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Where is the year going; Easter is upon us already. There is a lot to look forward to and I have had to increase the pages as there are so many events happening. The main contribution for this is the 800th year celebrations at St Peter's – there is something for everyone – you can see the listings in this edition. I am looking forward to attending many of the events myself. In fact, with the what's on pages, events listed in the Rectory Lane Cemetery pages and the Hospice, there is plenty to keep us occupied. Jenny Sherwood talks about the changing face of shopping and the affect it has on Berkhamsted. Sarah Dawson shows you where there are some great walks and also mentions Ashridge House which is opening in June as part of the NGS Open Garden Scheme.



Please look out for YB tweets on @Yourberkhamsted. Do get in touch if there are any ideas or stories you may have, either to publish or additions/changes to the magazine for consideration. And please give us your feedback on the features.

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Rambles from Berkhamsted by Julian Dawson



We begin with an alumni of Berkhamsted Collegiate School, Talulah Riley, who according to pinoria.com attended the school before finishing her education at Haberdashers and Cheltenham Ladies College. Riley was married to Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors and founder of SpaceX. He has the astonishing net worth of \$245 billion. His space rockets are being developed for travel to Mars. The heavy duty Starship rocket, designed to be entirely reusable, has enough payload to carry all of the 2021's space launches in one trip. Demand for such freight volume is limited for the moment. But it remains Musk's dream to establish a settlement on the red planet.

Ashridge Management College also has an intriguing list of alumni. wikipedia.org discusses the career of Wilfried Rath, who holds an MBA from the college. He was vice president of Volkswagen AG. Volkswagen owes its roots to the idea of a People's Car designed by Ferdinand Porsche's company and supported by Adolf Hitler. Only 60 cars were made originally, the factory also manufacturing the V1. After the war the British had an opportunity to invest which they

ignored but by 1950 the factory was again building the original "Beetle" we are so familiar with.

The Institute of Directors website iod.com reports on an event concerning talking ageism, and how business can adapt to access un-tapped over-50s talent. Do they mean me? The speaker was Lyndsey Simpson, founder and CEO of Redefined, who also happens to own the Copper House Bar and Brasserie. She has been recognised as one of the UK's Top 35 Businesswomen by Management Today and The Sunday Times and is listed in the 'UK's 50 Most Inspirational Female Entrepreneurs'. Apparently 46% of over 55s want to continue working beyond 66. But is that because their pension won't support their lifestyle?

It's been a while since we've heard from Bunting Magnetics. But this issue's guest publication, eurobulksystems.com, relieves our withdrawal symptoms. Bunting, who has a manufacturing plant in the town, has acquired UK powder milling and blending specialist Pilamec. Based in Gloucestershire it specialises in

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dailyadvent.com via Hemel Today reports on an initiative by the Hanako Flower Shop which delivers flowers

that would otherwise go to waste to the Hospice of St Francis. This is part of their sustainability plane entitled 'no flower left behind'. The flowers are displayed in the Inpatient Unit for the enjoyment of patients, relatives and staff. It seems an excellent way to ensure unused blooms don't go to waste to the benefit of others. If you don't like food going to waste why not sign up to the Too Good To Go app which allows you to collect packaged left overs from local stores at a discount.



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The Changing Face of Shopping - Where Has the Corner Shop Gone?



Years ago almost every house in Berkhamsted was in reasonable walking distance of a little corner shop where

emergency goods such as milk, butter, eggs, bread and limited ironmonger-type goods could be purchased. Areas such as Ellesmere Road/George Street and Gossoms End had many little such shops, selling their wares from the front room. Now such shops are rare and depend on them having the space to develop further at the back. Those that have survived work very hard with long opening hours and carefully sell goods for which there is a demand. One such general store provided home delivery during the lockdown period of the recent pandemic. It is largely only these little shops which still deliver newspapers in time for breakfast, but more often than not delivery is by car rather than on foot or by bicycle, especially on a wet morning!

Even rarer than these remaining corner shops is a post office. In Berkhamsted only the one in the Way Inn remains. Admittedly, cash is not handled so much these days and the writing of emails and the dispatching

of faxes have replaced letter writing and habits have changed. Nevertheless the long queues leading out of the door and down the High Street shortly before Christmas do indicate that we need a post office as people still like to send presents, especially overseas. You can't do everything online and not everyone is au fait with all the idiosyncracies of the computer world. Berkhamsted, with its increasing population has a post office which is designated the status of a sub post office. One or two more specialist activities have to be carried out in Hemel Hempstead, rather than in Berkhamsted.

Not so many years ago there was an area of Berkhamsted very close to the main traffic lights which one could call the 'Bank Court'. Here in close proximity to one another all of the main banks plied for custom; Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest (previously Westminster and National Provincial), HSBC (formerly Midland) and a comparatively recent newcomer from Spain, Santander, whose stay was only short-lived. Now, Barclays expects all its customers to change to on-line banking which is quick and easy for those who are good with the keyboard and can see the figures clearly, but not so

easy if one's fingers are no longer nimble and the light is shining awkwardly on those computerised numbers. Is it 0 or is it 8? What will happen to that very fine building which has housed Barclays Bank for many years? It was once a private residence, but is unlikely to revert to that. Surely not another restaurant could be a viable proposition? Many existing ones have received a blow to their trade in the pandemic.

Had one walked along the High Street fifty years ago, one would have seen several butchers, bakers, jewellers, tobacconists, a fish shop, a bookshop, grocers, chemists, a few estate agents, solicitors, confectioners and ironmongers, electricians and still more. All the necessities of daily living under separate roofs, not forgetting milliners and haberdashers. Nowadays most of these needs can be met by our two supermarkets, Waitrose and Tesco. But where can one buy material to make dresses for one's daughters and peruse through pattern books? Perhaps young mothers of today don't make dresses any more. Men and women are DIY enthusiasts and do need implements; nails, screws, paint etc. No longer are

their needs met as they were by Saltmarsh and Kennet & Fox in the centre of Berkhamsted today.

