

A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

A Funeral, a wedding, a baptism and a Confirmation

It has been a week of what the church calls 'Occasional Services', called this not because they happen occasionally but because they are each an Occasion!

It started on a Wednesday with our Confirmation service at St Mary's, where 30 adults and young people from five different churches were Confirmed by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Andrew Proud. This was simply a splendid occasion: a beautiful service that was at times deeply moving. My humble thanks to all who helped make the service happen, and my warmest congratulations to all the candidates.

Then, on Thursday, our thoughts turned to Lilian Venables, whose family remembered a long and well lived life, and they celebrated it as they bid her farewell. A lady with a beautiful character, much missed by family and friends, but now at rest with Christ.

On Saturday, another family and friends gathered to cheer Katy and Michael, the new Mr and Mrs Horton, as they began their married life together. The service was at our lovely St Martin's church, and it was a day of sunshine and showers, tears and happiness, with a Mother-of-the-Bride in a fabulous hat.

Finally, as Sunday arrived, we celebrated with another family as we welcomed little Ptolemy Hyslop into the Lord's family. He was baptised at St Martin's, surrounded by family and friends, and with the St Martin's congregation cheering him on. A new life with a whole future ahead of him.

Four very special occasions, within five days, and it is a real privilege to be a part of them all.

It is times like these, occasions of significance, when many people still turn to the church. The liturgy, music and symbols can help express deep emotions and bring meaning and colour to life's big events. This is nothing new: for millennia people have marked life's milestones with ceremony, and in the Winkfield and Cranbourne churches we do our best to make weddings, baptisms and funerals days of significance – a time to come before God, with family and friends, to give thanks and ask for his blessing on our lives.

Jesus knew about the moments in life that have to be marked as special. He was presented at the temple after he was born (Luke 2:22), he was a guest at a wedding in Cana (John 2:1), he celebrated when people made a decision to believe (Matthew 16:17), and he wept when they died (John 11:35). So, if you find you have an occasion to celebrate this year, perhaps a life lived well, a birth, a commitment, or a marriage, know that, through faith, God will be with you as you laugh, cry and gather moments to remember.

Catherine Blundell

A note from the Editors

We are always happy to tell our readers about your occasion, to help enhance your celebration with all of us – before or after the event!

Or tell us about a special celebration in the distant past that you really remember – one that really changed your way of life or your thoughts.

We particularly think of the celebration intrinsic in memorial services – and how often have you celebrated in these services by aspects in a person's life that you had never known about, even in a long friendship – even for a father or mother, uncle or aunt?

We were once requested to attend the memorial service of Sir Nigel Broackes, a ground-breaking business man. His well-known business successes, at death, were as nothing compared with the great love that he had given to family and friends - and had been given in return, and this part of his life was well celebrated in one of the addresses.

The great churchman Dr Cyril Alington was at one time Headmaster of Eton College. Asked by a pupil's parent for what he educated the boys, he responded: "For Death, madam – for Death!" Perhaps shocking today, there is truth in what he said. We think Sir Nigel, with the help of that love, might well have passed life's examination – a future challenge for us all!

From the Registers

Baptisms

Welcome to the following children, baptised into God's church recently:

13 th April	Grace Hynes	27 th April	Eveline Holdsworth
13 th April	Elliott Wooldridge	27 th April	Harriet Woolls

Marriages

Congratulations to the following couples, married recently:

11th April

Jennifer Edmunds & Daniel Edwards

26th April

Emily Shorey & Charles Cooper

Bits and Pieces

Church Office opening hours (Friday closed):

Mondays: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Thursdays: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Tuesdays: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Fridays: closed

Wednesdays: 9:30am to 3:30pm

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If you are arranging an event please contact Alison Burt in the Church Office so that it can be noted in the Church diary and mentioned on the website. Alison will endeavour to keep track of activities and timings etc. View event details on the website above.

