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**Welcome to the May 2009 issue of the
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I am writing this in the Piazza San Marco in Venice. A hazy sun is setting in the west, lighting up the many-coloured marble and the great bronze horses on the west front of St Mark's (see p13).

Artists, writers and composers have long been drawn to Venice from the great painters of the Italian Renaissance to Turner and Modigliani, and writers from Dante to Byron, Browning and Henry James. Also, since the eighteenth century, a succession of composers, from Mozart and Handel to Wagner, Berg, Hindemith and Britten - seeking and finding inspiration and often in Venice to witness the first performance of a newly composed work.

Now St Peter's Church choir has gathered here to enrich the evening Mass in the Basilico of San Marco with a selection of Latin and English motets. How fitting that one of the English motets is a first performance of a new work by the choir's director, **Adrian Davis**, setting the words of St Mark, the patron saint of this magical city - *Euntes in mundum universum...* **Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.**

Christopher Green

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Government
Under God

Fr John Pritchard
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April 21st 2009 commemorated 500 years since the Accession of Henry, Duke of York on which occasion he became Henry VIII. During his reign, The Act of Supremacy declared the King the only

Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of England. The Peter's Pence Act abolished all payments to Rome and accorded to the Archbishop of Canterbury power to issue dispensations formerly given by the Pope. Within the Act it was reiterated that England had *no superior under God, but only your Grace.*

Like any child estranged from their parent, the English church continues to work out its relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. There will be some resolution in this relationship and while some issues linger, we will learn to live with them. But of course, the church is bigger than an earthly King or individual.

The church, which we term the catholic church is universal, all-embracing and broad-minded. It includes all Christian people. In this Easter season we are called to look towards the resurrection and our future as people of God, together and renewed in Christ.

With a reference from the past, reflecting a *broadness* in thinking in the present, I want to refer to a closing document of the Vatican II Council (1962-1965) which I believe offers a particular wisdom and confidence to our contemporary Christian voice. These documents speak not only of God's authority in the world, but about our Christian responsibility to one another in socio-economic, ecological

and humane terms.

In a closing message of the Council to *Rulers* it states ... *after four years of prayer and work, with the full consciousness of our mission toward humankind, [we] address ourselves respectively and confidently to those who hold in their hands the destiny of [all people] on this earth, to all those who hold temporal power. We proclaim publicly: We do honour to your authority and your sovereignty, we respect your office, we recognise your just laws ... But we have a sacrosanct word to speak to you and it is this: Only God is great. God alone is the beginning and the end... Your task is to be in the world the promoters of order and peace among [all people].*

The Council reminds the rulers of the world that they are to promote order and peace, these are to be the markers of our age, not economic chaos and war which are prevalent these days. But what this Council reminds us so clearly is that the Easter Message can be said with confidence to secular authorities. *Only God is great, God alone is the beginning and the end.*

So in these days as we continue in the Easter Season, let us put our faith in God, encourage one another in our faith and prayers, pray for order and peace in our world, for good stewardship over that which we have; concern for the health and wellbeing of all God's people. *Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.* ❖

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What better preparation for Holy Week could there be than to spend some time the week before in a silent retreat at St Francis' House, Hemingford Grey. I had been there a few years before when we had held our Parish Retreat there and was really looking forward to going again. I had never managed to get to a Mothers' Union retreat before either so that I felt doubly blessed to be spending some time in the peace of this lovely place.

We all arrived in time for tea on the Tuesday and were welcomed by the **Rev'd Canon Peter Louis**, our Retreat Leader and **Jean McIntosh** our Prayer, Faith and Policy Co-ordinator. Then we had the first of our excellent meals, our first talk, and then we were into ...*silence*.

The theme of the retreat was *Beyond the Cross* and we were led in a variety of ways to open ourselves to God in the context of the Passion. We were told that we were preparing ourselves for a week

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Jenny Wells
prepares for Holy Week

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*I need to be still and let God love me
I need to relax and let God take over*
(African American Hymn)

that is not like any other week in the year.

The talks and the worship were inspiring and we had plenty of free time to read or wander as we wished; to admire the garden, lovely and dressed for spring and listen to the birdsong which was almost deafening in the silence. When I walked in the garden after breakfast on the

Wednesday morning amongst the spring flowers, I felt a shiver go down my back as I thought of Adam and Eve when *They heard the sound of God walking in the garden.* (Genesis 3:8)

On Wednesday afternoon there was a general exodus as most of us got some exercise walking through the picturesque village or along the Great Ouse and nearby meadows.

All too soon our time was coming to an end and after the Eucharist on Thursday we no longer needed to keep silent but yet felt

oddly reluctant to leave that peace behind.

Peter had given us much to think about and pray about and much to take away. I know we all appreciated this and appreciated the time, preparation and organisation given to all of it by Jean.

Sadly St Francis House is due to close at the end of this year and it will be greatly missed by all who have visited. ❖



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The recent, somewhat unusual, cold snap in January and February of this year has, perhaps surprisingly, seen a big increase in the burning of firewood. But many firewood contractors

had apparently already run out of stock by Christmas. Since the price of gas, oil and electricity soared last year (although the prices have now fallen to more normal levels) many people seem to have invested in wood burning stoves to heat their houses or their water. High prices, together with the concern for global warming and the encouragement to find renewable energy sources, has led many to find value in the dead branches and logs lying around our woodland, and some have been observed scavenging for logs at Ashridge. However, the fact that the supply ran out so quickly demonstrates that the future of renewable energy does not rest in the wood lying in our countryside alone. There is just not enough to go round. It is not, in other words, sustainable - to use another current buzz-word. Wood burning is carbon-neutral over the lifetime of a tree, since the carbon fixed in the growing of the tree is released again when the wood from the tree is burned. Coal and oil, on the other hand, is only carbon neutral over millions of years and would require the surface of the earth to be repopulated with vast and impenetrable forests. What is sustainable for the earth as a whole, over geological time spans, is not sustainable for us over the duration of modern civilisation. Neither is wood burning alone.

