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BERKHAMSTED Happy New Year and I apologise for the lateness of the magazine. What a year 2022 was and so many historical changes, namely the loss of Queen Elizabeth II, but this will also be a memorable year with the Coronation of King Charles. In this edition we have rounded up the St Peter's 800th Year celebrations and also released the winners for the photography competition. We have more on History by Jenny Sherwood and the nature piece by Dennis Furnell, these are always a good read. Look out for what is happening at the Open Door and the Hospice of St Francis as there is something for everyone. 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



I was very intrigued by the following headline from mynewsmag.co.uk - *PICKLEBALL: Berkhamsted players return from national competition with haul of medals*. What pray is pickleball? A WI chutney competition? A game played by people in various stages of inebriation? Apparently it was invented in 1965 and combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. It originated in the Pacific Northwest and is now the fastest growing US sport with over 4.8 million players.

hertfordshiremercury.co.uk reports on a plan by the National Trust for a three-year restoration project on the Ashridge Estate. Non-native conifer plants will be removed and areas replanted with native broadleaf species such as oak, hornbeam, beech and wild cherry. The restoration project will improve the site for wildlife and protect its diverse habitats. Six hectares have already been cleared this year with more remote areas reached later on, these latter areas being particularly rich for wildlife. Matting will be used to protect the heavy clay soil from machinery. This will prevent damage to the soil and preserve

archaeological remains but allow the heavy work that needs to be undertaken. This is vital work to contend with the ecological emergency which the UK especially faces.

ttgmedia.com has news of a Berkhamsted travel agency. Ashley Quint is to take up the new role of innovation director at TravelTime World 20 years after joining as an apprentice. He joins company founders Jackie and David Steadman as a shareholder in the business. His appointment is reward for the instrumental role he has had in supporting the firm. Apparently Quint was the first in the independent travel business to recognise the value of social media, together with recognising the importance of building up relationships with clients, suppliers and the media. His 20 years of experience has honed his product knowledge and creative skills.

hertsad.co.uk reported on the Central Cyclo-cross League whose final round of the winter season took place at Ashlyns School. It was hosted

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by Verulam Reallymoving, the St Albans racing team parent club who used their 'home' advantage in bitterly cold conditions to secure the podium finish. George Rice won the under-10 event, siblings Emma and Alarik Knox won the U12s and U14s respectively, and Liz McKie won the V50 women's event. The home team also celebrated by adding an additional sponsor Whitton Electrical to existing partners Reallymoving.com and SpokeCycles CC. Cyclo Cross is traditionally an autumn and winter sport consisting of many laps over a short circuit.

The historic sites to be listed by English Heritage in the last 12 months are announced in pehalnews.in. Of local interest is the cottage and former soup kitchen within Berkhamsted Castle. The English Heritage website goes into more detail. Changes to the 17th century building included an extension to create a Victorian soup kitchen. It was originally a stable and brewhouse in the 16th century. An upper storey was created in the 19th century but the staircase was later removed and a small extension and veranda added. The soup house was referenced in the Bucks Advertiser & Aylesbury News in January 1867.



Ashridge House, from Gardens, Berkhamsted.

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Looking Back and Looking Forward. An opportunity for new beginnings.



January gives us the opportunity to reflect on the events of the past year and the incentive to make new resolutions not only person-

ally but more generally based on communities. The year 2022 was an eventful year for the parish and for the town. St Peter's celebrated the 800th anniversary of its foundation. That led to the bringing together of individuals to pool their ideas and see what they could contribute. That brought co-operation and consideration for the views of others and perhaps also the involvement of townsfolk in the affairs and events of our parish church. Hopefully also in the broader spectrum it made many realise how rich is our historic heritage, whether they spent time looking at the video of 'The story of St Peter's' or simply walked round the church perhaps with the company of the guide on mobile phones. Have they looked before at the Cowper window? Pondered at the many young lives lost in the two World Wars and the Boer war too? Looked at the graffiti? Compared old photographs of St Peter's? Looked for a grandfather in the group standing in front of the

Court House where the National School was before it moved to Prince Edward Street? They will see the Latin inscription to John Sayer, a resident of Berkhamsted Place, chief cook to Charles II who, having entertained Samuel Pepys to such a sumptuous breakfast, they were no longer fit for any work. They will see nearby the tomb of a medieval knight and his wife. Is it Henry of Berkhamsted or a member of the Torrington family? There is no doubt to whom the finely sculptured memorial is dedicated. You can count their numerous children, among them Horace Smith-Dorrien and Augustus Smith who are two children of the second wife of J James Smith, Mary Isabella nee Pechel indicating the lineage of the Smiths and the Smith-Dorriens with several well-known names. Small and higher up but equally distinctive you will see a small but distinctive memorial to two young boys. This is the memorial of the two Murray boys, who both died young. The Murray family lived at Berkhamsted Place and Anne Murray, their sister, is reputed to have helped the future James II escape to France.