Morning office (daily prayers) – Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesdays: 9:15am, usually Mary Knight, will be at St Martin's

Fridays: 9:30am, usually Catherine Blundell, will be at St. Peter's

Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries

Collation dates for the Parish Magazine

The next dates for the collation are:

27th June (July-August edition)

5th September (September edition)

Collators and deliverers of the magazine, please note!

The deadline for articles and text for this part of the Parish Mag is always the 10th of each month preceding publication, except for the September edition, which is extended to 20/9/14.

Organ Recital by Jonathan Holl at St Peter's Church

Our distinguished organ recitalist Jonathan Holl will be giving a recital on the 5-year old Peter Collins organ in St Peter's Church, on Saturday

28th June at 7:30pm. Lasting about one hour, Jonathan's programme will be variable in style with music from the 17th to the 20th centuries, by French, German, Italian, and, of course, English composers.

Come and be amazed at the versatility of this remarkable instrument – and of recitalist Jonathan Holl!

Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection, with the proceeds shared between the Royal College of Organists and St Peter's Church. See page 17 to learn more about the College and its history.

Chavey Down Association - Senior Citizens summer outing 26th June

Our coach leaves Scott's Mews Priory Road at 9am and returns at approximately 8pm. Destination: Eastbourne. To book seats, or for more information, please ring Tina Chapman on 883815.

Prices are still the same as last year;

C.D.A. Senior
members: Free

Bingo members:
£7.00

Non members:
£14.00

Mayday Fair - Wendy French

Janey Bethune-Williams wrote to us:

'Please put in a thank you to Wendy French for all her hard work in organizing the May Day fair.

'We are only a small committee of five but without her it would not happen as she puts in hours and hours of her time and energy, so a huge thank you goes out to Wendy from all of us, we do appreciate what she does so much which made it such a successful day.'

See also the Mayday Fair report by the committee on page 17. And, on behalf of our community, we also would like to thank Wendy and all her helpers for their work in organising and running the Fair: it was an excellent occasion, with fine weather, many happy children and other people, and the pleasure, for many of us, of seeing again parish folk whom we may not have seen since last year!

Eds.

Chavey Down WI

Our June meeting will take place on Monday 16th in St Martin's Church Hall at 7:45pm. Our speaker will be Alison Philips, who will talk and

give a demonstration on 'flowers for the home'. She is a trained florist with many years experience.

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the May Day fair.

Our next fund raising event will be our stall at Ascot Horticultural Show at Licensed Victuallers' School on Saturday 2nd August (see below).

Visitors are always more than welcome to come along and join us.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

Ascot Horticultural Society

Peter Cleare writes: 'As I mentioned in my last contribution to these pages, this year we can look back 130 years to the earliest known record of a 'horticultural association' in the Ascot area. Meanwhile, on the national level, it is now 50 years since the launch of "Britain in Bloom" – a movement which has clearly done much to brighten cities, towns and villages throughout the country, and to enhance civic pride. To mark this anniversary, the Royal Horticultural Society, which now manages the campaign, has invited its affiliated groups to adorn their local public spaces with masses of glorious sunflowers in a concerted endeavour appropriately entitled "Growing for Gold". Ascot Horticultural Society will be playing its part. Last month seeds were sown in individual pots, some by members, and others by children present at the Winkfield May Fair. When sufficiently developed, the seedlings will be planted out alongside the recreation grounds at Winkfield Row and Cranbourne. In due course they should afford a host of bright yellow bee-friendly flowers.

'Of course, 2014 also sees the centenary of another and altogether more life-changing event, that of the start of the First World War. This has prompted us to ask: "What was life like in the farming, horticultural and food preparation industries a hundred years ago?"

'So, on 11th June, to address these questions, we are most privileged to welcome Jonathan Brown, who was formerly on the staff, and is now an honorary fellow of the Museum of English Rural Life at Reading. As a complement to the topic, members and visitors are invited to delve into their own family archives and attempt to prepare some "tasty treats from grandmother's cookbook".