Fifty years ago we had a Sainsbury's in Berkhamsted, not a supermarket, but an old-fashioned shop where one queued up to buy groceries, then again for bread and then for cut meat. All right perhaps it took longer but you didn't have to fight your way through layers of plastic wrapping, and sugar was in blue paper and you could buy exactly the quantity you wanted. In Sharlands one could make your purchase, details of which were sent on a little overhead pulley to the woman in the cash desk who would return a receipt together with any change required, something which always intrigued the children. Now we are a race of supermarket shoppers, and the effect of the pandemic on our shopping habits has made us increasingly on-line shoppers. The personal touch of human interaction is diminishing. Berkhamsted is, however fortunate, in that it still manages probably with increasing difficulty to keep some individual shops which attracts visitors, especially at weekends. We are not overrun with large chain shops as many High Streets are.



We still manage to maintain our individuality but with increasing difficulty. For example, Woods, once a purveyor of iron wares and then a garden centre next door selling flowers and a small collection of plants. All the time the tradesmen of the town interact with one another, small family businesses

seek to hold their own alongside larger chains. As a customer, or tradesman the situation is more complicated than it was before in the days when a little corner shop met the needs of most Berkhamsted residents.

Jenny Sherwood

Pictures: One is of cluster of shops in Gravel Path and the other of a general store a bit further down on corner of Provident Place and Ravens Lane.



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Observations by Dennis Furnell (The Natureman)

Spring

For many people the most eagerly awaited season is the Spring.

I've travelled quite a bit in the course of my work as a naturalist and, although I may be slightly biased, I would say that few places can hold a candle to an early spring morning in Ashridge Forest. If you are lucky with the weather, you might enjoy a 'rosy-fingered dawn' it is a much-borrowed description from Homer and it tempts the recently arrived avian visitors from their wintering grounds in the south and east of our planet to set up territories prior to the business of finding a mate.

I have recorded the dawn chorus in a number of countries and the British Isles boasts an excellent variety of orchestral delights. In England the chorus usually begins with a robin, the song is bright and musical. However, to my mind the male blackbird is surely the Pavarotti of the bird world, fluting its subsong prior to treating the listener with a virtuoso cadence of blissful notes. There is also a lot to be said for the trill of a wren with its breath-taking powerful song. It's a surprise to hear it coming from such a small bird. Among these musical notes is a jangle of delight from the dunnocks, as though they had lost

their music sheets, but decided to sing whatever they could recall from last spring... and then there is the base and percussion frequently supplied by a late homing tawny owl and greater spotted and green woodpeckers, the latter laughing at the increasing light.

Our native birds, having set the musical scene at the beginning of spring are joined a little later by the first migrant warblers to, tentatively, try their luck. But the great tit, whose sharp disyllabic chirps have brightened our winter walks, now finds the need to show its full virtuosity to counter the newly arrived blackcaps, willow and garden warblers and the two-note metronomic chiff chaff, usually perched high up in a tree so as not to be outdone.

Nearly a century has passed since the ecstatic notes of a nightingale have been heard in our area. Too many houses, too much agriculture with poisonous chemicals and not enough coppiced woodlands have upset the balance and diversity of the countryside and devastated the insect populations on which these magical songsters rely. Hopefully, we may be seeing some signs of a better balance in the use and treatment of our landscape and its wildlife.



Picture: Blackbird



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YOUR CLERGY



Soon it will be Holy Week, and Christians will immerse themselves once again in the foundational narrative of the

death and Resurrection of Jesus. It's an untidy, chaotic story of betrayal and friendships shattered, a story of fear, compassion, cowardice and hope. It is an all too human story.

Our worship during Holy Week reflects the complexity of the story we root ourselves in. On Good Friday there is the stark simplicity of a liturgy in which the Cross takes central place, and together we confront the reality of violence, power and the fickleness of the crowd. On Easter Day, we gather around new fire in the first light of dawn, and as the rising sun fills the cold, dark church with warmth and light, we lay claim to the fulfilment of the Christmas promise, that there is a light that shines in every darkness, which the darkness can never overwhelm.

However, between the grief of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Day, there is a day which has always been very special to my understanding of the Christian faith; indeed, it's one of the reasons why that faith has sustained

me in the way it has for the past thirty years. We call it, Holy Saturday.

Good Friday ends with Jesus being hurriedly buried in another man's grave. Easter Day begins with that same grave being found empty. On Holy Saturday nothing happens. The Gospels tell us nothing of that day. The stone sits heavy and cold across the entrance to that grave. Jesus' friends are in hiding. It's a day of silence, of emptiness, the Son of God is dead and out of sight; God, it would appear, is gone out of the world.

It seems to me, that having a language of faith which is deep enough to encompass that sense of God's absence, as well as being able to rejoice in our experiences of God's presence, is profoundly important. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24th, I've been asked a question I've heard many times before, 'So what's God doing about this?' (or sometimes, 'So what's *your* God doing about this?'). In my own life, I've known times when it felt like God had gone out of the world, and I would not be so naïve as to assume that I won't know those times again. On Radio Four this week, I heard the BBC correspondent Lyse Doucet speak of a Ukrainian who had said, "God left Mariupol. He was afraid of everything he

YOUR CLERGY - CONTINUED

saw.” That person has been living in a long and painful Holy Saturday, in a world that appears to have been deserted by God.

We need to treasure and respect Holy Saturday, its silence and emptiness, and not just rush through it on our journey to the joys of Easter Day. It’s a time to remember those whose sense of purpose, of meaning, of faith is lost to them, those for whom it feels as if God is utterly gone out of the world. A time too to attend to our own moments of uncertainty, doubt and emptiness.

