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## **WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER 2017 EDITION OF YOUR**

**BERKHAMSTED.** In this edition we have a mouth-watering review for the Olive Tree Restaurant and I want to say I will definitely go back – a fantastic family run establishment. We are also featuring another local business, Cobham Consulting, who were recently nominated for two categories in the Best Business Women Awards. Cobham Consulting also ran a Poetry Competition to celebrate National Poetry Day and I have included the winner and there will be more in future editions. Jonathan Lee has reviewed St Peter's recent Oktoberfest, which proved to be a great success. There is much more, including details of Berkhamsted's Firework Display on page 27. So boil a kettle or pour some wine and enjoy! Don't forget - this magazine needs more volunteers – a time to learn new skills and be part of a team - please contact me if you feel you could help. The 'what's on' page shows events in November 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. **Jacqueline— editor@yourberkhamsted.org.uk**



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## Berkhamsted in the news by Julian Dawson



If you prefer the grass-roots of sport, the game with which we can more readily identify rather than the rarefied world of professional sport, then you would have celebrated Non-League Day 2017, which took place on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Not here the inflated weekly salary amounting to the GDP of a mid-range African nation. [itv.com](http://itv.com) rejoiced in such fixtures as Diss Town v Whitton United, AFC Sudbury v Aylesbury United, Eynesbury Rovers v Daventry Town and of course Biggleswade FC v Berkhamsted – a fixture from the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division. Such names have an almost Betjemanesque ring to them – are there still oranges in half time? Our local senior team have had a great start in the season, [borehamwoodtimes.co.uk](http://borehamwoodtimes.co.uk) reporting they had gone top of the table with a 4-1 win over St Margetsbury. Will they sustain their form this season? In the meantime, the really interesting stages of the FA Cup progresses. This season's conquerors of Berkhamsted, Slough Town FC, (at time of writing), continue their journey through the qualifying rounds, where [sloughobserver.co.uk](http://sloughobserver.co.uk) reports their local team defeating Poole Town, their first

senior scalp. Come friendly fans, descend on Slough...

On a more serious note, [bedfordtoday.co.uk](http://bedfordtoday.co.uk) reports on the demise of Private Ambulance Service Ltd, which had according to trade union Unison failed in its basic sub-contracting task of ferrying NHS patients to and from appointments. Local MPs, including our own David Gauke, were approached to act on concerns such as patient safety, road worthiness, unpaid wages, and missing pension contributions. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire "should not be relying on low cost, low quality providers" Unison states, in a case demonstrating why ceasing private involvement in the public sector is becoming politically attractive.

If you are not attracted to the health profession, perhaps a career in music is more to your taste. [completemusicupdate.com](http://completemusicupdate.com) advertised the following post - Accorder Music – Paid Copyright Assistant Internship (Berkhamsted). You are expected to be enthusiastic (well, naturally), and a quick and willing learner who needn't have direct knowledge of copyright issues, but nevertheless understands the music publishing industry. In

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my own experience in special libraries, copyright is a knotty and misunderstood concept – so good luck with the role!

homesandantiques.com sets out the best antique and vintage fairs, including a few days ago on the 29<sup>th</sup> an event at Berkhamsted Sports Centre. Let us know if you picked up any bargains and perhaps we'll feature them in a future antiquarian special.

Staying with the past, independent.co.uk, a paper which is now web-based only, has a touching obituary written by the

son of Bunty Urquhart, a former pupil of Berkhamsted Girl's School. She recently died at the age of 94, having begun nursing training at Middlesex Hospital in 1941, then heading out to Tanganyika in the 1950s as a nurse and radiographer and shortly after out to Sarawak where she met her husband to be, later marrying in Kuching Cathedral. Hence the phrase - nurse + colonial officer = "KERRCHING!!". Her long life defied medical advice – "by smoking and enjoying a brandy and red wine with her lunch and dinner". Way to go Bunty!