What have we to look forward to in the coming year? We have one event already for which we have a firm date

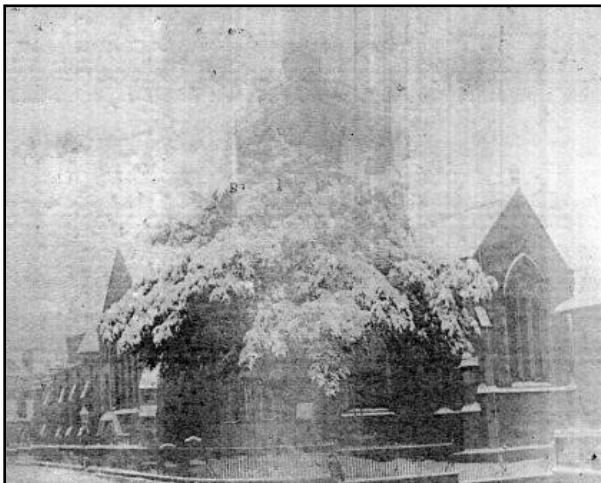
in the calendar and that is the coronation of King Charles III. Those of us who are old enough to remember that of his Mother and perhaps watched it on television will remember the ceremonially impressive event. I wonder how different it might be in May. Those of you who saw his Mother or even met her when she visited St. Peter's and Berkhamsted School will be recalling memories of that personal and much smaller occasion.

When the Friends of St Peter's was launched some years ago the late David Pearce was very keen that the membership should spread much further than just locally but include former residents of the parish not only in this country but overseas. I know that those seeking information about ancestors who are buried in Rectory Lane Cemetery come from USA,

Australia, Canada and elsewhere. The Parish of St Peter, Berkhamsted and the town is known far and wide. At a recent meeting by Zoom, one of our oldest longstanding expat members of the History Society who had left Berkhamsted in the 1960s to live in Australia, attended the meeting and asked whether the Yew Tree was still there. I hope following an old tradition the New Year will be welcomed in by those gathered by the Yew Tree, which has witnessed so many events. January may bring snow and ice and below freezing temperatures but we know that by March there will be the sign of colours on the ground and green buds on the trees, welcoming signs of spring.

I wish all readers a very Happy New Year and hope 2023 brings great joy and blessings to you all.

Jenny Sherwood



Yew Tree

Observations by Dennis Furnell (The Natureman)

Kites became extinct in England and Scotland in the late 1800's but were still hanging on in parts of Wales. However, in the 1980's and 1990's, the RSPB and Nature Conservancy Council set up a re-introduction programme in the Chilterns as the Welsh population was in serious decline.

The programme has been enormously successful and the offspring of the original birds have spread out and made themselves much more secure as a British breeding species.

As I write, a pair of red kites are performing a nuptial flight and showing off their mastery of the air over the wood opposite our house. The air is an element of which many of us have little knowledge... but I count myself fortunate in some years ago I had the pleasure of training as a private pilot, although my skills as an aviator are infinitesimal compared to red kites – indeed to any birds. I envy them their ability to float and gambol in the air which, we humans, can only dream of. Nevertheless, I did feel a sort of belonging when I was flying by myself.

We live in a part of the United Kingdom that is well populated with people, buildings and roads but, happily, we are able to enjoy, right on our doorstep, rolling wooded hills, green fields, rare and important natural

countryside and wildlife habitats. Many years ago, when I was newly married, my wife and I discovered Ashridge Forest with its deer and wonderful beech woodland. And we discovered too the birdlife at Tring reservoirs. Indeed, in the early 1970's I became one of the voluntary wardens at the reservoir, then under the umbrella of the Nature Conservancy Council one of the most dedicated conservation organisations ever to be emasculated by successive governments.