We don’t know for sure, but there are reasonable grounds for thinking that on the day after the Crucifixion, Jesus’ friends stayed together, remained alongside each other. They were shattered by what had happened and had no idea of what was to come. All

they truly knew was that they needed to stay together and to support one another in their loss and fear.

The Easter faith is a wonderful thing, and across the centuries and still today, it has inspired people to dare to hope in apparently hopeless situations, and through that hope to bring real change. There are times too, however, when Christians are called to live out a Holy Saturday faith, and simply to place ourselves alongside the bereaved, the bereft, the lonely and the afraid, and to let them know that they are not alone. It’s all too tempting to want always to give people answers and solutions, easy promises that things will be better soon, when sometimes what they most need is simply companionship and love.

Father Stuart

Picture:
Sarah
Dawson



HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST PETER'S



Wed 13th April 8pm Tenebrae

A series of music and readings on the Passion of Christ as we extinguish candles in the darkness.

Thurs 14th April 8pm Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

We recall the Last Supper of Jesus with the Apostles followed by the Watch until Midnight **11.45pm Compline.**

Fri 15th April 2pm Good Friday Liturgy

The Good Friday Liturgy with the Veneration of the Cross, when we commemorate Christ's death at Calvary.

Fri 15th April 7pm

A special Good Friday performance by St Peter's Choir of John Stainer's musical meditation on the crucifixion of Jesus.

Sun 17th April 6am Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

We joyfully welcome the risen Christ, lighting candles in the dark "This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death".

Sun 17th April 9.30am Parish Mass for Easter Day

Christ is Risen! We celebrate with music and readings at this joyous family service.

Monday 18th April The Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral. Walk to St Albans on Easter Monday, eat your picnic in the Abbey Orchard (at around 1pm) with pilgrims from around the diocese. Then join the procession into the Cathedral for the Easter Monday Service (beginning at 3pm and ending around 4pm). <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/easter-monday-pilgrimage-2022>

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St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted

Bring on the Birthday Celebrations!



St Peter's church's 800th anniversary events swing into action during May. There is a packed schedule of events planned to appeal to

the town's residents with something for everyone whether they are passionate about history, marking the occasion spiritually, enjoying music, showcasing photography skills or joining in with the community celebrations centered around the church!

Highlights include a Talk series and Historical display in church during May, a community picnic with tea and cake following a short service commemorating 70 years of Her Majesty the Queen's reign (5 June) and a festival afternoon (26 June) where the church will be bedecked in flowers and there will be entertainment and activities galore. This will include lots for children such as a miniature train, face painting and teddy zip wire!

A town-wide photography competition is already live, sponsored by EIC Insurance Services with the theme of either 'Berkhamsted' and/or 'Celebration'. There are three categories, each with £100 prize money. One for Infant and Juniors, one for Secondary schools and an Open competition for people living in an HP4 postcode.

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Competition' in the subject field. The filename for each image must indicate whether it is on the theme of 'Berkhamsted' or 'Celebration' and include the photographer's name. All entries must be received by Friday 10th June and the winners will be announced on the Festival afternoon.

Please do come and celebrate with St Peter's this Spring— we can't wait to welcome you to one of our events.

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 10th – History of St Peter's with Dr Christopher Green [Tickets via Eventbrite](#)
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JUNE

Sunday 5th June 3pm PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Church service followed by Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the churchyard, toasting Her Majesty The Queen's 70 year reign with a picnic of tea and cake.

Saturday 25th June 7:30pm

BRIDGEWATER SINFONIA CONCERT

Music from the last 800 years of music to celebrate St Peter's 800th birthday with St Peter's Church Choir and the Chiltern Chamber Choir. [Tickets via Eventbrite](#)

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Sunday 26th June 2pm. 800th FESTIVAL AFTERNOON 2-5PM

The day starts with a celebration of our Saint's Day, the feast of St Peter and Paul followed by an afternoon of celebration for all the community. Come and enjoy Pimm's in the churchyard, see the church bedecked in flowers, ride the miniature train, pop your teddy on the zip wire, have a go at the bottle stall, browse the plant and cake stalls. There will also be a special bellringing peal and a spitfire flying overhead (weather permitting).

JULY

Sunday 3rd July after the 9.30am service BEATING THE BOUNDS PARISH WALK

Traditional walk to the corners of St Peter's parish pausing occasionally to pray and ending with tea in the Court House. 4 and 9 mile options. A further Parish pilgrimage to Little Gaddesden church will take place later in the year.

St Peter's will be raising funds from its events throughout the year to preserve the church building for future generations to enjoy and to support the Mayor and Bishop of St Albans annual appeal. All donations will be gratefully received.

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St Peter's
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The clock on the tower was added to celebrate the accession of Queen Victoria in 1838. It's still ticking today!

Celebrate Berkhamsted!



Why not enter our 800th photography competition kindly sponsored by EIC Insurance? Anyone living in an HP4 postcode can enter on the theme of 'Berkhamsted Celebrates'. Closing date is Friday 10 June 2022. The winning entries will be displayed in church. More details and how to enter on our website.



800th Celebratory Highlights

A full list of all events including weekly services and regular church activities taking place across the year is available on our website.

All welcome!

Upcoming Events

May **800th historical display with Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society**

1 **May Day Madrigals to welcome in May Day - 6am**

3, 10, 17 **800th Talk Series - 8pm**

Tues 3rd: History of Berkhamsted - Dr Julian Hunt
Tues 10th: History of St Peter's - Dr Christopher Green
Tues 17th: Berkhamsted in 100 years time - Peter Matthews and astrophysicist Dr Suzie Imber

15 **Willard Carter Cellist, in concert - 6pm**

June **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the churchyard - pm**

5 Toasting Her Majesty The Queen's 70 year reign with tea and cake.

25 **Bridgewater Sinfonia - 800 years of music concert - 7:30pm**

26 **800th Community Festival Day and Week**

All welcome to our special 800th service. The church will be filled with flowers, followed by a festival afternoon and community celebrations all week!

