

# The Centenary of Ian Fleming's Birth Peppard Revels - June 2008

Autumn 2008

In the end it was an obvious theme for the 2008 Revels which had been two years in the planning. The Flemings are, after all, a local family and Ian himself had spent time as a youngster with his grandparents at Joyce Grove at Nettlebed. And what a coincidence that a new James Bond film came out in 2007 and another will come out later this year. We complemented this with our own James Bond film shows in the village hall throughout 2007 which helped boost publicity and raise money for the main event.



Lucy Fleming with Peter Picton, the owner of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Luckily there are always people in the village who are prepared to help and this year we had four new members on the committee replacing others who had had enough! The Revels are so popular that six weeks before the event we had sold out of dinner tickets. We increased the size to 480 – the maximum we can have under the licensing regulations, but even then it wasn't enough. Apologies to those of you who couldn't get in.

On the day, the proceedings were opened by Lucy Fleming (Ian's niece) who arrived looking magnificent in the car from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (also written by Ian Fleming). Luckily, in the light rain, some of the events could be moved inside the marquee: the Scalextric track was especially popular with young and old alike, some of whom had to be forcibly removed! In the afternoon the Drum Club, followed by Peppard Primary School per-

formed various songs from the *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* film and others with great panache.

And so to the evening: the band – Flipside Jack – was certainly up to what Peppard folk have come to expect and the fireworks, too, were magnificent. MultiMedia Plus provided everyone with a short audio visual presentation of Ian Fleming's life and films. In addition we had the Scalextric and other games in the enlarged bar tent which was situated in the middle of the marquee. The Sunday morning service arranged by the Rector and Father Chris from St Michael's was well attended and the chaplain of Shiplake College gave a highly entertaining and thoughtful sermon. After this many people came to the barbecue and to quench their thirst at the bar.

The Revels reflect what is well known in Peppard, that people are prepared to help if there is a job to be done. And altogether there must have been nearly 60 volunteers involved in catering, bar, erecting and dismantling the site, designing the marquee and acting as stewards. In the end we made a profit of nearly £4,000 the bulk of which went to support the War Memorial Hall and the remainder to the Friends of Peppard School and the British Heart Foundation (Ian was not the only Fleming to die young from heart disease). We are indebted to all our sponsors who enabled us to do this.

And the future? Well, we are all taking a well earned rest for the next year or so but our new members have said they want to be involved with planning the next one so it seems the Peppard Revels will go on.

John Hasler

## Editorial

Once again, Peppard Revels have carried off another stunning weekend of celebrations, this time to acknowledge the centenary of Ian Fleming's birth. From all accounts, it was a fun-filled celebration with something for all the family to participate in. Thanks go to those involved in organising, overseeing and sponsoring this event. So much hard work goes into preparing for a function such as this, with the real burst of energies coming when everything has to be 'put together' on the day. Well done and thank you Peppard Revels for keeping the community spirit alive! I am sure we are all wondering what the next celebration will be ...

The Team has been greatly encouraged that readers have been visiting the website. As we go to print, we have had 175 'hits'! We hope you have found the information on the website of interest - it is updated regularly, so please do let us have your comments and contributions.

Next issue we'll be launching a new section entitled '*Peppard Pantry*'. This will feature a seasonal recipe from you, our readers. So, if you have a favourite and successful seasonal recipe that you would like to share with us, please send it to me at Peppard News. We hope the chefs at our local pubs/restaurants will also share some of their recipes with us.

## Susan Carter Editor

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# School Matters

## Peppard School

Towards the end of the last term, the whole school took part in the Peppard Revels by performing some songs and dances that the children had been practising throughout the term.

Although Roald Dahl was the author to the screenplay for the film *Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang*, it was Ian Flem-

together the main theme tune before giving an energetically danced *Me Ol Bamboo*. Very much fun was had by all, so much so that an encore was demanded.

Within a week the children were performing again, this time at our annual summer production at Chiltern Edge School. A variety of items were included, providing entertainment for family and friends including drama, song and dance all based around the theme of *A Night at the Movies*.

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**Elizabeth Bielby**

woman and child made the steep climb to the top of Cobstone Hill and back. The rain held off and the day was completed with a picnic on the Common and a game of rounders.

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff this term along with our new intake of Foundation children. Preparations are well underway for our Harvest Festival Service on 29<sup>th</sup> September – all welcome.

Our half term week begins on 27<sup>th</sup> October. On our return we will be getting ready for our Christmas activities including our annual Christingle which this year is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Rosie Clinkard**



**A Car Fit for a Lady**

ing who wrote the original story so it was an apt choice for inclusion in this year's Revels' celebrations.

Greys class sang *Tootsweet* and High-moor class, *Doll on a Box*, with some clockwork dances by the girls, including one of the smallest children from Peppard class. The whole school sang

We were lucky with the weather during the whole school trip to Turville to see the windmill that featured in the *Chitty* film. Every man,



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# Snippets

## Pre-School Goes from Strength to Strength

Sonning Common Pre-school has undergone a refurbishment over the summer holidays, with a fresh lick of paint and new toys and equipment.

We invite anyone with pre-school children to come along, have a look and meet the staff. We are a warm and friendly group with much to offer children in our sessions.

