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**Welcome to the September edition of *Your Berkhamsted*.** *We have packed September issue with Graham Greene taking centre of the stage and rightly so. There is a short bio and also the events for the festival are listed and we have the fantastic cover picture by Paul Hogarth. Julian Dawson's Berkhamsted in the News will be back in October as he took a much earned holiday. The Young Enterprise Fiver Challenge is an inspirational read and this is a wonderful way for children to learn marketing and other skills. Again we have featured the Heritage Open Days as there are many around Berkhamsted and Hertfordshire and these are definitely worth the visit, Jenny Sherwood also gives the history behind some of our wonderful landmarks. Our what's on page shows events in September in and around Berkhamsted, also look out for YB tweets on @Yourberkhamsted. Please see email below and get in touch if there are any ideas or stories you may have, either to publish or additions/changes to the magazine for consideration.*

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Drawings of Berkhamsted on page 3 by Jenni Cator, Art at 88, 88 High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 2BW



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# Graham Greene Festival

Graham Green — the Author/Novelist by the Editor



It will be hard to capture everything about Graham Greene as his was a long and varied life, if not somewhat complex – but here is a snapshot.

Henry Graham Greene better known as Graham Greene was an English novelist and author and has been regarded as many as one of the great writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

He was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1904 in St John's House a boarding house of Berkhamsted School, where his father, Charles Henry Greene taught and was later to become Headmaster. Graham also attended the school, this was an unhappy time for him, as he was bullied and suffered bouts of depression to the point of suicide attempts.

He was the fourth of sixth children, his younger brother, Hugh, became Director General of the BBC and his older brother Raymond was a physician and mountaineer. The Greene's were members of a large and influential family who owned the Greene King Brewery as well as being bankers and statesmen. His mother, Marion Raymond Greene, was cousin to Robert Louis Stevenson. Another cousin of the family was Ben Greene, a right wing Pacifist.

He went on to Balliol College, Oxford to study history and while he was an undergraduate, he published his first piece of work in 1925 – Babbling April – a volume of poetry.

He converted to Catholicism after meeting his future wife Vivien Dayrell-Browning but later he would call himself a Catholic agnostic or a Catholic atheist. They were married in 1926 in Hampstead, London and had two children Lucy Caroline (born 1933) and Francis (born 1936).

Graham was very well travelled and these travels led him to be recruited by MI6 by his sister, Elizabeth, who worked at the Agency. He was posted to Sierra Leone during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Kim Philby (later revealed as a Soviet Agent) was his supervisor and friend. Many of the people he met and experiences of his travels were to become characters and storylines for his novels.

His first novel, in 1929, The Man Within had a favourable reception and enabled him to work as a novelist full time. This was the start of a long and established career in which many of his novels were to become films and some have been remade recently – such as Brighton Rock, The Quiet American, and The End of the Affair. There is also Our Man in Havana and The Third Man – many of his books involved politics and espionage.

Graham Greene died in Switzerland of Leukaemia in 1991 aged 86.

Take a look at the Graham Greene Birthplace Trust - <http://grahamgreenebt.org> and go along the events during September these are listed on pages 12/13 and 31.

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# What's on

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** at 12.30 to 13.15:  
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Have you ever wondered how the BFI  
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Days, the BFI National Archive will open  
its doors for the day providing rare public  
access to the specialist skills, technology  
and stores which support the  
conservation of the BFI National  
Collection.

The venue will be open all day with access  
to some rooms restricted to a certain  
number of people at any one time.

BFI Curators will be also be giving short  
presentations about the collection  
through the day on the half hour (1030,  
1130 etc..) Event not suitable for children  
under the age of 12.

**Opening Times**

**Sunday 11 September: 1000-1700**

No booking required

**Additional information**

There is a limit to the number of people  
that can be allowed into the building, so  
entrance may be restricted if it gets very  
busy. The beginning and end of the day  
are expected to be less busy.

[www.bfi.org.uk/britain-on-film](http://www.bfi.org.uk/britain-on-film)

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## What's on, continued ... . . .

**I'd like to invite you to BERKHAMSTED LIT on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, supporting Pepper Foundation Nurses.**

Musician ERIK WINDRICH who played to 120,000 people in 1985 in South Africa. His group eVOID were 'the most successful and influential of the white South African punk bands to take up African-inspired images and sounds in their sonic rebellion against apartheid' (Wikipedia). Erik will sing and play his own recent compositions.

Author JOHN SAMSON who will read from his South African novel, *Shaka Are Dead*. John is a music correspondent and winner of the Doris Gooderson Short Story Competition.

Author EMMA CLAIRE SWEENEY whose debut novel *Owl Song at Dawn* has been longlisted for the Guardian's Not the Booker Prize. Emma worked with the Sunnyside Rural Trust service users to edit *The Memoir Garden*, a book of poetic self-portraits. She runs *Something Rhymed* with Emily Midorikawa, a website celebrating female literary friendships. Emma recently appeared on Woman's Hour.

Author SUE HAMPTON whose collection of short stories *Ravelled* has received glowing reviews from authors including Karen Maitland, Dawn Finch, Bea Davenport and Nuala O'Connor. This is Sue's 26<sup>th</sup> published book.