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Tring Farmers Market (**Alternate Saturdays**). The Marketplace, Brook Street, Tring 9.00am - 12.15pm. Tring Farmers Market promotes local food for local people For more info email: [enquiries@tringfarmersmarket.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tringfarmersmarket.co.uk)

**For events at the Hertfordshire Libraries for young and old**  
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do>

**Wed Oct 11<sup>th</sup> BERKHAMSTED LIVE**

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**Taizé—Centenary Memorial Service**  
**Sunday, 5 November 2017**  
**@ 6pm**  
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A quiet meditation service with chants and silence in memory of those that served, wounded or lost their lives, 100 years ago, in the battle of the Great War on 5 November 1917  
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**Mon 6 & Tue 7 Nov @ 8pm** - Queen of Katwe. The true story of a young girl in rural Uganda whose world changes when she is introduced to chess. Dir: Mira Nair/2016/USA/Cert PG/124mins. Civic Centre. [www.berkhamstedfilmociety.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedfilmociety.co.uk). Annual sub: joint £65, single £35. Visitors £5 at door (no conc); tickets 863155

**Sat, 11th Nov @ 10.30am - 4pm**  
Little Gaddesden Art Club One Day Exhibition 2017. Village Hall, Little Gaddesden. Paintings and cards. Free

*Call the Midwife*

The family of Jennifer Worth talk about her books and the television series.

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entry.

**Tue, 14 Nov @ 8pm** - Still Life Painting. A demonstration by Keith Morton of painting still life in acrylics. Civic Centre. [www.berkhamstedartsociety.com](http://www.berkhamstedartsociety.com) Visitors

**Wed, 15 Nov @ 8pm** - Berkhamsted:  
Your Vision for our Town Tomorrow.  
Help take charge of the way Berkhamsted adapts to changing circumstances.  
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[www.berkhamstedcitizens.org.uk](http://www.berkhamstedcitizens.org.uk)

**Sat, 18 Nov @ 7.30pm** - Classical Piano Recital. Mishka Rushdie Momen won 1st prize at the Dudley International Piano. She is playing Bach, Janáček, Schubert and Schumann. Civic Centre.  
[www.berkhamstedmusic.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedmusic.co.uk). Season ticket £52, £15 at the door, under 18 free. 862798

**Wed, 22 Nov @ 8pm** - The Siege of 1216. Eminent historian Julian Humphreys unfolds the dramatic events of 801 years ago at Berkhamsted Castle. Town Hall. [www.berkhamsted-history.org.uk](http://www.berkhamsted-history.org.uk). Annual sub: joint £15, single £10, visitors £3 (no conc); DC. 874598

**Sat, 25 Nov @ 8pm** - Cliff Longhurst's Jazz Knights. The Jazz Knights Orchestra Civic Centre.  
[www.berkhamstedjazz.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedjazz.co.uk)

**Sun, 26 Nov @ 3.30pm to 6pm** - Christmas Berkhamsted Town Council. Festival of Light. The High Street closes to traffic and Berkhamsted marks the beginning of Christmas with stalls, food, entertainment, Santa and Christmas lights. High Street.  
[www.berkhamstedtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.berkhamstedtowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Mon, 27 Nov @ 7.45pm** - Egypt in England. Chris Elliott of English Heritage Music Room, B'sted School. <http://berkhamstedarchaeology.co.uk> Annual subs £15, couples £20, juniors £5; £1 on the night for members, £5 for visitors

Showing at the [The Vyne Theatre, Berkhamsted Arts Centre](http://www.vynetheatre.co.uk)  
[www.vynetheatre.co.uk](http://www.vynetheatre.co.uk)

Sun 12th Nov 2pm - The Taming of the Shrew (Bolshoi Ballet)  
Sun 19th Nov 6pm - Follies (National Theatre Live)

### **Willow Wreath Workshops**

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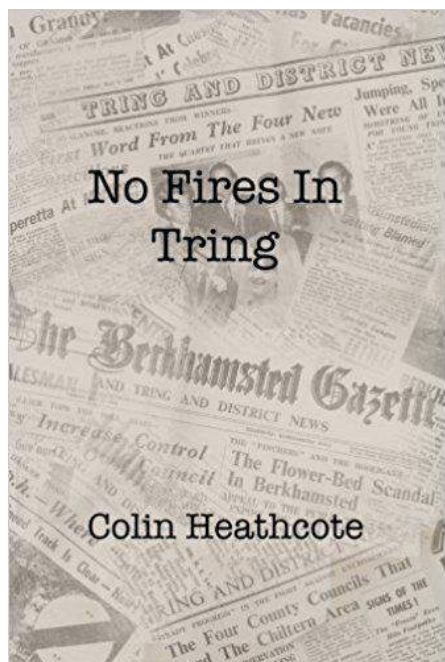
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## Book Review

### **‘No Fires in Tring’ by Colin Heathcote**



Although Tring features in the title, the book is based on a young man's experiences in his first job as a reporter in the Berkhamsted office of the family owned local newspaper. It is the 1960s and the branch office is in 278 High Street, with an Editor and staff of four. The names of his colleagues are fictitious but the excerpts from the paper are all based on his own Gazette reports and articles along with the appropriate photographs.