'On 9th July, Brian Fisher, a frequent visitor whose own connections with our society go back to the early 1960s, makes a welcome return. This time he will be talking about "Grasses and Grass-effects Plants" - a

large ornamental group which divides opinion amongst gardeners, but which has undoubtedly gained popularity in recent years.

'On 13th August, we focus on "Roses" - indispensable features of the quintessential English garden - and who better to give information and advice on cultivation etc. than Mark Goold, the head rose grower at The Henry Street Nursery at Arborfield?

'The annual Summer Show is pinnacle of the year for the Ascot Horticultural Society. This year it will take place on Saturday 2nd August, and, yet again, in the spacious and excellent surroundings of the Licensed Victuallers' School, London Road, Ascot. Doors open at 1pm. Besides horticulture, the show, as usual, includes classes for floral art, cookery, handicrafts and photography, and anyone, members and non-members of all ages, may submit entries. Full details can be found on the society web-site or by calling the Show Secretary on 01344 884637. In addition to the show benches many local organisations and traders will be present displaying their wares, interests and activities and there will be attractions and entertainment for children. In short, plenty for all the family so why not make it a date and come along.

'Regular society meetings take place each month on the second Wednesday in King Edward's Hall, North Ascot (unless stated), starting at 7:45pm. All are most welcome. Admission - members £1.00 and visitors £2.50. More information can be found on the web-site www.ascorthorticulturalsociety.org.uk.

'Alternatively, call Peter Cleare on 622086'

Magazine Ads Section - Volunteer Support Required

We are looking for a second Volunteer to support the Advertising aspect of this magazine. The main activities are to support:

- ❖ Telephone-sales for new Ads, throughout the year when required;
- ❖ Sending out annual invoices / reminders / payment chase-ups in December through to March;
- ❖ Type-setting new Ad. artwork, mainly between January and April;
- ❖ Arranging annual renewals in between November and February;
- ❖ Annually auditing the magazine section in February for March.

This is a very rewarding role for the Parish, and most work is achieved between November and April, with a little throughout the year. Full training is given.

St Mary's: Music for Christmas – 6th December 2014

Plans are well under way for yet another wonderful evening of Christmas entertainment, including adult and junior choirs, readings, Christmas music, and some extraordinarily talented young instrumentalists, among other excellent musicians...

Please reserve the date 6/12/14 – and plan to attend the concert. And particularly note it if you would like your child (or children) to sing in the Junior Choir (mostly Y4-Y7; older/younger by arrangement), or if you wish to take part yourself by joining us to sing with the St Mary's Choir and Friends.



The poster is enclosed in a black rectangular border. At the top left, there is a small illustration of a person on a hang glider. At the top right, there is a small illustration of a bird in flight. The text is centered and reads: 'COME AND JOIN US AT WINKFIELD ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR OUR SIZZLING CARNIVAL SUMMER FAIR'. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY 28TH JUNE, 1-4 PM' and 'EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!'. Further down, there are three lines of text: 'WORLD CUP FOOTBALL GAMES, PLUS LOTS MORE ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND STALLS', 'FABULOUS PRIZES TO BE WON IN OUR GRAND DRAW, TOMBOLAS AND SILENT AUCTION', and 'SIZZLING BBQ, PIMMS, TEA, CAKES AND LOADS MORE REFRESHMENTS'. On the right side, there is a large silhouette of the Christ the Redeemer statue standing on a hill. At the bottom center, there is a large soccer ball.