MC LESLIE TATE with *Purple* the first part of his Lavender Blues trilogy.

**Berkhamsted Quilters Exhibition .  
Saturday September 3rd 2016 . 10 am - 5pm .**

Lots of quilts to see, sales table with hand crafted items to buy and a young quilters table with things they have made. A double bed size quilt raffle in aid of Sunnyside Rural Trust. Homemade cakes tea and coffee . Light lunches. Northchurch Social Centre . Bell Lane HP4 3RD. Admission £3.00.

**26th September—The Iron Age Hoard of Torcs from Snettisham, Norfolk**

Dr Julia Farley, Curator, European Bronze Age, Dept of Prehistory, Europe and Britain, The British Museum . Music room at Berkhamsted School, Mill Street, at 7.45pm.

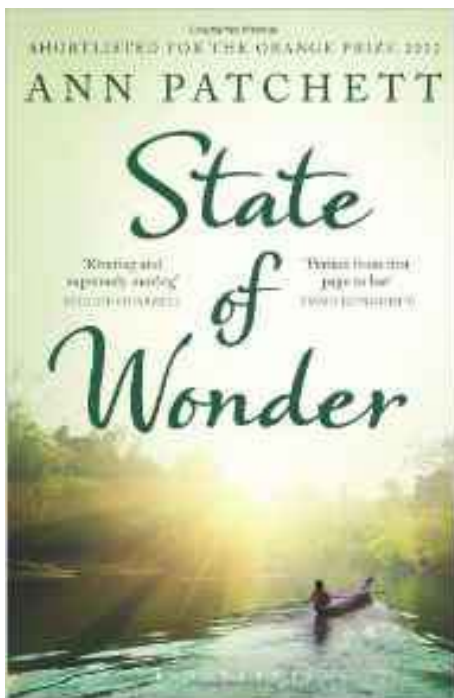




## Book Review

by Julian Dawson

### State of Wonder – Ann Patchett



I thoroughly enjoyed Ann Patchett's Orange Prize winning novel. Her prose is so engaging, it lures you into the Amazon jungle, but also lays bare all of its primeval dangers and discomfort. It tells the story of Dr Marina Singh, and as the pages unfold we see her character develop and mature as she comes to terms with her previous existence. Despite the threat of the jungle it soon becomes clear that humans themselves are the real danger. Marina is sent to the depths of the Amazon to investigate her previous mentor's progress in a fertility study; Annick Swenson has found that the local tribe have discovered the somewhat dubious advantage of reproduction into old age through the effects of a particular

type of bark. However, Singh also wants to discover what happened to a colleague who died on his own mission to investigate Swenson's work.

Marina has to confront the demons of the effects of her malarial drug, insects that make our mosquitos as cute as butterflies, extreme dark and horrendous weather. Patchett unfolds Dr Singh's character with astute skill and sensitivity, in a way I would suggest only a woman writer can do with her fellow sex. I was totally absorbed as she faced the tests of killer anacondas and performing a caesarean with no drugs or equipment. Careful to continue breathing through these moments.

It was probably one of the most affecting novels I have read, and I confess that the closing pages brought a lump to my throat and a near tear to my eye even though I was on the 8.15. Do read it.

## Graham Greene Festival—Events

### Thursday 22 September

**Court House, The Gatsby, The Rex Cinema**

**Afternoon session (Cost: £5)**

**Court House, beside St Peter's Church**

2.15 'Graham Greene's Common': a guided walk (under three miles; includes WW1 trenches) led by Brian Shepherd, with readings from *A Sort of Life* and *The Human Factor* by Judy Mead and Richard Shepherd.

Assemble outside the Court House for introduction. Cars/lifts and stout walking shoes required for the start of the walk at Inns of Court War Memorial, New Road car park. If wet, illustrated talk with readings in the Court House.

### Evening session

5.30 Social gathering and buffet supper at The Gatsby. -7.15 Two courses and a glass of wine; vegan/vegetarian option. (Limited to 73 tickets. Book by Thursday 15 September at the latest.) Cost: £16

### Film Night at The Rex Cinema

7.30 *The Power and the Glory* (CBS Television, 1961 – 90 -9.30 minutes) Director: Marc Daniels. With Laurence Olivier, George C. Scott, Julie Harris, Cyril Cusack, Roddy McDowall. Introduced by Professor Neil Sinyard. Cost: £9

Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.grahamgreenebt.org](http://www.grahamgreenebt.org), or by telephone: 07988 560496

### Friday 23 September

The Town Hall, The Civic Centre

Morning session (Cost: £15)

9.45 Journey With Maps: the beginning of Greene's Quixotic holidays: a talk by Professor Carlos Villar Flor on Greene and Father Leopoldo Duran.

10.45 Break for tea and coffee

11.15 Travels with Auntie: the BBC's James Naughtie interviews Nick Warburton about his writing career and his radio adaptations this year of *The Honorary Consul* and *The Power and the Glory*.

Break for lunch

### Afternoon session (Cost: £15)

**The Town Hall**

2.30 The Catholic Muse: a talk by Lord (Roy) Hattersley.

Why, until the end of the nineteenth century were there so few distinguished Catholic writers and why were so many of the Catholic poets and novelists of the twentieth century converts? Roy Hattersley – carefully distinguishing between Catholic writers and writers who were Catholics – offers answers to those questions and tries to resolve the age old conundrum, was William Shakespeare, in the language of his age, a Papist?