July

2, 3 **Berkhamsted Art Society Event**

Making an interactive clay model of St Peter's.

3 **Beating the Bounds community parish walk**

10 **Celebration Evensong - 16th to 21st Century music - 6pm**

14 **Hertswing Jazz Concert**

Aug

28/29 **Berkhamsted Medieval Festival town-wide**

Sept

9-18 **Heritage Open Days at St Peter's & Rectory Lane cemetery**

Explore unseen parts of our historic church and burial grounds, enjoy talks on medieval graffiti and heraldry on Fri 9th from 7pm.

9-11 **Oktoberfest celebrations with talks and tastings**

Viennese Coffee House, German Mass, music, wine tasting & beer festival.

10 **Sponsored Bike 'n Hike**

Raising money for St Peter's via Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Oct
30

9:30am service with Most Revd Bishop Alan of St Albans

Nov
12

800th Dancing Celebration

Dancing with the Strathspey and Reel Club plus whisky tasting.

27

Advent & The Festival of Light

Mark the start of Advent by experiencing the magic of the church by candlelight followed by our traditional Advent Carol service.

All events subject to change. Check website for latest details.

Find out more: www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/800



An 800th Legacy

DONATE TODAY!



It costs a large amount of money to preserve the fabric of an historic 800 year old church. We know in the next couple of years, the church will need a new roof (it's already leaking!) at an expected cost of over £500,000. We also need a new organ to underpin the wonderful music tradition at St Peter's and would like to upgrade the surrounding churchyard by improving accessibility for all, introducing new wildlife areas and adding better signage.

We'd be hugely grateful if you would help us realise these ambition by giving a contribution. You can donate in church at our contactless terminals or online. If you would be interested in talking to us about donating a significant sum, giving a grant or leaving a legacy to preserve St Peter's for future generations, please contact Fr Stuart Owen for an informal chat.

50% of all we raise this year will go to charity which will be split between the Mayor of Berkhamsted's chosen charity and the Bishop of St Albans annual appeal.

www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/donate



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Berkhamsted Art Society



The Spring Exhibition returns to Berkhamsted after three years

'Following on from the success of last years Winter exhibition, we are delighted to once again be hosting our annual Spring show bursting with fresh exhibits,' say the organisers



BEKHAMSTED Art Society's annual Spring art exhibition and sale in the Civic Centre is back after two years of Covid and promises to be something for everyone.

When the two-day exhibition and sale takes place at the prime town centre venue it will be jam-packed with fine art, prints, ceramics, contemporary craft and more. The Exhibition and Sale is open from 9am to 8pm on Friday 20th May and 9am to 5pm on Saturday 21st May.



Membership has swelled this year with as many as 20+ newcomers who we are hoping will take the opportunity to exhibit in the upcoming Spring Exhibition/Sale where original work by more than 30 members will be on display.

Popular local professional artists Mitzie Green, Mary Casserly, Debbie Shrimpton, Helen Dowley, Jackie Henderson, Gill Masters and Sally Basset are exhibiting, plus numerous local amateur painters, a couple of potters and a glassmaker.



Free art-related activity sheets will be available to engage and inspire young visitors. Schools are being invited to bring their children to view the exhibition and try their hand at completing the fun-themed activity sheets on the opening day of the exhibition and sale.



“We are really pleased to be back with our exhibition at the Civic Centre. It’s a super space, right in the heart of Berkhamsted – and we urge people to pop in and have a look while they are in the High Street,” said James Honour (Chairman)

Admission is free and we promise visitors won’t be disappointed. There will be more than 200 pieces of work on show – original, quality pieces by local people and at affordable prices. We look forward to seeing you.”

The Berkhamsted Art Society programme is filled with events throughout the year with Life Drawing sessions at the Court House in the winter, a Life Drawing Workshop in Hastoe in May, two exhibitions a year at the Berkhamsted Civic

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Centre and talks and demonstrations in the Court House or by Zoom on a monthly basis. A programme is already in place for Summer drawing evenings on Mondays, starting in May all the way through to August at various locations in and around the town.

The group is also joining in with St Peter's in Berkhamsted to help celebrate the church's 800th anniversary in June and July. Plans are being formed for an exhibition of artworks based around St Peter's and a clay build of the church with everyone invited to take part. The clay build will be a collaboration between Berkhamsted Art Society and two charities, Open Door and the Dacorum and Chiltern Potters Guild.



During lockdown the members attended regular Zoom coffee mornings. The friendly and enthusiastic members inspired each other to keep painting, sketching and crafting during those difficult times -and even launched a successful online exhibition and sale of their lockdown art.

Society members continue to get together now monthly for their coffee mornings fix at the White Horse in Bourne End for a relaxing chat and a bit of laughter.

The Society welcomes visitors and members of all ages and abilities who enjoy drawing, painting and creating art.

For more information visit www.berkhamstedartsociety.co.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/BerkhamstedArtSociety/>



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News from Hospice of St Francis - May 2022

The Hospice of St Francis relies upon community fundraising to help fund the £5 million needed each year to provide free care. By supporting the Hospice, you are helping more people in the local community to feel safe and supported through a life-limiting illness and to live their precious life well.

News and Events

Welsh 3 Peaks – Last Few Spaces Remaining!

The Welsh mountains are calling! Challenge yourself by taking on three of the highest peaks in Wales! Join us for an epic adventure, creating precious memories and embracing the breath taking scenery from the summit of Pen Y Fan (886M), Cadair Idris (893m) and Snowdon (1,085m)! **Date:** Friday 16th – Sunday 18th September. Find out more:

www.stfrancis.org.uk/TrekWales

Hospice Coffee Mornings and Craft Fayres

On the last Friday of the month (except December) The Hospice of St Francis hosts a Coffee Morning in the Hospice Bistro and a Craft Fayre in the Acorn Suite. The next event is Friday 29th April. Pop along for a coffee and a chat to find out more about the Hospice and the work that they do. All proceeds from the Craft Fayre go to the Hospice.