A gentle budding romance is woven throughout the book with the reader willing him to make his feelings known to the young lady.

The author recalls hilarious autobiographical descriptions of his life and

work. This features many reports of day to day life in our busy little town, from crime to council meetings and annual local events, interspersed with the totally unexpected and sometimes tragic occurrences. Several famous names feature in local stories including Enoch Powell, Cliff Richard talking about the dangers of drug-taking, Roger Moore, who was filming in Aldbury, British boxing champion Henry Cooper and Berkhamsted's own Robin Knox-Johnston, who returned to describe winning the Round-the-World Yacht Race in 1969.

The book is dedicated to the ever-diminishing band of professional reporters and photographers working in the UK's remaining local weekly and regional daily newspapers. However, everybody can enjoy this light-hearted funny book, which would make an ideal Christmas present. It is available as a paperback or Kindle download from Amazon.

# Berkhamsted Museum and History Society



## **MARKET HOUSE, ASSEMBLY ROOM, MAGISTRATE'S ROOM ETC.- OUR TOWN HALL**

In *The Building News* of

8<sup>th</sup> April 1859 appeared the following report of the Architectural Exhibition held that year. 'The Market -house, Assembly Room, Magistrates' Room etc now erecting at Berkhamstead is another exceedingly clever Gothic design by Mr. E B Lamb.' This was the judgment of fellow architects of the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century but his design and the finished building was not so favourably judged in the following century. In the 1950s Buckton Lamb was classed as a rogue architect and in the 1970s a local councillor intent on demolishing the Town Hall condemned the 'building as being of no architectural merit.' Yet today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the building stands proudly in its central position, against all odds, looking refreshed by the recent refurbishment of its façade.

Not only was its architectural merit questioned but also the three- pronged purpose of the building and the very site itself were bones of contention. Why then was the Town Hall and Market House built in that position and at that time? Berkhamsted's Market is thought to be prescriptive, dating back almost certainly to Saxon times. As early as 1216 it was decided to change the market day from Sunday to Monday. Moreover, Henry II's charter of 1156 granted the citizens of Berkhamsted the 'laws, liberties and customs' which they had enjoyed since the

time of Edward the Confessor. Over the centuries the market has enjoyed mixed fortunes. It suffered from the demise of the castle at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century and the trade it brought with it. It suffered from the creation of other markets nearby, especially that of Hemel Hempstead.

Many readers will be familiar with Buckler's early 19<sup>th</sup> century print of the Tudor Market House which stood roughly where Aitchison's is. This was certainly not the first Market House. It was built by public subscription in 1584 and mentions 'Edward Carey, Esq., Master of Queen Elizabeth I's Jewel House, who built Berkhamsted Place and Thomas Waterhouse, Gent, probably the son of the former Rector of Ashridge and states that they contributed towards the building of the Shamble house and the Crosse House. A further document of 1584 mentions more repair work to the Market House and the Crosse House.

By early Victorian times complaints were heard that the Market House was unsightly and an obstruction, because it jutted out over the walkway. Nash in his *Reminiscences* wrote 'that one man who was accustomed to the use of the saw, vigorously applied this to some of the posts supporting the Market House', but to no avail. The wood was too hard and there were too many nails. An unfortunate accident or deliberate arson completed the destruction for him when on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1854 the Tudor Market house was burnt down.

As soon as October a public meeting was held in the King's Arms and it was agreed to ask for the 'concurrence of the Trustees of Ashridge Property in the construction of a Market House suitable to the increasing prosperity of the Town.' A subsequent meeting held in February 1856 passed the following resolution, 'that it is the opinion of the meeting that a sum of money would be subscribed by the inhabitants of this Town...towards making over the Market House, Rooms for Magistrates' Meetings, Lectures, Mechanics' Institute etc., provided that the owners and lessees (that is the Duchy of Cornwall and the Brownlows at Ashridge) would draw up a convenient plan and give them pecuniary assistance guaranteeing the use thereof to the town for a period of 99 years at a Peppercorn rent to be vested in the Churchwardens and Overseers for the time being.'