3.30 Break for tea and coffee

4.15 Graham Greene Book Club: eight discussion groups, each focusing on a different Greene novel: *The Man Within*, *England Made Me*, *The Power and the Glory*, *The Ministry of Fear*, *The End of the Affair*, *Our Man in Havana*, *The Human Factor*, *The Captain and the Enemy*.

### Evening session (Cost: £10)

#### The Civic Centre

7.45 Film night: two episodes from *Shades of Greene* -9.45 (Thames TV, 1975-6): *Two Gentle People* (50 mins), with Harry Andrews and Elaine Stritch, and *Dream of a Strange Land* (40 mins), with Ian Hendry. Introduced by: Dr David Rolinson of Stirling University.

### Saturday 24 September

Deans' Hall and Old Hall, Berkhamsted School (Castle Street)

### Morning session (Cost: £16) - Deans' Hall

9.30 Current Greene Research: presented by a University of North Georgia panel of students and faculty.

10.30 Break for tea and coffee

11.00 Graham Greene remembered: Vincent McDonnell, author of *The Broken Commandment*, interviewed by Mike Hill.

12.00 Launch of *Graham Greene Studies* by Professor -12.15 Joyce Stavick.

Break for lunch

### Mid-afternoon session (Cost: £16) - Deans' Hall

2.15 Greene and Jews: a talk by Professor Cedric Watts on the paradoxical treatment of Jews in a number of Greene's nonfictional and fictional works, including *The Name of Action*, *Stamboul Train* and *Brighton Rock*.

3.15 Break for tea and coffee

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2016 is a special year for the "Bike 'n Hike" sponsored bike ride. The ride on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> ride organised by the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust as their main annual fund-raising event. Over £100,000 was raised by the event last year, and St Peter's was pleased to receive a Silver Certificate from the Trust for raising over £1,000 (see photo).



Chris Clegg, Bike 'n Hike organiser for St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted (left), receiving the Silver Certificate from Richard North, Bike 'n Hike Treasurer and Berkhamsted Area Organiser.

Details about this year's event can be found on [www.beds Hertshct.org.uk/bikenhike](http://www.beds Hertshct.org.uk/bikenhike).

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## Seeing the Light

Rectory Lane Cemetery will be hosting its third Heritage Open Day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

At 2pm the Mayor of Berkhamsted, Mr Tom Ritchie, will welcome everyone and commence proceedings along with other civic guests.

At 4.30pm the restored Seat of Remembrance will be unveiled by Professor Sarah Foot, great grand-daughter of Brigadier General Richard Mildmay Foot notable benefactor of the town, in whose honour the seat was placed originally. This restoration has been achieved with funds from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme – where customers pay 5p for their plastic carrier bag which goes to good causes. The technical team who have been responsible for this reinstatement will be on hand to answer questions.

At 7.30pm The Lantern Procession will leave the Church led by the Mississippi Swamp Dogs, a New Orleans Jazz band to be followed by a performance at the Cemetery by Berkhamsted choirs. New for this year are:

Ø *St Peter's funeral bier (from Pitstone Museum)*

Ø *John Wellburn of the Herts family History Society*

Ø *Harrison Landscape Architects will be on hand to show what is planned*

Ø *A 'Notable Women of Berkhamsted Past' trail to add to the trails for World War heroes and educational trails*

Ø *Beekeeping talk/demonstration*

Ø *Thoby Davis singing 70s and 80s*

Ø *Swan Youth Project Music group*

Ø *Daria Kuelsh singing ethereal folk songs in the lead up to the Lantern Procession*

### **Making a return appearance will be:**

The Research and Genealogy centre, the Social Living History Group with Mr Ghost the Gravedigger (late of Castle Street), Brasses and Memorial rubbing, memorial conservation and repair. Interesting activities for children include making 'bug house doors' with Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, a prize educational trail and face painting. Refreshments will be provided by Gill Newton.

James Moir Trustee of the Friends of St Peter's and convenor of the Rectory Lane Project said, "This Heritage Open Day is a particularly good opportunity for everyone to see how the Cemetery could be in the future and to have their say in its development. Visitors can still contribute and comments on our plans to evolve this site so rich in heritage into a sustainable Community asset for the future. People will be able to see some of the progress achieved such as the opening of the Sexton's Hut and the restoration of the remarkable Seat of Remembrance.'

Further information will be available from September 1<sup>st</sup> on the website

<http://www.stpetersberkhamstedfriends.org.uk>

***The Rectory Lane Cemetery acknowledges funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, Berkhamsted Town Council, Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council***



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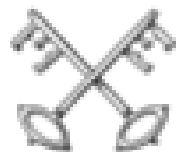
We are already in September, nearly three-quarters of the way through the year. By now most of the harvest is in. I haven't yet seen figures for how this year's harvest compares with previous years (some crops better than others I imagine) but I have no doubt that our country's food supplies are secure. I know we can't take that for granted and that the food industry continually assesses ways to improve yields and reduce risks, but taking the country as a whole we live in a wealthy nation. But somehow despite our country's wealth some families and communities continue to live in 2016 in relative poverty. Food banks are vital to many families. The Tressell Trust provides more than a million 3-day emergency food supplies a year through more than 400 food banks.