Contact: Reception on 01442 869550 to book your place. Find out more:

www.stfrancis.org.uk/CoffeeMornings

Shop for Good

The Hospice has launched a new, exciting online shop – ‘Shop For Good’. This

innovative online offer has well-being, eco, sustainability and ‘doing good’ at its heart. There’s a variety of fabulous products available, including sustainable themed Well-Being Boxes with a selection of products, handcrafted items from our volunteer Creates & Makes Team at Returned to Glory and indulgent treats. Keep up to date with the shop by following Shop For Good on Instagram:

@shopforgood_hosf or visit: shop-for-good.org.uk/

Bubble Rush is Back... Sign Up on the Day!

After two years... Bubble Rush is BACK! We can’t wait to see you at Gadebridge Park in Hemel Hempstead on Sunday 15th May for our bubble bonanza. The course is family friendly, so you can walk, run, dance, jog, or toddle through the foam, and it is suitable for pushchairs too! Register today:

www.stfrancis.org.uk/BubbleRush

Hospice Summer Series 2022:

The Hospice will be hosting a series of fabulous events across the summer period, in their exclusive Event Field in Dudswell, Tring Road, near Berkhamsted, HP4 3TA. Please see below for the events. Website: www.stfrancis.org.uk/summerseries

Car Boot Sales

Sell your unwanted items at the Hospice's second Car Boot Sale Series! Multiple dates including: Saturday 11th June, Saturday 9th July and Saturday 13th August.

Classic and Special Interest Car Show

Join the Hospice for their second Classic Car Show on Sunday 17th July featuring a range of impressive cars each lovingly cared for with their own personal history. A range of market stalls, refreshments and family activities will be available, with free onsite parking. All proceeds to the Hospice helping support our special care. Buy tickets here on the Hospice website: www.stfrancis.org.uk/ClassicCars or contact the team if you would like to feature your car in the series on fundraising@stfrancis.org.uk

Dog Show

In 2019, the Hospice had their first ever dog show at the Garden Party and back by popular demand... they will be hosting another in September! Keep an eye on their social media to see how you can enter your pup into our pawesome dog show and see whether they will be crowned best in their category! Taking place: Saturday 24th September.



And finally...

Accessing our Care – Self Referral

The Hospice of St Francis is there to help in any way they can, with care provided Free. If you, or someone you know, is living with cancer or a life-limiting illness such as a heart, lung, kidney or neurological condition, we might be able to support you. (We support from early diagnosis, through treatment and remission). Please fill in our short referral form online: www.stfrancis.org.uk/selfrefere

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GARDENING MATTERS BY SARAH DAWSON

Another lovely walk not far from Berkhamsted is a circular route around Wilstone Reservoir which is about 3 miles. There is a small car park on the B489 or park at P. E. Mead & Sons farm shop. The new Mead's Farmhouse Kitchen has opened which is opposite the main farm shop. Unfortunately for us on a sunny Saturday afternoon it was very busy so we didn't stop to sample any food or drink.

<https://pemeadandsons.co.uk/meadsfarmhouse-kitchen/>

If you walk around the reservoir in an anti-clockwise direction the path becomes narrower through the wooded edge of the reservoir. At the end of this path you can take a detour to the left to a bird hide. From here there is a lovely view across the reservoir and one can observe the wide variety of wildfowl that visits the water; tufted duck, pochard, mallard, mute swan, widgeon, shoveler and gadwall to name a few. Retrace your steps and turn left to follow the path across fields to eventually come out onto the Wendover Canal which is being restored by The Wendover Canal Trust <https://wendovercanal.org.uk/> If you'd like to get involved with the various working parties see their website for further details. Continue on by

the canal for a while then turn left down a wooded section to eventually come back to the reservoir. Follow the path next to the reservoir until you arrive back where you started.



Wilstone Reservoir

There are three other reservoirs that make up Tring Reservoirs – Startops End, Marsworth and Tringford. They are a Site of Special Scientific Interest as their situation on the lower chalk at the foot of the Chilterns escarpment results in diverse communities of plants and animals. I have already mentioned the wildfowl that visit but large numbers of sedge and reed warblers breed here. The site also attracts breeding common terns which use the rafts the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust has installed. There is a bigger pay and display car park at Startops End to visit these three reservoirs.



View over Wilstone Reservoir

A stunning garden I visited last June was the one at Ashridge House. There was a kaleidoscope of colours from the many rhododendrons planted. The gardens cover 190 acres which form part of the Grade II registered landscape of Ashridge Park. As well as the Rhododendron Walk there is a dry garden, rosary and other small gardens. This year the garden is open 14th-16th June 9am-6pm <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/382> Tickets, adult £5, children £2.50.

Hopefully by now your gardens are looking colourful with the late flowering bulbs and early perennials. Ensure you keep on top of weeding and prepare the soil for summer bedding plants that can be planted once the risk of frost has passed in late May. I am attempting to grow some flowers from seed having not had much success in the past; cosmos and tithonia are two I have sown.

If you have any excess cut flowers ready for picking please donate them to St Peter's Church for the Patronal Festival as part of the 800 years celebrations the weekend of 24th-26th June. There will be a team decorating the church on Friday 24th June. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in any way, email sarahdawson@juliandawson.plus.com

Picture to side - Garden at Ashridge House



Rhododendrons at Ashridge House



No March hares seen in the cemetery



Rectory Lane Cemetery, Three Close Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 2DH

www.rectorylanecemetery.org.uk



Spring has truly arrived in the Cemetery. We've had lots of visitors - our digital people counters at the gates notch up 90,000 people a year these days - enjoying the space, exercising their dogs (and cat), sitting in the Garden of Remembrance, listening to the birds, admiring the planted graves and the views across town AND volunteering - in some glorious sunshine .