We currently have a few spaces available in our sessions. We welcome children from age 2½ years, regardless of toilet training needs. Our sessions are from 09.00-11.30 and 12.30-15.00, with a lunch club running from 11.30-12.30. We are based in the grounds of Sonning Common Primary School on Grove Road in our own purpose-built building with lovely garden.

We have recently appointed a new manager and had our Ofsted inspection, which gave us a 'Good' rating.

We are keen to show off our improvements so please give us a call on 0118-9724760 to arrange a visit.

Jo Batten

## Peppard Mother & Toddler Group

We are in full swing again this term. We meet every Tuesday at 09.45 until 11.45 from 9<sup>th</sup> September until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at Peppard War Memorial Hall on Gallowstree Road. Come along for fun, games songs and stories as well as a well deserved cup of coffee for Mums, Dads and other carers. We look forward to welcoming you. If you would like further information please contact Emma Dag on 0118 9242 821.

## Sue Ryder Care

There are several events taking place in aid of the Nettlebed Hospice.

- On 29th September and 20<sup>th</sup> October there will be two Bridge Drives.
- Run for us at the Henley Half Marathon on 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- Come and join our Dr Who Dalek at one of our store collections taking place through to December.
- Play golf on the Celtic Manor Twenty Ten Court on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

For more information about any of the above see [www.PeppardNews.co.uk](http://www.PeppardNews.co.uk), call 01491 641070 or e-mail [Gabriela.potworoska@suerydercare.org](mailto:Gabriela.potworoska@suerydercare.org)

## www.PeppardNews.co.uk

As you know we recently launched our own website which gives you not only the latest issue with colour photographs but the last year's back issues. There is also a large section on our village with lots of useful and, hopefully, interesting information. If you are looking for the details of one of our advertisers – they are all there. We have links into many other websites and in particular, other local organisations.

We have also included sections on Latest Village News and upcoming Local Events. If you would like anything included in these sections – any news or photographs or any event you are helping to organise - then do please let us know and we would be more than happy to add them.

You can e-mail [pepparnews@aol.com](mailto:pepparnews@aol.com) or you can use the Contact Us facility on the website.

## Local Pub Review The Lamb

### A Summer Treat

We visited the Lamb at Satwell for lunch after reading an article by celebrity owner, Antony Worrall Thompson, in which he emphasised that 'I don't want the locals to think I am a Londoner trying to revolutionise the countryside. I just want to protect and keep this part of the village alive'. He seems to be achieving this objective. The intimate 16<sup>th</sup> century pub really is dedicated to real food and good old-fashioned dishes at reasonable prices.

On arrival, the staff were very welcoming and proactive - our wheelchair was quickly whisked away, to reappear at the end of our meal. We decided to forego the 'starters', to ensure we had room for the puddings! Our main courses were coincidentally 'fishy'! Salmon and Smoked Haddock Pie from the Lunch Menu was delicious, as were the two dishes selected from the Specials board: Fish and Chips, served with a unique tartare sauce, and Salmon with New Potatoes and Runner Beans. For 'afters', we indulged ourselves with vanilla panacotta, Belgian waffle with toffee sauce and Irish coffee ice-cream, and a French cherry ripple ice-cream. We paid a total of £56 for the three of us.

After finishing our meal with cups of strong coffee, the wheelchair reappeared and we departed, agreeing that we would be very happy to return to this warm, friendly and lively pub.

A Contributor

## Plea

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## Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council

Oxfordshire County Council has secured £7.7million funding from the Department for Children, Schools and Families for improvements in early years provision over the next 3 years. This money will be used to ensure there are enough early years places for all 3 and 4 yr olds in Oxfordshire. Indoor and outdoor learning environments will be improved and will ensure access to indoor and outdoor resources is available. Nurseries and pre-schools will also be able to bid for cash sums for smaller scale improvements that will make a difference to children's environments, e.g. stimulating play equipment or musical instruments. Consultations started in June, with bids and plans being assembled by the autumn and successful projects funded by Christmas.

The Council's Trading Standards Service and Thames Valley Police have been operating multiple patrols throughout the County to crackdown on rogue traders to ensure home improvement work is being carried out legitimately.

A new village cleaner, Tony Parizi, has been appointed. He has had a tour of the village and will work for 1½ hours a week.

## Rotherfield Peppard Community Plan

The Revels provided a great opportunity for members of the Community Plan group to consult with villagers of all ages – through the hands-on medium of post-it notes! Among the issues raised were:

- The need for a good local shop selling local produce
- Speeding traffic, especially along the Stoke Row Road
- Support for the Memorial Hall
- Requests for more community events on the Common

Residents praised the beauty and safety of our village, the green spaces, wonderful walks, and the excellence of The Red Lion and The Unicorn. We'll drink to that!

The next step for the group is to design a questionnaire to distribute to every house-

## Parish Council

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OCC Councillor: Carol Viney  
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Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council usually meets on 2nd Monday of the month at 19.30 in the Pavilion, though there is no meeting in August. Parishioners may attend and observe, and may raise briefly issues of concern to them. All may attend intermediate planning meetings as well - see Diary for dates and times.

hold, to ensure each villager has the chance to express what they think of Rotherfield Peppard – its strengths, weaknesses and any ideas to improve village life. It is hoped that this will be distributed later in the year.