But there are other attractions to having a wood - or coal-burning fire in the hearth even if it does not save the planet

Ian Reay's &news &views

The Glowing Hearth

Is it sustainable or just draughty?

Ian Reay asks.

or any money. Country pubs have taken to burning wood in their public rooms - sometimes in an open hearth and sometimes in a stove with a traditional design and a glass front. A fire is a warm companion to a glass of

beer or a pub meal. The gathering of the wood from the cold outdoors and its friendly burning in the hearth is a metaphor for us gathering together from the cold world outside and imbibing and chattering in the warm glow. A fire, with the black, grey and bright red, mottled slope of fuel in the grate is also a source of recollection. I remember the coke-fuelled fire that, in my pre-teen years, my parents had in their living room, or *front room* as we called it. I liked to poke the fire with an iron poker that was always on the hearth.

But as I sit in front of the fire and my memories gather I also remember the draughts. The living rooms of my childhood had no central heating and although our faces may have been scorched by the heat of the fire our backs were covered in goose flesh from the flow of cold air from under the door behind us, but at least the living room had a fire. Bedrooms and bathrooms, where we needed the warmth most, were cold and uninviting and getting up in the morning on a cold winter's day was a courageous act, requiring determination and a gathering of purpose. Even modern wood burning stoves are not as efficient at warming a room as central heating and I have sat in a room heated by such a stove and felt uncomfortably cool when I was not directly in front of it. So at the very least, if we are to live a sustainable life, one that is liveable, we need not just a fire but also good insulation and very good draught proofing ❖

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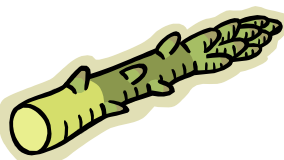


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BACH AT ST PETER'S

Richard Grylls reviews
The St John Passion

Church, Berkhamsted, on Palm Sunday, a few weeks ago – were in a particularly violent mood! They howled for blood, they argued with Pontius Pilate and they stated their various opinions with considerable force. The crowd choruses in Bach's *St John Passion*, though relatively short, are enormously powerful and dramatic, and truly splendid pieces of music. Hearing them sung in a foreign language – Bach used a German translation of the Bible for his text – added an extra element of frightening realism. The Chiltern Chamber Choir sang these crowd choruses with great vigour and brilliantly controlled abandon. In contrast to these outbursts the choir sang the chorales with great lyricism and feeling. The chorale in which they provided an almost whispered background to the bass solo was particularly beautiful.

The part of the *Evangelist* in this performance was taken by **Phillip Conway-Brown**. He told the story most beautifully, and listeners barely needed the English translation of the German text provided to know which part of the story he was singing. He subtly changed the tone of his voice when singing the quotations from the prophets, and in many other different ways gave a most colourful and very moving performance. *Christ* was sung by **John Bernays**. He sang the words spoken by Jesus with great authority, though his *Christ* was somehow a less warm and more strident character than one might expect. **Simon Davies** sang the part of *Pilate* with great dignity and clear tone. Two members of the choir filled the short parts of the *Maid* and *Peter* well.

The three further soloists, who sang the arias, were **Kate Semmens** *soprano*, **Jeanette Ager** *alto* and **Harry Bagnall** *tenor*. If Johann Sebastian Bach had a tiny

weak point it was that he filled his arias with so much complexity, and left the poor singers with very difficult and somewhat instrumental-like lines to sing, as just one part

of an intricate texture. (Somehow Handel managed arias rather better!) **Kate Semmens** has a lovely bright voice, and sang her soft passages beautifully. In the louder passages she forced her tone, trying perhaps to be too characterful, whereas Bach's arias, whatever their mood, are still essentially reflective. **Harry Bagnall** made a valiant attempt at what must be one of the hardest arias Bach ever wrote. He also forced his tone sometimes, but made a lovely sound in the softer and lower passages. **Jeanette Ager** was in marvellous form, as ever. Her second aria *Es ist vollbracht* provided for this listener the most moving moments of the whole evening. **John Bernays**, in addition to singing *Christ*, also sang the two bass arias – very beautifully.

All the arias in the *St John Passion* contain *obbligato* parts for solo instruments. In different combinations for each aria, and in groups of two or three or four instrumentalists, the two oboes, the two flutes, the bassoon, the lead violin, another violin, the lead 'cello and the organ played these parts. There are too many individual musicians to list them all, but without exception they played superbly and were a joy to listen to. The whole orchestra, the Bridgewater Sinfonietta, played excellently throughout.

In his usual manner **Adrian Davis** held the whole performance together admirably, and drew vivid and moving performances from the singers and instrumentalists. The audience was treated to a very professional-sounding performance of the *St John Passion*. Perhaps a final word could and should be said about the chorus and orchestra, who performed the glorious opening and final choruses with huge intensity and some magical soft passages.



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In August this year, a team of eight volunteers from Hertfordshire will embark on a trip to Uganda to work alongside locals in a rural community to complete the building of a vocational training centre. The centre, in a village called Siriba, will support AIDS orphans and young refugees from the country's northern districts which have been troubled by rebel activity for a number of years. The Hertfordshire team will spend a month working in Siriba to complete the project which began last year, and is already delivering classes in tailoring and carpentry.

The first group of volunteers went out to Uganda in January 2008 and completed the first stage of the building project, supported by the UK-based charity **Hands Around the World**. The group were made very welcome by the local people, and were able to experience at first hand life in an African village where there is no electricity, running water and the school accommodates over twice as many children as originally intended, but with hardly any books, desks or other basic educational equipment.