The DENS food bank is run in partnership with the Tressell Trust and provides emergency food to nearly 2000 adults and 1200 children. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimates that at some time during 2015, 1.2m people, including 300,000 children, in the UK could not afford to buy adequate food, keep warm and keep clean. Research indicates the problem is bigger in ethnic communities than in white British communities. That represents a level of social injustice which none of us should find easy to live with. I am not suggesting solutions are easy. Research shows that destitution results from several interlocking causes.

Public policy must play a big part in attacking this injustice but I think it would be naïve to expect Government to solve it all (although some might disagree). Poverty and destitution are community issues as well as government concerns. Charities like the Tressell Trust, the Muslim Food Programme, the Church Urban Fund, Church Action on Poverty and The Children's Society and many others provide an essential complement to government policy and services.

We celebrate the new year at the end of December but it seems to me in some ways the new year really starts at the end of Summer. Family summer holidays are over, children start a new school year, students leave home, the football season restarts, and Strictly Come Dancing is back. With the harvest nearly in, please reflect whether you could start a new year by supporting one of these charities, or another, wherever and however you can. Our poorer communities need that support as much as ever. The Bible pleads with us to support the poor and marginalised and to roll out God's justice to everyone, for everyone's good, and this is a practical way we can all contribute. And if you disagree with me, or want to add anything, please write and let me know. I would love to hear.

Richard Hackworth





## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 8<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 ARRANGED BY BERKHAMSTED LOCAL HISTORY & MUSEUM SOCIETY

There are still a few places left on this years' tours so do come along. Most residents know where the **Castle** is but a surprising number have never visited our royal castle let alone know of its important history, so come along on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September and see what you can learn.

**A Walk into the Past- Berkhamsted Place-successor to the Castle.** It was that in more ways than one. Do you

know where the lime walk is? Come and enjoy the ambience and savour the history tucked away at the top of Castle Hill. The big house itself remains no longer, but many of the ancillary buildings do and the Great Barn is itself a remarkable building.

During WWI Lt. Col. Francis Errington and a number of other Commanding Officers were billeted in Berkhamsted Place. The **IOCOTC** were in Berkhamsted and the surrounding area from 1914-1919. With the help of JT Newman's photographs we are able to identify places of importance and compare them with the Berkhamsted we know today. Come on this 'Then and Now' tour. Meet at the rear of the Station by Earl Brownlow's Waiting Room.

### **Old Hall & Chapel Berkhamsted School**

The Old Hall built in 1544 was at the time the largest schoolhouse in the country, larger than Winchester and Eton. Now no

longer used by the boys of School House for lessons or to do homework in it is used for official functions as on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit in May. An Old Boy of School House will be your guide and will tell you something of the School's history before taking you

across the Quad to see the School Chapel, a beautiful little gem by a local architect, Charles Henry Rew, modelled on a chapel in Venice.



heritage open days

### **Berkhamsted Town Hall and Market**

**House** You have probably been to the Town Hall or if not you no doubt have patronised Carluccio's in the Market Hall. Did you know that the building with a three-part function replaced the Tudor Market House, which was burnt down in 1854. The new building comprised a Market Hall with a large meeting hall above and rooms for the Mechanics Institute together with several committee rooms. Have you stopped to look at the old photographs all the way up the stairs and in the bar area and by the toilets? Come on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September and learn more of the history of Berkhamsted's Saxon market and the Town Hall.

### **Ashlyns School, the Foundling Hospital.**

Most of you will know where Ashlyns School is and perhaps have connections with the school and if not know

somebody who does. You will probably have heard of the Foundling Hospital. Perhaps you saw an episode of 'Call the Midwife' and someone told you that was Ashlyns. You have the privileged opportunity of visiting the school on 11<sup>th</sup> September and joining on one of the tours led by former foundlings who spent their entire childhood in that vast building away from the outside world. Visit the Chapel with its stained glass windows from the 18<sup>th</sup> century London Foundling Hospital and the Crypt with its many monuments of former governors.

### **St. Peter's Church and the Court House**

I'm sure you all know St. Peter's Church, at least from the outside, our Parish Church which has stood there since early in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. It has witnessed so many of the events of our history and the tombs, monuments and brasses bear witness to that fact. The second largest church in the County its size reflects the wealth from the wool trade at that time. Links with the Castle and benefactors to the town, residents of the large houses are there for all to see. Rolls of Honour of the Fallen in the Boer Wars, WWI and WWII list names of all sections of the community who gave their lives.

**The Tudor Court House** has seen many events and uses too. It has held the Court of Common Pleas, dealt with weights and measures, been the home of the National School, used by the IOCOTC in WWI and evacuees in WWII.