In July, the Community Plan group held a very successful youth event in tandem with Sonning Common. It showcased the many activities that young people can participate in locally, and acted as a forum to ask them what they need.

Suggestions included: starting a local Rainbows group (for children too young to attend Brownies), providing a youth shelter and a café for young people to meet at, cheaper buses and improving recycling in the villages.

All the feedback gained so far will help Rotherfield Peppard Community Plan group to design a parish-wide questionnaire. The responses will then form the basis of our Community Plan.

If you would like to suggest any questions or issues to be included in the questionnaire, please contact the Community Plan Group by emailing [rotherfieldpeppardcp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rotherfieldpeppardcp@yahoo.co.uk), texting/ phoning 07526 922112 or writing to Tony Cotton, Woodlands, Colmore Lane, Kingwood Common RG9 5NA.

For more information, please contact: **Anna Moulton**, Publicity Officer for Rotherfield Peppard Community Action Plan Group 07900 247 830 [annacollette@gmail.com](mailto:annacollette@gmail.com)

## County Council Councillor's Report

### Keeping our Roads Moving

Oxfordshire County Council is planning to use cutting edge technology to monitor congestion on the county's main roads and take automatic action to amend traffic light timings to keep traffic flowing through key junctions. It also plans to provide instant travel information updates via combinations of electronic signs and a new-look travel website.

### Building a Greener County

Staff at Oxfordshire County Council's Speedwell House have reduced their carbon emissions by 46% during the last few years. The County Council recognised that, by investing in energy efficiency, not only could they cut carbon, but they could make huge savings on electricity and gas bills. Speedwell House now has super-efficient boilers, as well as ultra low-energy light bulbs and extra lighting controls to ensure lights are only on when they need to be. The council has identified action on climate change as a priority and wants to lead by example.

Carol Viney

## District Councillor's Report

### The Local Development Framework

This is a substantial change to the way planning will be performed in the future. It will replace the current Local Planning Guidelines (LPGs) and is based on the three tenets of:-

- Planning by vision (not regulation)
- Spatial planning
- Sustainability

As you can probably tell by the wording, this is a central government driven project: at first it appears to be just another Whitehall-driven job creation scheme to increase bureaucracy. However, the impact of this on our community is far reaching. It will effectively change everything in planning, including re-evaluating the green belt and will put the onus on councils to prove the case for or against development.



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So it has the potential to be a very dangerous document. On the plus side however, it highlights the need for Parish Plans as these can be used as evidence for proving that particular services are required by the community or that the community wishes to maintain a particular environmental aspect. Both Rotherfield Peppard and Sonning Common are a long way down in the process of creating theirs.

One thing to be addressed is the need for services for a changing population, e.g. the 70% increase in the over 75s in the next 20 years, hence the need for improved healthcare provision. So working in partnership will be required - with other councils, the health and the police authorities. It will be a far ranging process which will impact all of us during the coming years so it is very important we plan what we want for our community.

### Housing Needs Survey

It is vital that SODC understands residents' housing needs and aspirations to form their policies on, for example, the size and type of dwellings needed and to provide information and evidence for seeking affordable housing in the future. The latest Housing Needs Assessment is shortly to be undertaken. This, by the way, also fits into the Local Development Framework.

### Shared Senior Management Team

SODC has decided to reduce its costs by creating a combined senior management team with the Vale of the White Horse District Council. The team will be led by David Buckle, our current chief executive. This is anticipated to save the District Council £700,000 per year.

### Review of Dial-a-Ride Service

This service is currently not available to us, however the District Council and par-

ish councils will be able to take part in the consultation for the new contract that will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, to ascertain the need for the service within the district.

### 'Fit for the Future' Programme

This project is well under way - the overall goal is to improve the council's services, and at the same time, to reduce costs.

### Henley Leisure Centre Now Open for Business

After many, many months of refurbishment, the Henley Indoor Leisure centre at Gillotts School has been re-opened. The centre which is operated by SOLL Leisure on behalf of South Oxford District Council boasts a full range of updated facilities and equipment.

### Joint Waste and Street Cleaning Service

As many of you will know, a new contract for waste collection and street cleaning will come into effect from June 2009 when the current contract with Grundons comes to an end. We are negotiating a joint contract for these services and have drawn up a shortlist.

Grundons who run our current waste collection service did not make it on to the final shortlist; however, they now have planning permission to build a Materials Recovery Facility at Kidlington which should go online next year.

### Deployable Camera in Sonning Common.

A deployable camera has now been set up in on the corner of Wood Lane and Woodlands Road in Sonning Common to monitor any instances of anti-social behaviour and will be in place for 8-12 weeks.

This has been used with great success in other locations in South Oxfordshire.

### Closure of the Monthly Councillors' Surgery

Regrettably I have to announce the closure of the monthly Councillors' Surgery. This has run for the last 3 years but for the last 12 months has only had one regular customer. Most people who have used the service either e-mail or phone us directly. So we have decided to call it a day and issue our phone numbers: so if anyone has a problem with any of the local councils then they can contact us directly.

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**Paul Harrison**

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# Village Matters

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## Lay-By on Top Common

The lay-by in the middle of the top common is shortly to be permanently closed. There are other safer areas to park when people want to use the common. The closure of the lay-by at the bottom of Peppard Hill has been a success and the build-up of litter has been dramatically reduced.