The primary aim of the August 2009 project is to complete the vocational training centre and classrooms, as well as do much-needed repairs to the existing local school facilities. **Clare Goodwin**, who lives in Tring, says: *The idea is to work as a mixed UK/Uganda team and to get as much of the work done as possible whilst also having time to get to know the local people, their culture and way of life which is no doubt very different from ours.* Clare is one of three of the team who went to Berkhamsted School, two during the 1970s – **Shane Lethem** (née Hannath) and **Jenny Wiles** (née Crowhurst) who is leading the team, and more recently

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

Volunteers in Uganda Clare Goodwin writes



Back row: Kirsty, Lisa, John, Neil
Front row: Clare, Trina, Shane, Jenny

Clare herself.

The charity **Hands Around The World** (**HATW** <http://hatw.org.uk>) seeks to help vulnerable children around the world, encouraging enthusiastic and well-prepared short-term volunteers to offer practical help, skill-sharing, support and friendship. *Our hands around the world may get grubby and blistered, they may need to hold a sick child or comfort a grieving parent, they may sometimes be asked simply to hold the hand of another, but there is always more to these hands than practical*

help alone.

The eight Hertfordshire volunteers are fully behind the charity's mantra of *giving a hand not a handout* and creating sustainability from its projects. As such they are working together to reach their **£16,000** fundraising target and will then take the money to Uganda to ensure it is dedicated where it is most needed. For more details please see the website <http://tinyurl.com/siriba>. Over the coming weeks the group will be sky-diving, running market stalls, having a large scale raffle and running charity dinners and dances.

Important dates for the Berkhamsted calendar are:

Sunday 10th May – **Charity Hairdressing Day** at **Trio** on Berkhamsted High Street. Hair cuts are £25 each and all proceeds go to the charity **Hands Around The World**. Please contact Trio (863332) for details.

Sunday 7th June – **St Peter's Church choir** and friends will be presenting a Charity Concert at St Peter's Church. This is a musical extravaganza and not to be missed! More details in the June *review*





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The 30th June 2009

marks the centenary of the consecration of the parish church of St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside. The story of this church, however,

stretches back far more than a mere hundred years. What is now the parish of St Michael's was until 1909 part of the ancient parish of St Mary's Northchurch or Berkhamsted St Mary. This extensive parish extended from near the hamlet of Dudswell through present-day Berkhamsted and as far as the centre of the village of Bourne End, and up the hillside in both directions. It was out of this parish that early in the thirteenth century the parish of St Peter's had been formed and St Peter's church consecrated in 1222, leaving the largest main and more populated part of the parish of St. Mary separated from its more distant and originally less-populated eastern part.

By the 1880s cottages had been built on the land between the canal and the railway along what are now George Street and Ellesmere Road and in the various linking and side roads leading off them, in response to the housing need resulting from the increase in industry and small businesses, especially Cooper's and the timber trade.

The building of the Chapel of Ease, St John's Broadway, consecrated in 1855,

MISSION ROOM TO PARISH CHURCH

The Sunnyside Story
Jenny Sherwood writes

met the pastoral needs of the people of Bourne End but it was still some distance away for the people of Sunnyside.

In 1881 the **Revd A F Birch** was appointed Rector of Northchurch.

He was very anxious to

develop pastoral activity in Sunnyside. Led by **E J Pearson** of Millfield, who was incidentally Rector's Warden at St Peter's from 1891 to 1906, although residing in the parish of Northchurch, money was raised to provide a Mission Room. A converted barn at the southwest end of George Street was leased for the purpose. On Good Friday 1881 the first service was held there by the Revd Birch and his curate.

What transpired in the next 128 years and how the congregation progressed from the Mission Room to the Tin Tabernacle, close to the present day church, and finally to the parish church as we know it today can be learnt from the **Exhibition** scheduled to take place in the **Breukelman Room at Sunnyside church from Friday 26th June to Thursday 2nd July 2009**. Additionally, a new history of Sunnyside church, *The Story of Sunnyside*, will be available at the same time. Many other events are planned for this Centenary Year. Watch the local publicity!

<http://sunnysidechurch.org.uk>



The bronze horses on the West front of Basilico San Marco, Venice

←p2

As each month goes past, more and more events are taking shape for this year's Petertide Fair. This month is no exception. There are more exciting innovations to announce as the Fair gets set for take off.

Firstly, the official Petertide Fair Jute Bag is on sale, but be quick as it's selling fast. To go with the must-have bag of the coming summer is a competition to capture your imagination. The Petertide Fair committee want bag owners to take pictures of their bag in the strangest location or being put to the most unusual use. Full details are in each bag and are also available online at the new Fair website <http://petertidefair.org.uk>.

On the new site, featuring the new Petertide Fair logo, you'll find details of our charities, attractions, programme and contact information. This is part of the revamp of the Fair that began back in September. The committee is keen to retain the well-established traditions of the Fair, but at the same time is ushering the Fair into a new era. With the new logo and new attractions, they are well on the way.

Conducting the opening ceremony this year will be the Town Mayor, **David Collins**, announced by a trumpeter and our own town-crier **David Pearce**.

On Fair day itself, there will be the traditional stalls and a miniature railway (see April *review*) There will also be the draw for the grand raffle, which this year has some fantastic prizes. You could win a balloon ride, an Ipod Nano, a bouquet of flowers from Pete's Poppies each month for six months, dinner for two at the Alford Arms, a Microsoft Office computer suite, a 10 week language course at Ashlyns School or vouchers for haircuts at a local salon. Just buy a ticket (or a dozen) and one of these could be

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

From our Petertide correspondent
Sam Limbert



winging its way to you. Tickets will be widely available throughout the town in the weeks leading up to the Fair and on the Fair's market stall every Saturday in May.

As always, there will be the barbeque and candy floss and the Saturday morning Court House coffee teams will be providing refreshments in the Court House. For the first time there will be an Indian food stall and if you need a drink, there's always the Pimms!

There will be displays from our chosen charities and you'll have the chance to have a look round one of the **Reach Out** canal boats.