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SERVICES ACROSS THE PARISH

St Mary's – June services

Jun	Day	Time	Form of service	by
1	7th Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Messy Church	Clergy
		11am	Holy communion	Clergy
		12:45pm	Baptism	Clergy
		1:30pm	Baptism	Clergy
		2:15pm	Baptism	Clergy
8	Pentecost	8am	Holy communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Holy communion	Clergy
15	Trinity Sunday	9:30am	Family Praise	Clergy
		11am	Holy communion	Clergy
22	1st Sunday after Trinity	8:00am	Holy communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Morning Prayer	Lay
26	Holy Matrimony	12noon	Wedding	Clergy
27	Holy Matrimony	1:30pm	Wedding	Clergy
29	2nd Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Morning Prayer	Lay

St Martin's, Chavey Down – June services

Jun	Day	Time	Form of service	by
1	7th Sun. of Easter	9:30am	Family/All age	Lay
8	Pentecost	9:30am	Holy communion	Clergy
15	Trinity Sunday	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Lay
22	1st Sun. after Trinity	9:30am	Holy communion	Clergy
29	2nd Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Morning Prayer	Lay

St Peter's Cranbourne – June services

Jun	Day	Time	Form of service	by
1	7th Sunday of Easter	8am	Holy communion	Clergy
		11am	All Together Service	Lay

Jun	Day	Time	Form of service	by
8	Pentecost	11am	Holy communion including Baptism	Clergy
		12:45pm	Baptism	Clergy
		1:30pm	Baptism	Clergy
		2:15pm	Baptism	Clergy
15	Trinity Sunday	8am	Holy communion	Clergy
		11am	Morning Prayer	Lay
22	1st Sun. after Trinity	11am	Holy communion	Clergy
29	2nd Sunday after Trinity - Paternal	11am	Morning Prayer	Lay

Note on Service Leaders: Where 'clergy' is shown – this will usually be the Vicar. Where 'lay minister' is shown, this includes: Stuart Ager, David Blundell, Paula Darrall, Mary Knight, Jacki Thomas, and Mike Thomas.

Winkfield Row Methodist Church - June

How to find the Winkfield Row Methodist Church:

We are located in Winkfield Row opposite Lambrook School: Winkfield Row, Bracknell RG42 6NE.

Telephone: 01344 411417

Morning worship 10:30am (unless stated). **All are welcome!**

1st June – Holy Communion Rev'd Jackie Case

8th June – Roy Smith

15th June – Rosi MorganBarry

22th June – Revd Bryan Coates

29th June – David Morgan



Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

St Mary's

Dates	Flowers
June 6 and 13	Mrs Jolly and Mrs Potter
June 20 and 27	Mrs Cameron and Mrs Hodgson

St Martin's

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
June 1	Mrs Bunker/Mrs Smith	Mrs Paramor
June 8	Mrs Bunker/Mrs Smith	Mrs Paramor
June 15	Mrs Fanning /Mrs Logan	Mrs Jenkins
June 29	Mrs Atkinson	Mrs Dickinson

The **Friends of St. Martin's** are looking for a reserve cleaner for St. Martin's. This will not be a regular commitment, but having someone to stand in when a cleaner is either ill or away would be such a help! Please contact Ruth Timbrell. 882068

What's on in June

Regular events

Day	Event
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Ascot Bridge Club – Chavey Down, Ascot. For more information please call David Calcutt on 886412, or visit the web site www.ascotbridge.org.uk
	Ballet With Victoria Lyons at St Peters Hall. For more information call 638538.
	Ascot Yoga 7:45-9pm at Carnation hall. Visit www.ascotzumba.co.uk for more info or contact Flo Young on 07711077038 e/m Flo@ascotzumba.co.uk
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Fun Adult Jive Classes at King Edwards Hall, SL5 8PD. Debra on 07748 391776 or email john@jive-cats.co.uk
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls at Carnation Hall at 7pm. For more information please ring 882916 or 884553.
Wednesdays	Zumba gold class at St Peter's church hall 7pm to 8pm
	The NOMADS Table Tennis Club at Carnation Hall, For more information contact Mike on 773939.
	Pilates classes at Carnation Hall Contact Rebecca on 0774 860 3145, e-mail pilatesascot@btinternet.com or visit www.pilatesascot.co.uk .