## Illegal Dumping on the Commons

It is illegal to dump anything on the Commons - even grass and hedge cuttings. People assume that, because these are biodegradable, it is acceptable to fly-tip on the Commons, but it is not. Please either compost your garden waste or take it to Oakley Wood.

## Patrick's Pond on Kingwood

We are waiting for Thames Water (TW) to finish their works before embarking on the pond restoration. It is over a year now since TW commenced work and it is still incomplete, much to the immense frustration of everyone - not least those directly affected. Once the work is complete we will progress with proposals for the pond. We are in discussion with Rod d'Ayala who will be advising us on the most appropriate way to reinstate the pond.

## Peppard Revels

The conservators were delighted with the way that the top common was used for the Revels. The Revels committee and helpers took great care not to cause any damage to the common and that was greatly appreciated - it was wonderful to see the common used for a truly village event once again.

**Nigel Wooding**

## Greenshoots

Greenshoots hosted a Moth Night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July. John Notton arrived and set up the light traps, and some scented rope traps to attract the widest variety of moths from the site.

We had twenty eight people on the night, including several children who enthusiastically toured the site exploring the hedges and trees to find moths and other bugs before darkness.



**Moth Night**

The evening went very well, and by the time we packed up we had attracted and identified about 75 different moth species. Once John had emptied the traps the following morning we had 92 different species recorded. This has brought the total for the site to 225 which is a superb figure, and is a good indicator of the overall biodiversity of the site.

One of the reasons for the biodiversity at Greenshoots is that we use minimal chemicals. Although we don't have Soil Association Organic accreditation, we do not use chemical fertilizers or pesticides on our fruit or vegetables.

As new Site Manager, I am keen to encourage more local people to buy fresh fruit and vegetables. We can take tele-

phone orders for collection, we can pick to order if you pop in, or you can pick your own on site.

The hanging baskets and bedding plants earlier in the year sold very well, we will be doing the same next year, and will be getting winter bedding in shortly too. If you want to bring your hanging baskets back in the spring, we can replant them, and given suitable notice we could even grow varieties to order.

Please contact us on 01491 628933 or email on [ange.greenshoots@btopenworld.com](mailto:ange.greenshoots@btopenworld.com)

**Angela Fordham**

## Greys Court

Greys Court, in Rotherfield Greys, is drawing towards the end of another season: we are open from Tuesdays to Saturdays until 27<sup>th</sup> September, from midday until 17.00. The house is closed, but our wonderful gardens and tearoom are open.

The project carrying out major conservation and re-servicing work to the house continues apace, and the visitors' site hut explaining the project is also open until the 27<sup>th</sup> September. The asbestos removers have finished and the contractors have moved in and are starting to carry out the extensive work that will restore the rooms' decorative appearance to normal.

Once the work is complete the first floor will be opening for the first time, next April. As part of this we are on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team, starting next spring. If you would like to know more then please contact me

Our last event of the season was our Apple Day, where visitors had the opportunity to come along and taste some of our wonderful varieties of apples and find out more about the apples grown here. We have many interesting events of this nature and have plenty more planned for next spring and summer.

For more details on both of these please call (01491) 628529 or see [www.PeppardNews.co.uk](http://www.PeppardNews.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Paul Williamson**

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Be environmentally friendly – save on petrol and parking fees by joining our regular shopping trips to Tesco Henley and Reading. These trips are FREE to bus pass holders, plus door-to-door service of course!

We recently had a very special pub lunch outing for two regular bus passengers, Mrs Payne and Mr Crouch, who were both celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

We are always looking for more volunteer drivers, no regular commitment is required. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the FISH office in the Village Hall.

A special date for your diary – our Charity Christmas Card sale on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 09.00 – 13.30, Sonning Common Village Hall. Do drop in to buy your Christmas supplies from the Charities who will have stalls there. There will also be a raffle, cake stall and refreshments.

Call into the FISH office in the Village Hall between 09.30 – 11.30, phone 0118 9723986, to book trips, car transport or ask for information.

**Caroline Stockhill**  
Co-ordinator

## Sonning Common Library

Family Learning Month in Oxfordshire gives families across the county opportunities to discover something new together. Taking place in October, it is the biggest celebration of family learning.

The Library will be involved as part of this, to show the importance that families can have in supporting each other's learning. Among these activities will be two

Internet Training Days: taking place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October and Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, these days provide the opportunity to have 45 minutes of one-to-one training on using computers and the World Wide Web. They are aimed at all age groups, so if you want a chance to catch up on what your children are surfing for, find out how you can e-mail your grandchildren in Australia, or discover how to make the best use of what the Internet has to offer, then please telephone the library to book a place. Contact Sonning Common Community Library: 0118 972 2448

**Rosemary Dunstan**

## Sonning Common Health Walks

We often think about going for a walk during the summer in the lighter evenings and warm weather, but find we have too many demands on our time – gardening, day trips, holidays or even sitting in the sun enjoying a drink or BBQ!

Now with Autumn arriving and opportunities to get out lessening, it is a good time to get out walking. The Health Walks have a new programme with free daily walks throughout the year. Do come and try them and enjoy the beautiful countryside. Walks are graded by distance, terrain, stiles to help *you* judge which are suitable for your fitness level. We have two trained leaders on every walk, one to accompany the faster walkers and the other to bring up the rear with the slowest walker.