For the third year, **Tony Firshman** will be taking studio photographic portraits, and printing the results while you wait.

As always, donations are needed to fill the stalls with saleable items such as toys, books and bric-a-brac. Donations for the stalls can be made by contacting **Graham Bashford** on 01442 876933 or by leaving them at the back of St Peter's Church between mid-day Friday and mid-day Saturday from **Friday 8th May 2009** onward. This year, the Fair is also able to accept electrical items, so long as they are in working order. A safety test will be carried out so that they can be sold.

As well as donations of items, donations of time would also be greatly appreciated by the Fair Committee. It only needs to be for an hour either on the 13th June or in the weeks leading up to it, selling raffle tickets on the market.

In addition to the Fair, there are extra events that are going to make the period around the Fair feel like a festival. On **Friday 22nd May 2009** there's a **Wine Tasting in the Court House** with tickets available at £10. **Sunday 21st June 2009** sees a special concert in association with

the Cowper Society in St Peter's as **Christian Garrick** and his **Jazz Quartet** perform. To complete the festivities, there will be a **Patronal Festival Lunch** on **Sunday 28th June 2009**. Money made from all of these events is going to the Fair's charities, *Reach Out Projects* and *Fundacion Juconi*.

Blink and you'll miss the latest event to be announced. This year the **Red Arrows** will be over Berkhamsted as they perform a fly past especially for the Petertide Fair. The world famous aerobatic team will be flying down the Bulbourne valley & over St Peter's Church (weather permitting). So, there's plenty to get excited about for this year's Patronal Festival. Keep looking on the website and reading the *review* in the weeks leading up to the Fair. There are sure to be more things winging their way into the programme. You can also contact the Chairman of the Fair Committee, **Judith Limbert** on 873626. With all the events described here already flying, the Fair is sure to be a soaring success! ❖



The Petertide jute bag on sale for £3



The Chairman of the Petertide Fair Committee had early practice as a stall-holder

Since October 1995 I have been involved with a link with the village of Tujereng in the Gambia, and early last year I was thrilled to

hear it was going to be supported by the Petertide Fair in 2008. Specifically, the money raised was going to focus on projects which would improve the health and life chances of the children in the village. Children are very vulnerable to dysentery, diarrhoea, infections and malaria. Any measure to create a more hygienic environment can save lives. When I heard that over £5000 had been raised for Tujereng I was overjoyed. I know that tremendous hard work goes into the planning and running of the Petertide Fair, and I am extremely grateful to everyone who was involved in making the Fair such a success last year.

Making plans in the comfortable and orderly environment of Berkhamsted, everything seemed possible. However, the best laid plans in Africa too often go awry! Over the past year we have had considerable communication problems with our Link partners in the Gambia. One of our main projects was to build new toilets for the primary school, and we set off for the Gambia in February hoping to see this project nearing completion. To my dismay, owing to email failure, we found that the trenches had been dug, but the project had been taken over by a Dutch organisation who had just built a new nursery school. After much discussion, it was agreed that the *toilet* money should be used to build toilets for the clinic instead of the school and for installing a pump and water supply

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Ideals and Reality in the Gambia

Libby Grundy writes

for the clinic as well. At present, all water for the clinic has to be carried from the nearest village tap some ten minutes away, with

the result that conditions in the clinic are less than sanitary at the best of times, and there are no toilets for the patients who wait for many hours to see the nurse.

The remaining funds are being used to complete the dining room in the school – part of our original plan. This project was started by the Link a couple of years ago with the aim to provide a dining room and kitchen in the school where food can be cooked for the children on the premises and where the children can eat in a clean environment, instead of squatting on the dirty ground.

We (**Liz Jackson**, myself and five other members of the Link) had a wonderful week in Tujereng. The weather was warm and sunny, and the friendliness and hospitality of the Gambians enfolded us warmly into family life. In *my* African family there are sixteen mouths to be fed, but no stranger is ever turned away from the gate, and strangers can have an amazing seventh sense for knowing when the chicken stew is coming to the boil! The generosity from people who have so little to spare puts many of us to shame.

Over the week, hundreds of small children trustingly put their hands in ours, and I would like to thank all members of St Peter's for fulfilling that trust with your generosity last June, and making a difference to their lives. ❖



Queuing for the clinic



Lunch on the ground

photos: Libby Grundy



Thomas Coram End of Term Service
in St Peter's Church on Friday 3rd April 2009

photos: Chrichton Limbert



A sunny Palm Sunday at St Peter's on April 5th 2009

photo: Tony Firshman

← p11 **Hands Around the World**

Building the
 Vocational
 Training Centre in
 Siriba, Uganda



Once there was a *green* age when packaging was glass bottles, paper bags, sheets of brown paper and string made with natural fibres. Today, waxed cartons, plastic film, and polystyrene are almost invariably the packaging materials of our food and drink. We couldn't do without them, but even a tiny fraction escaping into the environment is pollution and visually offensive to the majority of us.

There is a raft of well-intentioned

THE BIG TIDY UP

Alex Evans explains
why we need it

legislation to keep our towns and neighbourhoods clean and tidy. Under the 1990 *Environment Protection Act* it is an

offence to throw down, drop, or otherwise deposit litter. It applies to both public and private spaces and can be enforced by fixed penalty fines - less than a hundred pounds, or in the magistrate's court where fines can be up to £2,500. A *Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 1995* emphasised graffiti and fly tipping among the list of offences. Specifically



referred to are cigarette butts which sordidly surround so many of our pubs, shops and businesses, dropped by addicted smokers escaping for an outdoor puff, as anti-smoking legislation requires!

Fouling of land by the quaintly called animal droppings and specifically dog-fouling are covered by detailed legislation and amendments. One wonders how the Victorians would have coped with the removal of horse manure from the streets of London without the Grand Union Canal passing through Berkhamsted and on to the Aylesbury and Wendover arms where it was off-loaded for agriculture. Legislation to control drinking in public, the source of dropped drinks cans, and anti-social behaviour orders, ASBOs, both include penalties that relate to reducing litter. Berkhamsted has a *no drinking in public zone* but without enforcement it is ineffective.

