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**BERKHAMSTED** The Royal wedding has now been and gone and the world is watching the newly married couple but June brings many things such as the summer solstice, sports events like tennis, which will have many glued to tv screens or if you are lucky, are attending Queens or Eastbourne. This month we have a plea for help and volunteers with Sands; this is an organisation that supports parents who have experienced the death of a baby , a worthwhile cause. Jenny Sherwood tells us about the Roads of Berkhamsted – we have such a bottomless pot of history. Also John Gerry has reviewed a wonderful book by Kelly Wright, a beautiful and visual read. Our 'what's on' page shows events in June in and around Berkhamsted and 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](mailto:editor@yourberkhamsted.org.uk)**



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## Berkhamsted in the news by Julian Dawson



We have all been invited to unleash our internal super hero on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the KAPOW Superhero Challenge at Ashlyns School. [hemeltoday.co.uk](http://hemeltoday.co.uk) reports that there will be a 5K obstacle course, the entry fee to which will go towards the Hospice of St Francis. The only question is which hero are you going to be? There are so many to choose, not only from the money-spinning Marvel franchise.

It might be useful to have a hero that can prevent car theft. [herts.police.uk](http://herts.police.uk) advise us not to keep our car keys within reach of doors and windowsills. And intriguingly, and something I haven't remotely thought of, store keyless fobs in a metal case – "This will help prevent offenders from being able to use equipment to scan for a key signal and starting the vehicle from outside an address."

Regrettably it's just not cars that are being targeted, but also dogs sadly. [uk.news.yahoo.com](http://uk.news.yahoo.com) reports that a gentleman in Marsworth had a dog stolen by an Amazon delivery driver no less. He clearly thought this was a part exchange transaction. Fortunately the company's GPS software tracked the delivery vehicle and the

miniature Schnauzer was reunited with his grateful owner. Richard Gutfeld, now less than gutted, is now helping to restore a Westie who was taken from a house in Berkhamsted during April.

This month's guest blog is [templeton01436.blogspot.co.uk](http://templeton01436.blogspot.co.uk), a site with an apparent fixation with fluoride. And 1984. This is quoted from chapter five of the novel – "D'you know what that little girl of mine did last Saturday, when her troop was on a hike out Berkhamsted way?" Well it all ended badly for the fellow they followed all the way to Amersham. Quite a hike.

If you prefer another kind of make-up, then [yourhertsbeds.wedding-reports.com](http://yourhertsbeds.wedding-reports.com) on the Official Make-up Awards 2018. Charlie Percy Hair and Make Up Artist of Berkhamsted was the proud winner of the Bridal Make-up Specialist of the Year. I have clearly led a very sheltered life. Dear reader, do enlighten me on the difference of bridal make-up and, let's say, for date night at the Rex?

And make-up for golf? One of our local golfing stars, Hannah Sreen,

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was picked for one of the two England teams taking part in the Welsh women’s open championship in Aberdovey, which took place at the beginning of May. [englandgolf.org](http://englandgolf.org) reports that 18-year-old Hannah “was runner up in the women’s British stroke play and the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters.” It doesn’t elaborate if mascara assisted her bunker escapes.

According to [wendovernews.co.uk](http://wendovernews.co.uk), Rennie Grove Hospice Care is appealing for DIY specialists to help maintain their growing range of charity shops. “New outlets have opened in

Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted in the past four months and in Bedgrove, Aylesbury in May.” It does seem that if a new outlet opens in towns these days, it will either be a coffee shop or a charity store. An interesting social phenomenon.

Talking of retail, [englishmum.com](http://englishmum.com) does a great job publicising M&S’ summer food to order range. I am not sure if she is on commission, but her photographs of her purchases certainly make me drool - mini ultimate cheese burger? Don’t mind if I do.