School children

The early morning quiet of the day was filled with the chatter of excited voices coming up Three Close Lane as we welcomed back two Swing Gate Infant School Year classes with teachers and parent helpers to discover more about Berkhamsted's Victorians - they had previously visited as Year One *Hedgehogs and Rabbits* and had now grown - and transformed - into Year Two *Badgers and Foxes*!



The previous day they had worked through some of our Victorian Berkhamsted online resources and were now coming to find the graves of the strawplaiter, the inventor of the Braille

typewriter, the boatbuilder, the chemical industrialist whose sheep dip was used throughout the sheep-keeping empire and the countess' foundation stone. They had remembered a lot from their class sessions and were excited to spot the graves and capture some of the information on them.

Grave adopters and gardeners

We were so pleased to see many of our existing grave gardeners tending to their plots on the first day of Spring (20th March) for our open session on grave adoption. Our promotion encouraged more than ten new adopters to come along and find the plot to suit them - keen to get started, and some who cleared and planted their graves there and then! We now have over 50 people who volunteer their time to do this - it's such a lovely, worthwhile and satisfying thing to do and there are many more graves which can be brought back to life and colour so if you missed the session but are interested in finding out more, just get in touch with the team@rectorylanecemetery.org.uk



Photographers



Phil Richardson of Melen Training offered a trial session of his short photography course to our volunteers. The feedback was very positive: ***Phil taught us technical details about our iPhones that we never knew. His delivery is enthusiastic, hugely engaging and full of detail. We learnt lots of photography and video tips and tricks. I found that there wasn't a question that Phil couldn't answer. In all, a fantastic session, thanks!***

His short courses are running on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June - for further information call **01442 842597** or email phil@melentraining.co.uk

or visit his website www.melentraining.co.uk.

Community stitchers and weavers

Last August the Cemetery was the venue for a brilliant collaborative art project initiated by Open Door, called **Down Rectory Lane**. The public were invited to come along and experience the calm and uplifting environment of the cemetery and reflect on their thoughts and experiences during the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Help was on hand to stitch these reflections onto strips of material which were then interwoven with strips of sari silk into beautiful panels on two hand-made looms. The loom panels are now on display at the Open Door - do pop in to see them.



Dates for Diary

Saturday 16th April 10.00 - 13.00

Easter Discovery Trail

A fun session for all the family, accessible paths for buggies and wheelchairs. Refreshments available and helpful guides to get you round the clues. Dogs on leads welcome.



A lovely hand-drawn cluesheet by Lizzie Martell which can be coloured in as a souvenir. Raising funds for Rectory Lane Cemetery and Age UK Dacorum. Early bird registration recommended.

Book your tickets: <https://checkout.matterpay.com/s/ageukdacorum/ZXZlbnQ6Mjl5MA==/easter-discovery-trail>

April, May and June

Most Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 14.00 - 15.30

Guided Tours of the Cemetery

Discover some of the stories behind the graves and how this beautiful cemetery was transformed from 'a dead space to a living place'.

Our volunteer guides will help you to explore this three-acre space and introduce you to some of the personalities who are buried here. Each guide has their favourite stories to share and you will have your own interests and questions, so no two tours will be the same - but they will be enlightening!

There are wide paths and plenty of seating to make this an accessible tour for buggies, wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Dogs on leads are welcome.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stories-behind-the-gravestones-tours-of-rectory-lane-cemetery-tickets-302387397847>



Love Your Burial Ground Week

Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th June

We are planning a **wildlife recording session** as part of the ***Churches Count on Nature*** campaign. It will be an engaging family activity - date and details to be confirmed.

Saturday 18th June 09.30 - 16.30



BerkoFest Book Festival - Children's Programme

Children's authors, storytelling and trails - ideal for the whole family.

Buy a signed copy of your children's favourite book

Refreshments will be available.

Raising funds for both Rectory Lane Cemetery and BerkoFest. (images from 2019 event)

Volunteer with us: Adopt a Grave, Join our Work Party, Learn to Guide or Become a History Detective!

If you loved researching your own family tree and are interested in local history why not put your skills to use for the project? We have 7,000 people buried in the Cemetery and we rely upon our volunteer researchers to write up their biographical stories for our website (as well as input from any relatives who get in touch). And such fascinating stories many of them turn out to be ...

If you'd like to help in this way please get in touch with Chris Dolton cjddolton@gmail.com, who leads on this. You just need access to one of the online genealogy sites, like *Ancestry.co.uk* or *FindMyPast.co.uk* (these resources are also available to access free at your local library). Chris has written an introduction to the process: [Discovering the Dead](#).

The life of **Sister Maud Cottingham, a WWI nurse**, was discovered by our researchers and her story has featured in our *Remarkable Women* booklet and in guided tours. How did an Irish nurse come to be buried in Berkhamsted's Cemetery? Having nursed in France during the war she ended her career as the Matron of The Beeches VAD Hospital (now part of Berkhamsted School) looking after sick and wounded Inns of Court Officers. In 1918, at the age of 31, she contracted flu and died. But, so far from home, who would pay for a proper memorial? The inscription on the plinth of her cross reads: *Sister Cottingham, Matron at The Beeches V.A.D. Hospital, Erected by the Inns of Court O.T.C. in memory of Sister Cottingham, Matron at "The Beeches" V.A.D. Hospital who died here Oct. 27th 1918 "Well done, good and faithful servant"*



Unfortunately her memorial has since deteriorated, with sliding kerbs and a fallen cross, and is in need of restoration by our stonemason. We are delighted to report that, thanks to the Old Berkhamstedians and Berkhamsted School, we will have a way to make that happen.