The statistics of litter are, like the public debt, so large as to be incomprehensible. A thousand tons of dog faeces are deposited each day (who counted?) and millions of cigarette butts are thrown down. Authorities spend over £500 million a year in dealing with litter alone, and it can cost £20,000 to remove chewing gum from a town centre. The cost of dealing adequately with litter alongside highways and motorways, mainly thrown out of car windows, is beyond the public purse. The result is only too obvious as we leave the M25 to join the by-pass, and unacceptable to those who expect a tidy environment. Would you feel proud of living in Berkhamsted as you leave Junction 20 on the M25 accompanied by an American or German visitor?

In theory, Joe Public can demand clearance of litter by authorities, businesses, and individuals. Fines would apply, but the number of prosecutions is minimal. It's easier to clear up the mess locally, for example the forecourt of Berkhamsted station is inadequately cleaned by London Midland and kept under some control by Dacorum

employees.

ENCAMS is an acronym for Environmental Campaigns. There have been many of them but the amount of litter collected by councils inexorably continues to increase year on year. The *Keep Britain Tidy* charity researches why people drop litter and campaigns in response to the findings. For example it was found that 13-16 year olds are prone to litter and a *Dirty Pig* campaign was launched to shame them. Perhaps, like ASBOs, it became a badge of honour to have the nose in your picture changed to a pig's snout! The charity does vital work and its campaigns are effective in reducing litter, at least for a while..

This preamble leads into *Berkhamsted's Big Tidy Up*, which was the town's part in a national *Keep Britain Tidy* campaign in April 2009. Dacorum Borough Council supported the campaign and called for Dacorum's residents to take part in the country's biggest ever litter tidy up. Our council's aim was to tidy up Berkhamsted and, more importantly, to keep it clean. Surely a culture of civic pride among our residents and intolerance of any litter must be the goal so that such campaigns become unnecessary.

The Big Tidy Up engaged Councillors, individuals, couples who want to tidy up their road, organisations such as the Air Training Corps, schools, pubs, and service organisations such as the Berkhamsted Lions Club. A typical bag of collected litter included crisp bags, aluminium drinks cans, plastic and glass bottles, take away containers and cigarette packets. Surprisingly, some of the bottles are for hard spirits and others are unfinished. Both perhaps explain why there is also a surprising number of pharmaceutical pill containers in the detritus.

Litter is unsightly and expensive. The Big Tidy Up was the start of a momentum to keep Berkhamsted tidy. Please follow up on the good work which was done in April so that Berkhamsted maintains a reputation as a pleasant and tidy town for twelve months of the year. ❖




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For Christian Aid it is important to keep hope alive. It will not forget poverty and is committed to reducing it and bringing dignity and a decent life to the very poor. It is for this reason that Christian Aid campaigns to combat climate change by reducing CO₂ emissions. The implications of not doing so are immense. A rise in global temperatures could bring rising sea levels making millions homeless. Acute water shortages and failing crops could affect even more of the very poor.

Honduras in central America is experiencing huge difference in weather. **Audelia Ramos'** village was frequently cut off in winter by floods and landslides, not helped by deforestation of the mountainsides. Hurricanes are a regular threat and are predicted to increase in frequency and intensity. Christian Aid, working with a local Partner organisation has helped the villagers to build a new bridge, develop an early warning system and evacuation plan when hurricanes are forecast and plant trees on the surrounding hillside to stabilise the ground. All this helps keep hope alive.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo hurricanes are not the problem. After 10 years of conflict, lack of

KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

The message from **Christian Aid**



adequate food and preventable disease claim thousands of lives each week. Having education and skills to help cope when life is constantly a struggle are denied many young people. When **Nadia Kabula's** father died she found

herself caring for her younger brothers and sisters and couldn't go to school. Her mother worked long shifts to earn just a little money for the family. Girls like Nadia have few options; the sex trade being one that is easily open to them. Nadia was fortunate. A Christian Aid Partner offered tailoring courses to help Nadia and others develop skills to support themselves and their families. In her words, she has been given an education for life. Christian Aid helps to keep her hope alive.

Christian Aid Week 10th – 17th May 2009 aims to increase awareness of these issues and to raise money for its work. In Berkhamsted the morning service at **All Saints' Church on Sunday 10th May 2009** will focus on Christian Aid. Berkhamsted will be part of the biggest house-to-house collection in the country. Large red envelopes will drop through your letter boxes and if you receive one think of Audelia and Nadia and give generously. In the market on **Saturday 16th May 2009** Christian Aid have a plant and produce stall. Come and chat and buy something for your garden or Sunday tea.

Last year over £14 million was raised nationally. Help Christian Aid increase this total in 2009! Your time and money are more valuable than you know. The consequences of our giving are greater than we can imagine and not least by keeping hope alive for the poorest people in the world and giving them a belief in life before death.

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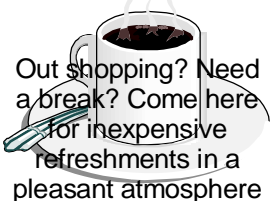
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My crystal ball let me down!

Well, here we are in April 2009 and the Health Trust still hasn't announced the location

for the new Hemel General Hospital, but it's still between a contaminated hilly site well worth flogging off and a stupidly flat piece of land with nothing on it right near the motorway.

The West Herts Primary Care trust will be holding one of their regular public meetings on **Tuesday 19th May 2009, in the Garden Suite, Watermill Hotel, London Road, Bourne End, near Hemel Hempstead at 2:00pm**, just in case you are interested in hearing whether I've made a real fool of myself or not, as the latest information I have is that the decision will be announced/confirmed at that meeting.