After a conference with Lord Brownlow and his Advisers it was agreed that in lieu of rebuilding the Market House his lordship would give £500 to any larger scheme which might be agreed upon. The Committee was given the power to purchase a site for the Market House. A plan was to be drawn up before the Duchy of Cornwall could be approached. The response of the community to the appeal for subscriptions was very generous. In addition to Earl Brownlow's £500, Lady Marion Alford gave £200, General Finch £400, Colonel and Mrs Smith-Dorrien £150, Mr Joseph Robinson £150, Messrs Thomas Curtis (the Hall), Frank John Moore (Woodcock Hill) and Thomas Whately (Egerton House) £100 each.<sup>147</sup> townspeople gave grants ranging from £1 to £50, making a total of £2,610.

A further £575 was raised from a bazaar in the Castle grounds. The additional shortfall was met partly by a loan without security and partly by debentures.

A public meeting of the subscribers was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1858 and a vote was taken on the four designs submitted for approval, that of Mr Low, who received 26 votes, that of Mr Clark who received 3, that of Mr E B Lamb who received 2 votes and Messrs Pugin and Murray who received no votes. The plans were then sent on to Lady Marion Alford, since Earl Brownlow was still a minor, with the proviso 'that the one approved by so large a number of subscribers be particularly pointed out to her Ladyship.' What later transpired shows what a powerful influence the Brownlows, and probably more exactly, Lady Marion Alford, exerted over the people of Berkhamsted, for at a public meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1858 it was reported that Lady Marion and Earl Brownlow were in favour of Mr Lamb's design, which had been modified to 'remove the objection made to the lighting of the lecture room by a skylight.'

The meeting resolved to approve Edward Buckton Lamb's design for the proposed Market House with Magistrates' room and Mechanics' Institute above and to have it erected on a portion of the land recently purchased for the purpose. We all know where that land was, but how it was purchased and by whom and the controversies surrounding it must be considered in the next instalment.

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Market Hall\_Bucker\_1832\_from County of Small Towns

## **Exhibition Display Opportunity**

**If any local charity or organisation would like to use the Long Room of the Court House (the room at the front ) to mount a short exhibition or display on a Saturday morning between 9am and 12 noon this space is available free of charge. To check availability and make your reservation contact Kathie Lally at [kathleenlally21@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenlally21@gmail.com)**





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## Awards



This year Cobham Consulting set their sights on the Best Business Women Awards. Being it our 18<sup>th</sup> year of trading we decided to go out with a bang.

2017 has been a very exciting year Cobham as we have given ourselves the challenge of getting involved in 18 charitable and community events for our 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, updated our website, including a video about us all, in addition to striving toward some awards.

We were lucky enough to be nominated for two awards in the Best Business Women Awards. Caroline Jones was a finalist in the 'Best Business Women Recruitment' and 'Best Business'.

We had a lovely evening, great food, booze and we met some very inspiring women.

Although we did not win, we are very proud to have been a finalist. Over 500 applications were submitted and 50 plus applications for best business and alone! The finalists were whittled down to just 12 contenders!

Being a finalist has given us the drive to work toward and set new targets for 2018.

**To celebrate National Poetry Day, we held a poetry competition. We asked people to get their creative juices flowing and write a poem about Berkhamsted and the local community.**

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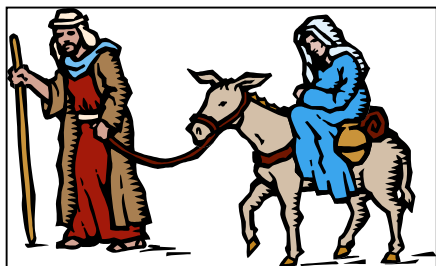
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## The Travelling Crib

As usual, on Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at the morning services at All Saints' and St Peter's we will send a Travelling Crib from each church to begin a journey round the town as a reminder of the story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

If your family would like the Travelling Crib to spend a night in your home during Advent this year please sign up on one of the lists which will be in the churches on Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November and also at Chuckles and Little

Fishes. Make a note of the dates and bring your diaries! To avoid disappointment, sign up on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November!



If you have any queries please contact Tracy Robinson (863559) for the crib at All Saints' or Margaret Burbidge (862139) for the crib at St Peter's.