Day	Event
Thursdays (not 5 th Thursday of the month)	Indoor carpet bowling (no skill required) 2pm to 3:30pm at St Peter's church
Thursdays	The Carnation Badminton Club plays on Thursdays at Carnation Hall, 8-10pm, at Carnation Hall. New members welcome.
Thursdays	Ballroom and Latin American dance classes, at the British Legion Hall in Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne, Pay as you go. To find out more, call 621353 or e-mail dancejanet@hotmail.com

Other events

Day	Jun	Event	Time/place
Sun	1	Baptism – Clayton family	12:45pm at St Mary's church
		Baptism – Austin family	1:30pm at St Mary's church
		Baptism – Clayton family	2:15pm at St Mary's church
Tue	3	St Mary's Women's Guild: speaker: Margaret-Anne Hodson - Riding for the Disabled Association	2:30pm at St Martin's Church See page 13
Wed	4	Cranbourne Standing Committee	8pm at St Peter's Church
Thu	5	Winkfield Standing Committee	8pm at St Martin's Church Hall
Sat	7	Baptism preparation session	9:30am at St Mary's church
		Chavey Down Association Memory garden clear up	
Sun	8	Baptism – Edmunds family	11am at St Peter's church
		Baptism – Sylvester family	12:45pm at St Peter's church
		Baptism – Wallace family	2:15pm at St Peter's church

Day	Jun	Event	Time/place
Tues	10	Winkfield PCC Meeting	8pm at St Martin's Church Hall
Wed	11	Ascot Horticultural Society Jonathan Brown on "100 years ago"	7:45pm King Edward's Hall, North Ascot. See page 5
		Cranbourne PCC Meeting	8pm at St Peter's Church
Mon	16	Chavey Down WI: speaker: Alison Philips	7:45pm in St Martin's Church Hall. See page Chavey Down WI4.
Thur	19	Vicar's tea Party	2pm-3:30pm at St Peter's church
Thur	26	Chavey Down Association Senior Citizens summer outing	The coach leaves Scott's Mews, Priory Road at 9am. See page 4 for details.
		Holy Matrimony – Adler & Toporkiewicz-Gill	1pm at St Mary's church

NB. All content in these lists may be subject to change without notice.

More Events, Notices and Dates!

Relay for Life Ascot

Registration is in full swing for this year's Relay for Life Ascot, which takes place at The Silver Ring, Ascot Race Course, from 12 noon on Saturday July 19th until Sunday July 20th.

Teams of between 8 and 15 people take turns to walk in relay for 24 hours, to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. This event is open to everyone regardless of age or level of fitness. People describe taking part as a life-changing experience. Anyone who has had or is living with cancer is very welcome to join us for the Opening Lap and survivors' buffet celebration.

If you cannot make a team, then please visit us on the Saturday to enjoy the entertainment, visit the stalls and gain cancer health awareness. To remember a loved one, you can dedicate and donate a Candle of Hope that we will light around the track, in a moving ceremony at 10pm on the Saturday, which you are invited to attend.

For more details, or to make a donation to Cancer Research UK, contact organiser Rose Dalton 01344883564 or rosedaltont@btinternet.com. Register a team online via Website: www.relayforlifeascot.co.uk.

Winkfield Football Club 1894-2014

Winkfield Football Club was first formed 120 years ago this year. To celebrate this remarkable event, we are holding a reunion on 27th September 2014, at the Winkfield Club in Winkfield Row.

If you played for any of the following teams in the past:

Winkfield F.C.

Winkfield Youth F.C.

White Horse(Winkfield) F.C.

Winkfield and Manor F.C.

Winkfield Sport F.C.

Winkfield Cavaliers F.C.