Tring Reservoirs was originally dug into the chalky soil to hold a vast supply of water to balance the Grand Union Canal. A function still in use today. It is a remarkable feat of Georgian engineering and includes a chain of canal locks known as "The Tring Steps" conveying the canal over the Chiltern buttress. Today, a couple of hundred years later, the reservoirs have become a site of special scientific interest (an SSSI). They are counted as one of the finest wetland sites in the country and are also well known to anglers for the huge common bream and a host of coarse fish and, in the 1970's, a trout lake was created at Tringford, the smallest of the reservoirs.

They are at their very productive for birdwatching in winter and spring.

When the nights are short and the weather is cold, wildfowl fly in from an even colder Europe and you might expect to see swans from the Arctic and rare and beautiful duck from Northern Europe, such as red-crested pochard, teal and widgeon, and geese, perhaps including pink-footed

goose (pink feet); a delight for bird-watchers. When I was there recently, I watched and photographed a lovely little group of red-crested pochard. We are so fortunate to live in such a wildlife rich area. Guard it or it will vanish under concrete brick and tarmac.



Picture: Red Crested Pochard

YOUR CLERGY



You occasionally hear grumbles that the secular celebration of Christmas has more or less parted company with

the festival's religious roots and meaning. When people complain to me about this secularisation I blush slightly, turn down my Mariah Carey Christmas album, and zip up my anorak to hide my Rudolph jumper (with glowing nose).

Undoubtedly, Christmas has been becoming increasingly commercialised across the years, and there is both good and bad in that. The pressure on people, especially parents, to spend money they really don't have on presents is bad. On the other hand, I'm rather glad that many of Berkhamsted's bars and restaurants are looking to make a significant part of their annual income over this time; money which will help them keep the doors open and keep staff in jobs for the rest of the year.

One of the ways in which the religious and secular celebrations of Christmas remain very much in step however, is that this is a season of light. A couple of weeks ago, thousands of people

filled the High Street and St Peter's church, for the annual Festival of Light. A big event in many cities, towns and villages each year, is the turning on of the Christmas lights. At home, we're digging out boxes of decorations from the cupboard under the stairs, and trying to untangle the Christmas lights to decorate the tree. Some of the most popular and best-loved services in parish churches around the country, are candlelit Carol services. It's a season of light.

And more than that, it's a season of light in the darkness. When the Christmas tree has been decorated, there's something so special about that moment when we switch the room lights off and see that tree shine. In this coldest, darkest time of year, our fascination with lights is a defiance of the darkness, and a symbol of hope.

Darkness takes many forms, and we're experiencing many of them at this time. The war in Ukraine has been a source of darkness to many, including many who have fled that country and are now living in this town. The rise in fuel prices is making this winter darker and colder than ever for a lot of people. And many of us, many of our neighbours and friends, will be living with their own

personal darknesses at this time, physical or mental illness, financial difficulties, bereavement.

At Christmas we light lights to defy the darkness. It's a good time to think of the ways in which we can seek to bring a bit of light to those around us who are struggling in the darkness. It's a good time to think about what light we can create. The wonderful thing about light is that no matter how small and fragile it might seem,

it transforms the darkness. Light a match in the darkest of nights, and it's that spark of light which people will notice.

At churches this Christmas, people will hear the great promise in St John's Gospel, 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.' Let's each make some light this Christmas; the darkness will not overcome it.



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News and Events

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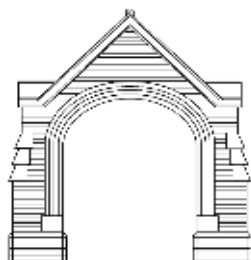
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Rectory Lane Cemetery



Rectory Lane Cemetery

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At the end of 2022, we celebrated the amazing volunteers that have made the Rectory Lane Cemetery the vibrant green community space it is today. We shared their contributions through a series of interviews on Facebook, which will also be added to our website. Volunteers explained what they gain from helping at the cemetery and why others should get involved.

As project manager Dr James Moir says, *'This is one of Berkhamsted's few open spaces and in which so much of its history resides; we must not let it slip back into neglect.'*

Some of our volunteers will soon be leaving the project and this means that we have some very exciting opportunities available in 2023. These posts will be ideal for individuals wishing to gain experience and confidence in events and outreach, or those who are exploring a career change or return to work. The cemetery team will be on hand to offer guidance and support.