## Your Berkhamsted Clergy

In October I went to the chemist to buy my sister a gift for her birthday. Seeing an old person they offered me, "On the NHS", they assured me, a 'flu jab to prepare for the coming winter. This was a reminder of what I learned was the origin of the name of the disease that was anticipated to make us all ill. In the mid-eighteenth century a disease was going around. The doctors at the time did not know what it was except that it spread rapidly as one person gave it to another. So they called it "influence" or, in Italian, "Influenza". If that is about disease, it remains true that the most precious gift we can give to anyone is our influence. Influenced ourselves during this time of year by the spirit of Christmas with its elements of kindness, thinking about others, and worship, we can spread those things around.

So I can't complain. The demands of editing and printing mean that this piece has to be written many weeks before Christmas. Here am I doing what kind of annoys me, anticipating the festival well before it happens. I can't complain either because, I admit, on holiday in September we gave *some* thought to Christmas presents for grandchildren and others. Not that we actually did much about it.

Anticipation is an important part of many enjoyments and fears. You don't have to join in the Brexit debate to realise that. The planning of a journey and the choice of places to visit is half the fun of going away. The thought of what might happen when old age comes home to roost can be scary.

What anticipation does do is to encourage preparation. This, (there can be no surprise), is what our Christian religion encourages. The time of Advent is seen by many as a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Jesus came preaching, "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand" - urgently prepare for what is going to happen. That makes Christmas shopping seem a doddle. Preparation underlies so much of what we do, from sending children to school preparing them for later life, to making meals, contributing to pensions, looking for jobs, - almost everything.

Have we got time to live in the present moment? Can we just be, without thought for tomorrow as Jesus put it in a striking illustration saying birds and plants live without worry?

Jesus' call to prepare for the kingdom of heaven and his urging of living for the day is exactly where we find ourselves. We can prepare and we can make the most of the present moment.

I wonder if we worry too much about gifts at Christmas. It spoils the pleasure of not only buying but giving if we really cannot afford it, or fail to get just the right thing, and feel bad about it. They used to say, "It is the thought that counts!" I suspect that remains more true than the cost or size of any gift. The spirit in which a gift is given is what counts.

In Church we catch the bug of Christmas because mysteriously in worship the influence of God's gift of Jesus quietly spreads



around for good. The time of preparation, Advent (which is now), is perhaps the most beautiful time of year in church with fabulous music, wonderful poetry in hymns, time honoured prayers and particularly dramatic readings.

Have a good Christmas when it comes. In the meanwhile, enjoy the preparation!

Anthony Lathe



Bishop Michael dedicates new collaboration between Victoria and Thomas



ram Church of England Schools

The Bishop of Hertford, The Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley, was in Berkhamsted at the beginning of September to celebrate the new collaboration between our two Church of England schools.

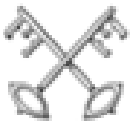


The Senior Leadership Team appointments are just one aspect of the closer collaboration, which will also include

sharing staff training, teaching expertise and resources, and achieving financial efficiencies.

Executive Headteacher Rob Halls said: "This exciting partnership combines the best possible outcomes for pupils, with great professional opportunities for staff. I'm looking forward to developing a highly effective relationship between our two Church schools that is as seamless as possible for children, staff, parents and carers."

| The Sunday Service<br>Autumn 2017                              |  |
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| All services are on a Sunday at 4pm<br>unless otherwise stated |  |
| Dates  | Theme  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | St Cecilia - patron saint of musicians   |
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | An Advent Celebration -<br>2 till 4pm<br>(a seasonal craft workshop<br>With worship) |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Christmas Crib Services -<br>4pm & 5.15pm  |



## Regular Church Activities

- 3rd Mon Pastoral Network, 7:45pm, The Court House. Contact Philippa Seldon 871534.
- 1st Tues Tuesday Club, 7:30pm A lively women's group with guest speaker. The Court House. Contact Rosslyn Laidler: tel 01442 879992
- Tues Chuckles Parent & Toddler Group, 10–11:30am. All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or short service as announced. Contact Kate Spall 873470 .
- 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.
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- 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.
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- 3rd Sat Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast, 8am, The Way Inn. Peggy Sear 01296 584530.
- 1st Sun Sundays Together Lunch 12.30pm, Court House. For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Carolynne Charman 869003

## 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)

Eucharist – Tuesday 9:30am (All Saints'); Wednesday 8:30am, (St Peter's)

Evening Prayer Monday – Friday 5.00pm – Saturday 6:00pm (St Peter's)

### Key Church contacts:

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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.