**Rectory Lane Cemetery** Opposite the church and a little to the left a narrow lane, Rectory Lane, takes you up to the Cemetery, sometimes known as Three Cemetery, sometimes known as Three Close Lane Cemetery since it stretches from half way up Rectory Lane across to Three Close Lane. The Rectory Lane Project was successful in securing a generous Lottery Grant to refurbish the cemetery and make it into a peaceful place of rest and nature. An action packed event on 11<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm until 9.30 pm will give visitors the opportunity to see the progress that has been made already, to find graves of their forefathers, to learn something of the interesting personalities of the past and of some remarkable women. Guided tours, demonstrations of a mason at work, the dedication of a restored seat, a competition for children and trails to follow, and music. There will be something for everybody! As it grows dark a funeral procession will leave the church and proceed up Rectory Lane to the cemetery, with lanterns to light the way. In that procession will be the funeral bier that was used years ago at St Peter's Church and is now on display in Pitstone Museum.

**ALL THESE EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL! FOR BOOKINGS AND FURTHER ENQUIRIES CONTACT JENNY SHERWOOD 865158 or Email [KSherw9100@aol.com](mailto:KSherw9100@aol.com) or website [www.berkhamsted-history.org.uk](http://www.berkhamsted-history.org.uk)**



## Regular Church Activities

- 3rd Mon Pastoral Network, 7:45pm, The Court House. Contact Philippa Seldon 871534.
- Tues Chuckles Parent & Toddler Group, 10–11:30am. All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or short service as announced. Contact Jey Wells, 870981.
- Tues St Peter's Choir, Children 5:15–6:15pm. St Peter's. Adrian Davis 01296 632263 or Jean Wild 866859.
- 3rd Tues Mothers' Union, meet in members' houses at 2.30pm. New members always welcome. Contact Kathie Lally, 863526.
- 4th Tues Mothers' Union Prayer Group, 2:30pm. 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs your prayers. Contact Jenny Wells 870981.
- Wed Julian Meeting, meets about twice a month, 11:30am. All welcome. At Jenny Wells, 57 Meadow Rd, 870981 or at Ruth Treves Brown, 3 Sherwood Mews Park Street, Berkhamsted HP4 1HX
- Thu Bellringing, 8pm, St Peters. Contact David Burbidge 862139.
- Fri Little Fishes Parent & Toddler Group 9:30–11:30am. The Court House. Weekly, with short service on 1st Friday in St Peter's (10am), Tracy Robinson 863559.
- Fri St Peter's Choir, Children 7–8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. St Peter's. Adrian Davis 01296 632263 or Jean Wild 866859.
- 3rd Sat Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast, 8am, The Way Inn. Rachael Hawkins 866324.
- 1st Sun Sundays Together Lunch 12.30pm, Court House. For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Liz Jackson 864382.

## Regular Church Services

### St Peter's

#### Regular Sunday services

8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School

6:00pm Evensong

#### Regular weekday services

Morning Prayer – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am (St Peter's), Tuesday 9am (All Saints' Shrublands Road)

#### Key Church contacts:

Parish Office, Hilary Armstrong & Kate Perera, Court House, 878227.

Fr. Tim Pilkington, 01442 879739, (day off Friday), Team Rector, St Peter's.

Simon Vivian, Assistant Curate

The Revd. Rachael Hawkins, All Saints' 01442 866324.

### Your Berkhamsted September 2016 edition

#### **Events at St Peter's Church or the Court House, Berkhamsted, presented by The Cowper Society supported by the Friends of St Peter's**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 7.30pm: CONCERT in St Peter's Church – Berkhamsted Choral Society Society & Chorley Wood Choral Society. Conductor Graham Wili. 'Magnificat' - Pergolesi Magnificat, Charpentier Te Deum, Summer Tour Music. Tickets: £13, £8 student or DC [www.berkhamstedchoral.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedchoral.co.uk)

Thu 15 & Fri 16 Sep from 7.00pm, Sat 17 Sep from 11.00am & Sun 18 Sep from 12noon: KULTURELLES OKTOBERFEST at St Peter's Church to include all organ works of Buxtehude with Wine Tasting 7.30pm Sat & 9.30am Mass + 12noon Bierfest Sunday.

Mon 26 Sep 8.00pm: ORGAN & BASSOON RECITAL in St Peter's Church. David Hardie Organ (Birmingham), Mark Wilson Bassoon. Free Entry, Retiring collection.

Sat 1 Oct 7.30pm: CONCERT in St Peter's Church. J. S. Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 6, Aaron Copland Clarinet Concerto (soloist Marie Lloyd), Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade. Director by Adrian Davis. Tickets £16 [£15 prepaid], U18s free [www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk](http://www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk)

#### St Peters

Baptisms and Weddings— None

Funerals

20<sup>th</sup> July Ronald Beddall

#### All Saints

4th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
10am	Morning Worship - Richard Hackworth
11th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
8am	Holy Communion - Revd Rachael Hawkins
10am	Holy Communion - Revd John Kirkby
4pm	Who is your neighbour? - Malcolm Lindo
18th	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
10am	Morning Worship - Revd Brian Tebbutt
4pm	Messy Church - Messy Church Team
25th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
10am	Holy Communion - Revd Mark Hammond
4pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing - Revd Rachael Hawkins/Audrey Cox

NO BAPTISMS OR FUNERALS

#### **Further information available from our church websites:**

[www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk](http://www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk) and [www.allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk).