Drawings of Berkhamsted by  
Jenni Cator,





# What's on

Berkhamsted Artisans, Arts & Crafts Market (**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month**)  
10am to 4pm. The Town Hall, 196 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 3AP  
Through the double doors above Carluccio's on the High St. Lift access at back. If you would like a stall contact Claire - Mob: 07968 627 179; Email: [berkhamstedmarket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:berkhamstedmarket@hotmail.co.uk); [www.greatmarkets@vpweb.co.uk](http://www.greatmarkets@vpweb.co.uk)

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)

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**Friday 1st Jun @ 8pm** - The Kings Arms, 147 High Street, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, HP4 3HL, £10. Opening night of Berkhamsted Comedy Club, with Luca Cupani, Amir Khoshokhan, Ben Pope, Dan Audritt and MC Mike Manera.  
[berkhamstedcomedy.co.uk](http://berkhamstedcomedy.co.uk)

**June 2th - June 4th. Saturday/Sunday 10.30 - 6.00pm, Monday 11.00-6.00pm** - Little Gaddesden Art Club's Summer Exhibition in Little Gaddesden Village Hall, Church Road. Free entry - all welcome. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes available. Framed and unframed paintings, pottery, sculpture, woodcraft

**Sat, 9th Jun @ 8pm** - Berkhamsted Jazz - Rossano Sportiello Trio. Rossano Sportiello (p), Dave Green (bs), Steve Brown (d). Civic Centre.  
[www.berkhamstedjazz.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedjazz.co.uk)

**Sun, 10<sup>th</sup> June** - [Ashridge House - Open Garden for NGS](#)

The gardens cover 190 acres forming part of the Grade II Registered Landscape of Ashridge Park. Based on designs by Humphry Repton in 1813 modified by Jeffry Wyatville. Small secluded gardens, as well as a large lawn area leading to avenues of trees. Ashridge House, Berkhamsted

**Wed, 13th June @ 8pm BERKHAMSTED LIVE 17** featuring Caroline Smith, Sue Hampton, Chris Lawley & Neil Beardmore exploring blues, folk, refugee poems & a Doctor Who spin-off, with a guest appearance by Mark Crane showing his new love story animation. Kings Arms, 147 High St Berkhamsted, HP43HL £5.00/£3.00. To book [lstate@btinternet.com](mailto:lstate@btinternet.com)

**Fri 15th Jun - [Tring Brewery Tour](#)** - A behind the scenes tour at Tring Brewery, including beer tasting and fish & chip supper. Raising money for the Chilterns MS Centre. Tring Brewery, Dunsley Farm, London Road, Tring. Contact telephone: [01296 696133](tel:01296696133) - Call to check latest times or cancellations

**Weds, 20th June 9am to 12 pm** - Berkhamsted and Tring Sewing Bee – Meeting room at Sacred Heart Church, Park St, Berkhamsted (parking outside) £5 payable on the day, tea, coffee, biscuits inc. Bring your own equipment and materials. Please book your place as space is limited. [fiona4mckenna@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona4mckenna@hotmail.co.uk)

**Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> June @ 7pm** - The Pepper Foundation presents The Dung Beatles Carnival Marquee. 7pm £15 in advance from Tring Brewery, Beechwood Fine Foods or online, £17 on door. The Pepper Foundation raises funds to support the work of The Rennie Grove Children's Hospice at Home service. [www.pepper.org.uk](http://www.pepper.org.uk)

**Sat, 23rd Jun @ 8pm** - Berkhamsted Jazz - Clark Tracey Sextet. Clark Tracey (d), Chris Maddock (as), Nadim Teimoori (ts), Alexandra Ridout (tpt), Ashley Henry (p), Daniel Casimir (b). Civic Centre. [www.berkhamstedjazz.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedjazz.co.uk)

**Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30 am** - Berkhamsted Castle Revolutions Festival Berkhamsted Castle. A day of cycle races around the castle organised by Berkhamsted Cycling Club. Local food and drink stalls, scooter and balance bike races. [www.berkoccc.com](http://www.berkoccc.com)

**Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 11am - 2pm** - Ashridge Dovecote - Ashridge. A rare chance to see inside Ashridge's 18th century dovecote. No parking on site. Park in the recreation ground car park on Stocks Road in Aldbury, HP23 5RX and walk. Free of charge. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge)

**Sat, 30th June @ 5pm** - Following a sell-out performance last year, **Berko Fringe** are delighted to welcome back the world's first cycling theatre company, The Handlebards. Join us in the grounds of Bridgewater School, for their production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night like none other.