## This Month's Diary

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

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm: CHARITY FASHION SHOW at St Peter's – presented by Jan Foo in aid of the Hospice of St Francis. Tickets £20 admission to show & after show at the Gatsby or £40 VIP seat at show & at Gatsby & Champagne Reception before.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fine-country-fashion-show-tickets-38729110813>

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm: ORCHESTRAL CONCERT at St Peter's Church – Borodin In the Steppes of Central Asia; Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D Major, soloist Nazrin Rashidova; Rachmaninov Symphony no 2 in E minor. Director by Adrian Davis. Tickets £16 [£15 prepaid], U18s free [www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk](http://www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk)

### St Peter's

#### Baptisms

3<sup>rd</sup> September Kaiya Marley Lewis

#### Weddings

2<sup>nd</sup> September Andrew Lee Dent and Rachael Samantha Palmer

#### Funerals

13<sup>th</sup> September Doris Emily May Erica Hughes

29<sup>th</sup> September Brett Row (memorial)

### All Saints

1<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) - All Saints' Day

8pm Holy Communion - Revd Rachael Hawkins

5th Fourth Sunday before Advent

10am Morning Worship - Revd Rachael Hawkins

4pm Messy Church - Revd Rachael Hawkins & Messy Church Group

12th Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

10am Holy Communion - Revd John Kirkby

19th

8am Holy Communion - Revd Rachael Hawkins

10am Morning Worship - Richard Hackworth

26th Christ the King

10am Holy Communion - Revd Rachael Hawkins

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



**November  
2017**

With Christmas just around the corner, our thoughts are

turning to all things festive. Christmas is a time for celebration but it is also a time for reflection and a chance to remember those who are no longer with us.

We are inviting members of the community to remember and celebrate someone special this Christmas by pledging their support for our Light up a Life Appeal.

Light up a Life gives everyone who has lost a loved one the chance to dedicate a light on our special Tree of Remembrance standing in our beautiful Hospice grounds, to remember the life they shared together. The lights will burn brightly throughout the festive period.

If you'd like to dedicate a light in honour of someone special or make a donation to the Hospice's Light Up a Life Appeal to help ensure that those facing loss receive the care and support they need not just at Christmas but all year round, please visit [stfrancis.org.uk/LUAL](http://stfrancis.org.uk/LUAL) or call 01442 869555.

### Christmas Carol Concert

For the first time we will be holding a Christmas carol concert in the stunning St Albans Cathedral and Abbey. The historic Cathedral will be the setting for a magical afternoon of popular carols guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit.

The hour-long concert will take place at 3pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December with performances from [Harpenden Choral Society](http://www.harpendenchoral.co.uk) and Harpenden's Sir John Lawes

School Choir.

Tickets are priced from £9 and are available from the Cathedral website [stalban-scathedral.org](http://stalban-scathedral.org) or you can call the box office on 01727 890290.

### Santa Dash

Hemel Hempstead town centre is set to turn red and white on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December as hundreds of Santas descend on Riverside for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Dash. Santas of all ages will walk, scoot or sprint the 2.5-mile route, taking in the High Street and Gadebridge Park before receiving a shiny medal, a mince pie and a well-deserved hot drink.

All sponsorship money raised will support families who need our hospice care at Christmas time and throughout the year. Visit [stfrancis.org.uk/santadash](http://stfrancis.org.uk/santadash) to register.



### Christmas shopping evenings

For Christmas gift and décor inspiration pop along to one of our Christmas shopping evenings for some festive inspiration. This year Returned to Glory's hugely popular Christmas Shopping Evening is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 5-7.30pm at the showroom on Northbridge Road, Berkhamsted. Be inspired by their bespoke upcycled furniture, designer soft furnishings and homeware from their latest seasonal collection and browse their re-loved furniture for those extra guests arriving for Christmas.



Our number twenty gift shop on the Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted is hosting its Christmas Shopping Evening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 5-7.30pm offering the chance to shop for perfect gifts for chance to shop for perfect gifts for friends and family over a glass of fizz and nibbles. Shoppers will receive a special 15% discount off all purchases made during the evening.

In response to popular demand we will also be selling Christmas trees again this year. Quality Nordic Firs will be available at the Hospice from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December with £5.00 from the sale of each tree going to the Hospice.

### **Art Bag Project**

Old and worn out books form the basis of our new Art Bag project which aims to boost the wellbeing of people living with a life-limiting illness.