# News from the Hospice of St Francis



## The Hospice of St Francis – Hospice News

### September 2016

#### Hospice Care Week

It's national Hospice Care Week on the 3rd – 9th October. The support hospices like ours provide can be vital to so many people in our community who need support.

**Here's a snapshot of some of the comments we've received this year from those who've experienced our care:**

"I can never thank the Hospice enough for helping me heal at such a critical time in my recovery and giving me my life. Without it, I don't know what I'd have done" Charlie

**"Speaking to the Hospice is the best thing I've ever done. I've had more help from the Hospice than anyone – they've been absolutely brilliant and they're always at the end of the phone if I need them" Bill**

"I was delighted with the range of services the Hospice could offer me, which were really tailored to me as an individual and are what makes the Hospice so special. The difference they have made to my life has been huge" Amanda

During Hospice Care Week, look out on our social media pages to learn about how we help people living with life-limiting illness, or visit our website [www.stfrancis.org.uk](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk) to find out more about us.

#### Go Purple!



**Do also support us during Hospice Care Week by joining our Go Purple day on Friday 7th October!**

Can you **WEAR** purple for the day, **BAKE** purple-iced cakes to sell and host a coffee morning or **BE CREATIVE** and organise your own crazy purple-themed fundraising activity?

All we ask is that you have fun and donate what you can to help people who need our Hospice services. For your Go Purple Info Pack call 01442 869555 or email [gopurple@stfrancis.org.uk](mailto:gopurple@stfrancis.org.uk).

#### Other News

##### Join Team Total Care!

Be part of a truly different team and consider working for us! The Hospice is holding a number of informal open days throughout September for people with both clinical and a non-clinical backgrounds to learn about our job opportunities, staff benefits, and to see our unique building and gardens.





Open days will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12pm, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12pm and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-3.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm. For more

information visit [www.stfrancis.org.uk/opensdays](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/opensdays)

### Hear from Angela Rippon at our AGM

Come and hear a short talk on dementia care by much-loved celebrity Angela Rippon at The Hospice of St Francis on Wednesday 28 September from 7pm. Angela will talk about her mother's dementia at the end of her life.

The Hospice is actively working on its dementia strategy to ensure it is well-equipped to help more people who have life-limiting illnesses and dementia in the future. The evening will also include an update on what your local community hospice has achieved over the last year plus the chance to meet the senior team and have your say. Refreshments will be provided.

If you are looking to attend the evening please register your interest by emailing or calling Sarah Hawkswood –

[sarah.hawkswood@stfrancis.org.uk](mailto:sarah.hawkswood@stfrancis.org.uk) / 01442 869 567

### Trek China

If you'd like to travel further afield, come and find out more about our wonderful trek to China leaving next autumn at an open evening on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

### Mud Pack Challenge!

Well over a 1,000 local people have participated in our Mud Pack Challenge over the last two years! If you've seen the posters but never committed, now's your chance to get involved! Our Mud Pack Challenge III is better than ever and enables you to test your stamina by running through various obstacles and lots of mud – all in the beautiful gardens of Ashridge House! The mud-soaked smiley faces at the end show that everyone enjoys themselves so give it a go and sign up now to support local **Hospice care!** Register today at: [www.stfrancis.org.uk/mudpack](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/mudpack).



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### Christmas Cards

We know we're early but our **Christmas cards** are available now for those who like to be organised. We have lots of lovely designs and prices for packs starting at £3.25. You can buy them via our website or in our shops.

**To find out more about all our events and fundraising challenges, visit:**

[www.stfrancis.org.uk/events](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/events) or email [fundraising@stfrancis.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stfrancis.org.uk)

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## Your Charities



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Sales will help Oxfam's programme of bringing the ability to enjoy reading books to many more children across the world who are denied access to education. Buying a book or one of Oxfam's Unwrapped gifts such as Educate a Child or School Supplies will help to open the door for many more children to enjoy the delights of reading.

### Appledown Rescue's Dog of the Month



Bright spark **Dennis** is a medium-sized crossbreed born in 2012. Sadly, Dennis was returned to us through no fault of his own after being in his home for some years. It has been a big shock for him and we would love to see him settled with owners who can make him feel secure and loved again. He would benefit from continuing his training, which he enjoys. Dennis is house-trained, bright and lively and needs plenty of human companionship. He needs to be an only pet.

If you could offer Dennis or any of our other dogs a forever home, please call in at the kennels any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or phone for more details. Please note that there are restrictions on rehoming dogs to families with children under seven years of age. Full details of the rehoming process can be found on our website, or please contact the kennels.

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## Your Garden

### Adventures in Boots by Helen Reeley

Last month was quite special-I got married. Yes! Fancy, an old bird like me getting married. I wouldn't normally share such an event with YB readers/whole world but that evening, as a gift from our friends, we went to The Grove Hotel in Chandlers Cross which you may know has the most fabulous grounds & gardens.

The hotel itself is owned by Ralph Trustees Limited & the formal gardens were designed by Michael Balston who is a landscape architect and Chelsea Flower Show judge. Included in the most recent refurbishments are elements of the original 18th century design with modern highlights. Large contemporary art pieces-a huge copper bowl-adorn the gardens, ponds & waterfalls.