Suitable for all the family with a bar and BBQ available. Gates open at 5 pm for a 6.30 pm performance. Please bring blankets or chairs to sit on. This is an outdoor performance, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Join us for an unforgettable evening - tickets range from free - £15 available from [www.handlebards.com/tickets/twelfth-night-bridgewater-school/](http://www.handlebards.com/tickets/twelfth-night-bridgewater-school/)

[www.vynetheatre.co.uk](http://www.vynetheatre.co.uk)

**Sat 9 Jun 6:00 PM - Live recording**  
An Ideal Husband - Classic Spring Theatre Company  
Coppelia - The Bolshoi Ballet  
**Sun 10 Jun 4:00 PM - Live broadcast**  
Coppelia - The Bolshoi Ballet  
**Sun 17 Jun 2:00 PM - Live recording**  
Swan Lake - The Royal Ballet

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## Book Review by John Gerry

### The Bluebell Wood by Kelly Wright



At 11am on Saturday 11th May, a long queue snaked all the way from the back of Waterstones out into the street, notable for the amount of children in it. A couple of miles away, deep in Ashridge forest, wonderful carpets of bluebells stretched as far as the eye could see.

Two situations that came together in the form of a local writer, Kelly Wright, sitting at a desk at the back of Waterstones, signing copies of her new ( and first )

children's book, "The Bluebell Wood".

Many years ago, a little girl played amongst the bluebells with some imaginary friends, and this made an indelible impression on her memory. The little girl was Kelly, and she has now recreated that vision of beauty and innocence in "The Bluebell Wood".

It is a simple story of a little girl whose favourite place is a bluebell wood. Whilst playing amongst the trees, she meets, one by one, a group of friends who, like her, all enjoy the delights of exploring, of playing hide and seek and just experiencing the delight of childhood. There is Badger, Hedgehog, Mole and Robin and, of course, the little girl herself.

The words and the illustrations are beautiful and convey a sense of innocence and joy that we would all like to recapture. The little girl finds friendship, kindness and adventure in a setting as wonderful as Ashridge in full bloom.

Kelly lives in the centre of Berkhamsted and is an assistant teacher at Berkhamsted pre-Prep school. She becomes the latest addition to the long list of creative talent that we enjoy in this town.

Anyone with a child/grandchild/godchild or anyone wanting to buy a joyful book for a 3-6 year old should buy this book. I'm sure Berkhamsted will be hearing more from Kelly Wright.



## The Roads of Berkhamsted



Although the building of the Canal brought greater transport possibilities and the opening of the railway gave speedier access

to London or the Midlands the road link has always remained of vital significance for local traffic and also for more distant journeys. Thus, maintenance and upkeep and the responsibility for that has always been and will continue to be of great importance. Flooding, pot holes, awkward bends, steep hills, all have to be considered.

The High Street follows roughly the route of a Belgic track which became a Roman Road, referred to in Saxon times as Akeman Street. During the Middle Ages this route was still important for trade but was not maintained to the level it had been in Roman times. With the building of the Castle the link with Windsor became of vital importance and Chesham Road which predates Castle Street by more than a hundred years was a road well-used by Royalty. It was here on Brickhill Green that the Prince of Wales, later to become Charles I was met by horsemen when he visited Berkhamsted School before proceeding to Berkhamsted Place in 1616 and that Queen Victoria

and the Prince Consort were welcomed in 1841 on route to Woburn Abbey before changing horses at the Kings Arms and no doubt also partaking of a little refreshment. Close to the bottom of Chesham Road stood the triumphal welcome arch as William Claridge has portrayed for posterity. It was also very close to Brickhill Green that the helicopter bringing our present monarch landed on her recent visit to Berkhamsted in 2016.

In Tudor times when the use of waggons and carriages increased able-bodied men were required to work without payment on six days a year on road repairs. This duty was largely evaded, and rates were levied for the upkeep of the roads. It was only with the establishment of the turnpike system that the road through Berkhamsted was brought into a reasonable state of repair. The first Turnpike Act was passed in 1663 authorising the Justices of the Peace of Hertford, Cambridge and Huntingdon to levy tolls upon road users for the maintenance of the highways. The tolls were collected at turnpikes. Almost a hundred years later The Sparrows Herne Turnpike Trust was formed with the power to 'amend, widen, alter and keep in repair' the road from Bushey Heath to Walton in Aylesbury. The very first meeting and

many subsequent meetings was held in July 1762 in the Kings Arms, Berkhamsted.