Our new timetable is available from the Health Centre, the Library or the Herb Farm. If you would like more information, please contact me on 0118 9242515.

**Chris Brook**

## Police News

Regular patrols are made to the parish to ensure high visibility as part of the crime prevention initiative. Please ensure that when you leave your vehicle parked, even on your driveway, you secure windows and sun roofs and do not leave property, especially handbags, visible.

The Rural Pub watch was recently launched; we have over fifteen public houses signed-up. This will enable the Police, and the publicans themselves, to communicate important information efficiently.

At the beginning of the school year PCSO Janice Smith will be visiting Peppard Primary School to deliver a letter advising parents about parking congestion outside the school. This will go home with every pupil.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October we will be holding a Crime Prevention Event at Sonning Common Village Hall, between 09.30 and 1200 hrs to give you useful items and advice. We look forward to seeing you there.

**PC Julie Greenough**  
PCSOs Janice Smith & Ben Wyatt

## Peppard 10K Run

Whether you are in serious training or just wanting a gentle stroll in beautiful countryside, Feed The Children's popular Peppard 10K run/7K walk could be for you. The mostly off-road course starts from Greys Green Golf Course, Rotherfield Peppard and is for all the family – including the dog - on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Runners start at 10.30, walkers at 10.35, and registration is from 09.30.

Proceeds are in aid of international charity Feed the Children which supports needy children and families in situations of famine, disaster, conflict and poverty, across Africa, Asia and eastern Europe - and here in the UK with breakfast clubs in deprived areas.

Entry fees are: Runners, £8 for adults in advance, £10 on the day. Walkers: £5 for adults in advance, £6 on the day. £1 for all children under 16.

For further information about the charity's work and to download a registration form, see [www.feedthechildren.org.uk](http://www.feedthechildren.org.uk), call Sally Brown on 0118 932 0095 or email [info@feedthechildren.org.uk](mailto:info@feedthechildren.org.uk).

The charity would also love to hear from you if you could volunteer on 28<sup>th</sup> September to help with tasks such as registering the runners, marshalling the course or manning the water points.

**Sally Brown**

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	Asst. Priest:	Revd Barry Olsen	0118 924 2812
	Churchwardens:	Adrienne Heriot	01491 629254
		Peter Hutt	0118 984 1061

## From the Rectory ...

Soon after this is published, I'm going off on my 'summer' holiday to the Isles of Scilly, a group of islands I have been visiting for over thirty years. The Rector there has five islands and six churches so things don't function as they do here.

When there, I take the service on the island I am staying on and I have come to know the local congregations as well as meet some other visitors at church on Sunday morning.

Every other week, on the island where I usually stay, you become the Methodist minister and the Methodists attend the CofE. There isn't a Roman Catholic priest resident on the island and you can't get a boat over to the main island in time for mass so the Catholics come to the CofE too. Some receive the sacrament; some don't.

The Rector takes all the baptisms, weddings and funerals though they don't always take place as planned for if the boatmen won't put to sea there's a problem. Sometimes, that is solved by a visiting priest standing in, for the sea is quieter where he is.

One priest travelling between Tresco and Bryher for the 9.15am service was caught in a torrential downpour in an open boat and announced to the congregation that underneath his robes he was wearing *nothing* - it wasn't me! I wear a T shirt and shorts for that trip and put on clericals in the vestry.

Where else would you arrive to take a service on the back of a quad bike (without brakes)? By comparison we take things rather more seriously. On

Scilly, if it's not going to happen, it doesn't. That's what I find so different and enjoy so much when I'm there.

Graham

## Popular Musicians' Return

The next concert in the very successful series at All Saints' will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 20.00 in the Church. Frances and Martin Jones will return with a selection of pieces by Bach, Schumann and Britten written for oboe and piano.

This concert of *Music for an Autumn Evening* should prove to be a treat. There will be a retiring collection in aid of The Peppard Educational Trust and the concert will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.

## Lychgate

The Parochial Church Council sought permission for the repair of the Lych Gate roof over the entrance to the new churchyard. The original roof was damaged by a branch falling from a tree.

Work is in progress and the new roof should be in position soon. It will match the one at the entrance to the main churchyard.

## Annual Choirs' Festival

The Annual Festival of the Royal School of Church Music will be held in the splendid chapel at Radley College on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Choirs from numerous churches in the area will celebrate Festival Evensong at 17.00 with an

address given by the Bishop of Oxford. Over 300 singers will participate including choirs from All Saints', St John's, Kidmore End and Christ the King, Sonning Common. If you have not visited Radley College or heard the Bishop speak this would be a good opportunity to do so.

## All Saints' Celebration

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is All Saints' day and the church will be celebrating the occasion with a lunch after the 10.30 Sung Eucharist service. The lunch will be held in Peppard War Memorial Hall and will be followed by entertainment. Tickets at £8 for adults, accompanied children free, will be available soon.

## Back to Church

September 28<sup>th</sup> will be a special service at All Saints', Peppard. In addition to being Harvest Festival, it is also Back to Church Sunday. The idea is that churchgoers will invite a friend to come along. If you know of anyone who is a lapsed churchgoer do invite them to come. For anyone who is toying with the idea of coming to church, this is the ideal service to start with. Come along at 10.30 and see for yourself!