When we'd finished our supper we walked around the peaceful grounds & I was able to take some photographs of some beautiful planting schemes; hydrangeas were very much in evidence, not the old fashioned mop head plants but the more graceful lace cap specimens. Alongside the garden canal there are huge deck chairs which one can clamber into for a bit of a giggle although this proved a bit of a challenge to me with my short legs.

The Head Gardener is Dave Roberts who is responsible for much of the refurbishment as well as managing the

horticultural team & what a terrific job they do. In the grounds is a magnificent Black Walnut (*Juglans Nigra*) that was presented to The Grove in 1770 by Captain Cook. There are other interesting trees to be seen & if you ask at reception they'll give you information to locate them.

More changes have been made in the kitchen garden. Sturdy newly built raised beds were home to vast arrays of vegeta-



ble, salad leaves, fruit & herbs which are used throughout the hotel's kitchens. In fact, we had a close look at the simple design of the raised beds and as a result we should have our own in our garden here in

time for next year's growing season.

And their website says you can book a guided tour around the gardens with the Head Gardener. Unfortunately, I was somewhat lacking in energy that day (due to post wedding flop) but it means I'll have to return another time for afternoon tea & take up that guided tour offer.

Tomorrow I'm off to the South Hams area of Devon. I haven't been there for about 25 years so lots of gardens to see old & new.

All good wishes for your late summer gardens TTFN

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## Letter to Vernon Mildew

***Remember Vera? Vernon has now gone to pastures new and Vera is keeping him posted on her trials and tribulations.***

Dear Vernon

To help raise money for our Bowls club I thought it might be a good idea to run a Tote. However, I am a bit concerned that if we allow in-play betting on the internet we might draw the attention of offshore betting syndicates. Our members take this much too seriously to throw a match for money but for instance, a bet could be placed on Skip losing his glasses between the second and third end. Someone mentioned spread betting whatever that is, although I do remember hoarding butter during the foot & mouth crisis. Perhaps instead of the football 'Spot the Ball', we could have a 'spot the dress code infringement' competition.

The TV encourages me to play the Health Lottery, but we are all doing that every day in partnership with the Postcode Lottery. I think our postcode implies that many can afford to go private. Now I also play the crossing the road lottery and the will my children phone me lottery. I used to enjoy a night out at the Bingo, where I could meet friends and have a laugh, worth losing a bit of money for. Nowadays they want me to gamble alone (and responsibly) in front of a screen surrounded by images of irresponsible-looking people.

I am also now told I have to drink responsibly, which I think means ensuring I am not caught short in an exposed situation but at the same time avoiding

dehydration. I don't really want to walk around nervously sipping from a plastic bottle every few seconds as for me this could now encourage a reciprocal effect.

Someone phoned me the other day and asked for my pin number. I said I would call back, so I went and checked and told them 288. They said it should be four numbers, but I said I don't have that many. They then asked if that was my security number, but I said no, I am only allowed to quote my 8 digit serial number when under interrogation. They said that should be 16 digits but I said you can't expect people to remember that much. He then asked for my expiry date, what cheek! How do I know? I said I had no plans in that regard; perhaps he was a cold caller from Dignitas.

I went on a computer course recently and am now a silver surfer! White surfer is more accurate, but people might then think I actually go out and do the real thing. I have also started a blog! This is a typed version of what we used to call a diary, where we recorded thoughts that popped into our heads and trivial things that happened each day that no one else would be interested in. My teenage diaries were a heady mix of extravagant dreams and insecurity rather than the relentless armour-plated positivity everyone seems blessed with nowadays. But then, our diaries were private, only read when we were gone, or on radio shows when our bookings went through a thin patch.

Vera Mildew

## Young Enterprise, the Fiver Challenge and Berkhamsted

Young Enterprise is a national charity trying to introduce business understanding to students of all ages. It has been operating in the UK since 1962 and, in 2014/15, delivered 338,000 business experiences across 3,482 primary and secondary schools. It works through a network of local experienced volunteers who are happy to pass on their business knowledge to the younger generation and future wealth creators.

In Berkhamsted, you may have seen 5 or 6 stalls at the last couple of Festival of Lights, where groups of school

children from our local secondary schools were selling products from their newly developed micro-businesses. Indeed, this year, a group from Berkhamsted School reached the 'area finals' - a great achievement!

The big recent news is that Young Enterprise launched the "Fiver Challenge" this summer in Berkhamsted primary schools. The "Fiver Challenge" is for 5 - 11 year olds, to introduce some understanding of

business, teamwork and interaction with the community in a FUN way. Each pupil gets £5 from the Fiver Bank and works, in a group, to set up a mini-business for a month to earn money. The businesses have ranged from cake making, design, pot-making through to artwork and **car washing**. A number of the groups earned mouthwatering profits



during the month. The £5 is returned along with a 50p donation and the rest of the money is kept by the kids - an early introduction to entrepreneurialism and financial responsibility.

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..... and now, from the sharp end, what it was actually like to take part from Oscar North, aged 10 from Greenways school.