The original road from Berkhamsted towards Bourne End and Boxmoor ran along Bank Mill Lane closer to the river and consequently was prone to flooding. The Sparrows Herne Trust altered the line of the road to its present position, higher and further from the river bank. The original line of this road can be traced in many places on its route to Watford. Later the gradient as the road approaches Broadway was lessened. Men employed to improve the highway were paid six shillings a week. The revenue for the maintenance of the road came from tolls, which initially were as follows, 'Any horse, mule, ox, ass, bullock, drawing a narrow wheel carriage, coach or chariot 3d. As above with broad wheel 1 ½ d. Each unladen horse, mule or ass 1d. Each score of cattle 10d. Each score of calves, swine, sheep or lambs 2 ½ d'. The toll charges were increased in 1845 when they now included the following 'For every carriage propelled or drawn by steam or other power, for each horsepower of engine 4 ½ d'. There were certain exemptions from the toll such as 'corn and grain going to market, carts carrying manure for use in the parish, ploughs harrows and instruments of husbandry, animals going for shearing, pasture or water, soldiers on the

vehicles carrying the Royal Mail, vagrants being returned to their parish of domicile, vehicles carrying voters to elections and those attending church for funerals.' These charges and exemptions reflect the everyday life of a largely agricultural community as Berkhamsted was then.

Coinciding with the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Trust and the benefits of the improved highway through the town Berkhamsted became a flourishing coaching town with several coaching inns providing accommodation and stabling for horses. Foremost amongst these was the Kings Arms. Berkhamsted was remarkably well served by regular mail and stage coaches. A coach called every morning on its four- hour journey from Aylesbury to London and then again in the evening on its return journey. Another coach came from Kidderminster. Because of the importance of the road several private coaches plied their trade and were available for hire. During the night the Royal Mail coach sounded its horn on entering the town as a signal for the ostler to have the bag of mail ready and a fresh pair of horses ready to take the coach and mail onto the next stage of its journey.

The postmaster was 'mine host' John Page of the Kings Arms who, it was said, used to throw the mail bags out

of the bedroom window to avoid having to go down to the cold street below. During the many years which John and his daughter Polly were at the Kings Arms many distinguished visitors changed horses and partook of refreshment at this well-known hostelry. As already mentioned guests included Queen Victoria and Prince

Albert, and King Louis of France, whilst he was in exile at Hartwell House near Aylesbury.

It was not only coaches that made a regular journey to London. There were services of waggons too. Berkhamsted's common carrier in 1824 was Thomas Hawthorne who operated waggons to London every Tuesday and Friday. His 'goods station' was close to where the Town Hall was to be built. The business was later carried on by the King family. By the 1840s the railway had become a serious competitor. One by one the road services

were discontinued. New opportunities arose, however in the short but busy road from Berkhamsted to Chesham. Chesham did not have a station until fifty years after Berkhamsted. Transport of goods and passengers between Berkhamsted and Chesham was a remunerative business. In fact, there were even



complaints that its intensity was causing damage to the road!

The competition from the railway proved

to be too strong and the Trust ceased to collect tolls and maintain the turnpike on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1873, and the responsibility was passed to the local Highways Boards. A final meeting of the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Trust was held at the Union Workhouse on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1874. Today the maintenance of the roads of this area is variously the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways and Dacorum Borough Council.

**Jenny Sherwood**



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## News from Rectory Lane Cemetery

### Update from Kate Campbell Community Engagement Officer Rectory Lane Cemetery

I am delighted to report that we have had our very first official school visit. In early May, fifteen 7-8-year olds plus teachers from Lockers Park School in Hemel Hempstead were welcomed by a Victorian lady, dressed in mourning, Charlotte Claridge, whose husband William, was a well-known local photographer. They also met Jane Ghost, the wife of the grave digger at that time.



*(any resemblance to any Community Engagement Officer is entirely incidental!)*

In a very interactive and engaging session the boys learnt about how the Victorians mourned and they were

introduced to one or two of the people buried in the cemetery, including Doris Draper, an eight-year-old girl (the same age as the boys) who died in 1935 of diphtheria. She was one of 10 children – with modern drugs she might very well have lived to see the transformation of the cemetery. They learned a song sung by WWI soldiers and performed physical exercises.