While you wait, what else has been going on in the rest of my (our) life? The **Berkhamsted Access Committee** meeting in late March had to be held in the Civic Centre car park, due to the lack of access for wheelchair-users to the building (I really didn't make that up!). Fortunately, the weather was quite nice for the time of year, but it was a short meeting. Also at the end of March 2009, The Town Hall and surrounding properties suffered a power failure which meant the Berkhamsted Citizens Association AGM due to be held on **12th March 2009** had to be postponed at very short notice, but eventually took place on **1st April 2009**, so you've missed that.

The latest **Dacorum Environment Forum** was also held towards the end of March, but this time at the Hemel Hempstead Civic Centre. Our very own **Councillor Garrick Stevens** gave a presentation to drum up support for investing in **ECO Teams**. The idea is that small groups will meet on a regular basis to support each other in their effort to reduce carbon emissions and thus save money. These groups can then spread the word by forming other small groups to carry out

THE ELUSIVE HOSPITAL

Norman Cutting is still waiting

similar money-saving ideas. It does work and has been tried successfully in other parts of the country as well as in the Netherlands. This will

be in addition to the current re-cycling efforts being made by us all with the encouragement of the Borough Council and the fledgling **Transition Town** scheme.

The water group has lost its funding from the **Countryside Management Service** which in turn receives money from the County's District Councils. Dacorum is the only one to have stopped funding, so our water group will suffer as they will not have administrative support to help with work on the Borough rivers and ponds, or with responses to the relevant and lengthy consultations (the current 1,300 page **Water Framework Directive** which was a European-led document is the latest!). The forum has instigated three more similar **action groups**, Waste, Biodiversity and Transport to help the forum keep on top of the never-ending flow of consultations and directives.

Otherwise, it's business as usual. Potholes are still breeding, but the doctors are doing their best to stamp them out. The **Green Flag** might not fly on the old swimming pool site. Network Rail were caught red-handed trying to erect a steel framed car park overlooking the Castle so will now ask nicely. The parking bay layout is being reassessed in Lower Kings Road by the Borough Council. Canal Fields will have a nice new footpath and also lose a few parking spaces (but they are free, so they don't count!). The Berkhamsted Citizens Association persuaded County to do something about the verge outside Lagley House. Yellow lines will soon appear at the bottom of Swing Gate Lane in an effort to allow buses to get past inconsiderately parked cars.

I could go on, but the editor did let me have a bit more space last month! ❖

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Saturday 12th September 2009

Tours of the DHT Museum Store, 10:00am and 2:00pm. Bookings to Curator on 01442 879525 or curator@dacorumheritage.org.uk
Tours are FREE

Sunday 13th September 2009

Guided tours will take place at many sites of historic interest on this day, including **Berkhamsted Castle**, the **Old Hall and Chapel**, **Berkhamsted School**, **Ashlyns School (Foundling Hospital)**, **173 High Street**, **Berkhamsted Town Hall** and a number of local churches. All are FREE. Further details available from **Jenny Sherwood**, contact details as above, or from the Heritage Open Days website, from mid July onwards

<http://heritageopendays.org.uk>

Summer Outings have been arranged as follows:

Thursday 14th May 2009

Visit to Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Sunday 7th June 2009

Guided Walk round Sarratt.

Saturday 15th August 2009

Walk along the Wendover Arm.

Further details and bookings from **Ken Wallis** 877592. Non-members are also welcome.

OXFAM GIFT AID

A new opportunity to support Oxfam's work without any cost to the donor has become available at the Oxfam shop in Berkhamsted High Street.

It is now possible to gift aid goods in kind as well as in cash. Donors of goods to the charity who are tax payers will be able to register for the scheme, adding an extra 28p per pound to the value of their donations. By completing a simple form, supporters will be able to join the scheme. They will be given a unique number and a supply of stickers to put on future donations.

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Oxfam hopes to add a million pounds to the value of its shop sales through the scheme. Why not be one of the first to sign up for this new way of giving?

THE BERKHAMSTED WALK

Sunday 10th May 2009 A last minute reminder. Serious walkers still have time to register and choose from the two long distance walks starting at the Court House from 10:00am. For a relaxed six mile walk in the sunshine(?) go to the Ashridge Management College from 11:00am onwards. The Walk is to raise money for The Children's Society. The current slogan is *make childhood better* for disadvantaged children. All the details of the Walk, in particular how to take part even at this late stage, are on <http://berkhamstedwalk.com> And if you feel disadvantaged because you don't have the internet, sponsor forms are available at *The Bloc* and around the town, or contact 01442 864968.

We look forward to seeing you.

 <p>Saint Peter's Church</p> <p>Sunday 17th May 2009 7.30pm</p>	<p><i>The Composer Society presents</i></p> <p>Berkhamsted Choral Society</p> <p>CORONATION</p> <p>Zadok the Priest <i>G F Handel</i></p> <p>The King shall rejoice <i>J Haydn</i></p> <p>Saint Nicholas Mass <i>A Vivaldi</i></p> <p>Stabat Mater <i>A Vivaldi</i></p> <p>Paula Greenwood <i>soprano</i> Timothy Travers-Brown <i>counter tenor</i></p> <p>Robin Burlton <i>tenor</i> Dyfed Wyn Evans <i>baritone</i></p> <p>English Philharmonia</p> <p>Matthew Scrivener <i>leader</i></p> <p>Graham Wili <i>conductor</i></p> <p><small>Reg Charity No 274462</small></p>	 <p>Tickets £12.50</p> <p>Concessions £10.50</p> <p>Under 16s free <i>from</i> Cole, Flatt & Partners <i>by phone</i> 01442 871967 <i>or</i> at the door</p>
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BERKHAMSTED JAZZ

Saturday 9th May 2009 at 8:00pm in the Civic Centre. **Joe Stilgoe Quintet** Tickets Members £8, visitors £10 available on the door.