For many years there was an acacia tree in the quad of the school, planted by members of staff returning from WWI in the name of their fallen comrades. By August 2021 the tree had become unsafe and needed to come down. As it was a memorial tree the School was keen that the wood be put to good use and benefit a war memorial project. Fortunately, a former pupil (Old Berkhamstedian) has been able to turn beautiful bowls and other objects from the wood, the proceeds of which are

being donated towards the restoration of Sister Hannah Cottingham's memorial. So far, they have raised £370 and will be selling and raffling the pieces at their Annual Reunion Dinner on 2nd April.



Picture: Some of the beautiful acacia bowls being sold to raise funds to restore Sister Hannah Cottingham's memorial



RIBA Honorary Fellow 2022

The Royal Institute of British Architecture (RIBA) award honorary fellowships each year to non-architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture but who are not architects. This includes people who have helped improve the quality of design and influence the delivery of the built environment in a more sustainable way, those involved in its promotion and management, and those who nurture the interests of future generations.

(Photo of James © David Levenson)

This year we were delighted to learn that James Moir, who lead the effort to secure funding for the transformation of the Cemetery 'from a dead space to a living place', who project managed the works and who remains the convenor of the project, was a recipient of this honour.

RIBA president, Simon Allford said: *'This year's honorary fellows are from wonderfully wide-ranging fields, including advocacy, commissioning, education and research. All share our passion for ever better architecture and design in the built environment'*.

The award states: ***'Heritage and historic buildings consultant James Moir has dedicated his life to the preservation and conservation of our historic environment. He has worked on major historical sites across the UK and is a champion for the importance of craft in the profession.'***

<https://www.architecture.com/awards-and-competitions-landing-page/awards/riba-honorary-fellows>

What's On

EASTER ADVENTURES IN NATURE

Wednesday 13 April

Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury. 10am-5pm to 24 Apr. Take part in a family-friendly trail with nature-themed activities to complete as you follow your map through the grounds. Don't forget to claim your chocolate egg at the end!

<https://waddesdon.org.uk/>

OPEN DOOR REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday 16 April/Saturday 21 May/

Saturday 18 June

Open Door Berkhamsted. Third Saturday of each month, 9.30am-12.30pm. Bring along your broken items and let the experts take a look, in exchange for a donation. No need to book. Refreshments available while you wait from donations café.

www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/repair-cafe.html

BEETHOVEN IN BERKHAMSTED

Saturday 16 April

Deans' Hall, Berkhamsted, 7.30pm. Explore the greatness of Beethoven with Echor as they perform his brilliant 2nd Symphony in this intimate setting. Clare O'Connell will entertain after the interval with tracks from her recent album 'The Isolated Cellist'.

<https://www.echormusic.com/>

BERKHAMSTED FARMERS MARKET

Sunday 17 April/Sunday 15 May

High St, Berkhamsted, 10am-2pm. Third Sun of every month. An opportunity for local customers to buy high quality produce direct from the producer.

<https://www.facebook.com/berkofm>

PITSTONE GREEN MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Monday 18 April

Pitstone Museum, Vicarage Road, Pitstone, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9EY. Adult £9, Child (5-16) £4. Enjoy a fantastic day out at an old Victorian farm now run by volunteers as a museum, with over 40 exhibits to suit all ages and tastes. Open the second Sunday each month and Bank Holiday Mondays.

<http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk/>

BDCC NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Wednesday 20 April

Berkhamsted Cricket Club, 7.15-9.30am.

<https://www.berkhamsted-chamber.co.uk/>

TRING SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 23 April

Church Square, 10am-2pm. A two-week festival opens with a packed programme of seasonal events and activities to get you walking, exploring and enjoying Tring in spring.

<https://www.tringtogether.org.uk/>

THE HEMEL HILLBUSTER

Sunday 24 April

Gadebridge Park, Leighton Buzzard Rd, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1DN. Popular cycling event, giving you a choice of a 25km, 60km or 100km route, takes you over challenging Chiltern hills, around stunning countryside and through beautiful villages around Dacorum.

<https://www.dens.org.uk/event/hemel-hillbuster/>

CHILTERN LANDSCAPES

Sunday 24 April

Wycombe Museum, to 1 May. Fine art, submissions from local artists, and entrants from a school's competition – all inspired by the landscapes of the Chilterns AONB.

<https://www.chilternsaonb.org/art>

EVERYBODY KNOWS

Monday 25 April

Berkhamsted Civic Centre, 8pm. Also Tue 26. Non-members £5 at door. For details of film please visit the website.

<http://berkhamstedfilmsociety.co.uk/>

OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 1 May

PATCHWORK, Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted HP4 2NJ, opening for the National Garden Scheme, 2-5pm. Tulips and narcissi in profusion, azaleas and other flowering shrubs provide a feast of colour for the eyes. Adults £5, children free. Teas. Dogs welcome.

patchwork2@btinternet.com

SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION

Sunday 1 May

St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, 7pm. Behind the Mirror celebration of music for cello and piano by revolutionary composer Ludwig van Beethoven.

<https://www.behindthemirror.org/>

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Tuesday 3 May

Court Theatre, 7.30pm. Sat matinee 2.30pm. To 7 May. From £12. Presented by the Vale Musical Society.

<https://courttheatre.co.uk/>

HISTORY OF BERKHAMSTED

Tuesday 3 May

Part of the 800 anniversary celebrations of St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted HP4 2AX. £6. Find out about our town with historical detail and anecdotes from renowned local historian Dr Julian Hunt.

www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/

TRING TOGETHER NETWALKING

Wednesday 4 May/Wednesday 8 June

9.30am. Meet in the small car park across from the Akeman. For those who find breakfast meetings too early and evenings too difficult to get to, join BusinessMart (Tring's biggest business networking group) and walk around Tring Park whilst you network. Dogs welcome. Register via email.