As well as finding out about the people, the boys learned about the wild-life in the Cemetery – bees, nesting birds, hedgehog and insects – and spotted a not so wild tabby cat! They even did a bit of impromptu acting – making the shape of the animals they thought might live in the cemetery.

I hope that the pupils enjoyed it as much as I did. They will be following up their visit with some classroom work and we look forward to hearing what they took away from the session - and welcoming many more school children to the unique learning environment of the Cemetery.

### Combating loneliness through learning

Isolation among the elderly and vulnerable is a well-documented problem and Community Action Dacorum (CAD) is looking at ways to combat this, through stimulating practical learning programmes which encourage the elderly to get out and about





## Notice of Works

From June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> access through the Cemetery will not be available as work is being carried out on the Gate Piers at the Rectory Lane entrance. We apologise sincerely for any inconvenience caused, but we are excited that essential

works to the neglected but beautiful entrance gates are at last underway.

## Save the Date

This is an early warning for our next Heritage Open Day:

**Let it R.I.P. - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 11.00 -18.00.**

Visitors will be invited to come and see how Memorials define our three acres. This is a chance to learn about these beautiful works of art, how they were crafted, the unusual stories behind them, and even the clues they contain about our origins. There's something for everyone; carve an inscription, record something for posterity, explore trails and enjoy poems, playlets and songs on this theme.

**Kate Campbell**

and socialising on a regular basis - improving their mental and physical health and well-being.

Working in partnership with other European countries CAD is part of a project group to share best practice in the design and piloting of such activities and community groups. Following my appearance on Radio Dacorum I have been invited to join the study group going to Latvia in June to see how local Community partners are addressing the issue though clubs, societies, events and activities. As well as hearing about successes there I will also be sharing ideas and experiences from the Rectory Lane Cemetery Project together with our programme for the future. I look forward to reporting back.



## Our Clergy

The Church year is now well into “Ordinary time” although I have never thought there is much “ordinary” about it. True, we have finished the great church season of Easter when we reached Pentecost on 20<sup>th</sup> May, and the next “special” season doesn’t start until the new church year at Advent. But, there is plenty to think about for the next five months or so.

The church remembers several saints in June, at least one for every day of the month, including Barnabas the Apostle who travelled with St Paul, and St Peter and St Paul at the end of the month. (And don’t forget the Petertide Fair at St Peters church on 30<sup>th</sup> June to mark our Patronal Festival and to raise money for charity. *Do please come!*). But there is one other particular saint day in June which is important to us all, and that of course is St Alban on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. St Alban is the first Martyr of Britain and we live in the Diocese of St Albans, so he is pretty special for us.

Perhaps Alban’s name doesn’t spring so immediately to the mind of people who are not regular church goers as some other saints, like Paul and Peter, and George maybe, but there are a lot of places in the world named after Alban and they’ve all got churches. St Albans is more widely known than we might realise. About 15 years ago I organised a conference in Mexico City, which is quite a long way from St Albans. I had Sunday free so I asked my hotel for the name of an English speaking church. I called a taxi and set off to an Evangelical Church in the

suburbs. It was quite lively with lots of people, and at the end of the service I introduced myself as a visitor to the American priest. He was most welcoming and asked me where I came from more, I thought, out of courtesy than real interest. I said “Berkhamsted, not far from London”, whereupon he asked “Oh, is that anywhere near St Albans?” I said “Yes, it is actually”.

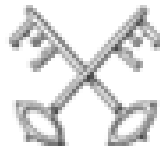
At this, somewhat alarmingly, he took me by the arm, left someone else to finish saying good morning to everyone, and led me through the church to a small room with a few arm chairs and a table. “This”, he announced with pride, “is our St Alban’s room!” And sure enough, there in the heart of Mexico City was a room with photographs of St Albans’s Abbey, and of a number of past Bishops including Robert Runcie. After a few minutes, other members of the church joined us. They were obviously proud of their St Alban’s room and held his name and the Abbey in some esteem. At some time past, this particular church had been served for many years with devotion and distinction by a priest from St Albans, whose photo was hung on the wall, and the community had never forgotten him. The St Alban’s room was one way they kept his memory alive. I have to confess, I was nervously working out what I might say if they had asked me “And do tell us, has St Alban’s Abbey got a Mexico City room?” but, thank the Lord, they didn’t ask!