## Churchyard Secrets

A family vault in the old churchyard marks the last resting place of two men who must have been relatively famous in their time.

Spencer Herbert Gollan excelled at many sports and he also owned *Moifaa*, winner of the Grand National in 1904. His son, Donald Herbert Louis Gollan, lived at the Manor House, Peppard. He was a notable oarsman and a member of the Great Britain Eight which won silver medals at the Amsterdam Olympic Games of 1928.

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When we were younger, holidays may have been seen as a luxury, but nowadays they are regarded as a necessity. A good holiday is essential if we are to remain sane, and maintain a healthy work-life balance. Holidays repair our frayed and ragged edges and restore our equilibrium. How marvellous to do nothing and then rest afterwards!

Holidays are important. The word is derived from "Holy day", a feast in the Christian calendar. Work was suspended and people would come to-

gether to celebrate the feast of a particular saint in their parish church, and then spend the day at leisure with the community: playing games, eating, drinking, dancing and general cavorting about.

Such days were also known as Red Letter days. On calendars, that day was marked in red to alert us to its significance and help us plan ahead for what was to happen. Holydays were spread throughout the year so that working people could have time-off and be able to join the local community in a day of fun and frivolity, thus ensuring that everyone had time to socialise and build up a sense of camaraderie and community pride.

No doubt many life-long relationships were begun and strengthened on such days. In many local villages these "feast" days are seen as an essential part of community life. They are days to treasure.

We try to build up our own community on the feast of St Michael. This year a small team of visiting speakers will challenge us about our faith, and ask us to develop and deepen our sense of belonging not only to the family of God, but to live out that reality in our relationships with each other.

We shall indeed celebrate the feast in church; but with food and drink, too.

**Fr Chris Bester**



Revd Barry Kirk  
 0118 972 4519

In the summer edition we paid tribute to and announced the impending retirement of Philip Cheale who, over the last 17 years, has ministered faithfully to the congregation here at Peppard, as well as continuing to oversee the missionary work in Liberia which he and Sylvia started over 30 years ago.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July the church was full to overflowing with family and friends, old and new, who had gathered to join in a celebration of Phil and Sylvia's ministry. A gift and a

presentation book were given to Phil and Sylvia in love and appreciation for the many years dedicated service to the church. The service was followed by a BBQ in the gardens and a good time was had by all. We again wish Phil and Sylvia every happiness and blessing in the future.

We welcome Revd. Barry Kirk who will be with us on a part-time basis for a period while we seek a new full-time minister. Barry is well known to many in the Reading area and we are very grateful for his support and wise counsel at this time of transition.

The church's work in Liberia is also undergoing change. Phil Cheale will continue to be involved and give invaluable advice to the project, in

which he and his family have so much invested, but the day to day activities here, in support of the Liberian pastors and teachers, are now being directed by Nick Crowder. The registered charity has been renamed 'One Life International – Liberia'. Nick's vision is to broaden the base in this country and to raise additional funds to expand the wonderful work being done by Liberian Christians in helping this war torn country back onto its feet after decades of dreadful conflict. Anybody wishing to know more about 'One Life International – Liberia' or willing to help in some way, please contact Nick Crowder on 0118-9724157, or e-mail info@onelife-int.org, or go to www.onelife-int.org.

**Chris Mills**

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# Clubs and Societies

## Peppard Cricket Club

As the season closed for both the XI teams, it is probably just as well to draw a veil over the 2008 season. Both teams ended with comprehensive victories, but 4<sup>th</sup> place in the League was disappointing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and mid-table in division 4, although commendable, left the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI thinking of what could have been. At times the weather matched the cricket, miserable, but on other occasions it was glorious and confirmed why we turn out every year to play this wonderful game. A few highlights did occur during the season including two 100s by Paul Vines and some resilient batting from brother Tim, and a maiden 100 from Dan Hayden for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI was a delight to watch. Not to be outdone, father Roy took 7 wickets to end the season by extending his record number of wickets by another 19. Gary Legg proved to be the most prolific batsman in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Richard Woolfrey and Alan Mayers were the leading wicket takers.

Our thanks go to Marty and Kenny Evans who tirelessly prepare the wickets for us, the ladies who provide such wonderful teas and not least to Janet and Ian Halliday who make sure that the scores are correct and we abide by the laws of the game.

We have had some additional unplanned work to do this year due to some mindless vandalism from people who splattered white paint all over the score-box, flag stones and commemorative benches. We have restored them to the original condition but it does make it harder for all concerned to have to deal with this.

As cricket kit gets put away for the winter we will get ourselves ready for 2009 with big promises of net practices and fitness regimes that will make 2009 a season to savour, we always do this but still savour it with or without the practice!

**Ronnie Brock**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kidmore End Brownies

The summer term began with a meeting focussing on aspects of nature in the new season – the birds and flowers around us. But then we progressed to working towards two more interest badges. The first was a new one – the Healthy Heart that led us to explore ways to achieve this; through diet, through exercise and understanding the many things that can affect the heart. The second badge gained was for finding the way, involving timetables, map reading, verbal directions and compass points.