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Wendy Thompson,
volunteer Bee Walker



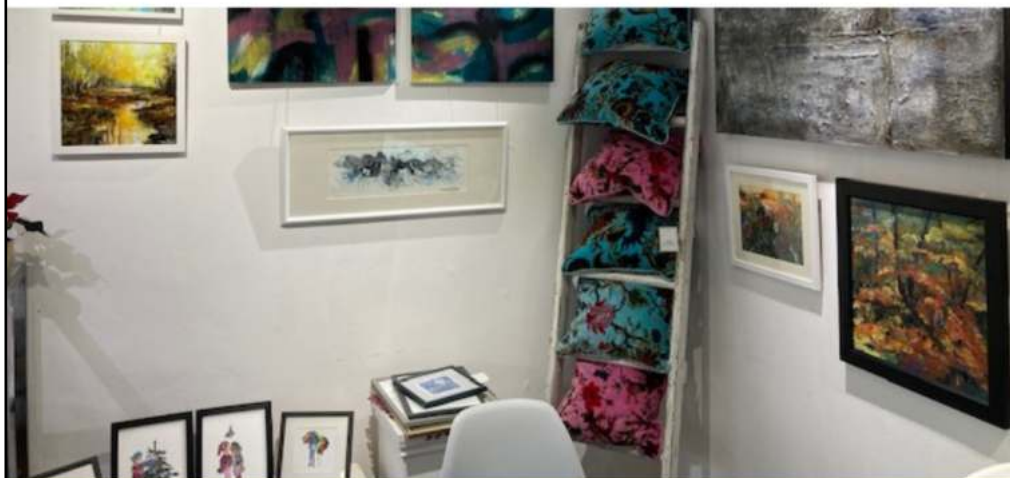
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Open Door 'Warm Space'

Open Door is a designated 'Warm Space' for the people of Berkhamsted

Open Door Community Space and Café is delighted to have been designated an official 'warm space' within Hertfordshire, which further extends and confirms their ambition to be a safe, welcoming, vibrant place for the people of Berkhamsted.

Due to increases in the cost of living, we are all facing unprecedented pressures, and heating our homes is more expensive than ever. A designated 'warm space' is somewhere people can use to stay warm this winter, and where you'll always get a warm welcome.

Open Door is open Monday - Friday 10:30 - 3:30, and Saturday 10:30 - 1pm, and during these times their café offers hot and cold drinks, cakes, a savoury dish such as soup, and a place to be. The café operates on a donations basis - so pay as much, or as little as you'd like, or are able. Read more about the café at www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/community-food. There is free wifi, and power sockets, and usually an exhibition of local art as well, as well as lots of activities around the building.

What's on at Open Door Jan – March 2023

- Café and Warm Space open Monday to Friday 10:30am - 3:30pm & Saturday 10:30am - 1pm serving drinks, cakes and soup
- Exhibition: Winter Wonderland open submissions exhibition - until Saturday 28th January
- Various pottery classes in our Open Door Community Pottery Shed – for all ages and abilities – wheel throwing and hand building – see www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/potteryshed
- Tuesdays 10am - 12noon - Community Fridge – everyone welcome to receive free food
- Wellbeing through food events - <https://www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/community-food.html>
- Monday evenings from 10th January for 4 weeks - Acrylics short course with Louise
- Mondays 5:30pm from January 16th for 8 weeks - Art after school club for 11-16 year olds
- Once a month on the 4th Tuesday - 10:30am - 12:30pm Eco-printing class with Sheila De Rosa
- Art for wellbeing - 13th & 20th February 10:30am - 12:30pm
- CAP Money Management course – dates TBC
- For full details of all activities, see www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/whats-on