Perhaps many of us think of the City of St Albans as just another local town. And, perhaps because of this familiarity we

easily overlook its significance for the wider church in this country and abroad. For someone, like Alban, to be acclaimed and publicly recognised by the church as a saint they must have led their life with such deep faith and devotion to others that the love of god shone through all they did. A saint, sometimes more than one, is named for almost every day of the church year. We may be in "ordinary time" but take a look sometime at the list of saints remembered every day, look them up and reflect at how extraordinary and exemplary they all were in life.

One final thought. Who will remember us as being a saint in their lives? For whom will we be a saint this month, this week, today? Our photographs might not be hung on the walls of faraway churches, but memories of us will be held in the hearts of those who love us. This "ordinary time", be an extraordinary saint to someone every day.

Richard



This year Quakers in Berkhamsted, Tring and the surrounding villages are celebrating the bicentenary of our Meeting House. We are planning to have Open House and Garden on **Saturday 7 July and Sunday 8 July** when we look forward to welcoming many of you. You will be able to talk with Quakers, browse among information about the Society of Friends (another way of describing Quakers), view a selection of books

available to purchase and see a small exhibition by the local History and Museum Society. There will also be a community feel to the day as there will be information about the many groups who use the building for their meetings.

Teas and coffees will be available on the Saturday between 10.30 am – 2.00pm, when we hope that the Mayor will be on hand to cut a celebration cake. Cream teas will be available between 2.30 – 4.00pm.

From 7.00 – 8.00 pm on the Saturday evening a Quaker couple known as 'The Journeymen' will present a play called "*The Bundle*", about refugees.

On Sunday 8 July there will be a half hour Meeting for Worship, followed by questions and discussion and a shared lunch at which all are welcome



## 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.
- 4th Tues Mothers' Union Prayer Group, 2:30pm. 120 Valley Road. Tell us if anyone needs your prayers. Contact Margaret Burbidge 862139
- Wed Julian Meeting, meets about twice a month, 11:30am. All welcome. At Ruth Treves Brown, 3 Sherwood Mews, Park Street, Berkhamsted HP4 1HX. Tel 863268.
- 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. 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:

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

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

Simon Vivian, Assistant Curate. 01442 864199. [curate@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:curate@greatberkhamsted.org.uk)

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

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm: RECITAL in St Peter's Church, Lady Chapel – Chroma: Le Page Piano Trio. Inspired by Shostakovich 2<sup>nd</sup> piano trio. The evening will include music by Mahler, Bloch, Messiaen and Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue). Tickets £16/13 concs; Friends £14/11; U18s Free.

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATION CONCERT in St Peter's Church – Bridgewater Sinfonia. An evening of music by Smetana, Mathias, Copland, and Sibelius. Director Adrian Davis. Tickets £16 [£15 prepaid], U18s free [www.bridgewatersinfonia.org.uk](http://www.bridgewatersinfonia.org.uk) and Aitchison's 154 High St; 873205.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm: CONCERT in St Peter's Church – Chiltern Chamber Choir. Midsummer Masterworks – music by Bach, Soler, Parry, Whitacre, and Pearsall. Tickets £10 from Brown & Merry, 124 High St, Berkhamsted. U18s free. [www.chilternchamberchoir.com](http://www.chilternchamberchoir.com)

### St Peter's

Baptisms - 22nd April - Noah Myles Samuel Mundy

Weddings - None

Funerals - 5<sup>th</sup> April - Gwynneth Lillian Beddall

### All saints

3rd	First Sunday after Trinity
8am	Holy Communion - Revd Rachael Hawkins
10am	Morning Worship with Holy Baptism - Revd Rachael Hawkins
10th	Second Sunday after Trinity
10am	Holy Communion - Revd John Kirkby
17th	Third Sunday after Trinity
10am	Morning Worship - Revd Rachael Hawkins
4pm	Messy Church - Revd Rachael Hawkins and Messy Church Team
24th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity
10am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism - Revd Rachael Hawkins

Funeral - 16 April Josephine Patricia Pickard

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



### June 2018

Summer is always a special time at the Hospice with our

beautiful gardens coming into full bloom and a packed and exciting programme of fundraising events taking place throughout the warmer months.