Available for free from the Hospice, the bags contain an art activity and all the materials needed to complete the project. The latest art bags contain the pages of old books along with a black pen. Anyone can take part in the project and participants are being encouraged to 'draw out a new narrative' by transforming the pages either by drawing over the existing text or reshaping them into something new.

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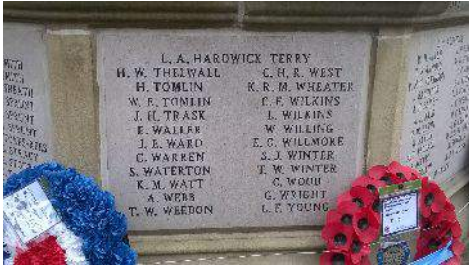
**Shadow** is a young Labrador-X born in February 2017. She has not had a stable start in life, so needs a very committed owner who will give her the love and security she craves. She will probably need to be house-trained, but is eager to please and will learn quickly. A very sweet and affectionate girl who will make a wonderful companion. Shadow would probably live with a male dog pending introductions. Children over 7 years. Shadow cannot live in Luton.

If you can offer Shadow or any of our other dogs a forever home, please call in at the kennels any day between 10 am and 4 pm, 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. Join our Facebook group to see more photos of Shadow and other dogs awaiting homes.

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## In Remembrance

Last year I wrote about John Dawson, my grandfather's cousin who died in Egypt in May 1916. Priscilla Watt, who many of you will know, wrote to me shortly afterwards highlighting a remarkable coincidence.



She was interested to read about my Grandfather's Cousin because of similarities with her Uncle. He was also a 2nd Lt. in the Bedfordshire Regiment and also died in Gaza but not until 1st October 1917. He went out on a patrol and was seriously injured by a sniper. The whole group were captured but her uncle died very soon afterwards. The interesting thing was that news of his death was given in a letter which was dropped over the British Lines by a German plane.

Michael Anderson helped to get Priscilla a lot of papers relating to his death but, like my relative, there seemed to be a lot of correspondence about money. She believes it must have been the worst nightmare of the pen-pushers in the War Office that they released any of the money left by the fallen before they had made absolutely certain that there were no mess bills left unpaid!

Priscilla believes her uncle trained with the Inns of Court on Berkhamsted Common which must have been very convenient as her Grandmother lived at the bottom of Park View Road.

"I wish I had known him. I saw a letter he had written to his sister about my grandmother and he seemed very caring. Unfortunately my father died before I was old enough to learn about the family. Both my father and my uncle are on the War Memorial - one for each War."



We remembered Priscilla's uncle at the Sunday Eucharist in St Peter's on 1<sup>st</sup> October. His Commonwealth War Graves Commission record reads as follows.

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Aged 20

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## Review of the Olive Tree

(Your Berkhamsted's Businesses)

There is only one Greek restaurant in Berkhamsted, so we decided to give it a try for an evening meal. We had heard it had won the "Muddy Stiletto" award twice running for the best restaurant in Herts. Would it live up to this standard on a miserable Tuesday evening?



Not being experts on Greek food (or wine!), we didn't quite know

what to expect. The first thing to strike us was the enthusiastic and warm welcome. Whilst it was Anna, ( one of the owners with husband George and George's parents ) who greeted us, this level of customer service was noticeable throughout the evening from all members of the team.

Our ignorance was met with clear explanations as to how the "mezethes" style of dining works. Not unlike "tapas", it consists of a number of small platters that can be shared amongst the group. We ordered 5 or 6 platters between us (on very welcome advice from the staff). Whilst waiting for these to arrive, we tucked in to a variety of home - made dips and warm pitta bread. These opened my eyes to the delights of dips - the tzatziki in particular was to die for!

Our plates included a mixed souvlakia ( i.e. lamb and chicken ) which was perfectly prepared and very tasty, gigantes- large beans in a brilliant sauce (possibly my favourite!), the traditional Greek salad, whitebait and a lovely cheese which I thought was Halloumi but was in fact Saganaki. The helpings were plentiful and we failed to clear our plates. The overall standard of the food was excellent and the whole experience was one we all vowed to repeat as soon as possible.



Somewhat tentatively ( being rather traditional wine drinkers ) we chose a red from Northern Greece called "King of Hearts" from the Drama region. This turned out to be a lovely surprise, (with no dramas!) and complemented the food perfectly. Naturally we had to sample a glass of Ouzo to complete the experience.