30th May 2009 at 8:00pm in the Civic Centre. **John Etheridge and the Garricks**. Tickets as above.

BERKHAMSTED TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday 30th April 2009 at 7:30pm at Berkhamsted Town Hall. Annual Town Meeting and Councillors' Reports – electors can question their elected Councillors on the previous 12 months' activities. No charge – refreshments

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At the meeting on **29th March 2009**, the following were elected:

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All Saints' representatives to the Parochial Church Council

Michael Robinson, Jenny Wells

Representatives of the Laity elected to the Parochial Church Council

Michael Anderson, Jane Bartholomew, Rachel Below, David Booth, Barbara Conway, Julian Dawson, Elizabeth Jackson, Paul Jullien, Judith Limbert, Bill Stead

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11th-16th May 2009 9:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and until 5:00pm on Saturday in the Civic Centre. **Spring Art Exhibition** pictures in all media, ceramics and three-dimensional work for view and sale.

WEA BERKHAMSTED AND TRING BRANCH

Saturday, 16th May 2009 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Friends Meeting House, Berkhamsted. By popular demand **Jonathan Damborough** returns to lead a Day School on *The Life and Music of Henry Purcell*. To enrol, post a cheque for £25 for one or £45 for two, payable to WEA Berkhamsted, to **Hazel Ward** at Littlehurst, Gravel Path, Berkhamsted HP4 2PQ.

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Saturday 16th May 2009 at 7:30pm in the Centenary Hall, Berkhamsted School, Kings Road. Programme includes **Crawley Aspects of Eden**, **Brahms Piano Concerto No.1**. Soloist **Viv McLean**. Conductor **Thomas Loten**.

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The Visitor Room opens every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday 10:00am-4:00pm from **2nd May 2009** to **27th September 2009**. Admission is FREE. Guided tours are available for school and other groups during the week by arrangement. Please contact **Jenny Sherwood** 865158 or email **Ksherw9100@aol.com**

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Thursday 28th May 2009 at 7:30pm in the Civic Centre. **Ashley Hutchings**. Tickets £12

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HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

The Hospice has launched a sparkling new website to help people find out more about the charity, fundraise, get involved in volunteering, keep up with the latest news, make donations and more. The new and improved <http://www.stfrancis.org.uk> is the culmination of a seven-month project. The long awaited site takes a fresh look at Hospice life, provides the very latest information and keeps people in touch and connected via daily updates.

Dr Ros Taylor, Medical Director of the Hospice of St Francis said:

We now have a site which is calm, colourful, easy to navigate and contains a huge amount of essential information for patients, their carers, their families, healthcare professionals and the public who simply want to know more.



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The Hospice is looking for people to make a sponsored 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump on its behalf - and in return will pay for it!

Willing skydivers need to raise just £395 in sponsorship money in order to jump for free and in turn the Hospice receives an average donation of £140. In addition to this, every extra pound that you raise over the minimum comes straight to the charity.

Pippa Brush, Community Fundraiser said: "We are organising this fabulous opportunity through Skyline who specialise in organising fundraising events for charities so if you have any questions please ring them directly as they are in the best position to answer your questions. You can contact them on **020 7424 5522** "

Sunday 31st May 2009 Hospice 30th Birthday Garden Party at Ashridge. Call Pippa on 869555

Tuesday 9th June 2009 Swing into Summer Golf Day Stocks Golf Club. Call Harriet on 869555 to book your place

Saturday 20th June 2009 Walk With the Stars - 12 mile and six mile midnight walk. Call Fran on 869555 for details or to register.

Can you juggle? Eat fire? Stilt walk? Are you a clown? Do you know anyone with these skills who might be willing to help on **Saturday 20th June 2009** to keep the large crowd of walkers on Hemel Hempstead School playing fields entertained between 10:00pm and 11:00pm. Last year this event raised over £200,000 in just one night. You can get in touch with Fran on 01442 869555 or email her at fran.martin@stfrancis.org.uk.

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



Today, 3rd April 2009, Berkhamsted Castle WI celebrated their 20th Birthday and joint President **Judith Lowther** welcomed members and thirteen guests from Group 7 Ashridge.

We were also pleased to have **Nicky Evans** with us being a founder member of our Institute. Business matters were kept to a minimum as we were celebrating a special day and we were joined by **Michael Dix** who entertained us with his magical tricks – what a lot of Hocus Pocus! A vote of thanks was given by **Joy Lovell**. A special birthday cake, made by Secretary, **Janet Mitchell**, was enjoyed at teatime when the raffle was drawn and the competitions judged.

Friday 1st May 2009 is our Resolutions meeting with County Visitor, **Pam Wright**, at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm. New members and visitors are most welcome to pay us a visit.

SUNNYSIDERS HIT A CENTURY

Saturday 30th May 2009 Celebration Fête 2:00pm at the playground in George Street in the centre of Berkhamsted. The church of St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside, was consecrated on 30th June 1909.

This will be a traditional style English village Fête. Entry will be free and everyone is welcome, young and old alike. Fun and games will be the order of the day with entertainment, displays, music, children's races, fancy dress competition, raffle, BBQ and a huge range of stalls to enjoy, with things to buy and activities and games to play.

Proceeds will be given to two local charities - The **Swan Youth Centre** and the **Sunnyside Rural Trust**

TUESDAY CLUB

Following **Jenny Sherwood's** talk in January, on 17th March 2009, our members were given a conducted tour of the Dacorum Heritage Trust Museum Store, housed at the back of the Civic Centre in Clarence Road.

In the first rooms our guides had put out on show many of the artefacts and photograph albums particularly pertaining to Berkhamsted's past. We saw photographs of the procession along Ravens Lane on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and an airship which had landed in the Castle grounds in 1913. The artefacts included a medieval key found in the moat and a Victoria truncheon.