Our wonderful team of volunteer gardeners have been out in force planting and pruning and ensuring our grounds are a calm and peaceful haven for patients and their families to enjoy.

Meanwhile, our line-up of summer fundraising events got off to a successful start with more than 2,200 people running or walking through masses of colourful bubbles at this year's Bubble Rush. But if you missed out on the fun there are still plenty of opportunities in the months ahead to get involved, show your support for the Hospice and help us raise the over £5million we need each year.

### Garden Party

The beautiful grounds of Ashridge House will once again play host to our ever-popular family-friendly Garden Party on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.



Pony rides, face painting and circus skills will be among the entertainment designed to keep the little ones happy,

while older party-goers can look forward

to regular highlights like cream teas on the terrace, live jazz, Pimm's on the lawn and a range of locally produced food and drink. Tickets (£5 in advance or £7 on the gate) are on sale from all Hospice shops and online. Under 16s are free.

[www.stfrancis.org.uk/gardenparty](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/gardenparty)

### Midnight Walk

Fancy a Saturday night out with a difference? Then come along to our magical Midnight Walk, which is returning to Hemel Hempstead on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

For the first time, parts of the route will be illuminated by candlelight as walkers make their way around the town.

All walkers are being encouraged to carry tea light lanterns as they make their way along the route, which will then be placed together at the end of the walk as a symbol of the care and support the Hospice offers patients and their families.

[www.stfrancis.org.uk/midnightwalk](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/midnightwalk)

### Kapow!

We are bringing our first ever large-scale event to Berkhamsted with our brand new KAPOW Superhero Challenge on Sunday 8th July at Ashlyns School.



This 5k fun-filled obstacle course is made up of giant inflatables to climb, duck, dodge, slide and run around. There will



be slides, mazes, tunnels and much more. KAPOW is perfect for groups, so assemble your very own superhero squad of Wonder Women and Supermen.

[www.stfrancis.org.uk/kapow](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/kapow)

### **Prayer Vigil**

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 1979 a silent prayer vigil was held at St Peter's Church in Berkhamsted, which was the catalyst that led to the founding of our Hospice.

Ahead of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, we are holding prayer vigils at four different 'Prayer Hubs' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The vigils will be held at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, St John's Church, Markyate and St Francis of Assisi, Hemel Hempstead between 6pm-8pm and The Lady Chapel, St Albans Cathedral, between 1pm-3pm. Please come along for a few minutes if you can. [www.stfrancis.org.uk/prayervigil](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/prayervigil)

### **Carer's Afternoon**

All carers in the local community are invited to come along to our annual Carers' Afternoon, which is being held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm-4pm. Carers can come along to enjoy tea and cakes, craft

and gift stalls, a hand massage or mini manicure, music and the opportunity to meet other carers, plus information stands. All carers are welcome and the afternoon is free.

The afternoon is being run as part of National Carers Week, which this year is focusing on supporting carers to be healthy and connected. If you would like to come along, please call the Spring Centre office on 01442 869550 or email us at [springcentre@stfrancis.org.uk](mailto:springcentre@stfrancis.org.uk)

### **Other dates for your Diaries**

**Dacorum Steam and Country Fayre** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Green Croft Farm, Potten End, nr Hemel Hempstead.

**Stocks Golf Day – The Challenge Trophy** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Stocks Golf Club.

**Mud Pack Challenge** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Ashridge House.

For details of all our events visit [www.stfrancis.org.uk/events](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk/events)

**Follow us on Facebook:** the hospiceofstfrancis, **Twitter:** Hospicstfrancis and **Instagram:** Hospicestfrancis

## **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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Part of Berkhamsted's summer heritage, The Petertide Fair is taking place again this summer on Saturday 30 June 11-3pm in the grounds of St Peter's church on the High Street.

With free entry, the Fair has something for everyone including a variety of stalls including cakes, books and games, refreshments including a BBQ, Pimm's, tea and cakes and lots for children including Punch & Judy, china smash, games and a teddy zip wire off St Peter's church tower! There will also be a raffle and silent auction with prizes kindly donated by local businesses and the church's congregation plus entertainment from local groups.

The Fair is raising money for charity with funds being split between Toybox, a charity helping street children across the globe, and the 16th Century Berkhamsted Court House adjacent to the church which requires refurbishment of its community facilities.