At the beginning of June, I participated in the Fiver Challenge. In my group I had 5 other boys and we were going to wash cars to make our money. Our team name was the Super 6 Cool Car Cleaners and we chose to wash cars because pretty much everyone has at least one car in Berko. On the 26th of June, my team and I got together to wash as many cars as possible which we had booked in by text messaging and going door-to-door to get cars. It was so much fun! I had such a good time with my friends - it was a relaxed and exciting day. The hardest car to wash was a truck with a trailer. At the time as that, we were washing another big car AND had another car waiting to be washed so we split into two teams to get more cars washed in the time we needed.

We were selling tea, fresh cake and coffee to the customers for 60p each while they waited which went down well. The cars were meant to cost £3.00 but the majority of customers gave fivers and tenners. After working hard for four and a half hours, we had raised £145.70. Also, our school had a Fiver Challenge 'Market' where we could sell our products to teachers and children. For the market we made shrunken crisp packets key rings which still smelled of crisps. By the end of the Fiver Challenge we had raised a total of £208.70 of which 75% was going to Cancer Research and the remaining 25% to our school for next year. I would love to do the Fiver Challenge again - it's so much fun. I learnt about teamwork and how to do the best marketing.

**By John Gerry**

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## Your Sports

By Matthew Dawson

### Whitlock returns to Herts with 3 Olympic medals

Team GB's Max Whitlock is becoming quite the household name, and he's also one of our local Olympians, born and bred in Hemel Hempstead. In what was Great Britain's best ever performance at an away games, in a medal tally that beat that of London 2012, Whitlock returned with two gold and one bronze from his exploits in Rio.

The performance of the British athletes at this summer's Olympics which finished last month, was absolutely incredible, as they beat China to finish second in the medal table, winning two more medals, 67, than four years ago in London. China actually finished with three more medals than Team GB, but because we won more golds, we finished second behind USA and ahead of the Chinese in the table.

GB's final medal tally stood at 27 golds, 23 silvers and 17 bronzes, with three of those medals belonging to Whitlock on the gymnastics team.

Whitlock got into gymnastics when he was just seven years old, and then ten years later at the 2010 European Junior Championships he won two gold medals and one silver on the pommel horse, floor and all-round disciplines respectively.

Then a couple of months later he was in the Commonwealth games England team in Delhi where he won two more silvers and one bronze at just 17 years of age.

It was two years later in London where he really rose up though, as he won two bronze medals still in his teen-age years at the Olympics. He followed that up with five Commonwealth Games medals in Glasgow in 2014, including three gold's, before winning two more silver medals and a gold at the World Championships last year.

However it is safe to say that Whitlock saved his best performances for Rio 2016 where he really came of age at the Olympics. His first medal of the games came in the individual all-round discipline, as he won a bronze, finishing in third place with a score of 90.641.

His Olympic campaign was to get better though as he won his first gold in the individual floor exercise a few days later, with a score of 15.633 ahead of two Brazilians in silver and bronze. He then won his second gold in a day just hours later, as he reigned supreme in the pommel horse ahead of Louis Smith, also of Great Britain, who got silver.

The man from Hemel has already created plenty of British sporting history, as his bronze medal in Rio signalled Team GB's first all-round Olympic medal for 108 years. His gold medal on the floor meanwhile meant he became Britain's first Olympic gymnastics gold medallist. This followed up a piece of history he made by becoming the first British gymnast to win a World Championship gold medal in 2015.



## Graham Greene Festival—Events cont

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3.45 Regarding Graham: Caroline Bourget, Greene's daughter, and Nick Dennys, Greene's nephew, interviewed by Dr Jon Wise.

### **Late afternoon session (Cost: £12) Deans' Hall**

5.00 The Birthday Toast: by David Pearce.

5.15 'I've always wanted to be in a publisher's office' (Graham Greene, 1933): a talk by Professor Judith Adamson on Greene the publisher.

### **Evening session (Cost: £35) Old Hall**

7.45 Festival Dinner: three courses with wine and coffee; vegan/vegetarian alternative. (Limited to 60 tickets. Book by Thursday 15 September at the latest.)

### **Sunday 25 September**

Careers Library and Old Hall, Berkhamsted School  
(Castle Street)

### **Morning session (Cost: £15) Careers Library (next to Old Hall)**

10.00 'Something to catch hold of in the general flux': Greene's presentation of religious ideas and longings in his first three novels – *The Man Within*, *The Name of Action* and *Rumour at Nightfall*: a talk by Dr Alice Reeve-Tucker.

11.00 Break for tea and coffee

11.30 Taking liberties: two controversial film adaptations of, and by, Graham Greene: a talk by Professor Neil Sinyard.

Lunch (Cost: £24)  
Old Hall

1.00 Farewell Lunch: cold buffet, wine and coffee; vegan/vegetarian option. (Limited to 60 tickets.

Book by Thursday 15 September at the latest.)

*Taken from:- <https://fergalcasey.wordpress.com/2016/08/22/graham-greene-festival-2016>*

### **JAMES NAUGHTIE WITHDRAWS**

We are very disappointed to have to report that James Naughtie will not be attending this year's festival. He was due to interview script-writer Nick Warburton on the Friday. James has been requested by the BBC to cover the first of the Hillary Clinton / Donald Trump Presidential debates which takes place at the same time as the festival. He sends his sincere apologies.

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