Moving on to the archaeological store we were shown Roman pots found at the Cow Roast, ancient horseshoes and an early camera which had belonged to **Edwards Samms**. Larger objects included a pennyfarthing bicycle, old sewing machines, railway signs, beer flagons, a Dictaphone and a mortar bomb.

Upstairs were many more photos and paintings, old cigarette machines (6d a packet) a copy of every Berkhamsted *review* from the year 1890, hand plaited straw bonnets dating from the 18th Century, Victorian high-heeled shoes and an exquisite evening bag dated 1900 which cost 50p at a **WI** Jumble Sale!

Downstairs again and nearing the exit there was a display cabinet, full of interesting artefacts from the Gadebridge Roman Villa.

Tours are held monthly, so do take the opportunity to see this wonderful collection. Details of Heritage Open Day tours are given on page 27.

May

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist
		9:30am Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm Evensong
	<i>All Saints'</i>	3 rd 10:00am Holy Eucharist
		10 th 10:00am Morning Worship
		17 th 10:00am Morning Worship
		24 th 10:00am Holy Communion
		31 st 8:00am Holy Communion
		10:00am Morning Worship

All services at *St Peter's* unless otherwise indicated. MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer

MON	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	6:00pm
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	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	11:00am (<i>Fr Michael's day off</i>)
FRI	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm <i>both</i>	Eucharist	9:15am
SAT	MP	9:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	10:00am

3rd Mon GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm *Court House*
Contact June Haile (873087), Angela Morris (866992) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)

Tue CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am *All Saints' Church Hall*
Song Time or short service as announced. Jenny Wells (870981)

Tue ST PETER'S CHOIR Children 5:15 to 6:15pm *St Peter's*
Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)

1st Tue TUESDAY CLUB 7:45pm *A lively women's group with guest speaker* *Court House*
Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792)

3rd Tue MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm.
Non-members always welcome. Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)

4th Tue MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:30pm *17 Shaftesbury Court*
Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)

Wed JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month at Jenny's *57 Meadow Rd*
All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged or at Ruth's *1 Montague Rd*
Contact: Jenny Wells (870981) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)

Wed PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm (yrs 5-8) Jimmy Young (384929)
The Court House

3rd Wed GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved.
Contact Sylvia Banks (871195)

Thu HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115)

Thu BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Helen Ruberry (890949) *St Peter's*

Fri LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am *Court House*
Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St Peter's (10am)
Carrie Wegener (865015)

Fri ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. *St Peter's*
Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)

3rd Sat ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. *Various local churches*

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Please see opposite for regular Sunday & weekday services at St Peter's and All Saints'

May / June

MAY

Fri	1	6.15am	The Cowper Society presents <i>Madrigals from the Tower</i> <i>St Peter's</i> with Chiltern Chamber Choir, followed by breakfast for all in <i>The Court House</i>
		10:00am	Little Fishes Service <i>St Peter's</i>
		1:00pm	Friday lunch recital Margaret Richard <i>viola da gamba</i> Bach ' <i>cello suites</i> <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	3	6:00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for departed family & friends <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	5	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Why Zaccheus climbed a tree</i> <i>All Saints'</i>
Fri	15		Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr Michael Bowie (returning Mon 18 th) <i>Walsingham</i>
Sat	16	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast <i>Sunnyside</i>
Sun	17	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: Berkhamsted Choral Society <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	19	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Our Hidden Friend</i> <i>All Saints'</i>
Thu	21	8:00pm	Sung Eucharist for the Ascension of the Lord <i>St Peter's</i>

JUNE

Tue	2	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Secret Power</i> <i>All Saints'</i>
Fri	5	10:00am	Little Fishes Service <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	6	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: Bridgewater Sinfonia with Chiltern Chamber Choir <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	7	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: <i>Hands around the World</i> charity concert <i>St Peter's</i>
Thu	11	8:00pm	Corpus Christi Sung Eucharist, Procession & Benediction <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	13	10-3pm	The Petertide Fair <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	16	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>The Lost Sheep</i> <i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	20	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast <i>Kings Road Church</i>
Sun	21	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents: Chris Garrick <i>Jazz concert for Petertide Fair</i> <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	23	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council <i>The Court House</i>
Sun	28	9:30am	St Peter's Day Patronal Sung Eucharist <i>St Peter's</i> followed by a <i>Patronal Feast</i> <i>The Court House</i>
		6:00pm	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong <i>St Peter's</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

22nd March Benjamin Arthur Silverwood-Cope, Samuel James Eaton,
Louis Edward James Tarpey, James Colin Rowan

Weddings (St Peter's)

21st March Richard Holden & Nicola Pitt, John Miller & Jane Cooksley

Funerals

12 th January	John (Jack) Henry Cliff	Chilterns Crematorium
24 th February	Jean Lucy Lane	Chilterns Crematorium
27 th February	Kenneth Harry Flint	Chilterns Crematorium
25 th March	John Edmund Addy	West Herts Crematorium

YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS'

St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Helen Nicholls (873162) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Nicola Beadle (874538)

All Saints'

The children and young people meet together on Sundays at 10:00 am as *Explorers*, in four age-groups: *Trekkers* 3-5 years, *Hikers* 5-8 years, *Climbers* 8-10 years and *Pathfinders* 11 years onward. Contacts: for Explorers - Vicky Drury (384794), for Pathfinders—Penny O'Neill (843422).

Youth Groups

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in the Court House. Contact Jimmy Young (384929)

Donutz - for young people (10 years up) meeting in the Court House every third Sunday of the month after the 9:30am service. Contact Stephen Lally (863526) or Gill Malcolm (874993)



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All Saints'

Choirmaster: **Peter McMunn** (874894)
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist
 Local Ecumenical Partnership. <http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk>
 Minister: **The Revd Caroline Weaver** (866324)

Personalities in the Parish



Answer next month

March's Personality



Christopher Hunt aged 6 in Teddington



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