WINTER wonderland

ART

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AT OPEN DOOR

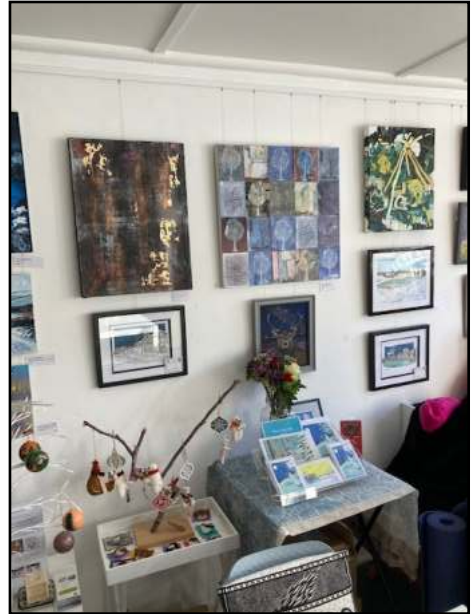
**5 December 2022
to 28 January 2023**

At Open Door, 360 High Street, Berkhamsted
Monday to Friday 10.30–3.30 & Saturday 10.30–1
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Featured artwork by Rachel Richards

Pictures from Open Door





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The 800th Year of Celebration Conclusion



After a whirlwind twelve months St Peter's has concluded its year of celebrations for its 800th anniversary.

The church's special birthday was commemorated with a range of events designed to appeal to all residents of Berkhamsted, young and old. Heritage lovers were treated to three talks in May on the history of the church, history of Berkhamsted and the future of the town as well as a tour of the church to see the medieval graffiti and explore the ancient heraldry in November. Everyone was invited into St Peter's to view an audio-visual display and exhibition about the church and town, kindly organised by Mary Casserley, James Moir and the Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society.

Young and old were invited to join in the fun with an 800th Festival family afternoon replete with miniature train across St Peter's lawns, a dog show and zip-wiring teddies coming off the tower in June whilst the church also hosted special events such as dancing reels with the Strathspay Reel Club and the chance to be

still and marvel at the hundreds of candles during the Festival of Light in November. One hundred and fifty members of the congregation also participated in an anniversary dinner in the historic surroundings of Deans' Hall at Berkhamsted School in October.

The church was filled with beautiful music on a number of occasions with a spectacular 800th celebratory concert by the Bridgewater Sinfonia in the summer, cello and violin recitals from Willard Carter and the talented Murray girls and a special evensong performed by our own St Peter's choir, who continue to provide such wonderful singing each and every Sunday, year in year out.

For creative types, we made an impressive model of St Peter's out of clay led by the Berkhamsted Arts Society, held a photo competition and heard tales of a rich sea life from Old Berkhamstedian and round the world yachtsman Robin Knox Johnston organised by the Friends of St Peter's. Members of the congregation also participated in a retreat day during the summer, pilgrimage walk to Little Gaddesden church, Bike 'n Hike event and a choice of two walks following the old 'Beating the Bounds' course of the parish from Haresfoot in the south to Ashridge in the north.

In October St Peter's also hosted an historic inter-faith service uniting Jews from the South Bucks Jewish Community (SBJC) and Christians from St Peter's church, held to foster closer community links between the different faiths. We also enjoyed visits from Bishop Alan in October and preaching from past clergy including the Very Revd Mark Bonney (1996-2004) and Revd Tim Pilkington (2014-2020) although it was a little bit far for Father Michael Bowie (2005-2013), who now lives in Australia, to travel! And, with both great joy, celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a tea in June and then, with great sadness, her passing in September; many people came to the church to sign a book of condolence, light a candle or say a prayer during this time of national mourning.

Of course, as with all past 800 years, the daily life of church continued throughout the year with daily church services, baptisms, weddings and funerals, bell ringing, care of the building's structure and pastoral support for the ill, bereaved and lonely. The life of the church continues even when the doors are closed for the evening.

2022 was about celebrating and inviting the community to enjoy feeling a part of the church's 800th anniversary. As a very welcome bonus over £12,000 has been raised to support

the building although some will be given to local charities – The Bishop's Harvest Appeal to change the lives of people in Mozambique and also the Mayor of Dacorum's chosen charity, The Dacorum Community Trust.

As we look to the future and the next 100, 200 and 800 years, the church will require continued nurturing and financial support. The roof needs repairing at significant cost and it will require a community's strength to make this happen, particularly at a time of huge pressures on household and business finances.

We are privileged to have lived at this historic time and need to care for the building for future generations as it provides a link to the past, alongside a link to a relationship with God and, for many, a place of reflection and quiet along Berkhamsted's busy high street.

The good news is that the celebrations haven't quite finished as, like all great occasions, there will be a film and book released within the next few months allowing us to relive the highlights of a successful 800th year!

To find out more about regular events and activities at St Peter's in 2023 visit www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk

Pru Murray

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Dr Christopher Green tells us about the history of St Peter's



Pilgrimage walk following the ancient tradition of Beating the Bounds.



