the children of today will find much that is unfamiliar in the schools of their parents and, still more in the schools of their grandparents or great grandparents.

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TUESDAY CLUB

Our chairman **Val Atkinson** welcomed twelve visitors who joined us at a birthday meeting on May 1st. We were entertained by **Chris Gravett**, curator of Woburn Abbey, who gave us a fascinating talk on the history of the house from its 12th century days as a Cistercian monastery under Hugh de Bolebec to the present day stately home with its many visitor attractions. We heard the story of the Russell family from 1506 when **John Russell**, a wine merchant, was given the Abbey in the will of Henry VIII and became the first Earl of Bedford. We then were told of the turbulent years of Tudor reigns and the Civil War, to the re-building by the 4th Earl and the granting of the Dukedom by William of Orange in 1694. The abbey was re-built from 1747 in the Palladian style that we see today. Family anecdotes and slides of beautiful paintings and portraits from the Abbey kept us enthralled until it was time for refreshments which included a delicious birthday cake.

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FAITH WORKS TRUST EVENTS

Sunday 3rd June 2-5pm
Woodland Walk and Tea, with pottery workshop and carriage rides.

Thursday 7th June 9.30am - 12noon
Quiet Times, Morning of Prayer and Meditation.

Friday 15th-Sunday 17th June
Midsummer Camp-Over. Family Camping Weekend.

Thursday 5th July 9.30am - 12noon
Quiet Times, Morning of Prayer and Meditation.

Sunday 8th July 2-5pm
Woodland Walk and Tea, with pottery workshop and carriage rides.

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



At our April meeting members were welcomed by **Judith Lowther**, Joint President and were pleased to welcome a visitor in our midst who had recently moved into our town.

Together with Secretary **Janet Mitchell** they took us through the business matters of the meeting and reported on various WI activities that had taken place during the past month.

Our speaker was **Patricia Lindsey** who gave us a most interesting illustrated talk on *The Way We Were* describing her life as a colonial wife in Malaysia. At the time it was known as Malaya and with excellent slides we viewed the various residences surrounded by gardens filled with exotic flowers - but the creepy-crawlies and reptiles were rather scary, but perhaps the scenic views made up for this. A vote of thanks was given by **Joy Lovell**.

June

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong
	<i>All Saints' 3rd</i>	8:00am Holy Communion – Methodist Led 10:00am Morning Worship – Methodist led
	10 th	10:00am Morning Worship - Anglican led
	17 th	10:00am Morning Worship – Methodist led
	24 th	10:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led
All services at <i>St Peter's</i> unless otherwise indicated MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer		
MON	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm
TUE	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 8:00am
THU		EP 5:00pm Eucharist 11:00am (<i>Fr Michael's day off</i>)
FRI	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm <i>both churches</i> Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 9:30am <i>St Peter's</i> MP 8:45am <i>All Saint's</i>	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 10:00am
1 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm <i>Court House</i> For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris (863780)	
3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm <i>Court House</i> Contact June Haile (873087), Thelma Harris (865785) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)	
Tue	HILLSIDE GROUP: 8:00pm at 22 Upper Hall Park for bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)	
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am <i>All Saints' Church Hall</i> Song Time or Short service as announced. Jenny Wells (870981)	
Tue	ST PETER'S CHOIR Children 5:15 to 6:15pm <i>St Peter's</i> Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 7:45pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker Court House</i> Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)	
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)	
4 th Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm <i>17 Shaftesbury Court.</i> Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)	
Wed	JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month at Jenny's <i>57 Meadow Rd</i> <i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i> or at Ruth's <i>1 Montague Rd</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)	
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm . (yrs 5-8) Jimmy Young (384929) <i>All Saints' Hall</i>	
3rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris (865785)	
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115)	
Alt. Thu	TE'S (Youth club for yr 9+) 7-9pm Jimmy Young (384929) <i>Court House</i>	
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804) <i>St Peter's</i>	
Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am <i>Court House</i> Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St Peter's (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (864094)	
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. <i>St Peter's</i> Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	
3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. <i>Various local churches</i>	

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Please see opposite for services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.

June/July

JUNE

Sun	3	6:00pm	Team visit and Choral Evensong.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	4	8:15pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	5	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>The Lost Coin</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Thu	7	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Corpus Christi.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	8	10:00am	Little Fishes Service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
		7:15pm	Quiz Evening.....	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	9	7:30pm	Haydn <i>The Creation</i> - The Bridgewater Band & Chiltern Chamber Choir	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	16	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>Berkhamsted Baptist Church</i>
		10-3pm	PETERTIDE FAIR	in and around <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	19	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Ten Bridesmaids</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	23	10:30am	Start of St Albans Festival Pilgrimage	<i>from Roman Verulamium to the Abbey</i>
Fri	29	8:00pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist Preacher: Canon Anthony Lathe	<i>St Peter's</i>

JULY

Sun	1	11:15am	Ordination of John Pritchard	<i>St Albans Abbey</i>
Mon	2	8:15pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	3	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>The Sower</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Fri	6	10:00am	Little Fishes Service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	21	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Mary's, Northchurch</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

15 April	Annie Louisa Whale
22 April	Megan Claire Bax, Ellen Mary Davies, Joanna Kirsten Davies, Jessica Elizabeth Marks, Edward Alexander Preston

Weddings (St Peter's)

14 April	Philip Byrne & Mirella Jacqueline Barrow
6 May	Christopher Thomas Nixon & Gayle Emilie Woodstock

Funerals

27 April	Mary Gladys Marriott	Chilterns Crematorium
4 May	Gilbert Allan Adam Currie	St Peter's (Kingshill)

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