Our one disappointment was that we had not left enough room to try the delectable sounding sweets. However we managed to share a baklava between us, which was good enough to merit a return trip on its own!



It is worth keeping an eye out for the special events run by the Olive Tree, in particular the "Taverna Nights" where live bouzouki and dancing has filled the restaurant to capacity whenever run.

All in all, our unanimous conclusion is that the The Olive Tree lives up to its reputation and is a different and splendid addition to Berkhamsted culinary life.



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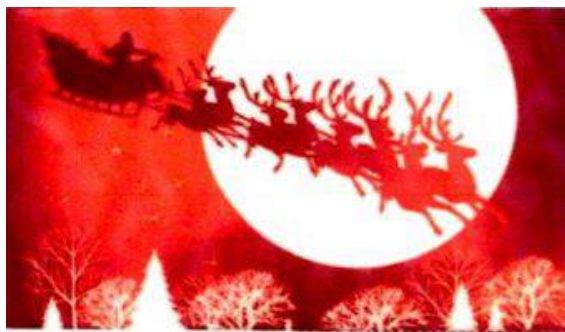
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**Look out for events at the Olive Tree inc  
Taverna Nights**

## **Berkhamsted Combined Charity Christmas Card and Gift Sales 2017**



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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November                      9.00am – 1.00pm**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November                      9.00am – 1.00pm**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November                      9.00am - 1.00pm**

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## A review of St Peter's Kulturelles Oktoberfest

St Peter's kulturelles Oktoberfest happens annually in September: apart from the wish to be authentic, September has the benefit of the sunshine that makes an outdoor bierfest possible.

This year we celebrated the Anglo-German composer Handel's connection to Berkhamsted through his friendship with Thomas Coram. Kicking it all off was a concert in Ashlyns School chapel. Ashlyns School was formerly the Foundling Hospital School, and the especially formed Oktoberfest Chorus and Orchestra performed Handel's 'Foundling' anthem alongside an organ concerto with soloist David Hardie from Birmingham Cathedral. The chorus was formed of members of many Berkhamsted choirs – it was open to all – and represented a unity of Berkhamsted's musical communities with the parish church through cultural activity. An audience of over a hundred people enthusiastically welcomed the concert that ended with the Hallelujah Chorus. A highlight was a talk given by former Foundling, Lydia Carmichael, that enlightened the audience on life as a Foundling at what is now Ashlyns.

Saturday evening celebrated another shared bit of culture – the love of wine. Mike Eggleton, Vicar of Wiggin-ton and also a WSET tutor for those taking qualifications in wine, led this guided tasting. A group of some 70 tasters enjoyed this show-case of high-quality German white wines. Food was in the form of the Swabian speciality, Maultaschen.

Sunday activities began with the Oktoberfest Chorus and Orchestra, performing Buxtehude's cantata 'Alles was Ihr tut' as an accompaniment and support to the morning's liturgy. Following Mass was the Bavarian Breakfast at which a variety of German sausages (from a genuine German butcher) were served with Pretzels and German beers in front of St Peter's, all with accompaniment of 'Oom-pah' music. At its peak over a hundred customers were enjoying the community, the sunshine, and the beer and the sausage. Many passers-by stopped in for a lunchtime beer, and even some Lederhosen were spotted.

Oktoberfest is not fundraising: it exists to have fun, build on cultural connections between Germany and Britain, and to find a way that the parish church community can connect with the town. With such a number of visitors, we are delighted to say that it was a resounding success. Oktoberfest 2018 will be on 22 and 23 September and will use as its theme the centenary of the end of WW1. Everyone is welcome!

Jonathan Lee



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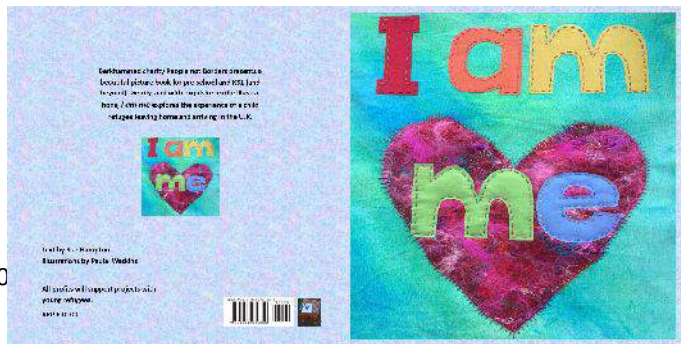
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