800th Festival



Father Stuart Owen and Rabbi Neil Janes of the South Bucks Jewish Community



Welcome back to Father
Tim Pilkington



Light up for 800 years at The
Festival of Light



Members of the congregation
with Bishop Alan

Photography Competition

As part of our 800th anniversary celebrations this year, St Peter's ran a photography competition. Entrants submitted photos on the themes of 'Berkhamsted' and 'Celebration'. There were three categories of entry; Primary School, Secondary School, and Open. We were delighted that Peter Cox, President of Tring and District Camera Club, agreed to judge the entries.

The prize-giving was held on Sunday 6th November, and the winners in each category each received a prize of £100, generously sponsored by EIC Insurance.

The winners in each category were:

Primary School - Anna Sharf

Secondary School - Bradley Bownes

Open - John Seymour

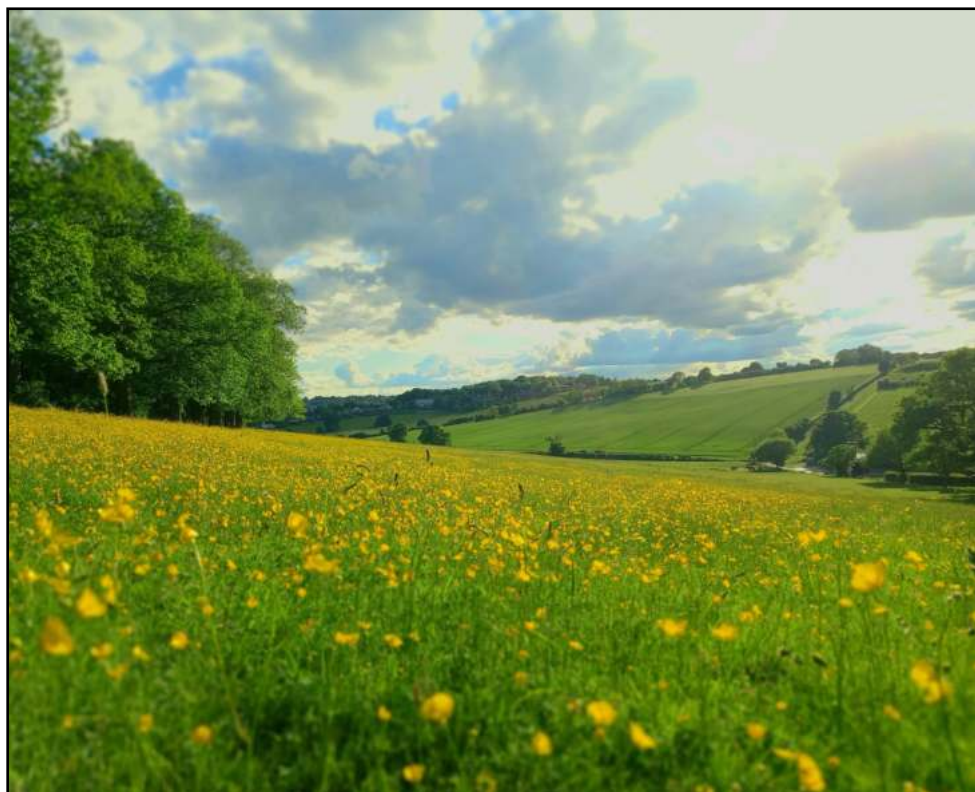
We'd really like to run another photography competition next year, and if you'd be interested in sponsoring the prize-money, please do contact Fr Stuart (fr.stuart@gmail.com)

Tring and District Camera Club: <https://www.tdcc.club/>

EIC Insurance Services: <https://www.eicinsurance.co.uk/>



‘Celebration’ winner - Primary School -
Anna Sharf



'Berkhamsted' winner - Secondary
School - Bradley Bownes

Very sad to see the closure of The Lamb and the Copper House.

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Saturday 11am - 11pm

<https://www.grape-expectations.co.uk/>



‘Berkhamsted’ winner - Open Category -
John Seymour

New features at Ashridge house. Please look at the website for what Ashridge has to offer, including hotel, restaurant, bakers, florist and wine bar as well as the many events throughout the year.

<https://www.ashridgehouse.org.uk/food-wellbeing>

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