Winkfield Saracens F.C.

please get in touch with Doug for further details. He writes:

'Also if anyone has any memorabilia, photos, awards, etc. relating to Winkfield F.C., I would like to use them in a display. I would also like a pair of 1950s type football boots (the ones with hammer-in studs): if you have a pair in your loft or shed, would you be willing to sell or lend them to me, please? Please contact Doug Chapman on 883815'

News from around the Parish

War Memorial Chavey Down

Sadly, we have lost our Lottery funding, so we shall have to 'go it alone'. The Chavey Down Association has agreed to kick start this fund with a donation of £100, and several residents have promised to help.

If you have a Parish Magazine free of charge, and would be willing to contribute £1 per person, this would bring in £1,800 and would enable us to request quotes and get things moving. This is so important, as Chavey Down has no memorial, having fallen between 3 stools regarding memorials: i.e. Winkfield, Ascot and Bracknell.

We do need a memorial of our own!

Ruth Timbrell. 882068

St. Mary's Choir

On Wednesday May 7th, the choir was delighted to be able to sing at the Confirmation Service, in the presence of the Right Reverend Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading. We sang the Anthem "Come Down

O Love Divine” by W. H. Harris, which is so appropriate for Confirmation and the season of Easter. It was a joyous occasion, with a number of candidates from our own Parish.

The wedding season is with us again and it is good to know that we have so many at St. Mary’s in the coming months. The choir, supported by additional “Friends of the Choir”, have already sung at three and we hope to increase the pleasure of future brides and grooms this year by making beautiful music at their weddings. Besides supporting guests during the hymns, we are able to sing anthems, such as “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by J. S. Bach, while the Register is signed. Many wedding parties have said that music (organ and choral) adds an extra pleasurable dimension to the celebration of a marriage.

At the risk of “singing our own praises” – please forgive the pun! – we should say that we have also had a lot of very favourable comment from regular parishioners and occasional visitors on the quality of our music-making. This is especially gratifying for a fairly small group of singers of mixed ability, some of whom are not quite as young as they used to be, but who are all still keen to give of their absolute best. Our continued thanks to organists Maurice, Jonathan and Anthony, and to the many “Friends” who join us as often as they can.

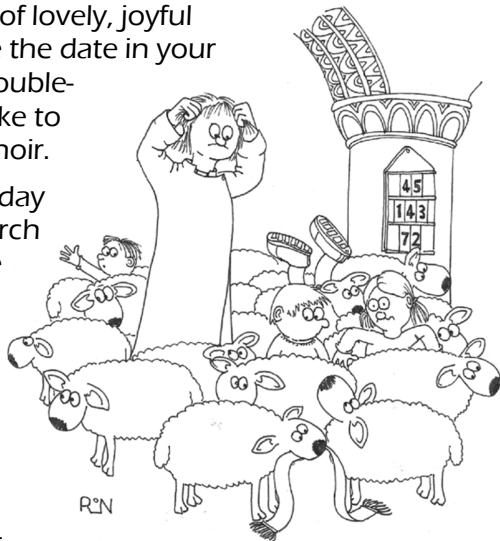
Finally, it is not too soon to mention that St. Mary’s: Music for Christmas will be back again, with an evening of lovely, joyful music on December 6th 2014. Write the date in your diaries now, so that you don’t get double-booked – particularly if you would like to join as a Friend with the St Mary’s Choir.

Choir practice continues each Thursday evening at 7:30pm at St. Mary’s Church and we warm up at 10:20am before the 11am Sunday service. Come and join us and let us make more music to the Glory of God.

Marian Stevens 882918

Hand bell Ringers

A fairly quiet time for the hand bell ringers at the moment, as we organise and test some lovely new pieces of music to add variety to our repertoire.



Pam's sermon illustrations had a way of going pear-shaped

Due to long standing commitments by some of our group we are, unfortunately, going to have to drop out of the Christmas music concert for the second year (thank you for asking us, Anthony).

Hopefully some of you will have been to the Harlequin Theatre to see the South East Region Bell Orchestra production in May, and enjoyed it as much as we do ringing in it.