<https://www.tringtogether.org.uk/>
vivianne@tringtogether.org.uk

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 7 May

St Peter and St Paul Church and Churchyard, Tring, 11am-3pm. With Teddy 'Wings' zipwire, tower tours, bouncy slide, heritage talks, tombola, stalls, children's activities and lots more, all free.

<https://www.fotch.co.uk/>

RIDGEWAY CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

Saturday 7 May

St Peter & St Paul, Tring, 7.30pm. Admission free, donations please. A concert of short choral pieces, sacred and secular, serious and light-hearted, something for everyone.

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

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ROGER BEAUJOLAIS QUARTET**Saturday 7 May**

Civic Centre, Berkhamsted. World-renowned vibraphonist and quartet play a wide variety of jazz standards.

<https://bjazz.org/>

HISTORY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH**Tuesday 10 May**

St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted HP4 2AX. £6. A history of the 800 years of St Peter's church by Dr Christopher Green.

www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/

**AGM FOLLOWED BY MARSWORTH
POLISH HOSTEL 1948-1961****Friday 13 May**

Cholesbury Village Hall, 7.30pm. Speakers Sandra Costello and Tony Gabis. Sandra is archivist for the Parish of Marsworth. She lives close to the Hostel site and was involved in the erection of an information board in 2019.

<https://cholesbury.com/>
localhistorygroup@cholesbury.com

DON PERERA**Saturday 14 May**

Vyne Theatre, Berkhamsted 8pm. £15, £11 students. A concert of classical and South American guitar music.

www.berkhamstedartscentre.co.uk/

WILLARD CARTER CELLO RECITAL**Sunday 15 May**

St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, 6pm. Free, retiring collection. Playing the cello from the age of 4, Willard Carter is a talented young cellist who is playing a programme including Bloch, Stravinsky, Haydn, Boulanger and Piazzola.

www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/

BERKHAMSTED IN 100 YEARS**Tuesday 17 May**

Part of the 800 anniversary celebrations of St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted HP4 2AX. £6. A talk by astrophysicist Dr Suzie Imber (winner of BBC programme 'Astronauts, Do You Have What It Takes?') and research scientist, Peter Matthews on the future of Berkhamsted
www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/

BDCC NETWORKING BREAKFAST**Wednesday 18 May**

Berkhamsted Cricket Club, 7.15-9.30am.

www.berkhamsted-chamber.co.uk/

EYTHROPE WALLED GARDEN TOUR**Wednesday 18 May**

Waddesdon Manor, 10.15am & 1.15pm. Whether a home gardener looking for inspiration, a garden historian searching out old traditions, or a professional hoping to learn new tricks, a visit to the private Rothschild walled garden at Eythrope will intrigue, inform and inspire.

<https://waddesdon.org.uk/>

STOCKS GOLF DAY**Friday 20 May**

Stocks Golf Course, Aldbury, 9.30am. Teams of four £280. Tee up your best shot as you support Tring Together's on-going work with the community and local businesses.

<https://www.tringtogether.org.uk/>

**LIFE CHANGING DIAGNOSES OF
DEMENTIA AND STROKE****Friday 20 May**

Berkhamsted Town Hall, 6.30-9.30pm. Adv £8, on the day £12. The event is the

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initiative of Age UK Dacorum
checkout.matterpay.com/s/ageukdacorum

CHILTERN'S WALKING FESTIVAL

Saturday 21 May

To 5 Jun. Featuring a programme of over 70 walks and events throughout the Chilterns. There are a number of new walking experiences on offer this year, along with themed walks designed to celebrate some special anniversaries.

www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

TRING LIONS CIO – CHARITY CAR BOOT

Sunday 22 May

Market Square, Brook Street Tring. Charity stalls £5, others £8. Set up from 9am, open to the public from 10am.

<https://www.tringlions.org.uk/index.html>

BRIAN BENNETT

Monday 23 May

Berkhamsted Civic Centre, 10am-4.30pm. To 25 May. Well known local artist Brian Bennett is celebrating his 95th year of painting local landscapes and wild flowers. Admission is free and all profits will go to the Hospice of St Francis.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Friday 3 June

An event is being planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in conjunction with Tring Town Council and Tring Team Parish.

Keep an eye out for details!

<https://www.tringtogether.org.uk/>

ST LEONARDS FETE

Saturday 4 June

Parish Hall and Field, Jenkins Lane, St. Leonards, Tring. With circus juggling, Morris Men, live band, bouncy castle, plant and book stall, raffle, dog show, beer and Pimms tent, BBQ and ice cream, teas and much much more.

<https://www.stleonardsparishhall.uk/>

LEON GREENING SEXTET

Saturday 4 June

Civic Centre, Berkhamsted. Art Blakey Tribute. <https://bjazz.org/>

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Monday 6 June

Natural History Museum Tring. To 19 Jun. The free exhibition showcases a selection of 34 images recording the beauty and fragility of wildlife, from tiny insects to massive mammals.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html>

RIDGEWAY HIKE 2022

Thursday 9 June

To 12 Jun. Join Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity for an 80-mile charity hike along Britain's oldest road next summer and experience the breath-taking views and historic sites along the way on this 4-day guided trek.

www.fnhospice.org.uk/help-us/charity-challenge-events/walking-challenges/ridgeway-hike/

See events at Court Theatre, Tring

<https://courttheatre.co.uk/>

<https://www.get-stuffed.biz/>

CELLO RECITAL

SUNDAY MAY 15TH 6PM



Willard Carter - Cello

Daniel King Smith - Piano

PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE STRAVINSKY, HAYDN,
BLOCH, BOULANGER AND PIAZZOLLA

St Peter's Church Berkhamsted HP4 2AX
Contact Lizzy 07825952594

There will be a retiring collection.