There are limited spaces for local stallholders to take a stall at the Fair. For further information please contact The Church Office on 01442 878227.

More details on The Petertide Fair at St Peter's Facebook page (@stpetersberkhamsted) or website: [www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk](http://www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk).

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## Gordon Beningfield

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Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 – 4.30pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 12.00 – 4.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June The Big Wild Weekend (opposite Wyevale Garden centre)

Family activities and guided walks 10.00am – 4.30pm



see [www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/gordonbenningfield](http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/gordonbenningfield)

## West Herts and Bucks Sands

*"I found myself on the phone to a woman whose baby, like mine, had died. 'Tell me about your baby', she said and I poured my heart out to a perfect stranger with whom I felt an instant connection."* Mum

As a Member of WHAB Sands we have heard similar quotes or stories like the one above many times. Many parents come to Sands wanting support from other parents who have experienced the death of a baby as they can offer real understanding. All of our local support groups like WHAB Sands are run by trained Befrienders who are bereaved parents and often offer regular meetings and can be contacted by telephone and/or email.

However all Groups are run by a Committee who also need additional help and support. WHAB have a Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer, but would like to find someone to become Secretary and others who could consider taking on another role such as Hospital Liaison, MSLC Rep {Maternity Services Liaison Committee Rep}, Fundraising Coordinator and others. Whilst many are bereaved parents, and some are

long-ago bereaved parents, not everyone has to offer help to the Committee. They also need additional Befrienders to facilitate Support Meetings. {To be a Befriender you need to be at least 2 years from your loss and need to attend or have attended preferably 3-4 Support Meetings}

In order to continue to help local parents and hospitals with emotional, practical support and information including memory boxes, literature, training, funds for equipment including cold cots and our support meetings WHAB Sands needs people like yourself to come forward to help support the Committee. Also if you know anyone who has administrative, financial, or fundraising skills who would be interested in helping please do ask them to consider becoming involved.

None of the roles are particularly onerous, meetings are held 3 to 6 times a year, and there is huge amount of guidance, support and resources from UK-Sands and your Network Coordinator to make your role as easy as possible.

If you would like to discuss this please call your Network Coordinator Rose Abrehart on 07707480020 or email [rose.abrehart@sands.org.uk](mailto:rose.abrehart@sands.org.uk)

Sands supports anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby before, during or shortly after birth. We offer emotional support and information for parents, grandparents, siblings, children, families and friends, health professionals and others.

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If you can offer Peggy 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 Peggy and other dogs awaiting new homes.

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## Help us keep our borough clean

Throughout March, our Clean, Safe and Green team cleared nearly 8 tonnes of rubbish from the A41 during a week-long clear-up operation.

During the blitz, 20 crew members picked up litter from slip roads, junctions and grass verges, as well as the central reservation, along a 26-mile stretch of the road. The teams cleared from the M25 junction to the boundary with Buckinghamshire. To help address the issue, we also put up new anti-litter signs along the A41.

The litter collected was mainly made up of fast food items such as coffee cups, bottles and take away containers.

Portfolio Holder for Environment Sustainability and Regulatory Services, Councillor Janice Marshall, said, "Rubbish thoughtlessly thrown out of vehicles costs tax payers thousands each year to clean up, not only does this litter make our beautiful countryside look dirty, but it is also a danger to wildlife. Please take responsibility for your rubbish and keep it in your car until you find a bin."

A national study recently carried out by Keep Britain Tidy has revealed that litter in the UK could be killing over 3 million shrews, voles and mice each year. Over 8% of bottles found along roadsides contained one of these dead animals, which are crucial to our eco-systems and supporting a great deal of other wildlife. Litter also harms larger animals, with the RSPCA dealing with an animal killed or injured by litter every two hours. As we have to close parts of the road during the clear up operation, the cost and time involved means we can only clear this road once a year. Please help keep our wildlife safe and preserve the beauty of our countryside by keeping the A41 litter-free. Always take your rubbish home with you and never toss it out of the window.

As from 1 April 2018, it will be possible to send a £200 Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecute the registered vehicle owner for litter dropped from a vehicle, regardless of whether it was the driver or a passenger who committed the offence.

To report litter or fly-tipping please visit our website [www.dacorum.gov.uk/litter](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/litter).





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