As always we would welcome new ringers, any Wednesday evening in church from 7:30-9pm.

Jill Glennerster 884071

St Mary's Women's Guild

The Guild met on Tuesday 6 May and all agreed that the Easter flower arrangements were excellent and Mrs Potter and the flower arrangers were thanked. Mrs Potter then discussed the arrangements for the Plant Sale on 17 May. She has 300 + plants for sale. Mrs Potter reminded Guild ladies that prizes would be required for the raffle and 5 members responded positively. Mrs. Doughty showed a sample of an herb information chart that she had laminated and will sell on the day.

The remainder of the business was done quickly and the meeting moved forward to listen to Mrs Margaret Blackburn talk about "life" with the Red Cross. She began her talk with a description of the history of the association, founded by Henry Dunant whose birthday it was on 8 May, and then spoke very eloquently about her many and varied experiences as President of the Berkshire Branch. It was an excellent presentation and members were very appreciative. Mrs Blackburn took questions at the end of her talk.

Speakers were confirmed for the following meetings.

3 June	Margaret-Anne Hodson - Riding for the Disabled
1 July	Father Paul McLaren-Cook - Ascot Priory (at the Priory)
5 August	Judith Usher - Visit to Burma.
4 November	Jean Brown - Work as a Steward at St George's Chapel Windsor

All meetings begin at 2:30pm and new members are always welcome.

Lesley Philpot

PS. Doreen Potter's plant sale on 17/5/14 raised almost £800 for the Organ Fund – thank you so much for a very successful enterprise! Eds.

Mayday Fair

As we go to press we still don't have the final figure being donated to Zakk's First Steps, so there will be a more detailed piece in next month's magazine about the fair, including an update on Zakk. In the meantime we would like to thank all the stallholders for their donations, Cranbourne School P.T.A. for taking on the refreshments, Gill Harbut and the Winkfield St Mary's children for the wonderful maypole dancing, Terry French our announcer, Garath McCleary and Chris Gunter who opened the fair and spent time signing football boots and footballs and everyone who helped in the run up to the fair and on the day, especially Melanie Woods, Pauline Tonkinson, Clare Jenkins, Helen Rogers, Nikki Butcher, Adrian Hoare, Jo Woodage and also the Winkfield Rainbows and Brownies who took donations for us on the Pet Corner. Our thanks to the Parish Council for the use of Carnation Hall and grounds. Plus thank you to our lovely community who come out in droves each year to support the Fair.

Winkfield Row May Day Fair Committee – Wendy French, Janey Bethune-Williams, Angela Michie and Lynne & Lynn Jenkins.

Thoughts of all sorts

June 21st - the Summer Solstice and the longest day

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, when the sun "stand still". As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates the Summer Solstice in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates it in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here is a Christian alternative that honours the Creator rather than the created:

A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,
Especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.
He is lovely and radiant and grand;
And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

St Francis of Assisi

The Royal College of Organists

The Royal College of Organists was founded in 1864 by Richard Limpus, Organist of St Michael's Church, Cornhill in the city of London. It was granted a Royal Charter in 1893.

Over the following decades the College concentrated on the work of raising standards in the profession by developing and administering the College examinations, as well as steadily building the Library collection.

These activities were augmented in the 1980s with a new education and outreach strand, work which has since grown into what is known today as the RCO Academy programme. Together, RCO Academy, the College examinations, the Library and other activities help to ensure that the College continues to maintain the mission established by the founders all those years ago.

The 150th anniversary of the College, which has worldwide membership, falls this year and to celebrate this milestone, recitals are being given around the country and overseas. I will be giving one of these anniversary recitals at St Peter's Cranbourne on Saturday 28th June at 7:30pm. More about the recital can be found on page 3.

Jonathan Holl

Stepping Stones DS

Stepping Stones DS is the local group supporting children with Down syndrome and their families. The group, which is run entirely by parents volunteers, supports over 100 children ranging in age from new-borns to 16.