At Brownies it is, of course, vital to learn and grow while having fun, so while there was talk – lots of it! – there have been lots of games and making things too. One of our aims is also to help others and we regularly raise money for other charities. This time the choice was the Dogs Trust, and the Brownies prepared a moneymaking game for Kidmore End Village Day.

Currently the pack is full – 25 girls – but to put your daughter on the waiting list please telephone Ros Jennings on 0118 9723520.

**Ros Jennings**

## Peppard Tennis Club

After an extremely wet summer, we held our Club Tournament Finals day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September finishing with a BBQ and live entertainment.

This season we have entered Junior Teams in the local league, which proved very popular and the feedback is that it was a successful venture. So more for next year. We have a very strong Junior section with an excellent coach in James

Brannan, who has worked hard this summer with, not only the Juniors, but with the Seniors as well. He is available for individual coaching as well as Group coaching, so if any one wants to start or re-start their tennis interest we have a coach to help you.

Club sessions will continue into the autumn with the use of our floodlights. Club nights are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays starting at 18.30. So do come and have a game. We are situated behind the Red Lion Pub on Peppard Common. Look forward to seeing you.

**Kim Fry, Secretary**  
0118 9474051

## Peppard Bowls Club

We have had a good year in spite of the unsettled summer. Five new members joined us and are playing in Club afternoons, matches and competitions. In the Leagues, Peppard are in second place in both the Plomer Cup and Manchester Unity League. Club competitions reached their final stage with finals days on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September. Members have attended Gala days at Palmer Park, Henley and Pangbourne Bowls Clubs. Twenty members attended a day course held at the Club on 'Marking a Game of Bowls' run, very entertainingly, by David Fowler of the English Bowls Umpires Association.

At Peppard's Gala Day 16 teams competed for the shield which was won by Palmer Park team.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, the Bowls Club are holding a Race Night - cost is £2.50 to include refreshments - doors open at 19.30, bar facilities - why not come and enjoy a fun evening?

Further details of the Club's activities on [www.peppardbowlsclub.btik.com](http://www.peppardbowlsclub.btik.com)

**Betty Freeman**

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Robin Howles (0118 972 3528) or Sylvia Overbury (01491 628 245)

## Sonning Common & Peppard Table Tennis Club

Your local Table Tennis club was formed in 1967 and plays its home matches in the Peppard War Memorial Hall. The club enters teams in the Reading & District League and has this season entered eight teams in all, with teams in all divisions.

The playing season runs from September to March: matches consist of 3 players in each team playing singles matches, which are now the best of five sets up to 11 points, as opposed to the old rule of best of three sets up to 21. As well as the singles, there is also one doubles set with usually the best two players selected to play.

The Sonning Common & Peppard A team have finished as Division 1 champions on two occasions, 1988 and 1992, however the club caters for players of all standards with teams entered across all divisions. Table tennis can be played whether you are young or old. The aim of the club is healthy exercise, fun, enjoyment and friendly sporting competition.

The club has recently re-introduced its junior coaching evening which take place every Monday evening between 17.00-19.00 and currently has 36 registered players in the senior league. If anyone is interested in playing in the league or coming along to the junior sessions they can contact the Club Secretary, Nigel Maltby on 0118 9463191 for further details.

**Nigel Maltby**

## Rain Did Not Stop Play

On the wettest day in July, Shirley and Roger Hartley-Booth transported pots of blooms and garden furniture to the War Memorial Hall to create something of the Garden Party atmosphere which we had been planning to celebrate the 100th birthday of our longest serving member, Dinah Payne, who joined Peppard WI in 1939! The Oxfordshire County Federation Chairman, Pauline Goddard, joined us for the celebrations and presented Dinah with a posy of flowers after which Dinah cut her birthday cake and spoke of the pleasure she had found in the WI meetings over the years.



**Dinah Payne**

Two money-raising garden events - a Coffee Morning and Ploughman's Lunch organised by Irene Lindsay's granddaughters, Emily and Megan, and an Open Garden at the home of Joan Pepper were similarly affected by bad weather but went ahead regardless and resulted in £200 being raised towards expenses of Peppard WI's 90th Birthday celebrations next year.

**Irene Lindsay, President**

## Wyfold Riding for the Disabled

Our Fun Day in July was very successful and raised over £500 for our funds. The children took turns to negotiate a handy pony course and Sara Lee demonstrated her skills at dressage which proved very interesting for those who have not been riding for very long. The riding then finished with a musical ride which included the pony and carriage. A tasty BBQ and stalls and games were enjoyed by the visitors.

Sara competed at the RDA South Region Show and came 4<sup>th</sup>, missing the chance of a place at the National Championships by a gnat's whisker. We will be back next year!

We are a step nearer to starting driving sessions for people in wheelchairs but for this to really get going we need more helpers to assist as 'ground crew' or to train as drivers. Volunteers need not have any carriage driving experience, but sufficient fitness to cycle alongside the carriage when the horse is trotting would be an advantage.

Looking ahead, plans are already underway for our annual Christmas Celebration on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 17.00 - 19.00. Mince pies, stalls, games, mulled wine, a nativity scene, carols and Father Christmas. It always proves very popular. For more information on any of our activities call 01491 629254.

**Adrienne Heriot**

## Judo Club

The next competition for the Club will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> October at High Wycombe Judo Club and this will be the Bushido Zazen National Championships.

**Jim Lawson**

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Wed	1	Police Crime Prevention/SC Village Hall/09.00-12.00	Sun	9	Springwater Congregational/Remembrance Day						
	2	Green Gym/Peppard C'mon scrub cutting/09.30-12.30	Mon	10	Police Surgery/Sports Pavilion/17.30-19.30						
Fri	3	Music for an Autumn Evening/All Saints/20.00	Tue	11	Citizens Advice Bur'/SC Surgery/Call 01491 578267						
Sun	5	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00	Wed	12	WI/Home Fire Safety/Mem Hall/14.30						
		Hort Soc/Talk by Derry Watkins/Chiltern Edge/19.30			Hort Soc/Talk by John Paulding/CEdge/19.30						
Mon	6	FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH office	Tue	18	Mobile Library – see below for time and place						
Tue	7	Mobile Library – see below for time and place	Wed	19	Peppard Lunch Club/Memorial Hall/12.00						
Wed	8	WI/Dev.of English silver spoon/Mem Hall/14.30	Thu	20	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH office						
Thu	9	Green Gym/Pack & Prime Lane hedging/09.30-12.30	Sat	22	Green Gym/Sue Ryder bramble clearance/09.30-12.30						
Fri	10	Peppard Bowls Club Race Night/19.30/£2.50	Tue	25	Citizens Advice Bur'/SC Surgery/Call 01491 578267						
Sat	11	Green Gym/SC Primary School clear-up/09.30-12.30	DECEMBER								
		Radley College//Oxford Festival Evensong/17.00	Tue	2	Mobile Library – see below for time and place						
Sun	12	Sue Ryder Henley Half Marathon/01491 641070	Wed	3	Peppard Lunch Club Christmas/Mem Hall/12.00						
Mon	13	Police Surgery/Sports Pavilion/17.30-19.30			Police Drop In/SC Village Hall/10.00-12.00						
Tue	14	Citizens Advice Bur'/SC Surgery/Call 01491 578267	Thu	4	Green Gym/Pack & Prime Lane hedging/09.30-12.30						
Wed	15	Peppard Lunch Club/Memorial Hall/12.00	Sat	6	RDA Christmas Celebration/17.00-19.00						
Thu	16	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH office	Sun	7	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00						
		Judo Nat Championships/H Wycombe/01491 872294	Mon	8	Police Surgery/Sports Pavilion/17.30-19.30						
Sat	18	Green Gym/Springwd & Widmore Pond/09.30-12.30	Tue	9	Citizens Advice Bur'/SC Surgery/Call 01491 578267						
Sun	19	Springwater Congregational Church/Harvest Festival	Wed	10	WI Christmas Entertain't Peppard Sch/Mem Hall/14.30						
Mon	20	Sue Ryder Bridge Drive/13.45/Details 01491 641070			Hort Soc AGM-Cheese & Wine/C Edge/19.15						
Tue	21	Mobile Library – see below for time and place	Thu	11	FISH Christmas Pub Lunch/details FISH office						
Mon	27	Primary School Half Term week begins	Sun	14	Springwater Congregational Church Nativity Play						
Tue	28	Citizens Advice Bur'/SC Surgery/Call 01491 578267	Tue	16	Mobile Library – see below for time and place						
Thu	30	Green Gym/Greys Court laurel clearance/09.30-12.30	Thu	18	Green Gym/Greys Court laurel bonfire/09.30-12.30						
NOVEMBER					Peppard School Christingle/All Saints						
Sun	2	All Saints Day Lunch/Mem Hall/£8.00	Sat	20	Green Gym/Pack & Prime Lane hedging/09.30-12.30						
		Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00	Sun	21	Springwater Congregational Church Carol Service						
Mon	3	FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH office	Tue	23	Citizens Advice Bur'/SC Surgery/Call 01491 578267						
Tue	4	Mobile Library – see below for time and place	Sat	27	Green Gym/Kennyland Field - blackthorn clearance/09.30-11.30						
Wed	5	Police Drop In/SC Village Hall/10.00-12.00	Tue	30	Mobile Library – see below for time and place						
Sat	8	Green Gym/Kingwood Cmn sapling clear/09.30-12.30									
Mobile Library – time and place – Peppard School 11.45 – 11.55			FISH Office: 0118 9723986 (Mon-Fri, 09.30-11.30)								
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Month	October				November				December		
Date	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>		5 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
Place			RP				SC				RP
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Sunday Services at All Saints'	OCTOBER				NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				NOTES
	5	12	19	26	A2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
09.00 Communion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A All Saints' Sunday – Patronal Festival
10.30 Communion (sung)		✓		✓	✓			✓	C		✓		✓	B Service of Remembrance at 10.45
10.30 Matins	✓					B				✓				C Joint Benefice Eucharist at Christ the King
10.30 Family Service			✓			✓						✓		D Advent Carol Service
10.30 Sunday School		✓			✓						✓			
18.30 Evensong	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D✓	✓	✓	✓	

<p><b>Sunday Services at Springwater</b> <b>(Peppard Congregational Church)</b> Family Service: 10.30 - 11.45 ♦ Sunday School 10.30 - 11.30</p>	<p><b>Mass at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church</b> ♦Monday-Friday 09.00♦ Saturday 17.30 ♦ Sunday 09.00 &amp; 10.30</p>
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