Stepping Stones DS provides a wide range of services including a monthly coffee morning allowing families to come together, communication groups to support speech development, physical activity classes, training for parents and professional and outreach support into school. All money required to run the group comes from fund-raising so we are especially grateful to the Spotlights Musical Theatre Group for having chosen to support us.

St James the Least

Another letter from the Vicar of a traditional country parish to his nephew Darren, a curate at a trendy urban church: on parish accounts, teapots and Labrador retrievers. (Thanks, Joan Doughty!)

My dear Nephew Darren,

Your annual accounts - all 146 pages, bound in their plastic covers and laid out in faultless detail - are really most impressive. I was rather envious to note you have a clergy "discretionary fund"; were I given such a thing, my cellar of claret would improve immeasurably - although that is perhaps the reason why I am not given one.

The size of your office expenses makes me wonder if you have a staff rivalling that of the European Community. I suppose that at least you are doing your bit for job creation. Our dear Miss Marigold, who spends two hours a week randomly filing pieces of paper, mistyping rotas and failing to re-order stationery, is 'only' rewarded by being the first to find out who are booking marriages and having their babies baptised - and if they do not happen in that order, that will be another piece of information remembered for future use. All this is information beyond the price of jewels in village communities.

Our accounts have more by way of charm than they do of accuracy, generally consisting of one sheet of handwritten paper. There are only ever three copies for circulation, as that is the limit of Colonel Denster's carbon paper. It seems to be an unalterable tradition that they never balance, until we find the following year that the missing £20 was found months later under the teapot on the mantelpiece. One footnote to this was the occasion when the Colonel suspected an unaccountable £5 had been eaten by his Labrador.

Our greatest expenses by far are categorised as 'miscellaneous', which is a catch-all for everything that our treasurer is unable to recall where it really went. The thousands paid on church maintenance and diocesan fees are nodded through without comment - but if the money spent on Easter lilies or packets of tea for the Summer Fete increases by anything more than 50 pence, there will be much agonised debate and speculation about whether this is an indication of money laundering.

I see that your accounts were professionally audited. Fortunately, it does not matter too much about the accuracy of our own, as I have an arrangement with our auditor who lives in the village: if he refuses to sign them off, then I refuse to baptise his grandchildren.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace.

Children's Corner



St ALBAN

St Alban, whose special day is 22nd June, was the first English martyr, the first English person to be killed for the Christian faith.

He lived in Verulamium, which was an important Roman settlement in Hertfordshire. At the time the Romans were persecuting followers of Jesus and Alban was brave enough to shelter a travelling Christian priest. Exchanging clothes with the priest so that he could escape, Alban was arrested.

When asked to prove his loyalty to Rome and the Emperor by making



offerings to the Roman gods, Alban declared his faith in 'the true and living God who created all things'. He was condemned to death and had his head cut off.

All this happened a long time ago but St Alban is remembered today in the name of the place where he lived and died: Verulamium was renamed the city of St Albans.

THE FIRST

All the answers to this Bible quiz are the first: either the first thing in a list or the first person to do or be something.

1. The first man (Genesis, chapter 2).
2. The city where Jesus' followers were first called Christians (Acts, chapter 11).
3. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark (Genesis, chapter 8).
4. The first woman (Genesis, chapter 3).
5. The first person to see Jesus on the first Easter Sunday (John, chapter 20).
6. What happened on the first day of creation (Genesis, chapter 1).
7. Israel's first king (I Samuel, chapter 10)
8. The first of the four Gospels (New Testament)

What is a forum ? Two-um plus two-um !



Why didn't the two 4s feel like dinner?

Because they already 8.

Answers: 1.Adam 2. Antioch
3.Raven 4.Eve 5.Mary Magdalene
6.God made light and dark 7.Saul
8.Matthew

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